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January 18, 2018

Ms. Tamara Perez  
D7-Local Program Specialist  
Ms. Suzanne Monk  
Local Programs Coordinator  
Florida Department of Transportation  
11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 350  
Tampa, FL 33612

Subject: Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III from SR 580 to Tampa Road

Dear Ms. Monk and Ms. Perez:

Pinellas County is hereby applying for funding assistance for design and construction of the Forest Lakes Boulevard Road Phase III Road Improvement Project. The limits of this project are between SR 580 and Tampa Road but will also include improvements to west leg of SR 580, south leg of Forest Lakes Boulevard at SR 580 and north leg of Forest Lakes Boulevard at Tampa Road.

Applicant Information

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Project Description

The proposed project will widen Forest Lake Boulevard between SR 580 and Tampa Road upgrading the typical section from two lanes undivided to four lanes with a fifteen foot center two-way left turn lane. Improved drainage, bike lanes, a ten foot trail segment on west side (between SR 580 and point approximately 350 linear feet north thereof) and six foot wide sidewalk will be provided.

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In designing the facility, every effort will be made to minimize the impacts to the abutting properties while complying with County, State and Federal criteria.

The 2016 average annual daily traffic count and Level of Service on Forest Lake Boulevard between SR 580 and Race Track Road are as follows:

Forest Lakes Boulevard SR 580 to SR 584 (Tampa Rd)	Road Type	Length	Average Annual Daily Traffic	Facility Level of Service
SR 580 to SR 584 (Tampa Rd)	2 Lane Undivided	.467	17,796	F
Tampa Rd to Pine St	4 Lane Divided	.807	23,210	D
Pine St to Racetrack Rd	2 Lane Divided	1.302	23,210	F

Project Location Map

Included with this submittal.

FDOT Five Year Work Program and Pinellas County Capital Improvement Plan

This project is not on the State Highway System and is therefore not currently included in the FDOT Five Year Work Program. However, many FDOT facilities will benefit from the improved traffic flow this project will bring; thereby increasing its attractiveness to motorists who may currently be using State facilities. It should be included in the FDOT’s State’s Five Year Work Program.

Capacity improvements along Forest Lakes Boulevard are included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Now that the 4<sup>th</sup> Penny for Pinellas has passed the project will be incorporated into the Pinellas County Capital Improvement Program.

Project Development Phases and Funding

The Penny for Pinellas will fund this project. The County is requesting a 50/50 match for all phases except right of way acquisition. The design cost is estimated at \$897,200, construction at approximately \$6,097,000 and CEI \$697,000.

Plan Consistency

The addition of travel lanes should significantly improve traffic congestion and circulation and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan, the Pinellas County

Comprehensive Plan and the Forward Pinellas 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Therefore this project is in compliance with these plans.

#### Benefits to the State Highway System

Improved traffic flow and a reduction in traffic congestion on the State Highway System will be an end result of these proposed improvements. The widening of Forest Lakes Boulevard from two lane undivided to four lane with center two-way left turn lane will improve capacity and reduce congestion along the Forest Lake Boulevard corridor.

A project is currently underway north of this location on Forest Lake Boulevard between Pine Avenue and Race Track Road. It will widen that road segment from two lane divided to four lane divided. Upon completion of these projects it anticipated that more motorists will use this road corridor as an alternative to remaining on SR 580. Therefore the Forest Lakes Boulevard Road Phase III Project should reduce congestion on the State Road System and benefit roads such as SR 580, SR 584 (Tampa Road), SR 586 (Curlew Road) and US Highway 19.

The proposed improvements will also enhance safety and multi-modal opportunities by providing bicycle lanes and an Oldsmar Trail connection.

#### Strategy Plan Component

A road widening project on Forest Lakes Boulevard is consistent with economic strategies specified in the Pinellas County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Policy 1.1.1 states that "the MPO shall support roadway design standards that balance the need to improve operations and traffic-carrying capacity for all users with the economic viability of adjacent land uses." Objective 1.4 in this plan is to "Improve roadway operations for the movement of goods."

#### Matching Funds Certification

I hereby certify that this project will be funded through the County's Capital Improvement Program. The County anticipates expending approximately \$897,200 for project design, approximately \$6,097,000 for construction and \$697,000 for CEI.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding assistance through the County Incentive Grant Program. Please contact me at (727) 464-8928 if you have questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Jacobs", written over a horizontal line.

Ken Jacobs,  
Transportation Division Director

cc: Rahim Harji, P.E., Public Works Director  
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### **2018 County Incentive Grant Program Application Cycle FY 18/19 thru 22/23 Tentative Work Program November 28, 2017**

The Florida Department of Transportation is pleased to notify you of the upcoming County Incentive Grant Program Application Cycle for FY 18/19 thru 22/23 Tentative Work Program. Phases for projects programmed for this cycle will be funded as early as 18/19.

#### **General Information:**

The County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) authorized under section 339.2817 of Florida Statutes provides funding to counties to improve a transportation facility which is located on the State Highway System or which relieves traffic congestion on the State Highway System.

All Counties (Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas) in District 7 are eligible to apply. Notification of the County Incentive Grant Program is sent to the attention of each County Engineer. Each respective County is responsible for notifying municipalities about the program. The County shall evaluate municipal projects and collectively prioritize all projects for one submittal to the Department. The local agency must provide at least 50% of the project costs. The Department will fund up to 50%, depending on funding availability.

#### **Eligibility Requirements (at a minimum):**

- The project must be on a facility; CIGP funds cannot be used for operational expenses.
- The project must be located on the State Highway System or relieve traffic congestion on the State Highway System.
  - If the project is not on the state highway system, an engineering report detailing how the project will alleviate the need for construction or improvements to the state highway system by reducing traffic congestion, and quantitatively estimate the improved through traffic capacity and/or increased level of service afforded the affected state highway.
- Be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with:
  - Local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
  - Local government comprehensive plans

Note: Counties may submit projects that are not in the MPO's LRTP or local government comprehensive plan; however, if selected, the projects must be amended into these plans within six months.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

The Department must consider, but is not limited to, the following criteria for evaluation of projects for County Incentive Grant Program assistance:

- The extent to which the project will encourage, enhance, or create economic benefits;
- The likelihood that assistance would enable the project to proceed at an earlier date than the project could otherwise proceed;
- The extent to which assistance would foster innovative public-private partnerships and attract private debt or equity investment;
- The extent to which the project uses new technologies, including intelligent transportation systems, which enhance the efficiency of the project;
- The extent to which the project helps to maintain or protect the environment; and
- The extent to which the project includes transportation benefits for improving inter-modalism and safety.

Total funding for this cycle:

FY 18/19	\$647,839
FY 19/20	\$0.00
FY 20/21	\$0.00
FY 21/22	\$76,060
FY 22/23	\$5,904,164
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,628,063</b>

Note: The funding is an estimated allocation from FDOT and is subject to change. While the Department strives to statutorily divide the funding between the five eligible counties, programming will be subject to updating existing project cost estimates, the number of submitted eligible applications, and their associated cost estimates.

**How to Apply:**

The key to a successful project starts with a clear vision. Each application package consists of the following submittal items. Please provide one complete hard copy and one complete electronic copy:

1. Completed application checklist
2. Completed application (one PDF file)
3. Aerial Location Map depicting the project limits (one PDF file)
4. Typical section (one PDF file)
5. Scope (one PDF file)
6. Completed cost estimate using the revised format (one Excel file) prepared and signed by a Professional Engineer from the Local Agency's Engineering Office

Attached are the application tools and requirements. These files can be used, or they can be obtained from our District Internet site.

Applications and the prioritized list of projects are due to FDOT no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2017 . Please submit all materials to Suzanne Monk ([suzanne.monk@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:suzanne.monk@dot.state.fl.us)) & Tamara Perez ([tamara.perez@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:tamara.perez@dot.state.fl.us)).

## 2018 County Incentive Grant Program cycle– Application Checklist

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 2016 County Incentive Grant Program cycle. Please use the following checklist to ensure you are including all information and attachments required to complete the application. All of the following must be filled out and/or included:

- General Application Information
- Location Map (Aerial)
- Scope
- Typical Section
- Detailed Cost Estimate Spreadsheet prepared and signed by a Professional Engineer from the Local Agency's Engineering Office