



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant application with the Florida Department of Transportation for the 126th Avenue North Roadway Improvement Project from U.S. Highway 19 to 34th Street North.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant application with the Florida Department of Transportation for the 126th Avenue North Roadway Improvement Project from U.S. Highway 19 to 34th Street North.

- Requested grant funding is \$18,750,000.00 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 - 2028; anticipated to be 50% of the project's design and construction cost.
- Yearly lump sum grant reimbursement is anticipated to impact the FY26 - FY30 Annual Budgets.
- Anticipated County match is \$18,750,000.00 over FY24 - FY28.
- Match funding is derived from the Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas): Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Transportation, Local Streets/Collector Projects.
- The County match is reflected in CIP Project 002925A (126th Avenue North Improvements from 34th Street North to U.S. Highway 19) in the amount of \$18,750,000.00. The timing of funding of County match will likely need to be adjusted in future CIP Budgets.
- Funding is for design and construction of the 126th Avenue North Roadway Improvements Project. Improvements include a bridge over Cross Bayou Canal, center turn lanes, new roadway segments to close current gaps, a multiuse trail as an extension of the Pinellas Trail Loop, and sidewalk.
- Deadline for application submittal to Forward Pinellas is June 16, 2023.

PID No. 002925A; total project design and construction cost approximately \$37,500,000.00; anticipated grant funding request is \$18,750,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
2.5 Enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity

Summary:

The TRIP Grant, if approved, will provide funds to be used for the design and construction of improvements on 126th Avenue North from US Highway 19 to 34th Street North. Total design and construction cost is anticipated to be \$37,500,000.00. The 126th Avenue North Improvement Project is part of the Forward Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Roadway Projects for FY 2026 - 2030. A letter of support from the City of Pinellas Park is included with the application.

Completion of the project application is required for inclusion in the submission to the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) for their Transportation Funding Priority list, which is a requirement of the grant. The next meeting for the SCTPA is June 23, 2023. Submittal to FDOT is expected in early 2024.

Pinellas County, in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is currently conducting a PD&E Study for this project.

Background Information:

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) is a competitive program to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in “regional transportation areas.” These state funds are available to provide incentives for local governments and the private sector to help pay for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce.

Fiscal Impact:

Total design and construction cost is estimated at \$37,500,000.00. Requested TRIP Grant Program funding is \$18,750,000.00. Anticipated County match is \$18,750,000.00. The lump sum grant reimbursement is expected to impact FY 2026 - 2030. The funding source is the Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas): CIP Transportation, Local Streets/Collector Projects. The Project No. is 002925A - 126th Ave North Roadway Improvement Project from US 19 to 34th Street North and included in the 2017 Penny List Projects listing.

Fiscal Year	Grant Request	County Match
FY 2026	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
FY 2028	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FY 2030	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Total	\$18,750,000	\$18,750,000

Staff Member Responsible:

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

Partners:

FDOT
Forward Pinellas
SCTPA
City of Pinellas Park

Attachments:

Grant Application
Project Scope and Documentation

OMB Approval Intent to Apply
City of Pinellas Park Letter of Support
Project Location Map