



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

2022 State Legislative Program.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the 2022 State Legislative Program.

- The 2022 State Legislative Program lays out the Board's guiding principles and priorities for the 2022 Florida Legislative Session.
- The program is a result of discussions with the Board, county staff, and the County's contracted state government relations firm.
- Priorities include:
 - *SUPPORT* legislation that extends the Special Act requiring non voluntary annexations of property within the East Lake Tarpon Community to be approved by a majority vote of electors within the community voting in a referendum.
 - *SUPPORT* the continued use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at pedestrian crossings to ensure the safe crossing of pedestrians on our roadways.
 - *SUPPORT* legislation that allows local governments to create local solutions to identify, inspect, and repair damaged private sanitary sewer laterals.
 - *SUPPORT* efforts by the Florida Waste-to-Energy Coalition that affords local governments that own WTE facilities the opportunity for additional revenue to offset solid waste enterprise expenses and capital costs.
 - *REQUEST* funding for the High Point Community Park, a partnership between Pinellas County and the Pinellas County School District to provide recreational access to students at High Point Elementary and residents of the High Point community.
 - *REQUEST* State support of the County's efforts to secure federal funding for the construction of Dunedin Causeway.
- A new guiding principle is included in the program to *SUPPORT* innovative funding strategies that address the declining revenue source of transportation funding to adequately address future transportation needs.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

The 2022 State Legislative Program lays out the Board's guiding principles and priorities for the 2022 Florida Legislative Session. In addition to the priorities included in the program, county staff and The Southern Group will closely monitor all issues that emerge throughout the 2022 Legislative Session and throughout the remainder of the year.

Background Information:

After meeting with internal County departments and individual commissioners, a proposed program was presented to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation at a joint meeting with the Board on October 28. The program will guide the County's legislative advocacy efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session and throughout the remainder of the year.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Office of the County Administrator

Partners:

Pinellas County Legislative Delegation
The Southern Group, State Government Relations Firm

Attachments:

2022 State Legislative Program