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2016

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Meeting

September 25, 2015

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

Office of the City Manager

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JEFF BREMER
City Manager

September 15, 2015

The Honorable Larry Lee, Jr.
Florida House of Representatives
District 84
100 N. U.S. Highway 1
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Attention: Mary Alice Bennett

Dear Representative Lee:

On behalf of the Port St. Lucie City Council, I am pleased to submit the City's 2016 State Legislative Priorities to the St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation for its consideration. The Agenda includes the following priorities:

1. **Crosstown Parkway Extension (Manth Lane to U.S. Highway 1)** - The City of Port St. Lucie (City) requests the continued support from the Delegation for the successful completion of the project, including the approval and conveyance of the necessary easements to cross the North Fork of the St. Lucie River by the Board of Trustees.

2. **Water Projects Appropriation Requests:**
   - McCarty Ranch Extension Water Quality Restoration Phase 1 Construction - $500,000
   - Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit Phase 1 Construction - $150,000

3. **Economic Development and Tourism Appropriations Request:**
   - Southern Extension of the Riverwalk Boardwalk and Westmoreland River Park Design - $250,000

4. **Support for the Biotechnology and Life Sciences Industry** – The City requests State financial support for Florida's Biotechnology and/or Life Science businesses that will allow them to continue to develop and implement new business plans that will likely include collaboration/merger with Florida's higher educational institutions and for the increased funding for Florida Universities interested in biotechnology and/or life science collaboration.

5. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program** – The City supports funding of all ranked transportation projects by the FDOT in the 5 year work program. Projects include the Crosstown Parkway Extension, the widening of Port St. Lucie Boulevard, St. Lucie West Boulevard/I-95 Interchange Improvements, sidewalk construction, intersection improvements, bridge rehabilitation, and traffic signal operation and maintenance.

6. **Relocation of Utilities** – The City opposes legislation that mandates local governments and their taxpayers bear the cost of relocating utility equipment when the equipment is located within a public utility easement or right-of-way and needs to be relocated for public purposes.

7. **Ardie R. Copas Veterans Nursing Home** – The City supports all future funding for the construction and operation of the nursing home.

8. **St. Lucie River Issues Team (SLRIT)** – The City supports the funding of all ranked projects by SLRIT.

9. **Florida League of Cities** – The City requests the continued support of the Delegation for the Florida League of Cities 2016 Legislative priorities.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present these issues to the St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation on September 25th. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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City of Port St. Lucie
2016 State Legislative Priorities

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Crosstown Parkway Extension (Manth Lane to U.S. Highway 1)

The City of Port St. Lucie requests the continued support for the successful completion of the project, including the approval and conveyance of the necessary easements to cross the North Fork of the St. Lucie River by the Board of Trustees.

Focus: Board of Trustees granting of an easement to cross state lands and subsequent issuance of permits relating to the project.

Crosstown Parkway Extension Supporting Information: In March 2009, the City opened the Crosstown Parkway Interchange at Interstate 95 to the public. This interchange completed a five-mile segment of the Crosstown Parkway extending from I-95 to Manth Lane, and also has been extended westward to provide for added connectivity. Crosstown Parkway is a beautiful 6-lane divided highway with linear parks and is currently enjoyed by motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

The Record of Decision for the remaining 2 mile segment connecting the parkway to U.S. Highway 1 was signed by the Federal Highway Administration in February, 2014. The property acquisition process for the selected route is currently underway with construction anticipated to begin in early 2016. The construction of the Crosstown Parkway over the St. Lucie River will help to alleviate traffic and congestion on the City's other two existing overburdened east-west river crossings and will connect U.S. Highway 1 to Interstate 95, providing opportunities for economic development, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Supporters of the Crosstown Parkway Extension: In June 2005, over 89% of the voting residents of Port St. Lucie voted in favor of a $165 million General Obligation Bond issue to fund the Crosstown Parkway Project. The project is included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and Five Year Work Program.

Crosstown Parkway Extension Mitigation Projects: There are two types of mitigation required for this project, regulatory and proprietary. Platts Creek Compensatory Mitigation Project, depicted in the image on the left, is complete. This project provides the regulatory mitigation requirements needed to compensate for the environmental impacts of the Crosstown Parkway Extension project. The proprietary mitigation projects are a series of recreation and water quality projects intended as compensation for the easement across state lands. These projects are all underway and are anticipated to be completed Fall of 2015.

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ENVIRONMENTAL/NATURAL RESOURCES

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2016 City of Port St. Lucie Water Projects

McCarty Ranch Extension Water Quality Restoration Phase 1 Construction - $500,000

Summary: The City of Port St. Lucie is respectfully requesting funding assistance for construction of Phase 1 of the McCarty Ranch Extension Water Quality Restoration project.

The McCarty Ranch Preserve and McCarty Ranch Extension consists of two properties totaling 5,100 acres. The City of Port St. Lucie purchased both properties for $20 million.

Phase 1 of the project consist of constructing a 228-acre pond/reservoir on the McCarty Ranch Extension site, including the modification of an existing stormwater pumping station. The reservoir will hold 1,000+ acre feet of rainwater and 2,500+ acre feet of water pumped out of the adjacent C-23 Canal. The Phase 1 reservoir will have a total stored water capacity of 1.14 billion gallons.

The project benefits will include reducing discharges from the C-23 into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, reducing nutrient loading stormwater before it leaves the City, reducing nitrogen and phosphorus levels entering the Indian River Lagoon and reducing freshwater discharges and related negative impacts on the Indian River Lagoon.

The City of Port St. Lucie is requesting 50% ($500,000) of the total estimated $1,000,000 costs of the project and has the capacity for matching funds necessary in support of this project.

Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit Phase 1 Construction - $150,000

Summary: The City of Port St. Lucie is respectfully requesting funding assistance for the construction of Phase 1 of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit project. The final design for all phases of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit is currently under way with an anticipated completion date of December 2015. The project is located just north of the Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Lyngate Drive intersection in Port St. Lucie. Of significant importance for this project is the elimination of uncontrolled stormwater discharges into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. The North Fork of the St. Lucie River has been designated as an aquatic preserve, and impaired water body (WBID 3194) located in the St. Lucie River Estuary Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) area. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) adopted the St. Lucie Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and has established pollutant nutrient load allocations in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River for Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorous and Biochemical Oxygen Demand.

Phase 1 of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit project consist of constructing a drainage control structure at an existing uncontrolled outfall into the river; and expansion of the existing swale upstream of the control structure into a wet detention pond to provide additional stormwater storage and pollutant loading reduction to help achieve the FDEP required pollutant loading allocations for the river. This phase of the project will result in approximately 1.0 acre of wet detention storage within this basin, which drains approximately 185 acres of the 1,100 acre Veteran's Memorial basin. When additional phases of this project are constructed there will be additional wet detention storage provided for this 185 acres resulting in an approximate total of 6.5 acres of wet detention storage.

The City of Port St. Lucie is therefore, respectfully requesting 50% ($150,000) of the total estimated $300,000 construction costs, and has the capacity for the matching funds necessary in support of this project. The City intends to move forward with the remaining phases of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit project once funding is dedicated and/or

secured. Once the entirety of the Stormwater Quality Retrofit is constructed the City will have eliminated three (3) uncontrolled discharge connections to the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and provided approximately 80 acre-feet of additional water quality and stormwater attenuation.

St. Lucie River Issues Team

The St. Lucie River Issues Team (SLRIT) was formed by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force to document the existing condition of the St. Lucie Estuary (SLE), describe the impacts of discharge event, and develop an interim action plan with specific short term projects that could be implemented within five years to improve water quality in the SLE. The team is made up of a variety of federal, state and local governments in addition to agricultural and environmental interests.

For more than a decade, the SLRIT has solicited, ranked and submitted to the Florida Legislature local turn-dirt projects focused on the restoration of the SLE and the Indian River Lagoon.

Each funded project requires a 50% percent minimum match from a local sponsor and projects are ranked according to three basic criteria: bang for the buck, readiness and local commitment.

The City of Port St. Lucie supports the funding of all ranked project by SLRIT.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

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Southern Extension of the Riverwalk Boardwalk and Westmoreland River Park Extension Design - $250,000

Summary: The City of Port St. Lucie is seeking assistance to extend an existing boardwalk along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River an additional ± 2,000 feet to city owned park land south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard. The North Fork of the St. Lucie River was designated an aquatic preserve in 1972. It flows south from St. Lucie County, through the City of Port St. Lucie, and into Martin County where it joins the north-flowing South Fork to form the main St. Lucie River. Several thousand acres of land have been acquired by the State, County, and City to preserve the environmental integrity of the river. To showcase the river, the City completed construction of ± 2,453 linear feet of boardwalk along the river in 2002. The boardwalk runs along a 20 acre riverfront park directly north of Port St. Lucie Boulevard. It includes a boat ramp, picnic pavilions, and two paths leading through hundreds of feet of wooded mangroves to the 10-foot wide boardwalk and the observation deck.

In 2002, the City partnered with St. Lucie County and the Trust for Public Land to purchase 40 acres of riverfront property directly south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard through the Florida Communities Trust program. This 40 acre riverfront park south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard includes a conservation tract to the south, a ten acre undeveloped recreation tract in the center (Westmoreland Tract), and the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens to the north. The City of Port St. Lucie recently held two public workshops to solicit public input on the development of the ten acre recreation tract. The workshops were facilitated by the American Institute of Architects, Treasure Coast Chapter. Approximately 50 to

100 people attended the workshops and provided input on the development of the tract including extending the existing riverwalk boardwalk south. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's recently completed Waterways Plan identifies the economic benefits associated with increasing public access to area waterways and providing a broad range of recreational opportunities.

The extension of the boardwalk to the south will create a recreational corridor along the river that will connect two riverfront parks, provide an opportunity for privately held commercial land to connect to a riverfront boardwalk, and enhance public access to the river for the general public. The City has the capacity to provide for the matching funds necessary to support the design of the project.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE

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Ardie R. Copas Veterans' Nursing Home

St. Lucie County was awarded the seventh state veterans' nursing home by a unanimous vote at the Sept. 23, 2014 Cabinet Meeting.

The 120-bed facility, to be built in the Port St. Lucie community of Tradition, will offer skilled nursing care and can accommodate 60 residents with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. It joins a network of six other state veterans' homes operated by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The City of Port St. Lucie supports all future funding for the construction and operation of the Ardie R. Copas Veterans' Nursing Home.

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The Tradition Center for Innovation in Port St. Lucie is a 150-acre, shovel-ready research park and home to Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, Martin Health System's Tradition Medical Center and Mann Research Center.

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES 2016 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

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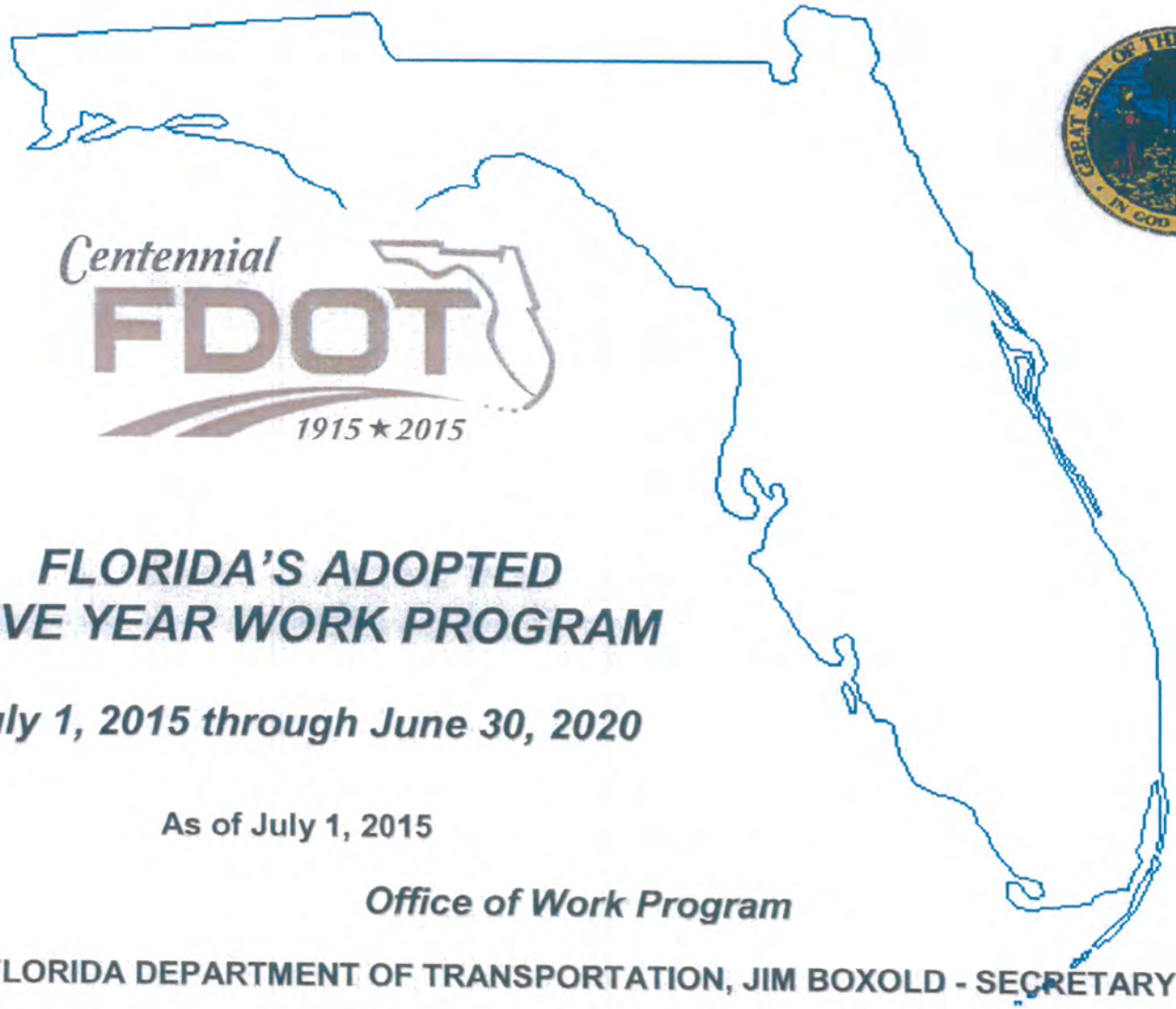

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FLORIDA'S ADOPTED FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020

As of July 1, 2015

Office of Work Program

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, JIM BOXOLD - SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Section 339.135, Florida Statutes, the Department has developed the Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2015/16 - 2019/20. The development of this Work Program involved extensive coordination with local governments, including metropolitan planning organizations, city and county officials and Florida's citizens. Public hearings were held in each of the seven transportation districts and a statewide public hearing was held by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Florida Transportation Commission performed an in-depth review of this Work Program and presented the results to the Executive Office of the Governor on March 18, 2015.

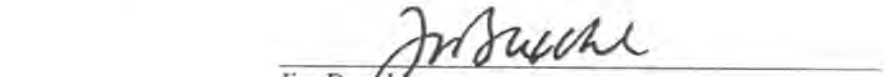
This Adopted Work Program includes those projects submitted as part of the Tentative Work Program, proviso of the 2015 General Appropriations Act, relevant 2015 legislation, and roll forwards to be approved pursuant to Section 339.135(6)(c), Florida Statutes.

The Department has based this Work Program on sound, multimodal transportation concepts and the best available forecast of costs and funding. As such, the Department has the financial capacity to embark on projects as planned.

The following circumstances may significantly influence the stability of this work program:

- Changes in federal or state revenue estimates
- Changes in bond market conditions
- Difficulty in acquiring right of way
- Changes in right of way costs
- Other economic forces impacting state transportation revenues
- Changes in inflation rates
- Changing federal regulations
- Ecological and environmental factors
- Unanticipated contract litigation
- Changes in MPO/Local priorities

The Department is committed to the policy of implementing projects as scheduled in this Work Program, minimizing changes to the plan and ensuring appropriate communication of any necessary changes as they occur.



Jim Boxold
Secretary
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COUNTY NAME	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH	PROJECT TYPE	PHASE NAME	FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT	CATEGORY
ST. LUCIE	CROSSTOWN PARKWAY FROM MANTH LANE TO SR-5/US-1	2.651	NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2016	6,417,514	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CROSSTOWN PARKWAY FROM MANTH LANE TO SR-5/US-1	2.651	NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2017	1,499,660	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CROSSTOWN PARKWAY FROM MANTH LANE TO SR-5/US-1	2.651	NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2018	1,075,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CROSSTOWN PARKWAY FROM MANTH LANE TO SR-5/US-1	2.651	NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2019	1,050,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CROSSTOWN PARKWAY FROM MANTH LANE TO SR-5/US-1	2.651	NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2020	1,082,981	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CITY OF PORT ST.LUCIE JPA SIGNAL MAINT & OPERATIONS ON STATE HWY SYS	0.000	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	OPS OPERATIONS	2016	64,600	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CITY OF PORT ST.LUCIE JPA SIGNAL MAINT & OPERATIONS ON STATE HWY SYS	0.000	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	OPS OPERATIONS	2017	66,538	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CITY OF PORT ST.LUCIE JPA SIGNAL MAINT & OPERATIONS ON STATE HWY SYS	0.000	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	OPS OPERATIONS	2018	68,535	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CITY OF PORT ST.LUCIE JPA SIGNAL MAINT & OPERATIONS ON STATE HWY SYS	0.000	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	OPS OPERATIONS	2019	70,591	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CITY OF PORT ST.LUCIE JPA SIGNAL MAINT & OPERATIONS ON STATE HWY SYS	0.000	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	OPS OPERATIONS	2020	72,708	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	DEL RIO BLVD FROM PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD TO MACKENZIE STREET	3.726	SIDEWALK	CST CONSTRUCTION	2016	987,274	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD FROM PAAR DRIVE TO DARWIN BLVD	1.856	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ENV ENVIRONMENTAL	2016	185,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD FROM PAAR DRIVE TO DARWIN BLVD	1.856	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2016	114,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD FROM PAAR DRIVE TO DARWIN BLVD	1.856	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2017	214,652	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CAMEO BLVD FROM PORT ST.LUCIE BLVD TO CROSSTOWN PARKWAY	1.733	SIDEWALK	CST CONSTRUCTION	2016	964,353	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	CITY OF PORT ST.LUCIE JPA SIGNAL MAINT & OPERATIONS ON STATE HWY SYS	0.000	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	OPS OPERATIONS	2020	72,704	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD @ GATLIN BLVD	0.046	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	CST CONSTRUCTION	2018	595,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD @ GATLIN BLVD	0.046	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	PE PRELIMINARY ENG	2016	5,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SELVITZ ROAD FROM BAYSHORE BLVD TO NORTH MACEDO BLVD.	0.420	SIDEWALK	CST CONSTRUCTION	2017	402,249	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-9/I-95 AT ST. LUCIE WEST BLVD.	1.569	INTERCHANGE - ADD LANES	CST CONSTRUCTION	2019	7,401,801	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-9/I-95 OVER GATLIN BLVD. & I-95 OVER CR-712 MIDWAY RD.	7.894	BRIDGE REHABILITATION	CST CONSTRUCTION	2016	11,236,602	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	TULIP BLVD. FROM COLLEGE PARK RD. TO CHERRY HILL RD.	1.664	SIDEWALK	CST CONSTRUCTION	2018	842,311	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	TULIP BLVD. FROM COLLEGE PARK RD. TO CHERRY HILL RD.	1.664	SIDEWALK	PE PRELIMINARY ENG	2016	5,000	HIGHWAYS
						19,979,343	
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KINGS HWY FR 500' S OF SR-70 TO NORTH OF PICOS ROAD	2.200	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	CST CONSTRUCTION	2018	26,291,163	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KINGS HWY FR 500' S OF SR-70 TO NORTH OF PICOS ROAD	2.200	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2016	8,690,639	HIGHWAYS
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ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KINGS HWY FROM NORTH OF PICOS RD TO NORTH OF I-95 OVERPASS	1.410	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	CST CONSTRUCTION	2019	16,630,718	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KINGS HWY FROM NORTH OF PICOS RD TO NORTH OF I-95 OVERPASS	1.410	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2016	1,002,397	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KINGS HWY FROM NORTH OF PICOS RD TO NORTH OF I-95 OVERPASS	1.410	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2017	2,474,324	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KINGS HWY FROM NORTH OF PICOS RD TO NORTH OF I-95 OVERPASS	1.410	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2018	682,770	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KING'S HWY FR SOUTH OF SR-70 TO NORTH OF PICOS RD	1.890	LANDSCAPING	PE PRELIMINARY ENG	2019	136,500	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KING'S HWY FR 800' S OF SR-70 TO NORTH OF PICOS RD	1.890	RELOCATE UTILITY SYSTEMS	CST CONSTRUCTION	2016	9,121,689	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-713/KING'S HWY FR 800' S OF SR-70 TO NORTH OF PICOS RD	1.890	RELOCATE UTILITY SYSTEMS	RRU RAILROAD & UTIL	2016	6,824,473	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-614/INDRIO ROAD FROM WEST OF SR-9/I-95 TO EAST OF SR-670/EMERSON A	2.709	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	CST CONSTRUCTION	2016	34,254,065	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-614/INDRIO ROAD FROM WEST OF SR-9/I-95 TO EAST OF SR-670/EMERSON A	2.709	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ENV ENVIRONMENTAL	2016	50,000	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-614/INDRIO ROAD FROM WEST OF SR-9/I-95 TO EAST OF SR-670/EMERSON A	2.709	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2016	410,926	HIGHWAYS
ST. LUCIE	SR-614/INDRIO ROAD FROM WEST OF SR-9/I-95 TO EAST OF SR-670/EMERSON A	2.709	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	ROW RIGHT OF WAY	2017	612,273	HIGHWAYS

McCarty Ranch Extension Water Quality Restoration Construction Phase 1

1. ***Port St. Lucie purchased two properties totaling 5,100 acres – cost $20 million***

- Helps the City address its need to be a good steward of the community's valuable water resources
- Ensures the future potable water supply for the community
- 130 Sq. Mile Utility Service Area
- 70 Million Gallons Daily projected potable water demands at build out in 2060

    - Shallow Aquifer
    - Floridian Aquifer — Water Sources
    - Alternative Sources

2. ***Environmental Stewardship with Dispersed Water Farming***

- Phase 1 – construction of a 228-acre pond/reservoir on the McCarty Ranch Extension site

    - $1,000,000 - estimated cost
    - Will hold ±1,000 acre feet of rainwater and ± 2,500 acre-feet of water pumped out the adjacent C-23 Canal

- 1.14 billion gallons total stored water capacity in Phase 1 reservoir
- C-23 is an impaired water body
- Properties can ultimately include multiple reservoirs greatly increasing storage Capacity
- Benefits – Increased Stewardship from:
- Reducing discharges from the C-23 into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River
- Reducing nutrient loading storm water before it leaves the City
- Reducing Nitrogen and Phosphorus levels entering Indian River Lagoon
- Reducing freshwater discharges and related negative impacts on the Indian River Lagoon

3. ***Long Term Benefits of Water Conservation & Stewardship***

- Future Cyclic Surface Water Storage and Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) System
- Water pumped from C-23 Canal during annual wet season will be treated and stored in on-site reservoirs or ASR's
- Stored water will be recovered during dry season and distributed to meet future potable water demands of City's utility customers
- Continued environmental benefits:
- Reducing discharges from the C-23 Canal
- Reducing nutrient loading in storm water before it leaves the City (including Nitrogen and Phosphorus)
- Reduce negative impacts of freshwater discharges entering the Indian River Lagoon
- Potential for Upland Preservation
- Public passive recreation opportunities abound (hiking and biking trails, horseback trails, fishing, and canoeing/kayaking)

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

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Project: Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit Phase 1 Construction - $150,000

Summary: The City of Port St. Lucie is respectfully requesting funding assistance for the construction of Phase 1 of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit project. The final design for all phases of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit is currently under way with an anticipated completion date of December 2015. The project is located just north of the Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Lyngate Drive intersection in Port St. Lucie. Of significant importance for this project is the elimination of uncontrolled stormwater discharges into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. The North Fork of the St. Lucie River has been designated as an aquatic preserve, and impaired water body (WBID 3194) located in the St. Lucie River Estuary Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) area. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) adopted the St. Lucie Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and has established pollutant nutrient load allocations in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River for Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorous and Biochemical Oxygen Demand.

Phase 1 of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit project consist of constructing a drainage control structure at an existing uncontrolled outfall into the river; and expansion of the existing swale upstream of the control structure into a wet detention pond to provide additional stormwater storage and pollutant loading reduction to help achieve the FDEP required pollutant loading allocations for the river. This phase of the project will result in approximately 1.0 acre of wet detention storage within this basin, which drains approximately 185 acres of the 1,100 acre Veteran's Memorial basin. When additional phases of this project are constructed there will be additional wet detention storage provided for this 185 acres resulting in an approximate total of 6.5 acres of wet detention storage.

The City of Port St. Lucie is therefore, respectfully requesting 50% ($150,000) of the total estimated $300,000 construction costs, and has the capacity for the matching funds necessary in support of this project. The City intends to move forward with the remaining phases of the Veteran's Memorial Stormwater Quality Retrofit project once funding is dedicated and/or secured. Once the entirety of the Stormwater Quality Retrofit is constructed the City will have eliminated three (3) uncontrolled discharge connections to the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and provided approximately 80 acre-feet of additional water quality and stormwater attenuation.

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CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

Community Redevelopment Agency

Project: Southern Extension of the Riverwalk Boardwalk and Westmoreland River Park Design - $250,000

Summary: The City of Port St. Lucie is seeking assistance to extend an existing boardwalk along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River an additional ± 2,000 feet to city owned park land south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard. The North Fork of the St. Lucie River was designated an aquatic preserve in 1972. It flows south from St. Lucie County, through the City of Port St. Lucie, and into Martin County where it joins the north-flowing South Fork to form the main St. Lucie River. Several thousand acres of land have been acquired by the State, County, and City to preserve the environmental integrity of the river. To showcase the river, the City completed construction of ± 2,453 linear feet of boardwalk along the river in 2002. The boardwalk runs along a 20 acre riverfront park directly north of Port St. Lucie Boulevard. It includes a boat ramp, picnic pavilions, and two paths leading through hundreds of feet of wooded mangroves to the 10-foot wide boardwalk and the observation deck.

In 2002, the City partnered with St. Lucie County and the Trust for Public Land to purchase 40 acres of riverfront property directly south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard through the Florida Communities Trust program. This 40 acre riverfront park south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard includes a conservation tract to the south, a ten acre undeveloped recreation tract in the center (Westmoreland Tract), and the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens to the north. The City of Port St. Lucie recently held two public workshops to solicit public input on the development of the ten acre recreation tract. The workshops were facilitated by the American Institute of Architects, Treasure Coast Chapter. Approximately 50 to 100 people attended the workshops and provided input on the development of the tract including extending the existing riverwalk boardwalk south. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's recently completed Waterways Plan identifies the economic benefits associated with increasing public access to area waterways and providing a broad range of recreational opportunities.

The extension of the boardwalk to the south will create a recreational corridor along the river that will connect two riverfront parks, provide an opportunity for privately held commercial land to connect to a riverfront boardwalk, and enhance public access to the river for the general public. The City has the capacity to provide for the matching funds necessary to support the design of the project.

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2016 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

Water Quality & Quantity
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides a recurring source of funding for local government programs and projects that protect water resources; improves water quality and quantity; mitigates pollution from onsite waste water systems; expands the use of alternative water resources, recognizing that reclaimed water is an asset paid for by utilities' rate payers; and requires all infrastructure users to pay the cost of operation and maintenance of such utilities.

Sea Level Rise
Priority Statement:
Recognizing the impacts sustained by cities statewide related to sea-level rise, changing precipitation patterns and increasing storm severity, the Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that encourages vulnerability assessments, coordinates resources and supports the efforts of local governments to mitigate and adapt to these dynamic environmental conditions.

Finance, Taxation & Personnel

Local Communication Services Tax Protection
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects general revenues collected from the local communications services tax. These revenues are used to provide essential municipal services, such as public safety, and constructing and maintaining roads, bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base strengthens the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve all citizens and businesses.

Local Business Tax Protection
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects general revenues collected from the local business tax and preserves the local authority to levy the tax.

Growth Management & Economic Affairs

Public-Private Partnerships
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides municipalities with increased flexibility to enter into public-private partnership agreements pursuant to state law or by Home Rule authority.

Impact Fees
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that restricts a municipality's Home Rule authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency.

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Relocation of Utilities
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that mandates local governments and their taxpayers bear the cost of relocating utility equipment when the equipment is located within a public utility easement or right-of-way and needs to be relocated for public purposes.

Transportation Funding
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for municipal transportation infrastructure projects.

Urban Administration

Public Records
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS public records reform to discourage or eliminate schemes designed to generate violations of public records laws as well as limit harassing or unreasonable public records requests.

Vacation Rentals
Priority Statement:
The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties in order to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.