

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Alico Road 4-Lane Widening (Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection Phase)
2. Date of Submission: 01/13/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Heather Fitzenhagen

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	5,750,000	5,750,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Glen Salyer
- b. Organization: Lee County
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Lee County Department of Transportation
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Lee
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Lee

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Overview: Lee County is developing a roadway improvement project to widen a portion of Alico Road, which is currently a 2-lane County-maintained rural arterial, to 4 lanes ultimately expandable to 6, from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to east of Airport Haul Road. Alico Road is the main east-west spine for a targeted area of commercial and industrial development in Lee County known as the Research & Enterprise Diamond, and west of Ben Hill Griffin Parkway is it already 6 lanes wide. The Research & Enterprise Diamond area is anchored to the south by Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) and to the north by the Southwest Florida International Airport.

The Research & Enterprise Diamond is envisioned as an innovation center with links to the university and the airport that includes several private-sector industrial, commercial and research-oriented developments in various stages of conception and approval, within land use classifications of Industrial, Interchange Commercial, Tradeport, and University Community. Lee County has targeted this area to diversify its economy and create jobs, and is focused on ensuring the area has adequate infrastructure for that purpose. The Research & Enterprise Diamond area is anticipated to create over 25,000 jobs with an economic impact of over \$1 billion over a 10-year period. The planned developments within the area will create 4.9 million square feet of industrial uses, 1.5 million square feet of office, 1.2 million square feet of retail space, and 560 new hotel rooms.

The Alico Road 4-laning project from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to east of Airport Haul Road will help facilitate at least three large-scale developments expected to create 3,000 permanent, high-quality technical jobs within the Research & Enterprise Diamond boundaries. One of the key developments is the FGCU Innovation Hub (I-HUB) located at the east end of the road widening project, with proposed development of that site to reach 1.2 million square feet of research

facilities geared towards renewable energy, wetlands research, bio-terrorism, and bio-technology. The first building within the I-HUB, known as the FGCU Emergent Technologies Institute, is currently under construction and expected to open soon.

Spending Detail for Requested Funds: Lee County is seeking \$5,750,000 in State funding, as a match to County funding for the construction and construction engineering inspection (CEI) phases for the 4-lane widening of Alico Road between Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and Airport Haul Road. Alico Road serves as the main east-west arterial access for targeted areas of commercial and industrial development in south Lee County known as the Research & Enterprise Diamond, situated between Florida Gulf Coast University and the Southwest Florida international Airport. The State's funding match will help ensure adequate roadway capacity to support development efforts in the area, most notably of FGCU's Innovation Hub property at the east end of the roadway project and the Emergent Technologies Institute building within, now under construction.

Program Results and Benefits: The Alico Road widening project addresses a statewide and regional interest as it will ensure adequate roadway capacity for a section of the County's Research & Enterprise Diamond, an area targeted by Lee County for economic diversification and job creation. It is anchored by Florida Gulf Coast University to the south and the Southwest Florida International Airport to the north, both facilities that are heavily supported by State and Federal funding. The Research & Enterprise Diamond has several planned developments, in various stages of approval, most notably the FGCU Innovation Hub which the State has already provided funding to help develop.

The road widening through this eastern end of the Research & Enterprise Diamond will promote and facilitate private investment and critical research efforts, and aid in the creation of 3,000 permanent jobs in the immediate area. As Lee County emerges from the devastating effects of the recent recession, job creation and expansion combined with diversification of its economy (with less reliance on housing construction and tourism) is critical. In 2014, the State Legislature provided a grant of \$761,250 to help fund the installation of a sanitary sewer force main along Alico Road to help ensure adequate and sustainable infrastructure for the anticipated developments, including the FGCU Innovation Hub. The developments that front on Alico Road are also participating in the road improvement through the donation or dedication for impact fee credits of the needed right-of-way.

Road Project Status: Lee County completed a corridor alignment study with Board approval of the preferred alignment in June, 2013, and is currently designing and permitting the widening project from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to east of Airport Haul Road. The project is being designed for an initial 4-laning, ultimately expandable to 6 lanes in the future, and includes a realignment of the south end of Airport Haul Road to align with a planned north-south road to be built in the future. The County has been working with the adjacent property owners to provide the needed right-of-way through donations or in exchange for road impact fee credits, and has already received a sizable donation of 75 feet from the property owner on the south side. The project should be construction-ready soon, and the construction phase and related construction engineering inspection (CEI) phase were previously programmed in FY 15/16, but in November, 2013 the Lee County Board of County Commissioners was forced to defer the construction/CEI phases to FY 17/18 due to competing priorities and limited transportation revenues. At the time of the deferral, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners indicated its desire to advance the timing of the construction/CEI phases if funding allowed, by including the following statement in the CIP: "These phases could be advanced in the future at Board discretion should conditions warrant to support economic development initiatives, and if funding is available through government sources or private development sources."

Project Budget: The total roadway widening budget is \$14.44 million including prior expenditures and current budget. It breaks down as follows:

Corridor Alignment Study County	\$.719 m	Completed
Design/Permitting County	\$1.5 m	Underway
Right-of-Way (Recording) County	\$.0035 m	Completed
Environmental Mitigation County	\$.17 m	Current Year Budget
Construction County	\$10 m	FY 17/18
Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) County	\$1.5 m	FY 17/18
Landscaping County	\$.54 m	FY 18/19

Lee County is requesting State funding assistance in the amount of \$5,750,000, or 50% of the total cost to proceed with the construction and CEI phases for the Alico Road 4-laning in FY 16/17. The infusion of State funds for this critical corridor will allow the project to proceed in a timely fashion in support of area development, particularly the FGCU I-HUB property that is already under development, and will allow Lee County to direct some of its scarce resources to other transportation needs in the area.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 8,690,000

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No