

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: Estero Blvd Reconstruction
2. Date of Submission: 12/10/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Ray Rodrigues

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	15,500,000	15,500,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Glen Salyer
- b. Organization: Lee County Government

- c. Email: GSalyer@leegov.com
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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.)

Lee County is seeking \$15.5 million in State funding, to be matched with County and Town funding, to consolidate and advance the latter 4 of 6 phases to reconstruct Estero Boulevard within the Town of Fort Myers Beach as a 2-lane arterial with a middle turn lane, sidewalks on both sides, bike lanes, trolley pull-offs, drainage improvements, and repair/replacement of County wastewater lines and Town water lines. Due to County funding constraints, the reconstruction work is planned in six 1-mile segments over 10 years. The State funding would allow the overall construction time frame to be reduced by 7 years.

The requested \$15,500,000 in State matching funds in FY 16/17 would be utilized to combine and advance the latter 4 of 6 design and construction phases for the reconstruction of Estero Boulevard by Lee County, within the Town of Fort Myers Beach. The State's funding match will relieve funding constraints that currently require the project to be done in six 1-mile increments.

With \$15,500,000 in State matching funds to advance Segments 3 through 6 as a single project, Lee County will speed up completion by 7 years and mitigate the expected economic and safety impacts of prolonged construction. The state match eliminates years of unsightly and inconvenient construction that would mar the fun and beauty of the Fort Myers Beach area attractions, minimizes the resulting drop in state and local revenues generated by tourism, and makes it more likely for local businesses - especially the smaller ones - to survive what would be a 3-year impact rather than a 10-year impact on tourism, sales and traffic. The advancement would lessen the uncertainty of rising construction costs over the next 10 years. From a safety perspective, Lee county has plans in place to deal with traffic complications for ambulance, police and fire emergencies, but reducing the overall construction time will reduce the traffic-related dangers of construction. It would also reduce the chances of roadway construction complicating evacuation of the island for a hurricane or other disaster.

Estero Boulevard is a massive driver of Southwest Florida tourism and is the primary access to Fort Myers Beach, Lover's Key and Mound Key state parks. It also

provides access for 610 hospitality industry businesses ? all remitting sales tax, and 6,100 hotel rooms and rental units for visitors. The advancement would benefit all residents, businesses and visitors to Fort Myers Beach.

Lee County DOT would utilize the State matching funds, in conjunction with local funds, to proceed with the design and construction of Segment 3 through 6 of the Estero Boulevard Reconstruction project (Segment 1 is currently underway and Segment 2 is being designed and is funded for construction in the current year). Lee County would be prepared to report progress on Segments 3 through 6 as the design and construction phases proceed. The most significant measure will be the completion of the construction of those segments years in advance of when otherwise planned.

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: 15,500,000

Other: 36,600,000

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

No