S T A T E    F U N D I N G    R E Q U E S T S

A. State Road 46 – Regional Evacuation Route (SR 415 to US 1) - $8,000,000
Sponsorship: Representative Adams and Senator Posey

Request - $8.0 million to conduct the project development and environmental phase of the State Road 46 project from SR 415 in Seminole County to US Highway 1 in Brevard County. The overall project expands State Road 46 to 4-lanes from SR 415 to the US Highway 1. Widening State Road 46 would significantly improve travel on a regional basis and provide an upgraded hurricane evacuation route. The total cost of the project is $120.0 million. The project in Seminole County was approved and adopted by the Metro Plan Orlando Board in 2004 as part of the Long Range Plan 2025.

The County expects the funds to be provided by the Florida Department of Transportation which would be the agency to implement the project since it is a State roadway and serves traffic on a regional basis. As an evacuation route, it directly serves Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Brevard Counties. Indirectly, it would serve as a primary or secondary route for other coastal Counties along the east coast of Florida.

B. Regional Alternative Water Supply Program- $2,000,000
Sponsorship: Representative Hays and Senator Baker

Request - $2.0 Million to assist in the design of the Yankee Lake Regional Surface Water Facility for augmentation of the reclaimed water system to offset potable ground water demands.

The project will serve the Northwest/ Northeast Service Areas of the County as well as provide resources to the Seminole, Lake Mary, and Sanford Tri-Party Re-claim System. This project also includes the design for the base infrastructure for expansion to a regional 25 million gallon per day potable water treatment plant to further offset regional groundwater withdrawals.

C. Cross Seminole Trail – Seminole County/Winter Springs - $3,500,000
Sponsorship: Representative Dorworth and Senator Posey

Request - $3.5 million to build the Cross Seminole Trail in Seminole County/Winter Springs. The Cross Seminole Trail is part of a planned connection to Orange County and a regional trail system connection to the Seminole County Trail system and eventually part of the Florida National Scenic Trail System. The section of the trail in which the County is seeking funds is in Winter Springs between Layer Elementary School and Old Sanford/Oviedo Road. The project was approved by the Metro Plan Orlando Board in 2004 as part of the Long Range Plan 2025.

The County and City of Winter Springs are working with a property owner in this area to develop another alternative that may only cost $1.5 million to construct.

The trail serves work, recreational and school access purposes. It also is a “missing link” for a multi-county trail and; therefore, is significant in terms of need and importance. The total cost of the project is $3.5 million.

D. Pedestrian Overpass (Howell Branch Road & State Road 426) - $7,000,000
Sponsorship: Representative Dorworth and Senator Posey

Request - $7.0 million to construct a pedestrian overpass at the intersection of Howell Branch Road and State Road 426. The project serves as a regional trail/pedestrian link between Seminole and Orange Counties. It was approved by the Metro Plan Orlando Board in 2004 as part of the Long Range Plan 2025.

Recently, the County has completed the south link of the Cross Seminole Trail, which terminates at the Orange County Line. Orange County will be tying into this section of the trail which will provide a connection to the downtown Orlando Area. The trail serves both recreational and commuter users. In Seminole County it intersects with SR 426 and Howell Branch Road. Approximately 50,000 cars a day pass through this intersection. The pedestrian overpass will enhance the safety at this intersection. The total cost of the project is $7.0 million for design, right-of-way and construction.

L E G I S L A T I V E    P R I O R I T I E S

✦ SUPPORT legislation giving counties the authority to implement a Local Option Rental Car Surcharge Tax for transportation related improvements.

✦ SUPPORT legislation that gives all charter counties the authority to implement the Charter County Transit System Surtax. Support current statutory authority giving counties the discretion to distribute these revenues to municipalities pursuant to an interlocal agreement under FS. Chapter 163.

✦ SUPPORT funding for Driver Education Programs for young adults.

✦ SUPPORT the creation or enhancement of Alternative Public Revenue Sources to fund essential service needs of local communities.

✦ OPPOSE efforts to diminish or eliminate County Home Rule Authority, both administrative and fiscal, allowing counties to develop and implement community-based solutions to local problems.

✦ OPPOSE any Shifting of Costs for government services and programs from the state to counties, unless state and county elected officials deliberately evaluate the appropriate funding and delivery of intergovernmental service responsibility.