

Approved by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners on October 18th, 2023

Appropriations Requests

- **Request** \$12,000,000 for the Hillsborough Lithia Pinecrest Transportation Project, which is for safe mobility for all roadway users, will be considered and incorporated into the study and the alternatives evaluated.
- **Request** \$5,000,000 for the Hillsborough East County Energy Resiliency Project to provide resilient energy at the Valrico Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center.
- **Request** \$8,000,000 for the Hillsborough North County Administration Building Hardening Project, which is for the construction of a 15,000 sq. ft, Category 5 hardened facility to house Operations and Maintenance personnel who perform critical functions at one of the County's advanced wastewater treatment facilities. This new facility will serve as a shelter during severe weather activations.
- **Request** \$5,000,000 for the Hillsborough Ruskin-Wimauma LPSS/Septic-to-Sewer project which is for approximately 10,000 residents that will have a central sewer infrastructure within those communities to better serve those areas with a reliable sewer system.
- **Request** \$10,000,000 for the construction of the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center.
- **Request** \$1,500,000 for an appropriation to replace CR-579 over the Little Manatee River-South Fork Hillsborough County bridge.
- **Request** \$750,000 for an appropriation to improve Pebble Beach Blvd over Aging Creek Hillsborough County bridge.
- **Support** funding for the continued operation of the 12 short-term residential treatment beds and community-based services in partnership with BayCare.
- **Monitor** any proposed legislation for Brightline from Orange County to Hillsborough County and work with the bill sponsor as to location and impact on the county.

Policy Requests

Housing and Land Use

- **Support** flexibility to housing statutes or policies that may allow for local decision-making while fully funding the “Live Local Act” programs. **Oppose** high-hazard coastal areas receiving “Live Local Act” funding.
- **Oppose** any further restrictions on land development and building inspection fees.

Transportation

- **Support** legislative action for a final resolution to the 2018 Hillsborough County Citizen-led Transportation Surtax.
- **Monitor** the merger of Hillsborough TPO with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations.
- **Monitor** any and all updates to the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) study per bill HB 1397 from the 2023 legislative session.

HealthCare

- **Support** the expansion of Medicaid in the state of Florida.

Legal

- **Oppose** any consolidation of the Circuit Court over Hillsborough County given a Florida Supreme Court committee review of court consolidation.

Water and Sewer

- **Support** HB 47 and identical or similar language where it may also appear in other bills that requires a municipality providing water or sewer service to consumers outside of the municipality’s boundaries to charge those consumers rates, fees, and charges that are just and equitable and are the same rates, fees, and charges for consumers inside of the municipal boundaries.

Local Government Operations & Home Rule

- **Oppose** legislation that impedes home rule authority, thereby limiting the ability of local governments to address issues within its jurisdiction in a timely manner.
- **Support** efforts initiated by agencies and municipalities within Hillsborough County that aim to provide support and enrichment to the region. Additionally, communicate and work with such agencies and localities in their efforts to bolster programming and address the funding needs of the county.
- **Support** policy positions of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) that are in alignment with Hillsborough County BOCC goals.