

# Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

## 2025 State Legislative Agenda



*As approved by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, February 19, 2025*

### Budget Project Proposals

- Request \$5,000,000 for the construction of the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center. *Recommended by Commissioner Gwen Myers*
- Request \$2,000,000 for construction on Hanley Rd and Jackson Springs Rd Intersection Improvements. *Recommended by Commissioner Cameron-Cepeda*
- Request \$1,500,000 for two replacement generators at two of our water treatment facilities in the northwest service area of Fawn Ridge & Lake Park, serving 200,000 Hillsborough County residents. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Water Resources Department*
- Request \$500,000 for one replacement generator at one of our pump stations that services the south service area of the Miller Mac Master Pump Station, serving 10,510 Hillsborough County residents. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Water Resources Department*
- Request \$250,000 for one replacement generator at one of our booster pump stations that services the Central service area of the Duncan Booster Pump Station, serving 47,959 Hillsborough County residents. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Water Resources Department*
- Request \$100,000 to standardize the equipment that governs the physical security at the County's water and wastewater facilities. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Water Resources Department*
- Request \$4,000,000 for Hillsborough County Community Emergency Response Centers Development. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Emergency Management Division*
- Request \$4,000,000 for Hillsborough County buildings and emergency shelter emergency generators. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Emergency Management Division*
- Request \$1,000,000 for Hillsborough County Public Safety Operations Complex (PSOC) Emergency Generator Acquisition. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Emergency Management Division*
- Request \$500,000 for Hillsborough County Public Safety Operations Complex Drainage Pond Improvements. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Emergency Management Division*
- Request \$750,000 for Pebble Beach Ln. over Aging Creek bridge replacement. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Public Works Department*
- Request \$2,500,000 for a new traffic signal at Paseo Al Mar Blvd. and Gate Dancer Rd. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Public Works Department*
- Request \$14,000,000 for widening the western bookend of Big Bend Road from U.S. Hwy. 41 to Covington Gardens Dr. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Public Works Department*

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### Policy Proposals

#### Housing & Land Use

- Support legislation that preempts liability of slip and fall accidents due to naturally occurring environmental disruptions of infrastructure. *Recommended by Commissioner Joshua Wostal*
- Support legislation for flexibility to housing statutes or policies that may allow for local decision-making while fully funding the “Live Local Act” programs and oppose high-hazard coastal areas receiving “Live Local Act” funding. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- Oppose any further restrictions on land development and building inspection fees. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*

#### Transportation

- Support legislation that allows municipalities to put a sales referendum up to ½ cent for transportation in trade of a countywide property tax, restricted to the largest municipality in the county. *Recommended by Commissioner Joshua Wostal*
- Monitor for legislation pertaining to any merger of the Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to create a regional MPO. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- Monitor any updates to the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) study per bill HB 1397 from the 2023 legislative session. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*

#### Infrastructure & Facilities

- Support funding for infrastructure of indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. *Recommended by Commissioner Ken Hagan*
- Support continuation of FS 288.116 for a new 10-year agreement with the state for professional sports facility renovations to current facilities. *Recommended by Commissioner Ken Hagan*
- Support a budget request by the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller of \$3,000,000 for design, planning, and permitting of a new records center, and offer county land as a qualified in-kind match. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Facilities Management and Real Estate Services Department*

#### Utilities

- Support an increase in funding for septic to sewer projects. *Recommended by Commissioner Harry Cohen*

#### Local Government Operations & Home Rule

- Support legislation that would remove any reference to County Commissioners having to “call” an election as referenced in Florida Statute section 1011.73(2); and support removing the language in Florida Statute section 212.055 requires a county to place school board referendums on the ballot. *Recommended By Commissioner Gwen Myers*
- Support legislation removing counties from deciding ad-valorem taxes for entities within the county with authority. *Recommended by Commissioner Joshua Wostal*

## Policy Proposals (continued)

- Support legislation permitting designated local government human trafficking entities to implement safeguards to prevent release of sensitive information, hindering the goal of curtailing and preventing human trafficking. *Recommended by Commissioner Cameron-Cepeda*
- Oppose legislation that would undermine the county point of sale ban on certain fertilizers containing phosphates during the rainy season. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- Support legislation to exempt the home address of select county staff to ensure employee safety. *Recommended by Hillsborough County Communication & Digital Media Department*
- Support legislation allowing counties to lower the threshold for indigent health care taxes. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- Oppose legislation that impedes home rule authority, thereby potentially limiting the ability of local governments to address issues within its jurisdiction in an effective manner. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- 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. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- Support policy positions of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) that are in alignment with Hillsborough County BOCC policy and goals. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*