

*Approved by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, January 15, 2025*

## Project Proposal

- **Request** \$5,000,000 for the construction of the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center.
- **Request** \$2,000,000 for construction on Hanley Rd and Jackson Springs Rd Intersection Improvements.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Request** \$100,000 to standardize the equipment that governs the physical security at the County's water and wastewater facilities.

## Policy Proposal

### Housing & Land Use

- **Support** legislation that preempts liability of slip and fall accidents due to naturally occurring environmental disruptions of infrastructure.
- **Support** legislation for 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** legislation that allows municipalities to put a sales referendum up to 1% for transportation in trade of a countywide property tax. This should be restricted to the largest municipality in the county.
- **Monitor** the merger of Hillsborough TPO with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations.
- **Monitor** any updates to the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) study per bill HB 1397 from the 2023 legislative session.

### Infrastructure & Facilities

- **Support** funding for infrastructure of indoor and outdoor athletic facilities.
- **Support** a continuation of FS 288.116. for a new 10-year agreement with the state for professional sports facility renovations to current facilities.

### Utilities

- **Support** an increase in funding for septic to sewer projects.

### 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). **Support** removing the language in Florida Statute section 212.055 requires a county to place school board referendums on the ballot. The School Boards in Florida have been given the ability to seek sales tax and millage increases under Florida law and counties should not be involved with placing them on the ballot.
- **Support** legislation eliminating the sunshine law for county commissioners.
- **Support** legislation removing counties from deciding ad-valorem taxes for entities within the county with authority.
- **Oppose** legislation that would undermine the county point of sale ban on certain fertilizers containing phosphates during the rainy season.
- **Support** legislation to exempt the home address of county staff.

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## 2025 State Legislative Agenda

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- **Support** legislation allowing counties to lower the threshold for indigent health care taxes.
- **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.