

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Grant Program

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants Administration

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs *LS* **CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero *JMB* **EXT.** 7125

Agenda Date <u>02/27/07</u>	Regular <input type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Work Session <input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>		

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a funding request to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

[Dept Contact: Cindy Matheny, Project Manager II (407) 665-2095]

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Highway Administration is seeking input from State agencies to generate viable candidate projects to support FY 2007 funding of the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP). Through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), this program provides discretionary funding to:

- Plan and implement strategies which improve the efficiency of the transportation system;
- Reduce environmental impacts of transportation;
- Reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments;
- Ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade;
- Examine development patterns; and,
- Identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns which achieve these goals.

Staff has identified the design for the trail underpass at Lake Mary Blvd/International Parkway as the most viable project to submit to the FDOT. The TCSP program encourages submittal of innovative projects--the challenges of this project make it a strong candidate for funding. The proposed amount requested is \$1,000,000 to fund the design. The match of 20% will be accommodated by 1 cent sales tax revenue allocated for the project design.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
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Other: _____
DCM: _____
CM: <i>CB</i>
File No. <u>CFSG04</u>

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: Federal Highway Administration and Florida Department of Transportation

DATE DUE: March 1, 2007 (to FDOT); March 30, 2007 (to FHA)

PROJECT TITLE: Trail underpass at Lake Mary Blvd/International Parkway

DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Engineering

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Cindy Matheny, Project Manager II

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Cindy Matheny

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed underpass at the intersection of Lake Mary Blvd and International Parkway would permit users of the Seminole-Wekiva Trail to more easily and safely cross the two roadways. The preferred alignment would extend approximately 200 feet between the southwest and northeast corners of the intersection, eliminating difficult at-grade crossings of both roadways. Costs for the underpass are estimated at \$1 million for design and \$4.3 million for construction. Due to potential design challenges related to complex utility coordination and maintenance of traffic during construction, staff feels this project would be a good candidate for the grant program.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,000,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$4,300,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: N/A

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5,300,000

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

NEW GRANT

CONTINUATION GRANT

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

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Federal Highway Administration
Federal Transit Administration

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Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program Request for FY 2007 Grant Applications (Electronic Reply Due: March 30, 2007)

Date: January 4, 2007

From:

Gloria M. Shepherd
 Gloria M. Shepherd
 Director, Office of Planning

Reply
 to: HEPP-20
 Attn. of:

To: Division Administrators

HEPP-0107-L68-0006

Section 1117 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users provides funding for the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program. For FY 2007, it is anticipated that we may be operating under a continuing resolution at FY 2006 funding levels through the remainder of the fiscal year. For the TCSP Program, the FY 2006 obligation authority was \$51,893,325. Because it is anticipated that Congress may not designate ("earmark") our TCSP funds for the first time since FY 2000, we are issuing this solicitation to give States time to generate viable candidate projects for FY 2007 funding. The candidate projects must meet the eligibility criteria for the TCSP Program for projects not designated by Congress, and will be evaluated on the selection criteria established for the TCSP. These criteria are listed in Attachment 1.

Please ensure that the attached TCSP grant application submitted by your State transportation department is for individual projects that are ready to advance, and for which the funds will be obligated in FY 2007, if the requested TCSP funding is provided. *Do not submit grant applications for any project(s) for which the funds cannot be obligated in FY 2007.*

The applications must be submitted *electronically* in Microsoft Word format (see Attachment 2). Project applications must be received in Headquarters no later than **March 30, 2007**. When submitting the State's project applications, the division office shall transmit them via email to the attention of Kenneth Petty at kenneth.petty@dot.gov. Your email transmittal should include:

1. a statement from the division office that the State's submittal has been reviewed by the division office and that it meets the submission requirements;
2. the State transportation department's submission email or letter to the FHWA division office; and
3. each Microsoft Word application as an attachment.

Information on the TCSP Program is included as Attachment 1 to this memorandum. This contains background information on the program including eligibility and selection criteria, as well as the submission requirements. This solicitation memorandum will also be posted on our FHWA website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp/projects.html>.

If there are any questions, please contact Kenneth Petty at 202-366-6654 or kenneth.petty@dot.gov.

Attachments