

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Issues - 2003

**DEPARTMENT:** County Manager Office/County Attorney Office **DIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED BY:** J. Kevin Grace / Bob McMillan

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**Agenda Date** 11/26/02 **Regular**  **Consent**  **Work Session**  **Briefing**   
**Public Hearing – 1:30**  **Public Hearing – 7:00**

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1. Support continuation of funding for the St. Johns River Water Management District projects located in Seminole County. (BCC)
  2. Explore mechanism that would define and limit the scope of proposed constitutional amendments by initiative in order to reduce the number of relatively insignificant amendments on the ballot. (BCC)
  3. Car Rental Surcharge – Adoption of a new per diem charge as a local option. (BCC)
  4. Develop support for an amendment opposing the Billboard Legislation requiring compensation for billboards that are removed or altered by local government. (CM)
  5. Develop support for a prohibition against financial incentives for annexation. (CM)
  6. Support funding for Pre-Schools. (BCC)
  7. Support FAC initiatives on Article V. (BCC)
  8. Support increased funding for Seminole Community College. (BCC)
  9. Support state funding of specified Florida Department of Transportation projects located in Seminole County. (PW)
- A. State Road 46 – Expand to 4-Lanes

From: Sanford Avenue  
To: State Road 415

This roadway is currently a two-lane roadway with an average daily traffic volume of 23,000. From a traffic flow perspective, the roadway fails during the peak hours. It serves as a vital link for an emergency route for both hurricane and traffic incidents (accidents on Interstate 4). More importantly, it provides access to the Orlando Sanford Airport, which is a major economic driver in Seminole County. This project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list but currently has no funding. The total cost of the project including PD&E, Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction is approximately 20 Million Dollars.

#### B. State Road 415 – Expand to 4-Lanes

From: State Road 46  
To: Volusia County Line

This roadway is currently a two-lane roadway with an average daily traffic volume of 21,000. State Road 415 and U.S. Highway 17/92 are the only roads besides Interstate 4 that serves Volusia and Seminole Counties. From a traffic flow perspective, the roadway fails during the peak hours. The roadway is part of the regional plan to provide relief to State Road 46 and other roadways by connecting it directly to the County's Lake Mary Boulevard Extension. It serves as a vital link for an emergency route for both hurricane and traffic incidents (accidents on Interstate 4). More importantly, it provides access to the Orlando Sanford Airport, which is a major economic driver in Seminole County. This project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list and is currently funded for PD&E and Design. The total remaining cost of the project which includes Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction is approximately 15 Million Dollars.

#### C. State Road 434 and Interstate 4 Interchange – Interchange Reconstruction

This interchange is currently deficient from a traffic flow perspective. This obsolete interchange also creates vertical clearance (height) problems for the truck traffic on State Road 46. This project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list but currently has no funding. The total cost of the project including PD&E, Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction is approximately 30 Million Dollars.

#### D. State Road 434 and Interstate 4 Interchange – Interchange Reconstruction

Currently almost 200,000 trips a day pass through this interchange (State Road 434 – 54,000 trips and Interstate 4 – 134,000 trips). From a traffic flow perspective, the roadway fails not only during the peak hours but throughout most of the day. Seminole County is funding the 6-laning of State Road 434 through this interchange but cannot 6-lane this section of State Road 434 without the interchange being reconstructed. The construction of this 6-laning will take place within the next 10-years. This interchange project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list but currently has no funding and it appears funding would not be available for the next 15-years. The total cost of the project including PD&E, Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction is between 50 and 100 Million Dollars depending on the final interchange type.

## ISSUES FOR MONITORING

Outlined below are proposed issues that require monitoring.

1. Funding increase or no reduction in the following programs:
  - State aid to Library Programs (L&LS)
  - Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) (L&LS)
  - Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (L&LS)
  - Medicaid (CS)
  - Environmental Health Fees (CS)
  - Preservation 2000 (P2000) & Florida Forever.
2. Any bill that proposes the deletion of the County Emergency Radio System/\$12.50 Surcharge. (IT)
3. Any legislation addressing Living Wage. (CM)
4. Florida Sheriff's Association Baker Act Reform Bill. (CS)
5. Appropriations to last year's HB 751 which requires DCF to get an actuarial analysis of need and provide community based treatment to address those needs, depending on available appropriations. (CS)
6. The Florida Drug Control Strategy which has a goal of reduction of drug abuse by 50% by 2005 (CS)
7. Support requirement for electrical and alarm system contractors to be state certified. (P&D)
8. Changes to the budget process statutory calendar. (FS)
9. Changes to require that all local governments have an independent financial advisor when issuing debt instruments. (FS)
10. Re-design of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process. (FS)
11. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) changes ranging from allowing counties to contribute land or projects rather than TIF payments or capping the percentage of the TIF payment after a certain number of years. Consideration should also provide an allowance for a multi party Interlocal agreement between County, municipalities and other taxing authorities/special districts to establish the level and extent of TIF participation. (ED)
12. Seek clarification on Growth Management CB/SB 1906 as it relates to the requirement for a representative from the School Board to serve on the County's Local Planning Agency. (P&D)
- 23 Changes that require certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers or EMDs, who operate as a 911 dispatchers offering basic lifesaving instructions to the caller pre-arrival emergency care. (IT)

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