



Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 10/19/2021

PLACEMENT: Departmental

TITLE:

FDOT KANNER HIGHWAY (SR-76) LANDSCAPING PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is actively designing a \$1.289 million landscape improvement project for Kanner Highway (SR-76) from SE Cove Road to SE Monterey Road. Construction is projected to begin in October of 2023. FDOT has reached out to Martin County to determine interest in contributing funds for the installation and maintenance of the project.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: **Name:** Todd Warren and Kylie Yanchula

Title: Vegetation Maintenance Manager and Field Operations Administrator

REQUESTED BY: Martin County Board of County Commissioners

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

The Florida Department of Transportation is actively designing a \$1.289 million landscape improvement project for Kanner Highway (SR-76) from SE Cove Road to SE Monterey Road. Construction is projected to begin in October of 2023. The landscape architecture firm for the project, Cotleur and Hearing, is currently working on the conceptual landscape design plans which were presented at the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on September 20th, 2021. On September 28th, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners expressed interest in expediting the project timeline and the Chair submitted a letter to this end on October 1st, 2021.

The conceptual design presented at the MPO Board meeting assumed the highest level of landscaping aesthetic. The current FDOT budget would need to be supplemented by County contributions (\$635,963.65) for this level of aesthetic to be achieved. Alternatively, the County may contribute fewer funds and the landscaping design will be determined by the overall budget. The landscape architect developed renderings and projected costs associated with a high, medium, and low level of aesthetic for the Board to consider. Rough cost estimates for annual maintenance were developed using ArcGIS and the roadside landscape maintenance contract.

Upon selection of the desired County contribution amount, if any, FDOT will require a Letter of Commitment from the Board. The desired funding level contribution must be provided to FDOT this

fiscal year so the project can be designed accordingly.

ISSUES:

The financial obligation cannot be absorbed by the current Roadway MSTU budget. Staff will have to defer projects or take the funds out of general fund reserves, which would need to be replenished in next year's budget.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

1. Move that the Board provide direction to staff in terms of the desired level of aesthetic and contribution amounts.
2. Move that the Chair execute a Letter of Commitment for the contribution amount and future maintenance to the Florida Department of Transportation.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Move that the Board provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

Move that the Board select the level of capital contribution toward the desired level aesthetic (High: \$632,600, Medium: \$402,900, or Low: \$250,000).

Move that the Board accept maintenance responsibility for the project, for which the actual annual maintenance costs will be determined upon completion of the design (estimated at High: \$65,834, Medium: \$54,605, or Low: \$33,803). County maintenance will not begin until 2 years after construction, so a budget request form will be brought to the board in the appropriate fiscal year (currently projected to be FY2025).

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
Roads MSTU as indicated in fiscal impact recommendation based on the desired level of aesthetic and direction from the Board	\$250,000 - \$632,600	
Roads MSTU as indicated in fiscal impact recommendation based on the desired level of aesthetic and direction from the Board	Estimated Range \$33,803-\$65,834 (projected in FY2025)	
Subtotal		
Project Total		

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Move that the Board contributes no additional funds toward the FDOT project.

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

- ☐ Budget Transfer / Amendment ☒ Chair Letter ☐ Contract / Agreement
☐ Grant / Application ☐ Notice ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
☐ Other:

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