



2017 Budget Turkey Watch Report

*An analysis of the transparency and
accountability of the budget process*

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The *2017 Budget Turkey Watch Report: An analysis of the transparency and accountability of the budget process* is the result of an annual independent review of Florida's new budget by Florida TaxWatch. The report promotes additional oversight and integrity in the state's budgeting process based on the principle that: because money appropriated by the Legislature belongs to the taxpayers of Florida, the process must be transparent and accountable, and every appropriation should receive deliberation and public debate.

The \$82.4 billion budget passed by the Florida House and Senate for FY2017-18 contains 111 appropriations items qualifying as Budget Turkeys worth \$177.8 million. Most of these (79 projects worth \$139.4 million) are transportation projects that are not in the Department of Transportation Work Program. Because new appropriations rules resulted in many member projects being heard in committee and very few projects being added during the budget conference committee process, the budget contains approximately 600 additional member projects worth more than \$425 million that do not qualify as Budget Turkeys.

Budget Turkeys are items, usually local member projects, placed in individual line-items or accompanying proviso language that are added to the final appropriations bill without being fully scrutinized and subjected to the budget committee process or that circumvented established processes.

The Budget Turkey label does not signify judgment of a project's worthiness. Instead, the review focuses solely on the Florida budget process, and the purpose of the Budget Turkey label is to ensure that all appropriations using public funds receive the deliberation, debate, and accountability they deserve.

The annual Budget Turkey Report spotlights legislative projects placed in the budget without proper opportunity for public review and debate

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS – THE GOOD AND THE BAD

This year's legislative budget process improved the transparency and accountability of member projects, but conference negotiations got contentious and much of the major budget decisions were made behind closed doors by the Senate President and House Speaker. A period of several days of silence on the budget left members of the public, the media, and even many legislators, wondering what was happening. An agreement finally emerged, but not soon enough to finish on time. The session had to be extended by three days to pass the budget and budget implementing and conforming bills.

The budget process began with new House rules governing member projects and a pledge of an open and transparent budget process. The rule change was significant, and Florida TaxWatch applauded the announcement, as the new rules promote the same goals as the Turkey Watch report.

Speaker Richard Corcoran, addressing the House during the organizational session back in November said the new member project rules are needed to due to an “epidemic level” of budget earmarks. “No longer will we have to tolerate last-minute appropriations being stuck into our budget with little or no public scrutiny, in the waning hours of session, literally written on the back of a napkin that they got from the bar the night before,” Corcoran told House members.

The new rules require members to file a separate bill containing his or her member project request. In order for that appropriation to be eligible for inclusion in the House budget, the bill has to be approved by a House committee or subcommittee, but committee approval does not guarantee inclusion. The bill can only contain one appropriation project, cannot be amended, and may only request non-recurring funds. A project request form is also required, which provides a summary of the project, as well as some details on how the money will be spent and what the outcomes and benefits are expected to be.

After some initial conflict over the new rules, the House and Senate agreed to joint rules governing member projects that provided that no project could be added to the conference report without having been first included in the House and/or Senate budget. Items added in conference have traditionally made up a majority of the Turkey Watch report. Information on the request must be publicly available before being put in the budget.

The result was that only a handful of projects made into the budget during conference. While falling short of the goal of no conference additions, this is still a very positive improvement, as projects being added in conference have become an epidemic. There were still “sprinkle lists”—the supplemental appropriations submitted at the very end of the budget conference with no discussion or debate. The lists are pre-approved, the two chambers simply accept each other's lists. In recent years, these lists have included new projects, some of which had not even been mentioned publicly. This year, the House had 16 items worth \$11.5 million on its sprinkle list and the Senate had 78 items worth \$47.2 million. The lists contained increased funding for various items, but added no new projects, although there were projects added back that had fallen out during conference. The amount of supplement funding is also well below that of recent years.

With a few exceptions, committee hearings on member projects were pro forma, with very little discussion or debate. House committees approved 516 appropriations project bills and no bills were voted down. In fact, of the thousands of votes cast, Florida TaxWatch counted nine no votes, and six of these were on one bill (that project ultimately made it into the final budget after appearing in the Senate budget.) This rather cursory public review was expected, there is simply not enough time during session to thoroughly debate each project when there are so many requested. This highlights the need for the establishment of more competitive review and selection processes that take place before the Legislature decides what to fund (see the Recommendations section of this report.)

The appropriations bill format also contained some good changes. Each member project had the number of the House bill or Senate information form that requested it printed next to the project. Even more important, recurring base appropriations projects were also listed in the proviso language. These items, many of which are former member projects, are generally not visible in the budget, they just continue to be funded. In addition, this year some of these were eliminated from the budget and many were changed from recurring to non-recurring, meaning this is the last year of funding unless they are requested and approved again.

While the new rules certainly increased the transparency of member projects, it didn't limit them—they were just added sooner. House members filed 1,205 bills requesting appropriations projects, totaling **\$2.6 billion**. Individual representatives made total requests ranging from \$700,000 to \$153 million. The 40 member-Senate requested 996 projects, equaling the House total of \$2.6 billion.

It appears that all projects in the original House budget were in bills that passed one of its appropriations subcommittees, as required by the rules. The Senate was not bound by that requirement, and some of the projects in its budget did not have Senate request forms, although there was a corresponding House bill. So, while the appropriations bill shows the majority of projects were tied to House bills, most of the member projects (by far) originated in the Senate budget.

In total, the final budget contains more than 700 member projects, worth more than \$600 million.

Now comes the Governor's action on the budget. Upset with legislators over funding cuts to VISIT FLORIDA and Enterprise Florida, only a small increase in per-student funding (the FEFP), and a much smaller tax cut package than he recommended, there is the chance that he will veto the entire budget and call Legislators back to try again. More likely is that the Governor will veto parts of the budget, possibly the FEFP and almost certainly many member projects.

BUDGETING WITHOUT DISCIPLINE

Just as the Rule of Law is critically essential in a civil society, so is the integrity, transparency and accountability of the budget process to ensure the highest and best use of the taxpayers' hard earned money.

Florida TaxWatch offers this Report to help the Governor in his deliberations. In addition to projects that qualify as Budget Turkeys, we highlight other areas in the budget that contain numerous member projects that, while they do not qualify, certainly deserve close scrutiny by the Governor.

If the Governor does call the Legislature back into Special Session, appropriations from vetoed projects could be used to fund VISIT FLORIDA and Enterprise Florida, increase the size of the Business Rent Tax cut, or increase the FEFP.

CRITERIA

The Florida TaxWatch Budget Turkey criteria are clearly defined. Appropriations must violate sound budgeting practices in at least one of these ways to be designated as a Budget Turkey:

- A project that circumvents established review and selection processes or has completed the established process but is funded ahead of much higher priority projects (as determined by the selection process);
- Appropriations that are inserted in the budget during conference committee meetings, meaning they did not appear in either the final Senate or House budgets; and/or
- Appropriations from inappropriate trust funds; duplicative appropriations; and appropriations contingent on legislation that did not pass.

Projects first appearing in the budget process during conference are identified by Florida TaxWatch to expose the lack of transparency that occurs during the conference process. Projects that are added during conference are added to the budget without public debate, scrutiny, or vote—even by those Legislators who sit on the conference committees. Most of the individual decisions are made behind closed doors, violating the intent of Florida's open government laws.

All appropriations should be subject to adequate public review, debate, and scrutiny, which requires that all legislators have the opportunity to review proposed appropriations. When projects are added during conference, they have bypassed the normal appropriations subcommittee and committee process. The only legislators that have the ability to publicly vet these expenditures to any degree are those who sit on conference committees, shielding those appropriations from scrutiny by every member.

Budget turkeys are also unfair to organizations and legislators who follow proper appropriations procedures. Some organizations that pursue funding through established grant application processes and have their allocation approved see their funding reduced or eliminated as new projects are added late in conference. In addition, some members who get their projects into either the House or Senate budget early can see their projects removed during conference, with a lack of available revenue often cited as the reason. Later, many projects—some that have never been publicly discussed before—are added to the final budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To further promote the integrity of Florida's budget process, Florida TaxWatch offers these recommendations:

Legislative Appropriations Project Rules - The member project rules that were put in place this year should become permanent, and continue to be improved upon. The new practice of detailing the recurring projects in the base budget should also be continued.

Competitive Selection Processes - There continue to be a large number of member and local projects added to the budget, and the lack of a systematic review and selection process in some areas is becoming more and more apparent. Some areas in the budget routinely include a significant number of member projects. In most of these areas, Florida TaxWatch does not put projects that were included in either the House or Senate budget on the Turkey List; but that does mean they were properly vetted. To make sure that these projects compete for limited funding fairly and meet certain requirements to qualify for funding, Florida TaxWatch recommends the Legislature create such a process in statute for these areas:

- Economic Development Projects
- Housing and Community Development Projects
- Workforce Projects
- Water Projects
- School and Instructional Enhancements
- Private Colleges and Universities
- Mentoring/Student Assistance Initiatives
- Special Local Law Enforcement Projects

Supplemental Funding Lists – In recent years, the budget conference process ends with each chamber accepting the other chamber's supplemental funding lists. This is done without public debate or discussion and the lists have been developed and already agreed to in private. The list includes increased funding for some projects already in the budget and can also introduce new projects, some of which had not been discussed before. This did not happen this year, although some projects that had been removed during the conference negotiations were added back. It is understandable that there can be some money left over when negotiations are finished. Adding money to existing projects in this way, while certainly not the best budget practice, is not as bad as adding new projects.

Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund) – The Legislature created this program to fund transportation projects that promote economic development and growth. It has turned into a way for the Legislature to add local transportation projects to the budget. This year, the House attempted to repeal this program in a bill that would have eliminated Enterprise Florida. While the statute was not repealed, the budget conference report does not have a line-item for the Road Fund, but there is now one simply called Local Transportation Projects. While this is a more truthful description, it also removes even the appearance of a

selection process. If the Economic Development Transportation Project program is going to stay, it should actually be used or a new program, with whatever criteria the Legislature sees fit, should be established. Most importantly, a set amount of funding should be established so DOT may include it in the Work Program and the Legislature should not exceed that amount unless it uses general revenue to fund the additional cost. Florida TaxWatch recommends that the Legislature stop earmarking these projects to allow a process to decide which projects have the highest return on investment and to ensure they are considered within the state's coordinated transportation planning process.

“Public money ought to be touched with the most scrupulous conscientiousness of honor. It is not the produce of riches only, but of the hard earnings of labor and poverty.”

Thomas Paine

FLORIDA TAXWATCH 2017-18 BUDGET TURKEYS

PROJECTS ADDED IN CONFERENCE

The joint rule on appropriations prohibited member projects from being added during the budget conference process, meaning they had to be included in either the House or Senate budget as passed by the respective chamber. This was a welcome and long overdue rule, and one Florida TaxWatch has been recommending for years. Local projects added in conference have historically made up the lion's share of the Turkey Watch report. These conference additions were almost eliminated this year, but a few projects found their way in during the process.

Note: throughout this report, **bold bill numbers** indicate that a bill *did* pass a House committee.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DOE	96	Big Brothers Big Sisters - Bigs Inspiring Student Success	\$500,000			Hills/mult.		2202
DOE	110	Small, Isolated Schools Supplement - Steinhatchee School	\$400,000			Taylor		2216
APD	240	Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc.		\$300,000		Miami-Dade	3047/ 2739	1288/1515
Elder	391	Alzheimer's Project, Inc	\$150,000			Leon	2307	2221
Elder	394	Self Reliance Inc. - West FL Health & Safety for Seniors Pilot Project	\$575,000			Hillsborough	2737	2145
DFS	2372A	Marco Island Fire Station	\$750,000			Collier	3323	
Total			\$2,375,000	\$300,000				

Big Brothers Big Sisters also receives \$4.2 million in three other line-items in the budget, including a \$3.0 million recurring base appropriation for mentoring services. This \$500,000 appropriation for Bigs Inspiring Scholastic Success program was added in conference.

The Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc. (ADE) had two member project requests—a Geriatric Program for Seniors with Developmental Disabilities and a Culinary Training Program. The Geriatric Program was funded in the Senate budget (\$150,000) but the Culinary Training Project was not in either budget. In conference, it was added to the Geriatric Program appropriation.

The other items were straightforward conference additions.

APPROPRIATIONS CONTINGENT ON LEGISLATION THAT DID NOT PASS

Sometimes, the Legislature will add proviso language to an appropriation, making it contingent on legislation becoming law. This appropriation was contingent on the passage of SB 406 (or similar legislation). That legislation, implementing the Medical Marijuana constitutional amendment and creating the Coalition, did not pass this session.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DOH	454	Coalition for Medical Cannabis Research	\$750,000		S			

APPROPRIATIONS BYPASSING ESTABLISHED REVIEW/APPROVAL PROCESSES

The following projects did not violate the Legislature's member project rules, but Florida TaxWatch finds they circumvented established competitive review and prioritization processes and are funded over projects that adhered to these processes.

College Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

The Legislature funded 22 college construction projects with \$86.5 million, augmenting available Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) revenue with \$56.8 million in general revenue. The Division of Colleges ranks college projects based on expected available revenue in the PECO Trust Fund. The Division requested approximately \$55 million per year over the next three years to fund 14 projects. The priority list also includes 46 additional approved projects for year 4 and beyond. The Legislature funded ten of the top 14 projects—not funding priorities 1, 4, 9, and 13. They also funded 10 projects requested in year 4 or beyond and two projects that were not on the list at all (listed below). Two other funded projects—at Gateway College and Hillsborough Community College—ranked 57th and 58th out of the 60 requested projects.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DOE	20	Daytona SC - Rem/Ren Lenholt Building	\$1,740,000		S	Volusia	2777	1357
DOE	20	Polk SC - Renovate Campus Chiller Plant System Phase I	\$2,500,000		S	Polk	2545	1382
Total			\$ 4,240,000					

University Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

The Legislature funded 21 university construction projects with \$160.7 million, adding \$105.0 million in general revenue to available PECO funds. In its "A" list, which is based on estimated available revenue, the Board of Governors (BOG) requested \$79.3 million for 10 projects, mostly ones that are well underway. The Legislature funded eight of these, although a couple were funded at less than requested. One of the projects, UF's Norman Hall, received \$17.4 million, although funding was not requested until year two. In addition, the BOG had a supplemental or "B" list with 16 more prioritized projects with a total cost of \$283.5 million. The Legislature funded nine of these, funding some lower priority items over higher priorities of the BOG. The Legislature also funded four projects for \$22.1 million that were not requested on either list (listed below).

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DOE	21	FIU - Engineering Building Phase I & II	\$10,000,000		S	Miami-Dade	2763	
DOE	21	FSU - Stem Teaching Lab	\$5,000,000		S	Leon	2357	
DOE	21	FSU - Land Acquisition	\$4,000,000		S	Leon	2215	
DOE	21	USF - Rem/Ren Davis Hall - St. Petersburg	\$3,100,000		S	Pinellas		1440
Total			\$22,100,000					

There is a shortage of available PECO funds for educational facilities. The Legislature is commended for adding some general revenue to fund more projects without bonding. The Legislature should have some discretion when choosing projects to fund, but Florida TaxWatch recommends they stick to projects fully vetted and prioritized by the BOG and the Division of Colleges. The Legislature should focus on finishing projects that are already in the pipeline and not adding new ones with significant future year funding needs.

Agricultural Promotion and Education Facilities

Florida has a program (established in 288.1175, Florida Statutes) to allow local governments and fair associations to apply for state funding for facilities that can be used to promote agriculture in Florida, such as county fair agricultural exhibition halls. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is charged with reviewing applications, making sure projects qualify and ranking requests based on factors such as the proposed use of funds, the amount of local match, projected attendance, and history of the requester. This year, the department provided the Legislature with a ranked list of nineteen projects that met the requirements for funding. Despite this process, the department does not request money for these projects in its legislative budget request and the Governor did not recommend funding. The Legislature funded nine projects worth \$2.6 million. Two of these projects were not vetted and approved through the statutory process.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DACS	1455A	Arcadia Rodeo Equestrian Facility	\$500,000		S	Desoto	3071	1647
DACS		Pasco County Fair Association	\$860,000		S	Pasco		2186
Total			\$1,360,000					

Local Parks

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is a state competitive grant program that allows local governments to apply for financial assistance grants to develop and/or acquire land for public outdoor recreational use. It is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This program was funded with \$10.4 million last year. Despite funding in both the House (\$3.1 million) and Senate (\$5.4 million) budgets this year, all funding for FRDAP was removed during conference. Instead, the Legislature funded these (member project) local parks and land acquisition projects.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DEP	1700A	Columbia County Rum Island Restroom Construction	\$150,000		HS	Columbia	2355	
DEP		Clay County Camp Chowenaw Park Improvements	\$ 400,000		S	Clay	4315	2080
DEP		Historic Spring Park Public Access St. Johns River	\$ 600,000		S	Clay	4319	
DEP		Pahokee Commissioners Park	\$ 550,000		S	Palm Beach	2843	1408
DEP	1701A	Homosassa River Heritage Park Land Acquisition	\$ 850,000		S	Citrus	2455	
DEP	1701B	East Ridge Reserve - Hamm Parcel Acquisition	\$ 1,169,265		S	Martin	2407	
Total			\$3,719,265					

Transportation Projects Not in the Work Program

This year saw what is likely a record number of local member transportation projects that are not in the DOT Work Program being put in the budget. The Turkey Watch report always flags these programs. The Work Program is developed jointly each year with metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and the federal government. The Work Program is funded through the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) and spending those limited dollars on other projects can leave approved projects unfunded, negatively impacting the Work Program and Florida's coordinated, statewide transportation system.

The Legislature created the Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund) program to give them some discretion to add projects that promote economic development and growth. DOT, with input from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Enterprise Florida (EFI), are supposed to review the projects and give final approval. The law contains requirements and criteria for evaluation. However, this fund has simply become a way to get local projects in the budget. There is \$15 million allocated in the work program for these projects, but the Legislature has consistently exceeded that amount—including \$39 million last year.

The bill the House passed early in the session to eliminate EFI also would have eliminated the Road Fund. While the statute was not repealed, the budget conference report does not have a line-item for the Road Fund, but there is now one simply called Local Transportation Projects. While this is a more truthful description, it also removes even the appearance of a selection process. This line-item grew to 50 projects at a cost of \$81.5 million. Some of these were funded for more than requested. **Add to this 29 other local member projects spread through the DOT budget and there are 79 member projects worth \$139.4 million.** Florida TaxWatch recommends that the Legislature stop earmarking these projects to allow the process to decide which projects have the highest return on investment and to ensure they are considered within the state's coordinated transportation planning process. (see Appendix A for full list)

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
DOT	1921A	Local Transportation Projects - 50 projects		\$81,510,744				
DOT	other	32 other projects throughout the DOT budget		\$59,561,069				
		Total		\$141,071,813				

Historic Properties

The Legislature provided \$6.1 million for Special Categories Grants, which is enough to fund the top 15 of the 87 projects on the full ranked list submitted to the Legislature by the Department of State. The Florida Historical Commission had voted to recommend the top 57. These projects were funded ahead of many that went through the competitive process. While the Port Boca Lighthouse was #55 on the list, the other three were not listed.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
State	3112A	Camp Matecumbe Historical Chapel Restoration	\$275,000		H	Miami-Dade	3441	1129
State		Historic Gulfview Hotel Restoration	\$300,000		H	Okaloosa	3851	
State		Happy Workers Learning Center Rehab/Rest	\$350,000		S	Pinellas	3959	
State		Repairs in Port Boca Lighthouse	\$89,435		S	Lee		2211
Total			\$1,014,435					

Libraries

The budget provides \$28.3 million in state aid for local libraries as matching funds for operating costs. In addition, despite both the House and Senate providing funding for library construction grants in their original budget, all construction grant funding was removed during conference. The \$7.5 million in the House budget would have funded the entire ranked list. This one library was earmarked for funding.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
State	3127	Parkland Library Master Plan Expansion	\$100,000		S	Broward	3825	

Cultural and Museum Grants

The Legislature provided \$11.1 million for General Program Support Grants. While this is a significant investment in cultural projects, it will fund less than a third of the ranked list. The Legislature earmarked funding for five member projects that will be funded ahead of hundreds or other projects that went through the grant process. One of them, Great Explorations Children’s Museum, was on the ranked list, high enough to be funded. This appropriation is additional.

PROJECTS IN THIS CATEGORY

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM
State	3139	St. Petersburg Warehouse Arts District Project	\$400,000		S	Pinellas	2353	1146
State		Great Explorations Children's Museum	\$400,000		S	Pinellas	4385	1131
State		African Museum of Arts and Culture Center	\$500,000		S	Miami-Dade	2925	1502
State		African American History Museum at Historic Roosevelt High	\$350,000		S	Palm Beach		2131
State		Education and Access to Performing Arts Pogram	\$500,000		S	Pinellas	2351	
State		PIAG Museum	\$263,000		H	Miami-Dade	4269	
Total			\$2,413,000					

OTHER PROJECTS OF NOTE

These member projects do not qualify as Budget Turkeys. However, they are areas that have historically contained numerous member projects that deserve special scrutiny. The Governor should give them that review.

DEP 1606A Water Projects - 95 projects worth \$56 million. There is a Water Projects Grant Program in statute, but over the years that process has been stripped of most of its criteria, requirements, and oversight. It should be noted that the appropriations project rules require additional information in project request forms for water projects.

DEO 2198A Work Force Projects - 15 projects worth \$7.6 million

DEO 2224M Housing and Community Development Projects - 52 projects worth \$23.1 million

DEO 2226H Economic Development Projects - 20 projects worth \$16.2 million

DOE 110 School and Instructional Enhancements - 32 projects worth \$19.4 million.
There are also \$12 million worth of recurring programs in the base.

Various Non-State Fixed Capital Outlay – 69 projects worth \$49.8 million. These funds go to private organizations and local governments for buildings/facilities the state does not/will not own.

APPENDIX A

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - NOT IN WORK PROGRAM

Note: throughout this report, **bold bill numbers** indicate that a bill *did* pass a House committee.

AGENCY	LINE ITEM	PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION	GR	TF	H/S	COUNTY	HB	SEN FORM	
DOT	1865	Syn-Tech Systems, Inc - upgrades to fuel/fleet mgt	-	\$1,125,000	S	NA	2489		
DOT	1870	Volusia Co - Daytona Beach Intl Airport	-	\$3,000,000	S	Volusia	2151		
DOT		City of Pensacola - Pensacola Intl Airport Commerce Park	-	\$1,396,069	S	Escambia	3297		
DOT	1871	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Auth - Memorial Causeway Busway Project	-	\$1,000,000	S	Pinellas	3893		
DOT	1872	High Springs/Newberry Rail Trail	-	\$500,000	S	Alachua	2689		
DOT	1875	Port of Panama City - ship building infrastructure	-	\$7,500,000	S	Bay		1975	
DOT		Port of St. Joe - construct floating dry dock	-	\$5,000,000	S	Gulf		1976	
DOT		Port of Panama City - dredging	-	\$2,000,000	S	Bay		1975	
DOT		Port St, Joe - dredging	-	\$1,000,000	S	Gulf		1976	
DOT	1877	County Road 220 3R, Railroad and Safety Improvements	-	\$2,750,000	S	Clay		1904	
DOT	1879	City of South Bay - development of inland port (SB Park of Commerce)	-	\$1,000,000	S	Palm Beach		2255	
DOT		Hendry Co - Airglades Airport - perishable air cargo complex	-	\$1,000,000	S	Hendry		2256	
DOT	1911	Road Ranger Program - increase	-	\$500,000	S	-		2126	
DOT		Sunny Isle Beach Drainage Imorvements - Miami-Dade Co	-	\$300,000	S	Miami-Dade	3391		
DOT	1913	Bartow Northern Connector, Phase II	-	\$7,500,000	S	Polk	4063		
DOT		CR 437 Realignment Complete Steet - Lake Co	-	\$3,000,000	S	Lake	3977		
DOT		Boutwell Road/Lake Worth Park of Commerce Improvements	-	\$3,000,000	S	Palm Beach	2241		
DOT		Williamson Boulevard 4 Laning, Daytona Beach	-	\$2,950,000	S	Volusia	2289		
DOT		The Bluffs, Pensacola Bridge Project	-	\$3,100,000	S	Escambia	3919		
DOT		City of Venice Road Improvements Phase II	-	\$1,000,000	S	Sarasota	2061		
DOT		City of West Park, Neighborhood Traffice Calming Plan	-	\$750,000	S	Broward	2423		
DOT		Santa Rosa Co - I-10 Industrial Park, Phase 2 Access Road	-	\$1,000,000	S	Santa Rosa	4067		
DOT		PJ Adams Aprkway Widening, Okaloosa Co	-	\$1,750,000	S	Okaloosa		2129	
DOT		CR 280A, City of Defuniak Sprngs	-	\$1,500,000	S	Walton	4183		
DOT		SR 79 Corridor, City of Bonifay - ROA Organization	-	\$1,000,000	S	Holmes, Washington	4211		
DOT		Commerce Parkway Connector, City of Bunnell	-	\$50,000	S	Flagler		2224	
DOT		1916	City of Jacksonville - installation of pedestrian signals,, refuge islands, sidewalk and street lighting	-	\$1,100,000	S	Duval	2331	
DOT		1918	Veterans Memorial Bridge Replacement - Leon Co	-	\$530,000	S	Leon	2487	
DOT	Fort Denaud Bridge Rehabilitation - Hendry Co		-	\$1,000,000	S	Hendry		1152	
DOT	1921A	Ludlam Trail Corridor Acquisition	-	\$5,000,000	HS	Miami-Dade	3009		
DOT		Sweetwater Complete Streets Project	-	\$500,000	H	Miami-Dade	2997		
DOT		City of Miami Gardens Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Bridge and Tunnel Construction	-	\$11,857,125	HS	Miami-Dade	3459		
DOT		Interstate 75 & Overpass Road Interchange	-	\$15,000,000	HS	Pasco	3573		
DOT		The Underline	-	\$5,000,000	HS	Miami-Dade	3457		
DOT		87th Avenue Ramp to Miami-Dade Expressway	-	\$1,000,000	HS	Miami-Dade	2031		
DOT		Good Wheels, Inc. - Route Scheduling Software	-	\$225,516	H	Lee	3237		
DOT		Sunny Isles Beach Complete Streets Project	-	\$250,000	H	Miami-Dade	3863		

DOT		River Road	–	\$3,000,000	HS	Sarasota	2465	
DOT		TBARTA Moving The Region Forward	–	\$250,000	HS	Multiple	3663	
DOT		Parkland Roadway Stabilization	–	\$250,000	H	Pasco	3817	
DOT		Southwest Ranches Street Lighting Project	–	\$200,000	HS	Broward	2195	
DOT		Town of Davie - Davie Road Downtown Improvements	–	\$220,000	HS	Broward	2619	
DOT		City of Pembroke Pines Senior Transportation Program	–	\$218,181	H	Broward	2731	
DOT		SW 25th Street/SW 48th Avenue Drainage Improvement	–	\$250,000	H	Broward	3035	
DOT		Citrus Grove Road	–	\$10,000,000	H	Lake	3589	
DOT		Airport Industrial Park Connector Road and Utilities Project	–	\$3,000,000	H	Manatee	4289	
DOT		University Drive North Resurfacing	–	\$300,000	H	Broward	3167	
DOT		Plant City Collins Street Improvements	–	\$750,000	HS	Hillsborough	4297	
DOT		Southwest Ranches Safety Guardrail	–	\$375,000	H	Broward	3145	
DOT		Poston Drive Roadway Improvements	–	\$261,303	H	Bay	3635	
DOT		Beulah Interchange at I-10 & Infrastructure	–	\$250,000	H	Escambia	3773	
DOT		City of DeFuniak Springs US 331 Gas System Upgrades and Expansion	–	\$250,000	H	Walton	4181	
DOT		Nassau Oaks Subdivision Roadway Improvements	–	\$250,000	HS	Nassau	3089	
DOT		Port of Fernandina Multi Purpose Dock Crane and Warehouse	–	\$3,000,000	S	Nassau	3859	
DOT		Sandspur Regional Connector in the City of Maitland	–	\$375,000	HS	Orange	2255	
DOT		Pine Hills Road and Silver Star Road Intersection Design of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements	–	\$200,000	S	Orange		2094
DOT	1921A	State Road 687 (3rd & 4th Sts) and 8th/MLK Sts Downtown St. Petersburg-Preliminary Engineering Study to Convert One Way Street to Two Way Street	–	\$200,000	H	Pinellas	4395	
DOT		State Road 7 Pedestrian Lights, City of West Park	–	\$650,000	S	Broward	2491	
DOT		Wilton Manors Sidewalk Connectivity, Broward County	–	\$600,000	S	Broward	3339	
DOT		City of Jacksonville-Crosswalk Countdown Traffic Signal Heads Installation	–	\$1,231,072	S	Duval	2333	
DOT		Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation	–	\$1,000,000	S	Pinellas		1344
DOT		PD&E Study of Clinton Avenue Intersection Realignment at U.S. 98 and U.S.301, Pasco County	–	\$500,000	S	Pasco	3571	
DOT		Lauderdale Lakes Comprehensive Sidewalk Improvement Project	–	\$200,000	S	Broward	2541	
DOT		City of Belle Glade SW Avenue J Roadway Project	–	\$1,028,635	S	Palm Beach	2841	
DOT		OLLI-Automated / Driverless Advanced Technology Transportation Shuttle Program, Duval County	–	\$250,000	S	Duval	3831	
DOT		Walton County, CR 30-A, Intermodal Transportation Innovation Program	–	\$1,960,000	S	Walton	4207	
DOT		Bridge Road Town Center Project, Martin County	–	\$3,630,000	S	Martin	2079	
DOT		Treasure Island Causeway Multimodal Improvements	–	\$1,200,000	S	Pinellas	2017	
DOT		Mapp Road Town Center Project in Palm City	–	\$2,000,000	S	Martin	2297	
DOT		DIA Downtown Street Light Improvements, Duval County	–	\$1,400,000	S	Duval		2270
DOT		Hogan's Creek Greenway, Duval County	–	\$535,000	S	Duval		2271
DOT		Northbank Riverwalk, Gefen Bridge	–	\$200,000	S	Duval		2269
DOT		Key Biscayne Adaptive Traffic Signalization	–	\$165,000	S	Miami-Dade	2905	
DOT		Coral Springs Westside Facility Hardening	–	\$750,000	S	Broward	3809	
DOT		Multi-Modal Transit Station, Downtown Palmetto Bay	–	\$428,912	S	Miami-Dade	4239	

DOT		Goodland Drive Rehabilitation, Collier County	–	\$500,000	S	Collier	3325	
DOT	1921A	U.S. 301/Relmagine Gall Boulevard - Zephyrhills	–	\$350,000	S	Pasco	3705	
DOT		Muscogee Road Freight Corridor Improvements - Escambia	–	\$500,000	H	Escambia	3777	
DOT	1922	Unmanned aerial and submersible vehicle bridge inspection - Pilot	–	\$635,000	S	Multiple		1493
Total					\$139,446,813			

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