



Agenda Item Summary

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2023 Transportation Alternatives Grant Applications

Presenter:

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Description:

Staff have prepared Transportation Alternatives grant applications for the planning, design and construction of two non-motorized transportation projects. The first is a 1.45 mile multi-use path on the north side of SR 26, connecting the town of Melrose and the Black Lake Preserve. The second is a 1.87 mile sidewalk on the north side of NE 27th/Copeland Avenue, connecting the Copeland community. Staff are requesting Board authorization of the manager's signature as required per grant applications.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Manager's signature for 2023 Transportation Alternatives grant applications.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

As of now, no budget has been set aside for potential fiscal impacts associated with obtaining the FDOT grants. In the event of grant approval, revenue sources will need to be identified, and a Local Area Program (LAP) agreement will be presented to the Board for approval.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity, Environment, Public Safety, and Infrastructure

Background:

SR 26/Black Lake Preserve Multi-Use Path –

Alachua County is seeking funds for the design and construction of a SR 26/Black Lake Preserve Multi-Use Path. The project is intended to provide safe, non-motorized access on SR 26, connecting the Town of Melrose to the County's newly acquired Black Lake Preserve, enhancing access to nature, shops, restaurants and civic destinations. The project originated from Community input and is also reflective of input received at a recent FDOT District 2 Community Charrette regarding Complete Streets and safety enhancements for the Town of Melrose. This project will be designed to serve users of 'all ages and abilities,' including a 12' wide paved asphalt typical section, high-emphasis markings at intersections, and advisory and wayfinding signage. It will connect an existing sidewalk on the north side of SR 26 at County Boat Ramp Road to a planned parking/trailhead area 450' north of SR 25 on NE 225th St/Totem Pole Road. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,599,431.

NE 27th/Copeland Avenue Sidewalk –

Alachua County is seeking funds for the planning, design and construction of a 5' sidewalk along NE 27th ("Copeland") Avenue. The project is intended to provide safe, non-motorized access on NE 27th Avenue, better connecting the Copeland Community and enhancing access to residences, Copeland Park, Gumroot Park, a community market, and a church. The Copeland Community, designated by US Census data as an 'Area of Persistent Poverty' and 'Historically Disadvantaged,' has shown strong support for adding a sidewalk to NE 27th Avenue. This project will be designed to serve users of 'all ages and abilities,' including physical separation from the roadway, accessible curb ramps, high-emphasis markings at intersections, and advisory signage as appropriate. It will capitalize on recent County investments, including roadway repaving, drainage improvements, and a raised speed table at Copeland Community Park. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,832,063.