



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - County Manager

I.4.

10/10/2023

Subject:

Brevard County 2024 Legislative Program

Fiscal Impact:

Not applicable

Dept/Office:

County Manager's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider the 2024 staff recommended Legislative Initiatives, identify priorities for the October 25, 2023, Legislative Delegation Meeting, and determine whether to appoint a Commissioner to present the County's legislative priorities to the delegation or to submit them for the record.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to review the legislative items that staff has prepared for Board consideration as legislative priorities for the State Legislature's 2024 session. The items the Board supports and authorizes or any additional items the Board directs to be added will make up the items that our legislative delegation will be asked to pursue.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item I.4., Brevard County 2024 Legislative Program.

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 10, 2023, discussed and identified the following as its legislative priorities for the State Legislature's 2024 session: support fixed capital outlay funding for a new advanced wastewater treatment plant to serve the growing population of Port St. John and the economic development associated from the space industry at NASA and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station with funding being used for the construction of a new 1.5 million gallon per day (MGD) advanced wastewater treatment plant, funding for the construction and widening of Ellis Road to four lanes for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Office's (TPO), and Central Florida Metropolitan Office Alliance's number one transportation priority and is a critical component for the continued growth and economic expansion of the community, \$3 million in State funding for canal/channel muck dredging in the Merritt Island area, and the Micco boat ramp project; appointed Commissioner Steele to present the Legislative initiatives, at the October 25, 2023, Legislative Delegation meeting; and directed Commissioner Tobia to create and execute a letter on behalf of the Board, to Randy Fine, Florida House of Representatives Chairman, providing him Board support to seek funding from the State of Florida, with Brevard County as the requesting agency, for the purchase, design, and construction of a boat ramp at 4100 Main Street, Micco, FL.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

cc: Each Commissioner
County Attorney
Finance
Budget

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Staff Recommended 2024 Legislative Initiatives

Utility Services

Infrastructure Optimization

- ✓ • **SUPPORT** Fixed Capital Outlay funding for a new Advanced Wastewater Treatment plant to serve the growing population of Port St. John and the economic development associated from the space industry at NASA and Cape Canaveral SFB. Funding will be used for the construction of a new 1.5 million gallon per day (MGD) advanced wastewater treatment plant.
- **SUPPORT** Fixed Capital Outlay funding for new Advanced Wastewater Treatment and Potable Water Treatment plants to upgrade aging facilities and to serve the growing population of South Brevard.
- **SUPPORT** Fixed Capital Outlay funding for the installation of a new second Underground Injection Well to provide essential effluent disposal at the South Beaches Wastewater Treatment Facility addressing previous severe rainfall related discharges to the Indian River Lagoon.
- **SUPPORT** Fixed Capital Outlay funding for a water treatment plant expansion and the addition of new potable water wells to service the Mims / North Brevard area.

Transportation Infrastructure Priorities

Ellis Road Widening

- ✓ • **SUPPORT** funding for the construction and widening of Ellis Road to four lanes. This is Brevard County's, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Office's (TPO), and the Central Florida Metropolitan Office Alliance's number one transportation priority and is a critical component for the continued growth and economic expansion of our community.

Natural Resources

Indian River Lagoon and St Johns River

- **SUPPORT** recurring appropriations for the new \$100 million per year Indian River Lagoon Protection Program with state cost-share for Water Projects that **reduce** pollution sources, **remove** legacy loading, **restore** critical ecosystem functions, and provide sound, applied **research** for the Indian River Lagoon, St. John's River Upper Basin, and Lake Washington.
- **SUPPORT** ratification of statewide stormwater rules promulgated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to comply with the 2020 Clean Waterways Act.
- **SUPPORT** algal bloom and PFAS monitoring and remediation.
- ✓ • **SUPPORT** \$3 million in state funding for canal/channel muck dredging in the Merritt Island area.

mico boat ramp

- **SUPPORT** legislative actions that provide local governments with authority to manage jurisdictional waterways for the purpose of boating safety and to protect infrastructure by limiting long-term, on-water vessel storage and the occurrence of derelict vessels.

Resiliency

- **SUPPORT** dedicated state funding of at least \$50 million for cost share grants to sustain sand on Florida's beaches.
- **SUPPORT** funding for a federal Feasibility Study to elevate roads over the lagoon and allow for causeway removal.

Waterways

- **SUPPORT** funding for aerial surveys for manatee population and habitat assessment. Manatee surveys are needed in response to the extensive loss of seagrass in the Indian River Lagoon that has reduced the carrying capacity for manatees and contributed to unprecedented starvation. The aerial surveys will inform risk assessments and help to prioritize urgent habitat restoration.

Mosquito Control

- **SUPPORT** Fixed Capital Outlay funding for the construction of a Biology Laboratory Building.

Brevard Zoo Aquarium Project

- **SUPPORT** additional funding from the state for the Aquarium Project, including the Duane DeFreese Conservation Hub.

Transportation Planning Office Projects

- **SUPPORT** funding for design and right of way from S. Friday Road to Industry Road for the SR 524 Widening Project (Central Area).
- **SUPPORT** funding for the design from St. Johns Heritage Parkway to Minton Road for the Malabar Road Widening Project (South Area).
- **SUPPORT** funding for right of way for multimodal safety improvements from Long Point Road to George King Boulevard in Cape Canaveral for the SR A1A Project (Beachside).
- **SUPPORT** funding for the corridor study and Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Phase for the SR 405/South Street Widening Project (North Area).