

Meeting Date
September 7, 2017



AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	V.L.E.1

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Brevard County 2018 Legislative Program
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Manager's Office

Requested Action:
 It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the 2018 Legislative Program and identify priorities for the September 20, 2017 Legislative Delegation Meeting.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to review the legislative items that staff and related Space Coast Agencies are highlighting for the State Legislature's 2018 session. The items the Board support make up the core of those issues that our legislative team will be asked to pursue.

The Board is requested to approve the 2018 Legislative Program and to identify their top priorities for the upcoming session. Proposals are categorized under the following areas:

- I. Brevard County Initiatives
- II. Brevard County Department Issues
- III. Brevard County Space and Technology Agenda

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: Proposed 2018 Legislative Program Summary

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
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County Manager Frank Abbate	Interim Assistant County Manager Jim Liesenfelt	Department Director / Extension
	Assistant County Manager John Denninghoff	

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2018 Legislative Program Summary

Brevard County Initiatives

Home Rule

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- **SUPPORT** Efforts to amend Section 316.305 (5) Florida Statutes to make texting while driving a primary offense.
- **OPPOSE** any legislative action that dilutes or reduces "Home Rule" principle.

Brevard County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- **SUPPORT** funding for construction of new Brevard County EOC that supports emergency management activities that benefit the United States and the State of Florida through activation for every space launch at Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center as well as support of NASA, military, and Port facilities. (Emergency Management)

Brevard County Infrastructure

- **SUPPORT** funding for the Transportation Planning Organization's highest priority projects--the St. John's Heritage Parkway, Ellis Road Improvements and A1A corridor improvements. (*Public Works*).

BREVARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Central Services Department

- **SUPPORT** funding environmental cleanup of the 108-acre site of the Brevard Correctional Institute, formerly owned and operated by the State of Florida Department of Corrections, including delineation of groundwater and lead impacts in the soil; removal of approximately 5,500 linear feet of underground fuel piping; removal of contaminated soil; demolition of warden's house, staff housing duplex, firing range building and shelters, pole barn, two mobile homes, fencing, pavement, and light poles; and removal of storage tanks, lift stations, and slabs. Work is estimated at roughly \$4 million.

Housing and Human Services

Affordable Housing

- **SUPPORT** retaining the full amount of dedicated documentary stamp tax revenues within the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) towards state and local affordable housing programs.

Funding for Senior Services

- **SUPPORT** \$10,011,455 in State General Revenue funding to serve 1,287 frail seniors (10% of the "most at-risk" seniors) on the Department of Elder Affairs Waiting List for the Community Care/Home Care for the Elderly and Alzheimer's Respite Care Programs.

Public Safety

- **SUPPORT** the state taking shared responsibility for funding local, evidence-based reentry programs, where costs could be leveraged from a reduction in recidivism.

Library Services

- **SUPPORT** legislation to eliminate the North Brevard Library District. The BOCC will create a Titusville Library Advisory Board to replace it.

Natural Resources

Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Implementation

- **SUPPORT** state cost-share to accelerate implementation of projects adopted in the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan to improve water quality and restore healthy conditions to the Indian River Lagoon, matching local funds raised through a voter-approved infrastructure surtax referendum.

Indian River Lagoon Restoration and Stormwater Treatment

- **SUPPORT** initiatives that **reduce** pollution sources, **remove** legacy loading, **restore** critical ecosystem functions and provide sound, applied **research** for the Indian River Lagoon.
- **OPPOSE** preemption of county authority to regulate the use and application of fertilizer.

Beach Erosion Control Funding

- **SUPPORT** a dedicated amount of state funding for beach renourishment sufficient to sustain Florida's beaches. Brevard County projects have submitted a Long Range request of \$800,220 in state funds for fiscal year 2018-2019.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that improves the project ranking criteria and process used to allocate state funding for beach renourishment projects.

Petroleum Clean-up and Pollutant Storage Compliance Verification Program

- **SUPPORT** legislation that upholds state and local funding sources and statutory provisions to assist Local Governments in the Petroleum Restoration Program, Chapter 62-780, F.A.C., and Pollutant Storage Tanks Compliance Verification Program, Chapter 62-761 and 762, F.A.C.

Waterways

- **SUPPORT** the development of a program, process and emergency funding source for removing hurricane debris, including derelict vessels that pollute state waters or impede navigation.
- **SUPPORT** the development of legislation and initiatives that will simplify the requirements for maintenance dredging and muck removal for improved access and reduction of pollutant loads.
- **SUPPORT** revenue allocations to the Florida Boating Improvement Program by fully restoring program appropriations including revenue under section 206.606(1)(d), F.S., dedicating a portion of the revenues attributable to the sale of motor and diesel fuel at marinas.

Parks and Recreation

- **SUPPORT** legislation that allocates funding for Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program for conservation land acquisition and management pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1.

Public Works

- **Oppose** any legislative action that transfers costs from Utility Companies to municipalities.

Tourism Development

- **SUPPORT** recurring funding for the Indian River Lagoon local cost-sharing projects and IRL National Estuaries Program.
- **OPPOSE** any legislation which would expand the legal use of Tourist Development Tax beyond the current statute; and oppose any change to the statute which would lessen local control and oversight.

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2017 SPACE COAST TPO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- **Support Brevard County Road Project Priorities**
 - **St. Johns Heritage Parkway System** - Continue local/state partnerships to construct all segments of the parkway from the south I-95 Interchange to Ellis Road.
 - **Ellis Road Improvements** – Secure funding for construction widening of Ellis Road to four lanes. Strategic Intermodal System designation granted in 2016.
 - **A1A Corridor** – Implement improvements to the A1A corridor from Pineda Causeway to Port Canaveral as recommended in the FDOT feasibility study.
 - **SR 528** – Continue design of widening SR 528 that expands multimodal options, bicycle/pedestrian/recreation features and accommodations for increased freight.
- **Fund regional trails, including the Space Coast Loop** – Consider allocating additional state transportation trust funds for regional multi-purpose trails. Only \$25 million per year is available to construct the 55-mile Space Coast Loop that is the eastern end of the Coast-to-Coast Trail and the southern end of the five-county St. Johns River to Sea Loop. Eight other trail systems are competing for the funds.
- **Expand Passenger and Freight Rail Capacity in Brevard County** - Continue FDOT and private sector investment in quiet zones, freight capacity and one or more passenger rail stops in Brevard County.
- **Expand Port Canaveral's Passenger and Freight Capacity** – Invest in strategic port projects to expand passenger and cargo facility development and support intermodal connections to the port.
- **Invest in Space Transportation Infrastructure** – Continue to prioritize and fund spaceport projects in the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System five year work program to include the replacement of the NASA Causeway Bridges over the Indian River. Incorporate spaceports into all long-range transportation plans and programs with specific policies and procedures for spaceport development.

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