

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/7/23
DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation
REQUESTER: Randy Cerchie
TITLE: Approve FDOT Funding Agreement for Sanibel Causeway [and Matlacha Corridor](#)

I. MOTION REQUESTED

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement and Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation for authorization to apply State appropriated funding to the Sanibel Bridge [and Matlacha Corridor](#) Hurricane Ian Repair projects.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Execute an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which will allocate State appropriated funding to the Sanibel Bridge [and Matlacha Corridor](#) Hurricane Ian Repair Projects. During the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Legislative process the County was awarded \$51,670,049 ([Sanibel](#)) and [\\$12,431,001 \(Matlacha\)](#) to cover the local match required for repairs needed ~~to the Sanibel corridor~~ due to Hurricane Ian. FDOT is managing the contract to complete the repairs and approval of the action will allow the State to apply Lee County's funding directly to the project and adjust the FDOT Work Program.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**A) Board Action and Other History**

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Lee County causing catastrophic damage to the Sanibel Causeway including damage to the approach slabs on all three spans of the Sanibel Bridges along with complete roadway failure on both Islands A and B. Temporary repairs were completed restoring two-way traffic to Sanibel through the Causeway on October 19, 2022. The Florida Department of Transportation hired a design build contractor to complete permanent repairs to the Sanibel Causeway in December 2022. The FDOT team recommended numerous resiliency measures as a part of their design including sheet pile walls, rip rap, gabion baskets, and landscaping improvements to help stabilize the roadway and Causeway Islands. On February 21, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners approved consensus from a Board Workshop and the County asked FDOT to include these resiliency measures in the contract.

During the FY 2023-2024 State legislative request cycle Lee County applied for and was awarded \$51,670,049 in funding to cover the estimated 20% match required for repairs to the Sanibel Causeway. [Lee County also applied for and received \\$12,431,001 for repairs to the Matlacha Corridor.](#) FDOT has been managing the projects and this action will allow FDOT the ability to allocate the County's State appropriation into the FDOT Work Program. Allocating the funds will ensure that FDOT can continue to pay the design build team and apply the County's local match directly to the project expenses.

B) Policy Issues**C) BoCC Goals****D) Analysis****E) Options**

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A)	Current year dollar amount of item: No funding required.
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Expense <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
D)	Discretionary or Mandatory
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A If Mandatory, Required by	
E)	Will this item impact future budget? If yes, include reasons in III. D) Analysis above.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
F)	Fund: Program: Project: Account Strings
G)	<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated <input type="checkbox"/> MSTU <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
H)	Comments:

V. RECOMMENDATION

- Approve
- Decline
- Modify
- Other

If other, please enter here:

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

VII. FOLLOW UP