

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of
County Commissioners

DATE: 5/4/11

FILE: ENA11-011

THRU: Bipin Parikh, P.E.
Assistant County Administrator
(Development Services)

SUBJECT: Locally Funded Agreement Between
the Florida Department of
Transportation and Pasco County for
Improvements at U.S. Alternate 19
and Anclote Boulevard

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REFERENCES: Comm. Dist. 1

It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Pasco County and the District School Board of Pasco County have identified off-site transportation infrastructure improvements associated with Anclote High School (also known as High School FFF) for funding from the School Infrastructure Program from the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The improvements included the extension of the eastbound to northbound, left-turn lane from Anclote Boulevard to U.S. Alternate 19; a southbound to westbound, right-turn lane from U.S. Alternate 19 to Anclote Boulevard; milling and resurfacing of 1,400 feet of Sweetbriar Boulevard; 150 feet of sidewalk with 6 new ramps; and a new traffic signal at Sweetbriar Boulevard and Anclote Boulevard.

The project was designed and a contract for construction with Pepper Construction was approved by the BCC on January 11, 2011, in the amount of \$627,640.74. The project completion date is August 25, 2011. Prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed on February 28, 2011, staff was made aware that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was going to proceed with 100 percent of the plans for improvements on U.S. Alternate 19, from the Pinellas County line to S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) in Pasco County. The FDOT had completed 60 percent design plans for this project about five years ago and, due to recent construction bid awards coming in lower than estimated, the FDOT has decided to finish the design and construct some projects that were stopped at 60 percent, including U.S. Alternate 19.

The FDOT's 60 percent design plans included the resurfacing and widening of the existing S.R. 595 (U.S. Alternate 19) for a distance of 0.9 miles to provide 3 lanes for the entire length of the project and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The project is in design and the FDOT will be letting the project for construction in August 2011.

In order to avoid conflicts in the right-of-way on U.S. Alternate 19 and removal of the southbound to westbound, right-turn lane from U.S. Alternate 19 to Anclote Boulevard during construction of the three lanes on U.S. Alternate 19 by the FDOT, the Engineering Services Department coordinated with the FDOT and excluded the turn lane for construction from the County's project at this time. As a result, the total project cost was reduced by \$57,000.00, from \$627,640.74 to \$570,640.74. The FDOT will be including the turn lane in its design plans, which will require some modifications for drainage and other changes needed as a result of the addition of the sidewalk on U.S. Alternate 19 and constructing the improvement with its project. Construction will be starting in November 2011.

The Locally Funded Agreement (LFA) (FPN 403766-1-32/52 02) provides for payment to the FDOT by Pasco County for the inclusion of the turn lane and drainage modifications into its project design for U.S. Alternate 19 and construction of the improvements with its project beginning in November 2011. The County will pay a maximum cost of \$57,000.00 toward the design and construction of the turn lane.

The payment will be made to the FDOT prior to the advertisement of the solicitation for a contractor to complete the construction of the project. The funding will be used to compensate the FDOT for the costs incurred in the design of the turn lane for the County and to have the necessary construction funds available for the award of the construction contract.

Funding for the project is available in Account No. B103-820410-66699\600171.

ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:

1. Approve the LFA between the FDOT and Pasco County for the improvements to U.S. Alternate 19.
2. Deny the LFA between the FDOT and Pasco County for the improvements to U.S. Alternate 19.
3. Direct staff as to another course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUNDING:

The Engineering Services Department recommends that the BCC approve Alternative No. 1, authorize the Chairman to execute the four originals of the LFA and two original resolutions provided, direct the Clerk and Comptroller's Office to make a payment to the FDOT upon notice from the Engineering Services Department, and direct the Board Records Department to distribute the resolutions and the LFAs as follows: retain one original of the resolution and one original of the LFA and forward one original resolution and three original LFAs to the Development Services Branch. Upon final execution of the LFA by the FDOT, the Development Services Branch will forward one executed original to the Board Records Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LFA, FPN 403766-1-32/52 02 (Four Originals)
2. Resolution for FPN 403766-1-32/52 02 (Two Originals)

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