

**RESOLUTION 2021-117
2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, each year the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) requests legislative priorities from Counties for inclusion in their publication; and

WHEREAS, Flagler County has requested legislative priorities from the City of Palm Coast for transmittal to NEFRC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Coast each year evaluates and develops a list of legislative priorities for transmittal to Flagler County, NEFRC, our state legislative delegation, and the City’s state lobbyist.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. The City Council of the City of Palm Coast hereby approves the 2022 State Legislative Priorities as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, sentence, phrase, word, or portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section, sentence phrase, word, or portion of this Resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to implement the action taken in this Resolution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, on this 17 day of August 2021.

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA



DAVID ALFIN, MAYOR

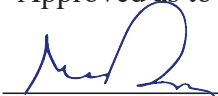
ATTEST:



VIRGINIA SMITH, CITY CLERK

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – 2022 State Legislative Priorities

Approved as to form and legality



William E. Reischmann, Jr., Esq.





CITY OF PALM COAST LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PEP SYSTEM POWER RESTORATION PRIORITIZATION

Background: Water and Wastewater facilities are critical infrastructures that serve a lifeline function providing indispensable services that enable the continuous operation of critical business and government functions. After experiencing several days of power outages from two hurricanes, maintaining service to over 14,000 residential Pretreatment Effluent Pumping (PEP) systems serving over 30,000 citizens became an increasingly urgent issue. These systems also serve 49 vulnerable residents with assisting living support. PEP systems are a critical element of the City's wastewater collection system, and Palm Coast maintains the largest inventory in the state. During Hurricane Irma at a cost of approximately \$750,000, pumping trucks and portable generators were quickly dispatched to add capacity to PEP tanks already at maximum limits. Unfortunately, the response could not reach all in need, and sewage backed into homes, an event that is not acceptable. These areas are primarily outside of evacuations zones and include the population that tends to stay during an event.

Request Action: Deem that the restoration of power for PEP Tank Service Areas is a lifeline function and power restoration is prioritized.

Effect: Ensure that all utility services including PEP systems recover from power outages quickly.

OLD KINGS ROAD PHASE 2 AND 3 CONSTRUCTION

Background: The City of Palm Coast doubled in population from 2000 to 2010, and by 2035 our population is expected to double again. Local funding challenges already make keeping pace with the rapid growth and maintenance of our network of over 1,200 lane miles difficult. Recognizing that the revenue generated by fuel tax has only increased by 15% over the last ten years, there is concern that funding will continue to be deficient and increasingly strained by vehicle efficiencies and other pressures. These challenges are most evident in the City's top priority transportation project, Old Kings Road widening, which began with FDOT in 2009. It serves as an alternate route to I-95 during closures and a primary connection to the Palm Coast Parkway commercial corridor. Phase 1, funded by FDOT in 2019, is currently under construction; however, the City had to postpone two FDOT funded projects to ensure sufficient funding for Phase 1 to occur. The Phase 2 and 3 construction funding request has been submitted to FDOT for consideration; however, both are not in the 5-year Work Plan. The River to Sea TPO Ranks the project as #3 of Prioritized Regionally Significant Non-SIS Projects. This critical project will

further expand evacuation zone capacity, add pedestrian paths on both sides, provide street lighting, accommodate alternate traffic patterns, and mitigate growth demands.

Request Action: Provide legislative support for District 5 FDOT to include Old Kings Road Phase 2 and 3 construction in 5-year Work Plan.

Effect: Build traffic capacity and directly aid alternate traffic patterns and evacuations.

TRANSPORTATION ACCESS TO THE WEST

Background: The FEC Railroad bisects Palm Coast running north/south just west of US1. There are approximately 12,000 acres of land within the Palm Coast municipal boundaries west of the railroad tracks with limited access. Currently, there are only two, at grade, railroad crossings within the city limits. The City is actively evaluating options for three additional westbound corridors at Matanzas Woods Parkway, Palm Coast Parkway, and Whiteview Parkway. Judicious transportation investments lower the costs of moving people and goods increasing economic productivity. Because productivity is a central component of economic growth, it should be a strong consideration when assessing the value of transportation expenditures. Opening these corridors will promote economic opportunities in Palm Coast and Flagler County.

Request Action: Support transportation projects that will improve access to large land tracts on the west side of Palm Coast.

Effect: Improved access to the west will provide opportunities for economic advancement.