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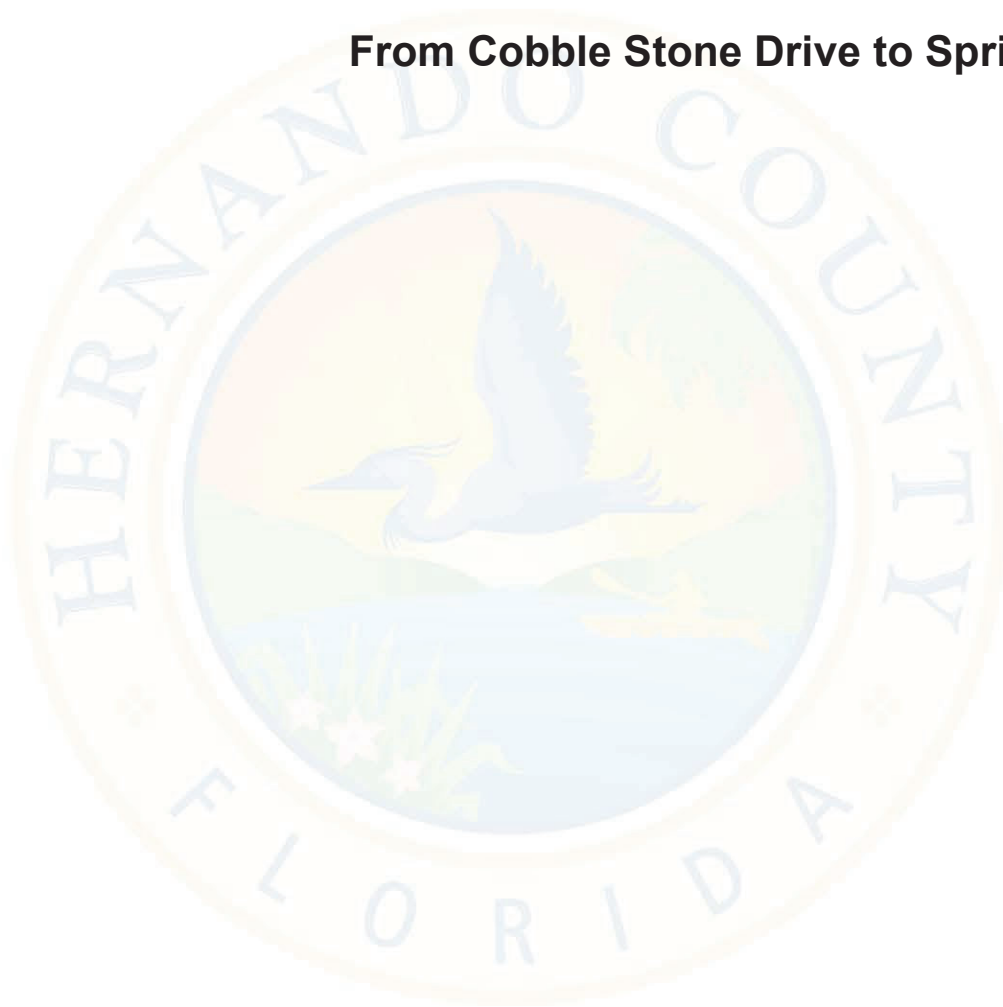
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### **PRIORITY #1**

**Widening of County Line Road (CR 578)**

**From Cobble Stone Drive to Spring Street**





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May 21, 2025

**Project Name:** Widening of County Line Road (CR 578) from Cobble Stone Drive to Spring Street

**Contact Person:** J. Scott Herring, P.E.  
Hernando County Public Works Director / County Engineer  
Email: [SHerring@co.hernando.fl.us](mailto:SHerring@co.hernando.fl.us)

**Requested Funding:** \$25,000,000

**Total Amount of Project:** \$25,000,000

### Project Description:

Hernando County is seeking assistance for the cost of design and construction associated with the widening of approximately 2.6 miles of County Line Road from Cobblestone Drive to Spring Time Street.

The design improvements will include widening the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway, adding a sidewalk and a shared-use path, along with street lighting. Additional associated work will include aboveground and underground utility relocation, and signal coordination.

The proposed project is in a rural, coastal region of Florida and connects community members and visitors to the region's primary transportation infrastructure including access to evacuation routes, community services, and economic activity.

Hernando County will complete this project in collaboration with Florida's Department of Transportation District VII, Hernando/Citrus MPO, Pasco MPO, and Pasco County Government.

Safety improvements for non-motorized travelers will include the addition of 5' wide sidewalks on the north side of the roadway, and a 12' wide multi-use path on the south side of the roadway. Adaptive signal systems will be considered for the entire corridor and all signals within the corridor will be coordinated together. This coordination will include a led pedestrian interval (LPI) within the signal timing to allow safe movement of pedestrians and other non-motorized travelers through the crosswalks.



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Additional safety enhancements within the roadway include median openings at major side street locations that include left turn lanes, which also allows for a safer U-turn movement to non-major side street and businesses along the corridor.

The proposed improvements to C.R. 578, which is the closest evacuation route for many communities in Hernando and Pasco County Florida, will provide an evacuation route for tourists and visitors in the coastal region.

The improvements proposed in this request are included in the FY2026-FY2030 Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) List of Priority Projects – Major Improvement & Congestion Management adopted on May 1, 2025. This project is also included in both the Hernando/Citrus MPO's and the Pasco County MPO's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plans.

This project will improve transportation in one of the fastest growing regions in one of the fastest growing states in the nation. From 2010 to 2020 Pasco County's population grew more than 20% and Hernando's grew by 12.6%. The planned economic growth in Hernando County is centered around the Hernando County Airport and surrounding business centers and the projected economic growth in the region is a primary reason for requesting this roadway improvement.

In summary, this project will address:

- Projected future socioeconomic growth in northwest Pasco and southwest Hernando Counties
- Inadequate capacity as a designated evacuation route
- Need for adequate pedestrian facilities; and
- Improving Access to Hernando County Airport

This project was submitted for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, in 2022, however, the project remained unfunded during that program cycle. Several letters of support were provided, and we believe our community partners still support the widening of County Line Road and have provided them as additional support for this request.



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### Supporting Documentation





## Hernando/Citrus MPO

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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Hernando County, Florida– RAISE Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

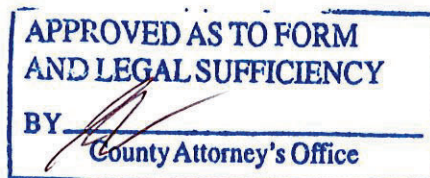
Florida's Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is pleased to write in support of The Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project. Hernando/Citrus MPO recognizes the importance of this project to the region, and we are excited about this opportunity to further our collaboration with Pasco County MPO and the Florida Department of Transportation.

The Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project seeks to make necessary improvements to County Road 578. The project will enhance regional resiliency by providing residents and visitors access to a 4-Lane evacuation route in the region. The project will also increase safety and provide multi-modal transportation options to support the region's population and economic growth.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of The Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth "Beth" Narverud  
MPO Chairwoman  
Hernando/Citrus MPO, Florida







# THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

## SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON

*President*  
10th District

March 17, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Hernando County's Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project. Hernando County's Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project will enhance existing transportation infrastructure sustainably, supporting critical economic activity in the growing coastal region of Florida.

Hernando County seeks to make necessary improvements to County Road 578. These improvements will provide safety to residents and visitors by providing access to a 4-Lane roadway connection to evacuation routes in the region. This project will also provide access to growing economic activity in our area.

I fully support Hernando County and their efforts to invest in the economic growth of this region. I would appreciate your support of Hernando County's Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilton Simpson".

Wilton Simpson  
Florida Senate President, District 10

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President Pro Tempore

DANIEL WEBSTER  
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March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Hernando County, Florida RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I was recently made aware that Hernando County, Florida has submitted a grant application under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grant Program to construct County Road 578 Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project.

This RAISE grant would assist Hernando County in making necessary improvements to County Road 578. These improvements will enhance regional transportation, resiliency, and safety by providing residents and visitors access to a 4-Lane roadway connecting to evacuation routes in the region. The project will also support access to the growing economic activity at the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport & Technology Center in turn supporting socioeconomic mobility in the community.

Federal funding of County Road 578 Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project will provide Hernando County with the necessary resources to complete the multi-modal project in a timely fashion, while capitalizing on existing local and state investment in the project. Most importantly, funding of the project will provide for immediate local job creation and increased economic activity by stimulating economic growth and development.

I applaud Hernando County's efforts to improve Florida's infrastructure and the socioeconomic mobility of residents. As the Department considers funding under the RAISE Grant Program, I ask that you give full and fair consideration of Hernando County's Project.

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster  
Member of Congress



March 9, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Hernando County, Florida– RAISE Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for The Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project in Hernando County, Florida. Hernando County's success in securing funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, will improve economic opportunity and resiliency in this growing, coastal region of Florida.

The Multilane and Enhanced mobility project proposes improvements to County Road 578; these improvements smartly invest in Hernando and neighboring Pasco County's existing transportation infrastructure. The proposed project improves regional resiliency by expanding access to evacuation routes for residents and travelers. The project also proposes expansion of multi-modal transportation options necessary to sustain the region's population and economic growth.

Hernando and Pasco counties are of growing importance to the Tampa Bay Region, and I am pleased to support The Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project.

Sincerely,

Brandi Gabbard  
Chair  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council



**Ron Oakley, District 1**  
**Mike Moore, District 2**  
**Kathryn Starkey, District 3**  
**Mike Wells, District 4**  
**Jack Mariano, District 5**

March 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Hernando County, Florida– RAISE Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Pasco County, Florida, I would like to express our commitment to support the Hernando County Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project. We are keenly aware of the congestion problems on the roadway and the Hernando County Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project will alleviate this congestion and provide additional benefits to roadway users in Pasco and Hernando County, Florida.

Pasco and Hernando Counties are home to nearly 800,000 residents and countless visitors, many of whom rely on County Road 578 to engage in regional social and economic activities. Additionally, this important roadway provides access to evacuation routes for residents and visitors in the coastal communities of our counties; Pasco and Hernando Counties are north-south neighbors on the west coast of Florida.

Should this project be funded by the RAISE program, Pasco County commits:

- \$2,120,151.00 to the project. This is 10% of total project costs. Pasco County is pleased to match the same level of financial commitment to the project as that provided by Hernando County. This collaboration will provide the total 20% local match of project costs.
- Our cooperation with Hernando County in right-of-way acquisition for the portions of the road in Pasco County.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Starkey  
Chairman, Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Dan Biles, County Administrator

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March 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Hernando County, Florida– RAISE Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Hernando County seeks to make necessary improvements to County Road 578, better known locally as County Line Road. This roadway provides residents of Pasco and Hernando Counties access to important economic, social, and community activities. The proposed project will enhance this regional transportation infrastructure and improve resiliency by providing residents and visitors access to a four-lane roadway connecting to evacuation routes in the region. The project will also alleviate commuter and resident congestion and provide enhanced mobility to support the population and socioeconomic growth in Pasco and Hernando Counties.

For these reasons, I encourage you to strongly consider Hernando County's Multilane and Enhanced Mobility Project. Please ensure that the grant awardees are selected on a competitive basis so that taxpayers can be sure the most qualified applicants are chosen.

Should additional information be required, please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff, Summer Blevins, at Summer.Blevins@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Gus M. Bilirakis  
Member of Congress

## Hernando/Citrus MPO List of Priority Projects - Major Improvement & Congestion Management

MPO Board - Adopted May 1, 2025

PRIORITY	FDOT ITEM #	AGENCY	FACILITY	AREA	FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	PROJECT PHASE	YEAR	REASON FOR CHANGE
1	257165-2	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45) from E Arlington Street St to N of SR 200 (Divided into 257165-6, 257165-7, 257165-8) Project is phased below in segments for funding purposes.							
	257165-6	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	E Arlington St	E Louisiana Lane	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	Design 45% complete, ROW underway		
	257165-7	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	E Louisiana Lane	S of CR 486	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	Design 45% complete		
	257165-8	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	CR 486	N of SR 200	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	Design 45% complete		
2	257298	FDOT	CR 578 (County Line Road) from E of East Rd to W of Suncoast Parkway (Divided into 257298-3 and 257298-4)							
	257298 3		CR 578 (County Line Road)	Hern	East of East Rd	Springtime St	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
	257298 4		CR 578 (County Line Road)	Hern	East of Mariner Blvd	W of the Suncoast Parkway	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
3		FDOT	SR 200 (N Carl G. Rose Hwy)	Citrus	US 41	Marion County Line	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
4			US 41/SR 50A One Way Pairs	Hern	Mildred Avenue	May Avenue	Revert One-Way Pairs Back to Two-Way Traffic in Downtown Brooksville			
5			US 41 at Lake Lindsey Rd	Hern			Roundabout			
6		FDOT	US 41/SR 45 (Broad Street) at CR 576 (Ayers Rd)	Hern			Intersection Improvement/add a turn lane			
7		FDOT	CR 491 (N. Lecanto Hwy.)	Citrus	W. Pine Ridge Blvd.	SR 200	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
8		HERN	Barclay Avenue - Phase I	Hern	SR 50	Lucky Lane	Add 2 lanes (Construction)			
			Barclay Avenue - Phase II & III	Hern	Lucky Lane	Elgin Boulevard/Powell Road	Road Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utilities			
9		FDOT	US 41/SR 45 (Florida Avenue) at CR 491 (N Lecanto Highway)	Citrus	CR 491	Northbound US41 and Southbound US 41	Signal Improvement on Left Turn Lanes from CR491 to NB US41 & SB US41			
10		FDOT	Cardinal St	Citrus	US 19	CR 491	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
11		FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Hern	Spring Hill Dr.	Powell Rd.	Add 2 lanes (existing 4)			
12	405822 5	FDOT	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	Citrus	Cardinal Street	Green Acres	Add 2 lanes (existing 4)			
13	257299	FDOT	CR 485 (Cobb Rd)/SR 50 (Project is phased below in segments for funding.)	Hern	SR 50	N of Fort Dade	4-lane or 3-lane cross section			
	257299-3		CR 485 (Cobb Rd)	Hern	SR 50/50A/Cortez Blvd	Brooksville Water Reclamation Dr	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
			CR 485 (Cobb Rd)	Hern	Brooksville Water Reclamation Dr	Yontz Rd	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
			CR 485 (Cobb Rd)	Hern	Yontz Rd	US 98 (Ponce de Leon Blvd)	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
14		FDOT	US 41 @ North Citrus Springs Blvd.	Citrus	Intersection		Roundabout			
15		FDOT	CR 490 (Homosassa Trail)	Citrus	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	SR 44 (W. Gulf to Lake Hwy.)	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
16		FDOT	Rock Crusher Road	Citrus	CR 490	SR 44	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
17		FDOT	Venable St. / Crystal Oaks Dr.	Citrus	US 19	SR 44	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
18		FDOT	CR 490A (W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.)	Citrus	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	CR 491 (S. Lecanto Hwy.)	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			