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Brevard County Shore Protection Project Mid Reach GRR

POSITION: The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners requests an appropriation from the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete a General Re-Evaluation Report (GRR) on shore protection options. It is also requested that report language be included to specify the funding is to complete the critically eroded Brevard County Mid Reach GRR.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began a General Re-Evaluation Report study in 2004 on the feasibility of shore protection options along 7.6 miles of critically eroded oceanfront shoreline in Brevard County, as authorized in Water Resources Development Act '00. Structures in the project are at risk after the 2004 hurricanes. Prior funding, with state and local matching funds, restored 13 miles of shoreline in multiple phases and began the 7.6 mile study.

APPROPRIATIONS: \$500,000

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding was requested in FY 2005 to complete the first year of a two-year study. \$550,000 was received. \$500,000 is requested to complete the study.

Local and state funding sources include \$250,000 from Brevard County and \$250,000 from the State of Florida.

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Funding to Replace Space Coast Area Transit South Terminal

POSITION: The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners requests a Federal Transit Administration discretionary Section 5309 grant to help fund the replacement of Space Coast Area Transit's (SCAT) existing South Terminal in Melbourne.

BACKGROUND: This project would replace the current facility located at 460 South Harbor City Boulevard, Melbourne. The current facility is approximately thirty years old and lacks the available space to house all of the bus maintenance requirements. The new facility will house SCAT's administrative, south operations and maintenance staff. The facilities will house the southern operations base for over 30 vehicles and allow for the future expansion of the bus service.

There is no available expansion space on site; in addition, the current site is located away from SCAT's daily operational pattern. This facility would serve to increase the access of the bus service to Brevard County citizens.

APPROPRIATIONS: \$3,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5309, Bus and Bus Facilities, funding category.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000. SCAT would use the sale proceeds of the current land to help fund the construction of the replacement terminal and utilize Federal Transit Administration funds for the remainder of the project.

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The Calling For 2-1-1 Act of 2005

POSITION: The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners requests support for Senate Bill 211 and the House Bill to be re-introduced on February 17 by Representatives Mike Bilirakis (R-FL-9) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA-14) - the Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2005. This Bill would provide critically needed support to sustain Brevard's 2-1-1 call center, as well as to develop and support 2-1-1 nationwide.

BACKGROUND: 2-1-1 is the new national telephone number for access to health and human services that makes it simple for people to find and give help. The Federal Communications Commission designated the 2-1-1 dialing code for this purpose in July 2000.

2-1-1 has been proven to be a critical information system that assists and supports homeland security and community preparedness efforts, as demonstrated following September 11, 2001, and during the hurricanes besetting Brevard County in the September 2004. 2-1-1 is fueled by public and private partnership, enhanced by federal, state and local governments.

Brevard County was the first community in Florida and the seventh in the nation to provide 2-1-1 to its citizens through partnership with the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, the United Way of Brevard, the Department of Children & Families, the Brevard County Health Department and others. 211 Brevard, Inc. has written memoranda of understanding with the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management, Brevard County Health Department and local 911 system as partners in providing critical health and safety information to the residents of Brevard County. 211 Brevard is also a partner in the numerous county initiatives including Together in Partnership, the Continuum of Care and Homeless Task Force, the Commission on Mental Health and Community Solutions and the Commission on Aging, providing data used in planning and linkages to critical community services.

APPROPRIATIONS: \$ 200 million nationally when appropriated.

FISCAL IMPACT: Local dollars already supporting 2-1-1 could be matched by federal dollars.

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BREVARD MPO PROJECTS FOR REAUTHORIZATION FUNDING CONSIDERATION

Note: These transportation issues are already in the federal funding process.

On February 10, 2005 the Brevard Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsed the following projects for supplemental funding consideration in the reauthorization of the federal Surface Transportation Act. The projects are listed in priority order.

1. **Max Brewer Bridge Replacement.** Construct a new bridge over the Indian River between Titusville and the Kennedy Space Center. (District 24).
2. **Apollo Boulevard Extension.** Design and construction of a roadway extension and new bridge over the Eau Gallie River in north Melbourne to provide a parallel reliever to US 1. (District 15).
3. **Pineda Interchange at I-95.** Construction funding for a new interchange to improve access to Patrick AFB, to enhance evacuation and relieve congestion on area roads. (District 15)
4. **Titusville to Enterprise Greenway.** Design and construction funding to convert an abandoned rail corridor to a greenway. A joint project between Brevard and Volusia Counties. (District 24).
5. **Palm Bay Parkway.** Design and construction funding for a new roadway in the Palm Bay area to provide evacuation and congestion relief. (District 15)
6. **Dixon Boulevard Reconstruction.** Design and construction funding for the reconstruction of Dixon Boulevard in central Cocoa to improve drainage and safety and enhance the desirability of an economically distressed area. (District 15).