

Issues to Monitor

- Inland Oil Drilling & High-Pressure Well Stimulation (Fracking)
- Transportation Network Companies (TNC)
- Amendment No. 2, Medical Marijuana

Issues to Support

- UF-IFAS - Adequate State Funding
- FSU Medical School (Immokalee) - Adequate State Funding
- Florida Culinary Accelerator (Immokalee) - Adequate State Funding
- Combating Human Trafficking
- Local Allocation of Amendment 1 Funds

VISION: To achieve the legislative priorities and goals of the Board of County Commissioners.

MISSION: To effectively engage elected officials, agency heads, and local government partners to achieve the legislative priorities and goals of the Board of County Commissioners, to include beneficial regulatory or statutory changes, timely approvals on County projects, and funding opportunities.



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2017 Legislative Priorities



Government Affairs

Issues of Major Importance:



EMS Station at Mile Marker 63

NEED: Provide long-term revenue stream to cover operating costs for the Collier County EMS Station at Mile Marker 63.
ACTION: Amend section 338.26, Fla. Stat., for Alligator Alley toll revenue share to fund EMS Station at Mile Marker 63.



Southwest Florida Promise Zone (SFPZ)

NEED: Support the mission of the Southwest Florida Promise Zone, to improve economic opportunity through education; crime prevention; infrastructure; and economic development.
ACTION: Educate and mobilize elected officials to support projects within the SFPZ.



Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO)

NEED: Leverage the recently renewed Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) designation for Immokalee to secure State funding and access to State programs.
ACTION: Leverage State funds secured through the RAO program to bolster SFPZ initiatives.



Collier County Restore Comprehensive Watershed Improvement Project

NEED: Improve water quality to rehydrate 10,000 acres of the Picayune Strand State Forest and restore historic freshwater flows to Rookery Bay.
ACTION: Secure approvals and permits from State agencies.



Workers Compensation Insurance Reform

NEED: Mitigate unfunded liabilities associated with recent court cases.
ACTION: Amend Chapter 440, Fla. Stat., to address the cost implications of the *Westphal* and *Castellanos* decisions, and amend the attorney fee statute.



Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program

NEED: Secure full funding of PILT funds to local governments for lost property tax revenues from federal lands.
ACTION: Mobilize elected officials to encourage Congress to fully fund the PILT program.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

NEED: Enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety in SW Florida.
ACTION: Endorse legislative and policy efforts that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Funding Requests (State Appropriations)



Goodland Dr. Rehabilitation

NEED: Elevate Goodland Dr. to make it passable. (CR 92A).
ACTION: Request \$2.0 million in State funds for preliminary engineering and design work.
FUND: Fixed Capital Outlay - EDT Projects - Road Fund



Replacement or Rehabilitation of 11 Bridges in Eastern Collier

NEED: Replace or rehabilitate eleven (11) bridges in eastern Collier County.
ACTION: Request \$500,000 for construction.
FUND: Fixed Capital Outlay - EDT Projects - Road Fund



Golden Gate City Outfall System Replacement Program (Phase I)

NEED: Improve the Golden Gate City storm water system.
ACTION: Request \$950,000 for Phase I construction. (There is a commitment of \$950,000 in local matching funds.)
FUND: Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities - Fixed Capital Outlay Grants and Aids - Water Projects



Bayshore Gateway Triangle CRA Waterline Upgrades and Fire Suppression Improvements

NEED: Upgrade inadequate waterlines in the Bayshore Gateway Triangle CRA to improve fire suppression capabilities.
ACTION: Request \$750,000 for Phase II of project. (Phase I was jointly funded by the City of Naples and the County. For Phase II, the County will match any State appropriation.)
FUND: Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities - Fixed Capital Outlay Grants and Aids - Water Projects



Pedestrian Bridge Connecting Gordon River Greenway Park with Freedom Park

NEED: Connect Gordon River Greenway Park with Freedom Park.
ACTION: Request \$500,000 for design work.
FUND: Fixed Capital Outlay - EDT Projects - Road Fund