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A1A/State Road 200, $1,000,000
Nassau County Board Of County Commissioners, Nassau County, Florida
Funds will be used to modernize an evacuation route by constructing a six lane urban highway. This project is critical to the evacuation of citizens in the event of an emergency.

Belleview Bypass and Baseline Roadway, $1,000,000
Marion County, Marion County, Florida
Funds will be used for right-of-way acquisition for the Belleview Bypass including a segment of Baseline Road. The intent of the Belleview Bypass is to ensure the timely evacuation of the southeastern quadrant of Marion County's greater urbanized area during times of emergency response and separate regional through-traffic from the local Belleview traffic thereby improving the existing and future congestion levels within the City of Belleview.

Broward Employment and Training Center, $500,000
Goodwill Industries Of South Florida, Miami-Dade County, Florida
Funds will be used to renovate the Broward Employment and Training Center in order to provide job training and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to employment. This project will create 250 new jobs for people with disabilities, and allow Goodwill to rehabilitate, train, and place at least 200 people annually in competitive community employment.

Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties ITS System, $1,390,000
City Of Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida
Funds will be used to install an Intelligent Transportation System throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. This project will provide immediate congestion relief for approximately 200,000 daily commuters, lead to reduced fuel consumption, and enhance hurricane evacuation operations. After Hurricane Ivan, FEMA and Florida's Department of Community Affairs identified an Intelligent Transportation System as a high value for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

Conversion Project for Regional Center, $500,000
City Of St. Augustine Beach, Saint Johns County, Florida
Funds will be used to complete the conversion of a building to serve as a regional center. This building is a WPA structure built in the late 1930's and is one of a few such buildings remaining in St. Johns County. There is an immediate and increasing need for external centers of learning due to revenue shortfalls in the State's educational budget.

Crosstown Parkway Extension, $1,250,000
City Of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, Florida
Funds will be used to construct a bridge over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. The parkway and bridge are approximately 2 miles in length. The primary purpose of the project is to relieve traffic congestion and facilitate the east-west movement of traffic from US Highway 1 to I-195. Roadway capacity is vital to area's continuing social and economic growth.

Environmental Improvements Initiative, $125,000
Lee County School System, Lee County, Florida

Funds will be used for a demonstration project using fuel additives to reduce carbon emissions and increase fuel efficiency in the county's school bus fleet. The school district uses more than 700 school buses and employs more than 1,000 people in its transportation department. A cost-effective fuel additive that reduces carbon emissions and increases efficiency could extend engine life for the school bus fleet.

Historic Landmark Renovation, $1,500,000
City Of Coral Gables, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used for structural stabilization and restoration to repair and preserve a historic landmark building. The landmark serves as an essential part of the economic and social landscape for the region. The Landmark also serves as an emergency communications and evacuation center for both the municipality and overall region.

Intermodal Facility, $1,250,000
City of Maitland, Orange County, Florida

Funds will be used to construct an intermodal facility to include a commuter rail station and parking facility at the Parker Lumber site at 851 N. Orlando Avenue in Maitland, FL. The commuter rail station will be one of 12 local stations between Deltona and Orlando, FL. This project will provide for improved transportation to downtown Orlando with "park-and-ride" facilities.

Interstate-75/ Everglades Project Development and Environment Study, $1,000,000
Collier County, Collier County, Florida

Funds will be used for the design of an interchange at Interstate 75 and Everglades Boulevard. The lack of an interchange at Everglades Boulevard forces traffic onto already congested portions of I-75, affecting not only local, but inter-regional traffic on the Interstate. The interchange is critically needed to provide access to a route for safe evacuations from storms and fires as significant growth continues in eastern Collier County.

Interstate-95 Interchange at Yamato Road and Spanish River Boulevard Project, $750,000
City of Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida

Funds will be used for modifications to I-95 interchange access points at Yamato Road, construction of a new interchange at Spanish River Boulevard, and a collector-distributor road system to support research at Florida Atlantic University. The City's roadways are currently operating at capacity. The project will result in improved traffic flow and public safety.

JTA Commuter Rail Alternative Analysis, $1,250,000
Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Duval County, Florida

Funds will be used to complete the alternative analysis for three transit corridors. The performed analysis will help identify the needs of riders in the Jacksonville area. The analysis has included Nassau, Duval, Clay and St Johns counties in the planning for a rail program. JTA is the primary public mode of transportation for individuals to and from their place of employment in the area. Identifying efficient transportation services will improve regional transportation and lessen traffic congestion.

LYNX Bus Rapid Transit Corridors Alternatives Analysis, $2,750,000
Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Orange County, Florida

Funds will be used to conduct Alternatives Analysis (AA) studies for multiple Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridors to serve the Central Florida Commuter Rail. LYNX plans to build BRT corridors that will operate as critical components of the new Commuter Rail, multi-modal transportation system. The Analysis will provide a clear understanding of existing and future travel demand, trip patterns, modal preferences, and system needs. This project will promote seamless delivery of service connecting different transportation modes to the LYNX services within the region.

Park Lane East Revitalization Project, $941,000
City Of Oakland Park, Broward County, Florida

Funds will be used to provide streetscape and safety improvements on a major east/west roadway connector and will incorporate waterline replacement as well as drainage upgrades to alleviate flooding. The reduced flooding and increased fire flow capabilities coupled with streetscaping will eliminate urban blight, increase property values and encourage reinvestment in the Community Redevelopment Area.

Persimmon Avenue and State Road 46 Improvements, $1,000,000
City Of Sanford, Seminole County, Florida

Funds will be used for widening of Persimmon Avenue to three lanes from SR 46, establishing a right turn lane on SR 46, improved signage, signalization, and landscaping improvements. This project provides roadway enhancements for the passenger terminal expansion of Amtrak.

Pine Island Road Pedestrian Overpass, $250,000
City Of Tamarac, Broward County, Florida

Funds will be used to construct a pedestrian bridge over Pine Island, where there is currently no safe pedestrian crossing at the Northwest 57th Street intersection, which serves the surrounding elementary and middle schools, as well as the community center, the aquatic center, the library and a mixed-use town center.

Platt Street Bridge Repair, $1,800,000
Hillsborough County, Hillsborough County, Florida

Funds will be used to extend the life of the Platt Street Bridge, a functionally obsolete structure that suffers from frequent mechanical and electrical malfunctions that are a risk to vehicles and pedestrians. The existing 418-foot Platt Street Bridge was built in 1926, but was originally designed for a 50 year service life. The bridge is designated as a hurricane evacuation route. Bridge closure would impact the regional economy and emergency services.

Snake Road Improvement Project, Segment 3, $349,000
Seminole Tribe Of Florida, Broward County, Florida

Funds will be used to replace the North Feeder Canal Bridge, reconstruct and widen Snake Road to 24 feet, pave the shoulders, and upgrade utilities along the road. Snake Road is the primary route to the Big Cypress Reservation.

South Central Florida RACES Project, $2,500,000
Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative, Highlands County, Florida

Funds will be used to create a research park that caters to the life sciences and environmental sciences industries. Florida's emergence as a center for life sciences presents the opportunity to lead a growing world-wide industry. Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI) provides regional economic development coordination to businesses interested in expanding or relocating to South Central Florida.This project will create well-paying jobs, spur capital investment, and promote economic development.

State Road 426/CR 419 Improvement Project, $1,000,000
City Of Oviedo, Seminole County, Florida

Funds will be used for the acquisition of right of way and construction of high priority improvements for SR 426/CR 419 in Oviedo. The project runs through the center of downtown and will include the re-alignment of CR426 for added queue length and improved signalization design. Additionally, the intersection of SR434 and SR426 will be improved for lane capacity and movement of vehicles in the north-south direction. The project will also address a flooding concern located at the intersection of South Lake Jessup Road and SR426.

State Road 87 Industrial Corridor Project, $254,000
Santa Rosa County, Santa Rosa County, Florida

Funds will be used for project development and environmental study to expand capacity of SR 87 from Airport Road to SR 87 south for industrial development, hurricane evacuation and 2005 BRAC action. This project will help address anticipated growth management issues on a two-lane, 1.4 mile segment of SR 87.

St. John's Heritage Parkway Interchanges, $5,000,000
Cities of Melbourne and Palm Bay, and Brevard County, Brevard County, Florida

Funds will be used for the continued implementation of the St. John's Heritage Parkway/Palm Bay Parkway project and would be applied toward those segments of the project from the north Palm Bay City limits through and including the proposed new interchange with Interstate 95 between Grant Road and Micco Road. The project would connect the residential areas in the City of Palm Bay with regional employers near Melbourne International Airport. An alternate north-south travel route is needed to enhance emergency evacuation capability and alleviate congestion in the rapidly growing South Brevard County and North Indian River County areas.

StarMetro ITS Technology, $1,000,000
City Of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida

Funds will be used to continue StarMetro's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project. When completed, the ITS project will fully equip the bus fleet with Smart Bus technology that will improve customer service and make the system more efficient. The ITS upgrades will help to reduce overall operating expenses by allowing for a more efficient system.

State Road 46 Expansion (SR 415 To CR 426), $1,000,000
Seminole County, Seminole County, Florida

Funds will be used to design the expansion of State Road 46 to four lanes from State Road 415 to County Road 426. Widening State Road 46 would significantly improve travel on a regional basis and provide an upgraded hurricane evacuation route

State Road 80 Widening, $5,000,000
Hendry County, Hendry County, Florida

Funds will be used to acquire a right-of-way and construct an additional two lanes along State Road 80 from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane. State Road 80 serves as a major route for the movement of freight and agricultural products throughout the county, as well as a connector between Florida's east and west coast counties. Currently, the agriculture industry accounts for approximately 40 percent of the traffic volume on the road. State Road 80 is also the nearest cross-state highway north of Interstate 75, extending from eastern Palm Beach County to Fort Myers. The road serves as a hurricane evacuation route for the State and is one of the main road networks in the State for transporting goods.

Study for High-Speed Rail from Orlando to Miami, $5,000,000
Florida Department of Transportation

Funds will be used to complete a study for high-speed passenger rail service from Orlando to Miami. The proposed rail line will create thousands of jobs, make Florida a more attractive place to live and do business, and provide an environmentally-friendly alternative to driving. Additionally, when completed, this project will open up new areas of the State to tourism and create new business opportunities.

Tampa Light Rail, Preliminary Engineering, $2,500,000
Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, Hillsborough County, Florida

Funds will be used to continue an alternative analysis study and preliminary engineering for light rail in two critical corridors in Tampa, from the University of South Florida, through downtown Tampa to the Westshore Business District, which is Florida's largest commercial business district. This project will lead to reduced traffic congestion.

Transportation Redevelopment & Redirection Project, $500,000
City Of Orlando, Orange County, Florida

Funds will be used to design, survey and construct traffic improvements, including signage and signal installations, sidewalks and right-of-ways. The development of sidewalks, walkways and right-of-ways will assist in the safety of pedestrians. Realigning the current traffic flow of existing street and sidewalk systems also ends traffic confusion among motorists and pedestrians. These enhancements are extremely important to meeting Orlando's growth.

University City Project Community Impact Study, $650,000
Florida International University, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used to conduct an Advanced Bus Transit System Community Impact Study. This project will allow FIU researchers to better predict if proposed Advanced Bus Transit System components will sustainably achieve desired results. Advanced transit oriented developments will help grow the American economy.

US 27 Six Lane Widening Project (I-4 to US 192), $2,500,000

Polk County, Polk County, Florida

Funds will be used to widen U.S. 27 to six lanes. US 27 is a major North-South freight route for the trucking industry, which supports economic development in the region. The proposed capacity project will reduce traffic congestion and improve freight mobility.