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Hendry County – Wastewater Infrastructure on US27/SR80 – Phase Two

Fund the construction and construction engineering inspection (CEI) services for a wastewater force main from Airglades Airport to the City of Clewiston's existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The Airglades Airport is located in Hendry County, west of Clewiston, on the south side of US27 (US27/SR80/SR25). The airport is approximately four sections in size and contains an industrial park. Currently, a majority of the land is in agricultural production except for approximately 615 acres. The 615 acres consists of a general aviation airport with associated buildings such as a terminal, corporate hangars, and t-hangars along with an industrial park known as the Airglades Airport Industrial Park. The Airglades Airport Industrial Park is shovel-ready for new tenants, with one exception: It lacks any significant amount of wastewater capacity and, therefore, cannot accept any new tenants.

This project would complete the last piece of a multi-year, multi-agency, multi-million dollar investment that will spur economic development opportunities at Airglades Airport. This requested funding is critical to be able to receive additional tenants at the Airglades Airport Industrial Park to create much needed jobs for this region. The Airglades project will also protect public health and the environment by redirecting waste loads from the Airglades Airport to a higher-level wastewater treatment facility in Clewiston and decommissioning the Airglades wastewater treatment plant.

The current Airglades wastewater treatment plant is not permitted to treat industrial-type waste loads whereas the Clewiston facility is permitted for industrial wastes. Thus, the inability of the current Airglades facility to treat industrial wastes to proper public health and environmental standards is a limiting factor for regional economic development.

The FDOT has already invested millions into the development of the Airglades Airport Industrial Park by funding the construction of a storm water management system, central water and sewer, and roads. The completion of the design and permitting efforts will create a shovel ready project which will complement the FDOT's investment into Airglades Airport. A secondary benefit of the force main is that it could also serve current and future customers along the US 27 corridor between the Airglades Industrial Park and the City of Clewiston WWTP.

Hendry County received a \$600,000 appropriation for the design and permitting of the force main (Phase One) via the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act under Line Item 1662A. These funds were provided to Hendry County via the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agreement No. S0857 dated February 15, 2016.

Tetra Tech, the County's Engineering Consultant, has completed the due diligence phase of the project. A preferred route for the wastewater has been established along the US27 corridor using utility easements that will overlap existing drainage easements, then would cut through agricultural lands and then tie into the Clewiston facility. This also includes the decommissioning of the current Airglades WWTP. The design and permitting of the force main is expected to be completed by December 30, 2017.

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The proposed improvements are depicted in the County Schedule of Capital Improvements as an unfunded project, which the Board of County Commissioners approved on September 27, 2016 (CPA16-0002) as an update to the County Comprehensive Plan which has been transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Cost:

Decommission of Airglades WWTP: \$220,000
Construction and CEI of wastewater force main: \$3,582,875
Rock Contingency: \$500,000
Clewiston WWTP Connection: \$197,125
Easements: \$500,000

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Sponsors: Representative Donalds, Senator Passidomo

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