

**House Surface Transportation Authorization  
Member Designated Projects Submission Form**  
*Aim to Complete by April 1*

**1) Name of the project**

Name: Marion Oaks Manor and Extension (Grade Separation)

From: SW 18<sup>th</sup> Ave Rd

To: CR 475

Description: New Roadway and Flyover I-75

**2) Location of project**

Marion County, Florida

**3) Project sponsor**

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

**4) Sponsor Point of Contact**

Don Atwell, PE, Deputy County Engineer; [Donald.Atwell@marionfl.org](mailto:Donald.Atwell@marionfl.org); (352)671-8686

**5) Project description, including a description of the benefits of the project. In addition, please include a link to additional project information, if available. (Max 1000 characters)**

This is a Planning and Environmental Review project for a proposed new I-75 flyover in Southwest Marion County.

The project will provide sustainability to the local roadway and interstate system by relieving congestion at an existing underpass (I-75 and CR 484) and by providing direct and access to a new local corridor (SW 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue) which is designed to relieve traffic on I-75.

The project serves a diverse range of the population and is of regional significance. The corridor will relieve congestion on I-75 and US 441/301 by connecting several large residential and developing commerce districts to a major local facility.

**6) Amount requested**

\$3,000,000 (for Planning and Environmental Review)

**7) Total project cost**

Planning and Environmental Review \$3.0 M

**8) Sources of funding for the non-Member designated share of the cost of the project**

The project has Local funding only.

**9) Project Phase – pick all that apply**

- a. **Planning and Environmental Review**
- b. Final Design
- c. Right of Way
- d. Capital purchase or lease (including bus purchases)
- e. Construction
- f. Other (max 30 characters)

This request is for Planning and Environmental Review

**10) NEPA category of action**

- a. Categorical exclusion
- b. Environmental assessment
- c. Environmental impact statement
- d. **Undetermined**

Environmental Impact Statement (published)

**11) Status of environmental review**

- a. **Pre-review**
- b. Categorically excluded
- c. Notice of intent published
- d. FONSI issued
- e. Draft EIS published
- f. Final EIS published
- g. ROD issued
- h. Other (max 30 characters)

**12) A description of the process that will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project (max 1,000 characters)**

Participation will include soliciting applicable public agencies and private stakeholders as well as publicly advertised comment periods and advertised engagements for the general public comment. Engagements will include:

- In-person events
- On-line availability for project documentation with digital comment availability

Activities will meet accessibility requirements.

**13) Has the project received federal funding in the past (yes/no)**

No

**14) Has the project applied for U.S. DOT discretionary grants in the past (yes/no)**

No

**15) Attach letter(s) of support from the state, local government, or non-federal sponsor**

**16) Is the project on the state, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (yes/no)**

No

**17) Is the project on the metropolitan transportation improvement program, if applicable (yes/no)**

The project is not on the Ocala Marion TPO TIP but is included on the Ocala Marion TPO Long Range Transportation Plan 2045 (pages 133, 135).

<https://ocalamariontpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2045-LRTP-Appendices.pdf>

**18) If funding is provided for this project, can it be added to the STIP/TIP in a reasonable timeframe (yes/no)**

Yes. Please note that the project is part of the Ocala Marion TPO LRTP 2045.

Additionally, Marion County has issued an RFQ for Preliminary Engineering, but has not awarded the contract for that professional service.

**19) Documentation from relevant federal agency that the project is eligible for funding under title 23 (Highways) or chapter 53 of title 49 (Public Transit) if the project is not on a STIP or TIP.**

Not available

**20) If the project is not included on the STIP/TIP, is the project on a regional or statewide long-range transportation plan (yes/no)**

No