



2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS AND CONCEPTS

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STATE POLICY TOPICS

“REBRANDING” OR “RETOOLING” FLORIDA FOREVER

Florida Forever Program

Rural & Family Lands

Florida Communities Trust (FCT)

Florida Recreation Development Program (FRDAP)



State Funds

State funds to match Alachua County Local Option Sales Tax Initiative for conservation and recreation.

Local & State Housing Trust Funds

In 2017, the State took a step backwards in funding SHIP and other important housing partnerships.

Vacation Rentals

update



Community Redevelopment Agencies

The Legislature is expected to bring back proposals that significantly restrict CRAs.

Economic Development Opportunities

In 2017 Special Session, the state created new economic development partnership opportunities focusing on job training/workforce development, transportation and other infrastructure.



REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Higher Education

Performance funding and the establishment of preeminent institutions.

Regional Projects

- Trails & Multi-use paths (High Springs/Newberry Trail)
- Alachua County Fairground (New)

Job Training/Workforce Development



OVERVIEW OF CITY CONCEPTS

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GAINESVILLE AUTONOMOUS TRANSIT INNOVATION CONNECTOR (GATRIC)

The City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) is seeking proposals from well qualified and experienced parties to provide a self-driving, shared ride shuttle service from City of Gainesville Downtown area to the University of Florida (UF) along SW 4th Avenue and SW 2nd Avenue.

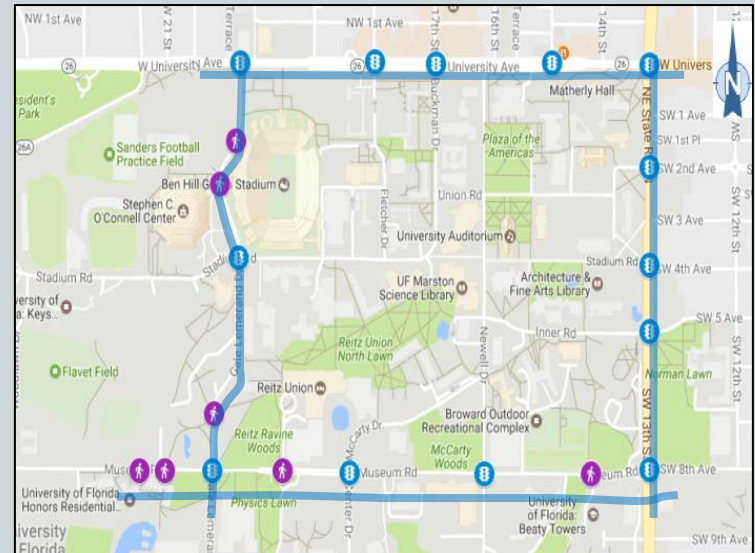


Request \$1M from Feds through the Florida Highway Administration (FHWA's) AID Grant the rest are State/Local Match and in-kind for a total of \$2.5M

CONNECTED VEHICLES

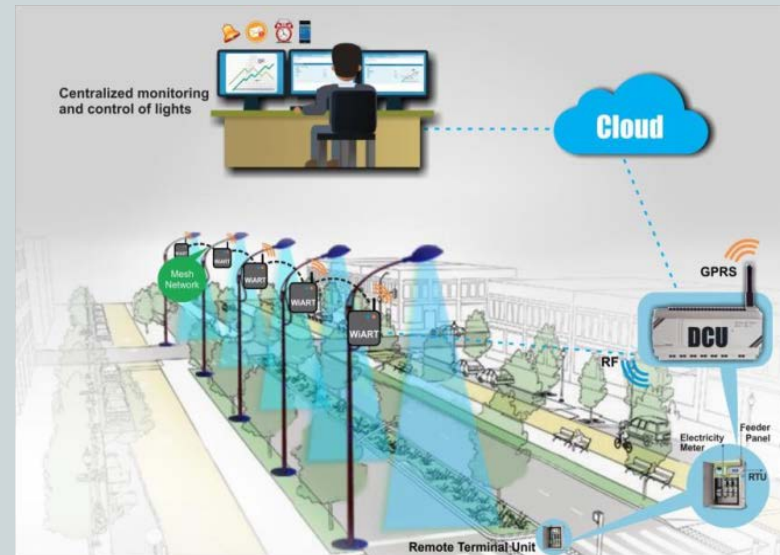
FDOT in partnership with UF, City of Gainesville, and RTS will deploy and test pedestrian/bicyclist safety applications at signalized intersections and mid-block crossings using Connected Vehicles (CV) technologies.

The goal of the project is to disseminate real-time traffic information to motorists, pedestrian, bicyclists, as well as transit vehicles.



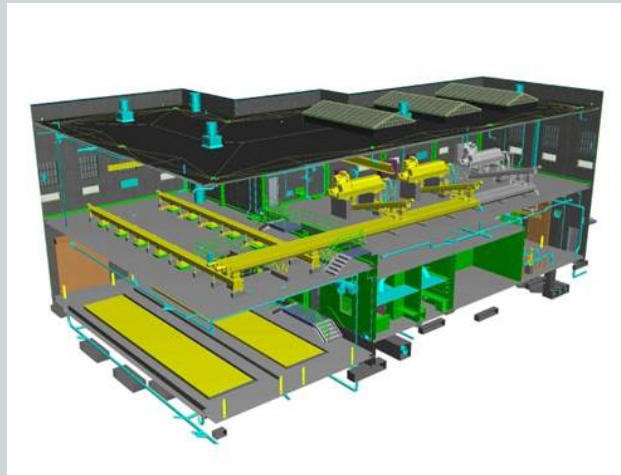
SMART LIGHTING

A complete upgrade of all streetlights to LED to realize cost savings in energy consumption and maintenance. Network nodes could be installed simultaneously with the LED upgrades to facilitate the implementation of Smart City functionality



BIOSOLIDS REUSE PROGRAM

GRU operates two water reclamation facilities, Main Street Water Reclamation Facility (MSWRF) and Kanapaha Water Reclamation Facility (KWRF), which receive, treat and beneficially reuse approximately 16 million gallons per day of wastewater. The facilities produce biosolids as a byproduct of the treatment process, which are currently beneficially used as a fertilizer and soil amendment at a local farm. GRU's current biosolids operation has been in operation for over 30 years.



REGIONAL TRANSIT - RTS

Buses and Bus Facility - RTS Fleet Replacement and Expansion

- Compressed natural Gas (CNG) Busses \$30,000,000
- Diesel Buses \$7,600,000
- Articulated Busses \$5,500,000
- Electric Buses \$5,000,000



Technology Improvements

- Real Time Information \$3,000,000
- Mobile Fare Payment \$1,000,000
- Automated Passenger Counters (APC) \$300,000
- Internal Information Signs \$1,000,000



REGIONAL TRANSIT - RTS

Transit Amenities

Improvement plan to identify and prioritize bus stops that require Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications and passenger amenities like benches and shelters.

\$5,000,000



Eastside Transit Transfer Station

Transfer stations around the urbanized area

\$3,500,000



S.W. 62ND BLVD

The SW 62nd Blvd is a critical roadway project that will facilitate the movement of people and goods through the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, enhancing access to major employment centers, and alleviating congestion on the Federal Highway System (FHS). The project implements a new corridor with accommodation for multimodal facilities, enhancing safety and connectivity.





**APPROVE
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CONCEPTS

- Gainesville Autonomous Transit Innovation Connector (GATrIC)
- Connected Vehicles
- Smart Lighting
- Biosolids Reuse Program
- Buses and Bus Facility - RTS Fleet Replacement and Expansion
- Technology Improvements
- Transit Amenities
- Eastside Transit Transfer Station
- SW 62nd BLVD



STATE AGENDA

Policy and concepts approved in today's GPC meeting will provide guidance on topics and concepts used in the City's State Agenda

State Agenda will be used for:

- State committee meetings and appropriation request
- Alachua County Delegation - September 19th

Federal Priorities Workshop

October 3rd - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Gainesville Police Department
Hall of Heroes

Introduction: Van Scoyoc Associates
Discussion: Federal Topics and Concepts

FEDERAL POLICY TOPICS

- Infrastructure
- Department of Housing and Urban Development Formula grant programs (CDBG & HOME)
- Transportation
- EB-5 Visa Program
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Water resources
- Economic Development Administration
- Brownfields/Superfund
- Job Corps
- Waters of the United States
- Tax reform
- Remote sales tax legislation
- National Flood Insurance Program
- FEMA disaster deductible