



FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Board of County Commissioners

2010

As approved by the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners on November 4, 2009

APPROPRIATIONS ISSUES

Platt Street and Columbus Drive Bridges

Support request for federal funds to match local dollars to repair Platt Street Bridge (\$3.6 million) and rehabilitate the Columbus Drive Bridge (\$2.9 million) as major economic and public safety assets.

Hillsborough County Water Infrastructure and Supply Enhancement Project (WISE)

Support continued funding for construction of a reclaimed water reservoir to meet regulatory requirements regarding domestic wastewater treatment.

Aquaculture Research

Support \$300,000 request to expand research programs with the United States Department of Agriculture at the Hillsborough County Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory through USDA Cooperative State Research and Extension Education Service (CSREES).

Egmont Key

Seek \$15 million federal authorization for shoreline stabilization activities on Egmont Key.

Waterborne Transportation Feasibility Study and Demonstration Project

Seek funding to conduct a feasibility study for a waterborne transportation system in Tampa Bay in order to access a \$475,000 federal appropriation for design and construction.

Justice

- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) - Pre-trial Detention Definition - Support modification of language to permit federal reimbursement for housing of both "charged" and "convicted" undocumented criminal aliens in a county jail along with corresponding funding.
- Seek additional funding for intervention, prevention and treatment services and programs for at-risk individuals, children and families.
- Seek to retain \$250,000 in House committee-approved Commerce, Justice and Science bill for methamphetamine drug use prevention, treatment, and laboratory site clean-up programs.
- Support full funding of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grants that financially support a variety of important criminal justice programs.



POLICY ISSUES

3% Withholding Tax on County Purchases

Support legislation to repeal a federal unfunded mandate requiring only counties that spend over \$100 million annually on products and services to withhold 3% in federal taxes on nearly every purchase.

Tax Incentives for Government Fleets

Seek tax incentives for purchase of alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles for government fleets.

High Speed Rail

Support federal funding of a high speed rail system for the Tampa-Orlando-Miami corridor.

Veteran's Services

Seek additional funding for homeless veterans and local government veteran's service programs to identify qualifying veterans, assist them in obtaining benefits, and provide necessary services.

Children's Issues

Support legislation to assist youth aging out of foster care by extending payments to youth up to age 21, and extend payments for children adopted or entering into guardianship after age 16 up to age 21.

Moratorium on Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico

Oppose lifting the current moratorium on drilling within the Eastern Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico off the state of Florida.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)

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Support the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Legislative Program unless specific issues conflict with BOCC positions. The NACo Legislative Conference will take place March 6 - 10, 2010.