Regional Economic Stimulus Project Meeting

January 8th, 2009 - 7:30-9:00
Leon County Commission Chambers

- Welcome & Introductions
- Update and Recap of Prior Meetings
- Purpose of Meeting – Proposed Outcome
- *American Recovery & Reinvestment Plan*
- Roundtable Discussion Ranking/Merging/Selection
- Next Steps / Follow Up Meetings / Action Required
- Closing

President-elect Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan

Overview:

- $675-$775 billion designed to create three million jobs

- Emphasis on brick and mortar infrastructure projects
  - Road and bridge repair
  - School repair and improvements
  - Water projects
  - Research and development for energy efficient projects Information technology systems for health care

- Tax cuts of $500 to $1,000 for middle-class individuals and couples

- $200 billion to help revenue-starved states with their Medicaid programs and other operating costs.

Challenges:

- *Timing*: Once the plan is finalized, Republican leaders will need enough time to vet and debate the proposal.

- *Amount of funding*: The final price tag will fluctuate based on congressional debate in January.

Time line:

- Initially, President-elect Obama hoped the stimulus measures would be ready for his signature by the time he is sworn in on January 20, 2009.

- The earliest the plan could reach the House floor is the week of January 12, which appears doubtful according to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

- In order to provide full transparency, the final plan may not reach the President's desk until late January or early February.

Regional Economic Stimulus Projects

	CRTPA	BP 2000	Leon County	City of Tallahassee	Wakulla County	Gadsden County	Total Costs
Road & Bridge Repair	**1.** CCNW Widening: US 90 to Orange Ave. *-$70 million* **2.** Quincy Bypass *-$10 million* **3.** CCSE Widening: Woodville Hwy to Crawfordville Hwy *-$15 million*	**1.** CCNW Widening: US 90 to Orange Ave. *-$70 million* **2.** CCSE Widening: Woodville Hwy to Crawfordville Hwy *-$15 million*	**1.** CCNW Widening: US 90 to Orange Ave. *-$70 million* **2.** CCSE Widening: Woodville Hwy to Crawfordville Hwy *-$15 million* **3.** Tharpe St. Widening *-$50 million*	**1.** Gaines St. Redevelopment *-$6.6 million*	**1.** US 319 Improvements (turn lanes) *-$2.9 million*	**1.** Quincy Bypass *-$10 million* **2.** Multiple Bridge Repair Projects *-$5 million*	**$159.5 million**
Other Transportation Projects	**4.** Lake Jackson Ecopassage *- $6.5 million* **5.** Lafayette St. Pedestrian Tunnel *-$2.7 million*		**4.** Multiple Intersection Improvements *-$2.5 million*				**$11.7 million**
Water Projects		**3.** Capital Cascades Trail: Segment 2 *-$10 million*			**2.** Stormwater Plan *-$1 million*	**3.** Water & Wastewater Projects (no specifics submitted)	**$11 million**
Other Infrastructure			**5.** Joint Dispatch *-$45 million*	**2.** 36" Force Main Sewer Repair *-$7.5 million* **3.** Turbocor Commercial Building Retrofit *-$5 million*	**3.** Sewer Expansion & Plant *-$20 million*	**4.** Gadsden Memorial Hospital (expansion of healthcare services) *-$10 million*	**$87.5 million**
Climate & Energy Efficiency	**6.** Wakulla Solid Waste Transfer Station *-$3 million*			**4.** Schools on Solar Program *-$5 million* **5.** 1,000 Solar Rooftops (utility customer water heating systems) *-$4 million*	**4.** Wakulla Solid Waste Transfer Station *-$3 million*		**$15 million**

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Regional Economic Stimulus Projects

	FSU	FAMU	TCC	Leon County School Board	Total Costs
New Construction and/or Classroom Space	**1.** Florida Center for Advanced Aero Propulsion *-$22 million*	**1.** Pharmacy Research Center *-$33.5 million*	**1.** New Classrooms for the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy *-$13.7 million*	**1.** New Elementary School *-$27.3 million* **2.** New Classrooms at Buck Lake Elementary School *-$5.9 million*	**$102.4 million**
Repair & Improvements	**2.** Fine Arts Building Repair *-$3.5 million* **3.** Strozier Library Repair *-$2.5 million* **4.** Florida Highway Patrol Building Repair *-$1.65 million* **5.** Oceanography & Statistics Building Repair *-$1.3 million*	**2.** Sampson & Young Residence Halls Renovation *-$20 million* **3.** Gore Education Complex Remodeling *-$13.9 million* **4.** General Infrastructure Improvements *-$5 million*	**2.** Advanced Technology Training Center (conversion of existing building) *-$4 million*	**3.** Griffin Technology Magnet School Remodeling *-$20 million*	**$71.9 million**
Other Infrastructure			**3.** Electronic Building Access System *-$1 million* **4.** Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades *-$3 million*	**4.** Transportation Facility (driving range, work bays, etc) *-$5 million*	**$9 million**
Climate & Energy Efficiency			**5.** Central Utility Plant *-$5.1 million*	**5.** Solar Panels: District-Wide *-$38.2 million*	**$43.3 million**

Projects from the Capital (Big Bend) Region (Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, and Jefferson Counties) of Florida that can go to construction within 6 month
(Prepared by the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency)

Leon County/Tallahassee

Project name: Capital Circle Northwest – US 90 to Orange Ave (Tallahassee-Leon County)
Project type: Road Capacity – widen from 2 to 6 lanes
Cost estimate: $70 million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: Capital Circle Southeast – Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Highway (Tallahassee-Leon County)
Project type: Road Capacity – widen from 2 to 4 lanes
Cost estimate: $15 million.
Anticipated start date: 4 months

Project name: Project Ecopassage (Leon County)
Project type: Road construction - provide wildlife access routes under US 27 at Lake Jackson to reduce animal/vehicle conflicts
Cost estimate: $6.5 million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: Lafayette Street Pedestrian Tunnel (City of Tallahassee)
Project type: Construction - pedestrian tunnel under CSX Railroad to eliminate people walking in street to get under railroad bridge
Cost estimate: $2.7 million
Anticipated start date: 3 months

Project name: Regional Transit Training Center (City of Tallahassee)
Project type: Building construction
Cost estimate: $1.7 million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: Transit Office Expansion (City of Tallahassee)
Project type: Building construction – new offices and fitness center
Cost estimate: $500,00
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: C. K. Steele Transit Transfer Center – Operator Break Room (City of Tallahassee)
Project type: Building construction
Cost estimate: $250,000
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Gadsden County

Project name: Quincy By-Pass (City of Quincy-Gadsden County)–
Project type: Road Capacity –Construct new road from State Road 12 to US 90 – Truck By-Pass route to take trucks out of downtown Quincy in Gadsden County
Cost estimate: $30 million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: County Road 157 (Concord Highway) Bridge Replacement (Gadsden County)
Project type: Bridge Replacement - Replace 200-foot deficit bridge
Cost estimate: $500,000
Anticipated start date: immediately

Wakulla County

Project name: Wakulla County Transfer Station (Wakulla County)
Project type: Construct a new landfill / transfer station.
Cost estimate: $3 million
Anticipated start date: immediately

Project name: 319 Improvements (Wakulla County)
Project type: Road Construction - Construct a new access roadway
Cost estimate: $2.9 million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: Buckhorn Creek Bridge (Wakulla County)
Project type: Bridge Replacement
Cost estimate: $150,000
Anticipated start date: 3 months

Project name: Syfrett Creek Bridge (Wakulla County)
Project type: Bridge construction - new
Cost estimate: $3 million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Project name: Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion/Plant Upgrade (Wakulla County)
Project type: Sewer Plant Expansion
Cost estimate: $20 Million
Anticipated start date: 6 months

Jefferson County

No projects currently identified that would be able to be under construction within 6 months

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE - LEON COUNTY

BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

PROPOSED PROJECT 1

Capital Circle NW/SW from US 90 (Tennessee Street) to Orange Avenue

Project Description:

The Capital Circle NW/SW project is a high state and local priority as it provides a direct link from Interstate 10 to the Tallahassee Regional Airport, improves access to Innovation Park, and supports the desire to enhance growth in the southern part of the community. Construction of the Capital Circle NW/SW project, from US 90 to Orange Avenue is estimated to cost $69.95 million, including Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I). Construction is proposed to be funded primarily by Blueprint 2000 with $46.8 million currently available (including $8 million in SAFETEA-LU funds). However, with the recent reduction in sales tax receipts, and other potential difficulties with the bond market, construction of the entire US 90 to Orange Avenue segment is in jeopardy. Failure to obtain additional funds for the project will result in the construction limits being reduced to only the US 90 to SR 20 section.

The purpose of this request is to solicit $24 million in additional funding to assure construction occurs over the entire project limits from US 90 to Orange Avenue.

Impacts of the Project:

Intermodal Connector - Improvements to this roadway segment will provide a much-needed intermodal connector between the Tallahassee Regional Airport and I-10, the major limited access highway linking Tallahassee with other major cities in the southern United States. Tallahassee Regional Airport is one of four major airports serving North Florida and South Georgia. Safe and efficient connections to Interstate 10 and the region's population centers are critical for the airport to serve its market.

Economic Development - Capital Circle NW/SW is a critical transportation link needed to facilitate the desired growth and development of the area. The Tallahassee City Commission and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners have adopted a "Southern Strategy" initiative to promote economic development in the more economically depressed areas of the community's south side. The construction of 2.8 miles of Capital Circle NW/SW will create an estimated 500 jobs over the 42 month construction duration.

Emergency Evacuation Route - The primary evacuation routes from the central coastal panhandle are US 319 (Crawfordville Road) and SR 363 (Woodville Highway). Both of these evacuation routes, in addition to SR 20, intersect with Capital Circle on the southern side of Tallahassee. Evacuation movements toward the Interstate utilize Capital Circle in order to avoid travelling through downtown Tallahassee. Providing a safe evacuation route for residents of adjacent coastal counties requires improvements to Capital Circle NW/SW.

Environmental Considerations - Due to the environmental sensitivity of Gum Swamp and the Cascade Chain of Lakes, and the intense rainfall events common to Tallahassee, the stormwater pollution prevention and erosion control measures for this project must go above and beyond the standards that are typically provided in the construction of FDOT or local projects.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements - Alternative transportation mobility along Capital Circle will also be greatly improved for pedestrians and bicyclists through construction of a 5-foot straight sidewalk on one side of the roadway and a 10-foot meandering sidewalk on the other, as well as on street bicycle lanes.

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PROPOSED PROJECT 2

Capital Circle SE from Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Road

Project Description:

Blueprint 2000 proposes to widen approximately 1.53 miles of the existing two-lane Capital Circle SE from Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Road to a four-lane urban facility. Significant growth is anticipated to occur to the east and west of this project, and due to the importance of Capital Circle to traffic circulation around Tallahassee, it is critical that the projected increased level of vehicular traffic be accommodated. Capital Circle is a major arterial roadway circling the Tallahassee urban area. It links Interstate 10 with major urban facilities including US 27 and US 90 and other radial facilities. Several segments of Capital Circle have been widened, with a significant portion of the improvements being either direct-funded or advance-funded by the City of Tallahassee and Blueprint 2000. The segment described within this request is one of the remaining Capital Circle sections to be improved. It intersects with the two major roadway facilities linking Tallahassee with Wakulla County and the coastal area.

The purpose of this request is to solicit $15 million in funding to construct 1.53 miles of Capital Circle Southeast between Woodville Highway and Crawfordville Road.

Impacts of the Project:

Economic Development - Economic development on the south side of Leon County is a high local priority, and improvements to this roadway facility will provide a great economic boost. Enhanced connectivity of Capital Circle SE will facilitate the "Southern Strategy" initiative adopted by the Tallahassee City Commission and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners to promote development in the more economically depressed areas of the community's southside. An estimated 250 jobs will be created to construct the Capital Circle SE roadway.

Emergency Evacuation Route - Efficient evacuation of residents from endangered coastal areas is of utmost importance. To evacuate one's home only to endure a hurricane while stuck in traffic can pose a hazard equal to not evacuating at all. The primary evacuation route from the central coastal panhandle utilizes Capital Circle to divert traffic around Tallahassee. This segment of Capital Circle is critical for efficient movement to the Northwest and Northeast, to I-10 and routes leading north.

Environmental Considerations - Blueprint has been working in conjunction with Leon County and City Growth Management to either acquire or swap a 100-acre parcel of land currently owned by the United States Forest Service (USFS). It allows for the linkage of a southern greenway connecting to the St. Marks Trail. The proposed trail system in the Greenways and Trail Master Plan shows connectivity through the project area.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements - Access will be expanded for pedestrians and bicyclists through construction of a 5-foot straight sidewalk and 10-foot meandering sidewalk on the opposite side of the road. Bike lanes will be provided for both the east and west bound directions. A grass buffer will separate the bike lanes from the sidewalks contributing to a safer pedestrian environment. Additionally, proper intersection design will increase safety and improve the walk-ability of the corridor.

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PROPOSED PROJECT 3

Capital Cascade Park, Capital Cascade Trail - Segment 2

Project Description:

Blueprint 2000 is redeveloping a 24-acre superfund site in downtown Tallahassee into a multi-purpose park that will provide stormwater mitigation, historical and cultural amenities, and recreational opportunities. The total project will accommodate and treat stormwater runoff in a holistic approach by creating a 4.25 mile linear greenway that restores a natural channelized floodplain to mitigate runoff volumes and improve water quality. The Capital Cascade Trail project will transform the St. Augustine Branch and the Central Drainage Ditch, two impaired water bodies, into a more natural waterway with a parallel multi-use trail and other facilities. The project includes stream/bank restoration, channel stabilization, erosion control, vegetated buffers for water quality enhancements, and creation of stormwater ponds for storage and treatment. Capital Cascade Park (Capital Cascade Trail - Segment 2) is the first of the four segments scheduled for completion. The remainder of Capital Cascade Trail will be phased with future segments contingent on available funding.

The purpose of this request is to solicit $10 million in funding to assist with the construction of infrastructure elements along Capital Cascades Trail, Segment 2.

Impacts of the Project:

Economic Development and Job Creation - Construction of Cascade Park will generate several hundred jobs. Funding from this appropriation will be used to make roadway improvements to Cascade Lane, Suwannee Street, and Lafayette Street, construct two box culverts, underground utility relocations and upgrades, assembly of two pedestrian bridges over the St. Augustine Branch, re-grading for the stormwater ponds, stream restorations and the creation of wetlands, landscaping, and the installation of an alum system. A conservative estimate of 200 jobs will be needed to complete the Park. Moreover, it is expected that the Park's development will encourage new businesses to develop near the park to serve visitors, and new residential units will be constructed. Development at this location will likely spur development along the remaining Gaines Street corridor to the west. The Park will include a 4,000 seat amphitheater, interactive water play fountains, educational displays and several trails. These elements will draw new life into the heart of Tallahassee by bringing new residents, visitors and businesses to the area. Most importantly, more growth will be able to occur in the area because Cascade Park is designed to mitigate stormwater run off and reduce the flooding that occurs nearby. Over time significant economic development will occur north and west of Cascade Park. Office condominiums, hotels and a conference center are some of the development expected to occur in downtown.

Environmental Benefits - Cascade Park is a former superfund site that underwent remediation due to severe pollutants in the soil from old industry in the vicinity. Despite the clean up efforts, localized pockets of contamination remain. Located in a catchment basin for the downtown watershed, the floodplain envelops the Cascade Park site and storm events have overwhelmed the existing channel, flooding local streets to the extent that it is considered a major safely issue. In addition, the sewer lines that cross the site, constructed of dated terracotta pipe, are susceptible to infiltration and exfiltration and may have further contaminated the waterways. Development of the Park will return this vacant land, just blocks from the Capitol, to an active public space. The remaining contamination will undergo spot remediation if located within excavation areas. The creation of the storage ponds will alter and expand the existing floodplain and reduce localized flooding on adjacent properties and roadways. The failing sewer lines will be replaced.

Safety Benefits - The primary safety benefits derived will be associated with flood control. This district historically experiences street and yard flooding during significant storm events. Blueprint's efforts will result in a reduction of flooding on Franklin Boulevard and South Monroe Street and a decrease in stormwater runoff velocities. Additionally, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) measures have been incorporated to deter criminal behavior in the Park.

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December 30, 2008

The Honorable Governor Charlie Crist
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Dear Governor Crist:

Thank you for your recent outreach to President-Elect Obama regarding his proposed economic stimulus package aimed at addressing deficiencies in local infrastructure while stimulating the economy.

As the Capital County of the State of Florida, Leon County hosts a large number of state buildings, office space and facilities that limit the County's tax base for providing needed infrastructure. We have been a committed partner to the State. To accommodate local infrastructure needs, the citizens of Leon County approved a local one-cent sales tax increase in Blueprint 2000 that resulted in ¾ of $1 billion, the majority of which funds state transportation projects. While Leon County has been significantly impacted by limitations on property tax revenue, we continue to have no impact fees. Furthermore, Leon County has implemented Growth and Environmental Economic Stimulus strategies for development and related activities that include suspending fee assessment requests to extend environmental permits.

Leon County continues to invest in numerous economic development initiatives to help create and maintain high-wage jobs in our community. The County partners with Tallahassee Community College on workforce training and with Florida State University and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University on a 208-acre research park for technology-based small businesses. Additional investment in employment opportunities are needed now more than ever.

Leon County, through our "Growing Green" initiative and Climate Action Plan, is emerging as a national leader among local governments in our sustainable efforts, and we seek the partnership of the federal government in the development of climate-conscious projects.

Enclosed is a brief overview of essential infrastructure initiatives, including transportation improvements, "green" projects and a critical public safety facility. We believe these initiatives are deserving of federal funding and are vital to our community. We ask for your consideration that they be included in your statewide economic-stimulus distribution.

Sincerely,

Bryan Desloge, Chairman
Leon County Board of County Commissioners

Cc: The Honorable Leon County Board of County Commissioners
The Honorable Leon County State Legislative Delegation
Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Florida Department of Transportation

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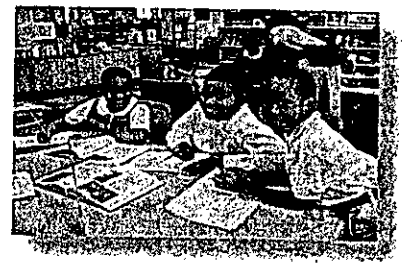
Economic Stimulus Projects

Library Improvements

The County currently has two library projects in need of funding: the Lake Jackson and Eastside Branch Libraries. These projects are included in the Leon County Library System's plan to construct a standalone library in each of the five County districts.

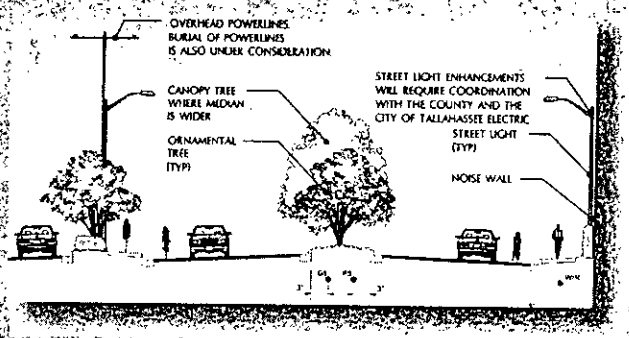


The existing 7,000-square-foot Lake Jackson Branch Library is operating out of a storefront location with inadequate space to meet area demands for library services. The proposed 12,000-square-foot standalone building will be collocated with Canopy Oaks Elementary School. Leon County has received a $500,000 state grant to mitigate a small portion of the construction costs but an additional $5.28 million is needed to complete this project.

The 2,000 square foot Eastside Branch Library is also inadequate in size and level of services for the 40,000 residents of this district. The new library will be located at the intersection of Mahan Drive (U.S. 90) and Pedrick Road and will also be a 12,000-square-foot standalone structure.

The design for the Lake Jackson project is 100% complete. The design for the Eastside project is underway and will be constructed consistent with the County's Climate Action Plan and will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.

Tharpe Street Widening

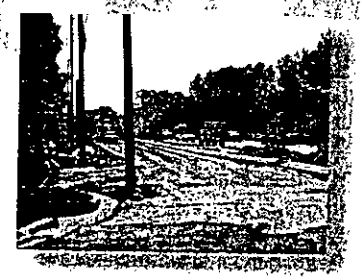


Tharpe Street is a major east-west connector in Leon County. This roadway does not support current traffic demands and the projected traffic flow will further overwhelm the existing road. The project plan is to widen/reconstruct Tharpe Street from Ocala Road to CCNW (FL 263).

Funds were set aside for the project in fiscal years 2005-2007; however, due to large increases in construction cost estimates and reductions in property tax revenue, the County is unable to fund the project at this time. The County needs $50 million in order to complete this project. Upon receipt of appropriations, the design can be completed within 180 days and right of way purchasing can be accelerated.

Capital Circle Widening

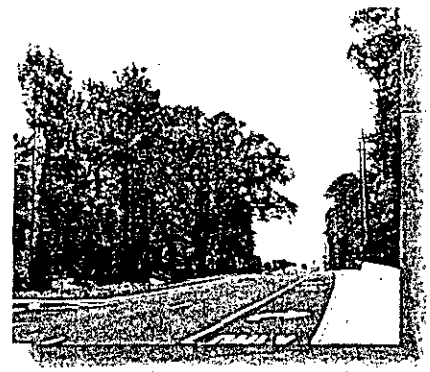
There are two segments of Capital Circle in need of reconstruction: CCNW (FL 263) from U.S. 90 to Orange Avenue and CCSE (FL 263) from Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Highway.



These two segments of Capital Circle are major arterial roadways that connect Interstate 10 travelers with the Tallahassee Regional Airport and serve as an important emergency evacuation route for neighboring coastal counties. In addition to the $46 million currently dedicated to the CCNW project, an additional $20 million is needed to widen this segment from two to six lanes. The design for this project is complete, and construction could commence within 180 days upon receipt of appropriations.

The section of CCSE is currently in the design phase and all of the right-of-way has been acquired. The project will widen the road from 2 to 4 lanes and can be construction-ready within 180 days of receipt of funding. The project is estimated to cost $15 million.

Sidewalk Improvements A number of priority sidewalk improvements (costing a little over $3 million) are identified in the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan:



- Perkins Road from N. Monroe Street to Old Bainbridge Road ($135,000)
- Dempsey Mayo Road from Mahan Drive to Miccosukee Road ($120,000)
- Velda Dairy Road from Bradfordville Road to Kerry Forest Parkway ($100,000)
- The Lafayette Street Pedestrian Tunnel ($2.7 million)

Developing a more pedestrian-friendly community involves reconstructing current transportation pathways to emphasize bicycling and walking. The Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, both place a strong emphasis on reconfiguring and reconstructing transportation infrastructure to increasingly accommodate pedestrian traffic. This policy is consistent with national efforts to decrease oil consumption and carbon emissions.

Joint Dispatch In December of 2006, the County, Sheriff and the City of Tallahassee executed a Memorandum of Agreement to pursue constructing a joint dispatch center to dispatch all first responders more efficiently and ensure that the closest available unit is dispatched to an emergency. Currently, the City of Tallahassee dispatches municipal law enforcement officers and firefighters while the Sheriff dispatches County law enforcement officers and Emergency Medical Service personnel.

The proposed facility will be between 30,000 – 40,000 gross square feet on a 10.7 acre parcel at the corner of Easterwood Drive and Weems Road. It will include the joint dispatch operations, a regional traffic management center, the Leon County Emergency Operations Center, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, and Tallahassee Fire Department administrative offices. Additionally, the facility will be coordinated with the construction of the Capital Area Chapter of American Red Cross facility to create a public safety campus environment.

The total cost for this project is estimated at $45 million. Upon receipt of funding, an architect, engineer, and construction manager can be hired to begin the project. When completed, the joint dispatch center will improve the health and safety of the citizens of the community through more efficient and effective emergency response services.

Intersection Improvements Intersection improvements are a critical part of making Leon County a safe and efficient area to traverse and can also have significant impacts on the capacity of road sections as they relate to concurrency management and the Comprehensive Plan. The top three intersection improvements that are scheduled to move forward in the next 180 days are:

- Meridian Road and Ox Bottom Road
- Meridian Road and Bannerman Road
- Meridian Road from Timberlane Road to Maclay Road

The first two projects are imperative for safety along the Meridian Road corridor and will cost approximately $1 million. The Timberlane Road project, which is estimated to cost roughly $1.5 million, will improve access to a local school.

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Leon County works with its state and federal delegation members each year to maximize funding opportunities for vital local projects. Additionally, the County employs contract lobbying firms at the state and federal levels to promote these projects and enhance communication with legislative leaders. The Commissioners, staff and lobbying team are available to discuss County projects and provide more information on ongoing legislative issues.

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ABOUT LEON COUNTY
Size: 702 Square Miles
Population: 272,896
FY 08/09 Budget: $267,410,647
Total Millage Rate: 8.35

City of Tallahassee
Economic Stimulus Package Projects

Energy Projects

Description	Project Cost	Job Creation	Estimated Start Date
1. **1,000 Solar Rooftops**: The purpose of this program is to stimulate the market for clean, renewable energy via provision of significant incentives for the purchase and installation of Solar Water Heating systems by City utility customers. The program would offer 80% of the total installed cost (estimated to be about $5,000 per system), with the customer paying the balance. Free solar energy for water heating would provide the customer with a rapid return on investment. A total of 1,000 homes/systems would be a sufficient quantity to attract suppliers to local market. Project would provide about 100 jobs for solar installers, plus roofers and plumbers. Project enhances existing solar program, with customers being eligible for the City's $450 rebate, State of Florida DEP rebate (if funding is available), and possibly Federal tax credits.	$4,000,000	100	30 Days
2. **Turbocor Compressor Commercial Building Retrofit**: This program stimulates the market for the purchase of high-efficiency magnetic-bearing compressors for use in large commercial air conditioning systems. The manufacturer, Turbocor, is a local high-tech business that already provides high-paying jobs in the community. The incentive would provide 80% of the cost of purchasing and installing the Turbocor product for use in both new and retrofit applications. The use of these compressors can result in 30% reductions in electricity demand in air conditioning. This directly supports the City's goal for demand-side management, and complements the City's existing Energy Smart Plus programs for improving customer energy efficiency. Funding of $5,000,000 required to provide incentives for 100-200 applications. Customers would realize a rapid payback from energy savings, enabling them to reinvest savings in their own businesses. Between increased	$5,000,000	100	30 Days

manufacturing at Turbocor, and the necessary installation by local mechanical (air conditioning) contractors, the program can create 100 new jobs for the local economy.			

Infrastructure

Description	Project Cost	Job Creation	Estimated Start Date
1. **Gaines Street Redevelopment:** The Gaines Street Corridor is a unique part of Tallahassee with a rich history dating back to the founding of the City. Located in the heart of the city, between two Universities, and immediately adjacent to the State Capitol and historic downtown, the Gaines Street corridor has been identified by elected leaders, community organizations and citizen groups as the City's prime target for redevelopment and revitalization. The redevelopment /revitalization of this designated brownfield area would enhance the economic, cultural and residential offerings of Tallahassee. The City's redevelopment plans for the Gaines Street corridor emphasize Smart Growth principles by requiring a mix of residential, commercial and office uses in this underutilized area. The goal is to create a vibrant urban community while respecting the natural and historic features that make the Gaines Corridor unique. In order to deliver this vital downtown project, significant infrastructure repairs and improvements are necessary to facilitate pedestrian access and enhance the new mixed-use development. These improvements include new water and sewer infrastructure; relocation and upgrade of overhead electrical lines; installation of new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and landscaping; milling and re-paving the road surface and installing new pavement markings.	$6,600,000	75	90 Days
2. **36" Force Main Sewer**: The City wastewater system was dealt a severe blow by Tropical Storm Fay in August of 2008 when the flooding and inflows from the storm caused our 36" Main running along Capital Circle Northeast to fail on three different occasions within a two day period. The Main is now	$7,500,000	200-250	90 Days

unusable as determined by subsequent testing. The community remains at risk if we approach the next storm season having inadequate capacity to handle storm level flows. Replacement of this Main will cost between $7 and $7.5 Million depending on the method used to solve the problem. Slip-lining will be the least costly ($4 Million) and consists of slipping a smaller (32") pipe inside the existing one, reducing the amount of excavation but reducing the capacity of the line. The additional capacity will be replaced by running a smaller parallel line that will cost $3 Million. Replacing the line by running a parallel 36" Main will be in the $7 to above range. This project can be, and should be, started within 2 months. This project will employ between 200 and 250 professionals and skilled laborers and will use manufactured pipe to support the general economy. Local contractors will do all the excavating and other construction work that does not require specialized knowledge unavailable locally.			

Protecting the Most Vulnerable

Description	Project Cost	Job Creation	Estimated Start Date
1. **1000 Low-Income Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit:** The project would help low-income households reduce their energy use by improving the overall energy efficiency of their homes. This segment of our community often pays a high proportion of their household income for home energy use and doesn't have the means to pay for home improvements. The proposed retrofit program would build on the City's Energy Smart Plus, Energy Assistance Program and Good Neighbor Program by providing a whole-house approach to achieving energy efficiency that is affordable to the homeowner. Under the program, local building contractors and vendors would be utilized to make the needed home improvements which might range from an HVAC upgrade and duct leak repair to installation of high-efficiency windows and appliances (overall weatherization). The program could also be utilized to provide assistance for the rental market, which has been difficult for traditional	$3,000,000	100	30 Days

energy-efficiency rebate programs to penetrate due to landlord/tenant conflicts. The estimated cost of the program is $3,000,000 to provide full energy retrofits for 1,000 homes. The project would also produce approximately 100 jobs in this community.			
2. **Good Neighbor Energy Assistance Program for the Elderly:** The rising costs of energy, healthcare, and other basic services can disproportionately impact senior citizens because they often have very limited income. Energy costs often absorb a significant portion of their income. This program would lessen the burden of cost of energy to the elderly by providing bill assistance, weatherization, and home repairs for immediate, interim, and long-term solutions. The program target age is 65 years and over. In order to provide an immediate response to rising energy prices, the good Neighbor Program phases in bill assistance with a 25% credit to electric service during high peak electric demand season. The seasons would include: Season 1 – January 2009 – March 2009 (winter); Season 2 - June 2009 – September 2009 (summer); Season 3 - December 2009 – March 2010 (winter), and would allow the elderly to maintain a consistent income, which typically are impacted negatively during seasonal energy use requirements. The program will provide meaningful assistance both immediately and long-term to utility customers most in need and is structured as follows: In order to extend the immediate response to a long-term solution to rising energy prices, the good Neighbor Program propose weatherization and efficiency measures. The interim actions can be accomplished in a shorter length of time, and realize long term benefit to the homeowner and include: Priority Energy Audit; Free Ceiling Insulation (up to $500); Heating and Cooling System Repair (up to $500); Duct Repair, Coil Cleaning and Refrigerant Leak; Hot Water Leak Repair (up to $500); and Fully Funded Electric to Tankless Gas Water Heater Conversion (up to 100 conversions). In those cases where weatherization and efficiency,	$1,200,000		30 Days

are not able to respond to the level of need, the City proposes Home Repair and Rehabilitation. The cost of this program to help elderly utility customers is approximately $1.2 million. It is difficult to quantify the number of jobs created, and/or the commercial economic benefits of such a program, but the program is expected to positively impact the local construction firms and residential appliance service industries. These firms will provide weatherization and home repair services, as well as residential heating and cooling systems at a time that new housing and re-construction projects have slowed due the economic downturn.			

Education

Description	Project Cost	Job Creation	Estimated Start Date
1. **Schools on Solar Program**: The program would significantly expand the City's existing Schools On Solar program, providing a combination of Solar Photovoltaic Electric, Solar Domestic Water Heating, Solar Area Lighting, on-line energy monitoring software, and a package of educational materials/curriculum for each school (about 60) in the Leon County system. Program provides early learning opportunities related to renewable energy systems for all school grades. Purchase and installation of solar equipment would provide 150 green jobs and be of sufficient scale to attract solar businesses to the local market, where they would be expected to seek additional customers beyond the schools. Jobs are high tech in solar installation, electrical, software development, and education.	$5,000,000	150	90 Days

Wakulla County Economic Stimulus Projects for Consideration

INFRASRUCTURE

- **$2.9 Million U.S. Hwy 319 Transportation Improvements** as identified in the signalization study for Wakulla County. These improvements include (3) specific turn lanes along US Hwy 319 (Crawfordville Highway). This highway serves as the primary North-South road corridor from the state capital and I-10 to Florida's Forgotten Coast (from St. Marks to St. George Island). This main artery serves as a key coastal evacuation route and is vital to economic development toward the coast. Still a two-lane road, state and federal funding is critical to support this corridor's improvement in the near future. Funding will provide for critical turning lanes to improve traffic flow and provide greater safety for residents and nearby schools

- **$1 Million Stormwater Plan**-This project is comprised of the first comprehensive stormwater study to be performed within Wakulla County. It is estimated to guide further planning and operational efforts to guide growth within Wakulla County's most dense population center that is also prone to stormwater issues during heavy rain events. This study will address cost effective practices that protect public and environmental health.

- **$20 Million Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion & Plant-** Funding for this project is essential to implement a new $20 M sewer system in the county's highest density neighborhood within the Wakulla Springs Protection Basin. This is but one of the many initiatives Wakulla County has taken to protect the springs and Floridan Acquifer. For example, the Board recently adopted the toughest water protection ordinance in the state and is expanding the Wakulla Springs Protection zone and continues to partner with our neighbors, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County, to ensure optimal protection of our natural resources. Wakulla County has committed approximately $1.7 million to this project.

- **$3 Million Wakulla County Transfer Station**-This project is for the construction of a new transfer station facility at the existing Wakulla County landfill / transfer station. The estimated construction cost for the transfer station is $3 million. Necessary plans and permits have been obtained and construction of the facility is awaiting funding. This proactive project by Wakulla County in is another example of our ongoing processes to coordinate efforts with our regional partners to increase recycling of all forms of waste and limit the creation of new landfills in environmentally sensitive coastal areas, protecting public health and acquifer water quality.

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Bryan Desloge - Gadsden County Projects

From: "Randy Hanna"
To: "Bryan Desloge"
Date: 1/6/2009 9:23 PM
Subject: Gadsden County Projects
CC: "Douglas Croley"

Bryan, I met with Commissioner Croley this past Saturday. The following projects are priorities for Gadsden County (these are not necessarily in priority order:

(1) Gadsden Memorial Hospital – the County is in the process of reopening its hospital, which has been closed for two years. While the County has passed a sales tax for indigent health care, utilization of this funding would allow the sales tax to expand the rural healthcare services throughout the County (which has one of the highest, if not the highest, infant mortality rates in the State and has one of the highest rates of poverty in the State). Cost – approximately 10 million. This would provide a double benefit and reduce the number of indigent patients traveling to TMH.

(2) Quincy By-Pass. This project has been approved by the CRTPA and is desperately needed. The project would, like Capital Circle did years ago, remove a number of log trucks and other major trucks out of historic downtown Quincy and open an important transportation corridor that would move goods north.

(3) Water and Wastewater. The Cities of Quincy, Gretna and Greensboro have water and wastewater needs. There is very little centralized sewer in Gadsden County outside of the major cities and the County is not able to develop the significant amount of undeveloped property around the interchanges. We can provide cost information in connection with the three cities.

(4) Repair of bridges. I spent the past Saturday viewing a number of bridges and got concerned about the safety of rural infrastructure The County's engineer is evaluating costs, but we estimate approximately $4-5 million. It is possible that there should be a line item for rural infrastructure to repair and replace bridges under a certain safety level. I will separately send you some photos from our Saturday trip.

(5) We talked about, but did not come to a conclusion on a possible workforce training program, possibly through TCC that might benefit the rural counties.

Hope this is responsive to your request. I know that Commissioner Croley and one other County representative will be present Thursday. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STIMULUS PACKAGE REQUEST

Florida Center for Advanced Aero Propulsion

The State of Florida ranks third nationally in aerospace employment. To keep that leadership position it needs to lead in the development of the radically different aircraft of the future, aircraft that have greater fuel efficiencies, produce less noise, and are able to meet lower carbon emissions standards. In response to these needs, the Florida State University Research Foundation has plans underway to design and construct a 50,000 gross square building. It will house the Florida Center for Advanced Aero propulsion, recently designated as a Center of Excellence by the State of Florida. In addition, the Power Science Laboratory, researchers from the robotics/megatronics group, and the Sustainable Energy Center will have space in the building all units addressing national research needs with the support and interest of federal agencies and private sector manufacturers. The approximate cost of the building is **$22,000,000**.

Florida State University has budgeted $10,000,000 for this package to fund twelve (12) different renovations in several major academic and research buildings/facilities as part of our effort to identify "ready-to-go" projects that could be implemented immediately should stimulus funding be forthcoming. These include projects in major research buildings that house programs in oceanography, biological and chemical sciences, and others including the University's library. It also contains a number of academic upgrades that will enhance instruction, teaching, and learning activities for hundreds of students in several of our colleges and schools, including communications, fine arts, and human sciences. With these renovations, research activities can continue to be a strong source of external support for the university, its faculty, and our students. Without these key renovations, classroom instruction could be reduced, technological capacities--so critical for today's students--could be cut or eliminated, and damage from the elements could actually create substantial losses and increase the eventual costs of these renovations in the future. These planned but unfunded renovations could be done quickly, economically, and would create dozens of additional jobs for Leon and surrounding county residents.

Florida State University Construction/Renovation Projects: Shovel-Ready

FHP Building Lead and Asbestos abatement - Design complete, Gym and 3rd floor funded and proceeding need $464,386.00 to complete 2nd, 1st and basement. In-construction Bio-Unit One Asbestos Abatement 3rd floor - Design Complete ready for GMP	**$1,463,000**
Strozier Library Re-Roof, masonry repair and waterproofing – Design Complete ready for GMP	**$2,480,000**
Strozier Library Elevator Replacement - Design Complete ready for GMP	**$922,000**
Fine Arts Re-roof, masonry repair and waterproofing - Design Complete ready for GMP	**$3,500,000**
University Center A Door and Window replacement - Have received hard bids	**$489,100**

Shores Building Mechanical Repairs - In design	**$1,099,000**
Post Office Re-roof - In design	**$641,876**
Shores Building Re-roof and water proofing - In design	**$743,600**
Diffenbaugh Elevator repairs - Design complete awaiting GMP	**$486,000**
OSB Building Re-roof and water proofing - In design	**$879,000**
OSB Building Mechanical repairs - Fee proposal received for design	**$1,300,000**
RENOVATIONS TOTAL:	**$14,003,576**
AEROSPACE BUILDING TOTAL	**$22,000,000**
GRAND TOTAL:	**$36,003,576**

FAMU Shovel Ready Projects for Federal Economic Stimulus List

Pharmacy Research Center $33,460,440.00

The FAMU College of Pharmacy, one of the largest and most successful pharmacy programs in the nation, has a desperate need to add new research facilities to its training educational and training complex. The College is an important national asset and ranks 7th nationally in securing research funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Since its inception, the College has graduated over 20% of the nation's African American pharmacists and over 60% of the nation's African American Ph.D. graduates in the pharmaceutical sciences.

FAMU pharmacy researchers haves successfully earned two patents, and are currently awaiting approval on another six.

The College currently offers the PharmD degree, four –research based- PhD tracks, the MPH, and the DrPH.

The Pharmacy Research Center, has been on the drawing board for the past 4 years, but has been pushed back several times because of the lack of available funds. Construction of this new facility will add 95,000 sq ft. of sorely needed research space to the College and further expand FAMU's ability to train pharmacist, and researchers to meeting growing national demand.

This new space will make it possible for FAMU researchers to explore and discover new cures to some of the chronic health problems plaguing our nation, which could lead to new patents, drug discovery and other inventions that could enhance economic development for the state and the nation.

With much of the architectural and engineering design work complete, upon receipt of funding the university is ready to move forward with construction work.

This project is expected to create 445 construction related jobs.

Sampson & Young (Residence) Halls Renovation $20 million

Sampson and Young Halls are among the oldest structures on the Florida A&M University (FAMU) campus, they were constructed in 1928 (renovated in 1980) and 1938 (renovated in 1979) respectively. Both buildings were closed approximately three years ago because they did not meet the minimum state standards for fire and safety, and the cost to bring them into compliance greatly exceeded the university's financial ability.

Currently, the lack of available on-campus housing is impeding the FAMU's ability to accommodate the growing number of students who seek a higher education. During

the fall 2007 semester FAMU had a waiting list of nearly 100 new male students we could not accommodate, by fall 2008 this waiting list had grown to nearly 150 male students.

FAMU's student profile consists largely of traditionally underrepresented minorities who are typically the first in their families to pursue a post-secondary education. These students require the kind of additional resources and academic support that can best be provided through an on-campus residential life program. It has been our experience that we have difficulty retaining young students when they are forced to live throughout the city because of a lack of on-campus housing. .

We've learned that providing on-campus housing for students is important because students who live on campus perform better academically, have more contact with faculty and are generally happier with their college experience than students who commute. When students receive the support they need to be successful, the results can be extraordinary. As a nation, helping our students graduate and achieve their goals should be at the heart of all we do.

With our current enrollment at nearly 12,000 students, FAMU intends to grow to 15,000 students in the next few years. One of the keys to this growth is having adequate campus housing to house students in need.

This project will create a total of 235 construction related jobs for two years.

General Infrastructure Improvements $5 million

As the third oldest (121 years) public university, and the nation's largest historically black college, Florida A&M University has a few general infrastructures and maintenance needs which need addressing. Over the past several years the needs have been delayed because of the state's inability to fund them because of the economic downturn, which has griped the state and nation.

Addressing these needs now would enhance the academic experience of the growing community of scholars who call Florida A&M home.

Projects included in this initiative include roof replacements, road construction, and electrical upgrades to improve energy efficiency.

This project will create 80 construction related jobs and is expected to last for about 1.5 years.

Gore Education Complex Remodeling **$13,916,819.00**

The Gore Education Complex houses the Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Education. This three unit complex was built in 1968 and last renovated in 1988. The FAMU College of Education offers bachelors, masters, and PhD degree programs and graduates more African American teachers than any other university in the nation.

Remodeling this academic space will help the university to further address the nation's critical need for additional teachers and administrators for urban school districts.

FAMU has budgeted $8 million for this project, but needs an additional $13.9m to complete the entire project.

Will create 185 construction related jobs for 3 years.

Tallahassee Community College
Stimulus Project Proposals
First Review Draft

Project A
ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As the main campus of Tallahassee Community College continues to grow, there is a need to insure that the campus infrastructure is expanded and upgraded to meet the future campus needs. The original installation of the electrical system used old technology that is no longer current in the industry. This increases the potential of electrical outages at a time when the majority of the systems used at the College are dependent on a reliable electrical service to the campus.

To address this concern, an electrical infrastructure study was conducted in March 2007. This study included an evaluation and analysis of the current 15KV electrical system that serves the campus. The study also provided recommendations for upgrading the electrical system that was designed and built more than 30 years ago using technology that is beyond their industry accepted life expectancies.

This project would accomplish the following objectives:

1. Provide an additional electrical feed to the campus
2. Reconfigure the electrical circuits that feed the Academic Computing and Administration Buildings
3. Replace oil; insulated switches that feed the Math/Science Annex, Communication/Humanities Building, Fine and Performing Arts Center, Central Plant Building, and the Science/Math Building with newer technology
4. Replace paper/lead oil insulated cable between switches and the buildings mentioned above with newer EPR cable used in the newer section of campus
5. Replace several 'live front' 15KV transformers with newer technology units
6. Replace oil insulated transformers with newer pad mounted outdoor units

The estimated cost for this project is $3,041,360.

TIMELINE

Since the College has completed the necessary electrical study with a local electrical engineering firm, the required design documents could be completed within 60-90 days from date of project approval. The project would be required to be phased in due to the scheduling of the necessary shutdown of the electrical service. Bidding for the first phase would take an additional 30 days. Actual construction would commence thereafter and continue for the phase-in timeline until completed.

Project B
CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT
PAT THOMAS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As the site for the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy was developed, the overall planning and design dictated that each building would have its own self-contained heating, ventilating and air conditioning system. In the early phases of the site this was appropriate. However, now that the site has several buildings, it is in the best interest of the College to find ways to reduce operational and maintenance costs while also promoting energy conservation.

The construction of a new central utility plant would have the benefit of reducing operational costs for the mechanical system at the PTLEA. Instead of boilers, cooling towers, chillers and system controls for each building, this plant would have the necessary equipment to distribute both chilled and hot water to the buildings. There is also the potential to reduce the maintenance costs since the number of individual building systems would be consolidated in one location. Finally, there is the added benefit of reducing the overall energy consumption utilizing a central plant with increased energy efficient equipment.

The estimated cost to construct a new central utility plant and the necessary underground distribution system is $5,091,537.

TIMELINE

This project has been on the drawing board of the architects for the PTLEA for the past two years while waiting for a funding source. The site for the central plant has been identified that is consistent with the PTLEA Master Plan. Due to changes in the building codes since the original plans were completed the architect would require 60 days to address any code changes and complete the documents for bidding. Bidding would take an additional 30 days. Construction could begin within 15 days of bidding and proceed for the estimated 360 day construction period.

Project C
CLASSROOM BUILDING #2
PAT THOMAS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

With the increased awareness for safety and security, there is a need for additional law enforcement personnel and additional training for those currently in the field. This project is to construct a new classroom and laboratory building to serve as a multi-functional facility for training officers in the various law enforcement agencies, including police, county sheriff, highway patrol, fish and wildlife, and the state fire marshal. As the College continues to develop the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy the central law enforcement training center for al law enforcement agencies in this region, there will be a considerable increase in trainee enrollments with increased demand for classroom and laboratory space.

This project includes 7,000 square feet of classroom space, 17,500 square feet of laboratory space, 5,000 square feet of support service space, 1,300 square feet of staff and faculty office space and other ancillary spaces, for a total of 37,400 square feet. The estimated construction cost is $13,720,451 which includes all necessary equipment and furnishings.

TIMELINE

This project has been in the planning stages for several years while a funding source was identified. The architect has 100% construction documents completed, however the documents must be reviewed in light of current building code requirements. This review could be completed within a 60 day timeline once approval to proceed was given. There is also a 30 day window for bidding. Since a site has been identified that is consistent with the PTLEA Master Plan, construction could begin within 15-30 days from the receipt of bids. Construction is expected to last for 14 months.

Project D
COLLEGE-WIDE ELECTRONIC BUILDING ACCESS CONTROL (Phase II Campus Security Upgrade)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of the on-going initiative to provide a safe and secure campus for students, faculty and staff, Tallahassee Community College has put in place several emergency notification systems. These systems are designed to alert TCC students, faculty and staff of any emergency events on campus. These systems include emergency sirens and emergency notification warnings sent to cellular telephones, computers and other handheld devices.

One of the results of the tragedies that have taken place on College campuses in the last few years is a means to isolate students and staffs from individuals that plan to cause harm. Most colleges and universities are installing electronic building access control systems that limit access to all buildings from a central station. These systems utilize the latest technology to eliminate the use of keys. These systems also provide a much better system of controlling who can gain access to buildings. These systems also control who can be excluded *from* gaining access in a faster manner, usually with the touch of a computer key.

This project would fund the installation of such a system for all buildings at Tallahassee Community College. The system would replace all keys for access to exterior doors to college buildings, eliminate the need to retrieve keys from employees who no longer work for TCC, and establish a central point of access control for al college buildings. The estimated cost of the electronic access control system is $968,000.

TIMELINE

College staff has begun exploring the various systems on the market. Some of the educational institutions in Tallahassee currently utilize to varying degrees such a system. Consideration for such a system has also been explored for installation in the new Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education. Within 30-60 days from approval to proceed decisions could be made on which system best meets the needs of the College. Specifications for bidding could be prepared within 45-60 days from the decision on the preferred systems. Bidding for the installation would take another 30 days. Actual installation for all college buildings could begin within 45 days and continue to completed, estimated to take approximately 180-240 days.

Project E
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A critical need has emerged in the Tallahassee area for advanced technology training. The need stems from the rapid establishment of new manufacturers and expansion of existing companies that require a well-trained workforce to compete in the global economy. These companies include BASF; Danfoss Turbocor Compressors, Inc.; General Dynamics Land Systems; GenTek; Global CNC Solutions; Quincy Joist; St. Marks Powder; Talla-Com; and TeligentEMS.

A survey of employers found that 80% of respondents reported that they had serious problems finding qualified candidates for the highly technical world of modern manufacturing. Manufacturers make enormous economic contributions, accounting for 14% of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product; 11% of total U.S. employment; 60% of private investment in research; and offer high paying jobs averaging $54,000 annually.

In response to this need, Tallahassee Community College (TCC) is establishing an **Advanced Technology Training Center** to train individuals to succeed in high-skill, technologically advanced professions. This program is made possible with industry and state support, and will receive major funding support from a $993,000 Congressionally Directed Grant through the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) that was made possible by the leadership of U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd.

The College plans to renovate an existing building on campus to house this training center. The building has frontage on a major roadway and should provide an excellent location for this center. The cost to renovate and equipment this center is estimated at $4,000,000, with close to $1,000,000 in federal grants to support the purchase of equipment.

TIMELINE

The College has engaged the services of an architect to prepare as-built drawings and a schematic design for the facility. Within 60-90 days from the time of approval for the project a design for the facility could be completed. It is estimated that an additional 60 days would be needed for construction documents. Bidding would require another 30 days. Construction is estimated at 240 days.

LCS
LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

1/7/09

POTENTIAL PROJECTS $5 MILLION OR ABOVE IN 2009-14 SURVEY

SITE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST	TIME TO CONSTRUCT
Gilchrist Elementary	New classrooms	$3,216,000	Immediately after permitting
Buck Lake Elementary	New classrooms	$5,872,800	Immediately after permitting
New Elementary School	New school	$27,283,800	3 Months after site selection
Griffin Technology Magnet (Remodeling is in Design)	Renovation, Remodeling and New Construction	$20,000,000	3 Months
Transportation facility	Build out - Driving range, work bays, associated spaces	$5,000,000	Immediately after permitting
Energy Upgrade Needs	Lighting, Chiller, Controls	$4,825,000	Immediately
Compressed Natural Gas		$6,000,000	Immediately after permitting
Solar Panels	District wide	$38,210,180	Immediately
TOTAL		**$110,407,780**	