

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-951

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Johnson

**Date of Introduction:** November 26, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F, TEU

**Date of Analysis:** November 27, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; authorization to execute purchase and sale agreement; authorization to execute cost disbursement agreements; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates \$1,834,456.47 from the COJ-Project Closure Activity Account to the Ortega Hills Secondary Ingress/Egress Project to fund the acquisition of real property interests, and the design, engineering, and construction costs necessary to build a new connector roadway. It authorizes the execution of a purchase and sale agreement and closing documents for the property acquisition and the execution of a cost disbursement agreement for construction of the road. The City's 2025-29 Capital Improvement Plan is amended to incorporate this project. The bill designates the Real Estate Division to oversee the property acquisition and the Engineering and Construction Management Division to oversee the cost disbursement agreement and the construction process.

**Background Information:** The purpose of the Ortega Hills Secondary Ingress/Egress Project is to create a new road connecting Ortega Hills Drive in the Ortega Hills Subdivision to Golden Wings Road on the west side of U.S. 17 opposite NAS Jacksonville in order to provide an alternative means of entry and exit to the neighborhood when parked trains on the adjacent railroad line block the primary access point. The project will require the acquisition of property for the 60-foot right-of-way and the construction of approximately 1,860 linear feet of roadway with stormwater management facilities and a box culvert stream crossing. The City has negotiated an agreement with a developer planning to develop an industrial park in the vicinity of this road for the City to acquire the needed property and to reimburse that developer up to 100% of the costs of the design, engineering, permitting, construction and inspection of the Connector Road as based on the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost prepared for the road up to the amount of \$4,158,266.47.

**Policy Impact Area:** Road construction; neighborhood access

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates \$1,834,456.47 from the COJ-Project Closure Activity Account to the Ortega Hills Secondary Ingress/Egress CIP Project

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