

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-611

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** August 27, 2019

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 29, 2019

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; CIP amendment; authorization to execute program agreement with FDOT; authorization to execute roadway transfer agreement; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates a \$12,462,500 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for the demolition of a portion of the elevated Hart Bridge Expressway between Liberty Street and Festival Park Avenue and the construction of a new ramp at A. Phillip Randolph Boulevard and at-grade intersection with Gator Bowl Boulevard. It authorizes the execution between the FDOT and the City of Jacksonville of a Local Agency Program Agreement for use of the funds and a Roadway Transfer Agreement for the City to assume ownership of certain rights-of-way. The bill amends the 2019-2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program to provide funding for the project entitled "Hart Bridge Ramp Modification." The Engineering and Construction Management Division of the Department of Public Works is designated as the City's oversight agency.

**Background Information:** The project will demolish the elevated expressway in order to facilitate the development of the Lot J, Metropolitan Park and Jacksonville Shipyards properties, increase the pedestrian friendliness of the Sports Complex area with improved pedestrian and bike paths, traffic calming features, improved signalization, etc. Upon completion of the project the City will own, operate and maintain all rights-of-way, structures and facilities associated with the project. The project will be constructed under a design-build contract, with construction beginning in the first quarter of 2020 and being completed by the end of 2021.

**Policy Impact Area:** Downtown redevelopment

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates a state grant of \$12,462,500, which will be matched with City funding of \$12.5 million (borrowed funds) and a federal grant of \$12.5 million. Total project cost is estimated at \$38.9 million, with \$1.5 million being provided from other available City funds for the preparation of the design criteria package.

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