

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-289

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

**Date of Introduction:** April 9, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** April 11, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; authorization to execute construction reimbursement agreement; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates a \$9.5 million Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant to fund the University Boulevard North “complete streets” construction project. It authorizes the Mayor and administration to execute a construction reimbursement agreement for the project and amends the 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan to reflect this appropriation of funds to the project. The Engineering and Construction Management Division of the Public Works Department is designated as the oversight agency for the project.

**Background Information:** “Complete streets” is a transportation philosophy that calls for designing and building streets that are optimal for all road users regardless of age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, or chosen mode of travel. The project will transform 6,500 feet of University Boulevard from Merrill Road southward to Tanglewood Lane (just south of the Arlington Expressway) by milling and resurfacing with potential improvements to include reduced travel lane widths, construction of buffer bike lanes, mid-block crossings, reconfiguration of the Burdette/Lake Lucina intersection, high emphasis crosswalks, and installation of a median where left turning movements are not compromised. The final project scope will be determined through stakeholder meetings and design development.

The project calendar calls for design to be completed on or before December 31, 2026; construction contract to be let on or before June 30, 2027; and construction to be completed on or before December 31, 2029.

**Policy Impact Area:** “Complete streets” roadway and neighborhood improvement

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates a \$9.5 million FDOT grant with no local match required.

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