

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-700 (amended summary)

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

**Date of Introduction:** August 27, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 29, 2024

**Type of Action:** Amendment to Better Jacksonville Plan work plan; CIP amendment

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) work plan project list to revert funding for 9 road projects previously switched from BJP sales tax funding to debt funding back to the sales tax and to add 67 previously authorized road, sidewalk and drainage projects which fall within the intent of the original 2000 BJP referendum to the program to be funded with revenues from the BJP half-cent sales tax through the end of its originally intended lifespan of December 2030.

**Background Information:** Mayor Deegan's administration believes it is fiscally prudent to leverage the BJP half-cent infrastructure sales tax for its entire lifespan through 2030 for capital project funding as originally envisioned when the BJP was adopted. The total current cost of the 76 projects being added/returned to the BJP work program is \$614,793,409. Of that amount, \$358,253,409 is for previously authorized amounts that were planned to be funded with debt; \$82,556,000 is scheduled for FY24-25 and \$173,984,000 is programmed over FY26, FY27 and FY28. Included in the above amounts are the 9 road projects shifted from BJB sales tax funding to debt funding via Ordinance 2022-416-E totaling \$154,869,342.

**Policy Impact Area:** BJP sales tax funding of capital projects

**Fiscal Impact:** This avoids debt costs to the City on projects costing approximately \$600 million.

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