

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-628

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gaffney, Jr.

Date of Introduction: August 11, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 10, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates a \$500,000 grant from the State of Florida, Department of Health, Duval County to the Grant Capital Improvement Projects Fund – Dinsmore Area Sidewalks – Other Construction Costs account to provide funding for a targeted public health and safety campaign associated with the Dinsmore Area Sidewalks project. The bill amends the 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2025-505-E to create a new project entitled "Dinsmore Area Sidewalks" and to reflect this appropriation of funds to the project. Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), Ordinance Code, enactment of this ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP amendment.

Background Information: The City will be undertaking a project to install new ADA-compliant sidewalks along Old Kings Road from Plummer Road to Acree Road and on Dunn Avenue/Harrell Street from Old Kings Road to New Kings Road to address pedestrian safety and mobility issues. This area of the Dinsmore community is a high-risk, rural corridor with heavy pedestrian use that currently lacks sidewalks. The grant-funded public education campaign is designed to improve walkability, reduce injury risk, and increase physical activity for families living in the Dinsmore community by encouraging physical activity on public sidewalks and educating pedestrians on the benefits of exercise and other health-related matters. The bill states that deferring the CIP amendment until the next annual budget and CIP review would be detrimental to the best interests of the community because it would unnecessarily delay commencement and completion of the project and could result in loss of the grant funds.

Policy Impact Area: Public Health; Transportation Infrastructure

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City. The bill appropriates a \$500,000 grant from the State of Florida, Department of Health, Duval County.

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