

Introduced by Council Member White:

**ORDINANCE 2026-35**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,370,000 FROM THE  
WIDENING OF LANE AVENUE NORTH - DM OTHER  
CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT TO THE JACKSONVILLE  
FAIR GROUNDS RELOCATION - DM OTHER CONSTRUCTION  
COSTS ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR  
RELOCATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS TO  
THE JACKSONVILLE EQUESTRIAN CENTER SITE;  
AMENDING THE 2026-2030 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE  
2025-505-E TO REFLECT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM  
THE WIDENING OF LANE AVENUE NORTH PROJECT TO THE  
JACKSONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS RELOCATION PROJECT;  
PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and  
incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$1,370,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$1,370,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

1           The funding above represents an appropriation of \$1,370,000  
2           from the Widening of Lane Avenue North - DM Other  
3           Construction Costs account to the Jacksonville Fair Grounds  
4           Relocation - DM Other Construction Costs account, to  
5           provide additional funds for relocation of the Jacksonville  
6           Fairgrounds to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center site.

7           **Section 2.       Purpose.**   The purpose of the appropriation in  
8           Section 1 is to provide additional funds for relocation of the  
9           Jacksonville Fairgrounds to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

10          **Section 3.       Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.**   Ordinance  
11          2025-505-E, adopting the 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan  
12          (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is  
13          hereby amended to reflect this transfer of funds from the Widening  
14          of Lane Avenue North project to the Jacksonville Fairgrounds  
15          Relocation project (the "Project"), as more fully described in the  
16          Project Information Sheets attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and  
17          incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council finds that  
18          the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget  
19          and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the  
20          community because such deferral will hinder timely completion of the  
21          Project during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

22          Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of  
23          this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
24          City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP  
25          amendment set forth in this Section. This Ordinance shall constitute  
26          an amendment to Ordinance 2025-505-E. In all other respects, the  
27          Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2025-505-E  
28          shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

29          **Section 4.       Oversight.**   The Public Works Department shall  
30          have oversight of the Project described herein.

31          **Section 5.       Effective Date.**   This Ordinance shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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