

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-311

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 9, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 11, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; CIP amendment; authorization to execute grant agreement; designation of oversight agency; request for one-cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates a \$5.5 million Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Job Growth Infrastructure grant and \$2.5 million from General Fund/Fund Balance to the Cecil Mega Site Rail Spur project. It amends the 2023-27 Capital Improvement Plan to reflect the funding of the project. It authorizes the execution of a Florida Job Growth Infrastructure Grant agreement between the City and the state for use of the funds. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project. Fast-track approval on one committee cycle is requested.

NOTE: see related Ordinance 2023-310.

**Background Information:** The proposed 3-mile rail spur construction project will provide direct access to the 600-acre City-owned Mega Site at Cecil Commerce Center. The project would include clearing of vegetation and installation of rail spur and needed drainage infrastructure. The rail spur right-of-way is all owned by the City of Jacksonville. The total project cost is estimated at \$8 million. The rail spur would initially serve the Cosentino manufacturing facility which is the subject of the economic incentive package proposed in Ordinance 2023-310.

**Policy Impact Area:** Economic development

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates a \$5.5 million Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Job Growth Infrastructure grant and \$2.5 million from General Fund/Fund Balance

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