

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-557

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

**Date of Introduction:** August 22, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 22, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and CIP amendment

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$227,218.83 from Local Option Gas Tax – Fund/Sidewalk Construction-New to provide funding for the design and administration portion of the Starratt Road Sidewalk Improvements project. The 2022-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program is amended to provide funds for the project.

**Background Information:** Per Chapter 799, *Ordinance Code*, and through 2021-223-E, the local option gas tax revenue may be utilized only for transportation expenditures, as that term is defined in F.S. § 336.025(7) and as appropriated from time to time by the Council.

Section 336.025(7), *Florida Statutes* defines transportation expenditures to be: (a) Public transportation operations and maintenance; (b) Roadway and right-of-way maintenance and equipment and structures used primarily for the storage and maintenance of such equipment; (c) Roadway and right-of-way drainage; (d) Street lighting installation, operation, maintenance, and repair; (e) Traffic signs, traffic engineering, signalization, and pavement markings, installation, operation, maintenance, and repair; (f) Bridge maintenance and operation; (g) Debt service and current expenditures for transportation capital projects in the foregoing program areas, including construction or reconstruction of roads and sidewalks.

The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for Starratt Road Sidewalk Improvements. Starratt Road west of Duval Station Road is a two-lane section of paved roadway having one eastbound and one westbound lane of traffic, with a 5.5' wide sidewalk along the south side of the road separated by a 3' grass buffer. Recent development north of the road has increased the need for a sidewalk within the north right of way, and extensions to the existing box culverts will provide room to construct a new 6' wide sidewalk on the north side of Starratt Road and widen the existing sidewalk on the south side of Starratt Road to 6' wide. The design will reduce the risk to pedestrians attempting to traverse east/west on the north side of the road by providing traffic railings between the pedestrians and traffic and pedestrian railings across the Dunn Creek where there currently are none.

**Policy Impact Area:** Starratt Road sidewalk improvements

**Fiscal Impact:** \$227,218.83 as initiated by B.T. 23-117

**Analyst:** Hampsey