

1 Introduced by the Council President at the Request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-700**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE BETTER JACKSONVILLE  
6 PLAN (BJP) SET FORTH IN ORDINANCES 2000-572-E,  
7 2000-671-E AND 2000-965-E AND REVISED PER  
8 ORDINANCE 2005-898-E AND MODIFIED PER ORDINANCE  
9 2022-416-E; DETERMINING JUST CAUSE AND NECESSITY  
10 FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BJP REVISED  
11 INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM,  
12 WHICH AMENDED REVISED WORK PROGRAM ADDS ELIGIBLE  
13 PROJECTS; NOTING THE CORRESPONDING PASSAGE OF  
14 THE 2024-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PER  
15 ORDINANCE 2024-505-E REFLECTING THE BJP FUNDING  
16 OF THE AMENDED REVISED WORK PROGRAM PROJECTS;  
17 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the City Council ("Council") enacted Ordinances 2000-  
20 572-E, 2000-671-E and 2000-965-E, and thereby created the portion of  
21 the Better Jacksonville Plan associated with the ½ Cent Discretionary  
22 Sales Surtax approved by local referendum (hereinafter "BJP"); and

23 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2000-572-E, itemized the countywide  
24 infrastructure and transportation improvements which were itemized  
25 and attached to that legislation as Exhibit A and were entitled the  
26 "City of Jacksonville Transportation and Infrastructure 2000-2010  
27 Work Program" (the "Work Program"); and

28 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2005-898-E modified the Better Jacksonville  
29 Plan Road projects to establish a new priority and work project which  
30 was attached to 2005-898-E; and

31 **WHEREAS**, due to concerns with higher construction costs,

1 Ordinance 2022-416-E changed the funding source from the ½ Cent  
2 Discretionary Sales Tax to the Debt Management fund for the then  
3 outstanding BJP projects; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the current Administration now believes it is fiscally  
5 prudent to leverage BJP ½ cent infrastructure sales tax for its entire  
6 lifespan through 2030; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this legislation proposes to expand the BJP Work  
8 Program project listing to include qualifying previously authorized  
9 CIP projects to allow the City to leverage a current revenue source  
10 to fund necessary capital projects and mitigate the use of debt; now  
11 therefore

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

13 **Section 1. Council Findings as to Just Cause and Necessity.**

14 (a) **Exhibit 1**, attached, constitutes the "Amendment to Revised  
15 Work Program", the list of additional eligible projects to be funded  
16 by the BJP ½ cent infrastructure sales tax. This represents the  
17 priority of roads/infrastructure/transportation construction  
18 projects within Jacksonville.

19 (b) The Council finds that the City analysis attached hereto as  
20 **Exhibit 2**, sets forth the requisite basis for just cause and necessity  
21 for amending the Work Program as set forth in the "Amendment to  
22 Revised Work Program". Based upon the findings set forth in this  
23 ordinance, just cause and necessity exist for the amendment.

24 **Section 2. Amendment to Work Program Approved.** That portion of  
25 the countywide road, infrastructure and transportation improvements  
26 program itemized in the Revised Work Program, approved per Ordinance  
27 2005-898-E and modified by Ordinance 2022-416-E, is hereby amended  
28 by adding those eligible projects as set forth in **Exhibit 1**.

29 **Section 3. Corresponding Changes Made in the Five-Year Capital**  
30 **Improvement Program (CIP).** This Council has enacted Ordinance 2024-  
31 505-E reflecting the BJP funding of the Amended Revised Work Program

1 Projects in the fiscal years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

2 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
4 without the Mayor's signature.

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6 Form Approved:

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8           /s/ Dylan Reingold          

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation prepared by: Dylan Reingold

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