

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
3 Safety Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-700-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE BETTER JACKSONVILLE
8 PLAN (BJP) SET FORTH IN ORDINANCES 2000-572-E,
9 2000-671-E AND 2000-965-E AND REVISED PER
10 ORDINANCE 2005-898-E AND MODIFIED PER ORDINANCE
11 2022-416-E; DETERMINING JUST CAUSE AND NECESSITY
12 FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BJP REVISED
13 INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM,
14 WHICH AMENDED REVISED WORK PROGRAM ADDS ELIGIBLE
15 PROJECTS; NOTING THE CORRESPONDING PASSAGE OF
16 THE 2025-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PER
17 ORDINANCE 2024-505-E REFLECTING THE BJP FUNDING
18 OF THE AMENDED REVISED WORK PROGRAM PROJECTS;
19 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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21 **WHEREAS,** the City Council ("Council") enacted Ordinances 2000-
22 572-E, 2000-671-E and 2000-965-E, and thereby created the portion of
23 the Better Jacksonville Plan associated with the ½ Cent Discretionary
24 Sales Surtax approved by local referendum (hereinafter "BJP"); and

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

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

1 was attached to 2005-898-E; and

2 **WHEREAS**, due to concerns with higher construction costs,
3 Ordinance 2022-416-E changed the funding source from the ½ Cent
4 Discretionary Sales Tax to the Debt Management fund for the then
5 outstanding BJP projects; and

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

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

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

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

16 (a) **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev
17 Projects, September 16, 2024 - NCSPHS" attached, constitutes the
18 "Amendment to Revised Work Program", the list of additional eligible
19 projects to be funded by the BJP ½ cent infrastructure sales tax.
20 This represents the priority of roads/infrastructure/transportation
21 construction projects within Jacksonville.

22 (b) The Council finds that the City analysis attached hereto as
23 **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Analysis,
24 September 16, 2024 - NCSPHS" sets forth the requisite basis for just
25 cause and necessity for amending the Work Program as set forth in the
26 "Amendment to Revised Work Program". Based upon the findings set
27 forth in this ordinance, just cause and necessity exist for the
28 amendment.

29 **Section 2. Amendment to Work Program Approved.** That
30 portion of the countywide road, infrastructure and transportation
31 improvements program itemized in the Revised Work Program, approved

1 per Ordinance 2005-898-E and modified by Ordinance 2022-416-E, is
2 hereby amended by adding those eligible projects as set forth in
3 **Revised Exhibit 1.**

4 **Section 3. Corresponding Changes Made in the Five-Year**
5 **Capital Improvement Program (CIP).** This Council has enacted Ordinance
6 2024-505-E reflecting the BJP funding of the Amended Revised Work
7 Program Projects in the fiscal years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement
8 Plan.

9 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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