

RESOLUTION R-02-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM GRANT; EXECUTION OF A HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION GRANT LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND EXECUTION OF RELATED PERMIT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the **Highway Beautification Program**, to allow the Florida Department of Transportation to grant funds to local governments for the improvement of transportation facilities on the State Highway System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County has adopted an Urban Forestry Master Plan that includes the improvement and beautification of certain "Gateway" roadways at entrances into Manatee County, such as SR 45/U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail between the Sarasota/Manatee County Line and Tallevast Road/Gaines Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, wishes to request financial assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation for the installation of landscaping on SR 45/U.S.41/Tamiami Trail facility under the **Highway Beautification Grant Program**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chairman is hereby authorized to subsequently execute and submit a **Highway Beautification Grant Program** Application and related documents to the Florida Department of Transportation for the project to landscape SR 45/U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail between the Sarasota/Manatee County Line and Tallevast Road/Gaines Avenue.
2. If awarded, the Chairman is hereby authorized, subject to review and approval of the documents by the County Attorney, to accept the **Highway Beautification Grant**, to execute the Grant Agreement and a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, and to execute any related permit documents.
3. The Transportation Department is hereby authorized to expend Tree Trust Funds to provide Manatee County's share of the required local matching funds for any **Highway Beautification Grant** eligible expenses for the proposed project.

ADOPTED WITH A QUORUM PRESENT THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE, 2002.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: *R. B. Shore*
 By: R. B. Shore
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

Amy E. Stein
 By: Amy E. Stein
 Chairman