



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

November 2023



Special Session

- Foreign Affairs
- Hurricane Idalia
- Security Infrastructure
- Home Resiliency
- Student Scholarships

Political Climate

- Election Cycle
- Legislative Authority
- Veto

Regular Session

- Budget
- Healthcare
- Conservation
- Live Local Act
- State Courts System
- Public School Regulations

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION & COMMITTEE WEEKS



State Appropriations

Budget

- August 18th – General Revenue Estimating Conference
- Current Year Surplus of \$8.8 billion.
- GR projections for:
 - FY 24 increased by \$1.6 billion (3.6%)
 - FY 25 increased by \$1.2 billion (2.6%)
- Collections for last quarter of FY 23 exceeded estimate by \$1 billion.

SJC requesting \$96.45 million in FY 2024-25

- Emergency response infrastructure
- Transportation improvements
- Coastal protection
- Parks and recreation
- Economic development





Budget & Policy Opportunities

Opioid Settlement Funds

- Extension of time to expend funds.
- 5-year projection needed.

Regional Medical Examiner's Facility

- \$11.7 million request to construct facility that will provide additional operational capacity and relocate operations away from a flood zone.
- Facility would serve Putnam, Flagler, and St. Johns Counties.

State and Federal Advocacy

- October Tallahassee Advocacy Trip
- Washington, DC



FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Budget Negotiations

- Continuing Resolution (CR) expires November 17th
- Current climate encourages federal agencies to resist:
 1. making funding decisions.
 2. announcing new grant opportunities.

The Current Situation and St. Johns County

- \$4 million request for State Road 16.
- \$73 million FHWA decision to protect SR A1A.
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant delayed.



