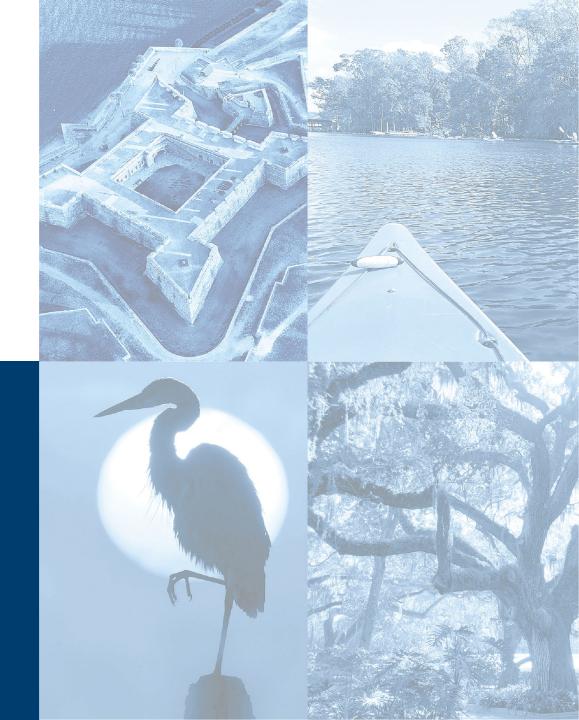


# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.





