Project Name:

FPID Project Number:

FDEP/WMD Permit/Application Number:

As directed by the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) prevailing principles include the preservation of its infrastructure investment and Florida’s natural resources [Section 334.046(4), Florida Statues (F.S.)]. As a state agency, FDOT is funded annually by the Florida Legislature and receives a multi-billion-dollar budget. Consistent with its charge to ensure that 100 percent of the acceptable maintenance standards are met on the state highway system, FDOT first budgets for operation and maintenance (O&M) costs of approximately one billion dollars per year, which includes stormwater infrastructure O&M.

FDOT must follow Chapters 287 and 337, F.S., and adopted rules for competitive solicitation to obtain commodities and contractual services, which includes the maintenance of the State Highway System. Pursuant to Section 337.168, F.S., FDOT project specific cost estimates in development are exempt from Public Records Requests under Section 119.07, F.S., which includes contracting for stormwater management systems along the State Highway System.

Development of the official confidential cost estimate must follow defined procedures and associated scope of work for the forecasted tentative work program. The FDOT Office of Maintenance compiles these estimates to determine the Maintenance Program’s total budget for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) Work Program and Legislative Budget Request [Section 339.135, F.S.].

The budgeted stormwater O&M activities account for annual operating expenses, including inspection costs, and maintenance costs for the estimated remaining useful life of the system, accounting for replacement costs or deferred maintenance expenses for non-annual expenditures, for all components of the stormwater management system, including for each BMP in the stormwater management system.

**FDOT O&M Cost Estimator Tool[[1]](#footnote-2)**

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| **STTF Tentative Work Program Financial Plan** | | | | **Above Referenced Project** | |
| **6-year Total Maintenance Expenditures1** | **Average Annual Maintenance Expenditures** | **FDOT Centerline (CL) Miles2** | **Average Annual O&M Budget per CL Mile3** | **Project Length (miles)** | **Estimated Average Annual O&M Budget for the Project** |
| $ 5,733,400,000 | $ 955,566,666 | 12,190 | $78,389.39 |  |  |

1. Source: [FDOT State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) Tentative Work Program Financial Plan](https://fdotewp1.dot.state.fl.us/FMSupportApps/Documents/pra/STTFandROWFinancePlans.pdf)   
(FY 2025/26 through FY 2029/30)

2. Source: [Florida Transportation Fast Facts](https://www.fdot.gov/docs/default-source/planning/fastfacts.pdf) by FDOT’s Systems Forecasting and Trends Office   
(March 2025). Centerline Miles account for all roads that are maintained by FDOT.

3. Assumes a uniform distribution of the budget. Includes all aspects of maintaining the State Highway System – e.g. pavement, signage, lighting, roadside safety, and associated stormwater management features. O&M activities include routine and periodic maintenance during the useful life of the system.

1. Note: This tool and its estimated results are not to be used to make FDOT financial or contractual decisions. This cost estimate is provided solely to comply with Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., and Section 12.3.5, AH Vol. 1, subject to the limitations of Chapter 337, F.S., and the prevailing principles specified under Section 334.046, F.S. Actual maintenance needs and expenditures are based on factors such as, but not limited to, site-specific conditions and unexpected non-annual expenses, contract negotiations, location, year, scoping, complexity, staffing, and selected means and methods. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)