

Senator Howard C. Forman Human Services Campus Road Improvements

The success of a community is bound to the level of participation and commitment of all people who live and work there. The City of Pembroke Pines is fortunate to be home to an involved, engaged, and informed population who participate in city life and governance at every level. Long dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all of its citizens, the City serves as a role model for other cities wishing to take an active role in providing housing, transportation, education, health and well-being, and community engagement options. Before us is an opportunity to participate in the transformation of the Senator Howard C. Forman Human Services Campus, located in the southeast area of the City of Pembroke Pines, turning it into a destination that provides opportunity to its vital and diverse population, instill community pride, and extend messages of positivity, cooperation, and acceptance of all community members.

The Senator Howard C. Forman Human Services Campus is a 126-acre property that provides the space and opportunity for programs to exist and flourish in Broward County that would otherwise not have a place in today's real estate market. The property is comprised of approximately 77 buildings that include the following community service programs:

1. **Citrus Health** - A rehabilitation program for young adults and children with social and psychological difficulties.
2. **The Village South** - A program for mothers with substance abuse issues, allowing the family unit to stay intact. Families live in supervised housing that allows the children to be in school during the day and the Mother to participate in a counseling program.
3. **Ocean Breeze and Compass Detox** - Two separate substance abuse programs that provide long term solutions to people with addiction issues.
4. **Hollywood Correction Center** – A work release program that allows women who were previously incarcerated to reenter society and the work force.
5. **The Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home** - Allows 126 Veterans the opportunity to be cared for with dignity and love.
6. **R&R Village** – A complex of five homes that allows veterans and active duty personnel the opportunity to live in an affordable and well maintained community.
7. **Pines Place** – A 614 unit affordable housing complex that is owned and managed by the City of Pembroke Pines.
8. **WellPath** – A Court-ordered rehabilitation facility for people with psychological and emotional issues.
9. **Browns Harbor** – A Cluster of 12 duplex apartments that enable young adults who are aging out of foster care to enhance their life skills. These young adults are under the supervision of the dedicated staff of Children's Harbor.
10. **The future headquarters of WestCare** - One of the largest social service providers in the country. Westcare is currently in the permitting stage with the City and will open its doors in early 2023.
11. Several Municipal buildings exist on the property including Public Works, the Utilities Department, Roads and Grounds.
12. The **Broward County School Bus Depot** with over 100 busses that transport children to and from Broward County Schools.
13. The **City of Pembroke Pines Transportation** system including school busses and community shuttle busses.

As you can see, the Campus is extremely busy, and much of its infrastructure is over 50 years old. To maintain and build upon the multitude of services the Campus offers to our South Florida communities, we ask the State to appropriate funds towards the following infrastructure development project that will support the design, purchase, construction, restoration and renovation of the Howard C. Foreman Human Services Campus for its humanities activities. Investment in the proposed project will strengthen, expand, and create access to human services provided at the Campus and preserve core program sustainability.

1. Senator Howard C. Forman Human Services Campus: Transportation-Road & Sidewalk Improvements

- a. Resurface and widen roads: The current roads in place are narrow and have become a hazard with increased car, truck, and school bus traffic.
- b. Install a multiuse pedestrian/bike path along Poinciana Drive to allow for heavy bicycle traffic to and from the women's work release center.
- c. Install sidewalks throughout campus grounds: Currently, there are very few sidewalks in place. This has become a hazard due to the increased amount of foot traffic, combined with the increased amount of vehicular traffic.

The estimated amount needed for this project in its entirety is approx. \$6,300,000, in which the City will contribute 60% through a local match. The City respectfully requests the State to appropriate \$800,000 for Phase 1 for this project, where the city will contribute \$1,200,000 bringing the total for Phase 1 to \$2,000,000. The difference will be requested in the future years.