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Subject: Re: BTSRC-proposed ILA

Good morning-

Thank you for the update. I understand and respect the information you shared. Your explanation of the process is important, unfortunately our community members don't often realize there are multiple factors that impact final decision making.

On Sat, Jan 14, 2023 at 1:35 PM Heidi Petito <[hpetito@flaglercounty.gov](mailto:hpetito@flaglercounty.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Currently we are working through our budget guidance and messaging as we move forward with our budget kickoff slated February 7<sup>th</sup>. I have already conducted a budget workshop in December, a series of one on one meetings with each commissioner a couple of weeks ago, and our second budget workshop is Tuesday 1/17. Based on those discussions, I would venture to say that they would not be interested in an ILA or entertaining additional funding for BTSRC. The guidance I was provided with, was to identify any current program funding within our current budget that does not align with our strategic plan or statutory requirements. And to come up with an implementation plan and start discussions to unwind those legacy expenditures, as it will likely be a phased approach to give time for them to be absorbed by others. We are at a very critical point with increasing expenses and CPI, limitations and/or reductions in revenues, a high millage rate with little capacity for growth, along with the many consequences of past poor decisions. I am sure this is nothing new to all of you, as I am certain we all face similar challenges. But based on that, I would say no. Sorry for the long response, but I felt the need to explain rather than be brief. I am sure I will be reaching out to you both at some point, especially as we move forward with our continued internal budget discussions. Have a great weekend!

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