



NORWOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**Mr. Nick Martinelli, Legislative Director
Office of Representative Corrine Brown
Appropriations Form Letter 2011**

I-95/Norwood Avenue to I-95 Golfair Boulevard Street Improvements Project

The Norwood Business Association is a local business council of members from business owners, community and faith-based organizations to dedicated young entrepreneurs with public/private business ventures located in Northwest Jacksonville's Empowerment Zone. The strategic priorities for the Norwood Business Association include safe streets, lighting and sidewalks to promote pedestrian activity and active living along the Norwood Corridor. The funding to support this project for improvements of the public transportation routes from I-95 to Norwood, Norwood to Golfair, and Golfair to Moncrief, as described in the Appropriation Form Fiscal Year 2011 request. Our goals include safe and accessible public transportation routes, lighting and sound barriers, expand access to retail and business development; economic development- spawning transit oriented development along these routes; to expand business ownership along the transportation route and rehabilitation of blighted structures. The commercial and residential corridor and surrounding neighborhoods are currently in need of redevelopment and rehabilitation. The North West Jacksonville community was chosen for this project because it is an area of high need and is underserved compared to the rest of the city. The proposed project provides infrastructure for increasing pedestrian activity, improving aesthetics, promoting safe access, improving transportation systems and add value to the community.

I am requesting funding for the Gateway Interstate 95 Golfair Exit project in fiscal year 2011. The entity to receive funding for this project is Norwood Business Association, located at 932 North Shore Drive, Jacksonville, Florida, 32208. The funding would be used for specifically road improvements. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your support and consideration of this appropriations request.

Sincerely,

Bishop E.M. Johnson