

2026

Transportation Priority Projects

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Priority	Project	Project Description	Project Status				2026 Priority Request Phase(s)	Fiscal Year Requested	Funding Source Requested	Project Cost (\$1,000)
			PD&E	Design	ROW	CST				
Transportation Projects Removed from FDOT's FY 2027 - 2031 Draft Work Program										
1	State Road 60 at CSX S-Line Rail Crossing FPN: 436559-1	The referenced rail crossing on State Road 60 is approximately one mile south of CSX's Central Florida Integrated Logistics Center (ILC) on CSX's S-Line. The S-Line is a major rail line running north-south on the Florida Peninsula. Trains serving this facility can be up to two-miles long, which leads to significant back-ups on State Road 60.	Complete	Complete	Complete	Unfunded	Restoration of Construction Funding	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	NA	\$76,000
2	New York Avenue Pedestrian Overpass FPN: 436656-1	Long-standing priority of the City of Lakeland to provide a grade-separated bridge over the CSX rail line in Downtown Lakeland for bicyclists and pedestrians as recommended in FDOT's Polk Freight Rail Study (2009).	Complete	Complete	Complete	Unfunded	Restoration of Construction Funding	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	STP/other State funds	\$11,600
Total										\$87,600

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Candidate Priority Road Projects (Non-SIS Roads) - State Funds and other Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds										
1	US 98 Widening, TSM & Operational Improvements FPN: 197564-4	This portion of US 98 is one the most congested state highways in Lakeland and is a long-standing priority of the TPO to improve the corridor with intersection improvements at key intersections such as Edgewood Drive, Sylvester and New Jersey Road, and North and South Crystal Lake Drive. Safety and multi-modal enhancements have also been planned for the corridor. Portions of the corridor are operating over capacity.	Complete	Complete	Complete	Unfunded	Construction	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	STP/other State funds	\$38,814
2	SR 544 at US 27 FPN: 440273-1	Single point urban interchange improvement as recommended in FDOT's PD&E Study for this intersection. Project consists of the widening of SR 544 and providing a bridge for through traffic on US 27 and a roadabout at the SR 544/Brenton Manor Ave. intersection.	Complete	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Design	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	SIS Funding/STP/other State funds	\$4,061
3	US 17/92 Lake Alfred FPN: 442404-3/442404-1	Polk County will be widening CR 557 from US 17/92 to Interstate 4. This project will evaluate the needed Intersection Improvement at US 17/92 and CR 557 in Downtown Lake Alfred, as well as other safety and multi-modal enhancements along US 17/92 as recommended in FDOT's Lake Alfred US 17/92 Study (2019).	Ongoing	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Design	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	STP/other State funds	\$8,000
Total										\$50,875

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Candidate Freight Projects for Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Funds										
1	State Road 60 widening (Kissimmee River Bridge) FPN: 433856-3	State Road 60 is planned to be widened from two to four-lanes in eastern Polk County from CR 630 to just east of the Kissimmee River. State Road 60 is a regionally significant SIS freight corridor in Central Florida serving the seaports of Port of Tampa and Port Canaveral on either coast and one of Florida's largest inland ports in the Central Florida Integrated Logistics Center (ILC) in Winter Haven. The two-lane portion of State Road 60 in eastern Polk and western Osceola County between CR 630 and Florida's Turnpike is the only portion of the road that is not four or more lanes in Florida. The two-lane section of roadway, with little or no shoulders, presents an increased safety hazard for high-speed truck and automobile travel. This portion of State Road 60 has a high number of severe crashes and fatalities which result in very long road closures and delays.	Complete	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Design	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	SIS/State Funds/NHFP Funds	\$5,000
Total									\$5,000	

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Candidate Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) Projects										
1	Thompson Nursery Road Widening	Thompson Nursery Road is planned to be widened from two to four-lanes between West Lake Ruby Drive and US 27 in South Winter Haven. This segment of Thompson Nursery Road serves as Phase 2 of the larger improvement to extend and realign Thompson Nursery Road between US 17 and US 27. Upon completion, the expanded corridor will, along with State Road 540 (Winter Lake Road), provide a new contiguous four-lane connection between State Road 570 (Polk Parkway) and US 27.	Complete	Underway	Funded	Funded	Construction	FY 2027 - 2030	State TRIP/CIGP Funds	\$5,000
Total									\$5,000	

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Candidate Surface Transportation Program Projects - Lakeland & Winter Haven TMA SU & Transportation Alternative Funds (TAP) - Multimodal Projects & Multi-Use Trails										
1	Jackson Avenue Corridor Safety Project	This project is on the Collier to Polk Regional SunTrail Corridor and will fill sidewalk gaps, provide intersection traffic calming for speed management, crosswalk improvements, introduce signage and pavement markings for non-motorized roadway users, and add shared-use path elements where feasible. The extent of the project is from East Clower Street/Shumate Drive to East Stuart Avenue.	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Design/ Construction & CEI	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds/SUN Trail Funds	\$514 PE \$1,641 CST
2	N Lake Maude Drive	This project would design and construct 5' sidewalks on the north side of N Lake Maude from 3rd St NE to Edwin St NE to continue the existing sidewalk and also include design and construction of 5' sidewalks on both sides of 3rd St NE, both sides of 4th St NE, the east side of 5th St NE and both sides of Edwin St NE from N Lake Maude Drive to MLK Boulevard. Repairs to existing sidewalk on N Lake Maude Drive that is broken will also be addressed with this project. Additionally, installation of period style decorative lighting appropriate for residential streets will be installed.	Unfunded	Committed (local funds)	Unfunded	Unfunded	Construction	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$707
3	Lake Parker - Tenoroc Conenctor Trail	Project will complete a gap in the SunTrail network (Fort Fraser Trail Extension & Tenoroc Trail) and extends from East Robson Street in Lake Parker Park to Lake Crago Drive at Lakeland Regional Cancer Center. This project is, also, part of Lakeland's Lake-to-Lake Bikeway Network and is, ultimately, part of the SunTrail Network which includes the Collier County to Polk Regional County Corridor.	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Design/ Construction & CEI	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds/SUN Trail Funds	\$2,796
4	West Lake Hunter Trail Segment 4	The West Lake Hunter Trail extends the New York Avenue Cycle Track (FPN# 433260-1) that was completed in Downtown Lakeland in August 2019 and is part of a larger Southwest Pathways Corridor between Downtown and southwestern Lakeland. Segment 4 extends from the Lake Hunter Boat Ramp to Hartsell Avenue.	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Planning/ Design	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$850
5	5th Stret NE Sidewalk & Pedestrian Improvements	5th St NE from Ave K NE to Ave O NE. This project will design and construct 5' sidewalks on both sides of the street and install decorative period lighting appropriate for residential streets. Crosswalks and additional stops signs will be added to convert intersections to 3 and 4-way stops.	Unfunded	Committed (local funds)	Unfunded	Unfunded	Construction	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$810
6	5th Stret SE Sidewalk & Pedestrian Improvements	This project will design and construct 5' sidewalks on both sides of the street between Ave O SE & Ave G SE where none exists and install decorative period lighting appropriate for residential streets, increasing safety and offering pedestrian connections to schools (Denison Middle, Winter Haven High School and Brigham Academy). This project will provide a continuous connection to Cypress Gardens Blvd.	Unfunded	Committed (local funds)	Unfunded	Unfunded	Construction	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$681
7	2055 Long Range Tranportation Plan Update	The Polk TPO is requesting TMA-SU funding to support the update of the TPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) due in 2030. Funding for this major planning effort is needed beginning in FY 2028/29 and will extend into FY 2030/31 (3 years).					Planning	FY 2028/29 - 2030/31	TMA SU (4125302)	\$1,000
Total										\$8,999

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Candidate Regional Multi-Use Trail Projects - Transportation Alternative Funds (TAP), SUNTrail and Lakeland/Winter Haven TMA SU Funds										
1	Jackson Avenue Corridor Safety Project (Bartow)	This project is on the Collier to Polk Regional SunTrail Corridor and will fill sidewalk gaps, provide intersection traffic calming for speed management, crosswalk improvements, introduce signage and pavement markings for non-motorized roadway users, and add shared-use path elements where feasible. The extent of the project is from East Clower Street/Shumate Drive to East Stuart Avenue.	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Design/ Construction & CEI	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	SUN Trail/TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$514 PE \$1,641 CST
2	Lake Parker - Tenoroc Connector Trail (Lakeland)	Project will complete a gap in the SunTrail network (Fort Fraser Trail Extension & Tenoroc Trail) and extends from East Robson Street in Lake Parker Park to Lake Crago Drive at Lakeland Regional Cancer Center. This project is also part of Lakeland's Lake-to-Lake Bikeway Network and is, ultimately, part of the SunTrail Network which includes the Collier County to Polk Regional County Corridor.	Not Applicable	Committed	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Design/ Construction & CEI	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	SUN Trail/TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$2,796
3	West Lake Hunter Trail Segment 4 (Lakeland)	The West Lake Hunter Trail extends the New York Avenue Cycle Track (FPN# 433260-1) that was completed in Downtown Lakeland in August 2019 and is part of a larger Southwest Pathways Corridor between Downtown and southwestern Lakeland. Segment 4 extends from the Lake Hunter Boat Ramp to Hartsell Avenue.	Not Applicable	Unfunded	Unfunded	Unfunded	Planning/ Design	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	TMA SU (4125302)/ TAP Funds	\$850
4	Old Dixie Trail - Auburndale to Haines City FPN: 435391-2	Regional multi-use trail between Auburndale and Haines City. Joint application prepared by Auburndale, Lake Alfred, Winter Haven and Polk County. Trail will link the Auburndale/Van Fleet Trail with the Lake Alfred/Chain of Lakes Trail. Part of Florida's SUN Trail network.	Complete	Underway	Unfunded	Unfunded	ROW, Construction	FY 2027/28 - 2031/32	Florida SUN Trail Funds	\$14,750
Total										\$20,551

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Legend

Funded Highway Projects FY 2026 - 2031

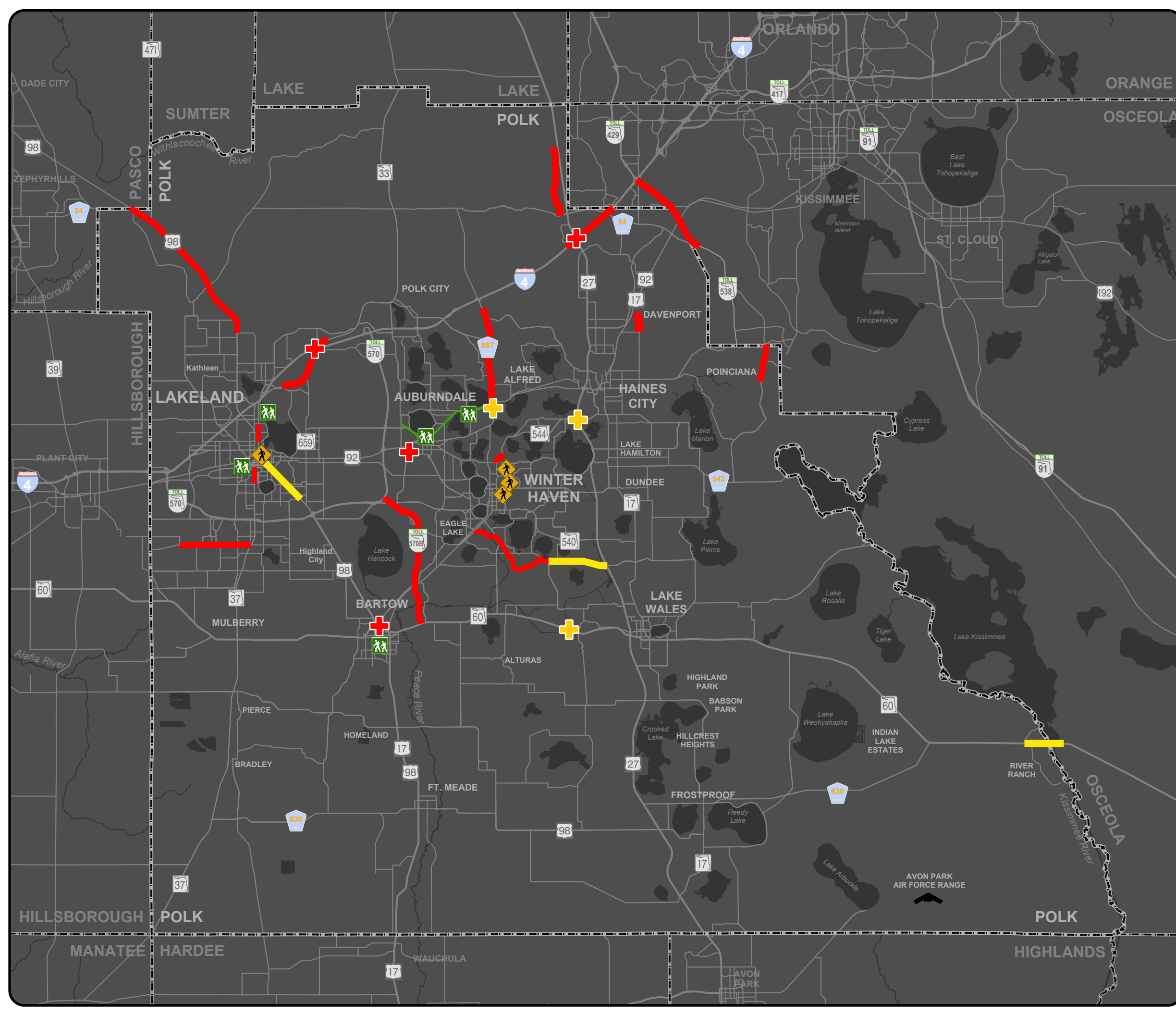
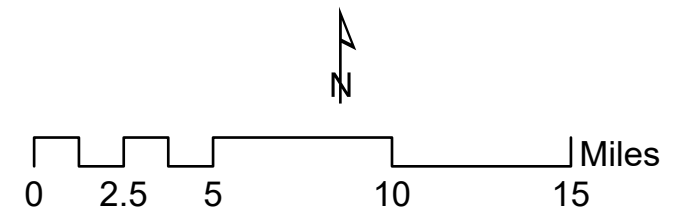
- Committed/Funded Highway Projects (FY 2026 - 2031)
- Committed/Funded Intersection/Interchange/Bridge Project

Candidate Highway Projects FY 2026/27 - 2031/32

- New Road/Road Widening Project
- Intersection/Interchange Project

Other Candidate Projects FY 2026/27 - 2031/32

- Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Multi-Use Trail





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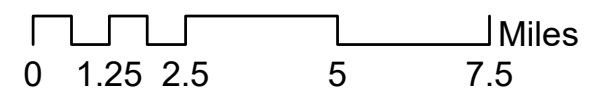
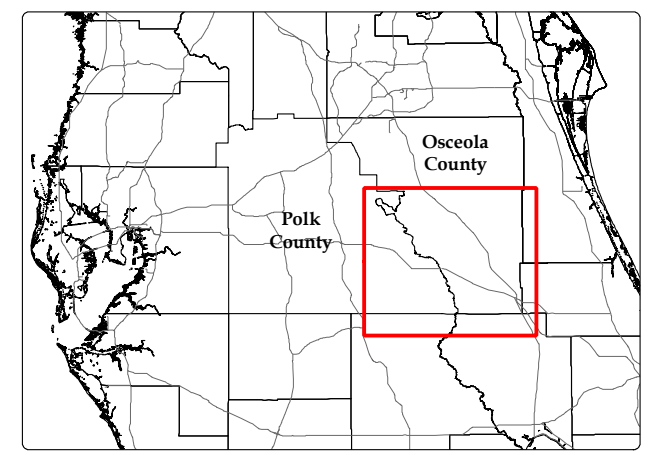
State Road 60 CR 630 - US 441

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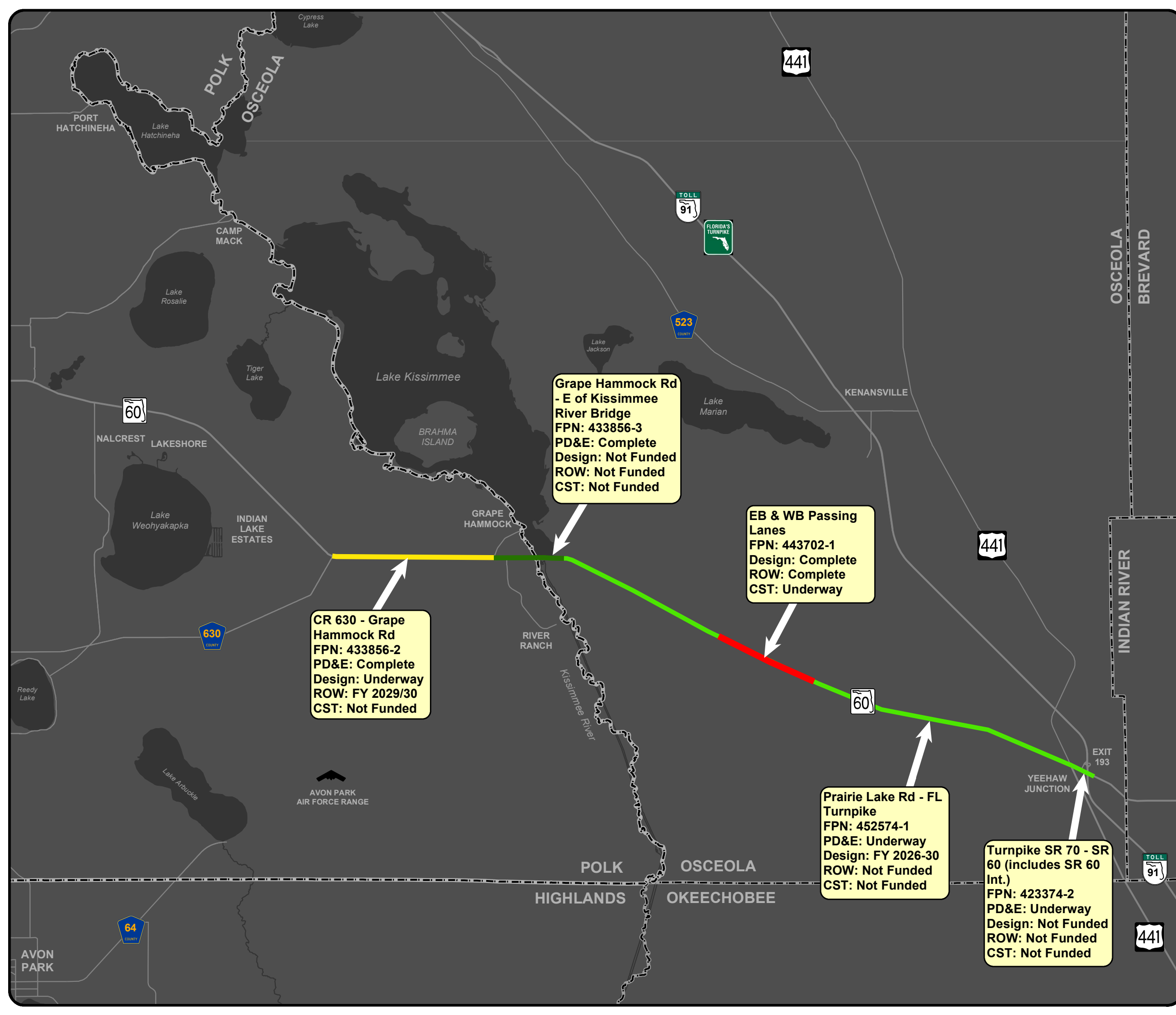
Funded Highway Projects FY 2026 - 2031

- PD&E Study Programmed
- PD&E Study Complete
- Design Underway
- Construction (Passing Lanes)

Map Locator



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Grape Hammock Rd - E of Kissimmee River Bridge
 FPN: 433856-3
 PD&E: Complete
 Design: Not Funded
 ROW: Not Funded
 CST: Not Funded

EB & WB Passing Lanes
 FPN: 443702-1
 Design: Complete
 ROW: Complete
 CST: Underway

CR 630 - Grape Hammock Rd
 FPN: 433856-2
 PD&E: Complete
 Design: Underway
 ROW: FY 2029/30
 CST: Not Funded

Prairie Lake Rd - FL Turnpike
 FPN: 452574-1
 PD&E: Underway
 Design: FY 2026-30
 ROW: Not Funded
 CST: Not Funded

Turnpike SR 70 - SR 60 (includes SR 60 Int.)
 FPN: 423374-2
 PD&E: Underway
 Design: Not Funded
 ROW: Not Funded
 CST: Not Funded

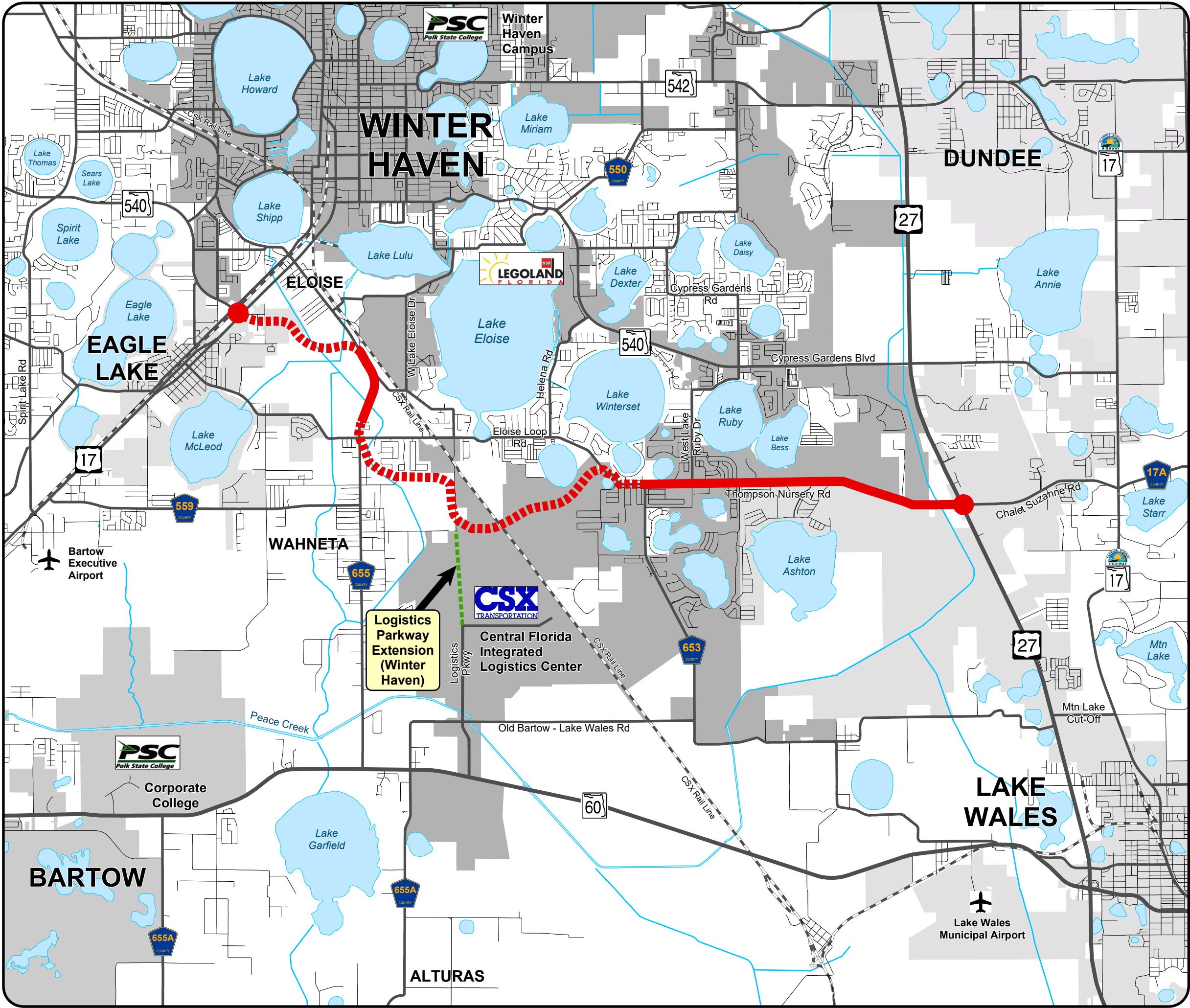
2026 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

Project Priority List (Draft April 2026)

Polk TPO ♦ Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Rank	Project	County	Funds Requested
1	Fruitville Rd from Sarasota Center Blvd to Lorraine Rd	Sarasota	\$13,355,532
2	Thompson Nursery Rd from West Lake Ruby Drive to US 27	Polk	\$5,000,000
3	SR 684 (Cortez Rd) at 75 th St W	Manatee	\$4,790,000
4	Lorraine Rd from Palmer Blvd to Fruitville Rd	Sarasota	\$25,072,461
5	Lorraine Rd from Clark Rd to Knights Trail – Segment B	Sarasota	\$24,569,060
6	Lorraine Rd from Clark Rd to Knights Trail – Segment C	Sarasota	\$33,587,042
7	I-75 and SR 681 2050 Unfunded Need	Sarasota	\$2,700,000
8	SR 72 (Clark Rd) at McIntosh Rd	Sarasota	\$1,000,000
9	Fruitville Rd from Lorraine Rd to Bourneside Rd 2050 Unfunded Need	Sarasota	\$2,500,000
10	Honore Ave from Fruitville Rd to 17 th St 2050 Unfunded Need	Sarasota	\$17,488,953

Requested TRIP Funds amounts reported by local jurisdictions in Project Priority applications.



Thompson Nursery Rd
US 17 - US 27

Legend

- Thompson Nursery Rd Projects**
- - - - - New 4-Lane Road
 - 2 to 4-Lane Road Widening
- Other Map Features**
- - - - - Other Road Projects
 - Other Major Roads
 - City Limits (color varies)

Map Locator

