
July 23, 2026 TPO TAC

**FDOT District One Conference Center
801 N. Broadway
Bartow, FL 33830**

Introduction

1. Call to Order - 9:30 a.m. (Tess Schwartz, Chairperson)
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. Agenda Review - Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO Executive Director

Action Items

- 5a. Moving I-4 Forward Update
- 5b. Review/Approve Draft Amendment to the Envision 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Presentations and Status Reports

6. Polk SunRail Transit Oriented Development Study (TOD)
7. Proposed Route 60 Scenic Highway Update
8. Polk Vision Zero Action Plan Update
9. State of the Transportation System Report

Communications and Reports

10. Board Member Comments
11. Adjournment - Next TAC Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2026, at the FDOT Conference Center, Bartow.

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July 23, 2026 Polk TPO TAC Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Agenda Item 3.7/23/2026

AGENDA ITEM

Approval of Meeting Minutes

PRESENTER

NA

SUMMARY

The Polk TPO is required to keep an accurate record of the TPO TAC's proceedings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Committee is requested to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 21, 2026

ATTACHMENT

1. Draft Meeting Minutes May 21, 2026

Polk Transportation Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026

FDOT District 1 Conference Center
801 North Broadway Ave
Bartow, Florida 33830

Members Present:

James Phillips
Chuck Barmby
Tess Schwartz, **Chair**
Sean Byers
Ted Adkins
Jeff Barr
Jonah Katz
Jason Cupit
Raymond Perez
Richard Ranck
Marisa Barmby
Jay Jarvis
Nicole McCleary

Representing:

City of Lakeland
City of Lakeland
City of Lakeland
City of Winter Haven
City of Haines City
City of Bartow
City of Lake Hamilton
City of Mulberry
City of Davenport
CFRPC
CFRPC
Polk County Roads & Drainage
Citrus Connection

Others Present:

Angela Kaufman
Tracy Mullins
Cindy Mitchell
KC Rivera

Representing:

Polk TPO Staff
Polk TPO Staff
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Polk TPO Staff

1. Call to Order

Chair Tess Schwartz called the TAC Meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed by KC Rivera, Polk TPO Staff.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee considered the January 22, 2026, and March 19, 2026, TAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Made by Jay Jarvis; seconded by Sean Byers. Motion carried without dissent.

4. Agenda Review

Ryan Kordek, Executive Director, reviewed the agenda, noting action items on TIP amendments, the FY 2026/27–2030/31 TIP, and the 2026 Priority Transportation Projects, followed by presentations on:

- Lakeland Intermodal Center PD&E Study
- I-4 Intermodal Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study
- Polk County School Sidewalk Gap Analysis
- 2026 Roadway Network Database
- Vision Zero Action Plan Update

Action Items

5. Review/Approve Draft Amendments to FY 2025/26 – 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Angela Kaufman, Polk TPO Staff, presented a proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a railroad safety improvement at the East Central Avenue crossing in Lake Wales.

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Chuck Barmby, seconded by Ted Adkins. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Review/Approve Draft to FY 2026/27 – 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Angela Kaufman, Polk TPO Staff, presented the draft FY 2026/27–2030/31 TIP, summarizing major investments in highway, bridge, resurfacing, bicycle, pedestrian, trail, transit, and rail safety projects. Discussion included the removal of the SR 60 Railroad Overpass project from FDOT's Five-Year Work Program and the relationship between the TIP and the County Capital Improvement Program.

Motion: Chuck Barmby moved to recommend approval of the FY 2026/27–2030/31 TIP with a recommendation requesting FDOT restore programming for the SR 60 Railroad Overpass at the CSX 'S' Line and the New York Avenue Pedestrian Overpass at the earliest available opportunity. Jay Jarvis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Review/Approve Draft 2026 Priority Transportation Projects

Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO Staff, presented the proposed 2026 Priority Transportation Projects and summarized committed transportation investments,

roadway level of service conditions, and future transportation needs identified through the 2026 Roadway Network Database.

Motion: Chuck Barmby moved to recommend approval of the priority list with the addition of the Wabash Avenue Extension (Ariana Street to Harden Boulevard) as the No. 4 Non-SIS Candidate Priority Project. Jay Jarvis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations and Status Reports

8. Lakeland Intermodal Center Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study

Nicole McCleary from Citrus Connection provided an update on the PD&E process, BUILD Grant application, and ongoing coordination with the Federal Transit Administration.

9. I-4 Intermodal Passenger Rail Station Planning and Feasibility Study

Cindy Mitchell, TPO Staff, summarized the study scope, schedule, stakeholder engagement, and public involvement activities.

10. Polk County School Sidewalk Gap Analysis

Tracy Mullins, Polk TPO Staff, presented the inventory identifying approximately 1,040 miles of missing sidewalks within school zones and discussed development of a multi-year implementation strategy.

11. Polk TPO 2026 Roadway Network Database

Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO Staff, provided an overview of roadway performance, traffic projections, and multimodal data contained in the recently updated Database.

12. Vision Zero Polk Action Plan Update

Tracy Mullins, Polk TPO staff, reported on the High Injury Network, tactical urbanism demonstrations, and ongoing public engagement being done as part of the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Communications and Reports

13. Committee Members Comments

Ryan Kordek introduced the new members to the Committee, Jeff Barr for the City of Bartow, Jason Cupit for the City of Mulberry, and Jonah Katz for the Town of Lake Hamilton.

Mr. Kordek explained the attachments that were on the table.

Members provided updates on transportation projects in their respective jurisdictions.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2026, at the FDOT District One Conference Center in Bartow, Florida.

Respectfully transcribed by KC Rivera, TPO Office Manager IV

Section 286.105, Florida Statute states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Agenda Item 5a.7/23/2026

AGENDA ITEM

Moving I-4 Forward Update

PRESENTER

FDOT Staff

SUMMARY

The presentation will provide an update on the current and planned construction projects along I-4 and US 27 in northeast Polk County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is being presented for information only.

ATTACHMENT

1. Moving I-4 Forward presentation

The Interstate 4 (I-4) and U.S. 27 interchange is one of the busiest across the state. Building on the successful effort that opened the I-4 congestion relief lanes in April 2025, the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) landmark Moving I-4 Forward Program is applying the same concept to accelerate congestion relief at I-4 and U.S. 27 in Polk County.

Construction is kicking off in early summer 2026 at this critical interchange for a series of enhancements that include opening one additional travel lane on U.S. 27 southbound in the I-4 interchange area, reconfiguring the intersection at Posner Boulevard/Home Run Boulevard, and more. While a full interchange reconstruction is planned under Moving I-4 Forward's Project 3, these early enhancements deliver on our commitment to immediately improve safety and traffic flow in this area for Polk County residents and daily commuters.



Project Benefits

- Improves motorist safety at the I-4 westbound exit by reducing congestion
- Reduced travel and wait times, especially at the I-4 westbound exit ramp to U.S. 27 and at the U.S. 27 and Posner Blvd./Home Run Blvd. intersection
- Enhances pedestrian safety



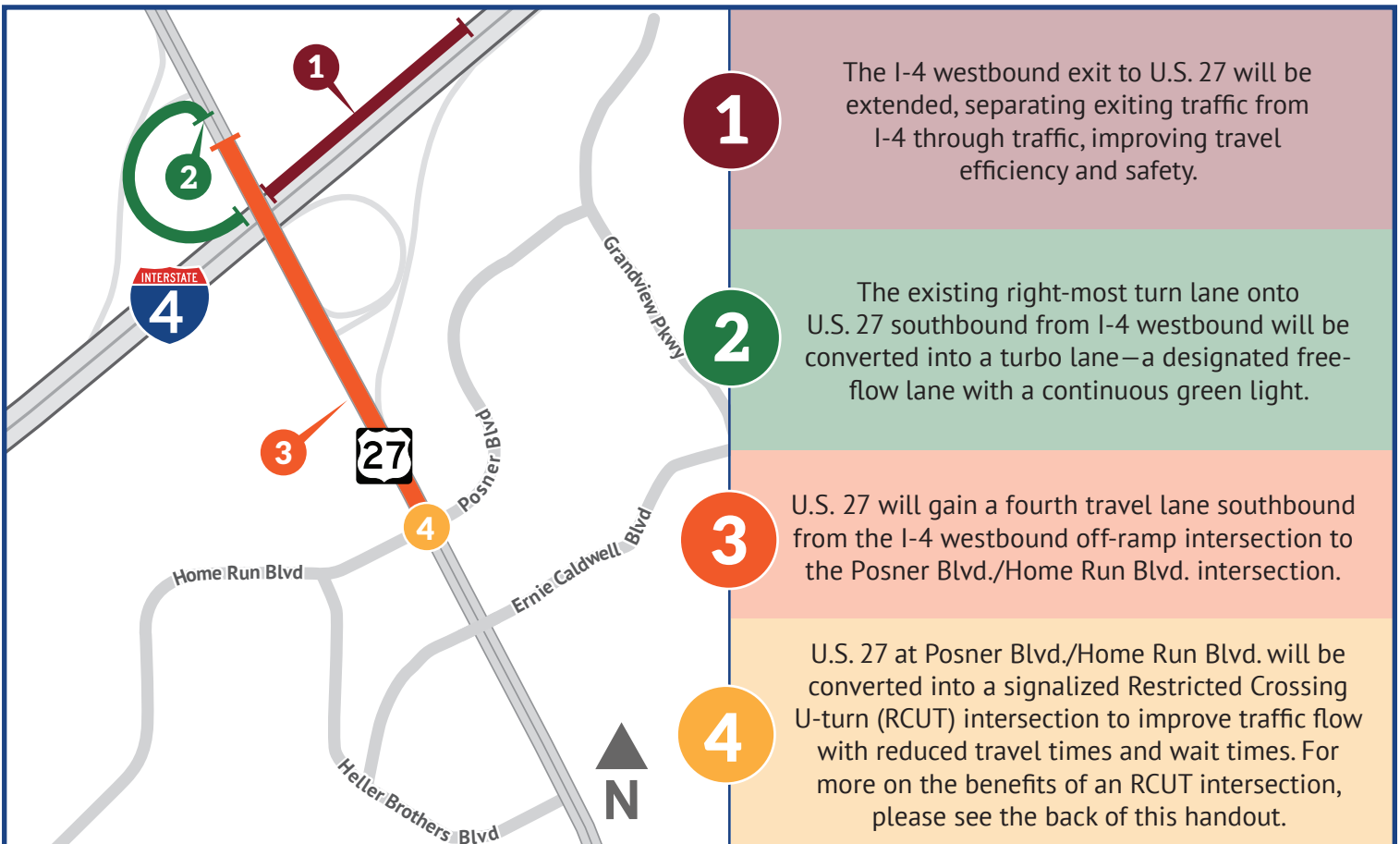
Project Schedule

Construction Start: Early Summer 2026



What to Expect During Construction

- Nightly lane closures
- Temporary pavement markings, signage, and signalization
- Safe, efficient, and noticeable progress



The listed improvements will be constructed concurrently to expedite completion.

The Benefits of an RCUT Intersection

As part of the improvements to provide accelerated congestion relief to U.S. 27, a Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) configuration is planned at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Posner Blvd./Home Run Blvd. According to the Federal Highway Administration, RCUT designs can **increase traffic flow by up to 30 percent and reduce travel times by up to 40 percent**, making them an effective solution for high-volume corridors.

Using an RCUT design, the Posner Blvd./Home Run Blvd. intersection will redirect left-turn movements and crossings from side streets by requiring a right turn followed by a U-turn at a designated signalized median opening on either side of the intersection. This efficient design not only cuts travel and delay times but also improves safety by reducing conflict points between pedestrians and vehicles.

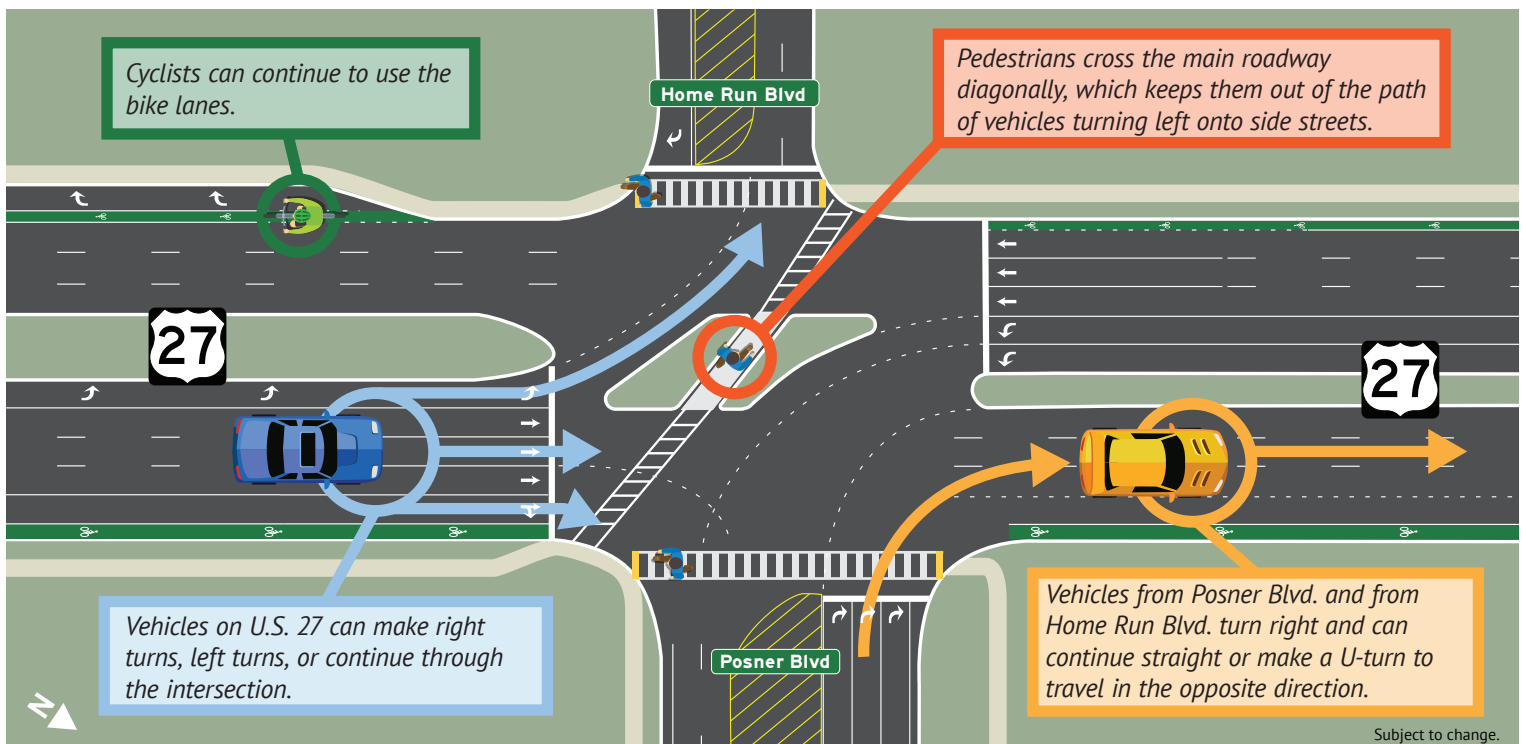
How Does an RCUT Affect Pedestrian Travel?

An RCUT intersection enhances safety by allowing pedestrians to cross U.S. 27 diagonally (known as a Z-crossing), with the center median acting as an area away from traffic. This keeps pedestrians out of the path of vehicles turning left from U.S. 27 onto side streets, as well as vehicles turning right from side streets.

30%
More
Vehicles

40%
Less Travel
Time

Source: Federal Highway Administration



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PROJECT 3

West of U.S. 27 to west of
ChampionsGate Blvd. (C.R. 532)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project 3 in the Moving I-4 Forward Program will enhance safety and connectivity at Interstate 4 (I-4) and the U.S. 27 interchange. This section of I-4 will include four general use lanes east of U.S. 27, three general use lanes west of U.S. 27, and add two express lanes in each direction. Additional operational improvements at U.S. 27 will provide better traffic flow for travelers and businesses in the area.

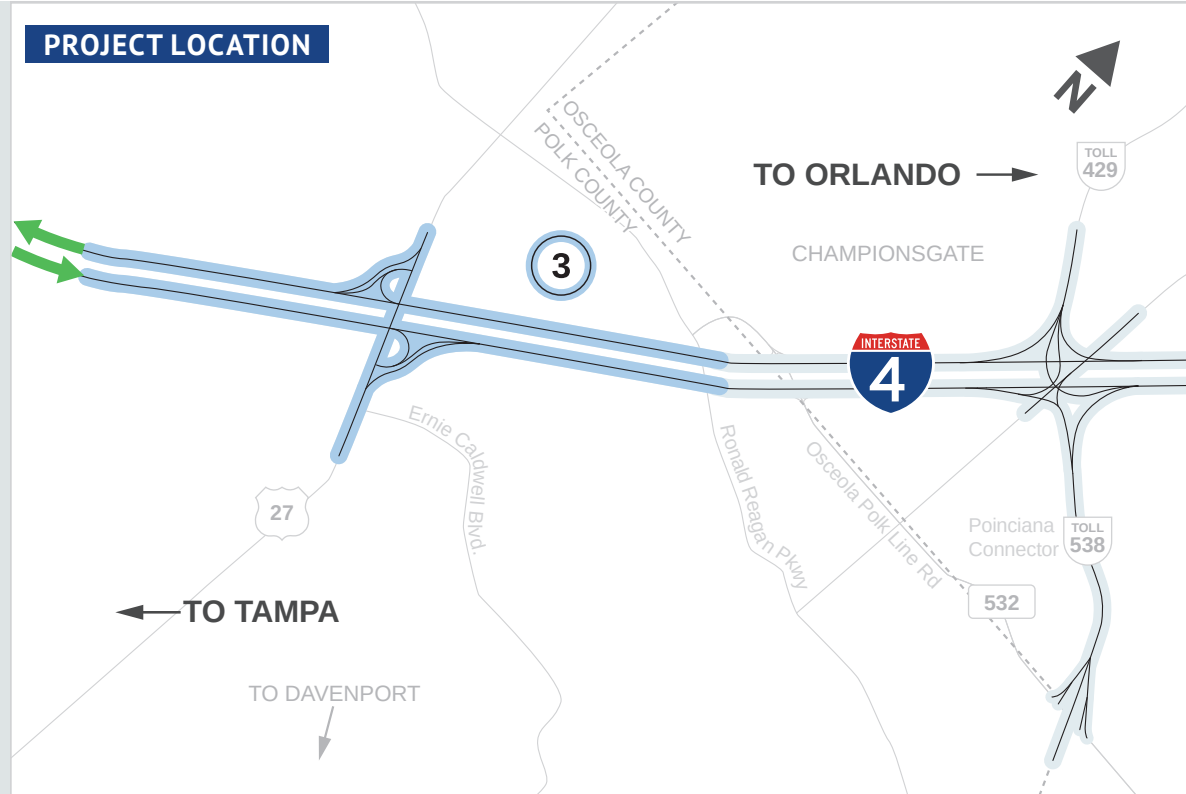
LOCATION

Polk County

PROJECT SCHEDULE

➤ **2027:**
Visible construction

PROJECT LOCATION



PROJECT BENEFITS

ENHANCED SAFETY

U.S. 27 intersection improvements will increase safety by reducing conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians



CONGESTION RELIEF

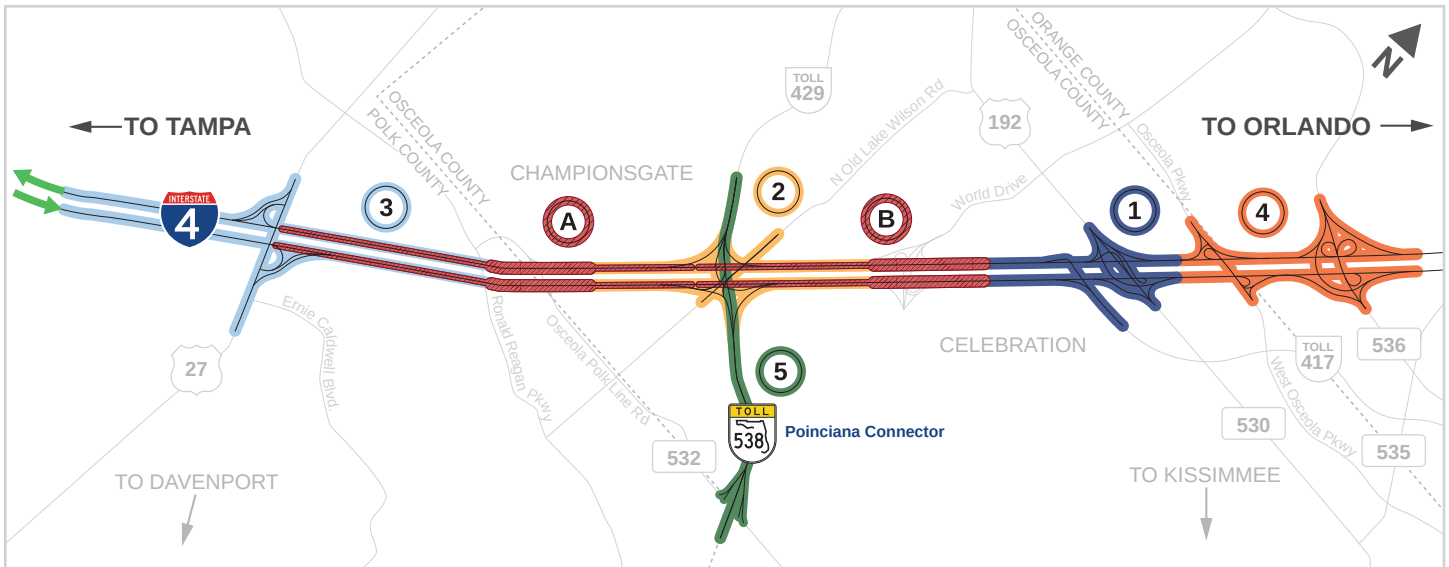
Improved traffic flow and more reliable trips



INCREASES SUPPLY CHAIN

efficiency with improved travel times for delivery of goods





As Florida continues to experience rapid growth, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is actively addressing the state's evolving infrastructure needs. Through the Moving I-4 Forward Program, FDOT is in the process of constructing a series of projects in Central Florida to widen Interstate 4 (I-4) from west of U.S. 27 in Polk County to east of State Road (S.R.) 536 in Orange County.

The Moving I-4 Forward program will improve I-4 and adjoining roadways by:

- Improving traffic flow and travel time reliability along I-4 through the addition of one new general use lane in each direction between U.S. 27 and World Drive, new intermittent auxiliary lanes between interchanges, and two new express lanes in each direction.
- Improving community connectivity and alleviating congestion by providing a new roadway facility, the Poinciana Connector, from County Road (C.R.) 532 to S.R. 429.
- Optimizing roadway configurations at high volume locations such as U.S. 27 to improve traffic movement and ease congestion.
- Improving regional connectivity by providing new or enhanced ramp connections along I-4 to and from U.S. 27, C.R. 532, S.R. 429, S.R. 417, U.S. 192, S.R. 536, and S.R. 538 (Poinciana Connector).

Accelerated Start Project

- A** I-4 from east of U.S. 27 to west of S.R. 429
- B** I-4 from west of S.R. 429 to east of World Drive

Core Projects

- 1** I-4 from east of World Drive to east of U.S. 192
- 2** I-4 from east of ChampionsGate Blvd. (C.R. 532) to west of World Drive
- 3** I-4 from west of U.S. 27 to west of ChampionsGate Blvd. (C.R. 532)
- 4** I-4 from west of Osceola Parkway to east of S.R. 536
- 5** New Poinciana Connector from C.R. 532 to S.R. 429

About Moving I-4 Forward

The Moving I-4 Forward Program is a series of projects under Governor Ron DeSantis' bold Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative. This program is dedicated to enhancing safety, efficiency, and regional connectivity through one of the areas in most urgent need of congestion relief along I-4 by adding congestion relief lanes, extended express lanes, and enhanced interchanges and bridges. This collaborative and innovative program will enhance Florida's supply chain and economic growth by using a dynamic workforce and the latest technology. The completion of this program will provide a regional benefit to Central Florida by creating a continuous express lane system from Seminole County, through downtown Orlando in Orange County, all the way to west of U.S. 27 in Polk County.

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TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Agenda Item 5b.7/23/2026

AGENDA ITEM

Review/Approve Draft Amendment to the Envision 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

PRESENTER

Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO

SUMMARY

Due to the programming and advancement of the Moving I-4 Forward Projects, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested the Polk TPO to amend its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in order to match FDOT's programming which has changed since the TPO adopted its Long Range Transportation Plan last year. In Polk County this includes the widening of Interstate 4 in northeast Polk County from west of US 27 to west of CR 532. Additionally, there are a few minor adjustments needed to several project descriptions in the Plan that staff will review with the committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

TPO staff requests the committee to recommend the TPO Board approve the amendments to the TPO's LRTP.

ATTACHMENT

None. Information supporting this item will be distributed to the committee as soon as it is available.

TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Agenda Item 6.7/23/2026

AGENDA ITEM

Polk SunRail Transit Oriented Development Study (TOD)

PRESENTER

FDOT/Kittelsohn Staff

SUMMARY

A presentation will be provided updating the Committee of the Polk SunRail TOD.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is being presented for information only

ATTACHMENT

1. Polk SunRail TOD PowerPoint presentation



POLK SUNRAIL TOD

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STUDY · POLK TPO

Polk TPO Technical Advisory Committee

July 23, 2026



Polk Transportation
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AGENDA



01 Project Background

03 TOD Study Elements

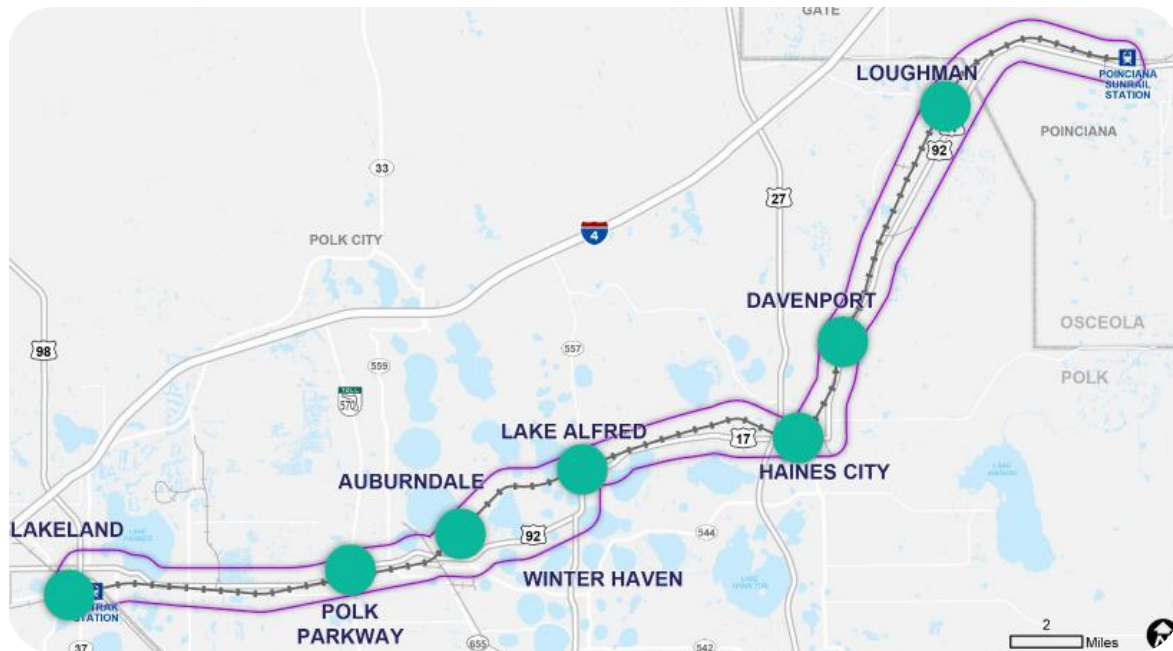
05 Schedule

02 What is Transit Oriented Development (TOD)?

04 Project Advisory Group

06 Next Steps

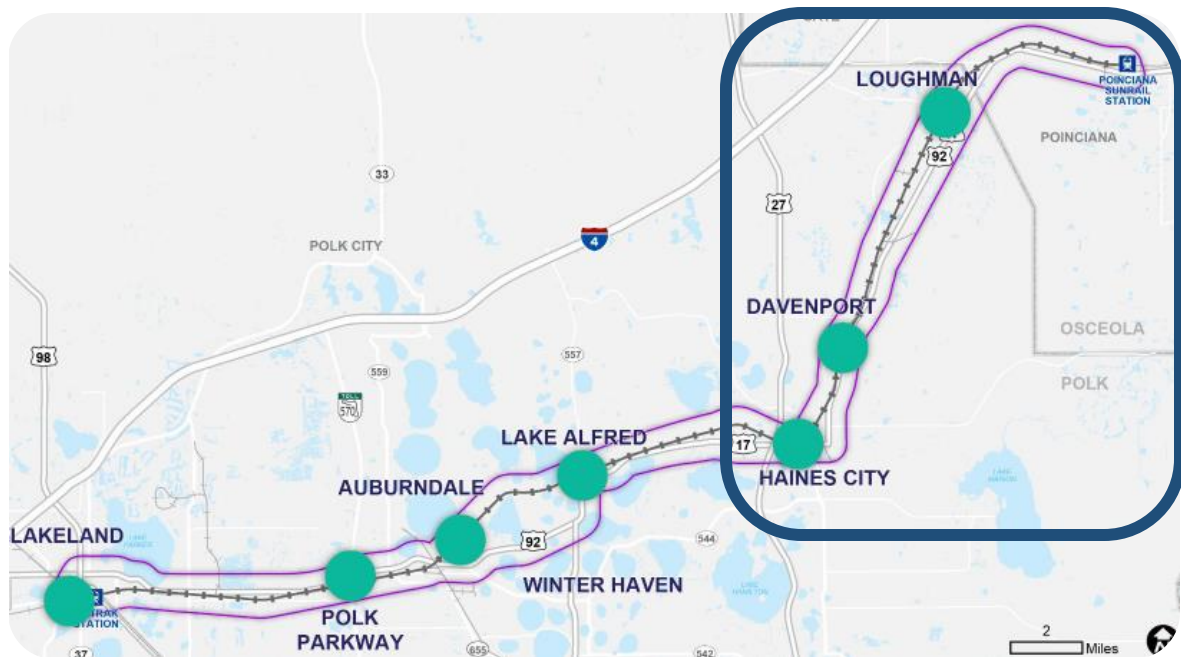
PROJECT BACKGROUND



Transit Concept & Alternatives Review (TCAR) Study

(October 2023)

PROJECT BACKGROUND

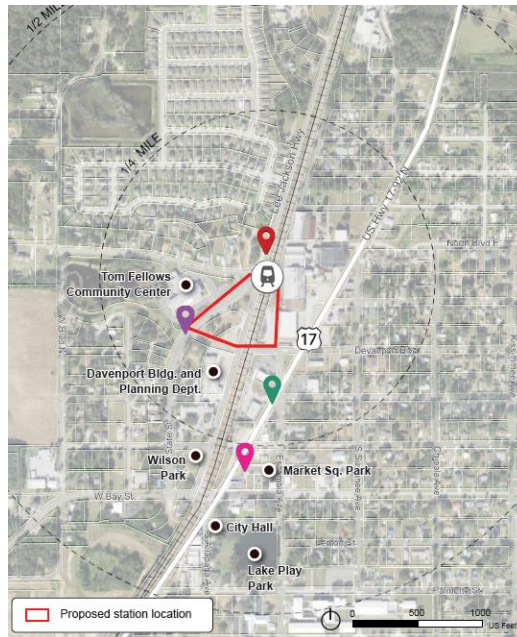
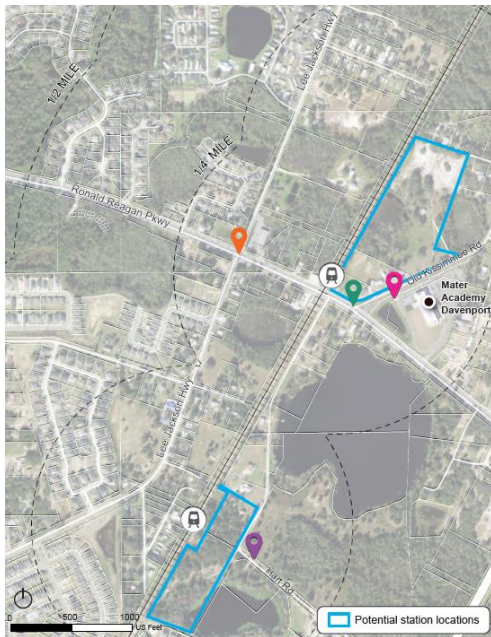


**Phase One:
Expansion to
Haines City**

Transit Concept & Alternatives Review (TCAR) Study

(October 2023)

PROJECT BACKGROUND



Polk County SunRail Expansion to Haines City PD&E

(June 2025)

WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?



Success of transit is more than just designing for the transit vehicle...



WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?

Leveraging transit to support



**Mobility &
Access**



Land Use



**Community
Design**



Access for All

WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?

Different land use patterns...



-  Single-family Residential
-  Retail/Commercial/Offices
-  Multi-family Residential
-  Schools/Institutional
-  Parks/Open Space

WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?

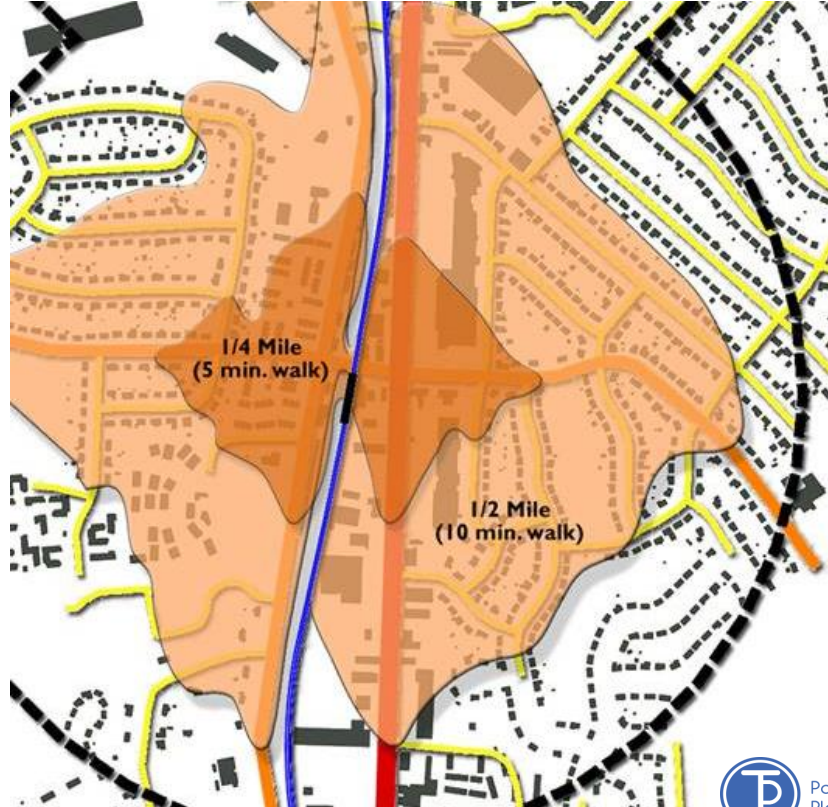
Have different transportation implications.



- Single-family Residential
- Retail/Commercial/Offices
- Multi-family Residential
- Schools/Institutional
- Parks/Open Space

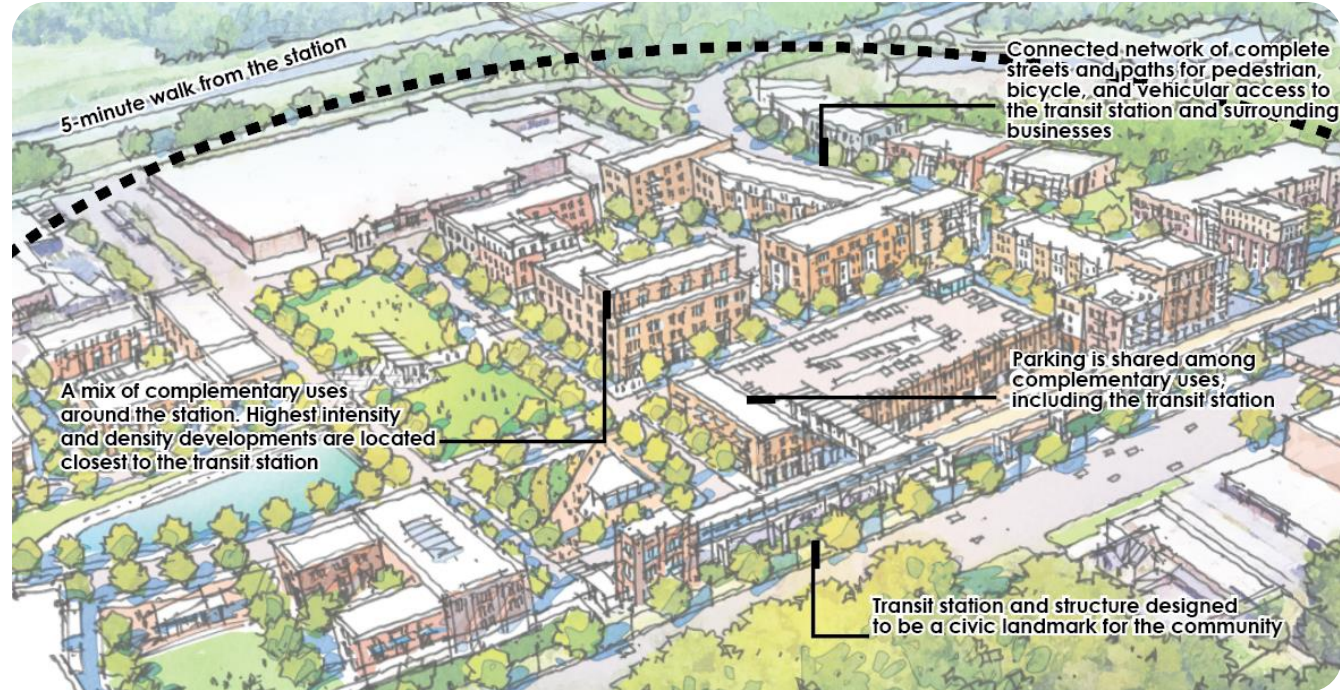
WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?

And the success of transit is dependent on how far people can **safely walk and bike**



WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?

Concentrate a **mix** of complementary, well integrated land uses within **walking distance** of the transit station



STUDY ELEMENTS

STUDY OVERVIEW

PAST PLANS & PROJECTS

The City of Kissimmee has been working with regional and local partners on various downtown revitalization efforts, many of which align with encouraging transit oriented development and economic development around the Kissimmee station area. This station area multimodal mobility assessment builds on the findings and recommendations of these previous efforts.

DOWNTOWN KISSIMMEE CRA MASTER PLAN

Adopted in 2012, the master plan outlines a series of strategies to redevelop downtown Kissimmee into a vibrant, mixed-use destination. These initiatives include encouraging, connecting, housing, land use, pedestrian, bicycling, and economic redevelopment opportunities. The plan has five key principles, and a number of goals and key action items to achieve them. The principles include improving access to downtown, strengthening the downtown's role as the economic engine of the county, promoting increased density and diversity of housing, enhancing the design of the public realm, and repositioning the downtown into a vibrant urban center. Each of these goals is supported by and can enable the SunRail station's success.



MASTER STORMWATER RETENTION PROJECT

The city recently invested in a downtown stormwater retention project ensuring that need for individual parcels to have on-site stormwater mitigation. This supports future development to have higher densities and intensifies that support transit. The stormwater pond is designed as part of a park and serves as a connection from the SunRail station and the lakefront.



CITY OF KISSIMMEE & OSCEOLA COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLANS

Adopted in 2010, the city bicycle and pedestrian master plan lists strategies to complete and improve the pedestrian and bicycle network in the city. This plan complements and is supported by the Osceola County Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, which was adopted in 2013. Both plans support the SunRail station by strengthening existing and creating new pedestrian and bicycle connections to the station. Specifically, the plans recommend the creation of a robust network of bike lanes, multi-use paths, shared lanes, trails, and other facilities within downtown Kissimmee and connecting downtown to local and regional destinations.



VINE STREET REDEVELOPMENT AREA & OVERLAY DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

The city is working to encourage high-density mixed-use development along Vine Street in downtown. This has resulted in the creation of the Vine Street Overlay District and adoption of design guidelines in 2017. The city is also working to establish a CRA for Vine Street. In addition to promoting guidelines for landscaping and development, the manual provides recommendations for transit-oriented development along Vine Street to support future premium transit. Vine Street is located approximately three blocks of a mile from the proposed SunRail station and borders downtown Kissimmee. As the proposed US 192 bus rapid transit is implemented and the corridor redeveloped, Vine Street will become an important destination for SunRail riders.



Identify station area development opportunities and evaluate TOD readiness through:

- Land Use Planning
- Transit-Supportive Policies
- Urban Design Elements
- Stakeholder Engagement

Provide recommendations and next steps for advancing policies supportive of SunRail

STUDY ELEMENTS

DETAILED STATION AREA PLANNING & SITE DESIGN

- Loughman
- Davenport
- Haines City



POLK SUNRAIL TOD
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STUDY - POLK TPO

Polk Transportation
Planning Organization

STUDY ELEMENTS

TOD POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

- Loughman
- Davenport
- Haines City
- Lake Alfred
- Auburndale
- Polk Parkway
- Lakeland



TOD POLICY REVIEW

The TOD policy review evaluated each zoning district based on the existing regulations' ability to support the TOD principles outlined on **page 108** and **page 109**. The review identifies the relevant sections of the zoning code for each TOD principle and evaluates whether the code is:

- Strongly supporting the TOD principle through well-defined standards;
- Silent or does not specifically address the TOD principle;
- Somewhat supports the principle by non-regulatory policies in the City or County's zoning code; or
- Does not support or is counter to the TOD principle.

Table 1. City of Orlando TOD Policy Readiness

EXISTING ZONING DISTRICTS	AC-H	AC-1	AC-2	AC-3	C	IS	IP
NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITY CENTER							
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER							
URBAN ACTIVITY CENTER							
METROPOLITAN ACTIVITY CENTER							
CONSERVATION / WATER							
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL							
RECREATION PARK							
IS IT TOD READY?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT							
1. ENCOURAGE TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE LAND USES.							
Encourage a mix of uses within the same parcel and within the same building.							
Encourage active uses such as restaurants and retail on the ground floor of buildings that are multi-stories.							
Encourage development that attracts and generates (e.g., government offices, educational facilities, community centers, and stadiums) to be adjacent to the station.							
Encourage a mix of housing types (e.g., walk-up apartments, town houses, and mid-rise multi-unit, etc.).							
Encourage development of multi-family housing integrated with other uses.							
2. ALLOW HIGHER DENSITIES ADJACENT TO STATIONS.							
Within a quarter mile area, have a maximum of one non-residential plot of 10.							
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Within a half-mile area, have a maximum of one non-residential plot of 10.							
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PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)

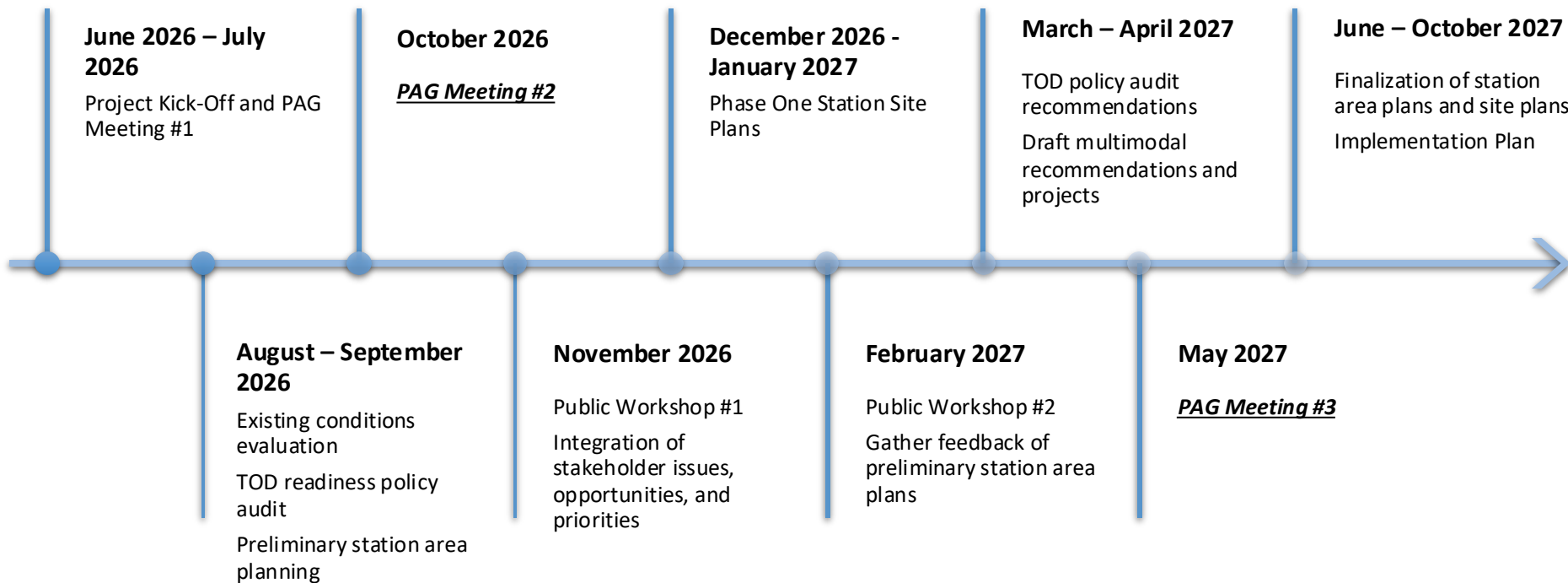


FDOT
Polk TPO
Central Florida Regional
Planning Council
Citrus Connection

Polk County

Davenport
Haines City
Auburndale
Lake Alfred
Lakeland

PROJECT SCHEDULE



NEXT STEPS

Existing conditions
review



Issues and
opportunities
review



**Initial
station
area
plans**



**PAG Meeting
#2 – October
2026**

TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Agenda Item 7.7/23/2026

AGENDA ITEM

Proposed Route 60 Scenic Highway Update

PRESENTER

Angela Kaufman, Polk TPO Staff

SUMMARY

An update will be provided regarding the current status of the State Road 60 process for being designated a Florida Scenic Highway.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is being presented for information only.

ATTACHMENT

1. Polk TPO Resolution 2026-04

POLK TPO RESOLUTION 2026-04

RESOLUTION OF THE POLK TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A STATE ROAD 60 SCENIC HIGHWAY; TO SEEK AN OFFICIAL SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT).

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 9, 2026, the Polk TPO received a presentation by Rob Kincart and Myrtice Young seeking support for the designation of State Road 60, otherwise identified in petition as "Route 60 Coast-to-Coast Scenic Highway", as a Florida Scenic Highway, pending such designation by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and

WHEREAS, a Byway Organization is being established to protect, enhance and preserve the intrinsic resources of the designated corridor, while supporting their use for appropriate economic development, recreation and tourism interests; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Route 60 Coast-to-Coast Scenic Highway traverses a 56.1-mile corridor within Polk County, from County Line Road at the Hillsborough County boundary to the Kissimmee River at the Osceola County boundary, and includes the jurisdictions of Bartow, Lake Wales, Mulberry, Polk County and Winter Haven; and

WHEREAS, the primary intent of the Florida Scenic Highways Program is to designate roadway corridors to preserve, maintain, and enhance Florida's exceptional cultural, historical, archaeological, recreational, natural, and scenic resources for the traveling public's enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, within Polk County the State Road 60 corridor contains numerous cultural, historical, archaeological, recreational, natural and scenic resources along and adjacent to the corridor supporting its eligibility for scenic highway designation and are depicted in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the State Road 60 corridor crosses the Ridge Scenic Highway (State Road 17) in Lake Wales and received the support of the Polk TPO (TPO resolution 2003-01) and was designated by FDOT as a Florida Scenic Highway in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Bartow, Lake Wales and Mulberry, along with Polk County and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) have expressed their support for the designation of State Road 60 as a Florida Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Byway Organization now seeks to submit a Letter of Intent to FDOT as the first step to create the Route 60 Coast-to-Coast Scenic Highway to help better

recognize the intrinsic resources on State Road 60 in Polk County, to ensure preservation of the County's history, heritage, and picturesque scenic beauty while bringing increased economic benefit to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk Transportation Planning Organization at its regular meeting convened on April 9, 2026:

1. That the Polk TPO supports the creation of the Route 60 Coast-to-Coast Scenic Highway, and the Byway Organization's efforts to seek designation by the FDOT.
2. The Polk TPO encourages other communities and interested parties to support the designation of the Route 60 Coast-to-Coast Scenic Highway as a Florida Scenic Highway and to participate in the Byway Organization.
3. The Polk TPO requests FDOT to provide staff and consultant services support to the Byway Organization to assist in the preparation of required documentation for the scenic highway designation, including the Corridor Management Plan.

Signed:



Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley, Chair
Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

April 9, 2026

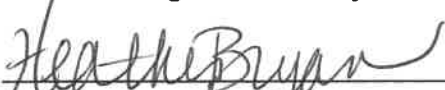
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ATTEST:



Ryan Kordek, TPO Executive Director

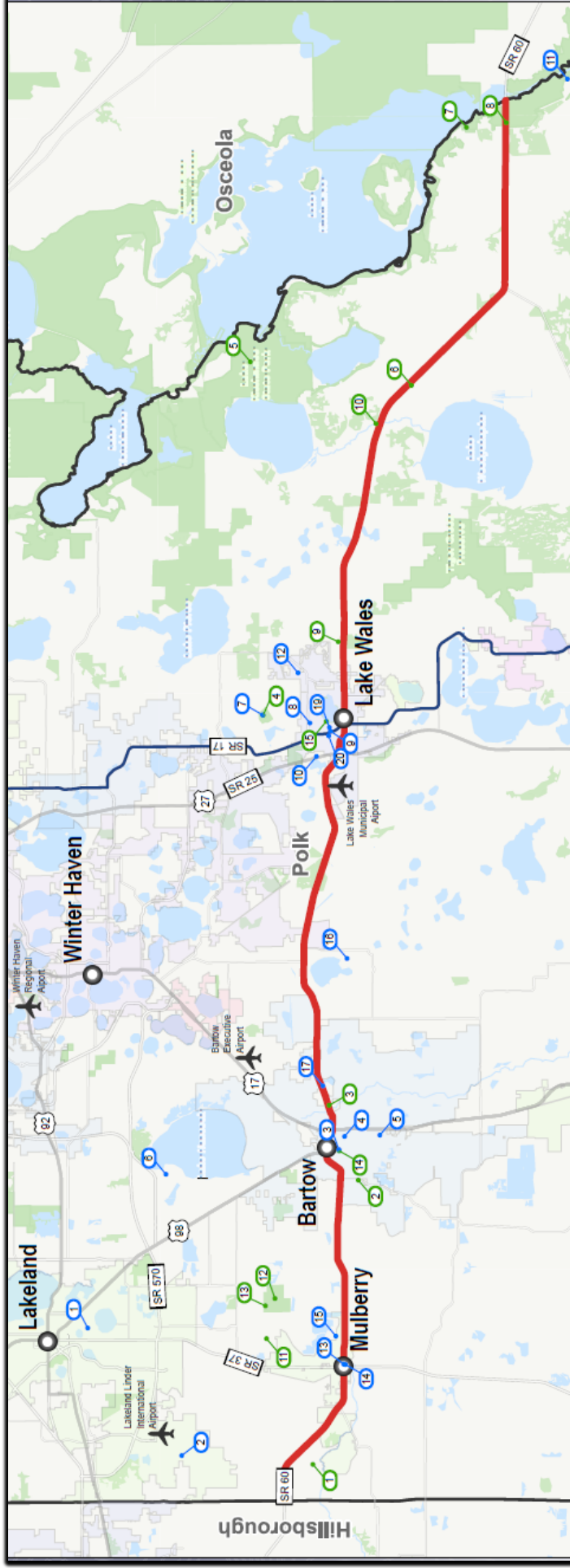
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Heather Bryan, TPO Attorney

STATE ROAD 60 SCENIC HIGHWAY MAP

“Route 60 Coast to Coast Scenic Highway”



Legend

Attractions

- 1. Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture (FSC)
- 2. Florida Air Museum
- 3. Historic Polk County Courthouse
- 4. L.B. Brown House Museum
- 5. Wonder House
- 6. Polk's Nature Discovery Center
- 7. Bok Tower
- 8. Spook Hill
- 9. Polk State College - Lake Wales
- 10. Florida's Natural Visitors Center

- 11. River Ranch West Gate Resorts
- 12. Allen Temple AME Church
- 13. Mulberry Cultural Center
- 14. Downtown Mulberry Phosphate Museum
- 15. Gem Theatre
- 16. Golden Ridge Groves and Market
- 17. Fort Carroll
- 18. Lake Wales Arts Council
- 19. Lake Wales Historic Residential District
- 20. Lake Wales Downtown Historic Business District

Parks & Recreation

- 1. Alafia River Reserve
- 2. Bartow Sports Complex
- 3. Bartow Peace River Landing
- 4. Bok Tower Gardens
- 5. Lake Kissimmee State Park
- 6. SUMICA Preserve
- 7. Coleman Landing at Shady Oaks Recreation Area
- 8. KICCO Wildlife Management Area
- 9. Lake Wales Country Club

- 10. North Walk in the Water Creek
- 11. Loyce Harpe Park
- 12. Lakeland Highlands Scrub
- 13. The Club At Eaglebrook
- 14. Fort Blount Park
- 15. Lake Wales Park

- Proposed Coast to Coast Scenic Highway
- The Ridge Scenic Byway
- Airport
- Cities & Towns
- County Borders

FLORIDA'S COAST TO COAST SCENIC HIGHWAY



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POLK COUNTY ROUTE 60

TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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AGENDA ITEM

Polk Vision Zero Action Plan Update

PRESENTER

Polk TPO Staff

SUMMARY

Polk TPO and the project consultant have continued working on the preparation of the Vision Zero Action Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is being presented for information only.

ATTACHMENT

None

TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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AGENDA ITEM

State of the Transportation System Report

PRESENTER

Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO

SUMMARY

TPO staff will review the State of the Transportation System Report that highlights how Polk County's transportation system is performing. The Report is largely based on the TPO's 2026 Roadway Network that was published earlier this year, as well as recent plans and studies of the Polk TPO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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ATTACHMENT

Provided as handout at the meeting.

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July 23, 2026 Polk TPO TAC Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

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