

# Polk Transportation Planning Organization

## Board Meeting



Polk Transportation  
Planning Organization



**December 9, 2025**



# 1. Call to Order

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Commissioner Trish Pfeiffer, TPO Chair



## 2. Confirmation of Quorum

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### 3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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## 4. Agenda Review

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Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO



## 5. Recognition of Service

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## TAB 1 – Consent Agenda

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Items 6 - 8



## TAB 2: Action Items

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9. Public Hearing on Draft Amendments to  
FY 2025/26 – 2029/30  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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# TIP Amendment

**FDOT has requested the TPO include these projects in the FY 2025/26 – 2029/30 TIP to ensure eligibility for federal and state funding is maintained.**

**These amendments and modification are necessary to ensure authorization of federal funds in the current fiscal year. See the letter and project listing included in the meeting packet.**



Florida Department of Transportation

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Bartow FL 33830

RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

11/13/2025

Ryan Kordek  
Polk TPO Executive Director  
330 W. Church Street, P.O. Box 9005-Drawer TS05  
Bartow, FL 33831

RE: Request for Amendment and/or Modification to the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Fiscal Year (FY) 24/25 – 28/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Kordek:

The purpose of this letter is to request the Polk TPO approve the following amendment/modification to the TIP FY 24/25 - 28/29.

- **451349-1: CROWN AVE FROM W POLK ST TO W MAIN ST**  
Amendment needed to add this Rail Safety project programmed with Federal funding in FY 26.
- **440258-1: LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT FTA SEC 5311 OPERATING ASSISTANCE**  
Modification is needed to add additional allocated Federal and Local funding to FY 2026, totaling less than \$2 million and 20%.
- **410150-2: LAMTD/WINTER HAVEN UZA/FTA SECTION 5307 OPERATING ASSISTANCE**  
Amendment is needed to add additional allocated Federal and Local funding to FY 2026, totaling more than \$2 million and 20%.

Please see enclosed table for project details. These projects must be shown and listed correctly in the Polk TPO TIP to show transparency and ensure authorization of funds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

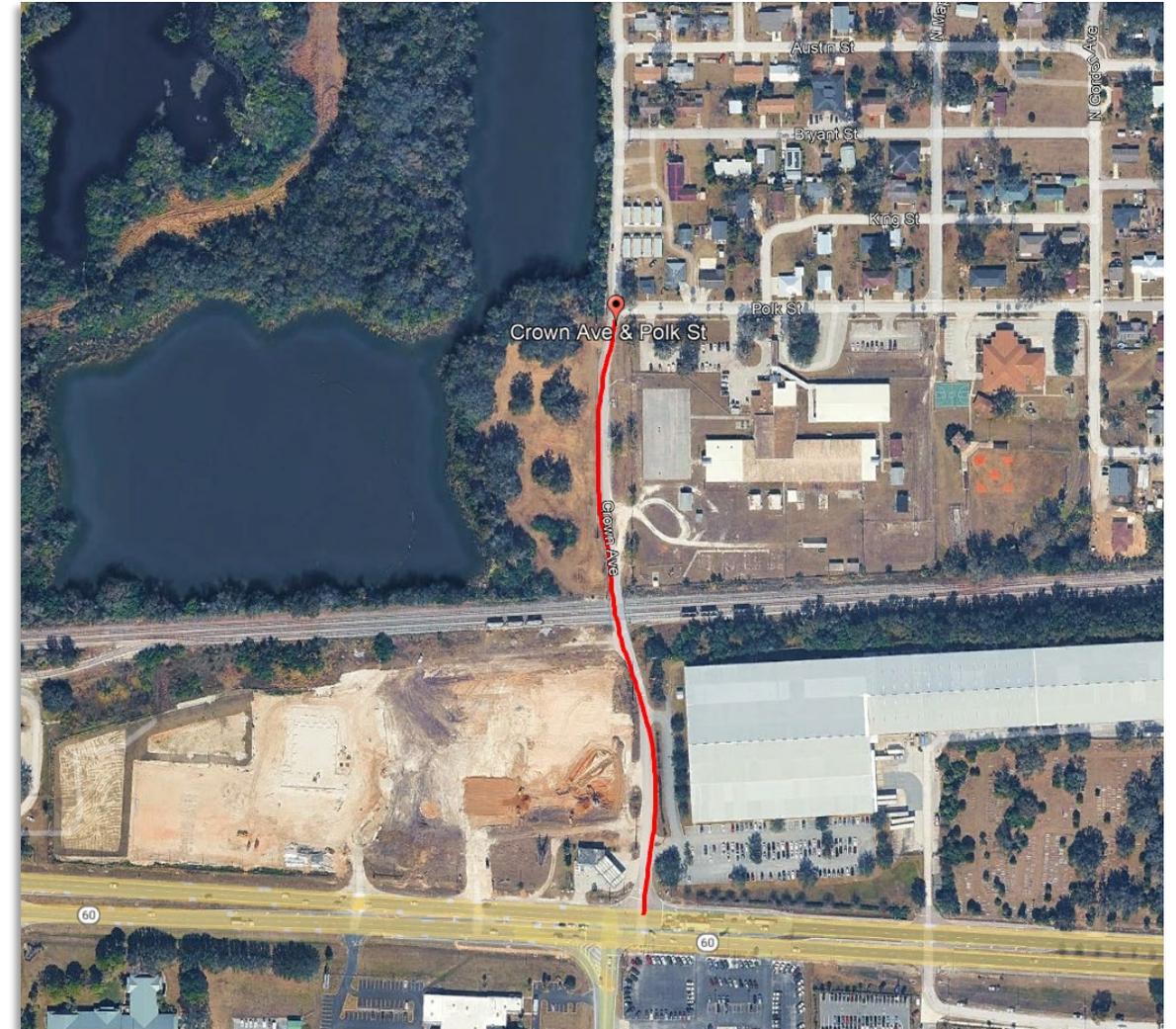
Edith D. Perez, FCCM  
Edith Perez  
FDOT District One Community Liaison

EDP: ep;  
Enclosure  
cc: Wayne Gaither, FDOT  
Kristi Smith, FDOT  
Dana Knox, FHWA



# TIP Amendment

- A Rail Safety project on Crown Ave. from W. Polk St. to W. Main St. is being added to the TIP
- A Modification to LAMTD FTA SEC 5311 Operation Assistance adding an additional Federal and Local Funding totaling less than \$2M and 20% - %
- Amendment to LAMTD/Winter Haven UZA/FTA Section 5307 Operating Assistance is needed to add additional allocated Federal and Local funding to FY 2026 totaling more than \$2M and 20%.



# TIP Amendment

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## Public Hearing Notice Polk Sun News – Web & Print

### Notice of Meeting

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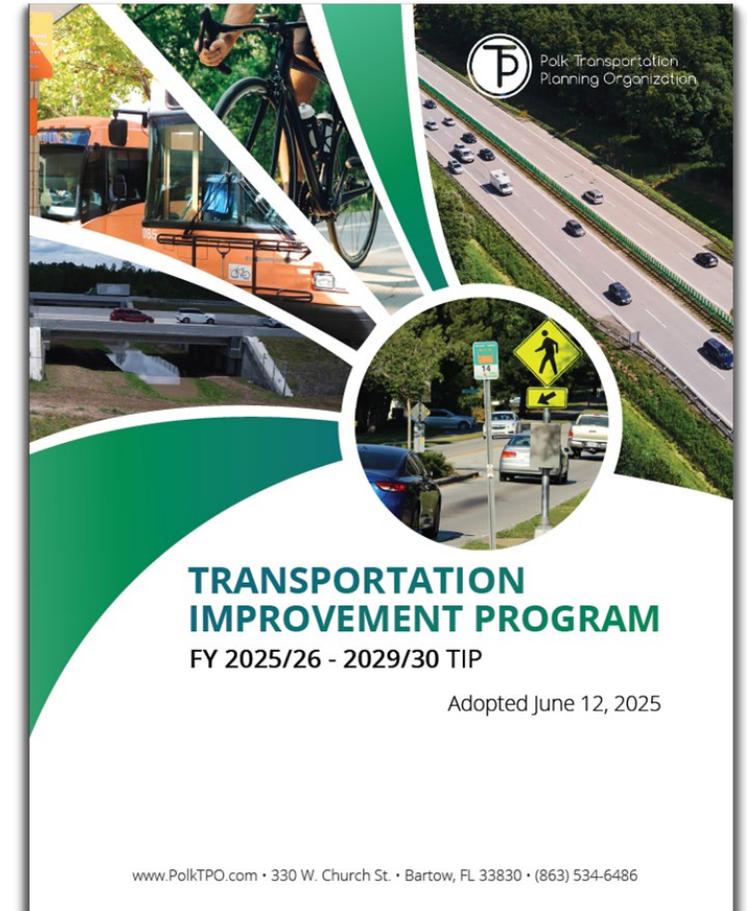
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# TIP Amendment

## Recommended Action

**The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended the TPO Board to approve the amendments to the FY 2025/26 – 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as requested by FDOT.**





## 9. Public Hearing on the Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Envision 2050

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# Introduction



## October 9<sup>th</sup> TPO Board Meeting

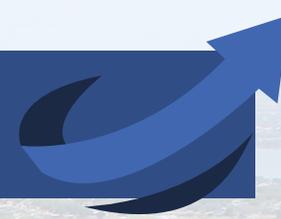
- ❑ Endorse Draft Envision 2050 for the purpose of public review and comment
- ❑ Open the Public Comment Period
  - ❑ October 9<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>

## Today's Presentation

- ❑ Engagement Methods
- ❑ Summary of What We've Heard/How Responsive is Envision 2050?



# Introduction



- ❑ 2050 Population and Employment Forecast (July 2023)
- ❑ State of the Transportation System Report (June 2024)
- ❑ Transportation Resiliency (Aug 2024)
- ❑ Goals, Objectives & Performance Targets (Dec 2024)
- ❑ Northeast Polk SubArea Study (April)
- ❑ Needs Assessment (June)
- ❑ Revenue Forecast (August)
- ❑ Approved Preliminary Plan/Public Comment Period (October)
- ❑ **Final Adoption (December 9<sup>th</sup>)**

## GOAL

Develop and maintain an integrated **multi-modal** transportation system to provide **safe travel** for all users, the **efficient movement** of goods and services, and to promote **livable communities** and **economic activity**

# Key Themes



## □ Growth

- Since 2020, Polk has added 127,832 residents (through 2024)<sup>1</sup>
- Average annual increase of 32,000 residents a year (88 people per day)

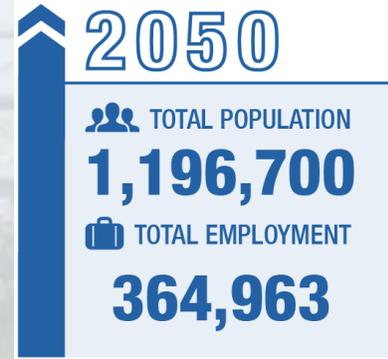
## □ Significant Investment Underway

- Moving Florida Forward, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise & Polk County
- Other State Roads - Investment Maintenance/Safety vs. New Road Capacity
  - Less Federal/State Funding available for new roadway capacity

## □ Plan is positioned to allow several major projects to move forward should funding become available

- I-4, CPP East, State Road 60
- Needs are not the same throughout the County...

1. U.S. Census



US 27/I-4 Interchange



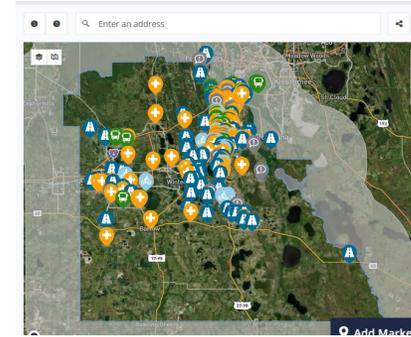
# Draft Document



- ❑ Minor Changes and Enhancements
- ❑ Mapping Enhancements
- ❑ Local Government Comments
- ❑ FDOT/Turnpike Projects



# Public Engagement Methods



WEBSITE

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SOCIAL MEDIA

# Public Engagement Methods



## WEBSITE

Polk Transportation Planning Organization

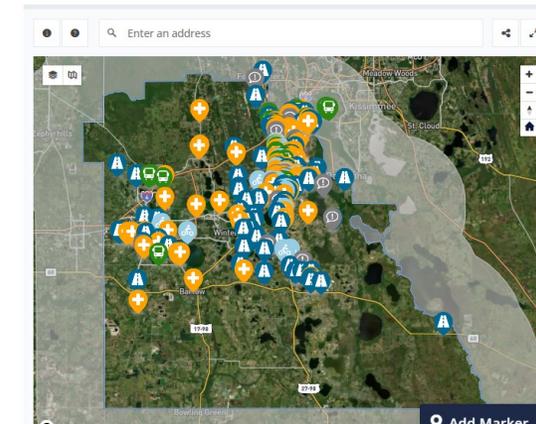
# ENVISION 2050

**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF POLK COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

WWW.POLKENVISION2050.COM  
INTERACTIVE MAP • SURVEYS • COMMENT WALL

## Website Features

- Project overview
- Project sequence
- FAQs
- Project videos
- Interactive map and input submission



## Project Overview

A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) provides a plan to address the future transportation needs of the county. In accordance with federal requirements and to reflect the ever-changing transportation needs and future development within a region, the Long Range Transportation Plan is typically updated every five years.

The Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is currently updating its Long Range Transportation Plan: **Envision 2050**. The Long Range Transportation Plan was last updated in 2020. Envision 2050 is a plan for the future of Polk County's transportation system and sets the framework for transportation planning and investments for the next 25 years. This long-range look at future investments will allow Polk County to work toward having a safer and efficient transportation system. The LRTP facilitates a countywide, cooperative planning process that serves as the basis for spending county, regional state, and federal transportation funds for improvements to roads, bridges, public transit, freight routes, trails and bicycle and pedestrian networks.

## Project Sequence

- ✓ Project Kickoff
- ✓ Preliminary Planning
- ✓ Needs Assessment
- ✓ Cost Feasibility Plan
- ★ Documentation
- ★ Adoption

# Public Engagement Methods



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### TPO Public Workshops

- June 20<sup>th</sup>
- October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Lake Ashton
- City of Bartow
- Bartow Kiwanis
- Eloise CRA
- Polk Comprehensive Planning Committee
- Winter Haven (Vision Zero)
- Four Corners Council
- Central Polk Parkway
- NE Polk Committee
- City of Lake Wales
- Bok Tower Gardens
- Citrus Connection
- FDOT Commute Connector Program
- Mobility Week (Bartow)



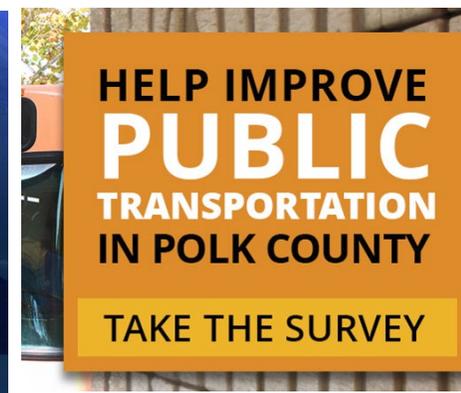
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## SOCIAL MEDIA

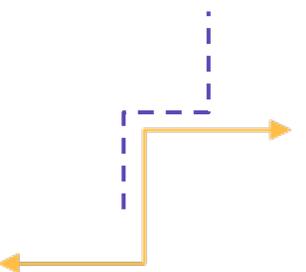
### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

- Past project videos
- Requests for comments
- Surveys
- LIVE STREAMS ( JUNE and OCT)
- Board meeting promotion

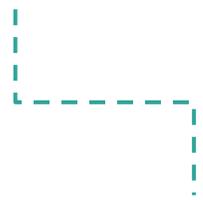


# GENERAL COMMENTS

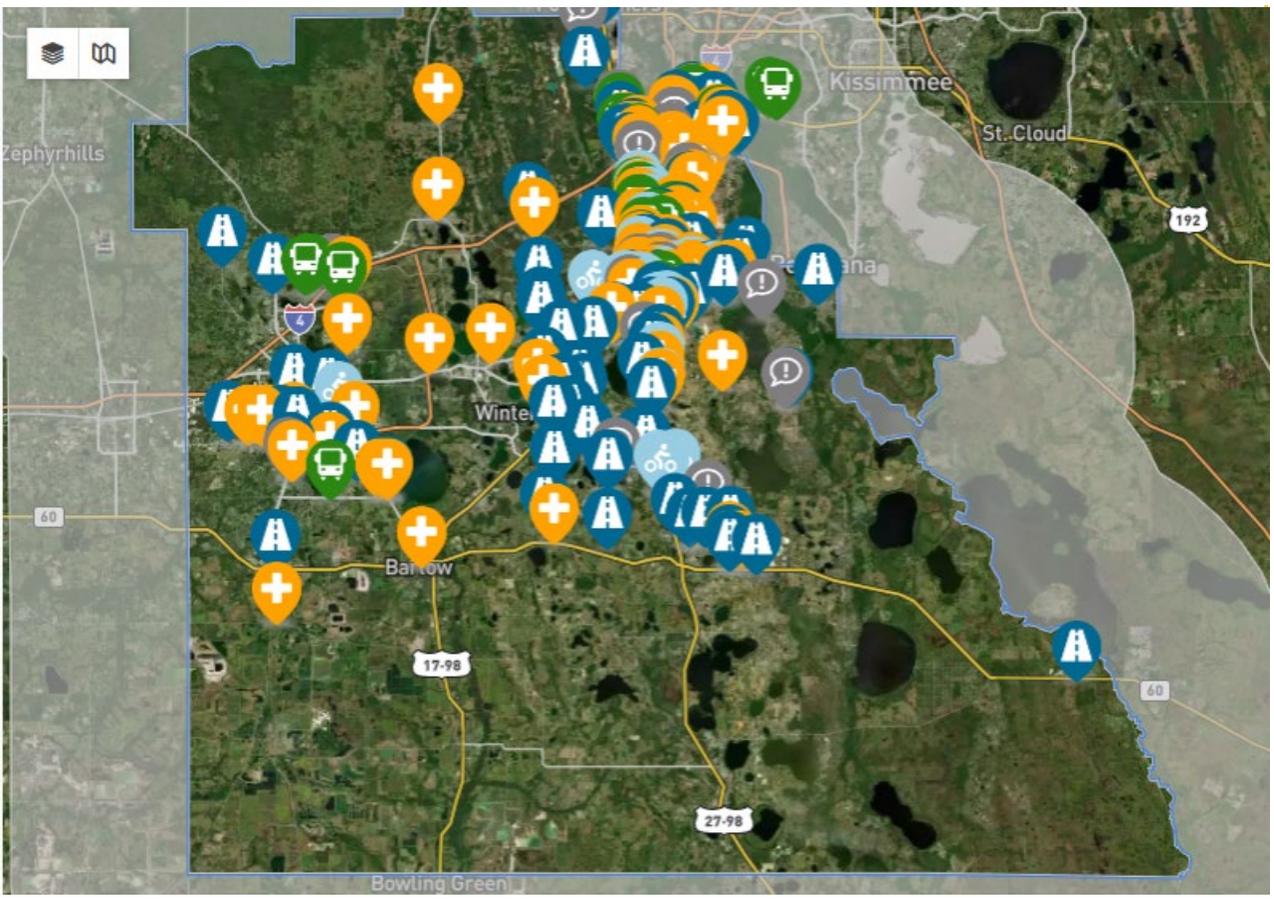
**Jean Reed**  
“What is the makeup of the 23 member TPO Board? Are Davenport, Haines City, Lake Alfred, Poinciana and other NE Polk populations areas fairly represented now?”



**Denise Badolato**  
“They're a big concerns for Bok Tower Gardens and historic Lake Wales being impacted by proposed intermodal highway 60 I-4 Corridor through Scenic Highway / Highway 17. This would greatly impact The view lines of horizon from Iron Mountain and the Singing Tower.”



**EMERGE Lakeland**  
“What types of projects are achievable most immediately (“quick wins”) given the current funding??”



**Zach Whaley**  
“Overdevelopment in North Polk near 27/192 interchange is concerning, have studies been done one how much more development 27 in Far North Polk can handle before being over-saturated like the 1-4/27 intersection near Posner? Consider remediation before it becomes a problem with expanded lanes on 27 or designated alternate routes.”

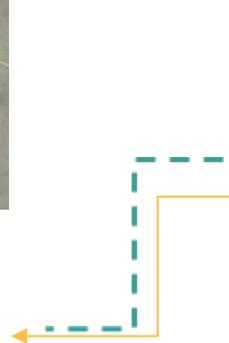
**Private Citizen**  
“What's happening with the corridor vision plans FDOT completed in Winter Haven for Cypress Gardens Blvd. and US 17? When will any of the recommended improvements be made?”



**Facebook User**  
“When is the realignment on Thompson Nursery Road expected to be finished?”

**Unspecified User**  
“Could Airport Road be four laned from Publix Corp Pkwy to Drane Field Road? As traffic increases in this area, and the airport grows its commercial operations, this would be a great addition and fix issues at Carillon Blvd.”

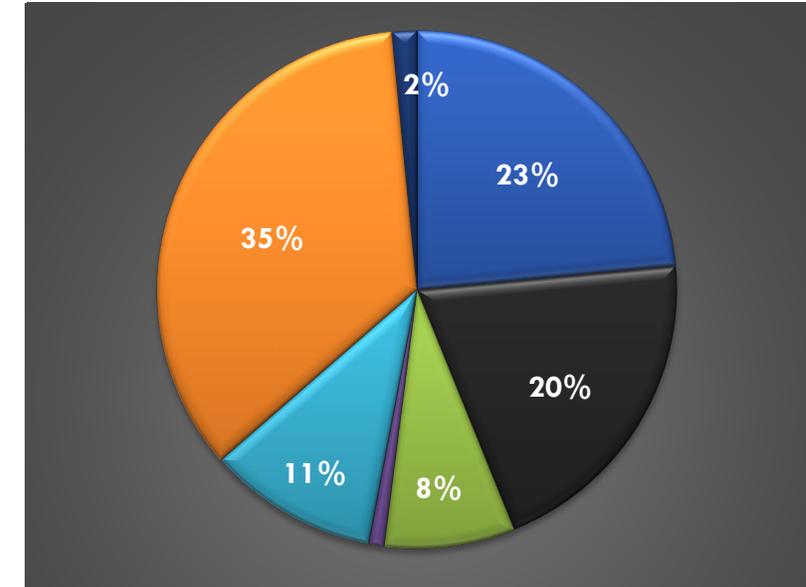
**Anna Britt**  
“Is part of the plan to connect with Hillsborough and Osceola counties (and their budgets) to strengthen travel/public transit throughout Central Florida?”



# Public Comments



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**Roadway**
  - Traffic Congestion, Road Expansion, Lane Additions, Unsafe Conditions
- 
**Intersections**
  - Poor Visibility, Confusing Layouts, Signal Requests & Redesign Suggestions
- 
**Transit**
  - Suggestions for Additional Bus Routes, BRT, SunRail & High-Speed Rail
- 
**Funding**
  - Cost Conscious Planning, Infrastructure Priorities, Project Feasibility
- 
**Sidewalks & Pedestrians**
  - Sidewalk Gaps, Lack of Sidewalks, Pedestrian Experience & Lighting
- 
**Safety**
  - Mentions of Accident-Prone Areas, Traffic Backups, Visibility Issues, Enforcement Issues, Speeding, Unsafe Road Conditions
- 
**Other**
  - Environmental Preservation, Overdevelopment, Governmental Regulations, Public Representation & Bike Lane Needs



• Roadway	(122)	<b>23%</b>
• Intersections	(106)	<b>20%</b>
• Transit	(42)	<b>8%</b>
• Funding	(5)	<b>1%</b>
• Sidewalks & Pedestrians (55)		<b>11%</b>
• Safety	(181)	<b>35%</b>
• Other	(8)	<b>2%</b>



# Public Comments



## Plan Successes

### Continued Emphasis on Safety & Mobility

- ▣ Bike/Ped Safety Action Plans/Access to Schools/Vision Zero Action Plans
- ▣ FDOT Corridor Studies – US 17/92, Lakeland AAA, Cypress Gardens Blvd...
- ▣ Urban Arterials (Corridor Studies) - US 17/92, Lakeland AAA, CG Blvd...
- ▣ Transit Projects (Local)
- ▣ Regional Multi-Use Trails – Connecting our Communities

### Support for Roadway Projects

- ▣ Large Investment Underway
- ▣ Emphasis in Northeast Polk County (New Roads/Road Widening)
- ▣ Other Regional Roads – Interstate 4, US 98, State Road 60

# Public Comments



## Unmet Aspirations

## Timing/Implementation of Projects

## Improved Transit Service

- ❑ Extension of SunRail
- ❑ High Speed Rail

## Unfunded Needs

- ❑ Number of Unfunded Projects (Highways/Intersections)
  - ❑ 2050 Highway Needs = \$13.5B / 2050 Highway Revenue = \$4.1B

Eloise Loop Road

# Recommended Action



**TPO Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend the Board approve Draft Envision 2050 (Long Range Transportation Plan) as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote Required**

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# Public Hearing



1. Opening of Public Hearing
2. Public Comments
3. Closing of Public Hearing
4. Board Action (Roll Call Vote Required)



11. FDOT and FTE FY 2026/27 – 2030/31 Draft  
Work Programs for Polk County

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# Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

*Tentative Five-Year  
Work Program*

*FY 2027 - FY 2031*

Polk TPO

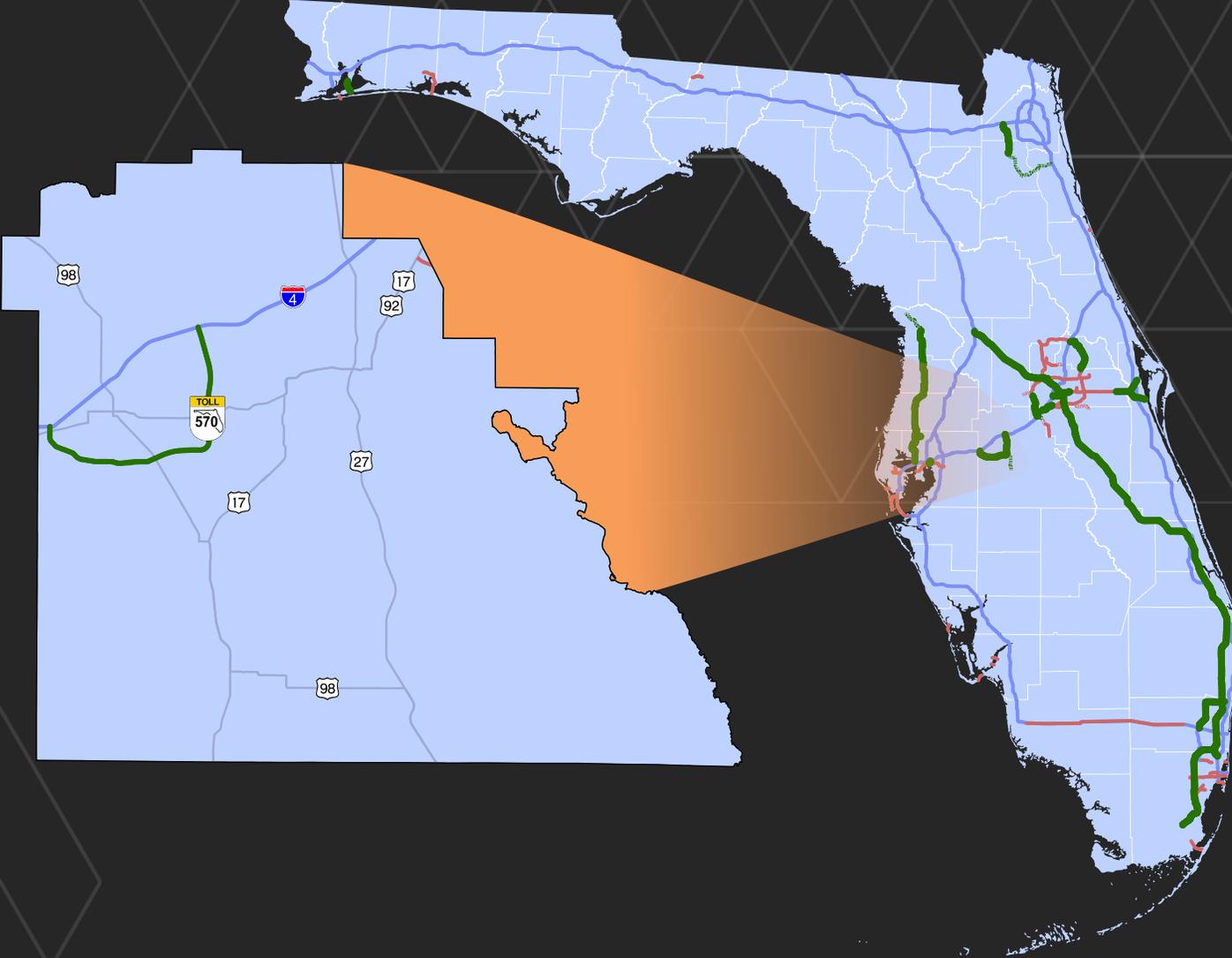
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# Facilities in Polk County



**Polk Parkway**  
25 miles



# Toll Dollars at Work

**FPID:** 440897-2

Construct Central Polk Parkway (SR 570 to US 17)

- SR 540 Interchange Modification, Connection to US 17
- 700 days ahead of schedule

**Start:** March 2023

**Anticipated Finish:** Summer 2027

**Construction Cost:** \$255M



**FPID:** 440897-3

Construct Central Polk Parkway (US 17 to SR 60)

- New access at SR 60
- Relieves congestion on SR 60 and US 98

**Start:** September 2025

**Anticipated Finish:** Spring 2030

**Construction Cost:** \$135M



# Handout Overview

## Page 1: Major Projects

Construction Recently Completed / Underway



### Overview

Since FY 2023, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise continued and/or initiated funding construction of various transportation infrastructure improvements in FDOT District One, with a total value of over \$502 million<sup>(1)</sup>. Major projects include:

Project Category	Facility	Location / Additional Details	FPID
New Road Construction	Central Polk Parkway	Polk Parkway / SR 570 to US 17	440897-2
New Road Construction	Central Polk Parkway	US 17 to SR 60	440897-3
Other Widening   New Interchange	Polk Parkway / SR 570	Old Dixie Highway / CR 546 (MP 18) to South of Pace Road (MP 22)   New Interchange at Braddock Road (MP 20)	438018-1
Resurfacing	Polk Parkway / SR 570	MP 8 to MP 17	449688-1,-2
Other	SunTrax Connected/Automated Vehicle Test Facility	Auburndale, Florida	437300-4
All-Electronic Tolling	Polk Parkway / SR 570	I-4 (MP 0) to Old Dixie Highway / CR 546 (MP 18)	440857-1

<sup>(1)</sup> This value does not include projects that cross into other districts.

The Enterprise continues to make project investments in FDOT District One. In FY 2027 through FY 2031, over \$27 million in Enterprise funding is programmed for construction projects within Polk and Okeechobee counties. This amount includes the phases referenced below:

Phase	Funding Code
ENV Environmental	C2
CST Construction	52, 53, 61, 62

### Summary of Major Project Funding by Category

The table below summarizes the Enterprise funding programmed for the major projects in the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2027 through FY 2031) that are located in FDOT District One, by category.

Project Category	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
New Road Construction	\$ -	\$3,128,100	\$2,674,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,802,200
Total	\$ -	\$3,128,100	\$2,674,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,802,200

1 - As of October 9, 2025

## Page 2: Major Project Example Construction Funded in Five-Year Work Program



### Construct Central Polk Parkway from US 17 to SR 60 FPID: 440897-3

The project constructs the second segment of Central Polk Parkway from US 17 to SR 60. This approximately 3-mile-long roadway will be a four-lane, divided, limited-access facility. It will reduce commercial vehicle traffic through Bartow, enhance safety by separating regional through-traffic from local traffic, and provide regional connectivity. Construction of this over \$176 million project began in FY 2025, and the remaining expenditures to complete the project are funded in FY 2028 and FY 2029.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
CST	\$ -	\$3,128,100	\$2,674,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,802,200
Total	\$ -	\$3,128,100	\$2,674,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,802,200

## Page 4: Major Project List Construction Not Funded in Five-Year Work Program

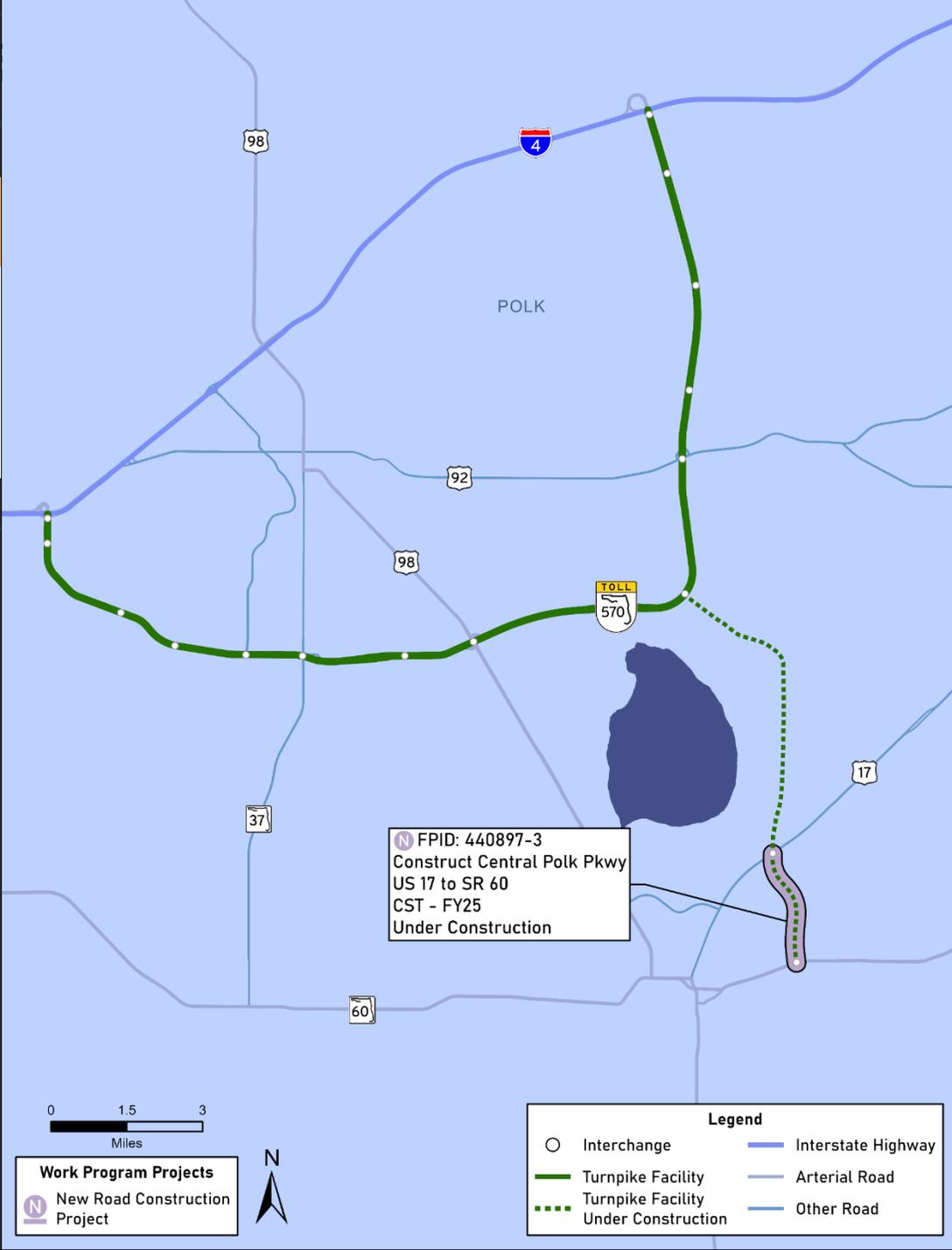
FPID	County	Project Category	Description	Phase	FY	Funding
446619-1	Polk	Other Widening	Widen Polk Parkway / SR 570 from I-4 (MP 0) to Winter Lake Road / SR 540 / Central Polk Parkway (Future) (MP 14)	PDE	2027	\$4,000,000
451419-1	Polk	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Parkway East from US 17/92 to SR 538	*PE	2027	\$20,000,000
451422-1	Polk	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Parkway East from US 27 to North of Lake Mabel Loop Road	PE	2027	\$6,000,000
455878-1				*PDE	2027	\$500,000
451421-1	Polk	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Parkway East from North of Lake Mabel Loop Road to South of Johnson Avenue	PE ROW	2027 2029	\$11,000,000 \$20,000,000
455879-1				*PDE	2027	\$500,000
451420-1	Polk	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Parkway East from South of Johnson Avenue to US 17/92	PE ROW	2027 2029	\$14,000,000 \$20,000,000
451008-1	Okeechobee	Other	Implement Parking Improvements at Ft Drum Service Plaza (MP 185)	PE	2027 - 2028	\$3,388,000

\* = Phase underway and the remaining expenditure shown is to complete the phase.

# Polk County

Description	Phase	FY	Funding
Construct Central Polk Pkwy from US 17 to SR 60 FPID: 440897-3	*CST	2028 – 29	\$5.9M

\* Construction began in FY 2025.



# PDE, PE, and ROW Projects

FPID	Project Category	Location / Limits	Phase	FY	Funding
446619-1	Other Widening	Widen Polk Pkwy / SR 570 from I-4 to Winter Lake Rd / SR 540 / Central Polk Pkwy (Future) (MP 0 – 14)	PDE	2027	\$4.0M
451419-1	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Pkwy East from US 17/92 to SR 538	*PE	2027	\$20.0M
451422-1	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Pkwy East from US 27 to North of Lake Mabel Loop Rd	PE	2027	\$6.0M
455878-1 451421-1	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Pkwy East from North of Lake Mabel Loop Rd to South of Johnson Ave	*PDE PE ROW	2027 2027 2029	\$0.5M \$11.0M \$20.0M
455879-1 451420-1	New Road Construction	Construct Central Polk Pkwy East from South of Johnson Ave to US 17/92	*PDE PE ROW	2027 2027 2029	\$0.5M \$14.0M \$20.0M

PDE = Project Development and Environment (Phase 22) | PE = Preliminary Engineering (Phase 32) | ROW = Right of Way (Phase 43)  
 \* = Phase underway and the remaining expenditure shown is to complete the phase.

# Thank you!

FDOT Work Program  
Public Hearing Website



**DRIVE SOBER  
OR GET  
PULLED OVER**



# Priority Transportation Projects

## Regional Support



☐ MPOAC, SCTPA, CFMPOA

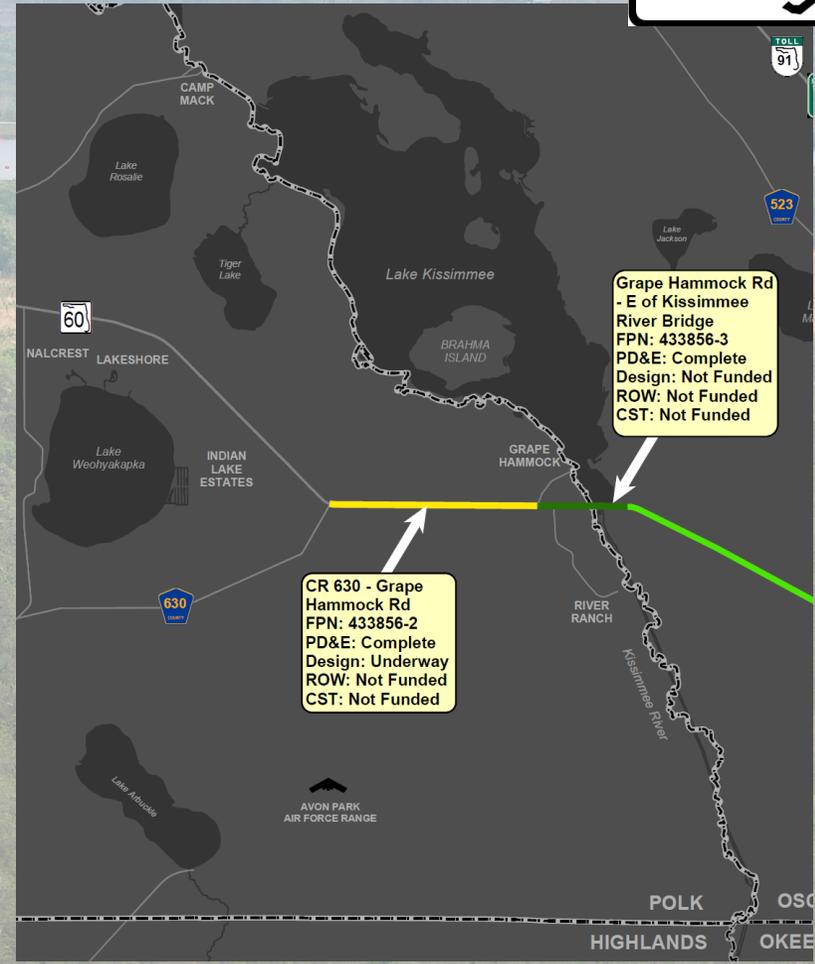
## National Highway Freight Program Grant

☐ Requests funding for the following project phases

☐ FPN: 433856-2 ROW funding - \$15.1M

☐ FPN: 433856-3 Design funding - \$4.5M

☐ Right-of-Way Acquisition Funded in FY 2030 at \$16.2M



State Road 60 west of Kissimmee River



# Priority Transportation Projects

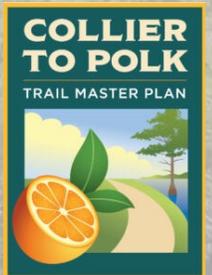
## Complete Streets

- ❑ 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW & Ave L NW Enhancements (Winter Haven)\* **CST Funded in FY 2029**
- ❑ Fairbanks Street Sidewalk (Lakeland) **CST Funded in FY 2030**
- ❑ US 92 (Memorial Blvd) (Lakeland)

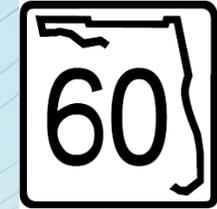
## Multi-Use Trails

- ❑ Old Dixie Trail (Auburndale – Lake Alfred) (SUN Trail)
- ❑ Lake Parker/Tenoroc Connector Trail (Lakeland) (SUN Trail)
- ❑ Lakeshore Drive Trail (Lakeland) (SUN Trail) **PE Funded in FY 28, CST in FY 2031**
- ❑ Jackson Avenue Corridor Safety Project (Bartow) (SUN Trail)

\* *CST Phase removed from FDOT Work Program in April 2025*



# Priority Transportation Projects



## State Road 60 Candidate Freight Projects

- ❑ Regionally Significant SIS Freight Corridor in Central Florida serving major Seaports and Florida's Largest Inland Port – Central Florida ILC
- ❑ ILC has the capacity to process 300,000 containers – largest in Florida
- ❑ State Road 60 significant amount of Freight Truck Traffic
- ❑ CSX S-Line Grade Separated Crossing
  - ❑ Project is in need of Construction Funding
  - ~~❑ Funded in FY 2028 – \$69.6M (Removed from the Work Program)~~



# TAC Comments



## Edgewood Drive to Main Street

- ❑ TPO's #1 Priority Transportation Project
  - ❑ Resurfacing Project currently programmed by FDOT
  - ❑ Opportunity to address Operational and Safety Needs along this portion of US 98 as part of these projects
  - ❑ Intersections of Sylester, New Jersey, North and South Crystal Lake Drive and Lakeland High School
- ❑ Other Projects Removed from FDOT's Work Program
  - ❑ SR 60 CSX S-Line Crossing (CST) & New York Avenue Overpass (CST) (Lakeland)
  - ❑ FDOT should re-program these projects at the earliest opportunity





## 12. Appointments to MPOAC and CFMPOA

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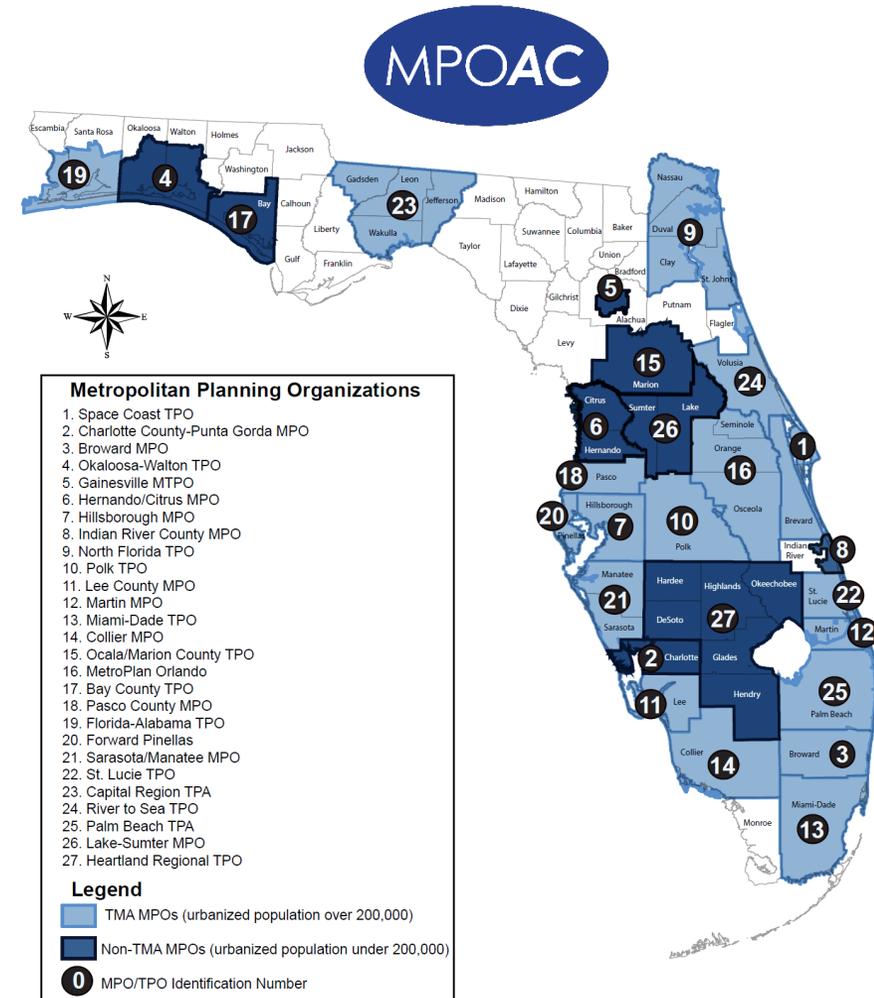
# Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC)

## ❑ MPOAC Governing Board

- ❑ Consists of one (1) representative from each MPO/TPO in the State (27).

## ❑ 2026 Meeting Calendar:

- ❑ January 28, April 30, July 30, and October 29
- Meetings are generally held in Orlando (The Florida Hotel)



## TPO Current Representatives

Name	Position
Sara Roberts McCarley, Lakeland	Member
Nat Birdsong, Winter Haven	Primary Alternate
Trish Pfeifer, Bartow	Secondary Alternate



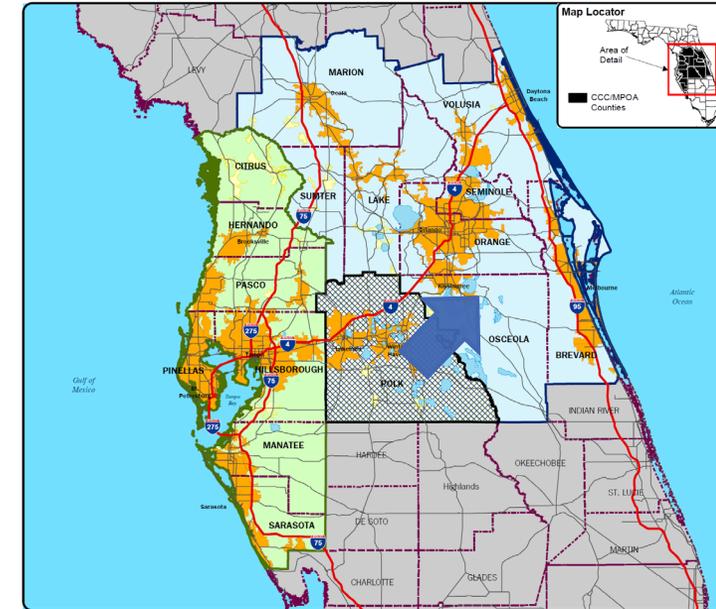
# Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA)

## CFMPOA

- Comprised of six (6) MPO/TPOs in East Central Florida Area
- Lake/Sumter MPO, Ocala/Marion TPO, MetroPlan Orlando, Polk TPO, Space Coast TPO and Volusia/Flagler TPO

## 2026 Meeting Calendar:

- February 13 – MetroPlan Offices, Orlando
- April 10 - MetroPlan Offices, Orlando
- June 5 – Joint Meeting with SCTPA (Polk TPO to Host)
- October 9 - MetroPlan Offices, Orlando



## TPO Current Representatives

Name	Position
Brian Yates, Winter Haven	Member – CFMPOA Vice Chair
Nancy Daley, Lake Alfred	Member
Omar Arroyo, Haines City	Member
Vernal Smith, Haines City	Alternate





13. Review/Approve the 2026 TPO Board  
Meeting Calendar

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# 2026 TPO Board Meeting Dates

**February 12**

**April 9**

**June 11**

**August 27**

**October 8**

**December 10**



# TPO Board Membership

- ❑ **TPO Board (Apportionment Plan)**
  - ❑ TPO Board - Added four (4) new seats and now has a total of 23 voting members
- ❑ **Voting Blocs (rotating voting membership)**
  - ❑ Central County/Ridge & South Voting Bloc – Dundee, Eagle Lake, Polk City, Lake Hamilton & Ft. Meade Mulberry and Frostproof
  - ❑ While there are only two (2) votes allotted to the voting blocs, seven (7) cities are invited to TPO meetings
- ❑ **TPO Board's Total Membership**
  - ❑ Including non-voting jurisdictions and the TPO Board's advisory members (TPO Dir., FDOT Sec. & Legal Council) the TPO consists of 31 members
  - ❑ Current seating accommodates a maximum of 28 members.

TPO Board Composition						
Jurisdiction	Number of TPO Members					
	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
County	5	5	5	5	5	5
Lakeland	2	3	6	6	6	6
Winter Haven	1	1	2	2	2	3
Bartow	1	1	1	1	1	1
Haines City	-	-	1	1	1	2
Lake Wales	-	-	1	1	1	1
Auburndale	-	-	1	1	1	1
Davenport	-	-	-	-	-	1
Lake Alfred	-	-	-	-	-	1
South Bloc	-	-	-	1	1	1
East Bloc	-	-	-	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>

# TPO Board – Alternative Meeting Location



## FDOT Conference Center Bartow



# 2026 TPO Board Meeting Location

## Option A: FDOT Conference Center

- Move the start time to 1:00pm

## Option B: BoCC Board Room

- Start time and location remain the same



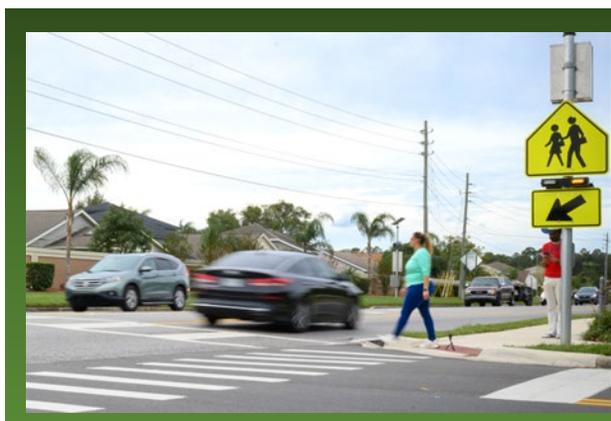
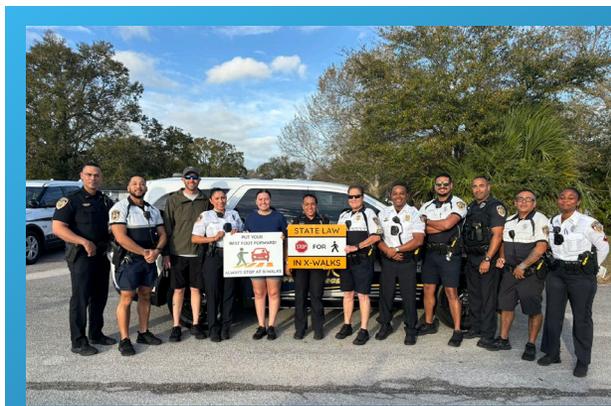


## TAB 3: Presentations & Status Reports



## 13. Best Foot Forward (BFF) Campaign in Polk County

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# Program-wide Overview



## Evaluation

**107**

Crosswalks  
Monitored

**538**

Collections  
Completed

**21,520**

Staged  
Crossings

## Engineering

**21**

Engineering  
Improvements

**26%**

Avg. DYR  
Increase

**241**

Engineering  
Recommendations

## Enforcement

**113**

Crosswalk  
Details

**962**

Crosswalk  
Warnings

**790**

Crosswalk  
Citations

## Education

**97**

Events &  
Presentations

**16,234**

People  
Reached

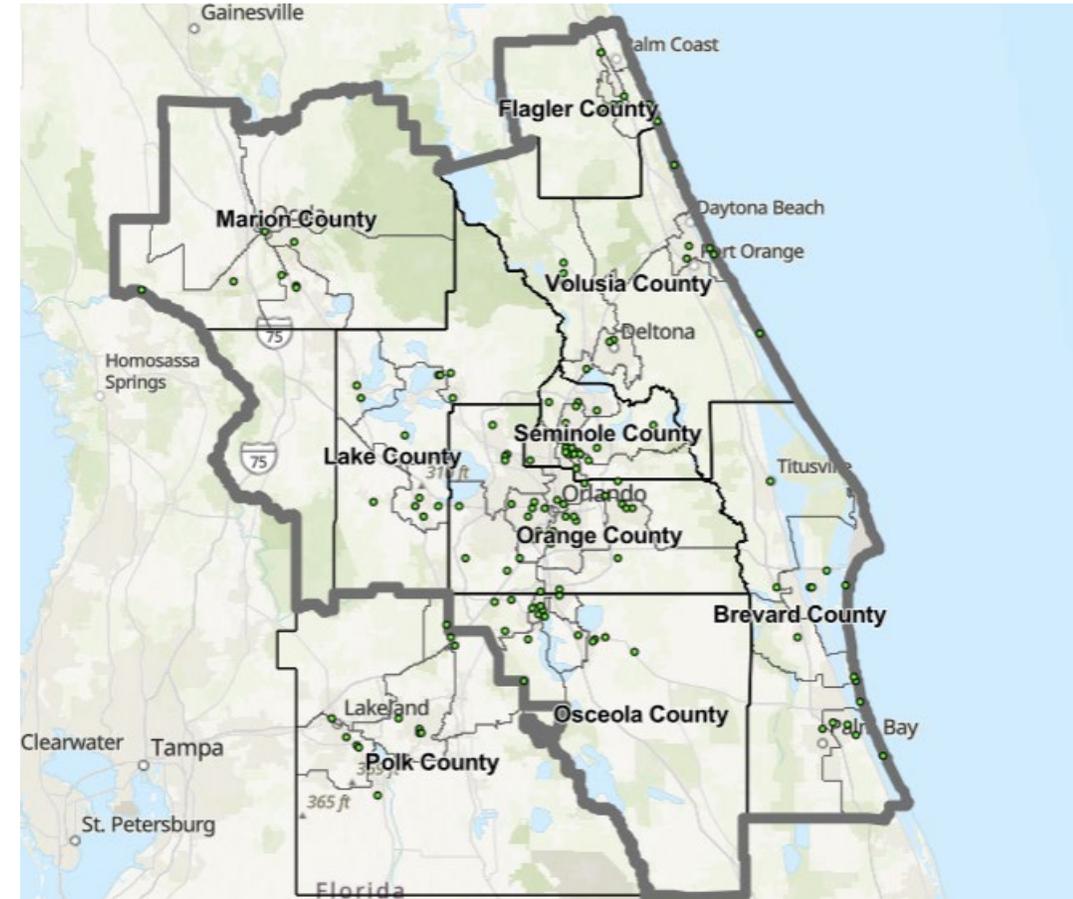
**6,908**

Resources  
Distributed

# Crosswalks Program-Wide



- **107** crosswalks evaluated with **31** city partners and **9** county partners
- **21** crosswalks improved an average of **26%** in response to **engineering** interventions
- **31** crosswalks improved an average of **13%** in response to **enforcement** and/or **education** interventions



# Crosswalk Evaluation Data



Crosswalk Name	Lanes	Speed	2025 DYR
Schumate Dr & E Clower St	4	30	<b>76%</b>
Lake Hollingsworth Dr & Ingraham Ave	2	30	<b>89%</b>
W 4 <sup>th</sup> St & MLK Jr Ave	2	25	<b>29%</b>
Berkley Rd & Luna Rd	5	45	<b>4%</b>
Bella Citta Blvd & Tierra del sol Blvd	4	40	<b>49%</b>
Bartow Rd & Central Ave	6	50	<b>97%</b>
Ave M NW & Unity Way NW	2	25	<b>32%</b>
N. Lake Howard Dr & Ave D NW	3	30	<b>51%</b>

**Low Yielding**  
**0 – 32%**

**Moderate**  
**33 - 65%**

**High Yielding**  
**66% +**

# Crosswalk Improvements



## Winter Haven: N. Lake Howard Dr. & Ave. D NW



### Sign Waving Event

**Before - 51%**

**11% increase**

**After - 62%**

# FY26 Crosswalks in Polk County



Law Enforcement Agency	Crosswalk Name
Lakeland PD	W 4th St & MLK Jr Ave
Lakeland PD	Lakeland Highlands Rd & E. Edgewood Dr
Winter Haven PD	Ave M NW & Unity Way NW
Winter Haven PD	N Lake Howard Dr & Ave D NW
Winter Haven PD	W Central Ave & 1st St. N
Bartow PD	Schumate Dr & E Clower St
Auburndale PD	Main St., Midblock S. of Auburndale Central Elementary
Polk County Sheriff	Bartow Rd & Winter Lake Rd
Polk County Sheriff	Autumnwood Grove Blvd & SR-98
Polk County Sheriff	Bella Citta Blvd & Tierra del sol Blvd
Polk County Sheriff	Dunson Rd., Midblock W. of Ridgeview Global Studies Academy
Polk County Sheriff	Main View Dr & Broad Way

# Crosswalk Improvement Plans



## 2025 Driver Yield Rate Data Collections

Collection Date	Drivers Yielding < 30-ft	Drivers Yielding > 30-ft	Drivers Not Yielding	Driver Yield Rate
4/10/2025	3	4	156	4%
9/4/2025	3	3	148	4%

## Average Driver Yield Rate by Year

2023: N/A    2024: N/A    2025: 4%

## Roadway Characteristics

**Speed:** 45 mph  
**Number of Lanes:** 5  
**Crossing Type:** Semi-Controlled  
**Crossing Signal:** N/A

## Roadway Users

**Avg. Daily Traffic:** 25,500  
**Avg. Pedestrians/hour:** 3  
**Avg. Cyclists/hour:** 0  
**Bike/Ped Crashes within 70 ft:** N/A

## Signs

**Crossing Sign Type:** Ped Crossing Signs + Arrow (School)  
**Ahead Sign Type:** Ped Crossing Signs + Ahead (School)  
**Vertical Sign Type:** N/A  
**Turning Vehicle Sign Type:** N/A  
**Yield/Stop Sign Type:** N/A

## Markings

**Yield/Stop Markings:** N/A  
**Ped Crossing Markings:** No  
**Transverse Rumble Strips:** No  
**High Visibility Crosswalk Markings:** Yes

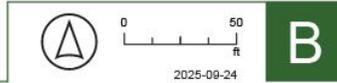
## Medians and Ramps

**ADA Detection Pads:** Yes  
**ADA Ramp:** Yes  
**Median Type:** N/A



Aerial imagery provided by Esri Community Maps Contributors (imagery date varies)

**Berkley Rd & Luna Rd**  
 Crosswalk Characteristics and Driver Yield Rate Summary



## Berkley Rd. & Luna Rd.

Polk County

## Crosswalk Observations:

- Low percentage of drivers (<33%) yield to pedestrians at this crosswalk
- Data collectors were frequently trapped in the center with no safe refuge
- Drivers observed speeding, with the maximum speed recorded on pocket radar was 61MPH (in a 45MPH zone)
- No street lighting near the crosswalk
- Truncated dome warning pads are present on sidewalk ramps

## Countermeasure Recommendations:

- Add flexposts on the northbound double-yellow centerline as well as the southbound solid white edge line, and consider two on each side of the crosswalk to create visual friction for drivers
- Upgrade the school crossing S1-1 signs to the fluorescent yellow-green option per MUTCD standards for school crossings



# Enforcement Operations



## Winter Haven Police Department Operation Best Foot Forward

Date	Location	Warnings	Citations
Thursday, July 31	Ave M NW & Unity Way NW	20	6



## Q4 Operation BFF: Program-Wide Regional High-Visibility Crosswalk Enforcement Theme: Back to School July 29 – August 8



27

Participating Agencies

40

Crosswalk Details

594

Warnings & Citations



71

Media Placements

1M

Est. Media Impressions

\$116K

Est. Earned Media Value

Upcoming  
Operation  
BFF windows  
in March &  
July of 2026



# Educations & Outreach



## Activity Schedule

BFF Program Support in Polk County

Date	Event Type	Event Title or Organization
5/16/2025	BFF Stakeholder Meeting	Polk County Steering Committee Meeting
8/1/2025	BFF Outreach Event	First Friday Block Party - Lakeland
8/19/2025	BFF Sign Waving	N Lake Howard Dr & Ave D NW Sign Waving



## Community Quotes

Capturing Community Conversations



"I really don't feel safe cycling around Lakeland. I try to stay on the sidewalks."



"I was almost hit while trying to cross the street by a vehicle who didn't stop for a red light. That crosswalk was not well-marked."



"There is a huge need to get drivers to slow down around Lake Howard."

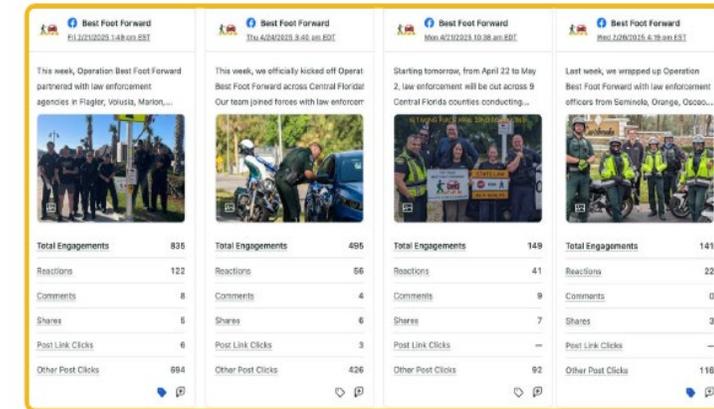


"There's an intersection by the softball fields where vehicles speed and rarely stop for pedestrians. It's so dangerous!"



## Social Media Performance

October 2024 - September 2025



# FY25 Program-Wide Insights



## Engineering

- Installing **delineator posts** near crosswalks was the most effective low-cost solution for improving driver yield rate (DYR) this year, with a **29%** average DYR increase at three crosswalks
- Speed humps **ahead of the crosswalk** have a higher driver yield rate average than raised crosswalks (**60%** vs 44% final DYR average)
- By beacon type in 2025:
  - Circular Flashing Beacon: **No impact** on DYR avg.
  - Rect. Rapid-Flashing Beacon: **73%** final DYR avg.
  - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon: **89%** final DYR avg.



## Enforcement

- Driver yield rates improved **100% of the time** when these three conditions were met:
  - Enforced over a two-year period
  - Enforced two different seasons each year
  - 4 travel lanes or less
- **8** crosswalks met this criteria in 2024-25 and improved an average of **13%**
- **4** met this criteria in 2023-24 and improved an average of **14%**
  - Two of these four crosswalks dropped down to just one enforcement in 2025, and their annual yield rate improvement dropped an average of 3% each



## Education

- Sign-waving events can help improve driver yield rates
  - **Similar in effect to enforcement** by bringing visibility to drivers at the crosswalk itself
  - Raises annual driver yield rates in a similar way:  
8 crosswalks showed an average improvement of **11%**
- At community events, drivers can typically identify that walkers have the right of way at **marked crosswalks**, but fail to recognize the same is true at **unmarked intersections**
- Many drivers are concerned about the **rise in electric bike and scooter usage**, especially among kids



# Education Program-Wide



## Community Events

## Pop-Up Events



## Presentations

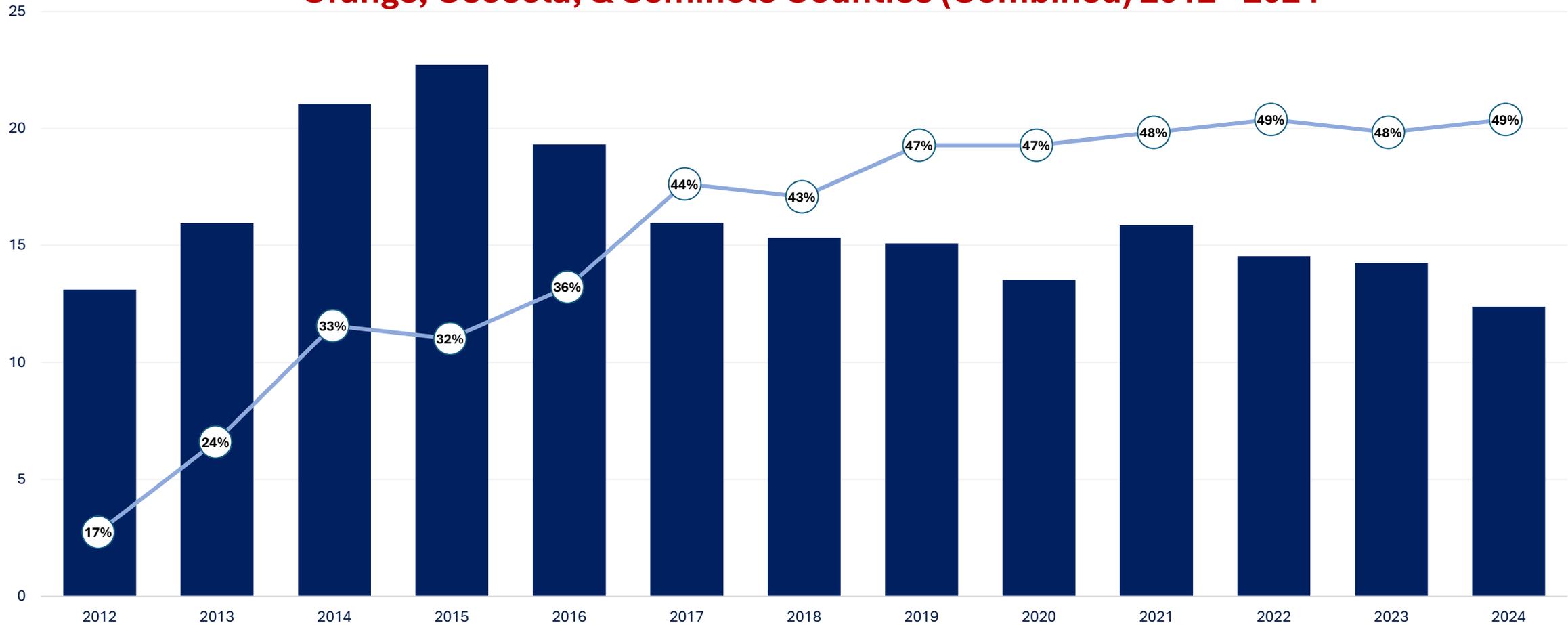


## Sign-Waving Campaigns

# Tracking Progress: Serious Injuries vs. DYR



## Orange, Osceola, & Seminole Counties (Combined) 2012 - 2024



— Percent of drivers yielding to pedestrians at program crosswalks  
■ Bike/Ped deaths & incapacitating injuries per 100,000 people

*Source: Best Foot Forward* *Source: Signal4Analytics*



## 14. Transit Development Plan (TDP)

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# Citrus Connection Transit Development Plan

TPO Meeting  
*December 2025*



# Agenda

- What is a TDP?
- Existing Transit Service
- Public Outreach Overview
- 2035 Transit Needs Plan
- Prioritization Criteria
- Project Priorities
- Implementation Timeline
- Costs & Revenues
- What's Next



# What is a Transit Development Plan?

*TDP is ...*

## ***What TDP is NOT:***

- *Budget*
- *Capital Improvement Program (CIP)*
- *Binding agreement*



10-year vision for transit



Plan that identifies both funded & unfunded needs



Collaborative process



Helps Citrus Connection set transit service/capital priorities



Updated every five years

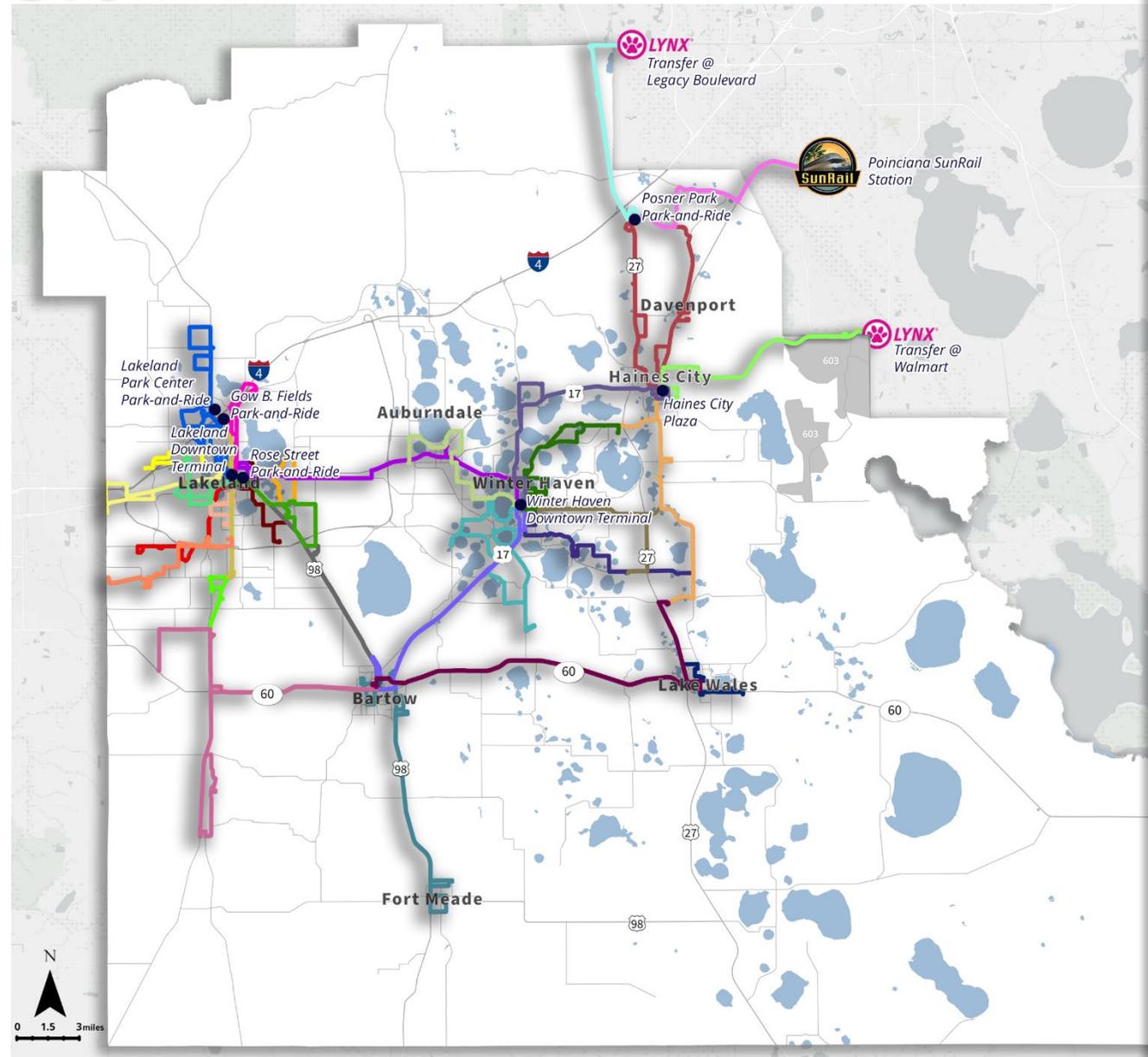
# What is a TDP?

- 10-year transit plan
- Strategic plan for transit
  - Evaluate demographics & travel behavior
  - Assess existing transit options
  - Conduct public involvement & outreach
  - Determine transit needs
  - Develop service & implementation plans
- FDOT requirement for funding



# Existing Transit Service

- 32 routes
  - East- 15 routes
  - West- 14 routes
  - 3 East-West Connector
- 5 Squeeze Services
- Monday-Saturday
  - One Sunday route
- \$1.50 one-way fare



# Public Outreach Overview



**25**  
Stakeholder  
Interviews



**3**  
Discussion  
Group  
Workshops



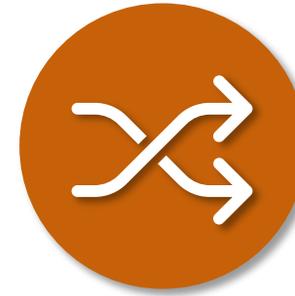
**2**  
Open House  
Public  
Workshops



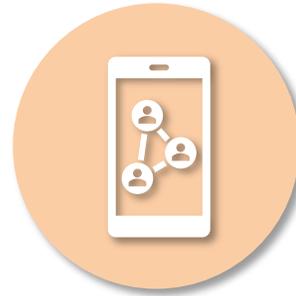
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Public  
Input  
Survey



**1**  
Bus  
Operator  
Survey



L RTP  
Coordination –  
Workshops &  
Surveys



Website &  
Social  
Media  
Outreach

# Public Outreach Overview



**25**  
Stakeholders  
engaged



**52**  
Discussion  
Group  
Workshops  
participants



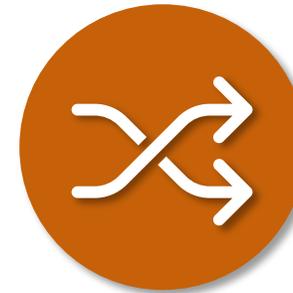
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Public  
Workshops  
participants



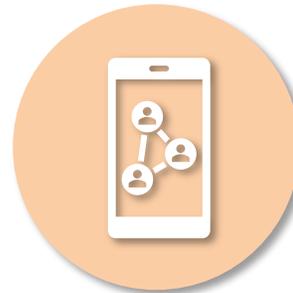
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Public  
Input  
Survey  
responses



**18**  
Bus  
Operator  
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responses



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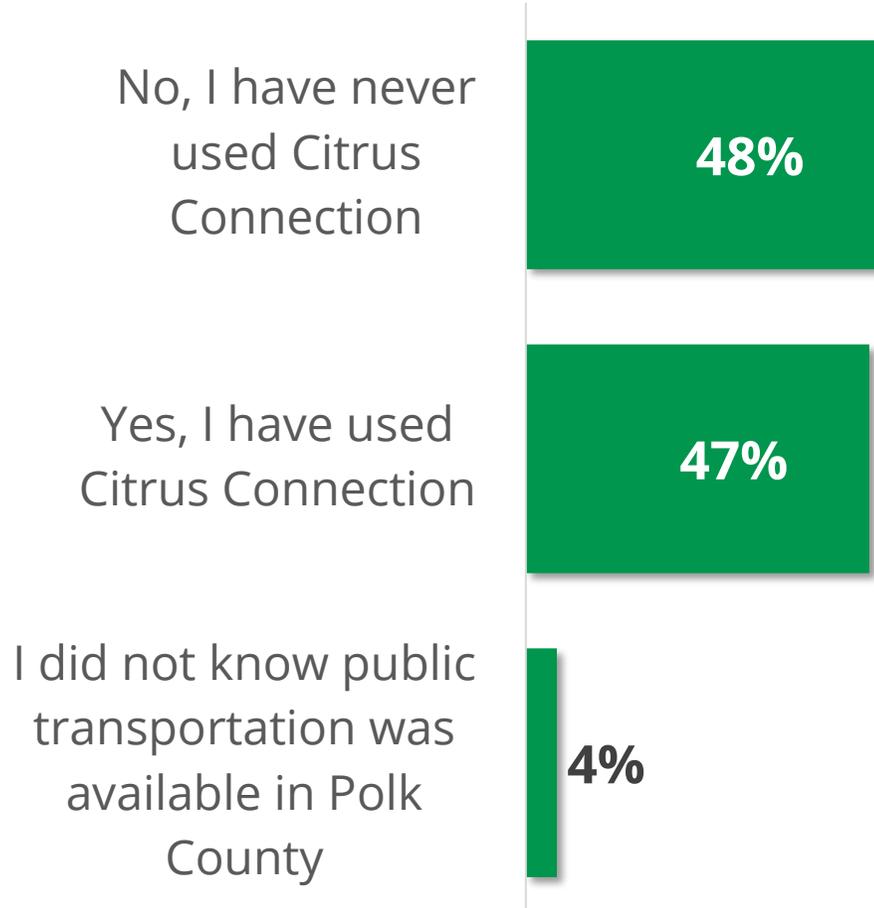


**90+**  
Website &  
Social  
Media  
Outreach

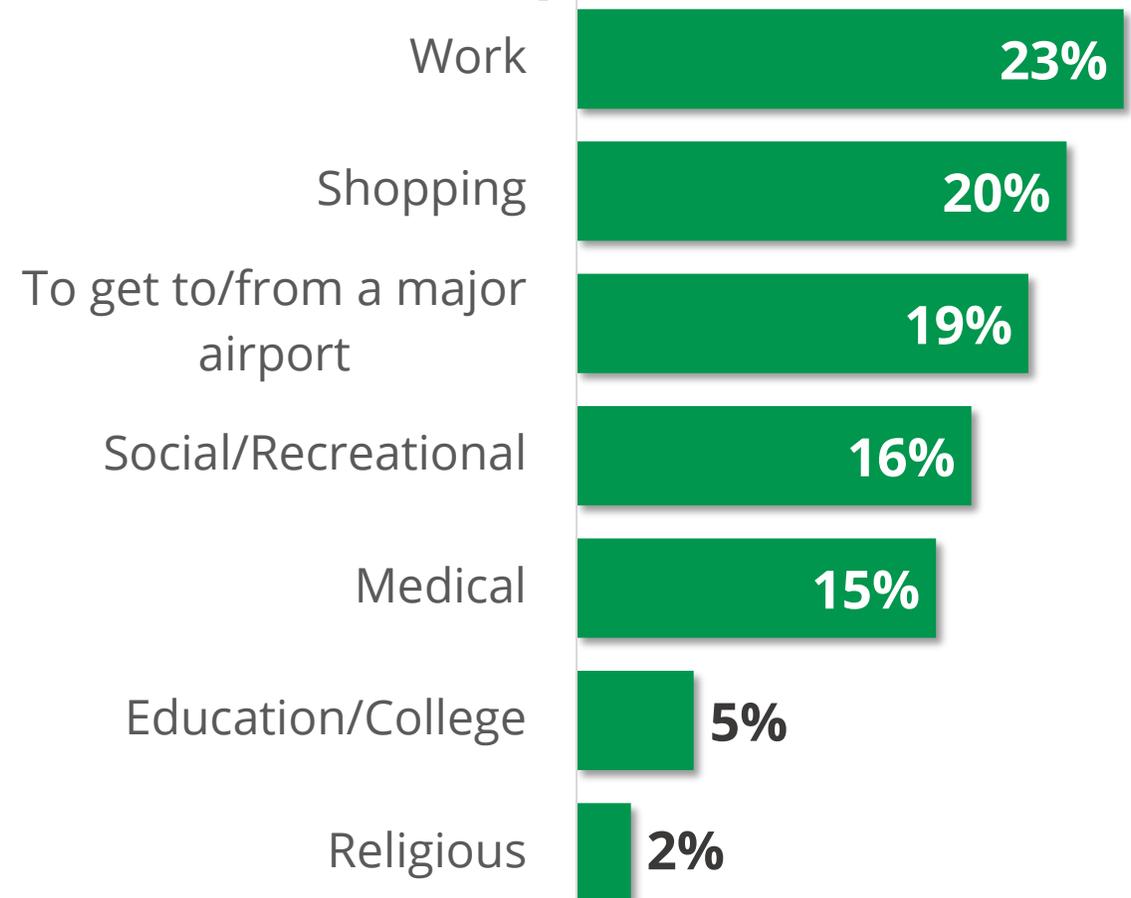
***More than 1,300 engaged!***

# Public Input Survey Results

## *Transit Use*

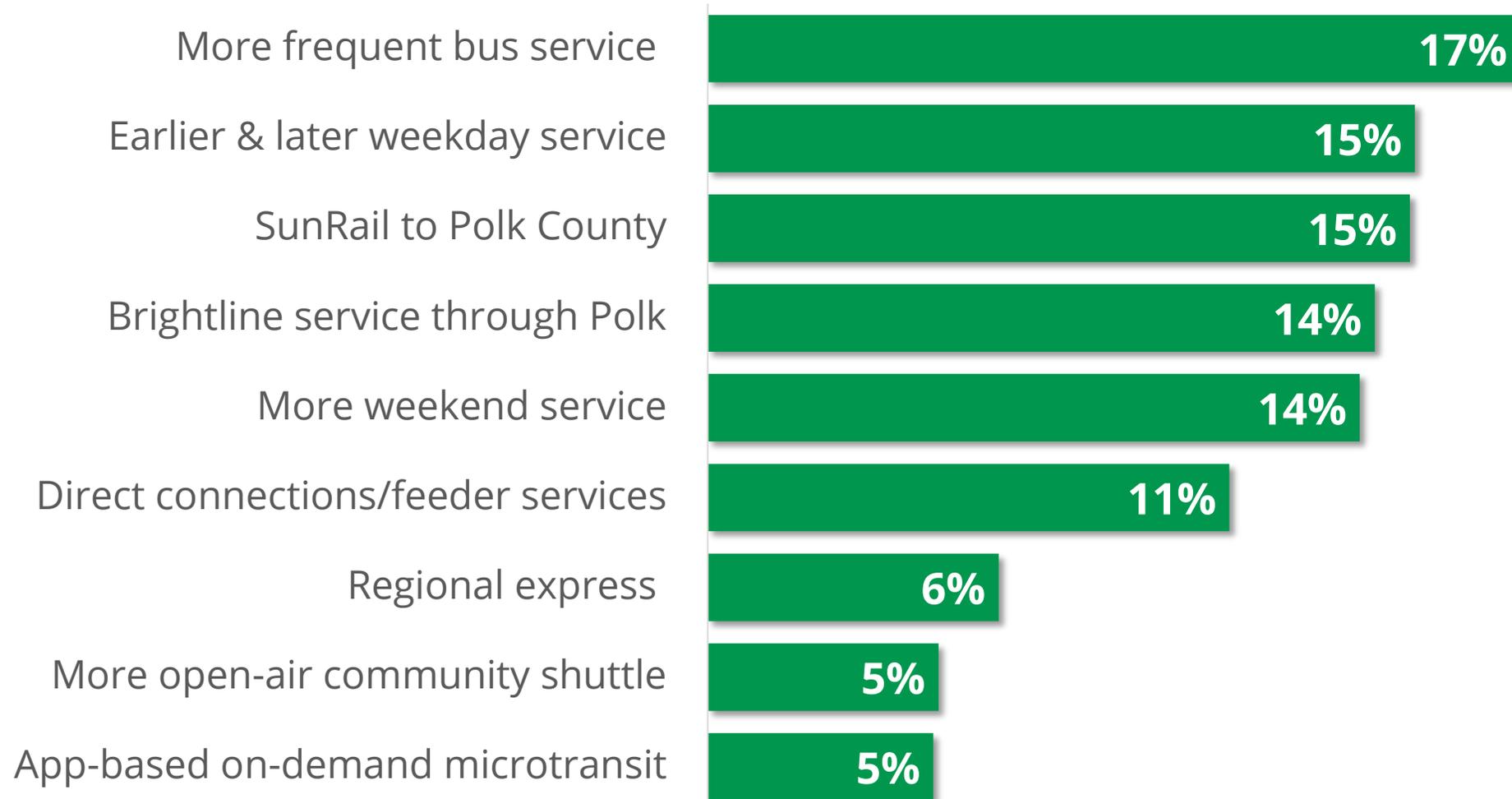


## *Top Destinations*



# Public Input Survey

## *Top Service Needs*



# Developing 10-Year Transit Needs



# 2035 Transit Needs

- Enhancements to existing network
- New local services
- New regional & rail services
- New microtransit

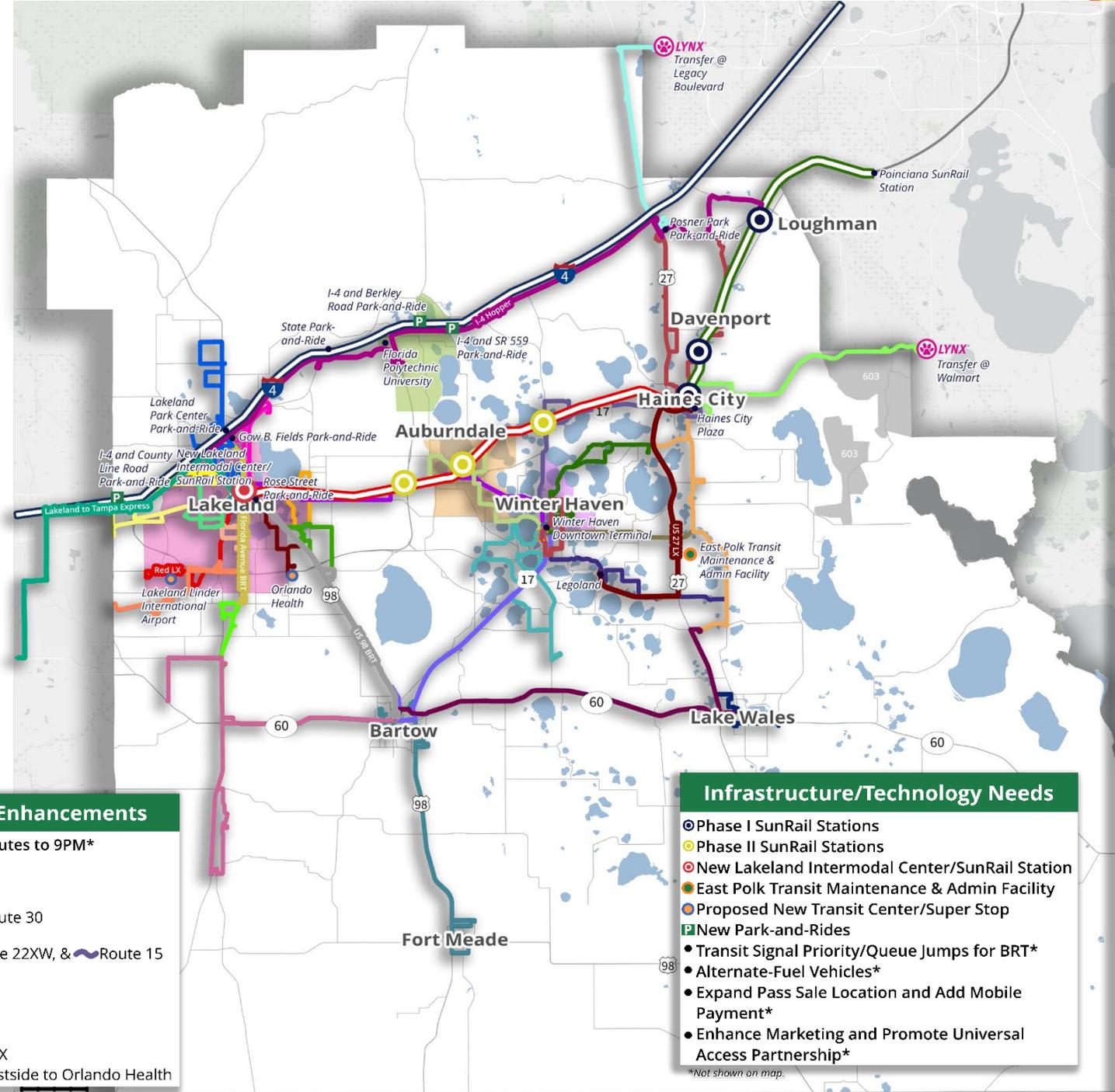
### New Transit Services

- Florida Avenue BRT
- US-98 BRT
- I-4 Hopper
- Lakeland to Tampa Express
- US-27 LX
- Bonnet Springs Park/Downtown Circulator
- Winter Haven Shuttle
- Haines City Squeeze
- Winter Haven Squeeze
- Proposed High-Speed Rail
- Proposed SunRail Extension (Poinciana to Haines City)
- Proposed SunRail Extension (Haines City to Lakeland)
- Auburndale Microtransit
- Innovation District/Polk City Microtransit
- Lakeland/Airport Microtransit
- Winter Haven Microtransit

### Existing Service Enhancements

- Extend service on all routes to 9PM\*
- 15-minute frequency
  - Pink Line
- 30-minute frequency
  - Lemon Line & Route 30
- 45-minute frequency
  - Purple Line, Route 22XW, & Route 15
- Saturday service
  - Pink Line
- Sunday service
  - Purple Line
- Re-envisioned Red LX
- Extend Circulator Eastside to Orlando Health

\*Not shown on map.



### Infrastructure/Technology Needs

- Phase I SunRail Stations
- Phase II SunRail Stations
- New Lakeland Intermodal Center/SunRail Station
- East Polk Transit Maintenance & Admin Facility
- Proposed New Transit Center/Super Stop
- New Park-and-Rides
- Transit Signal Priority/Queue Jumps for BRT\*
- Alternate-Fuel Vehicles\*
- Expand Pass Sale Location and Add Mobile Payment\*
- Enhance Marketing and Promote Universal Access Partnership\*

\*Not shown on map.

**CitrusConnection**  
PROGRESS IN MOTION

### East Routes

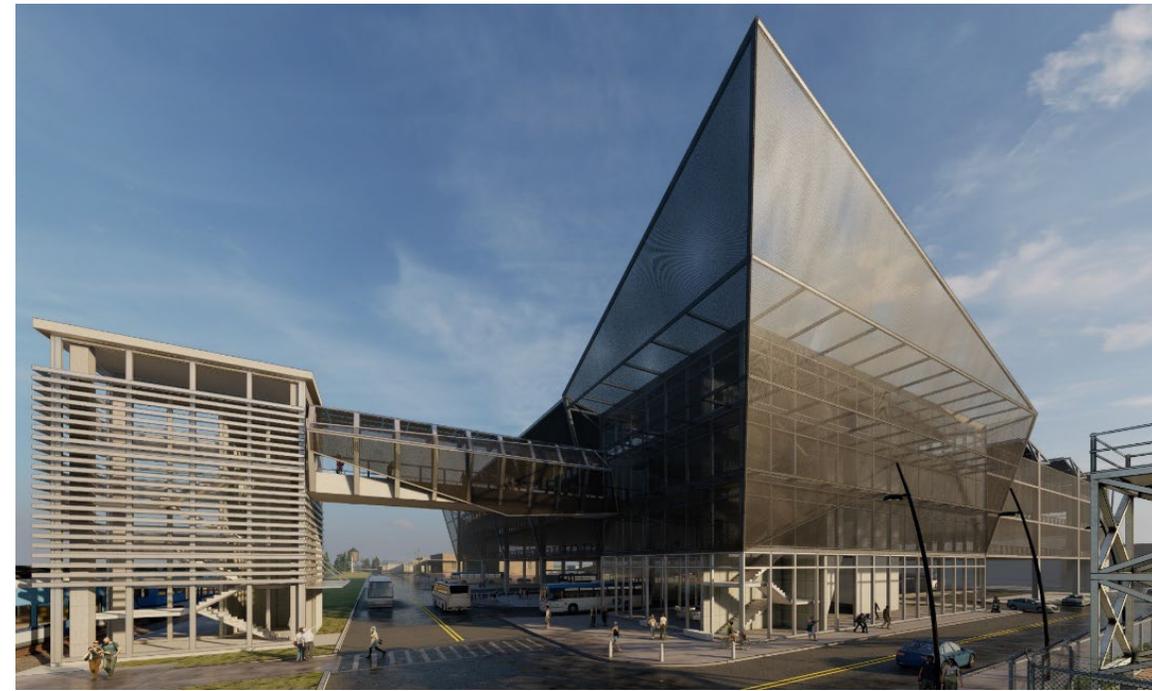
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- 17X
- 18X
- 20X
- 21X East
- 22XW
- 25
- 27X
- 30
- 40/44
- 50
- 60
- Lake Wales Circulator

### West Routes

- Blue Line
- Circulator East
- Circulator West
- Coral Line
- Green Line
- Lemon Line
- Lime Flex Line
- Orange Line
- Peach Line
- Pink Line
- Purple Line
- Yellow Line
- 21X West

# Capital, Technology, & Policy Needs

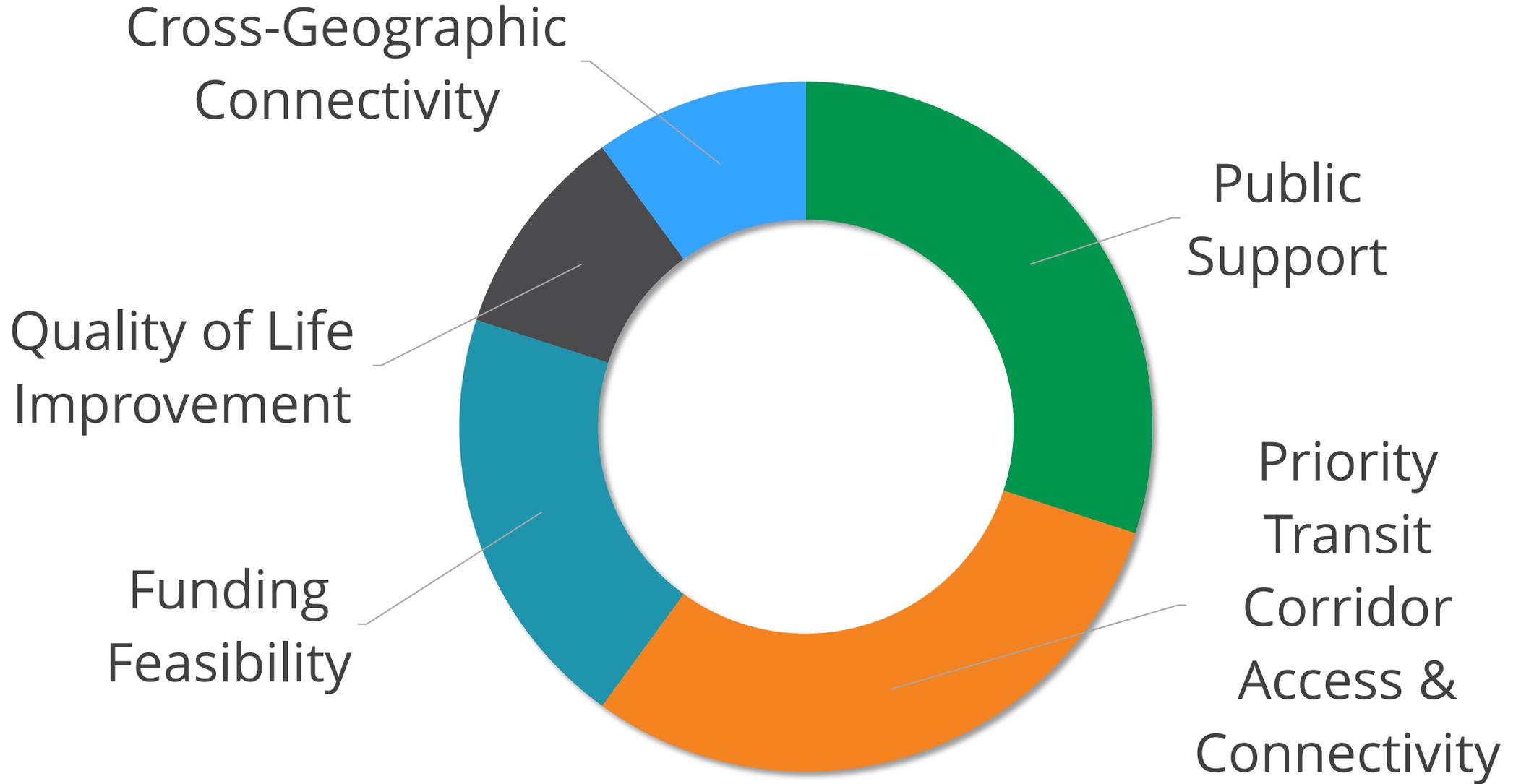
- New Lakeland Intermodal Center/SunRail Station
- East Polk Transit Maintenance & Administration Facility
- New transit centers/super stops
- New Park-and-Rides
- TSP/Queue Jumps
- Enhanced bus stop infrastructure
- Expand pass sale/add mobile payment
- Enhanced Marketing program



# Public Workshop | Priorities Feedback

- 1 Later bus service hours
- 2 Rapid transit on US 98 & Florida Avenue  
(bus every 15 minutes or less)
- 3 Bus every 30-minutes on major corridors
- 4 Peak-hour commuter express to SunRail stations via I-4 and US 27
- 5 More weekend service
- 6 SunRail Stations in Haines City & Lakeland
- 7 Regional bus connection to Tampa
- 8 Connection to Lakeland Airport
- 9 App-Based Microtransit service

# Prioritization Criteria

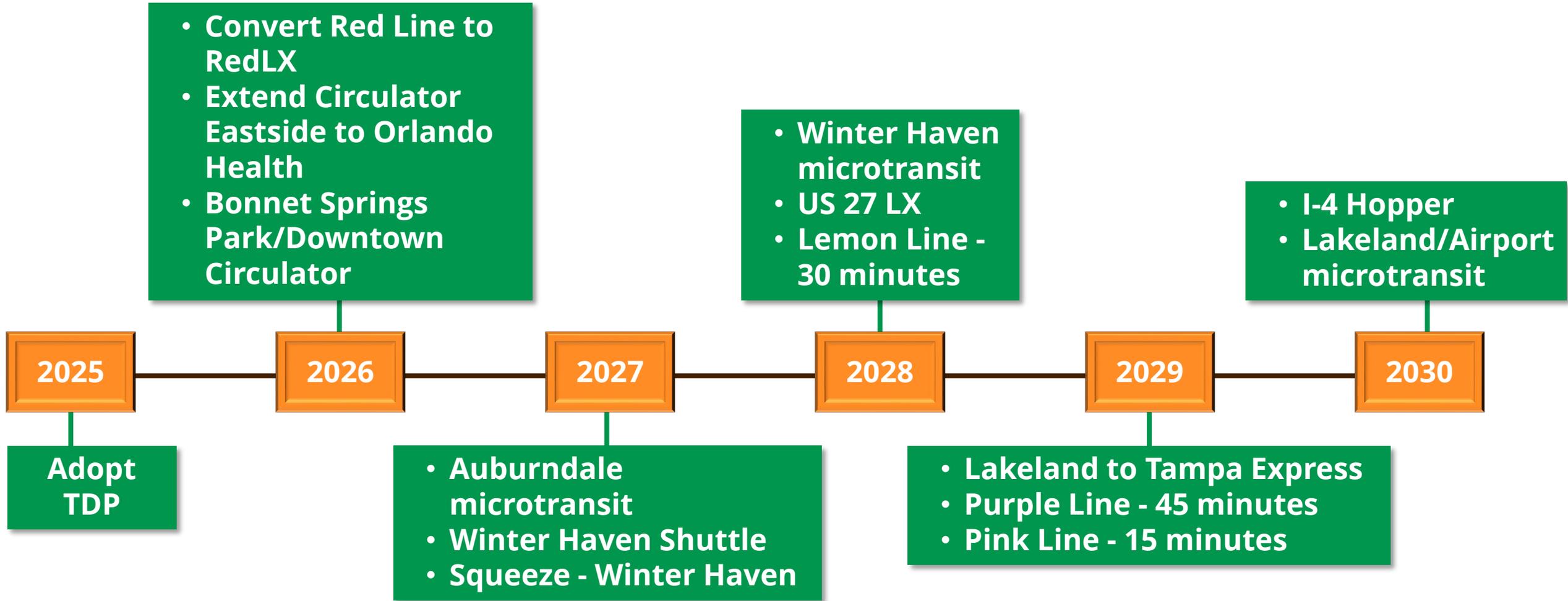


# List of Priority Projects

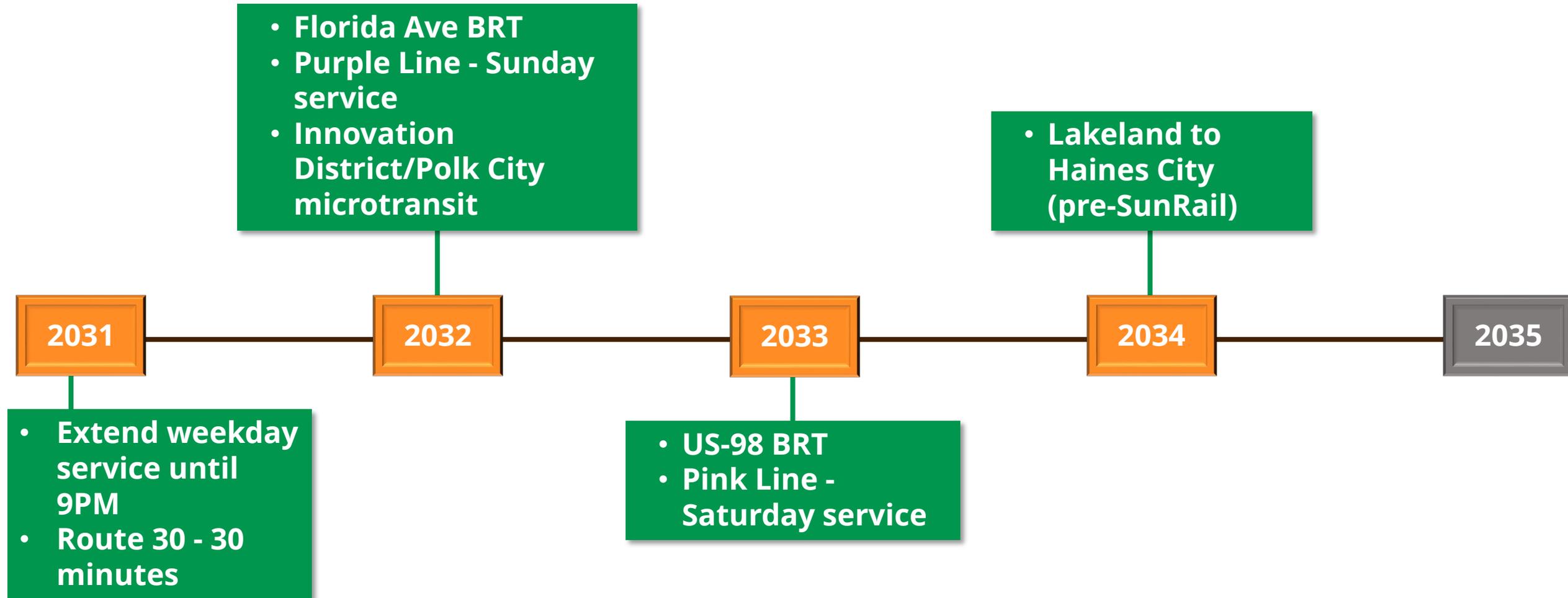
## **Rank Project**

- 1** Florida Avenue BRT
- 2** US-98 BRT
- 3** Lakeland – Tampa Express
- 4** 15-minute Frequency on Pink Line
- 5** 30-minute Frequency on Lemon Line
- 6** 30-minute Frequency on Route 30
- 7** Extend weekday service until 9PM
- 8** US-27 LX
- 9** Bonnet Springs Park/ Downtown Circulator
- 10** I-4 Hopper

# Implementation Timeline

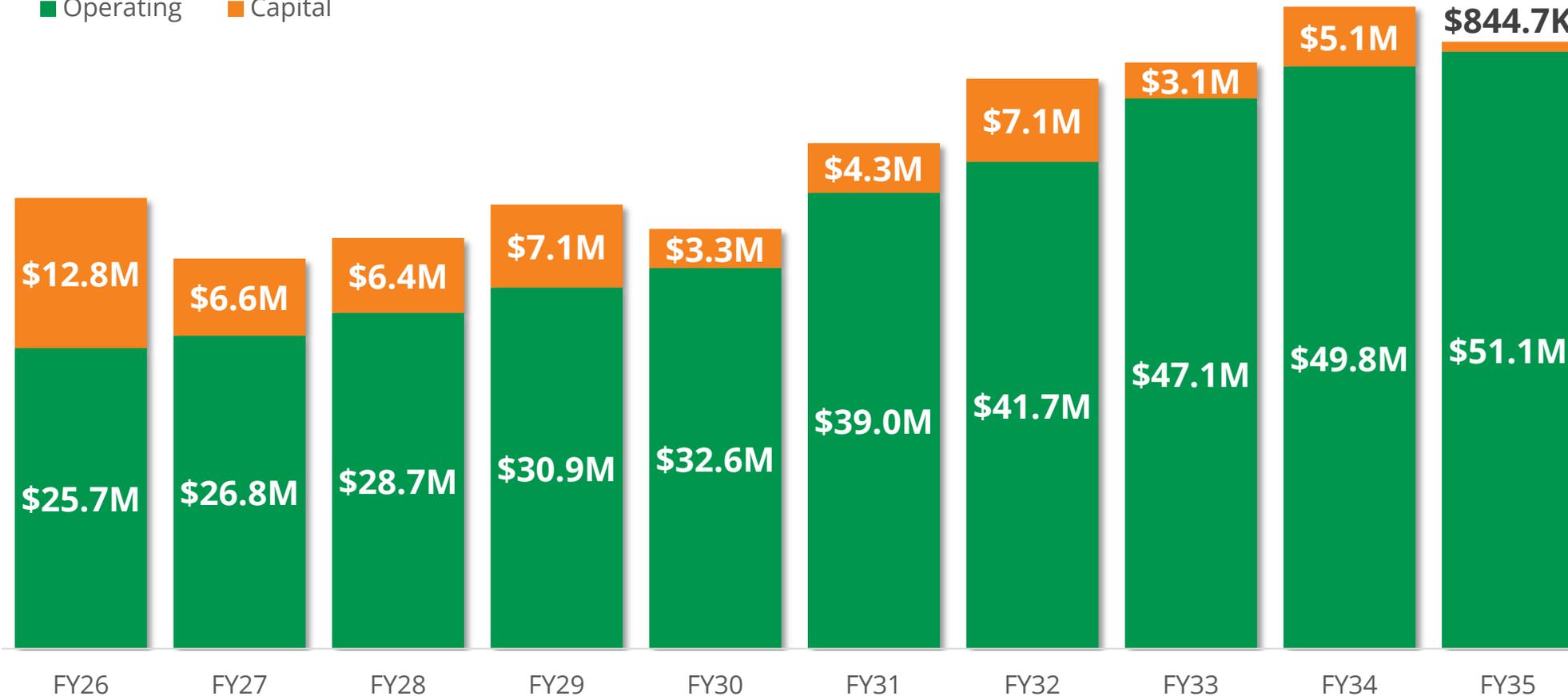


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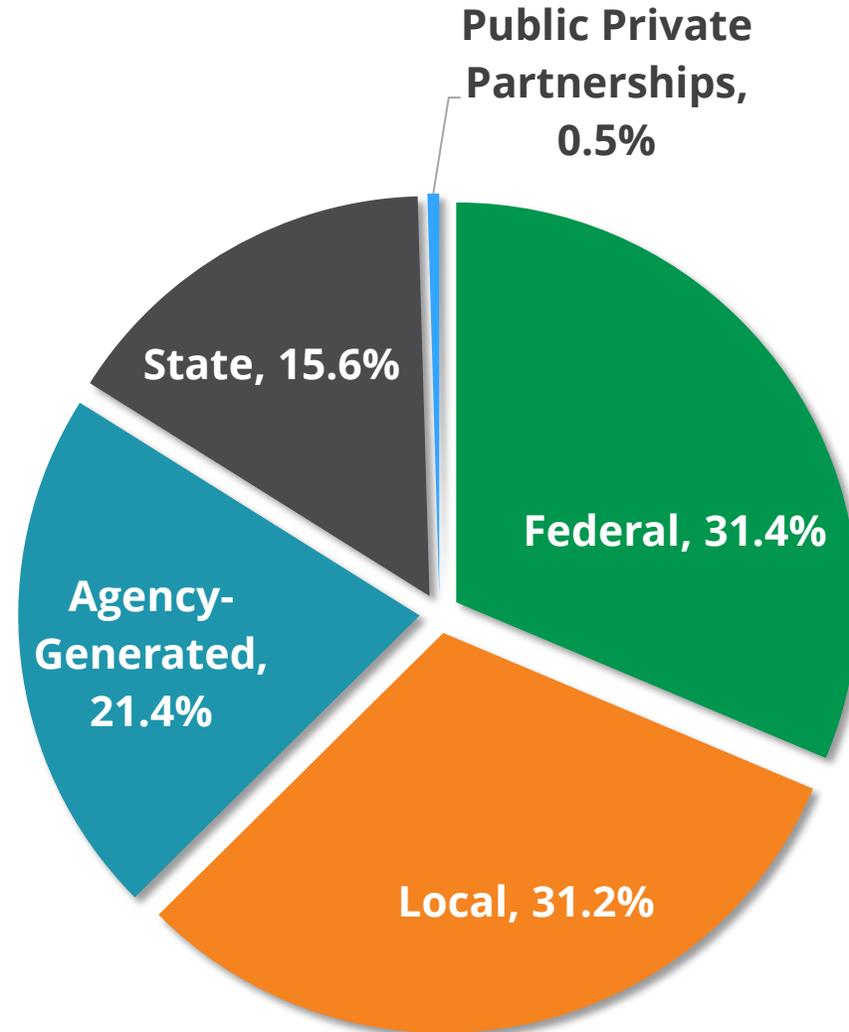


# Finance Plan | Costs

■ Operating ■ Capital



# Finance Plan | Revenues



# What is Next?

- Submitted TDP to FDOT in November





## TAB 4 – Reports

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## 15. Executive Director's Report

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# Fort Fraser Trail Extension



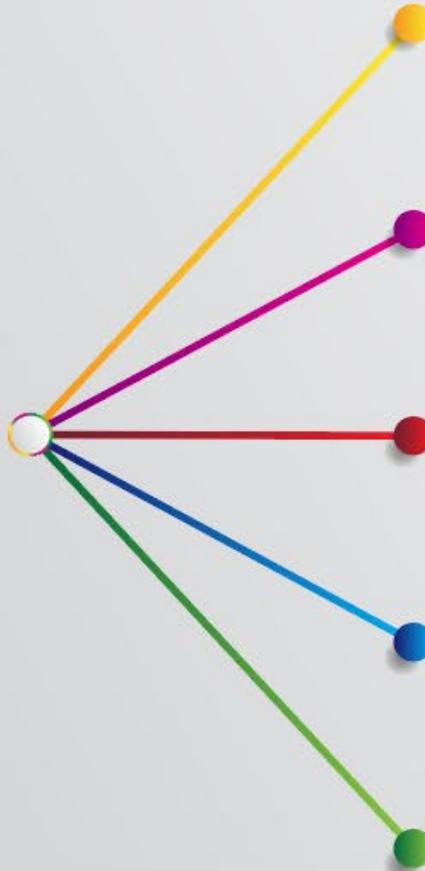
## Innovative Bike/Ped Infrastructure (Large Scale)



2025 WINNER

# 2026 Transportation Priorities

## 2026 Priority Transportation Projects Cycle



 Application Workshop via  
MicroSoft Teams  
December 5th, 2025

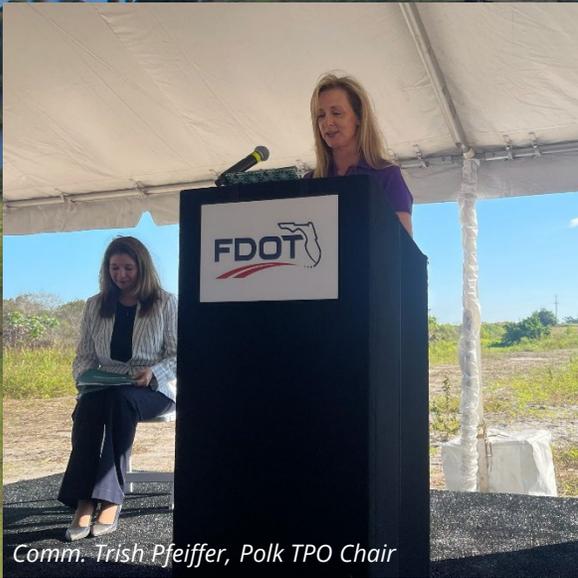
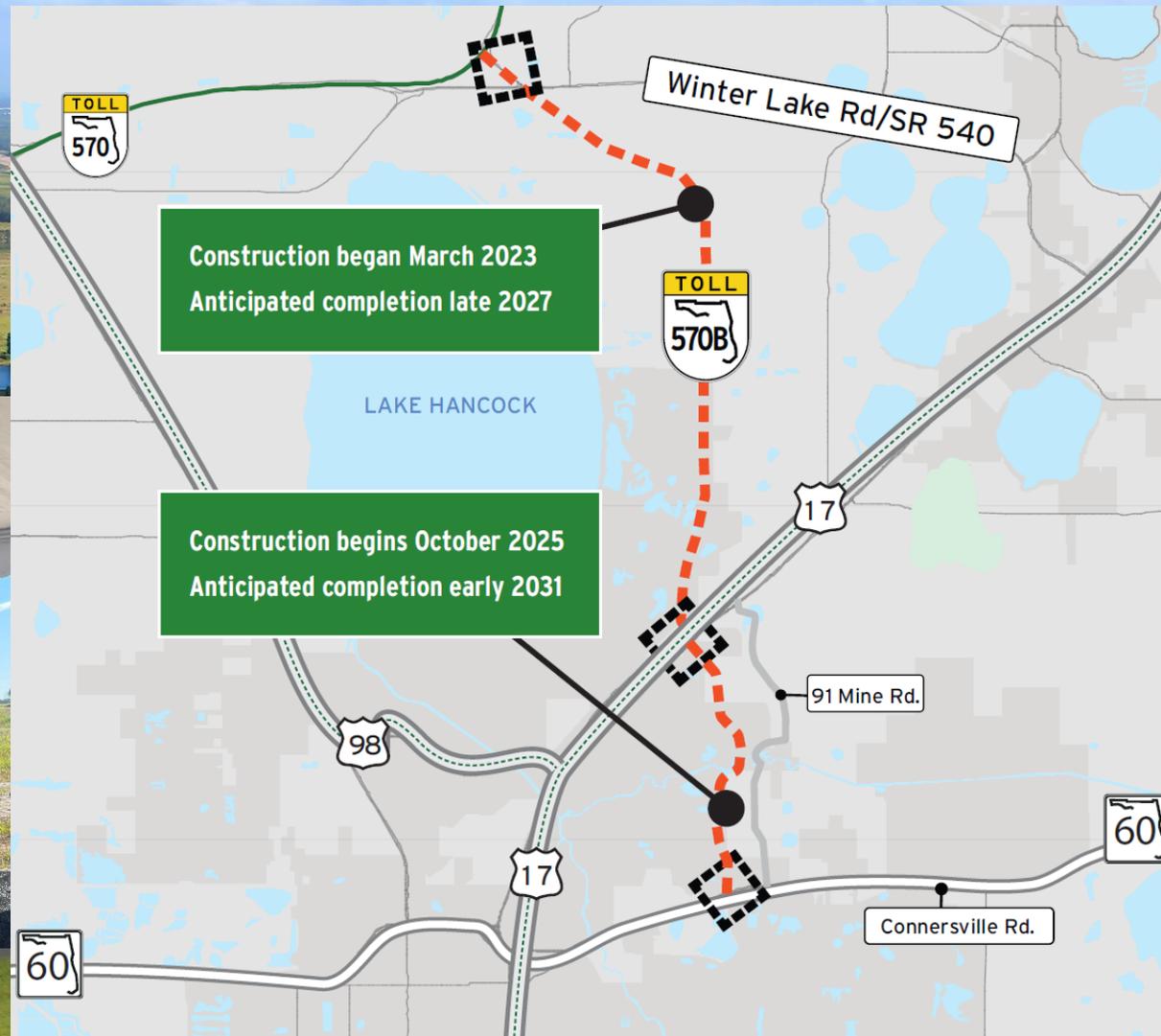
 Application Cycle Opens  
January 5th 2026

 Application Submittal Deadline  
March 31, 2026

 Sub-Committee Review & Scoring  
of Candidate Priority Projects  
April - May 2026

 TPO Board Adoption  
of Priority Projects  
June 11, 2026

# Central Polk Parkway



Comm. Trish Pfeiffer, Polk TPO Chair



FDOT, FTE & TPO Officials (WFLA Photo)





## 16. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report

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## 17. Opportunity for Public Comment

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## 18. Board Member Comments



## 19. Adjournment

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Next TPO Board Meeting is scheduled  
for February 12, 2026