

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, January 4, 2024

City of Cape Coral Public Works Building

815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990

3:00 p.m.



## AGENDA

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

1. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda
2. LeeTran Report
3. FDOT Report

### New Business

4. \*Review and Approve the November 2, 2023 Meeting Summary
5. \*Election of Officers for 2024 (Don Scott)
6. \*Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 TIP (Don Scott)
7. \*Review and Approve Updated Federal and State Priority List (Don Scott)
8. Functional Classification and Urban Area Boundary Map Presentation (FDOT)
9. Update on Transportation Bills Filed this Legislative Session (Don Scott)

### Other Business

10. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
11. Announcements
12. Topics for next meeting
13. Information and Distribution Items

### Adjournment

\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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**3:00 p.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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Chair Rick Anglickis called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. Members in attendance included Richard Leon, Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Elaine Sarlo, Rick Anglickis, Justin Thibaut, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Liza King, David Loveland, Ty Symroski, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Shana Overhulser with Quest; Victoria Peters with FDOT; a member of the public Derek Felder; Cape Coral Police Officer; and Lee County MPO staff Ron Gogoi, Calandra Barraco, and Brian Raimondo.

### Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

### Agenda Item #2 – LeeTran Report

Ms. Calandra Barraco read the LeeTran report provided via email by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran which can be viewed at the following link - [LeeTran report](#). Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided the FDOT report with an update on the SR 31 Public meeting.

## New Business

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Richard Leon seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to Add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward Project

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward project that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [TIP Amendments](#). Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**Mr. David Loveland made the motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approve the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [LRTP Amendments](#). The committee briefly discussed the timeline of the Burnt Store Road project and the state mega grant funding. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

**Mr. David Loveland made the motion to approve the LRTP Amendments. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Presentation and Review of the FDOT Tentative Work Program**

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented this agenda item for the review of the FDOT Tentative Work Program. The work program and summary of changes were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Ms. Peters showed the work program video that can be viewed at the following link: [FDOT Five Year Work Program - YouTube](#). She also provided an overview of the work program. Mr. Gogoi then provided a Power Point presentation on the work program priorities that can be viewed at the following link: [Work Program Priorities](#). The committee briefly discussed coordination with FDOT staff for project programming, Fort Myers Beach bus shelters, Pine Island projects, safety projects, McGregor feasibility study, and providing Pine Island project number and white paper written by CAC member to FDOT for future project status report.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Information on Transportation Legislation for this Session**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item as an update on the transportation legislation for this session. His Power Point presentation can be found at the following link: [Legislation](#). The committee briefly discussed the electric vehicle fees and the DUI legislation.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar**

Ms. Calandra Barraco presented the recently approved 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

#### **Other Business**

#### **Agenda Item #10 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Mr. Derek Felder, a member of the public, provided a public comment on Lehigh Acres projects.

#### **Agenda Item #11 – Announcements**

Mr. Gogoi discussed the statewide priority list, passenger rail transportation priorities, and a possible southwest Florida regional intercity rail plan. Mr. Gogoi suggested action to recommend the MPO Board adopt a priority for SWFL passenger rail. Ms. Barraco read the wording of the motion approved at the earlier TAC meeting.

**Mr. Richard Leon made the motion to recommend the MPO Board adoption of a priority for a SWFL passenger rail planning study. Mr. Ty Symroski seconded the motion.**

The committee discussed prior rail studies, alignment, time frame, need for a planning study, development of spurs, funding, development of scope, and regional coordination. Chair Anglickis called the vote.

**There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting**

Chair Anglickis suggested an update on the Pine Island projects as a topic the next meeting. The committee briefly discussed the Pine Island projects. Ms. Peters read an update on the Pine Island projects that was provided for the MPO Board and can be viewed at the following link: [Pine Island Updates](#) Ms. Barraco said she would also send the update via email out to the committee. Chair Anglickis announced his resignation in January from the committee after thirty years of service. The committee thanked him for his service. Ms. Karen Miller provided information on an upcoming trip to Tallahassee sponsored by the Chamber of SWFL.

Topics suggested for next meeting included the election of chair/vice-chair.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and/or distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.**

**An audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following link: [CAC November 2, 2023](#)**

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## ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for 2024.

According to the CAC bylaws, a Chair and Vice-Chair are to be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. Each member so elected shall serve for one (1) year or until he or she is re-elected, or a successor is elected. The current voting members of the CAC are shown on the **attached** roster.

Nominees should be members who attend meetings on a regular basis. Any member who would be unable to fulfill the duties of an officer should state that before nominations are taken or notify the staff before the meeting if you are unable to attend.

LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EIGHT MONTHS PER YEAR AT 3:00 p.m.

AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP: 26

CURRENT MEMBERS: 20

QUORUM: 7

| <b>Members Appointed by the Lee County Commission</b>  |   |                 |
|--|---|-----------------|
| District 1<br>Commissioner Ruane                       | CARIE CALL  | RICHARD LEON    |
| District 2<br>Commissioner Pendergrass                 | KAREN MILLER  | BEV LARSON      |
| District 3<br>Commissioner Sandelli                    | ALBERT O'DONNELL (Vice-Chair)                           | VACANT          |
| District 4<br>Commissioner Hamman                      | MARION BRIGGS   | ELAINE SARLO    |
| District 5<br>Commissioner Greenwell                   | RICK ANGLICKIS (Chair)                                  | JUSTIN THIBAUT  |
| <b>Members Appointed by the City of Cape Coral</b>     |   |                 |
| EDWARD BLOT, P.E.                                      | STEVE HENRY   | BRUCE BOHLANDER |
| DON APKING   | LIZA KING   |                 |
| <b>Members Appointed by the City of Fort Myers</b>     |   |                 |
| RANDY KRISE  | DAVID LOVELAND  | VACANT          |
| <b>Members Appointed by the City of Bonita Springs</b> |   |                 |
| EDWARD "TED" TRYKA                                     | VACANT  |                 |
| <b>Member Appointed by the Village of Estero</b>       | <b>Member Appointed by the Town of Fort Myers Beach</b> |                 |
| VACANT   | VACANT  |                 |
| <b>Member Appointed by the City of Sanibel</b>         |   |                 |
| TY SYMROSKI  |   |                 |
| <b>Members Appointed At-Large</b>                      |   |                 |
| KEVIN BERRY  | JESSICA RUSSO   | VACANT          |

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2023/2024 - FY 2027/2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD TRANSIT OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE DR PIPER CENTER, HOPE HOSPICE, AND LIGHTHOUSE OF SWFL**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for the Dr. Piper Center, Hope Hospice, and the Lighthouse of Southwest Florida (**attached** are the TIP pages).

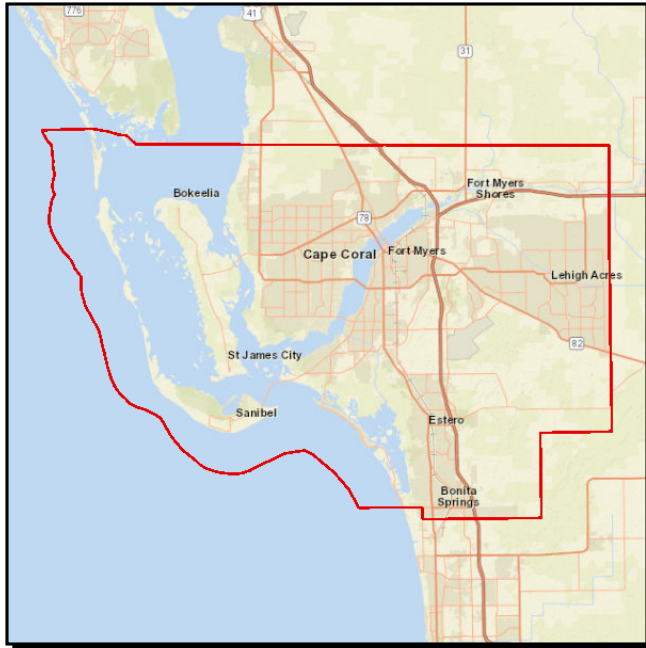
The FY 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 TIP is being amended to add the following new projects to FY 2024:

- FPN 454166-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Dr. Piper Center for Social Services in the amount of \$150,000 funded in FY 2024, These funds are matched with \$150,000 in local funds.
- FPN 454167-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Hope Hospice and Community Services in the amount of \$35,000 funded in FY 2024. These funds are matched with \$35,000 in local funds.
- FPN 454168-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Lighthouse of Southwest Florida Inc. in the amount of \$184,657 funded in FY 2024. These funds are matched with \$184,657 in local funds.

**DR. PIPER CENTER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES - FTA 5310 OPERATING**

**Project Number: 4541661**

**Non-SIS**



**From:**

**Work Summary:** OPERATING FOR  
FIXED ROUTE

**To:**

**Lead Agency:** Dr. Piper Center

**LRTP #:** Page 5-5, Table 5-3

| Phase        | Fund Source | 2023/24        | 2024/25  | 2025/26  | 2026/27  | 2027/28  | Total          |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| OPS          | DU          | 150,000        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>150,000</b> |
| OPS          | LF          | 150,000        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>150,000</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |             | <b>300,000</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>300,000</b> |

**Prior Cost < 2023/24:** 0

**Future Cost > 2027/28:** 0

**Total Project Cost:** 300,000

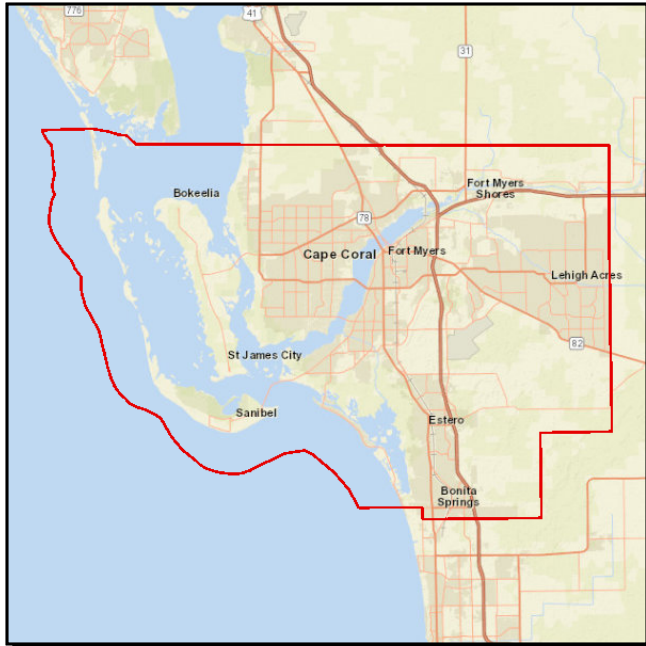
**Project Description:** SECTION 5310 OPERATING FUNDS



**HOPE HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - FTA 5310 OPERATING**

**Project Number: 4541671**

**Non-SIS**



**From:**

**Work Summary:** OPERATING FOR  
FIXED ROUTE

**To:**

**Lead Agency:** Hope Hospice

**LRTP #:** Page 5-5, Table 5-3

| Phase        | Fund Source | 2023/24       | 2024/25  | 2025/26  | 2026/27  | 2027/28  | Total         |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| OPS          | DU          | 35,000        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 35,000        |
| OPS          | LF          | 35,000        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 35,000        |
| <b>Total</b> |             | <b>70,000</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>70,000</b> |

**Prior Cost < 2023/24:** 0

**Future Cost > 2027/28:** 0

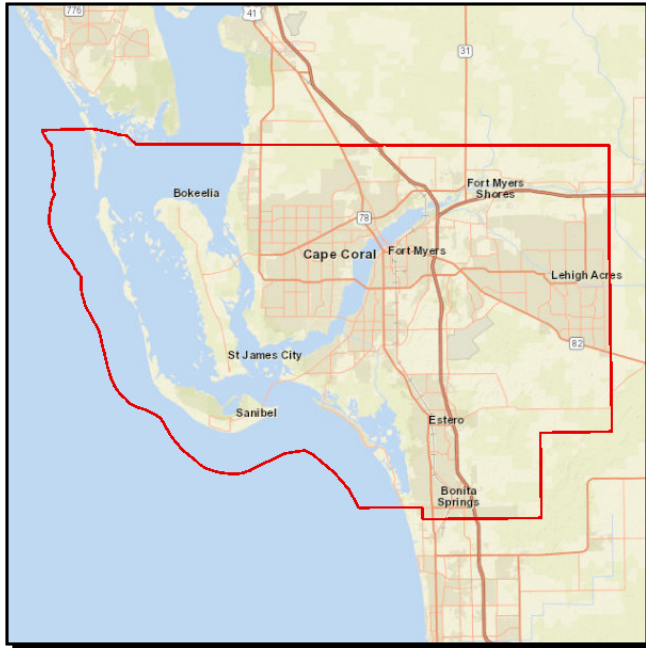
**Total Project Cost:** 70,000

**Project Description:** SECTION 5310 OPERATING FUNDS

**LIGHTHOUSE OF SW FLORIDA INC. - FTA 5310 OPERATING**

**Project Number: 4541681**

**Non-SIS**



**From:**

**Work Summary:** OPERATING FOR  
FIXED ROUTE

**To:**

**Lead Agency:**

Lighthouse of SWFL

**LRTP #:** Page 5-5, Table 5-3

| Phase        | Fund Source | 2023/24        | 2024/25  | 2025/26  | 2026/27  | 2027/28  | Total          |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| OPS          | DU          | 184,657        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>184,657</b> |
| OPS          | LF          | 184,657        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>184,657</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |             | <b>369,314</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>369,314</b> |

**Prior Cost < 2023/24:** 0

**Future Cost > 2027/28:** 0

**Total Project Cost:** 369,314

**Project Description:** SECTION 5310 OPERATING FUNDS

## REVISE THE FEDERAL AND STATE PRIORITY LIST

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Review and approve the revised Federal and State priority list (**attached**) to include the SR 78 Burnt Store Road to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue project and to update the next unfunded phase for the US 41/Bonita Beach Road intersection improvement project.

The priority list is being updated to reflect that SR 78 from Burnt Store Road to NE 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue has now been fully funded with Cape Coral local funds and the next unfunded phase that we are seeking federal and/or state funds for is design. In addition, the FDOT tentative work program included funding for the design of the US 41 and Bonita Beach Road project so we are now seeking federal and/or state funds for the right-of-way phase.

**REVISED FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDED PRIORITIES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED JUNE 2023**

| Staff Recommend | 23 Priority | FM #    | Project   | From           | To                | Improvement Type         | Length (miles) | Next Phase | PDC Estimate (in \$1,000) |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1               | 1           | 4299601 | Partial Funding for County Traffic Operations Center <sup>1</sup> |                |                   |                          |                |            | \$43.5                    |
| 2               | 2           | 1957641 | Multi-Modal Enhancement Box <sup>1</sup>                          |                |                   |                          |                |            | \$3,500                   |
| 3               | 3           |         | Big Carlos Bridge Replacement                                     |                |                   | Bridge                   | 0.4            | CST        | \$5,000                   |
| 4               | 4           | 4443281 | US 41 at Six Mile Cypress Parkway                                 |                |                   | Intersection             | 1.0            | PE         | \$2,000                   |
| 5               | 5           | 4443214 | US 41 at Bonita Beach Road  |                |                   | Bypass/Intersection      | 1.0            | ROW        | \$16,050                  |
| 6               | 6           | 4369281 | Burnt Store Road  | Van Buren Pkwy | Charlotte Co/l    | 2L to 4L                 | 5.5            | ROW        | \$24,600                  |
| 7               |             |         | SR 78   | Burnt Store Rd | NE 24th Avenue    | 4L to 6L                 | 7.8            | PE         | \$10,500                  |
| 8               | 7           | 4313344 | SR 730 (Metro Pkwy)   | S. of Colonial | Winkler Ave       | Partial CFI              | 1.0            | CST        | \$37,700                  |
| 9               | 8           | 4313342 | SR 730 (Metro Pkwy)   | S. of Daniels  | N. of Daniels     | Partial CFI              | 0.6            | CST        | \$45,800                  |
| 10              | 9           | 4313343 | SR 730 (Metro Pkwy)   | N. of Daniels  | S. of Colonial    | 4L to 6L                 | 2.9            | CST        | \$28,200                  |
| 11              | 10          | 4419421 | SR 31   | SR 80          | SR 78             | 2L to 4L                 | 1.4            | CST        | \$204,600                 |
| 12              | 11          | 4449371 | SR 78   | I-75           | SR 31             | 2L to 4L                 | 3.3            | PE         | \$4,500                   |
| 13              | 12          | 4353471 | Old US 41   | US 41          | Bonita Beach Road | Add lanes/reconstruct    | 2.7            | ROW        | \$19,600                  |
| 14              | 13          |         | Cape Coral Bridge   | W. of McGregor | E. of Del Prado   | Bridge Reconst/Widen 6L  | 1.1            | CST        | \$210,000                 |
| 15              | 14          |         | US 41/SR 78 Intersection  |                |                   | Intersection             | 0.5            | PD&E       | \$600                     |
| 16              | 15          |         | Fowler St./Evans Ave  | S. of Hanson   | MLK Blvd.         | 3L NB/3L SB              | 1.4            | PD&E       | \$2,000                   |
| 17              | 16          | 4126363 | Countywide ATMS   |                |                   | Phase III Implementation |                | PE         | \$1,200                   |

Lower to match commitment of SU funds for Big Carlos in FY 26, 27 & 28  
 \$5 million per year of SU funds for three years matched with \$10 million in SA for the bridge CST, starting in 2026

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>The top two priorities are set asides that the Lee County MPO request annually from off the top of SU funds allocated to the Lee County urbanized area. The multi-modal box funds include \$1.5 million annually for bus replacements, .95 million in congestion management funding and \$2.5 million in bicycle pedestrian projects consistent with the LRTP.

PL = Planning phase                      PE = Design phase      DSB = Design Build Project                      ROW = Right-of-way phase  
 PD&E = Project Development & Environment phase                      CST = Construction phase

## **FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND URBAN AREA BOUNDARY MAP PRESENTATION**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:** FDOT will give a presentation (**attached**) on the functional classification and urban area boundary update.

The FDOT staff and consultants have been updating the functional classifications and urban area boundaries following the 2020 census data release. The proposed updates include some changes to current roadway classifications as well as adding new or under construction roadways. The update will also include adjustments to the urban area boundaries. The current schedule includes a submittal of a preliminary report and recommendations to FHWA in May of 2024 with final adjusted urban area boundaries and approved functional classifications being submitted by December of 2024.



# **Federal Functional Classification and Urban Area Boundary Update**

**Lee County MPO**

**TAC/CAC Meeting January 4, 2024**





# Agenda

- What is Functional Classification?
- Why does FDOT use Functional Classification?
- Functional Classification – Categories and Characteristics
- Trip Purposes
- Functional Classification Review Process
- Functional Classification Example
- Urban Area Boundary Update Overview
- Current Status, Proposed Changes, and Next Steps
- Process Timeline



# What is Functional Classification?

- Process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, categorized as 'Urban' or 'Rural'
- Classes are based on many factors to identify the 'function' of the road in the overall network
- Functional Classifications are ranked
  - Highest: Arterials
  - Mid-level: Collectors
  - Lowest: Local



Principal Arterial



Minor Arterial



Collector



Local Street



# Why does FDOT use Functional Classification?

- Federal-aid highway program funding eligibility
- Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) federal reporting
- Planning – Assists in long-range transportation planning by identifying areas that require improvements or construction projects
- Roadway Design – Guides the design of roadways by defining the appropriate standards for each functional class type
- Traffic Management – Assists in managing traffic flow and congestion based on functional class



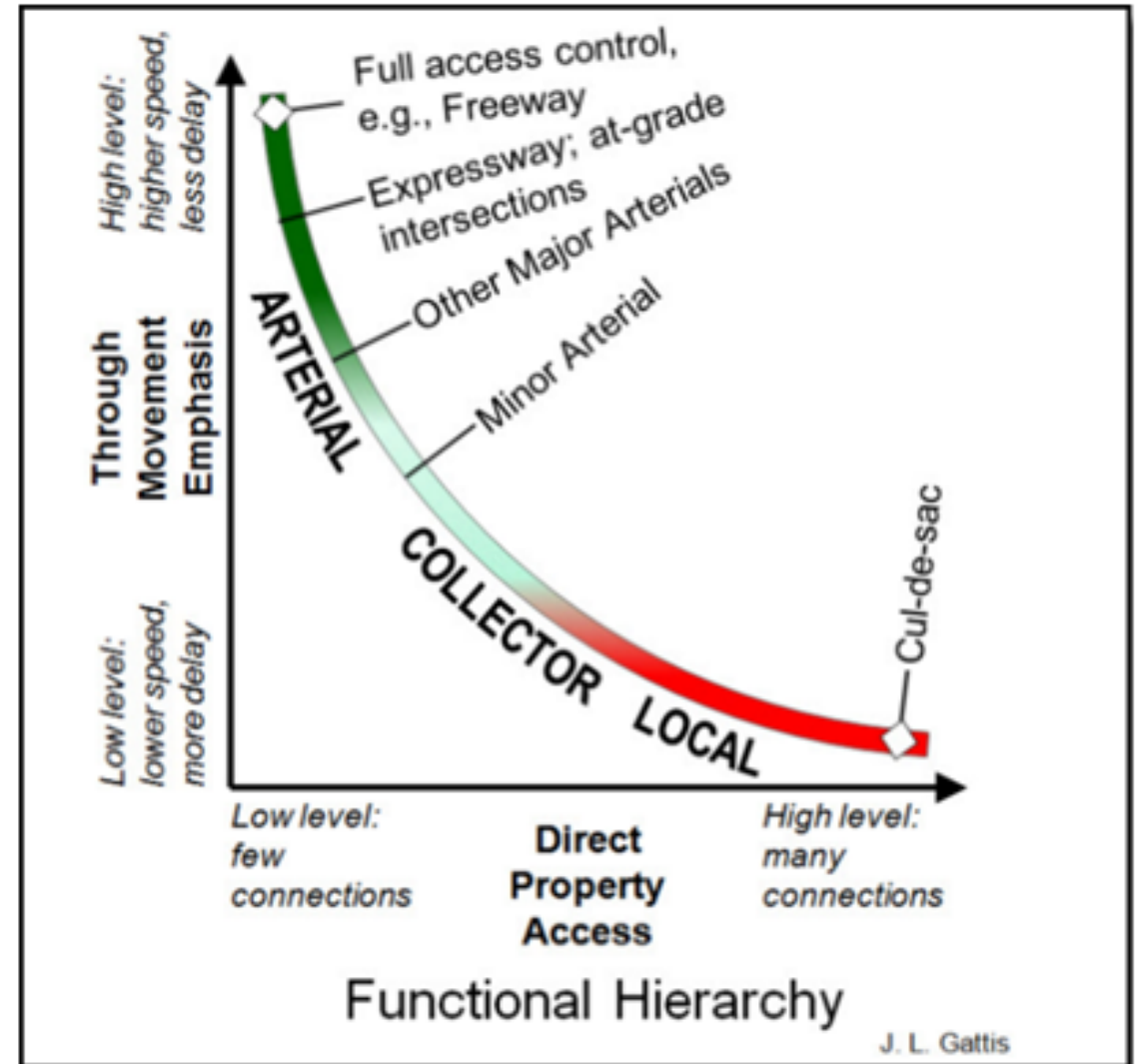


# Functional Classification Categories

Five Functional Classification Categories for urban and rural roads:

- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local

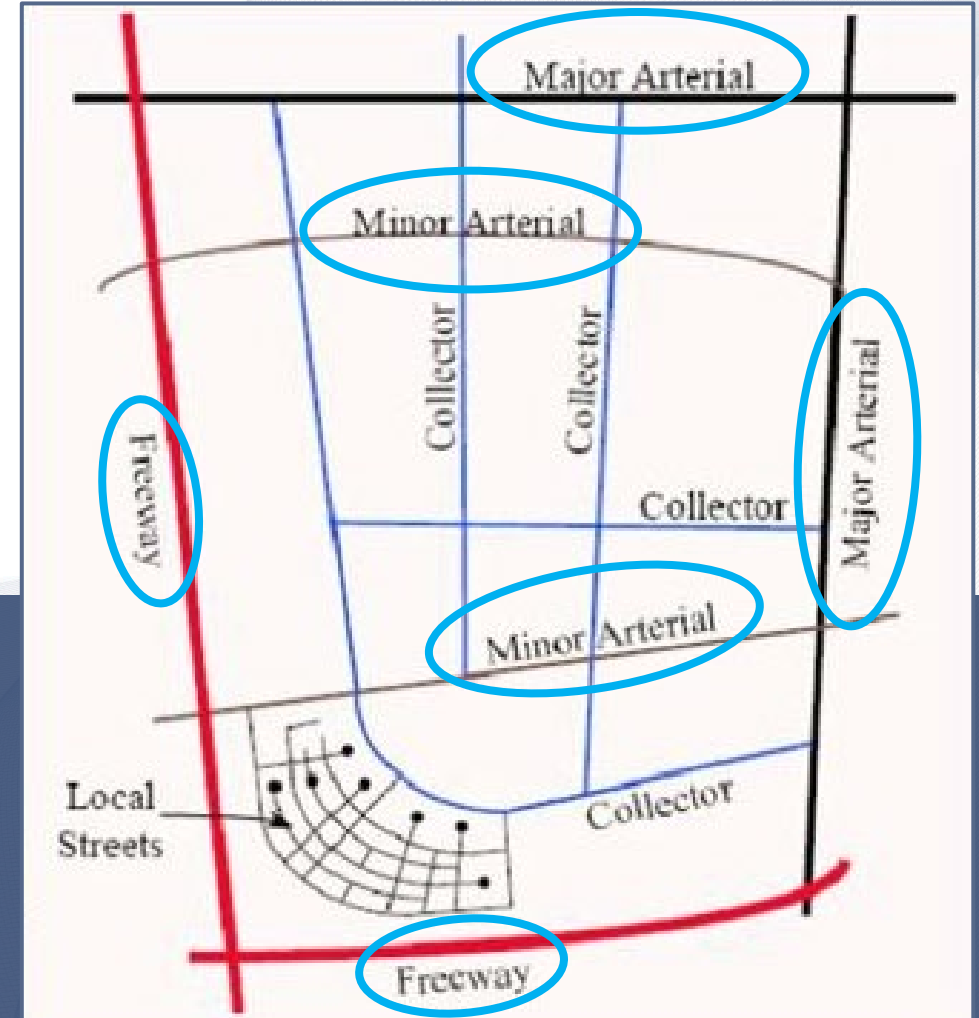
Roads are categorized based on factors including property access, travel distances, travel speeds, and connectivity within the network.





# Higher Level Classifications – Arterials (Principal and Minor)

- Includes interstates and other freeways/expressways and 'other' major roadways
- Serve the highest traffic volumes for the longest portions of a trip
- Highest degree of through traffic movement
- Generally have higher design standards
- Lower or no level of property access
- Generally have higher speed limits





# Higher Level Classifications – Principal Arterials

## Urban Principal Arterials

- Serve major activity centers
- Carries highest proportion of urban area travel on a minimum of mileage
- Carries most trips entering/exiting urban areas
- Provides continuity for rural principal arterials at urban boundaries

## Rural Principal Arterials

- Provides interstate and inter-county service
- Link non-adjacent urbanized areas
- Longest travel demands



# Higher Level Classifications – Minor Arterials

## Urban Minor Arterials

- Shorter trips and less through traffic than Principal Arterials
- Interconnect and augment higher level arterials
- More direct property access without penetrating neighborhoods
- Connect Urban Principal Arterials with Rural Collectors

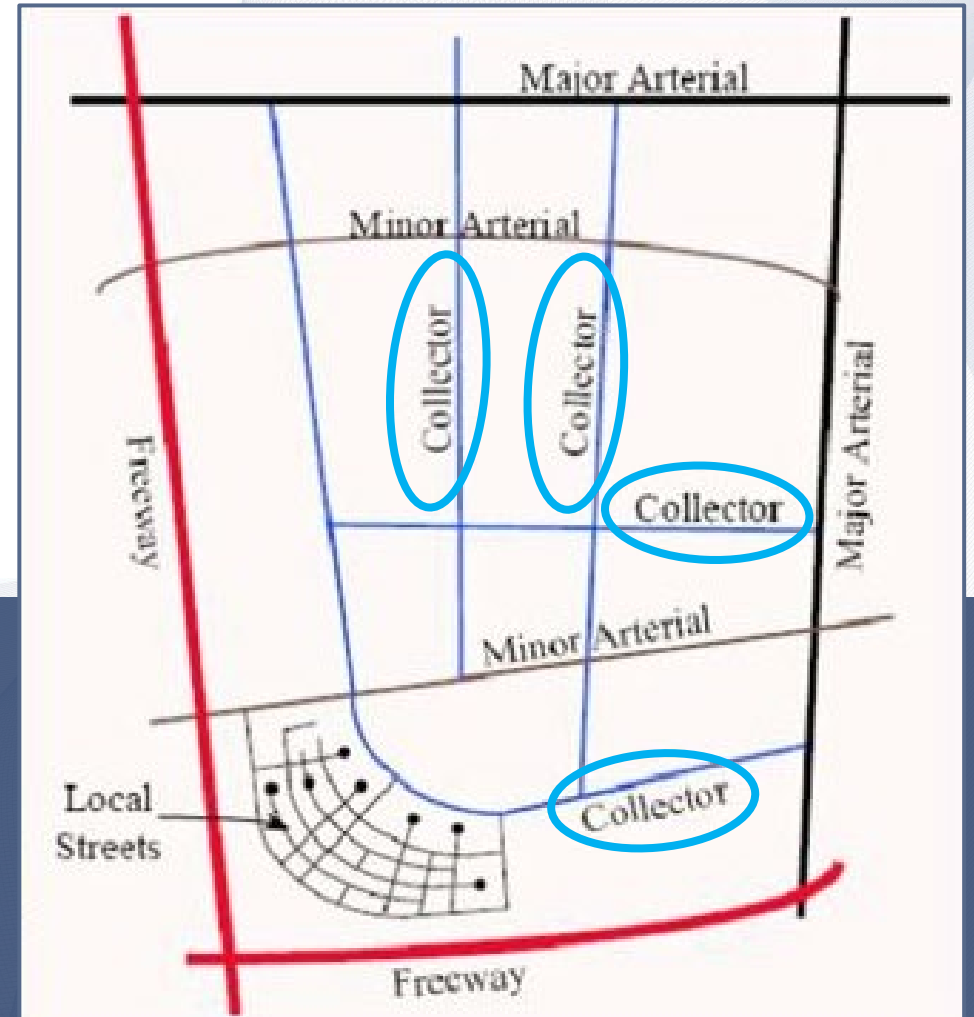
## Rural Minor Arterials

- Link cities and larger towns within counties
- Provides connections between outlying land uses and urbanized areas
- Minimum interference to through movement



# Mid Level Classifications – Collectors (Major and Minor)

- Designed for travel at lower speeds and shorter distances than arterials
- Distribute traffic between local streets and neighborhoods to higher level arterial systems
- More direct property access than arterials
- May penetrate residential neighborhoods





# Mid Level Classifications – Major Collectors

## Urban Major Collectors

- Direct property access and traffic circulation in higher density residential and commercial areas
- May penetrate residential neighborhoods for significant distances
- Channel traffic from local streets to/from arterial systems

## Rural Major Collectors

- Provides service to any county seat not served by the arterial system
- Serve larger towns and industrial/agricultural centers not accessed by higher order roads



# Mid Level Classifications – Minor Collectors

## Urban Minor Collectors

- Direct property access and traffic circulation in lower density residential and commercial areas
- May penetrate residential neighborhoods for short distances
- Channel traffic from local streets to/from arterial systems

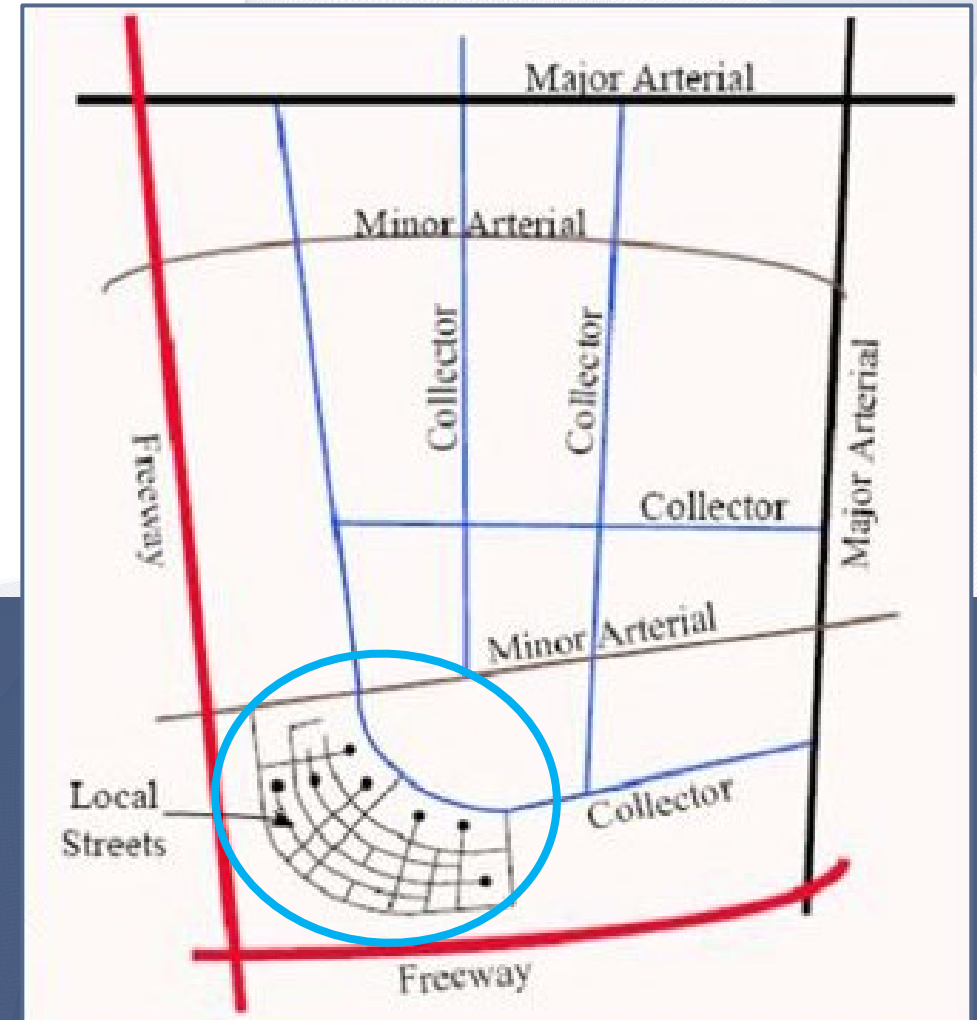
## Rural Minor Collectors

- Collect traffic from local roads and properties
- Spaced to ensure that all developed areas are within reasonable distance of a collector
- Provide service to sparsely populated areas (agriculture, preservation, remote neighborhoods, etc.)



# Lowest Level Classification – Local Roads/Streets

- Majority of roadway miles are local roads
- Provide basic access between residential and commercial properties
- Serves the most direct property access
- Connects with higher order roads
- Low or no through traffic
- Lowest speeds, low-speed roadway treatments (speed bumps, stop signs, street parking)
- Generally not served by bus routes





# Functional Classification and Trip Purpose

- FHWA calls for the grouping of similarly ranked travel generators or **trip purposes**.
- 12 types of trip purposes.
- Not necessary for a road to go directly to the main entrance of a traffic generator.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Principal Arterial</b> | 2 or more of trip purposes 1-7 |
| <b>Minor Arterial</b>     | Only 1 of trip purpose 1-7     |
| <b>Major Collector</b>    | 1 or more trip purposes 8-10   |
| <b>Minor Collector</b>    | Trip purpose 11                |
| <b>Local</b>              | Trip purpose 12                |



# Functional Classification: Trip Purposes 1-6



**Trip Purpose 1** | Travel to and through urbanized areas



**Trip Purpose 2** | Travel to and through small urban areas



**Trip Purpose 3** | National defense



**Trip Purpose 4** | Interstate and regional commerce



**Trip Purpose 5** | Access to airports, seaports, and major rail terminals or intermodal transfer facilities



**Trip Purpose 6** | Access to major public facilities



# Functional Classification: Trip Purposes 7-12



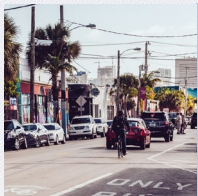
**Trip Purpose 7** | Access to minor public facilities



**Trip Purpose 8** | Interconnection of major thoroughfares



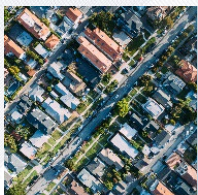
**Trip Purpose 9** | Interconnection of minor thoroughfares



**Trip Purpose 10** | Access to concentrated property use areas



**Trip Purpose 11** | Access to rural diffused property use areas and lower density urban residential and commercial/industrial areas



**Trip Purpose 12** | Local access and circulation



# Functional Classification Reviews

- GIS geodatabase format required to perform an expedited review
- District submissions of Functional Classification must include the following supporting data elements:
  - Roadway ID
  - Begin MP
  - End MP
  - AADT
  - Number of Lanes
  - Refer to form for required attributes
- TDA will finalize these elements at a later date

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**APPLICATION FOR FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGE**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Agency: FL Dept of Transportation Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Roadway Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ From Mile Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To: \_\_\_\_\_ To Mile Post: \_\_\_\_\_

If 1-Way, Number of Lanes: 1 2 3 4  
 If 2-Way, Number of Lanes: 2 4 6 8

Status of Roadway: Not Currently Functionally Classified  
Currently Functionally Classified

AADT and Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

FDOT Access Mgmt. Classification: 1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 Not classified

Speed Limit (miles per hour): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Functional Classification:

|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate               | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Principal Arterial - Interstate               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate               | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Principal Arterial - Interstate               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Principal Arterial - Other                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Principal Arterial - Other                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Principal Arterial - Other                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Principal Arterial - Other                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Local   | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Local   | <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted (Removed)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Local   |

Proposed Functional Classification:

|  |  |  |  |
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Justification for Proposed Change:

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Please attach a location map separately when submitting this application, include Roadway ID's, Road Number symbols and Functional classification color coding of roadway segments.

Recommended By:

|  |       |      |       |
|--|-------|------|-------|
| Local Government/Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Chairman | _____ | Date | _____ |
| FDOT - District Office   | _____ | Date | _____ |
| FDOT - Central Office  | _____ | Date | _____ |
| Approved By:   | _____ | Date | _____ |
| Federal Highway Administration                                     | _____ | Date | _____ |

**APPENDIX F - 27070003 (CR-228): Proposed Funclass is Rural Major Collector**

| Functional Classification                |  |
|--|--|
| FDOT Adjusted Urban Boundary (2016)      | 09 - Local RURAL                                     |
| 01 - Principal Arterial-Interstate RURAL | 11 - Principal Arterial-Interstate URBAN             |
| 02 - Principal Arterial-Expressway RURAL | 12 - Principal Arterial-Freeway and Expressway URBAN |
| 03 - Principal Arterial-Other RURAL      | 14 - Principal Arterial-Other URBAN                  |
| 04 - Principal Arterial-Other RURAL      | 15 - Minor Arterial URBAN                            |
| 05 - Minor Arterial RURAL                | 17 - Major Collector URBAN                           |
| 06 - Major Collector RURAL               | 18 - Minor Collector (Ped-Act) URBAN                 |
| 07 - Minor Collector RURAL               | 19 - Local URBAN                                     |



# Functional Classification – Example

**Roadway Segment:** Hanson Street from Old Metro Parkway to Ortiz Avenue

**RID and Mileposts:**

12000040 from 1.751 to 2.000 (Old Metro Parkway to Ford Street)

12000113 from 0.000 to 0.500 (Ford Street to Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard)

Newly constructed from Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard to Ortiz Avenue

**District:** 1

**Number of Lanes:** 2, 4

**AADT:** 6,800 east of Ford Street (2022)

**Posted Speed:** 35, 45 mph

**Trip Purposes:** 1 – travel to and through large urban areas

**Existing FC:** Urban Major Collector

**Proposed FC:** Urban Minor Arterial

**Justification:** Recent construction of Hanson Street extension from Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard to Ortiz Avenue, enhanced east-west connectivity, connection between arterial facilities Evans Avenue (Principal Arterial) and Ortiz Avenue (Minor Arterial), consistency with trip purposes and criteria



Note: Figure shows proposed functional class for Hanson Street from Old Metro Parkway to Ortiz Avenue only



# Worksheet Example

| County   |   | Lee   | Notes from FDOT D1<br><br>Green is input (fill these in), Blue is output (will automatically fill)<br><b>Note: It is not necessary to go through the criteria for every single classification, some classes can be ignored based on judgement.</b> In most cases, functional class will only change upwards. For instance, a local may change to a collector, or a collector to an arterial, or a minor to a major. In some cases, it may be reasonable to change downwards, however this is rare and judgement should be used. For instance, if a roadway is currently classified as an arterial, you can ignore the criteria for local roads.<br><br>Refer to below link for Access Class, if not classified, enter "Not Classified"<br><a href="https://gis-fdot.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/access-management-tda/explore?location=27.752215%2C-83.779521%2C7.64">https://gis-fdot.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/access-management-tda/explore?location=27.752215%2C-83.779521%2C7.64</a> |
|--|---|---|---|
| Roadway (State Road Number)  | NA  |   |   |
| Roadway (Local Name)   | ALICO ROAD  |   |   |
| RID  | 12000092  |   |   |
| From   | INDY DRIVE  |   |   |
| From Milepost  | 0.476   |   |   |
| To   | I75/SR 93   |   |   |
| To Milepost  | 3.191   |   |   |
| 2022 AADT  | 47,500  |   |   |
| Lanes  | 6   |   |   |
| 1Way or 2Way   | 2   |   |   |
| Speed Limit  | 45  |   |   |
| Existing Functional Class (PCI)  | Urban Minor Arterial                                  |   |   |
| Existing Functional Class (County)   | -   |   |   |
| Access Management Classification   | NA  |   |   |
| Trip Purpose (high or low density? residential or commercial? Institutions?) and notes |   | The land use along this segment is relatively high density residential, commercial, and industrial. The overall corridor from US 41 to I-75 is the highest volume east-west corridor in the area. Furthermore, the corridor has experienced significant new commercial development in recent years, including big box stores such as the Home Depot and Floor and Decor, in addition to several Amazon warehouses. The corridor has also experienced relatively high traffic volume growth in recent years. Based on interconnection of the two major north-south throughfares (US 41 and I-75), recent and ongoing development, including major retailers and shipping centers, high traffic volumes, and trip purposes, it is recommended to classify this corridor as an Urban Principal Arterial. |   |
| Functional Class   | Percent Criteria Satisfied                            | AADT within range?  |   |
| Principal Arterial   | 75%   | No  |   |
| Minor Arterial   | 40%   | No  |   |
| Major Collector  | 0%  | No  |   |
| Minor Collector  | 0%  | No  |   |
| Local  | 0%  | No  |   |
| Functional Class of Previous Segment   | Urban Minor Arterial (Principal Arterial recommended) |   |   |
| Functional Class of Subsequent Segment   | Urban Minor Arterial                                  |   |   |
| Trip Purposes  | 1,4   |   |   |
| Recommended (based on above criteria and judgement)                                    |   | <b>Urban Principal Arterial</b>   |   |

| Principal Arterial Criteria   | Satisfied? (Y or N) |
|---|---------------------|
| Serve major activity centers, highest traffic volume corridors, and longest trip demands  | Y                   |
| Carry high proportion of total urban travel on minimum of mileage   | Y                   |
| Interconnect and provide continuity for major rural corridors to accommodate trips entering and leaving urban area and movements through the urban area | Y                   |
| Serve demand for intra-area travel between the central business district and outlying residential areas   | N                   |
| Minor Arterial Criteria   | Satisfied?          |
| Interconnect with and augment the higher-level arterials  | Y                   |
| Serve trips of moderate length at a somewhat lower level of through traffic movement than principal arterials   | Y                   |
| Distribute traffic to smaller geographic areas than those served by higher-level arterials  | N                   |
| Provide more direct property access than principal arterials without penetrating identifiable neighborhoods   | N                   |
| Provide urban connections for rural collectors  | N                   |

| Functional Classification   | AADT (Rural)  | AADT (Urban)   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Arterials</b>            |               |                |
| Interstate                  | 12,000-34,000 | 35,000-129,000 |
| Other Freeways & Expressway | 4,000-18,500  | 13,000-55,000  |
| Other Principal Arterial    | 2,000-8,500   | 7,000-27,000   |
| Minor Arterial              | 1,500-6,000   | 3,000-14,000   |
| <b>Collectors</b>           |               |                |
| Major Collector             | 300-2,600     | 1,100-6,300    |
| Minor Collector             | 150-1,100     | 1,100-6,300    |
| <b>Local</b>                |               |                |
| Local                       | 15-400        | 80-700         |



# Defining Urban Area Boundaries

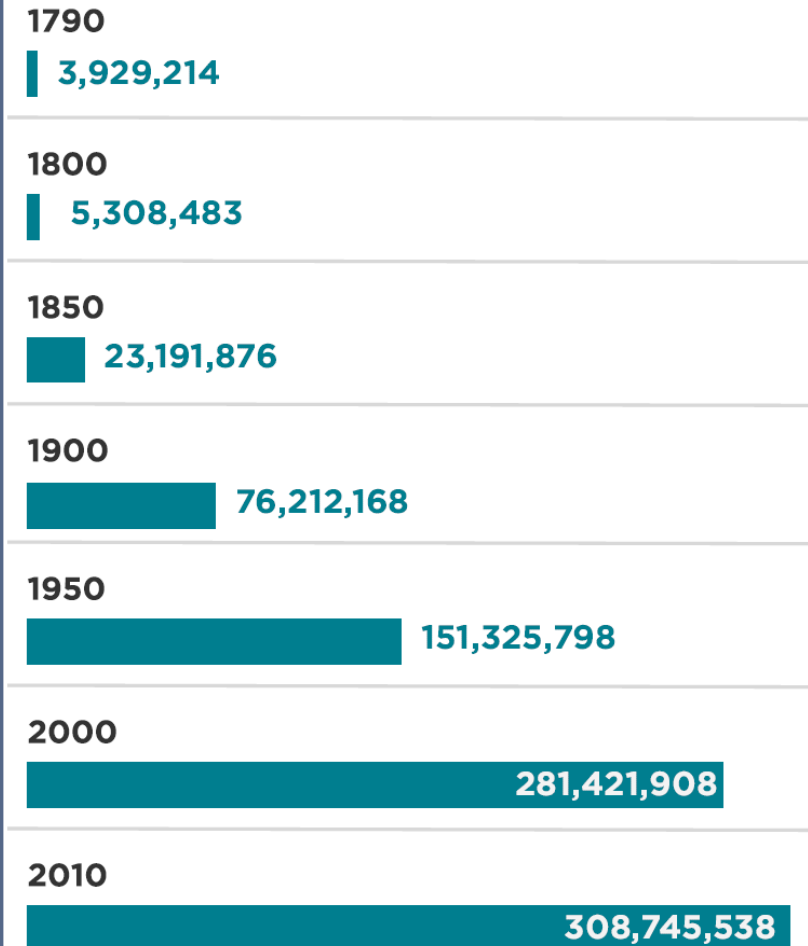
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**Urban Areas** are revised every 10 years based on population counts from decennial census.

**FHWA Urban Area Boundaries** are adjusted to be consistent with transportation needs.

**Functional classification** reviewed and updated in conjunction with adjusted urban boundaries.





# Urban Area Adjustment Considerations

- Include entire municipality.
- Include areas with Urban Characteristics.
- Include large/significant traffic generators.
- Boundary should follow municipal limits or physical features.
- Boundary should be simple without irregularities.
- Boundary should not split roadways or ramps.

**The only official requirement is that an adjusted boundary includes the original urban area delineated by the Census Bureau in its entirety.**



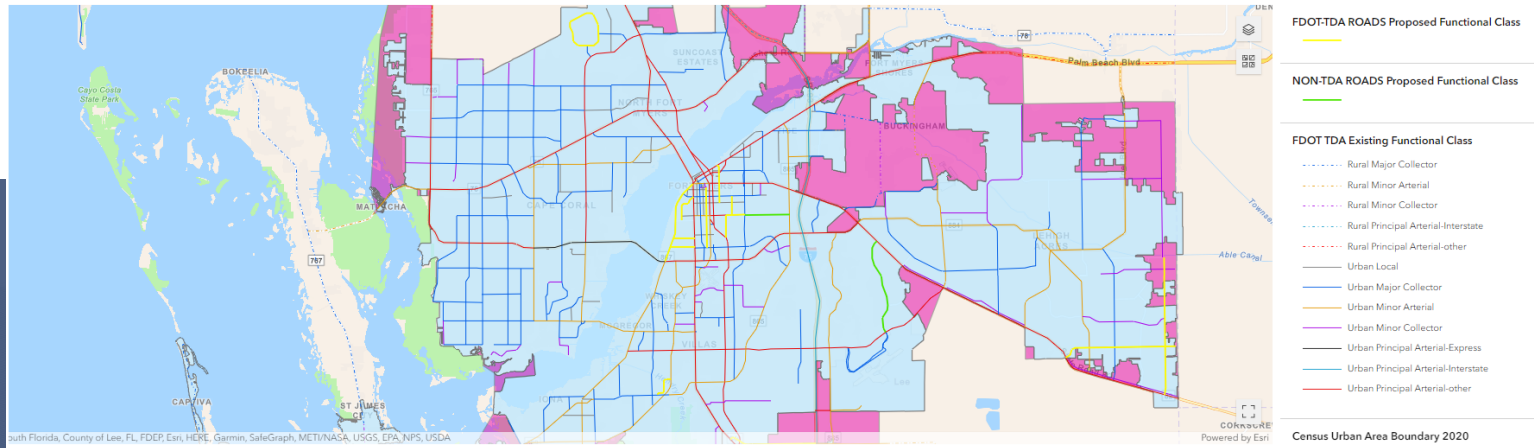
# Current Status

- FDOT provided Urban Area Boundary Map and proposed Functional Classification information in a GIS based Dashboard to County/MPO for review: [D1 Functional Classification - Lee County \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- FDOT is working with the MPO to address any comments or concerns

**FDOT** Functional Classifications

FDOT has identified potential areas for improvement and suggested necessary updates and additions to the existing system. Recognizing the significance of this evaluation, FDOT is taking proactive measures to gather feedback and insights from Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). This collaborative approach ensures that the proposed changes align effectively with the needs and perspectives of various stakeholders, fostering a more efficient and inclusive road network that will benefit communities across the region.

**STEP 1:** Please click the area to **review** details from the map or view the table below.



**FDOT-TDA ROADS Proposed Functional Class**

- Rural Major Collector
- Rural Minor Arterial
- Rural Minor Collector
- Rural Principal Arterial-Interstate
- Rural Principal Arterial-other
- Urban Local
- Urban Major Collector
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Minor Collector
- Urban Principal Arterial-Express
- Urban Principal Arterial-Interstate
- Urban Principal Arterial-other

**NON-TDA ROADS Proposed Functional Class**

- Rural Major Collector
- Rural Minor Arterial
- Rural Minor Collector
- Rural Principal Arterial-Interstate
- Rural Principal Arterial-other
- Urban Local
- Urban Major Collector
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Minor Collector
- Urban Principal Arterial-Express
- Urban Principal Arterial-Interstate
- Urban Principal Arterial-other

**FDOT TDA Existing Functional Class**

- Rural Major Collector
- Rural Minor Arterial
- Rural Minor Collector
- Rural Principal Arterial-Interstate
- Rural Principal Arterial-other
- Urban Local
- Urban Major Collector
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Minor Collector
- Urban Principal Arterial-Express
- Urban Principal Arterial-Interstate
- Urban Principal Arterial-other

**STEP 2:** Please review the **FDOT-TDA ROADS** and **NON-TDA ROADS** tables for the county and share your remarks within the designated **Comments** field. As a designated reviewer, you are granted editing privileges exclusively for the Proposed Functional Classification tables. When you are ready to share your comments, proceed by double-clicking on the relevant row within the Comments field.

**STEP 3:** Take the survey to provide comments on the proposed Urban Area Boundary.

The app will prompt you to sign in, if you hit cancel you will not have access to the **MPO Suggestions from Survey** in table. However, you will be able to review comments in the maps pop up window.



# Proposed Changes to Functional Classification of Currently Classified Lee County Roads

| Roadway Name          | From                      | To                           | Existing Functional Class | Proposed Functional Class |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| E TERRY STREET        | SOUTHERN PINES DRIVE      | BONITA GRANDE DRIVE          | Urban Local               | Urban Minor Collector     |
| WINKLER AVENUE        | MCGREGOR BOULEVARD/SR 867 | US 41/SR 45                  | Urban Local               | Urban Major Collector     |
| CENTRAL AVENUE        | WINKLER AVENUE            | AVENUE A                     | Urban Local               | Urban Minor Collector     |
| PALM AVENUE           | SOUTH STREET              | GUAVA STREET                 | Urban Local               | Urban Major Collector     |
| PALM AVENUE           | GUAVA STREET              | END OF ROAD                  | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| DONAX STREET          | MIDDLE GULF DRIVE         | PERIWINKLE WAY               | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| COCONUT ROAD          | COCONUT ROAD              | US 41/S TAMIAMI TRAIL        | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| COLUMBUS BOULEVARD    | SR 82                     | SENTINELA BOULEVARD          | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| CORTEZ BOULEVARD      | BRAMAN AVENUE             | EDISON AVENUE/US 41          | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| GATOR CIRCLE N/E/S/W  | AVERILL BOULEVARD         | AVERILL BOULEVARD            | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| HILL AVENUE           | MCGREGOR BOULEVARD        | US 41                        | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| JAGUAR BOULEVARD      | SR 82                     | NAPLES AVENUE S              | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD    | GLADIOLUS DRIVE           | SUMMERLIN ROAD               | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| MCGREGOR BOULEVARD    | COLONIAL BOULEVARD        | CLEVELAND AVENUE/US 41/SR 45 | Urban Major Collector     | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| ALICO ROAD            | INDY DRIVE                | I 75/SR 93                   | Urban Minor Arterial      | Urban Principal Arterial  |
| CORKSCREW ROAD        | I 75                      | BENHILL GRIFFIN PKWY         | Urban Minor Arterial      | Urban Principal Arterial  |
| ALICO ROAD            | SR 45/US 41/TAMIAMI TRAIL | INDY DRIVE                   | Urban Minor Arterial      | Urban Principal Arterial  |
| OLD METRO PARKWAY     | WAREHOUSE RD              | HANSON STREET                | Urban Principal Arterial  | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| OLD METRO PARKWAY     | WEST CHASE ENTRANCE       | WAREHOUSE ROAD               | Urban Principal Arterial  | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| CORKSCREW ROAD/CR 850 | SR 45/US 41/TAMIAMI TRAIL | I 75                         | Urban Minor Arterial      | Urban Principal Arterial  |
| HANSON STREET         | OLD METRO PARKWAY         | FORD STREET                  | Urban Major Collector     | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| FORD STREET           | HANSON STREET             | EDISON AVENUE                | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |
| HANSON STREET         | FORD STREET               | V SHOEMAKER BOULEVARD        | Urban Major Collector     | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| SR 739/HANSON STREET  | FOWLER STREET             | OLD METRO PARKWAY            | Urban Principal Arterial  | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| BONITA BEACH ROAD SE  | LOGAN BOULEVARD N         | VILLAGEWALK BOULEVARD        | Urban Local               | Urban Major Collector     |
| COCONUT ROAD          | WEEKS STREET/COCONUT ROAD | US 41/S TAMIAMI TRAIL        | Urban Minor Collector     | Urban Major Collector     |



# Currently Unclassified Lee County Roads to add to the FDOT System

| Roadway                      | From                     | To                    | Proposed Functional Class |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| MILWAUKEE BOULEVARD          | ALABAMA ROAD             | HOMESTEAD BOULEVARD S | Urban Major Collector     |
| THREE OAKS PARKWAY EXTENSION | ALICO ROAD               | DANIELS PARKWAY       | Urban Minor Arterial      |
| SUNRISE BOULEVARD            | HOMESTEAD ROAD           | RICHMOND AVENUE S     | Urban Major Collector     |
| AIRPORT HAUL ROAD            | ALICO ROAD               | WATER TREATMENT PLANT | Urban Major Collector     |
| PLANTATION GARDENS DRIVE     | TREELINE AVE             | COMMERCE LAKES DRIVE  | Urban Major Collector     |
| COMMERCE LAKES DRIVE         | PLANTATION GARDENS DRIVE | GATEWAY BOULEVARD     | Urban Major Collector     |
| GRIFFIN DRIVE                | GATEWAY BOULEVARD        | SR 82                 | Urban Major Collector     |
| DE NAVARRA PARKWAY           | DEL PRADO BOULEVARD      | US 41                 | Urban Major Collector     |
| SKYPLEX BOULEVARD            | CHAMBERLIN PARKWAY       | DANIELS PARKWAY       | Urban Major Collector     |
| ORIOLE ROAD                  | ALICO ROAD               | THREE OAKS PARKWAY    | Urban Major Collector     |



# Next Steps

- FDOT will provide the updated Urban Area Boundary Map and proposed Functional Classification information in a GIS based Dashboard to County/MPO for final review.
- FDOT will submit the final Urban Area Boundary Map and proposed Functional Classification information to FHWA, including official application forms and GIS summaries.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
APPLICATION FOR FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Agency: FL Dept of Transportation Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Roadway Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ From Mile Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To: \_\_\_\_\_ To Mile Post: \_\_\_\_\_

If 1-Way, Number of Lanes: 1 2 3 4  
 If 2-Way, Number of Lanes: 2 4 6 8

Status of Roadway: Not Currently Functionally Classified  
Currently Functionally Classified

AADT and Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

FDOT Access Mgmt. Classification: 1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 Not classified

Speed Limit (miles per hour): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Functional Classification:

|  |  |
|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Minor Collector                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Minor Collector                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Local   | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Local   |

Proposed Functional Classification:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Principal Arterial – Interstate               | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Principal Arterial – Interstate               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Principal Arterial – Freeways and Expressways | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Principal Arterial – Freeways and Expressways |
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Justification for Proposed Change:  
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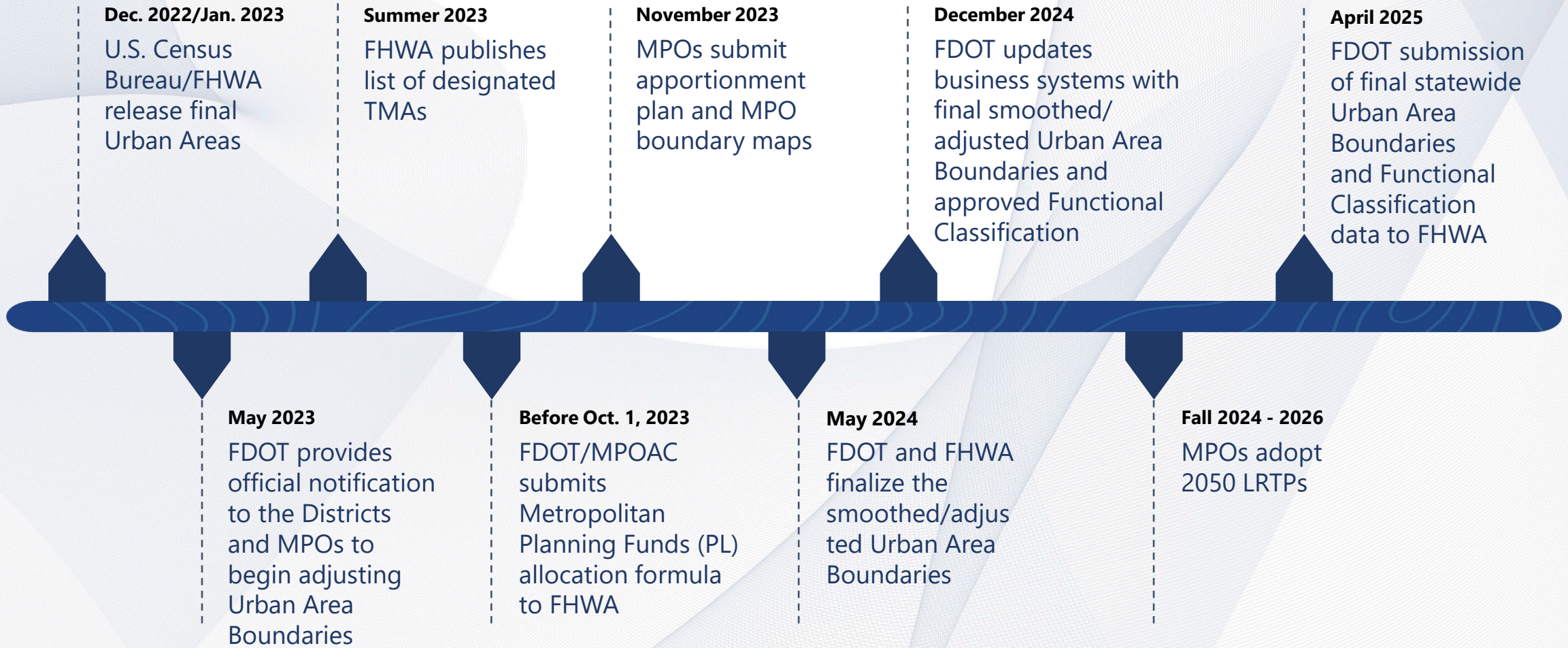
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**Recommended By:**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| _____<br>Local Government/Metropolitan<br>Planning Organization (MPO) Chairman | _____<br>Date |
| _____<br>FDOT – District Office  | _____<br>Date |
| _____<br>FDOT – Central Office   | _____<br>Date |
| _____<br>Approved By:  |               |
| _____<br>Federal Highway Administration  | _____<br>Date |



# Process Timeline





# Questions & Discussion



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## **UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION RELATED LEGISLATION THIS SESSION**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Staff will provide an update on the proposed transportation legislation that has been added since November's agenda item. This includes SB 1032 (**attached**) that calls for a study to be done on the benefits of combining the Lee and Collier MPO's, abolishing the Florida Transportation Commission and the MPOAC, and other changes to how MPO's and FDOT currently operate.



By Senator Gruters

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to transportation; amending s. 20.23,  
3       F.S.; deleting provisions related to appointment,  
4       powers, and duties of the Florida Transportation  
5       Commission; repealing s. 334.045, F.S., relating to  
6       transportation performance and productivity standards;  
7       amending s. 334.048, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
8       changes made by the act; amending s. 334.065, F.S.;  
9       revising the membership of the Center for Urban  
10      Transportation Research advisory board; requiring  
11      review, approval, and confirmation by the Board of  
12      Governors of certain nominations to the advisory  
13      board; amending s. 334.066, F.S.; revising the  
14      membership of the Implementing Solutions from  
15      Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging  
16      Technologies (I-STREET) Living Lab advisory board;  
17      amending s. 339.135, F.S.; revising provisions  
18      relating to the evaluation of the Department of  
19      Transportation's tentative work program; requiring the  
20      department to conduct the statewide public hearing  
21      thereon; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
22      act; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; revising legislative  
23      intent; prohibiting the designation of additional  
24      metropolitan planning organizations (M.P.O.'s) after a  
25      specified date, with an exception for certain  
26      urbanized areas; revising projects and strategies to  
27      be considered in developing an M.P.O.'s long-range  
28      transportation plan and transportation improvement  
29      program; requiring certain M.P.O.'s to submit to the

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30 Governor and the Legislature, by a specified date, a  
31 feasibility report regarding consolidation; conforming  
32 provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the  
33 department to convene M.P.O.'s of similar size to  
34 exchange best practices; authorizing such M.P.O.'s to  
35 develop committees or working groups; requiring  
36 training for new M.P.O. governing board members to be  
37 provided by the department or one of the other  
38 specified entities; deleting provisions relating to  
39 M.P.O. coordination mechanisms; deleting provisions  
40 requiring the Metropolitan Planning Organization  
41 Advisory Council to review certain long-range  
42 transportation plans; including public-private  
43 partnerships in authorized financing techniques;  
44 revising proposed transportation enhancement  
45 activities that must be indicated by the long-range  
46 transportation plan; requiring the department to  
47 review certain aspects of each M.P.O.'s long-range  
48 transportation plan and to return such plan to the  
49 M.P.O. for revision if deemed unsatisfactory;  
50 requiring the department to create quality performance  
51 metrics and a scoring mechanism to evaluate each  
52 M.P.O.'s service to its communities and establish a  
53 minimum acceptable quality performance score;  
54 requiring each M.P.O. to report its quality  
55 performance score annually to the district secretary  
56 and to publish the score on its website, beginning on  
57 a specified date; requiring the department to validate  
58 each M.P.O.'s score calculation and make necessary

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59 adjustments; requiring M.P.O.'s that do not achieve  
60 the minimum acceptable quality performance score  
61 within a certain timeframe to be placed under the  
62 control of the Secretary of Transportation; requiring  
63 the secretary to appoint the district secretary or  
64 another person to assume the role of executive  
65 director of such M.P.O.'s for a specified period of  
66 time; requiring the district secretary or other person  
67 to make certain recommendations; providing specified  
68 funding to the M.P.O. with the highest quality  
69 performance score, beginning in a specified year and  
70 periodically thereafter, subject to the appropriation  
71 of funds by the Legislature; providing requirements  
72 for the expenditure of such funds; requiring such  
73 M.P.O. to represent the state in any federal  
74 conference or membership organization; deleting  
75 provisions relating to the Metropolitan Planning  
76 Organization Advisory Council; amending s. 348.0306,  
77 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
78 act; amending ss. 110.205, 331.3051, 331.310, and  
79 339.64, F.S.; conforming cross-references and  
80 provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the  
81 department to submit a report to the Governor and  
82 Legislature by a specified date which provides a  
83 comprehensive review of the boundaries of department  
84 districts and makes certain recommendations; providing  
85 an effective date.

86  
87 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:



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89 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraph (a) of  
90 subsection (3) of section 20.23, Florida Statutes, are amended  
91 to read:

92 20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a  
93 Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized  
94 agency.

95 (1) (a) The head of the Department of Transportation is the  
96 Secretary of Transportation. The secretary shall be appointed by  
97 the Governor ~~from among three persons nominated by the Florida~~  
98 ~~Transportation Commission~~ and shall be subject to confirmation  
99 by the Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the  
100 Governor.

101 (b) The secretary shall be a proven, effective  
102 administrator who by a combination of education and experience  
103 shall clearly possess a broad knowledge of the administrative,  
104 financial, and technical aspects of the development, operation,  
105 and regulation of transportation systems and facilities or  
106 comparable systems and facilities.

107 (c) ~~The secretary shall provide to the Florida~~  
108 ~~Transportation Commission or its staff, such assistance,~~  
109 ~~information, and documents as are requested by the commission or~~  
110 ~~its staff to enable the commission to fulfill its duties and~~  
111 ~~responsibilities.~~

112 ~~(d)~~ The secretary may appoint up to three assistant  
113 secretaries who shall be directly responsible to the secretary  
114 and who shall perform such duties as are assigned by the  
115 secretary. The secretary shall designate to an assistant  
116 secretary the duties related to enhancing economic prosperity,

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117 including, but not limited to, the responsibility of liaison  
118 with the head of economic development in the Executive Office of  
119 the Governor. Such assistant secretary shall be directly  
120 responsible for providing the Executive Office of the Governor  
121 with investment opportunities and transportation projects that  
122 expand the state's role as a global hub for trade and investment  
123 and enhance the supply chain system in the state to process,  
124 assemble, and ship goods to markets throughout the eastern  
125 United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Latin America. The  
126 secretary may delegate to any assistant secretary the authority  
127 to act in the absence of the secretary.

128 ~~(d)~~ (e) ~~The Any secretary appointed after July 5, 1989, and~~  
129 ~~the assistant secretaries~~ are ~~shall be~~ exempt from ~~the~~  
130 ~~provisions of part III of chapter 110 and shall receive~~  
131 compensation commensurate with their qualifications and  
132 competitive with compensation for comparable responsibility in  
133 the private sector.

134 ~~(2)(a)1. The Florida Transportation Commission is hereby~~  
135 ~~created and shall consist of nine members appointed by the~~  
136 ~~Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. Members of the~~  
137 ~~commission shall serve terms of 4 years each.~~

138 ~~2. Members shall be appointed in such a manner as to~~  
139 ~~equitably represent all geographic areas of the state. Each~~  
140 ~~member must be a registered voter and a citizen of the state.~~  
141 ~~Each member of the commission must also possess business~~  
142 ~~managerial experience in the private sector.~~

143 ~~3. A member of the commission shall represent the~~  
144 ~~transportation needs of the state as a whole and may not~~  
145 ~~subordinate the needs of the state to those of any particular~~

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146 ~~area of the state.~~

147 ~~4. The commission is assigned to the Office of the~~  
148 ~~Secretary of the Department of Transportation for administrative~~  
149 ~~and fiscal accountability purposes, but it shall otherwise~~  
150 ~~function independently of the control and direction of the~~  
151 ~~department.~~

152 ~~(b) The commission shall:~~

153 ~~1. Recommend major transportation policies for the~~  
154 ~~Governor's approval and assure that approved policies and any~~  
155 ~~revisions are properly executed.~~

156 ~~2. Periodically review the status of the state~~  
157 ~~transportation system, including highway, transit, rail,~~  
158 ~~seaport, intermodal development, and aviation components of the~~  
159 ~~system, and recommend improvements to the Governor and the~~  
160 ~~Legislature.~~

161 ~~3. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the annual department~~  
162 ~~budget request, the Florida Transportation Plan, and the~~  
163 ~~tentative work program for compliance with all applicable laws~~  
164 ~~and established departmental policies. Except as specifically~~  
165 ~~provided in s. 339.135(4)(c)2., (d), and (f), the commission may~~  
166 ~~not consider individual construction projects but shall consider~~  
167 ~~methods of accomplishing the goals of the department in the most~~  
168 ~~effective, efficient, and businesslike manner.~~

169 ~~4. Monitor the financial status of the department on a~~  
170 ~~regular basis to assure that the department is managing revenue~~  
171 ~~and bond proceeds responsibly and in accordance with law and~~  
172 ~~established policy.~~

173 ~~5. Monitor on at least a quarterly basis the efficiency,~~  
174 ~~productivity, and management of the department using performance~~

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175 ~~and production standards developed by the commission pursuant to~~  
176 ~~s. 334.045.~~

177 ~~6. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the factors causing~~  
178 ~~disruption of project schedules in the adopted work program and~~  
179 ~~recommend to the Governor and the Legislature methods to~~  
180 ~~eliminate or reduce the disruptive effects of these factors.~~

181 ~~7. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature~~  
182 ~~improvements to the department's organization in order to~~  
183 ~~streamline and optimize the efficiency of the department. In~~  
184 ~~reviewing the department's organization, the commission shall~~  
185 ~~determine if the current district organizational structure is~~  
186 ~~responsive to this state's changing economic and demographic~~  
187 ~~development patterns. The report by the commission must be~~  
188 ~~delivered to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15~~  
189 ~~each year, as appropriate. The commission may retain experts as~~  
190 ~~necessary to carry out this subparagraph, and the department~~  
191 ~~shall pay the expenses of the experts.~~

192 ~~8. Monitor the efficiency, productivity, and management of~~  
193 ~~the agencies and authorities created under chapters 348 and 349;~~  
194 ~~the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority re-created pursuant to chapter~~  
195 ~~2000-411, Laws of Florida; and any authority formed under~~  
196 ~~chapter 343. The commission shall also conduct periodic reviews~~  
197 ~~of each agency's and authority's operations and budget,~~  
198 ~~acquisition of property, management of revenue and bond~~  
199 ~~proceeds, and compliance with applicable laws and generally~~  
200 ~~accepted accounting principles.~~

201 ~~(c) The commission or a member thereof may not enter into~~  
202 ~~the day-to-day operation of the department or a monitored~~  
203 ~~authority and is specifically prohibited from taking part in:~~



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204 ~~1. The awarding of contracts.~~

205 ~~2. The selection of a consultant or contractor or the~~  
206 ~~prequalification of any individual consultant or contractor.~~  
207 ~~However, the commission may recommend to the secretary standards~~  
208 ~~and policies governing the procedure for selection and~~  
209 ~~prequalification of consultants and contractors.~~

210 ~~3. The selection of a route for a specific project.~~

211 ~~4. The specific location of a transportation facility.~~

212 ~~5. The acquisition of rights-of-way.~~

213 ~~6. The employment, promotion, demotion, suspension,~~  
214 ~~transfer, or discharge of any department personnel.~~

215 ~~7. The granting, denial, suspension, or revocation of any~~  
216 ~~license or permit issued by the department.~~

217 ~~(d)1. The chair of the commission shall be selected by the~~  
218 ~~commission members and shall serve a 1-year term.~~

219 ~~2. The commission shall hold a minimum of 4 regular~~  
220 ~~meetings annually, and other meetings may be called by the chair~~  
221 ~~upon giving at least 1 week's notice to all members and the~~  
222 ~~public pursuant to chapter 120. Other meetings may also be held~~  
223 ~~upon the written request of at least four other members of the~~  
224 ~~commission, with at least 1 week's notice of such meeting being~~  
225 ~~given to all members and the public by the chair pursuant to~~  
226 ~~chapter 120. Emergency meetings may be held without notice upon~~  
227 ~~the request of all members of the commission. At each meeting of~~  
228 ~~the commission, the secretary or his or her designee shall~~  
229 ~~submit a report of major actions taken by him or her as the~~  
230 ~~official representative of the department.~~

231 ~~3. A majority of the membership of the commission~~  
232 ~~constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the commission. An action~~

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233 ~~of the commission is not binding unless the action is taken~~  
234 ~~pursuant to an affirmative vote of a majority of the members~~  
235 ~~present, but not fewer than four members of the commission at a~~  
236 ~~meeting held pursuant to subparagraph 2., and the vote is~~  
237 ~~recorded in the minutes of that meeting.~~

238 ~~4. The chair shall cause to be made a complete record of~~  
239 ~~the proceedings of the commission, which record shall be open~~  
240 ~~for public inspection.~~

241 ~~(e) The meetings of the commission shall be held in the~~  
242 ~~central office of the department in Tallahassee unless the chair~~  
243 ~~determines that special circumstances warrant meeting at another~~  
244 ~~location.~~

245 ~~(f) Members of the commission are entitled to per diem and~~  
246 ~~travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.~~

247 ~~(g) A member of the commission may not have any interest,~~  
248 ~~direct or indirect, in any contract, franchise, privilege, or~~  
249 ~~other benefit granted or awarded by the department during the~~  
250 ~~term of his or her appointment and for 2 years after the~~  
251 ~~termination of such appointment.~~

252 ~~(h) The commission shall appoint an executive director and~~  
253 ~~assistant executive director, who shall serve under the~~  
254 ~~direction, supervision, and control of the commission. The~~  
255 ~~executive director, with the consent of the commission, shall~~  
256 ~~employ such staff as are necessary to perform adequately the~~  
257 ~~functions of the commission, within budgetary limitations. All~~  
258 ~~employees of the commission are exempt from part II of chapter~~  
259 ~~110 and shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The~~  
260 ~~salaries and benefits of all employees of the commission shall~~  
261 ~~be set in accordance with the Selected Exempt Service; provided,~~

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262 ~~however, that the commission shall have complete authority for~~  
263 ~~fixing the salary of the executive director and assistant~~  
264 ~~executive director.~~

265 ~~(i) The commission shall develop a budget pursuant to~~  
266 ~~chapter 216. The budget is not subject to change by the~~  
267 ~~department, but such budget shall be submitted to the Governor~~  
268 ~~along with the budget of the department.~~

269 ~~(2)(3)(a) The central office shall establish departmental~~  
270 ~~policies, rules, procedures, and standards and shall monitor the~~  
271 ~~implementation of such policies, rules, procedures, and~~  
272 ~~standards in order to ensure uniform compliance and quality~~  
273 ~~performance by the districts and central office units that~~  
274 ~~implement transportation programs. Major transportation policy~~  
275 ~~initiatives or revisions shall be submitted to the commission~~  
276 ~~for review.~~

277 Section 2. Section 334.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

278 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 334.048, Florida  
279 Statutes, is amended to read:

280 334.048 Legislative intent with respect to department  
281 management accountability and monitoring systems.—The department  
282 shall implement the following accountability and monitoring  
283 systems to evaluate whether the department's goals are being  
284 accomplished efficiently and cost-effectively, and ensure  
285 compliance with all laws, rules, policies, and procedures  
286 related to the department's operations:

287 ~~(1) The Transportation Commission shall monitor those~~  
288 ~~aspects of the department's operations as assigned in s. 20.23.~~

289  
290 Such systems are herein established to quickly identify and

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291 resolve problems, to hold responsible parties accountable, and  
292 to ensure that all costs to the taxpayer are recovered.

293 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 334.065, Florida  
294 Statutes, is amended to read:

295 334.065 Center for Urban Transportation Research.—

296 (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically and  
297 objectively review and advise the center concerning its research  
298 program. Except for projects mandated by law, state-funded base  
299 projects shall not be undertaken without approval of the  
300 advisory board. The membership of the board shall consist of  
301 nine experts in transportation-related areas, as follows:

302 (a) A member appointed by the President of the Senate.

303 (b) A member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
304 Representatives.

305 (c) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.

306 (d) The Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee.

307 ~~including the secretaries of the Department of Transportation,~~  
308 ~~the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department~~  
309 ~~of Economic Opportunity, or their designees, and a member of the~~  
310 ~~Florida Transportation Commission. The nomination of the~~  
311 ~~remaining~~

312 (e) Five members commended of the board shall be made to  
313 the President of the University of South Florida by the College  
314 of Engineering at the University of South Florida., and The  
315 appointment of these members must be reviewed, and approved, by  
316 ~~the Florida Transportation Commission~~ and confirmed by the Board  
317 of Governors.

318 Section 5. Paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (3)  
319 of section 334.066, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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320 334.066 Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research  
321 and Evaluating Emerging Technologies Living Lab.-

322 (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically  
323 review and advise I-STREET concerning its research program. The  
324 board shall consist of nine members with expertise in  
325 transportation-related areas, as follows:

326 (d) The Secretary of Commerce ~~Economic Opportunity~~ or his  
327 or her designee.

328 (e) ~~A member of the Florida Transportation Commission.~~

329 ~~(f)~~ Five ~~Four~~ members nominated by the University of  
330 Florida's College of Engineering and approved by the  
331 university's president. The College of Engineering's nominees  
332 may include representatives of the University of Florida, other  
333 academic and research institutions, or private entities.

334 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraphs  
335 (c), (d), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (4) of section  
336 339.135, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

337 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
338 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.-

339 (2) SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST AND REQUEST  
340 FOR LIST OF ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.-

341 (a) The department shall file the legislative budget  
342 request in the manner required by chapter 216, setting forth the  
343 department's proposed revenues and expenditures for operational  
344 and fixed capital outlay needs to accomplish the objectives of  
345 the department in the ensuing fiscal year. The right-of-way,  
346 construction, preliminary engineering, maintenance, and all  
347 grants and aids programs of the department shall be set forth  
348 only in program totals. The legislative budget request must

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349 include a balanced 36-month forecast of cash and expenditures  
350 and a 5-year finance plan. The legislative budget request shall  
351 be amended to conform to the tentative work program. Before  
352 ~~Prior to~~ the public hearing and evaluation ~~submission~~ of the  
353 tentative work program pursuant to paragraph (4) (d) ~~(4) (f)~~, the  
354 department may amend its legislative budget request and the  
355 tentative work program for the most recent estimating conference  
356 estimate of revenues and the most recent federal aid  
357 apportionments.

358 (4) FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.—

359 (c)1. For purposes of this section, the board of county  
360 commissioners shall serve as the metropolitan planning  
361 organization in those counties which are not located in a  
362 metropolitan planning organization and shall be involved in the  
363 development of the district work program to the same extent as a  
364 metropolitan planning organization.

365 2. The district work program shall be developed  
366 cooperatively from the outset with the various metropolitan  
367 planning organizations of the state and include, to the maximum  
368 extent feasible, the project priorities of metropolitan planning  
369 organizations which have been submitted to the district by  
370 August 1 of each year pursuant to s. 339.175(8) (b); however, the  
371 department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in  
372 writing, cooperatively agree to vary this submittal date. To  
373 assist the metropolitan planning organizations in developing  
374 their lists of project priorities, the district shall disclose  
375 to each metropolitan planning organization any anticipated  
376 changes in the allocation or programming of state and federal  
377 funds which may affect the inclusion of metropolitan planning

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378 organization project priorities in the district work program.

379 3. Before submittal of the district work program to the  
380 central office, the district shall provide the affected  
381 metropolitan planning organization with written justification  
382 for any project proposed to be rescheduled or deleted from the  
383 district work program which project is part of the metropolitan  
384 planning organization's transportation improvement program and  
385 is contained in the last 4 years of the previous adopted work  
386 program. By no later than 14 days after submittal of the  
387 district work program to the central office, the affected  
388 metropolitan planning organization may file an objection to such  
389 rescheduling or deletion. When an objection is filed with the  
390 secretary, the rescheduling or deletion may not be included in  
391 the district work program unless the inclusion of such  
392 rescheduling or deletion is specifically approved by the  
393 secretary. ~~The Florida Transportation Commission shall include~~  
394 ~~such objections in its evaluation of the tentative work program~~  
395 ~~only when the secretary has approved the rescheduling or~~  
396 ~~deletion.~~

397 (d) Before ~~Prior to~~ the submission of the district work  
398 program to the central office, each district office shall hold a  
399 public hearing in at least one urbanized area in the district  
400 and shall make a presentation at a meeting of each metropolitan  
401 planning organization in the district to determine the necessity  
402 of making any changes to projects included or to be included in  
403 the district work program and to hear requests for new projects  
404 to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from, the  
405 district work program. However, the district and metropolitan  
406 planning organization shall minimize changes to, deletions from,



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407 or adjustments to projects or project phases contained in the 4  
408 common years of the previous adopted work program and the  
409 district work program. The district shall provide the  
410 metropolitan planning organization with a written explanation  
411 for any project which is contained in the metropolitan planning  
412 organization's transportation improvement program and which is  
413 not included in the district work program. The metropolitan  
414 planning organization may request in writing to the appropriate  
415 district secretary further consideration of any specific project  
416 not included or not adequately addressed in the district work  
417 program. The district secretary shall acknowledge and review all  
418 such requests before ~~prior to~~ the submission of the district  
419 work program to the central office and shall forward a copy of  
420 such requests to the secretary ~~and the Florida Transportation~~  
421 ~~Commission. The commission shall include such requests in its~~  
422 ~~evaluation of the tentative work program.~~

423 (f) ~~The central office shall submit a preliminary copy of~~  
424 ~~the tentative work program to the Executive Office of the~~  
425 ~~Governor, the legislative appropriations committees, the Florida~~  
426 ~~Transportation Commission, and the Department of Economic~~  
427 ~~Opportunity at least 14 days prior to the convening of the~~  
428 ~~regular legislative session. Prior to the statewide public~~  
429 ~~hearing required by paragraph (g), the Department of Economic~~  
430 ~~Opportunity shall transmit to the Florida Transportation~~  
431 ~~Commission a list of those projects and project phases contained~~  
432 ~~in the tentative work program which are identified as being~~  
433 ~~inconsistent with approved local government comprehensive plans.~~  
434 ~~For urbanized areas of metropolitan planning organizations, the~~  
435 ~~list may not contain any project or project phase that is~~

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436 ~~scheduled in a transportation improvement program unless such~~  
437 ~~inconsistency has been previously reported to the affected~~  
438 ~~metropolitan planning organization.~~

439 ~~(g)1.~~ The department ~~Florida Transportation Commission~~  
440 shall conduct a statewide public hearing on the tentative work  
441 program and shall advertise the time, place, and purpose of the  
442 hearing in the Florida Administrative Register at least 7 days  
443 before ~~prior to~~ the hearing. As part of the statewide public  
444 hearing, the department ~~commission~~ shall, at a minimum, do both  
445 of the following:

446 ~~1.a.~~ Conduct an in-depth evaluation of the tentative work  
447 program for compliance with applicable laws and departmental  
448 policies. ~~;~~

449 ~~2.b.~~ Hear all questions, suggestions, or other comments  
450 offered by the public.

451 ~~(g)2.~~ ~~By~~ No later than 14 days before ~~after~~ the regular  
452 legislative session begins, the department ~~commission~~ shall  
453 submit the tentative work program to the Executive Office of the  
454 Governor and the legislative appropriations committees, along  
455 with a report that evaluates the tentative work program for all  
456 of the following:

457 ~~1.a.~~ Financial soundness. ~~;~~

458 ~~2.b.~~ Stability. ~~;~~

459 ~~3.c.~~ Production capacity. ~~;~~

460 ~~4.d.~~ Accomplishments, including compliance with program  
461 objectives in s. 334.046. ~~;~~

462 ~~5.e.~~ Compliance with approved local government  
463 comprehensive plans. ~~;~~

464 ~~6.f.~~ Objections and requests by metropolitan planning



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465 organizations.~~†~~

466 ~~7.g.~~ Policy changes and effects thereof.~~†~~

467 ~~8.h.~~ Identification of statewide or regional projects.~~†~~ and

468 ~~9.i.~~ Compliance with all other applicable laws.

469 ~~(h) Following evaluation by the Florida Transportation~~  
 470 ~~Commission, the department shall submit the tentative work~~  
 471 ~~program to the Executive Office of the Governor and the~~  
 472 ~~legislative appropriations committees no later than 14 days~~  
 473 ~~after the regular legislative session begins.~~

474 Section 7. Present subsection (10) of section 339.175,  
 475 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), subsection  
 476 (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraphs (b), (i), and  
 477 (j) of subsection (6), subsection (7), and present subsection  
 478 (11) are amended, and a new subsection (10) is added to that  
 479 section, to read:

480 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

481 (1) INTENT PURPOSE.—It is the intent of the Legislature to  
 482 encourage and promote the safe and efficient management,  
 483 operation, and development of multimodal surface transportation  
 484 systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight  
 485 and foster economic growth and development within and through  
 486 urbanized areas of this state while balancing conservation of  
 487 natural resources ~~minimizing transportation-related fuel~~  
 488 ~~consumption, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions through~~  
 489 ~~metropolitan transportation planning processes identified in~~  
 490 ~~this section~~. To accomplish these objectives, metropolitan  
 491 planning organizations, referred to in this section as M.P.O.'s,  
 492 shall develop, in cooperation with the state and public transit  
 493 operators, transportation plans and programs for metropolitan

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494 areas. The plans and programs for each metropolitan area must  
495 provide for the development and integrated management and  
496 operation of transportation systems and facilities, including  
497 pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities that  
498 will function as an intermodal transportation system for the  
499 metropolitan area, based upon the prevailing principles provided  
500 in s. 334.046(1). The process for developing such plans and  
501 programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of  
502 transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and  
503 comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the  
504 complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed. To  
505 ensure that the process is integrated with the statewide  
506 planning process, M.P.O.'s shall develop plans and programs that  
507 identify transportation facilities that should function as an  
508 integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis  
509 to facilities that serve important national, state, and regional  
510 transportation functions. For the purposes of this section,  
511 those facilities include the facilities on the Strategic  
512 Intermodal System designated under s. 339.63 and facilities for  
513 which projects have been identified pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).

514 (2) DESIGNATION.—

515 (a)1. An M.P.O. shall be designated for each urbanized area  
516 of the state; however, this does not require that an individual  
517 M.P.O. be designated for each such area. Such designation shall  
518 be accomplished by agreement between the Governor and units of  
519 general-purpose local government representing at least 75  
520 percent of the population of the urbanized area; however, the  
521 unit of general-purpose local government that represents the  
522 central city or cities within the M.P.O. jurisdiction, as



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523 defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, must be a  
524 party to such agreement.

525 2. To the extent possible, only one M.P.O. shall be  
526 designated for each urbanized area or group of contiguous  
527 urbanized areas. More than one M.P.O. may be designated within  
528 an existing urbanized area only if the Governor and the existing  
529 M.P.O. determine that the size and complexity of the existing  
530 urbanized area makes the designation of more than one M.P.O. for  
531 the area appropriate. After July 1, 2024, no additional M.P.O.'s  
532 shall be designated in this state except in urbanized areas, as  
533 defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, where the  
534 urbanized area boundary is not contiguous to an urbanized area  
535 designated before the 2020 census, ~~in which case each M.P.O.~~  
536 ~~designated for the area must:~~

537 a. ~~Consult with every other M.P.O. designated for the~~  
538 ~~urbanized area and the state to coordinate plans and~~  
539 ~~transportation improvement programs.~~

540 b. ~~Ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the~~  
541 ~~consistency of data used in the planning process, including data~~  
542 ~~used in forecasting travel demand within the urbanized area.~~

543  
544 Each M.P.O. required under this section must be fully operative  
545 no later than 6 months following its designation.

546 (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
547 privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
548 this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement  
549 authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts  
550 required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
551 applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It

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552 is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. be involved in  
553 the planning and programming of transportation facilities,  
554 including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-  
555 speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the  
556 extent permitted by state or federal law. An M.P.O. may not  
557 perform project production or delivery for capital improvement  
558 projects on the State Highway System.

559 (b) In developing the long-range transportation plan and  
560 the transportation improvement program required under paragraph  
561 (a), each M.P.O. shall provide for consideration of projects and  
562 strategies that will:

563 1. Support the economic vitality of the contiguous  
564 urbanized metropolitan area, especially by enabling global  
565 competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

566 2. Increase the safety and security of the transportation  
567 system for motorized and nonmotorized users.

568 3. Increase the accessibility and mobility options  
569 available to people and for freight.

570 4. Protect and enhance the environment, conserve natural  
571 resources ~~promote energy conservation~~, and improve quality of  
572 life.

573 5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the  
574 transportation system, across and between modes and contiguous  
575 urbanized metropolitan areas, for people and freight.

576 6. Promote efficient system management and operation.

577 7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing  
578 transportation system.

579 8. Improve the resilience of transportation infrastructure.

580 9. Reduce traffic and congestion.



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581 (i) By February 28, 2025 ~~December 31, 2023~~, the M.P.O.'s  
582 serving Lee and Collier ~~Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas~~  
583 Counties must submit a feasibility report to the Governor, the  
584 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
585 Representatives exploring the benefits, costs, and process of  
586 consolidation into a single M.P.O. serving the contiguous  
587 urbanized area, the goal of which would be to:

588 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be  
589 regionally significant.

590 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use  
591 decisions on the region.

592 3. Review all proposed regionally significant  
593 transportation projects in the transportation improvement  
594 programs.

595 (j)1. To more fully accomplish the purposes for which  
596 M.P.O.'s have been mandated, the department shall, at least  
597 annually, convene M.P.O.'s of similar size, based on the size of  
598 population served, for the purpose of exchanging best practices.  
599 M.P.O.'s may ~~shall~~ develop committees or working groups as  
600 needed to accomplish such purpose. At the discretion of the  
601 department, training for new M.P.O. governing board members  
602 shall be provided by the department, by an entity pursuant to a  
603 contract with the department, by the Florida Center for Urban  
604 Transportation Research, or by the Implementing Solutions from  
605 Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies (I-  
606 STREET) Living Lab ~~coordination mechanisms with one another to~~  
607 ~~expand and improve transportation within the state. The~~  
608 ~~appropriate method of coordination between M.P.O.'s shall vary~~  
609 ~~depending upon the project involved and given local and regional~~

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610 ~~needs. Consequently, it is appropriate to set forth a flexible~~  
611 ~~methodology that can be used by M.P.O.'s to coordinate with~~  
612 ~~other M.P.O.'s and appropriate political subdivisions as~~  
613 ~~circumstances demand.~~

614         2. Any M.P.O. may join with any other M.P.O. or any  
615 individual political subdivision to coordinate activities or to  
616 achieve any federal or state transportation planning or  
617 development goals or purposes consistent with federal or state  
618 law. When an M.P.O. determines that it is appropriate to join  
619 with another M.P.O. or any political subdivision to coordinate  
620 activities, the M.P.O. or political subdivision shall enter into  
621 an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01, which, at a  
622 minimum, creates a separate legal or administrative entity to  
623 coordinate the transportation planning or development activities  
624 required to achieve the goal or purpose; provides the purpose  
625 for which the entity is created; provides the duration of the  
626 agreement and the entity and specifies how the agreement may be  
627 terminated, modified, or rescinded; describes the precise  
628 organization of the entity, including who has voting rights on  
629 the governing board, whether alternative voting members are  
630 provided for, how voting members are appointed, and what the  
631 relative voting strength is for each constituent M.P.O. or  
632 political subdivision; provides the manner in which the parties  
633 to the agreement will provide for the financial support of the  
634 entity and payment of costs and expenses of the entity; provides  
635 the manner in which funds may be paid to and disbursed from the  
636 entity; and provides how members of the entity will resolve  
637 disagreements regarding interpretation of the interlocal  
638 agreement or disputes relating to the operation of the entity.



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639 Such interlocal agreement shall become effective upon its  
640 recordation in the official public records of each county in  
641 which a member of the entity created by the interlocal agreement  
642 has a voting member. Multiple M.P.O.'s may merge, combine, or  
643 otherwise join together as a single M.P.O.

644 (7) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—Each M.P.O. must  
645 develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least  
646 a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must include both long-  
647 range and short-range strategies and must comply with all other  
648 state and federal requirements. The prevailing principles to be  
649 considered in the long-range transportation plan are: preserving  
650 the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's  
651 economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure  
652 mobility. The long-range transportation plan must be consistent,  
653 to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements  
654 and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local  
655 government comprehensive plans of the units of local government  
656 located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. is  
657 encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation  
658 and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and  
659 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The approved long-range  
660 transportation plan must be considered by local governments in  
661 the development of the transportation elements in local  
662 government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto. The  
663 long-range transportation plan must, at a minimum:

664 (a) Identify transportation facilities, including, but not  
665 limited to, major roadways, airports, seaports, spaceports,  
666 commuter rail systems, transit systems, and intermodal or  
667 multimodal terminals that will function as an integrated

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668 metropolitan transportation system. The long-range  
669 transportation plan must give emphasis to those transportation  
670 facilities that serve national, statewide, or regional  
671 functions, and must consider the goals and objectives identified  
672 in the Florida Transportation Plan as provided in s. 339.155. If  
673 a project is located within the boundaries of more than one  
674 M.P.O., the M.P.O.'s must coordinate plans regarding the project  
675 in the long-range transportation plan. ~~Multiple M.P.O.'s within~~  
676 ~~a contiguous urbanized area must coordinate the development of~~  
677 ~~long-range transportation plans to be reviewed by the~~  
678 ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.~~

679 (b) Include a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan  
680 can be implemented, indicating resources from public and private  
681 sources which are reasonably expected to be available to carry  
682 out the plan, and recommends any additional financing strategies  
683 for needed projects and programs. The financial plan may  
684 include, for illustrative purposes, additional projects that  
685 would be included in the adopted long-range transportation plan  
686 if reasonable additional resources beyond those identified in  
687 the financial plan were available. For the purpose of developing  
688 the long-range transportation plan, the M.P.O. and the  
689 department shall cooperatively develop estimates of funds that  
690 will be available to support the plan implementation. Innovative  
691 financing techniques may be used to fund needed projects and  
692 programs. Such techniques may include the assessment of tolls,  
693 public-private partnerships, the use of value capture financing,  
694 or the use of value pricing. Multiple M.P.O.'s within a  
695 contiguous urbanized area must ensure, to the maximum extent  
696 possible, the consistency of data used in the planning process.



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697 (c) Assess capital investment and other measures necessary  
698 to:

699 1. Ensure the preservation of the existing metropolitan  
700 transportation system including requirements for the operation,  
701 resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of major roadways  
702 and requirements for the operation, maintenance, modernization,  
703 and rehabilitation of public transportation facilities; and

704 2. Make the most efficient use of existing transportation  
705 facilities to relieve vehicular congestion, improve safety, and  
706 maximize the mobility of people and goods. Such efforts must  
707 include, but are not limited to, consideration of infrastructure  
708 and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances  
709 in vehicle technology, such as automated driving systems and  
710 other developments.

711 (d) Indicate, as appropriate, proposed transportation  
712 enhancement activities, including, but not limited to,  
713 pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails or facilities that are  
714 regionally significant or critical linkages for the Florida  
715 Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network, scenic easements,  
716 landscaping, integration of advanced air mobility, and  
717 integration of autonomous and electric vehicles, electric  
718 bicycles, and motorized scooters used for freight, commuter, or  
719 micromobility purposes ~~historic preservation, mitigation of~~  
720 ~~water pollution due to highway runoff, and control of outdoor~~  
721 ~~advertising.~~

722 (e) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a)-(d),  
723 in metropolitan areas that are classified as nonattainment areas  
724 for ozone or carbon monoxide, the M.P.O. must coordinate the  
725 development of the long-range transportation plan with the State

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726 Implementation Plan developed pursuant to the requirements of  
727 the federal Clean Air Act.

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729 In the development of its long-range transportation plan, each  
730 M.P.O. must provide the public, affected public agencies,  
731 representatives of transportation agency employees, freight  
732 shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private  
733 providers of transportation, representatives of users of public  
734 transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable  
735 opportunity to comment on the long-range transportation plan.  
736 The long-range transportation plan must be approved by the  
737 M.P.O. and by the department as provided in subsection (10).

738 (10) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

739 (a) The department shall review each M.P.O.'s long-range  
740 transportation plan for productive flow and connectivity for  
741 people and freight within the M.P.O.'s metropolitan area. If the  
742 department finds an M.P.O.'s long-range transportation plan to  
743 be unsatisfactory or incongruent with the metropolitan area, the  
744 department shall return the plan to the M.P.O. for revision.

745 (b) The department shall create quality performance metrics  
746 and a scoring mechanism by which to evaluate each M.P.O.'s  
747 service to its communities, taking into consideration traffic  
748 congestion, the utilization rate of multimodal transportation  
749 facilities, resident satisfaction, efficiency of the  
750 transportation system for people and freight, and other factors  
751 the department deems necessary. The department shall establish a  
752 minimum acceptable quality performance score.

753 (c) Beginning in 2025, and each year thereafter, each  
754 M.P.O. shall report its score for each quality performance



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755 metric by December 1 to the district secretary and shall publish  
756 the score and supporting data on its website. The department  
757 must validate each M.P.O.'s score calculation and make  
758 adjustments thereto if necessary.

759 (d) Beginning in December 2026, and every 3 years  
760 thereafter, an M.P.O. that does not achieve the minimum  
761 acceptable quality performance score shall be placed under the  
762 control of the Secretary of Transportation. The Secretary of  
763 Transportation shall appoint the district secretary or another  
764 person to assume the role of executive director of the M.P.O.  
765 and chair of its governing board for a period not to exceed 1  
766 year, during which time the district secretary or other person  
767 shall make recommendations to the governing board regarding:

768 1. Any leadership, process, and management changes needed  
769 to improve the M.P.O.'s quality performance score.

770 2. Whether the metropolitan area of the M.P.O. would be  
771 better served by consolidation of the M.P.O. with an M.P.O. in a  
772 contiguous urbanized metropolitan area.

773 (e) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, beginning  
774 in 2026 and every 3 years thereafter, the single M.P.O. with the  
775 highest quality performance score will receive \$5 million from  
776 the State Transportation Trust Fund. Such funds shall be  
777 expended at the M.P.O.'s discretion for a project approved in  
778 its work program list. Such M.P.O. shall also represent the  
779 state in any federal M.P.O. conference or membership  
780 organization.

781 ~~(11) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.~~

782 ~~(a) A Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council~~  
783 ~~is created to augment, and not supplant, the role of the~~

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784 ~~individual M.P.O.'s in the cooperative transportation planning~~  
785 ~~process described in this section.~~

786 ~~(b) The council shall consist of one representative from~~  
787 ~~each M.P.O. and shall elect a chairperson annually from its~~  
788 ~~number. Each M.P.O. shall also elect an alternate representative~~  
789 ~~from each M.P.O. to vote in the absence of the representative.~~  
790 ~~Members of the council do not receive any compensation for their~~  
791 ~~services, but may be reimbursed from funds made available to~~  
792 ~~council members for travel and per diem expenses incurred in the~~  
793 ~~performance of their council duties as provided in s. 112.061.~~

794 ~~(c) The powers and duties of the Metropolitan Planning~~  
795 ~~Organization Advisory Council are to:~~

796 ~~1. Establish bylaws by action of its governing board~~  
797 ~~providing procedural rules to guide its proceedings and~~  
798 ~~consideration of matters before the council, or, alternatively,~~  
799 ~~adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement~~  
800 ~~provisions of law conferring powers or duties upon it.~~

801 ~~2. Assist M.P.O.'s in carrying out the urbanized area~~  
802 ~~transportation planning process by serving as the principal~~  
803 ~~forum for collective policy discussion pursuant to law.~~

804 ~~3. Serve as a clearinghouse for review and comment by~~  
805 ~~M.P.O.'s on the Florida Transportation Plan and on other issues~~  
806 ~~required to comply with federal or state law in carrying out the~~  
807 ~~urbanized area transportation and systematic planning processes~~  
808 ~~instituted pursuant to s. 339.155. The council must also report~~  
809 ~~annually to the Florida Transportation Commission on the~~  
810 ~~alignment of M.P.O. long range transportation plans with the~~  
811 ~~Florida Transportation Plan.~~

812 ~~4. Employ an executive director and such other staff as~~



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813 ~~necessary to perform adequately the functions of the council,~~  
814 ~~within budgetary limitations. The executive director and staff~~  
815 ~~are exempt from part II of chapter 110 and serve at the~~  
816 ~~direction and control of the council. The council is assigned to~~  
817 ~~the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation~~  
818 ~~for fiscal and accountability purposes, but it shall otherwise~~  
819 ~~function independently of the control and direction of the~~  
820 ~~department.~~

821 ~~5. Deliver training on federal and state program~~  
822 ~~requirements and procedures to M.P.O. board members and M.P.O.~~  
823 ~~staff.~~

824 ~~6. Adopt an agency strategic plan that prioritizes steps~~  
825 ~~the agency will take to carry out its mission within the context~~  
826 ~~of the state comprehensive plan and any other statutory mandates~~  
827 ~~and directives.~~

828 ~~(d) The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council~~  
829 ~~may enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 to~~  
830 ~~support the activities described in paragraph (c). Lobbying and~~  
831 ~~the acceptance of funds, grants, assistance, gifts, or bequests~~  
832 ~~from private, local, state, or federal sources are prohibited.~~

833 Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
834 348.0306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

835 348.0306 Purposes and powers.—

836 (2) The agency may exercise all powers necessary,  
837 appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of  
838 its purposes, including, but not limited to, the following  
839 rights and powers:

840 (e) To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect tolls,  
841 rates, fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and

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842 facilities system, which tolls, rates, fees, rentals, and other  
843 charges must always be sufficient to comply with any covenants  
844 made with the holders of any bonds secured by the net revenues  
845 of the expressway system, including any additions, extensions,  
846 or improvements thereof. However, such right and power may be  
847 assigned or delegated by the agency to the department.

848 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
849 contrary, the agency may not increase its toll rates until July  
850 1, 2029, including any increase to the extent necessary to  
851 adjust for inflation pursuant to the procedure for toll rate  
852 adjustments provided in s. 338.165, except:

853 a. As may be necessary to comply with covenants in the  
854 trust indentures or resolutions adopted in connection with the  
855 agency's bonds secured by the net revenues of the expressway  
856 system; or

857 b. On or after July 1, 2024, as approved by a supermajority  
858 vote of the governing body of the agency.

859 2. A toll rate increase must be approved by a two-thirds  
860 vote of the members of the governing body of the agency.

861 3. The amount of toll revenues used for administrative  
862 costs by the agency may not be greater than 10 percent above the  
863 annual state average of administrative costs ~~determined as~~  
864 ~~provided in this subparagraph.~~ The department ~~Florida~~  
865 ~~Transportation Commission~~ shall determine the annual state  
866 average of administrative costs based on the annual  
867 administrative costs of all the expressway authorities in this  
868 state. For purposes of this subparagraph, administrative costs  
869 include, but are not limited to, employee salaries and benefits,  
870 small business outreach, insurance, professional service



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871 contracts not directly related to the operation and maintenance  
872 of the expressway system, and other overhead costs.

873 4. There must be a distance of at least 5 miles between  
874 main through-lane tolling points. The distance requirement of  
875 this subparagraph does not apply to entry and exit ramps.  
876 However, the agency may establish toll rates such that the toll  
877 rate per mile is equal to the rates in effect on July 1, 2019.

878 Section 9. Paragraphs (j) and (m) of subsection (2) of  
879 section 110.205, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

880 110.205 Career service; exemptions.—

881 (2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not  
882 covered by this part include the following:

883 (j) The appointed secretaries and the State Surgeon  
884 General, assistant secretaries, deputy secretaries, and deputy  
885 assistant secretaries of all departments; the executive  
886 directors, assistant executive directors, deputy executive  
887 directors, and deputy assistant executive directors of all  
888 departments; the directors of all divisions and those positions  
889 determined by the department to have managerial responsibilities  
890 comparable to such positions, which positions include, but are  
891 not limited to, program directors, assistant program directors,  
892 district administrators, deputy district administrators, the  
893 Director of Central Operations Services of the Department of  
894 Children and Families, the State Transportation Development  
895 Administrator, the State Public Transportation and Modal  
896 Administrator, district secretaries, district directors of  
897 transportation development, transportation operations,  
898 transportation support, and the managers of the offices of the  
899 Department of Transportation specified in s. 20.23(2)(b) ~~s.~~

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900 ~~20.23(3)(b)~~. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall  
901 set the salary and benefits of these positions and the positions  
902 of county health department directors and county health  
903 department administrators of the Department of Health in  
904 accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.

905 (m) All assistant division director, deputy division  
906 director, and bureau chief positions in any department, and  
907 those positions determined by the department to have managerial  
908 responsibilities comparable to such positions, which include,  
909 but are not limited to:

910 1. Positions in the Department of Health and the Department  
911 of Children and Families which are assigned primary duties of  
912 serving as the superintendent or assistant superintendent of an  
913 institution.

914 2. Positions in the Department of Corrections which are  
915 assigned primary duties of serving as the warden, assistant  
916 warden, colonel, or major of an institution or that are assigned  
917 primary duties of serving as the circuit administrator or deputy  
918 circuit administrator.

919 3. Positions in the Department of Transportation which are  
920 assigned primary duties of serving as regional toll managers and  
921 managers of offices, as specified in s. 20.23(2)(b) and (3)(c)  
922 ~~s. 20.23(3)(b) and (4)(c)~~.

923 4. Positions in the Department of Environmental Protection  
924 which are assigned the duty of an Environmental Administrator or  
925 program administrator.

926 5. Positions in the Department of Health which are assigned  
927 the duties of Environmental Administrator, Assistant County  
928 Health Department Director, and County Health Department



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929 Financial Administrator.

930 6. Positions in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
931 Vehicles which are assigned primary duties of serving as  
932 captains in the Florida Highway Patrol.

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934 Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall set the  
935 salary and benefits of the positions listed in this paragraph in  
936 accordance with the rules established for the Selected Exempt  
937 Service.

938 Section 10. Subsection (14) of section 331.3051, Florida  
939 Statutes, is amended to read:

940 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

941 ~~(14) Partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization~~  
942 ~~Advisory Council to coordinate and specify how aerospace~~  
943 ~~planning and programming will be part of the state's cooperative~~  
944 ~~transportation planning process.~~

945 Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
946 331.310, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

947 331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.—

948 (2) The board of directors shall:

949 (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement  
950 to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(15) ~~s.~~

951 ~~331.3051(16)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a  
952 balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in  
953 financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity  
954 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the  
955 auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and  
956 proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the  
957 year's business, and prospects for the next year.

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958 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 339.64, Florida  
959 Statutes, is amended to read:

960 339.64 Strategic Intermodal System Plan.—

961 ~~(2) In association with the continued development of the~~  
962 ~~Strategic Intermodal System Plan, the Florida Transportation~~  
963 ~~Commission, as part of its work program review process, shall~~  
964 ~~conduct an annual assessment of the progress that the department~~  
965 ~~and its transportation partners have made in realizing the goals~~  
966 ~~of economic development, improved mobility, and increased~~  
967 ~~intermodal connectivity of the Strategic Intermodal System. The~~  
968 ~~Florida Transportation Commission shall coordinate with the~~  
969 ~~department and other appropriate entities when developing this~~  
970 ~~assessment. The Florida Transportation Commission shall deliver~~  
971 ~~a report to the Governor and Legislature no later than 14 days~~  
972 ~~after the regular session begins, with recommendations as~~  
973 ~~necessary to fully implement the Strategic Intermodal System.~~

974 Section 13. By October 31, 2024, the Department of  
975 Transportation shall submit to the Governor, the President of  
976 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a  
977 report that provides a comprehensive review of the boundaries of  
978 each of the department's districts and makes recommendations as  
979 to whether any district's boundaries should be redrawn as a  
980 result of population growth and increased urban density.

981 Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.



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### **DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #52 FOR WEEK DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2023**

District One is 12 counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota

**BARTOW, Fla.** – This weekly report is prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to inform the public about upcoming road work in Southwest Florida. Below are the work schedule and lane closure locations for major state road projects.

***Motorists are reminded to wear safety belts and drive with caution, courtesy, common sense, and patience as they travel through work zones. Remember, speeding fines are doubled in work zones.***

**As a reminder, travelers can visit [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) or dial “511” from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state. If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.**

**\*\*\* NOTE:** In observance of the holidays, construction activities are expected to be suspended Sunday, December 24, to Tuesday, January 2, 2024. \*\*\*



## LEE COUNTY

**Pine Island Road Causeway and Bridge Permanent Repairs:** Construction project: As part of the Emergency Restoration of the Pine Island Road Causeway and Bridge, crews will be working in the project boundaries along CR 78 Pine Island Road from west of Little Pine Island Bridge (Bridge No. 120111) to West of Shoreview Drive.

- **UPDATE: The contractor will begin milling on the north side of the causeway and relocating the barrier wall for ground utility installation.**
- **Crews work on desilting and drainage on the shoulders west of Matlacha Pass Bridge.**
- Please be alerted to construction equipment in the construction zone. To maintain safety, motorists should find alternate parking areas.
- Please use caution and watch for workers and construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway.
- Crews are maintaining two-lane traffic on causeway.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are not permitted within the construction zone.
- Noise from construction equipment in the area is to be expected.
- Please be patient and plan for additional travel time as it may be slower than usual in the area.

For additional information, visit the FDOT project web page at <https://www.swflroads.com/project/451937-2> or email at [shana.overhulser@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:shana.overhulser@dot.state.fl.us).

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**Sanibel Causeway Emergency Restoration:** As a part of the Emergency Restoration of the Sanibel Causeway, crews continue work on McGregor Boulevard and the Sanibel Causeway from Port Comfort Road to Sanibel Island. **The causeway islands surrounding the temporary roadway are an active work zone and are currently closed for public access, including from the water.**

**On Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22, motorists should expect paving and striping throughout the project. This may require the contractor to relocate construction equipment along the roadway.**

**Beginning Saturday, December 23, motorists should expect smoother, less restrictive travel with two, 12-foot lanes with shoulders on the majority of the Causeway.**

**Motorists should continue to expect a daily lane closure on weekdays on eastbound McGregor Boulevard between the toll plaza and Port Comfort Road for material delivery. This closure is not anticipated to affect traffic and will be removed if causing delays.**

**Through the end of the year, motorists should expect isolated flagging operations, an uneven road surface, periodic shoulder closures, workers and equipment close to the road, and numerous dump trucks entering and exiting Punta Rassa to deliver project supplies.**

Many oversized vehicles are crossing the causeway to assist with recovery efforts on the island. Please be patient as travel may be slower than usual. Bicyclists are encouraged to utilize another mode of transportation to travel the causeway and pedestrians are not permitted on the Sanibel Causeway. **MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH.**

**I-75 Wrong Way Driver at various locations:** Construction project: Crews are constructing Wrong Way Driver systems at various intersections along I-75 at the following locations: I-75 at Terminal Access Road, Daniels Parkway, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Luckett Road, and Bayshore Road.

**Motorists should expect possible shoulder closures for the remainder of the project for clean-up efforts and final inspections.**

The expected project completion is early 2024.

**I-75 at Colonial Boulevard (mile marker 136):** Construction project: Crews begin construction on the I-75 at Colonial Boulevard Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Project. Other improvements along Colonial Boulevard include a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the intersection of Six Mile Cypress Parkway/Ortiz Avenue and a Superstreet intersection at the Colonial Boulevard/Forum Boulevard intersection. I-75 will also be widened to provide an auxiliary lane in each direction from Colonial Boulevard to SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The off-ramps at Colonial Boulevard DDI and the northbound off-ramps at SR 82 will have emergency stopping sites.

**Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on I-75 and the on and off ramps at SR 884/Colonial Boulevard during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of construction.**



**Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on SR 884/Colonial Boulevard during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the construction.**

Drivers should exercise caution and be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway throughout the duration of the project. The expected completion date is mid-2024.

**SR 867/McGregor Boulevard from Cypress Lake Drive to Edinburgh Drive:**

Construction Project: FDOT crews will be providing roadway median improvements from Cypress Lake Drive to Edinburgh Drive to enhance safety for drivers when traveling on SR 867.

**No planned road closures or work being performed until January 2, 2024.**

Please proceed with caution as crews work on the roadway.

**US 41/Cleveland Avenue Wrong Way Driver at various locations:** Construction project: Crews are constructing Wrong Way Driver systems at various intersections along US 41 at the following locations: US 41 at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and First Street.

**Motorists should expect possible shoulder closures for the remainder of the project for clean-up efforts and final inspections.**

Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway. The expected project completion is early 2024.

**US 41 from South of Hickory Drive to Emerson Square Boulevard:** Construction project: Crews are resurfacing and widening the roadway along with reconstructing medians at Hickory Drive, San Carlos Boulevard, Shadow Creek Boulevard, and Harborage Drive.

**Project construction operations will be suspended Sunday, December 24 through Tuesday, December 26 and Saturday, December 30 through Tuesday, January 2, 2024 for holiday break.**

The contractor plans to work during the holiday period, on Wednesday, December 27 through Friday, December 29, 2024. Crews will be installing signalization items in the Right-of-Way at the San Carlow Boulevard intersection.

The median opening on US 41 at San Carlos Boulevard is closed for construction.

**The median opening on US 41 at Emerson Square Blvd. is closed for reconstruction.**

**No lane closures until Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Nighttime lane closures are expected to resume Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

**US 41/Cleveland Avenue from Winkler Avenue to SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard:** Crews will be installing and relocating utilities and constructing medians.

**Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures and detours on US 41/Cleveland Avenue during daytime and nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday throughout the duration of the project.**

Additional work includes installing drainage structures, pedestrian signals, upgrading signals and lighting, and resurfacing existing highway. The project will be constructed in three segments. Each segment will have most of the construction completed prior to moving to the next segment. Crews will work on the west side of the road initially and when that work is completed, they will shift to the east side of Cleveland Avenue/US 41. The expected project completion is late 2023.

**SR 884 (Colonial Boulevard) and Fowler Street:** Construction project: Crews are constructing turn lanes, drainage upgrades, signalization upgrades and milling and resurfacing at the intersection of Colonial Boulevard and Fowler Street.

**Motorists should anticipate right turn lane closures onto SR 884 (Colonial Boulevard) when traveling northbound on Fowler Street. These closures will stay in place throughout the duration of 2023.**

**Three lanes on SR 884 (Colonial Boulevard) headed eastbound will be reduced to two lanes when approaching Fowler Street.**

**No lane closures scheduled from Monday, January 25 through Monday, January 1, 2024 for holiday break.**

The expected project completion is mid-2024.

**US 41 over Caloosahatchee River Bridge Pedestrian Improvements:** Design-Build Project: Crews will construct a sidewalk along the west side of US 41 from First Street in Fort Myers to North Key Drive in North Fort Myers. This project is intended to improve pedestrian safety by modifying the existing bridges to accommodate a sidewalk on the west side of the southbound bridge. This will be accomplished by installing new outside traffic railings, connecting the two

bridge decks in the center, and restriping the lanes. A new single median barrier will separate the northbound and southbound traffic.

**Motorists should expect intermittent nighttime lane closures for guardrail installation.**

**US 41 from Bonita Beach Road to Pondella Road:** Construction project: Crews will be improving the lighting systems at the following intersections along US 41: Bonita Beach Road, Center of Bonita Springs Plaza/Boston Road, West Terry Street, South Bay Drive, Bernwood Parkway, Timberwilde Drive, Pelican Landing Parkway, Sanibel Boulevard, Constitution Boulevard, Bell Tower Road, Big Pine Way, Crystal Drive, Palm Drive, Beacon Manor Drive, South Airport Road, Boy Scout Drive, Sam's Plaza, North Airport Road, North Key Drive, Hancock Bridge Parkway, and Pondella Road.

**Motorists should expect possible intermittent lane closures during daytime hours throughout the duration of the project.**

Motorists should use caution as crews work alongside the roadway. Estimated project completion is fall 2023.

**SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard at CR 869/Summerlin Road:** There are no updates for hurricane work.

**SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard at Pine Ridge Rd:** Hurricane lan maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures while crews perform repairs to the traffic controller cabinet. Police officers will be on site to direct traffic as needed. Please use caution and expect delays while traveling through this area.

**SR 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard)/Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard to Alta Visa Avenue:** Construction project: Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week while crews perform soil boring operations to gather design criteria for upcoming improvements to the corridor.

Please use caution and expect delays while traveling through this area.

**Buckingham Road to Lee Boulevard/Colonial Boulevard:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews construct driveways. Motorists should use caution while traveling in this area.

**US 41/SR 78:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures during daytime hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while crews construct driveways in the area. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.



**SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Kingston Drive to Marion Street:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews perform maintenance to storm drains. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 78/ Pine Island Road from Donald Road to Santa Barbara Drive:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews perform shoulder repair maintenance. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**State Roadways (US 41, SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 739, SR 865, and SR 867):** Maintenance contract project: Crews are sweeping curb and gutter on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Motorists should expect slow-moving traffic and possible delays.

**SR 45/Leisure Road to Del Prado Boulevard North:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should use caution when traveling along SR 45 southbound between Leisure Road and Del Prado Boulevard South as crews will be constructing watermain lines in the area. Work will be performed during daytime hours. Project is expected to be finished by mid-2024.

**SR 82/Buckingham Road to Lee Boulevard/Colonial Boulevard:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and delays on SR 82 westbound during daytime and nighttime hours while crews pave driveways. Nighttime lane closures will take place from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 739 from Palm Avenue to Old Metro Parkway:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect drilling operations to be performed on SR 739 on the eastbound shoulder during the daytime hours. Anticipated completion date of March 2024. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 739 from Moreno Avenue to Palm Avenue:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect drilling operations to be performed on northbound and southbound lanes while traveling on SR 739 on weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anticipated completion date of March 2024. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 78 from Palm Creek Drive to Sabal Palm Drive:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect lane closures on SR 78 while traveling in the eastbound and westbound direction during the overnight/nighttime hours for widening efforts. Motorists should anticipate slow moving traffic and possible delays when traveling in the area.

**SR 80 / Palm Beach Blvd at Tarpon Street:** Maintenance Project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while contractors perform maintenance to storm water systems. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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