TECHNICAL 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
9:30 a.m.



AGENDA

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)
- 10. Information on the FDOT Project Priorities Request (Ron Gogoi)

Other Business

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

Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Mike Cook.

Roll Call

Those present introduced themselves. The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance included Rick Burris (9:32 a.m.) with Lee County Department of Community Development; Alicia Dixon with Lee County Port Authority; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Sean Kingston (9:32 a.m.) with the Collier MPO; D'Juan Harris with the Charlotte County - Punta Gorda MPO; and Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Victoria Peters with FDOT; Steve Ludwinski with Corradino; and Andy Getch with McCormick Taylor.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Chair Cook read the LeeTran report provided via email by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran which can be viewed at the following link - <u>LeeTran report</u>.

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.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

New Business

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

Mr. Matt Noble made the motion to approve the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Carl Karakos 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 The committee briefly discussed the project limits, construction funding, and Corkscrew interchange project. Chair Cook asked for a motion.

Mr. D'Juan Harris made the motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Mr. Sean Kingston seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan</u> <u>Amendments</u>

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 <u>posted to the MPO website</u>. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: <u>LRTP Amendments</u> The committee briefly discussed project programming, GIS, project limits and naming, boundaries for TIP and LRTP amendments, new legislation regarding regional coordination, funding, and documentation. Chair Cook asked for a motion.

Mr. Matt Noble made the motion to approve the LRTP Amendments. Mr. Carl Karakos 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 then 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 the Colonial/Six Mile project time frame, projects funded, coordination, CR 865 multimodal trail project, and carbon reduction allocations. Chair Cook asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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: <u>Legislation</u> The committee briefly discussed micromobility, tax caps on purchases, DUI regulations, and FDOT employee seatbelt regulations. Chair Cook asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #11 - Announcements

Ms. Barraco announced there was not a TAC meeting scheduled for December, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2024. Mr. Gogoi discussed the statewide priority list, passenger rail transportation priorities, and a possible southwest Florida regional intercity rail plan. The committee discussed a possible feasibility study, plans in other areas, possible motion to support the rail feasibility study, application time frame, rail workshop, pilot stage of program, and deadline for

submission. Mr. Gogoi suggested action to recommend MPO adopt a priority for SWFL passenger rail. The committee discussed the wording of the motion.

Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to recommend the MPO Board adoption of a priority for a SWFL passenger rail planning study. Mr. D'Juan Harris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee continued the passenger rail discussion on benefits, bus rapid transit, passenger rail destination areas, limits of passenger rail, providers, speeds, and use of I-75 corridor.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

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 10:37 a.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following link: TAC November 2, 2023

*Action Items

†May Require Action

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

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

Consistent with the TAC bylaws, a Chair and Vice-Chair are to be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. Any voting member or his or her alternate may nominate another voting member to be an officer. The current voting members of the TAC, who are eligible to serve as officers, are listed on the **attached** roster.

Nominees should be primary members who attend meetings on a regular basis. Any member who would be unable to fulfill the duties of an officer should state so before nominations are taken, or notify the staff before the meeting if you are unable to attend. Any alternate member who attends meetings regularly, who would be willing to serve as an officer, may bring a letter to the meeting from his or her agency's director, appointing him or her as the agency's primary TAC representative (in which case a new alternate should also be appointed at the same time).

LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CURRENT / VOTING MEMBERS: 19 MEETING: 1st Thursday of each month - 9:30 a.m. QUORUM: 7

Member Agency	Representative	Alternate	Alternate
Lee County			
Department of Community Development	Rick Burris		
Department of Transportation	Rob Price	Tom Marquardt	
Lee County Port Authority	Alicia Dixon	Ian Sikonia	
Lee Tran	Dawn Huff		
Lee County School Board	David Rivera	Pam Hughes	
City of Cape Coral			
Department of Community Development	Wyatt Daltry		
Department of Public Works	Laura Dodd**	Persides Zambrano	Stephanie Smith
Cape Coral Mini-Bus Service	Jodie Costello	Andrew Waeger	
City of Fort Myers			
Department of Planning	Anthony Palermo	Nicole DeVaughn	Rene Brito
Department of Engineering	Carl Karakos	Nicole Monahan	
Town of Fort Myers Beach			
	Jason Green	Jason Smalley	
City of Sanibel			
Department of Planning	Craig Chandler		
Department of Public Works	Scott Krawczuk	Oisin Dolley	
City of Bonita Springs			
Department of Public Works	Matt Feeney	Arleen Hunter	
Village of Estero			
Department of Community Development	Mary Gibbs	Matt Noble	
Department of Public Works	David Willems		
Collier MPO			
	Anne McLaughlin	Sean Kingston	Dusty Siegler
Charlotte MPO			
	D'Juan Harris	Lakshmi Gurram	Betty-Ann Sherer
SWFL Regional Planning Council	Margaret Wuerstle		
Lehigh Acres Municipal Services	Mike Cook*	David Lindsay	Bill Walker
Improvement District			

ASSOCIATE MEMBER AGENCIES (Non-Voting):

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

LEE COUNTY

Bicycle Coordinator Port Advisory Committee Community Transportation Coordinator Tourism Development Council Economic Development

CITY OF CAPE CORAL

Economic Development

STATE

Department of Environmental Protection Governor's Energy Office Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Florida Department of Transportation

REGIONAL

FL Utilities Coordinating Committee South Florida Water Management District Southwest Florida Enterprise Center

FEDERAL

Federal Highway Administration Federal Transit Administration U.S. Environmental Protection Agency U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

* Chair ** Vice-Chair Updated 10-04-2023

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, Thess 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	150,000
OPS	LF	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
Total	-	300,000	0	0	0	0	300,000

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
Total	-	70,000	0	0	0	0	70,000

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	184,657
OPS	LF	184,657	0	0	0	0	184,657
Total	_	369,314	0	0	0	0	369,314

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 24th 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 24th 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 PREVISOULY ADOPTED JUNE 2023

Staff Recommend	23 Priority	FM#	Project	From	То	Improvement Type	Length (miles)	Next Phase	PDC Estimate (in \$1,000)	
1	1	4299601	Partial Funding	for County Traffic Op	perations Center ¹				\$43.5	
2	2	1957641	Multi	-Modal Enhancement	t Box ¹				\$3,500	Lower to match commitment of SU funds for Big Carlos in FY 26, 27 & 28
3	3		Big Carlos Bridge Rep	lacement		Bridge	0.4	CST	\$5,000	\$5 million per year of SU funds for three years matched with \$10 million in SA for the bridge CST, starting in 2026
4	4	4443281	US 41 at Six Mile Cypr	ess Parkway		Intersection	1.0	PE	\$2,000	
5	5	4443214	US 41 at Bonita Beach	Road		Bypass/Intersection	1.0	ROW	<u>\$16,050</u>	
6	6	4369281	Burnt Store Road	Van Buren Pkwy	Charlotte Co/l	2L to 4L	5.5	ROW	\$24,600	
7			<u>SR 78</u>	Burnt Store Rd	NE 24th Avenue	4L to 6L	<u>7.8</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>\$10,500</u>	
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	

Notes:

¹The 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

PD&E = Project Development & Environment phase

PE = Design phase DSB = Design Build Project

ROW = Right-of-way 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



Collector



Minor Arterial



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

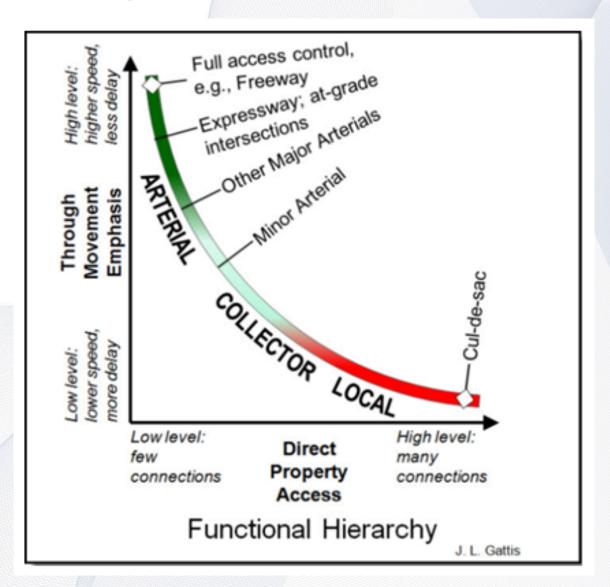


Functional Classification Categories

Five Functional Classification Categories for urban and rural roads:

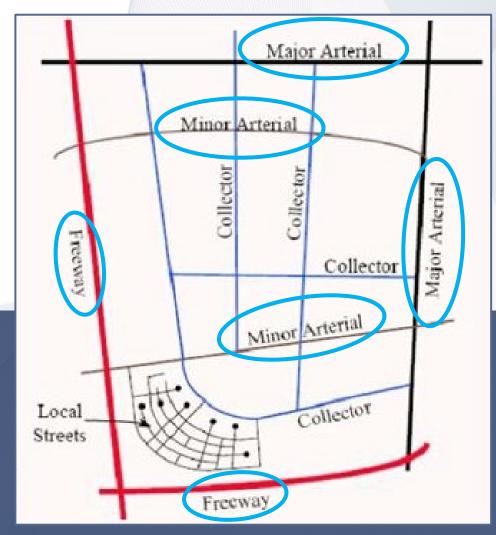
- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local

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

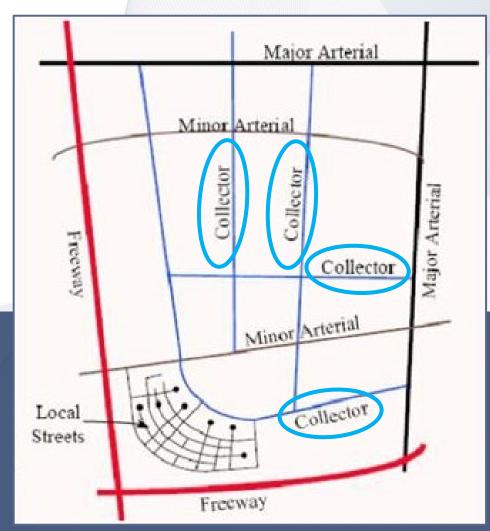
- Shorter trips and less through traffic than Principal Arterials
- Interconnect and augment higher level arterials
- More direct property access without penetrating neighborhoods
- Connect Urban Principal Arterials with Rural Collectors

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 <u>higher density</u> 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

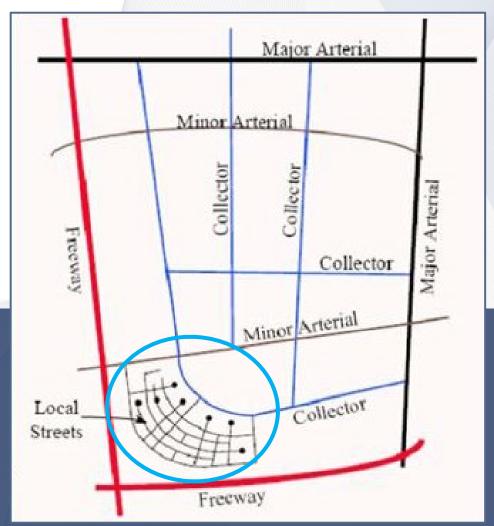
- Direct property access and traffic circulation in <u>lower density</u> residential and commercial areas
- May penetrate residential neighborhoods for <u>short distances</u>
- Channel traffic from local streets to/from arterial systems

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.

Principal Arterial	2 or more of trip purposes 1-7
Minor Arterial	Only 1 of trip purpose 1-7
Major Collector	1 or more trip purposes 8-10
Minor Collector	Trip purpose 11
Local	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



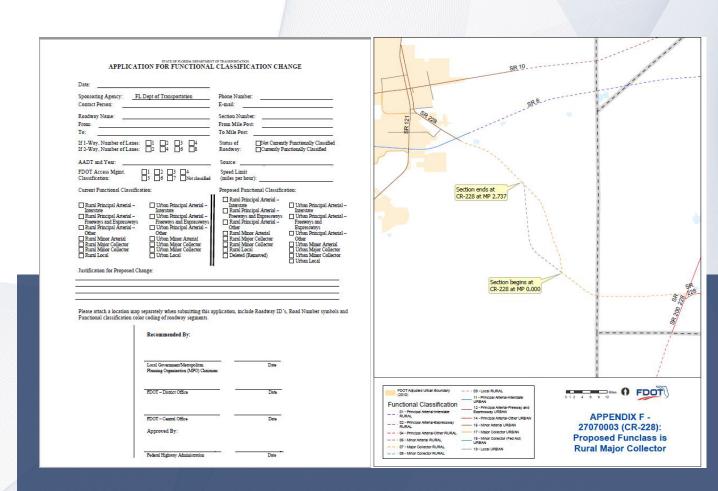
Trip Purpose 11 Access to rural diffused property use areas and lower density urban residential and commercial/industrial areas



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



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

Roadway (State Road Number)	NA			
Roadway (Local Name)	ALICO ROAD			
RIC				
From	INDY DRIVE			
From Mileposi				
To		Green is input (fill these in), Blue		
To Mileposi			rough the criteria for every single classification, some classes can be ignored based on judgement. In	
2022 AADT	47,500		only change upwards. For instance, a local may change to a collector, or a collector to an arterial, or a	
Lanes	6		it may be reasonable to change downwards, however this is rare and judgement should be used. For	
1Way or 2Way		instance, if a roadway is current	y classified as an arterial, you can ignore the criteria for local roads.	
SpeedLimit				
Existing Functional Class (RCI)				
Existing Functional Class (County)			ass, if not classified, enter "Not Classified"	
Access Management Classification	NA NA	https://gis-fdot.opendata.arcgis	s.com/datasets/access-management-tda/explore?location=27.752215½2C-83.779521½2C7.64	
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-we 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. Base on interconnection of the two major north-south throughfares (US 41 and I-75), recent and ongoing development, including major retailers and shipping centers, higher traffic volumes, and trip purposes, it is recommended to classify this corridor as an Urban Principal Arterial.			
Functional Class		AADT within range?		
Principal Arteria		No		
Minor Arteria	1011	No		
Major Collector		No		
Minor Collector		No		
Loca	0%	No		
Functional Class of Previous Segment		ipal Arterial recommended)		
Functional Class of Subsequent Segment		nor Arterial		
Trip Purposes	1	,4		
Recommended (based on above criteria and judgement)	Urban Princ	ipal Arterial		

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)				
Arterials						
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				
Colle	ectors					
Major Collector	300-2,600	1,100-6,300				
Minor Collector	150-1,100	1,100-6,300				
Local						
Local	15-400	80-700				

Defining Urban Area Boundaries

Census 2020

Finalized Urban Areas Released December 2022

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.



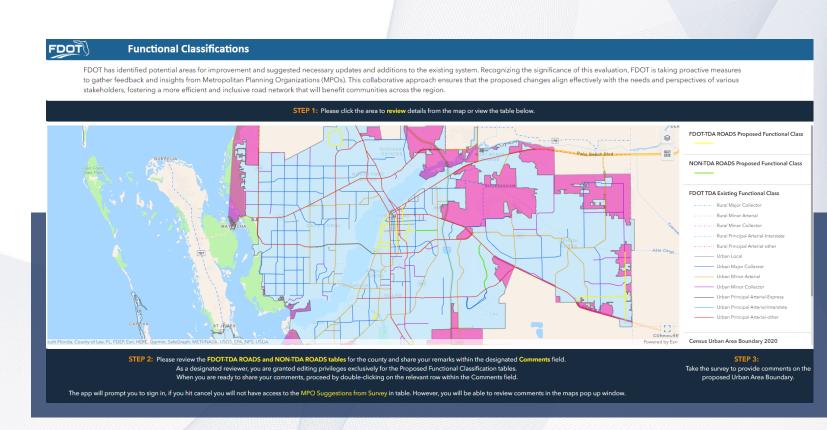
Urban Area Adjustment Considerations

- 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



Proposed Changes to Functional Classification of Currently Classified Lee County Roads

Roadway Name	From	То	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	l 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	l 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	То	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.

APPLICATION FOR FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

Sponsoring Agency: FI	L Dept of Transportation	Phone Number:		
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FDOT Access Mgmt. Classification:	□1 □2 □3 □4 □5 □6 □7 □Not classified	Speed Limit (miles per hour):		22
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	FDOT - Central Office		Date	
	FDOT - Central Office Approved By:		Date	

Process Timeline

Dec. 2022/Jan. 2023

U.S. Census Bureau/FHWA release final Urban Areas

Summer 2023

FHWA publishes list of designated TMAs

November 2023

MPOs submit apportionment plan and MPO boundary maps

December 2024

FDOT updates business systems with final smoothed/ adjusted Urban Area Boundaries and approved Functional Classification

April 2025

FDOT submission of final statewide Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification data to FHWA

May 2023

FDOT provides official notification to the Districts and MPOs to begin adjusting Urban Area Boundaries

Before Oct. 1, 2023

FDOT/MPOAC submits Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL) allocation formula to FHWA

May 2024

FDOT and FHWA finalize the smoothed/adjus ted Urban Area Boundaries

Fall 2024 - 2026

MPOs adopt 2050 LRTPs

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.

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 20.23, F.S.; deleting provisions related to appointment, powers, and duties of the Florida Transportation Commission; repealing s. 334.045, F.S., relating to transportation performance and productivity standards; amending s. 334.048, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 334.065, F.S.; revising the membership of the Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; requiring review, approval, and confirmation by the Board of Governors of certain nominations to the advisory board; amending s. 334.066, F.S.; revising the membership of the Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies (I-STREET) Living Lab advisory board; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the evaluation of the Department of Transportation's tentative work program; requiring the department to conduct the statewide public hearing thereon; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; revising legislative intent; prohibiting the designation of additional metropolitan planning organizations (M.P.O.'s) after a specified date, with an exception for certain urbanized areas; revising projects and strategies to be considered in developing an M.P.O.'s long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; requiring certain M.P.O.'s to submit to the

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

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

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

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

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

- (1)(a) The head of the Department of Transportation is the Secretary of Transportation. The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor from among three persons nominated by the Florida Transportation Commission and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- (b) The secretary shall be a proven, effective administrator who by a combination of education and experience shall clearly possess a broad knowledge of the administrative, financial, and technical aspects of the development, operation, and regulation of transportation systems and facilities or comparable systems and facilities.
- (c) The secretary shall provide to the Florida

 Transportation Commission or its staff, such assistance,
 information, and documents as are requested by the commission or
 its staff to enable the commission to fulfill its duties and
 responsibilities.
- (d) The secretary may appoint up to three assistant secretaries who shall be directly responsible to the secretary and who shall perform such duties as are assigned by the secretary. The secretary shall designate to an assistant secretary the duties related to enhancing economic prosperity,

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

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

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

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

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

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area of the state.

- 4. The commission is assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation for administrative and fiscal accountability purposes, but it shall otherwise function independently of the control and direction of the department.
 - (b) The commission shall:
- 1. Recommend major transportation policies for the Governor's approval and assure that approved policies and any revisions are properly executed.
- 2. Periodically review the status of the state transportation system, including highway, transit, rail, seaport, intermodal development, and aviation components of the system, and recommend improvements to the Governor and the Legislature.
- 3. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the annual department budget request, the Florida Transportation Plan, and the tentative work program for compliance with all applicable laws and established departmental policies. Except as specifically provided in s. 339.135(4)(c)2., (d), and (f), the commission may not consider individual construction projects but shall consider methods of accomplishing the goals of the department in the most effective, efficient, and businesslike manner.
- 4. Monitor the financial status of the department on a regular basis to assure that the department is managing revenue and bond proceeds responsibly and in accordance with law and established policy.
- 5. Monitor on at least a quarterly basis the efficiency, productivity, and management of the department using performance

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

- 6. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the factors causing disruption of project schedules in the adopted work program and recommend to the Governor and the Legislature methods to eliminate or reduce the disruptive effects of these factors.
- 7. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature improvements to the department's organization in order to streamline and optimize the efficiency of the department. In reviewing the department's organization, the commission shall determine if the current district organizational structure is responsive to this state's changing economic and demographic development patterns. The report by the commission must be delivered to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15 each year, as appropriate. The commission may retain experts as necessary to carry out this subparagraph, and the department shall pay the expenses of the experts.
- 8. Monitor the efficiency, productivity, and management of the agencies and authorities created under chapters 348 and 349; the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority re-created pursuant to chapter 2000-411, Laws of Florida; and any authority formed under chapter 343. The commission shall also conduct periodic reviews of each agency's and authority's operations and budget, acquisition of property, management of revenue and bond proceeds, and compliance with applicable laws and generally accepted accounting principles.
- (c) The commission or a member thereof may not enter into the day-to-day operation of the department or a monitored authority and is specifically prohibited from taking part in:

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1. The awarding of contracts.

- 2. The selection of a consultant or contractor or the prequalification of any individual consultant or contractor.

 However, the commission may recommend to the secretary standards and policies governing the procedure for selection and prequalification of consultants and contractors.
 - 3. The selection of a route for a specific project.
 - 4. The specific location of a transportation facility.
 - 5. The acquisition of rights-of-way.
- 6. The employment, promotion, demotion, suspension, transfer, or discharge of any department personnel.
- 7. The granting, denial, suspension, or revocation of any license or permit issued by the department.
- (d)1. The chair of the commission shall be selected by the commission members and shall serve a 1-year term.
- 2. The commission shall hold a minimum of 4 regular meetings annually, and other meetings may be called by the chair upon giving at least 1 week's notice to all members and the public pursuant to chapter 120. Other meetings may also be held upon the written request of at least four other members of the commission, with at least 1 week's notice of such meeting being given to all members and the public by the chair pursuant to chapter 120. Emergency meetings may be held without notice upon the request of all members of the commission. At each meeting of the commission, the secretary or his or her designee shall submit a report of major actions taken by him or her as the official representative of the department.
- 3. A majority of the membership of the commission constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the commission. An action

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

- 4. The chair shall cause to be made a complete record of the proceedings of the commission, which record shall be open for public inspection.
- (e) The meetings of the commission shall be held in the central office of the department in Tallahassee unless the chair determines that special circumstances warrant meeting at another location.
- (f) Members of the commission are entitled to per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.
- (g) A member of the commission may not have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract, franchise, privilege, or other benefit granted or awarded by the department during the term of his or her appointment and for 2 years after the termination of such appointment.
- (h) The commission shall appoint an executive director and assistant executive director, who shall serve under the direction, supervision, and control of the commission. The executive director, with the consent of the commission, shall employ such staff as are necessary to perform adequately the functions of the commission, within budgetary limitations. All employees of the commission are exempt from part II of chapter 110 and shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The salaries and benefits of all employees of the commission shall be set in accordance with the Selected Exempt Service; provided,

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

- (i) The commission shall develop a budget pursuant to chapter 216. The budget is not subject to change by the department, but such budget shall be submitted to the Governor along with the budget of the department.
- (2)(3)(a) The central office shall establish departmental policies, rules, procedures, and standards and shall monitor the implementation of such policies, rules, procedures, and standards in order to ensure uniform compliance and quality performance by the districts and central office units that implement transportation programs. Major transportation policy initiatives or revisions shall be submitted to the commission for review.
- Section 2. <u>Section 334.045</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is repealed</u>. Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 334.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 334.048 Legislative intent with respect to department management accountability and monitoring systems.—The department shall implement the following accountability and monitoring systems to evaluate whether the department's goals are being accomplished efficiently and cost-effectively, and ensure compliance with all laws, rules, policies, and procedures related to the department's operations:
- (1) The Transportation Commission shall monitor those aspects of the department's operations as assigned in s. 20.23.
- Such systems are herein established to quickly identify and

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

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

334.065 Center for Urban Transportation Research.-

- (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically and objectively review and advise the center concerning its research program. Except for projects mandated by law, state-funded base projects shall not be undertaken without approval of the advisory board. The membership of the board shall consist of nine experts in transportation-related areas, as follows:
 - (a) A member appointed by the President of the Senate.
- (b) A member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.
- (d) The Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee.

 including the secretaries of the Department of Transportation,
 the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department
 of Economic Opportunity, or their designees, and a member of the
 Florida Transportation Commission. The nomination of the
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- (e) Five members commended of the board shall be made to the President of the University of South Florida by the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida., and The appointment of these members must be reviewed, and approved, by the Florida Transportation Commission and confirmed by the Board of Governors.
- Section 5. Paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (3) of section 334.066, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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334.066 Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies Living Lab.—

- (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically review and advise I-STREET concerning its research program. The board shall consist of nine members with expertise in transportation-related areas, as follows:
- (d) The Secretary of Commerce Opportunity or his or her designee.
 - (e) A member of the Florida Transportation Commission.
- (f) Five Four members nominated by the University of Florida's College of Engineering and approved by the university's president. The College of Engineering's nominees may include representatives of the University of Florida, other academic and research institutions, or private entities.
- Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (4) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—
- (2) SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST AND REQUEST FOR LIST OF ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—
- (a) The department shall file the legislative budget request in the manner required by chapter 216, setting forth the department's proposed revenues and expenditures for operational and fixed capital outlay needs to accomplish the objectives of the department in the ensuing fiscal year. The right-of-way, construction, preliminary engineering, maintenance, and all grants and aids programs of the department shall be set forth only in program totals. The legislative budget request must

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

- (4) FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.-
- (c)1. For purposes of this section, the board of county commissioners shall serve as the metropolitan planning organization in those counties which are not located in a metropolitan planning organization and shall be involved in the development of the district work program to the same extent as a metropolitan planning organization.
- 2. The district work program shall be developed cooperatively from the outset with the various metropolitan planning organizations of the state and include, to the maximum extent feasible, the project priorities of metropolitan planning organizations which have been submitted to the district by August 1 of each year pursuant to s. 339.175(8)(b); however, the department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in writing, cooperatively agree to vary this submittal date. To assist the metropolitan planning organizations in developing their lists of project priorities, the district shall disclose to each metropolitan planning organization any anticipated changes in the allocation or programming of state and federal funds which may affect the inclusion of metropolitan planning

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organization project priorities in the district work program.

- 3. Before submittal of the district work program to the central office, the district shall provide the affected metropolitan planning organization with written justification for any project proposed to be rescheduled or deleted from the district work program which project is part of the metropolitan planning organization's transportation improvement program and is contained in the last 4 years of the previous adopted work program. By no later than 14 days after submittal of the district work program to the central office, the affected metropolitan planning organization may file an objection to such rescheduling or deletion. When an objection is filed with the secretary, the rescheduling or deletion may not be included in the district work program unless the inclusion of such rescheduling or deletion is specifically approved by the secretary. The Florida Transportation Commission shall include such objections in its evaluation of the tentative work program only when the secretary has approved the rescheduling or deletion.
- (d) <u>Before</u> Prior to the submission of the district work program to the central office, each district office shall hold a public hearing in at least one urbanized area in the district and shall make a presentation at a meeting of each metropolitan planning organization in the district to determine the necessity of making any changes to projects included or to be included in the district work program and to hear requests for new projects to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from, the district work program. However, the district and metropolitan planning organization shall minimize changes to, deletions from,

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

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

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

shall conduct a statewide public hearing on the tentative work program and shall advertise the time, place, and purpose of the hearing in the Florida Administrative Register at least 7 days before prior to the hearing. As part of the statewide public hearing, the department commission shall, at a minimum, do both of the following:

 $\underline{\text{1.a.}}$ Conduct an in-depth evaluation of the tentative work program for compliance with applicable laws and departmental policies.; and

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

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

1.a. Financial soundness.;

2.b. Stability.

3.c. Production capacity.;

 $\underline{\text{4.d.}}$ Accomplishments, including compliance with program objectives in s. 334.046.

 $\underline{5.e.}$ Compliance with approved local government comprehensive plans.

6.f. Objections and requests by metropolitan planning

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- 7.g. Policy changes and effects thereof.;
- 8.h. Identification of statewide or regional projects.; and
- 9.i. Compliance with all other applicable laws.
 - (h) Following evaluation by the Florida Transportation Commission, the department shall submit the tentative work program to the Executive Office of the Governor and the legislative appropriations committees no later than 14 days after the regular legislative session begins.

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

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.-

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

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

(2) DESIGNATION. -

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

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

- 2. To the extent possible, only one M.P.O. shall be designated for each urbanized area or group of contiguous urbanized areas. More than one M.P.O. may be designated within an existing urbanized area only if the Governor and the existing M.P.O. determine that the size and complexity of the existing urbanized area makes the designation of more than one M.P.O. for the area appropriate. After July 1, 2024, no additional M.P.O.'s shall be designated in this state except in urbanized areas, as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, where the urbanized area boundary is not contiguous to an urbanized area designated before the 2020 census, in which case each M.P.O. designated for the area must:
- a. Consult with every other M.P.O. designated for the urbanized area and the state to coordinate plans and transportation improvement programs.
- b. Ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the consistency of data used in the planning process, including data used in forecasting travel demand within the urbanized area.
- Each M.P.O. required under this section must be fully operative no later than 6 months following its designation.
- (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers, privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It

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

- (b) In developing the long-range transportation plan and the transportation improvement program required under paragraph (a), each M.P.O. shall provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will:
- 1. Support the economic vitality of the contiguous urbanized metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- 2. Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users.
- 3. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight.
- 4. Protect and enhance the environment, <u>conserve natural</u> <u>resources</u> <u>promote energy conservation</u>, and improve quality of life.
- 5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes and contiguous urbanized metropolitan areas, for people and freight.
 - 6. Promote efficient system management and operation.
- 7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
 - 8. Improve the resilience of transportation infrastructure.
 - 9. Reduce traffic and congestion.

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

- 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be regionally significant.
- 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use decisions on the region.
- 3. Review all proposed regionally significant transportation projects in the transportation improvement programs.
- (j)1. To more fully accomplish the purposes for which M.P.O.'s have been mandated, the department shall, at least annually, convene M.P.O.'s of similar size, based on the size of population served, for the purpose of exchanging best practices.

 M.P.O.'s may shall develop committees or working groups as needed to accomplish such purpose. At the discretion of the department, training for new M.P.O. governing board members shall be provided by the department, by an entity pursuant to a contract with the department, by the Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research, or by the Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies (I-STREET) Living Lab coordination mechanisms with one another to expand and improve transportation within the state. The appropriate method of coordination between M.P.O.'s shall vary depending upon the project involved and given local and regional

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

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

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

- (7) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.-Each M.P.O. must develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must include both longrange and short-range strategies and must comply with all other state and federal requirements. The prevailing principles to be considered in the long-range transportation plan are: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure mobility. The long-range transportation plan must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. is encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The approved long-range transportation plan must be considered by local governments in the development of the transportation elements in local government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto. The long-range transportation plan must, at a minimum:
- (a) Identify transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, major roadways, airports, seaports, spaceports, commuter rail systems, transit systems, and intermodal or multimodal terminals that will function as an integrated

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

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

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

- 1. Ensure the preservation of the existing metropolitan transportation system including requirements for the operation, resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of major roadways and requirements for the operation, maintenance, modernization, and rehabilitation of public transportation facilities; and
- 2. Make the most efficient use of existing transportation facilities to relieve vehicular congestion, improve safety, and maximize the mobility of people and goods. Such efforts must include, but are not limited to, consideration of infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances in vehicle technology, such as automated driving systems and other developments.
- (d) Indicate, as appropriate, proposed transportation enhancement activities, including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails or facilities that are regionally significant or critical linkages for the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network, scenic easements, landscaping, integration of advanced air mobility, and integration of autonomous and electric vehicles, electric bicycles, and motorized scooters used for freight, commuter, or micromobility purposes historic preservation, mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff, and control of outdoor advertising.
- (e) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a)-(d), in metropolitan areas that are classified as nonattainment areas for ozone or carbon monoxide, the M.P.O. must coordinate the development of the long-range transportation plan with the State

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

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

(10) ACCOUNTABILITY.

- (a) The department shall review each M.P.O.'s long-range transportation plan for productive flow and connectivity for people and freight within the M.P.O.'s metropolitan area. If the department finds an M.P.O.'s long-range transportation plan to be unsatisfactory or incongruent with the metropolitan area, the department shall return the plan to the M.P.O. for revision.
- (b) The department shall create quality performance metrics and a scoring mechanism by which to evaluate each M.P.O.'s service to its communities, taking into consideration traffic congestion, the utilization rate of multimodal transportation facilities, resident satisfaction, efficiency of the transportation system for people and freight, and other factors the department deems necessary. The department shall establish a minimum acceptable quality performance score.
- (c) Beginning in 2025, and each year thereafter, each M.P.O. shall report its score for each quality performance

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

- (d) Beginning in December 2026, and every 3 years thereafter, an M.P.O. that does not achieve the minimum acceptable quality performance score shall be placed under the control of the Secretary of Transportation. The Secretary of Transportation shall appoint the district secretary or another person to assume the role of executive director of the M.P.O. and chair of its governing board for a period not to exceed 1 year, during which time the district secretary or other person shall make recommendations to the governing board regarding:
- 1. Any leadership, process, and management changes needed to improve the M.P.O.'s quality performance score.
- 2. Whether the metropolitan area of the M.P.O. would be better served by consolidation of the M.P.O. with an M.P.O. in a contiguous urbanized metropolitan area.
- (e) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, beginning in 2026 and every 3 years thereafter, the single M.P.O. with the highest quality performance score will receive \$5 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund. Such funds shall be expended at the M.P.O.'s discretion for a project approved in its work program list. Such M.P.O. shall also represent the state in any federal M.P.O. conference or membership organization.
 - (11) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.
- (a) A Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council is created to augment, and not supplant, the role of the

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

- (b) The council shall consist of one representative from each M.P.O. and shall elect a chairperson annually from its number. Each M.P.O. shall also elect an alternate representative from each M.P.O. to vote in the absence of the representative. Members of the council do not receive any compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed from funds made available to council members for travel and per diem expenses incurred in the performance of their council duties as provided in s. 112.061.
- (c) The powers and duties of the Metropolitan Planning
 Organization Advisory Council are to:
- 1. Establish bylaws by action of its governing board providing procedural rules to guide its proceedings and consideration of matters before the council, or, alternatively, adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of law conferring powers or duties upon it.
- 2. Assist M.P.O.'s in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process by serving as the principal forum for collective policy discussion pursuant to law.
- 3. Serve as a clearinghouse for review and comment by M.P.O.'s on the Florida Transportation Plan and on other issues required to comply with federal or state law in carrying out the urbanized area transportation and systematic planning processes instituted pursuant to s. 339.155. The council must also report annually to the Florida Transportation Commission on the alignment of M.P.O. long-range transportation plans with the Florida Transportation Plan.
 - 4. Employ an executive director and such other staff as

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

- 5. Deliver training on federal and state program requirements and procedures to M.P.O. board members and M.P.O. staff.
- 6. Adopt an agency strategic plan that prioritizes steps the agency will take to carry out its mission within the context of the state comprehensive plan and any other statutory mandates and directives.
- (d) The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council may enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 to support the activities described in paragraph (c). Lobbying and the acceptance of funds, grants, assistance, gifts, or bequests from private, local, state, or federal sources are prohibited.
- Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 348.0306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 348.0306 Purposes and powers.-
- (2) The agency may exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of its purposes, including, but not limited to, the following rights and powers:
- (e) To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect tolls, rates, fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and

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

- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the agency may not increase its toll rates until July 1, 2029, including any increase to the extent necessary to adjust for inflation pursuant to the procedure for toll rate adjustments provided in s. 338.165, except:
- a. As may be necessary to comply with covenants in the trust indentures or resolutions adopted in connection with the agency's bonds secured by the net revenues of the expressway system; or
- b. On or after July 1, 2024, as approved by a supermajority vote of the governing body of the agency.
- 2. A toll rate increase must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the governing body of the agency.
- 3. The amount of toll revenues used for administrative costs by the agency may not be greater than 10 percent above the annual state average of administrative costs determined as provided in this subparagraph. The department Florida

 Transportation Commission shall determine the annual state average of administrative costs based on the annual administrative costs of all the expressway authorities in this state. For purposes of this subparagraph, administrative costs include, but are not limited to, employee salaries and benefits, small business outreach, insurance, professional service

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

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

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

110.205 Career service; exemptions.-

- (2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not covered by this part include the following:
- (j) The appointed secretaries and the State Surgeon General, assistant secretaries, deputy secretaries, and deputy assistant secretaries of all departments; the executive directors, assistant executive directors, deputy executive directors, and deputy assistant executive directors of all departments; the directors of all divisions and those positions determined by the department to have managerial responsibilities comparable to such positions, which positions include, but are not limited to, program directors, assistant program directors, district administrators, deputy district administrators, the Director of Central Operations Services of the Department of Children and Families, the State Transportation Development Administrator, the State Public Transportation and Modal Administrator, district secretaries, district directors of transportation development, transportation operations, transportation support, and the managers of the offices of the Department of Transportation specified in s. 20.23(2)(b) s.

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

- (m) All assistant division director, deputy division director, and bureau chief positions in any department, and those positions determined by the department to have managerial responsibilities comparable to such positions, which include, but are not limited to:
- 1. Positions in the Department of Health and the Department of Children and Families which are assigned primary duties of serving as the superintendent or assistant superintendent of an institution.
- 2. Positions in the Department of Corrections which are assigned primary duties of serving as the warden, assistant warden, colonel, or major of an institution or that are assigned primary duties of serving as the circuit administrator or deputy circuit administrator.
- 3. Positions in the Department of Transportation which are assigned primary duties of serving as regional toll managers and managers of offices, as specified in $\underline{s. 20.23(2)(b)}$ and $\underline{(3)(c)}$ $\underline{s. 20.23(3)(b)}$ and $\underline{(4)(c)}$.
- 4. Positions in the Department of Environmental Protection which are assigned the duty of an Environmental Administrator or program administrator.
- 5. Positions in the Department of Health which are assigned the duties of Environmental Administrator, Assistant County Health Department Director, and County Health Department

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Financial Administrator.

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

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

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

331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

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

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

331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.-

- (2) The board of directors shall:
- (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement to the annual report required under $\underline{s.\ 331.3051(15)}\ \underline{s.}\ 331.3051(16)$. The report must include, but not be limited to, a balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the year's business, and prospects for the next year.

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

339.64 Strategic Intermodal System Plan.-

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

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

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

INFORMATION ON THE FDOT PROJECT PRIORITIES REQUEST

Discussion Item: Provide information on the project priority request

timelines, forms, and potential projects.

The FDOT staff sent out project priority requests and the letter and forms are attached. Staff will provide an overview of the timeline and discuss potential projects.



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December 6, 2023

Chair Cecil Pendergrass

Attn: Donald Scott, Executive Director
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Re: Request for Transportation Project Priorities Fiscal Year 2029/2030

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

Each year the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) coordinates the development of the Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program with the Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations (MPO/TPO) within District One. Project and scope development are essential in the process of accurately programming projects with our partner agencies, therefore by way of this letter, it is requested your agency begin the annual process of identifying projects for submission. The Department requests that the following be submitted by the deadlines noted below.

A preliminary list of priority projects March 29, 2024 Final approved list of priority projects June 28, 2024

Please submit Congestion Management (CMS) and Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) applications to your District 1 liaison no later than **March 29, 2024**.

As a reminder, only Transportation Alternative (TA) applications are required to be submitted through GAP. These applications are due by **March 29, 2024**.

District staff will review the information provided for completeness and funding eligibility. Once all information and data has been received, staff will coordinate further evaluation for constructability. A considerable amount of coordination is essential to developing an

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accurate scope and cost estimate for each project and staff will closely communicate with MPO/TPO staff, as well as local government contacts, throughout the process.

Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes require MPO/TPOs to develop and submit an annual list of priority projects based upon project selection criteria which considers the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), its connectors, other regionally significant facilities, and the following:

- 1. An approved MPO/TPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- 2. The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan
- 3. Transportation management system procedures
- 4. MPO/TPO public involvement process

Generally, priorities will be considered for programming in Fiscal Year 2029/2030 unless an opportunity arises to fund a project or project phase earlier. A final adopted/approved list of priority projects must be submitted to FDOT by June 28, 2024, at which time further consideration for programming and funding will be evaluated as the Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program is developed over the summer/fall time frame.

For modal programs, FDOT staff will contact transit, aviation, and port managers directly to request submissions for new projects. While MPO/TPOs are not required to prioritize modal program projects, it is important for modal agencies to share their priorities and continue to coordinate with their MPO/TPO.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and participation in the FDOT Work Program development process. For additional information regarding this program please contact:

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District One Priority Project Information Packet

Please fill out this application completely. Please ensure all attachments are LEGIBLE Applications containing insufficient information will not be reviewed by the FDOT.

Name of Applying Agency: Click here to en	iter text.		
Project Name: Click here to enter text.			
Project Category:			
Congestion Management	TRIP □	CIGP □	
Transportation Alternative ☐ Transi	t/Modal □		
For more information on State Grant Progra	ams (CIGP, SCOP, SC	RAP, TRIP) <u>pleas</u> e	e click here
Is applicant LAP certified?	Yes □	No □	
Is project on State Highway System? If the project is off the state system and the programmed as a LAP project.	Yes □ applicant is LAP certif		be
Is the roadway on the Federal Aid Eligibl If yes, provide Federal Aid roadway number If no, give local jurisdiction: Click here to ente	r: Click here to enter text		
Detailed Project Limits/Location: Describe begin and end points of project, E north or west to east. Include jurisdiction map. Click here to enter text.			
Discuss how this project is consistent we Plan? Page Number (attach page from LRTP): Click		ng Range Transpo	ortation
Discuss the project in the local jurisdicti	on's Capital Improve	ment Plan?	

Project Description Phase(s) requested: Planning Study □ PD&E □ PE \square ROW □ CST □ CEI 🗆 Project cost estimates by phase (Please include detailed cost estimate and documentation in back-up information): Phase Estimated Matching Local Fund Type of Match (PD&E, ROW, PE, **Funds Requested** Total Cost Local Funds (Cash, in-kind) Source CST) [Fund Source] [Phase] [Number] [Number] [Number] [Match Type] [Phase] [Number] [Number] [Number] [Fund Source] [Match Type] [Phase] [Number] [Number] [Number] [Fund Source] [Match Type] [Phase] [Number] [Number] [Number] [Fund Source] [Match Type] Total Project Cost: \$ [Number] Project Details: Clearly describe the existing conditions and the proposed project and desired improvements in detail. Please provide studies, documentation, etc., completed to-date to support or justify the proposed improvements. Include labeled photos and maps. (Add additional pages if needed): Click here to enter text. **Constructability Review** For items 2-9 provide labeled and dated photos (add additional pages if needed) 1. Discuss other projects (ex. drainage, utility, etc.) programmed (local, state or federal) within the limits of this project? Click here to enter text. 2. Does the applicant have an adopted ADA transition plan? Yes □ No □ Identify areas within the project limits that will require ADA retrofit. (Include GIS coordinates for stops and labeled photos and/or map.) Click here to enter text. 3. Is there a rail crossing along the project? Yes No □ What is the Rail MP? Enter MP

4. Are there any transit stops/shelters/amenities within the project limits? Yes \Box No \Box

How many? Click here to enter text.

Stop ID number: Click here to enter text.

5.	Is the project within 10-miles of an airport? Yes \square No \square						
6.	Coordinate with local transit and discuss improvements needed or requested for bus stops? (add additional pages if needed): Click here to enter text.						
7.	Are turn lanes being added? Yes □ No □						
	If yes, provide traffic counts, length, and location of involved turn lanes. Click here to enter text.						
8.	 Drainage structures: Number of culverts or pipes currently in place: Click here to enter text. 						
	Discuss lengths and locations of each culvert along the roadway: Click here to enter text.						
	 Discuss the disposition of each culvert and inlet. Which culverts are "to remain" and which are to be replaced, upgraded, or extended? Click here to enter text. 						
	 Discuss drainage ditches to be filled in? (Discuss limits and quantify fill in cubic yards) Click here to enter text. 						
	 Describe the proposed conveyances system (add additional pages if needed.) Click here to enter text. 						
	• Are there any existing permitted stormwater management facilities/ponds within the project limits? Yes \Box No \Box						
	If yes, provide the location and permit number (add additional pages if needed) Click here to enter text.						
	Discuss proposed stormwater management permits needed for the improvements. Click here to enter text.						
	 List specific utilities within project limits and describe any potential conflicts (add additional pages if needed): Click here to enter text. 						
	Discuss Bridges within project limits? Click here to enter text.						
	 Can bridges accommodate proposed improvements? Yes No If no, what bridge improvements are proposed? (Offset and dimensions of the improvements, add additional pages if needed): Click here to enter text. 						

9.	Has Right-of-way (ROW), easements, or ROW activity already been performed/acquired for the proposed improvements? If yes, please provide documentation					
	Yes □ No □					
	If ROW or Easements are needed detail expected area of need (acreage needed, ownership status): Click here to enter text.					
10.	. Discuss required permits (ERP, Drainage, Driveway, Right of Way, etc.): Click here to enter text.					
	If none are needed, state the qualified exemption: Click here to enter text.					
11.	. Are there any wetlands within the project limits? Yes \square No \square					
	If yes, list the type of wetlands, estimated acreage and if mitigation will be required. Please note whether the project is within the geographic service area of any approved mitigation banks. Provide any additional information: Click here to enter text.					
12.	. Are there any federal or state listed/protected species within the project limits? Yes \square No \square					
	If yes, list the species and what, if any mitigation or coordination will be necessary: Click here to enter text.					
	If yes, discuss critical habitat within the project limits: Click here to enter text.					
13.	. Discuss whether any prior reviews or surveys have been completed for historical and archaeological resources (include year, project, results) Click here to enter text.					
14.	. Are any Recreational, historical properties or resources covered under section 4(f) property within the project limits? Yes □ No □ (Provide details) Click here to enter text.					
15.	Discuss whether any prior reviews or surveys have been completed for sites/facilities which may have potential contamination involvement with the proposed improvements. This should include a discussion of locations which may directly impact the project location, or be which may be exacerbated by the construction of the proposed improvements. Click here to enter text.					

16. Are lighting improvements requested as part of this project?	Yes □	No □
Please provide a lighting justification report for the proposed light	ghting.	
Click here to enter text.		
17. Is a mid-block crossing proposed as part of the project?	Yes □	No □
If yes, please provide the justification for mid-block crossing.		
Click here to enter text.		

Required Attachments

- A. Detailed Project Scope with Project Location Map with sufficient level of detail (Please include typical section of proposed improvements)
- B. Project Photos dated and labeled (this is important!)
- C. Detailed Cost Estimates including Pay Items
- D. LRTP and Local CIP page
- E. Survey/As-builts/ROW documentation/Utility/Drainage information
- F. Detailed breakdown of ROW costs included in estimate (if ROW is needed/included in request or estimate)

Applicant Contact Information

Mailing Address: Click have to enter text	
Mailing Address: Click here to enter text. Contact Name and Title: Click here to ent	ar tayt
Email: Click here to enter text.	
Signature:	Date:
Your signature indicates that the information	included with this application is accurate.
Maintaining Agency:	
Contact Name and Title: Click here to ent	er text.
Email: Click here to enter text.	Phone: Click here to enter text.
Signature:	Date:
Your signature serves as a commitment from	m your agency to maintain the facility requested.
MPO/TPO:	
Contact Name and Title: Click here to enter	text
Email: Click here to enter text.	
Signature:	Date:
Your signature confirms the request project	is consistent with all MPO/TPO plans and
documents, is eligible, and indicates MPO/T	PO support for the project.



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TA) FUNDING APPLICATION

A continuation of the Surface Transportation Block Grant, TA funding is by contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund, subject to the overall federal-aid obligation limitation determined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Projects must support surface transportation, be competitively solicited, and comply with the provisions of the FDOT Work Program Instructions and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) [§ 11109; 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 133(h)]. District representatives may be contacted for guidance.

PART 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Applicant Agency Sponsor Type. Select the box indicating the agency of the person who can answer questions about this project proposal. Then complete applicable text fields. Note: State-recognized non-profit agencies may partner with an eligible governmental entity but are not eligible as a direct grant recipient.

Checkbox next to each of the following types of agencies that do not indicate text field. Document allows one selection.

Local government (e.g., county, city, village, town, etc.).

Regional transportation authority or transit agency.

Natural resource or public land agency.

School district, local education agency, or school (may include any public or nonprofit private school). Projects should benefit the public and not just a private entity.

Recognized Tribal Government.

Other local or regional governmental entity with oversight responsibility for transportation or recreational trails, consistent with the goals of 23 U.S.C. 133(h).

Metropolitan / Transportation Planning Organization / Agency (collectively MPO) (only for urbanized areas with less than 200,000 population).

FDOT (only by request of another eligible entity, then enter the requesting entity). If "checked", enter the requesting entity in the space provided. (Word limit 5)

- 2. Agency name of the applicant. (Word limit 5).
- 3. Agency contact person's name and title. (Word limit 5).
- 4. Agency contact person's telephone number and email address. (Word limit 5).



PART 2 – LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) CERTIFICATION

LAP is FDOT's primary mechanism to provide governmental subrecipients with federal funds to develop transportation infrastructure facilities through cost-reimbursement (grant) agreements. This legal instrument (the grant agreement) will describe intergovernmental tasks to be accomplished and the funds to be reimbursed for selected projects. The FDOT Local Programs Manual and FDOT Procedure 525-010-300 provides details for local agencies to complete a certification process that is a risk-based assessment evaluating whether they have sufficient qualifications and abilities "to undertake and satisfactorily complete the work" for infrastructure projects. Non-profit organizations are not eligible for LAP certification, local agencies are not eligible for certification of Project Development and Environment (PD&E) or Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition phases. FDOT is required to provide oversight on fee-simple and less-than-fee ROW acquisition phases, including license agreements, encroachment agreements, perpetual easements, temporary construction easements, and donations.

Provide: Approv	Certification al Date: nsible Charge Name:	and Expiration Date:			
Provide: Approv	ct Specific Certification al Date: nsible Charge Name:	Project FM(s) Number:			
Not LAP C	Sertified – A LAP Certified Sponsoring Agency Name:	Agency will deliver the project on behalf of the uncertified Agency. Contact Name:			
Addres	s:	Phone:			
Provide:	ertified - FDOT District will Contact Name:	administer the project. Phone:			
Not LAP Certified – the Agency will become LAP certified 1 year prior to the delivery of the LAP project.					

Not Applicable – this is a Non – Infrastructure Project.

PART 3 – PROJECT INFORMATION



- 1. Project Name / Title: (Word limit 15).
- 2. Is this a resubmittal of a previously unfunded project? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the year(s) of submittal(s) and include project title(s), if different, in the space provided. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

3. Does this project connect a previously funded project(s)? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the Financial Management (FM) number(s) and provide a brief description of the other related FDOT-funded phases that are complete, underway, or in the FDOT 5-year Work Program. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

4. Is funding requested for this same project from another source administered by FDOT? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate funding source(s) / application(s) submitted. NOTE: Contact your district representative to discuss if this same project is partially funded in the 5-year Work Program or if FDOT has received another application for funding it. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

5. What are you proposing in this application? In 200 words or less, provide a description of the project and what it will accomplish. The description should allow a person without prior knowledge of the project to clearly understand it. Summarize the purpose, need, project attributes, the relationship to surface transportation, how the project improves safety, and expected benefits.

REQUIRED UPLOAD: PROJECT INFORMATION SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION including 1) Scope of Work clearly describing the purpose and need for this project and the desired outcome; detailed description of the existing conditions; and detailed description of the proposed project and major work item improvements (e.g., project limits (begin / end), width of sidewalks or trails and other components, materials, drainage, lighting, signing and pavement markings, etc.). 2) Intent to enter into a cost reimbursement agreement for delivering the project. 3) Signed PROJECT CERTIFICATION from the maintaining agency confirming the applicant is authorized to submit the proposal, the information is accurate, intent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding or Interagency Agreement for ongoing operations and maintenance of the improved facility, and compliance with all federal and state requirements.

PART 4 – PROJECT LOCATION



- 1. Indicate the municipality(ies) of the project location. (Word limit 5).
- 2. Indicate the county(ies) of the project location. (Word limit 5).
- 3. Roadway Classification

Yes No State roadway (on-system)

Yes No Federal roadway

Yes No Local roadway (off-system)

- 4. Indicate the roadway name(s) [including applicable state, federal, county road number(s), local roadway name, and roadway identification number (e.g., SR 5 / US 1 / CR 904 / Overseas Highway / ID number: 90040000)]. (Word limit 10).
- 5. Indicate the roadway beginning project limits (south or west termini), mile points, and crossroads at each end of each listed segment. (Word limit 10).
- 6. Indicate the roadway ending project limits (north or east termini), mile points, and crossroads at each end of each listed segment. (Word limit 10).
- 7. Indicate the total project length, in miles and linear feet. (Word limit 10).
- 8. Does the project involve the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail network? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the trailway identification number, beginning and ending mile points. (Word limit 5).

Yes No.

9. Within the next five years, are non-FDOT funds being expended within the limits or adjacent to the proposed project? If not, select "no" and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and briefly explain. (Word limit 50).

Yes No





NOTE: Certain areas may not be prioritizing Non-infrastructure (NI) proposals or all eligible infrastructure activities (or may recommend bundling activities together). Contact your district representative for guidance.

 PROJECT CATEGORY Select one box that best represents the project proposal. Then, complete either the "Infrastructure" or "NI" selections.

A. Infrastructure. If so, select "yes", then select the most appropriate "infrastructure" eligible activity from listing below. (Pages range 5-6)

B. Non-infrastructure (NI). If so, select "yes", then select the most appropriate NI eligible activity from the listing following the Infrastructure activities. (Page range 7)

5-A. INFRASTRUCTURE ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

Select one box that best represents the project proposal). As applicable, complete infrastructure eligible text fields.

Pedestrian and / or Bicycle facilities (Select this box for construction, planning, and design of off-road trail facilities or on-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation).

Safe Routes for Non-Drivers (Select this box for construction, planning, and design of infrastructure related projects and systems that provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs).

Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails (Select this box for conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors into trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users).

Scenic Turnouts and Overlooks (Select this box for construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas). If "yes", list any Florida Scenic Byways visible from the project or indicate N/A in text field. (Word limit 5).

Outdoor Advertising Management (Select this box for inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising). If "yes", list any Florida Scenic Byways within the project limits or indicate N/A in text field. (Word limit 5).

Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities (Select this box for historic preservation or rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities). If "yes", list any locally designated or National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible resources or indicate N/A in the text field. (Word limit 5).

Vegetation Management (Select this box for vegetation management in public transportation ROW to improve roadway safety, prevent invasive species, and erosion control). If "yes", list any Florida Scenic Byways within the project limits, or indicate N/A in text field. (Word limit 5).



Archaeological Activities (Select this box for archaeological activities related to impacts from transportation projects funded by FHWA). If "yes", list the State Site Number (aka Site File Number) for the archaeological site, or indicate N/A in the text field. (Word limit 5).

Stormwater Mitigation (Select this box for environmental mitigation activities addressing stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to transportation projects).

Wildlife Management (Select this box for wildlife mitigation and reduction of wildlife mortality, or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats).

Boulevards (Select this box for boulevards, defined as a walkable, low speed (35 mph or less) divided arterial thoroughfares in urban environments designed to carry both through and local traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists. These may be high ridership transit corridors; serve as primary goods movement and emergency response routes; and use vehicular and pedestrian access management techniques that promote economic revitalization and follow complete street principles]. If "yes", list any Florida Main Street communities or Florida Trail Towns within the project limits, or indicate N/A in text field. (Word limit 5).

Recreational Trails Program [Select this box for recreational trails compliant with 62-S-2, Florida Administrative Code, and 23 U.S.C. 104 (b)]. If "yes", list the parks / recreational areas within the project limits, or indicate N/A in the text field. (Word limit 5).

Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) [Select this box for SRTS projects, codified as 23 U.S.C. 208, that substantially improves the ability of kindergarten through 12th grade students (vulnerable road users) to walk and / or bicycle to school]. Traditionally includes sidewalks, traffic calming and speed reduction, traffic diversion improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossings, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle facilities, and bicycle parking facilities at public schools. If "yes", list the benefiting schools that are within two miles of the project limits; total student enrollment; approximate number of students living along the route; and the percentage of students eligible for reduced meal programs, or indicate N/A in the space provided. (Word limit 10).

Other surface transportation eligible purpose (Only if within urbanized areas with a population greater than 200,000). If "yes", list the eligible activity or indicate N/A in the space provided. (Word limit 5).





Select one box that represents the project proposal. Checkbox indicating NI eligible activity. Document allows one selection.

Vulnerable road user safety assessment as defined by Section 316.027 (b), F.S.

Workforce development, training and education activities that are eligible uses of TAP funds.

SRTS projects, codified as 23 U.S.C. 208. This NI activity must be primarily based at the school and benefit students and / or their parents and have documented support from the school(s). If "yes", list the benefiting schools; total student enrollment and students served by project; approximate number of students living along the route; and the percentage of students eligible for reduced meal programs, or indicate N/A in space provided. (Word limit 10).

NI COMPONENTS As applicable, insert the number of each type of proposed activity. Numerical field indicating total number NI program would provide.

Number of walk or bicycle audits.

Number of bicycle skills / safety classes.

Number of pedestrian skills / safety classes.

Number of community demonstration projects.

Number of community encouragement activities.

Number of community challenges.

Number of community workshops / stakeholder meetings.

Number of classroom / educational classes receiving pedestrian / bicycle safety instruction / education.

Number of school assemblies receiving pedestrian / bicycle safety instruction / education.

Number of training sessions to implement the SRTS program (e.g., training for volunteer walking school bus leaders, training for bicycle train leaders, etc.).

Number of after school programs receiving pedestrian / bicycle safety instruction / education.

Number of bicycle rodeos.

Number of pedestrian safety skills events.

Number of schools with walking school bus programs (defined as planned route with meeting points, a timetable, and a schedule of trained volunteers).

Number of schools with bicycle train programs (defined as a planned route with meeting points, a timetable, and a schedule of trained volunteers).

Number of student-led leadership initiatives (e.g., student patrols, peer-led learning, etc.).

PART 6 – AREA CONDITIONS



Select applicable boxes describing the area and complete applicable text fields. Then, upload supporting documentation.

1.	Select one b	ox that	describes	the	geographic	population	size	of the	project are	a.
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Non-Urban Area with a population of 5,000 or less

Urban Area with a population greater than 5,000 but no more than 50,000

Urban Area with a population greater than 50,000 but no more than 200,000

Urban Area with a population greater than 200,000

2.	Is the project within the boundary of an MPO*? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If
	so, select "yes", and indicate the MPO in the space provided. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

3. Is the project within the boundary of a Transportation Management Area (TMA)? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the TMA in the space provided. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

4. Is the project within a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) community or designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) as defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, F.S.? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes" and indicate the REDI / RAO in the space provided. (Word limit 5)

Yes No

- 5. Indicate the United States Congressional District number(s) of the project location. (Word limit 5).
- 6. Will the project address equity by providing benefits to traditionally underserved communities as determined by the U.S. Census? These communities could include low-income residents, minorities, those with limited English proficiency, persons with disabilities, children, or older adults. If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and briefly explain how the project improves environmental justice (e.g., disadvantage community access point(s) and destinations the project benefits, median household income, free or reduced priced school meals and how SRTS projects benefit the students, etc.). (Word limit 10).

Yes No

7. Are there transit stops / shelters / support facilities within the project limits? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the identification number. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

8. Is the project within a high-crash pedestrian corridor (or an area with a history of crashes involving pedestrians)?

Yes

No



9.	Is the project within a high-crash bicycle corridor (or an area with a history of crashes involving
	bicyclists)?

Yes

No

10.Would the project implement a bicycle or pedestrian action plan(s)? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and specify the name of the plan and date of adoption. (Word limit 5).

Yes

No

* Metropolitan / Transportation Planning Organization / Agency (MPO)

REQUIRED UPLOAD: AREA CONDITIONS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (e.g., excerpt pages from adopted plans or studies, maps illustrating transit facilities and connectivity to the improvement, short statement of support with a signature of the school official and their contact information for SRTS projects, median household income by census tract for community benefiting, collision heat maps / crash data for area surrounding project limits, etc.).

PART 7 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement, engagement, and collaboration is a key component of the federal project development process and must be conducted in accordance with applicable rules and regulations in the event the project is selected for funding. Indicate which of the following are applicable (Select all that apply). Complete the text field or indicate N/A in the space provided. Then, upload supporting documentation.

1. Does the greater community support the project, as demonstrated by recently adopted proclamations or resolutions expressing commitment and public engagement? If "yes", explain the engagement and how the concept evolved based on public involvement. Indicate the resolution number, adoption date, and participating parties in the space provided. If "no", indicate N/A in the space provided. (Word limit 10).

Yes No

2. Was the project discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting of an advisory board of an appointed group of citizens, such as bicycle pedestrian advisory groups or similar committee that provides support toward the project? If "yes", provide meeting information, including the date and type of advisory board meeting, and the input received. If "no", indicate N/A in the space provided. (Word limit 10).

Yes No

3. Was there an advertised public meeting to discuss the project? If "yes", provide a brief description, including the input received, how the concept evolved based on public involvement, date, and type of meeting. If "no", indicate N/A in the space provided. (Word limit 10).

Yes No.

4. Do recent community surveys indicate both need and support for the project and stakeholders will continue to be engaged in the implementation of the project? If "yes", briefly explain. If "no", indicate N/A in the space provided. (Word limit 10).

Yes No

REQUIRED UPLOAD: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (e.g., resolution, proclamation, regularly scheduled meeting agenda and minutes, public meeting advertisement, community survey, letters of support, etc.).

PART 8 – CONCURRENCY / CONSISTENCY



Is the project consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), capital improvement plan(s), and / or the long-term management plan(s)? [Note: Board of County Commissioners functions as MPO in nonmetropolitan areas (Section 339.135(4)(c)1, F.S.)]. If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and use the text field to explain consistency, include MPO prioritization number. If a modification is required, indicate the meeting date for adoption. (Word limit 10).

Yes No

REQUIRED UPLOAD: CONCURRENCY / CONSISTENCY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (e.g., supporting resolution(s), excerpt from comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), capital improvement plan(s), management plan(s), prioritization list, etc.).

PART 9 - ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Select the boxes describing the Environmental Conditions. As applicable, complete the text field or indicate N/A in the space provided. Then, upload supporting documentation. Applicants for NI proposals may skip the Environmental Conditions section.

1. Does the project involve lands identified by the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act of 2021 [Section 259.1055, Florida Statutes (F.S.)]?

Yes No

2. Does the project involve state-owned conservation lands? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the state-owned conservation lands. NOTE: Use of state-owned conservation lands is subject to coordination by the managing entity. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

3. Does a railway facility exist within 1,000 feet of the project limits? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate railway facility. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

4. Does the project physically cross a railway facility? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and indicate the crossing's railway identification number, and beginning and ending mile points. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

5. Would the project provide lighting at locations with nighttime crashes? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and describe the proposed lighting in the space provided. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

6. Would the project implement an adopted Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and describe proposed ADA improvements in the space provided. (Word limit 5).

Yes No



7.	Is an Environmental Assessment for the project complete? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space
	provided. If so, select "yes", and describe any specific issues in the space provided. (Word limit 10).

Yes No

8. Is the project adjacent to locally designated or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed or eligible resources? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and list resources, indicate if the resources have received Florida Department of State Historic Preservation Grant funds, and explain any preservation agreements, covenants, or easements in the space provided. If applicable, select "unknown". (Word limit 5).

Yes No Unknown

9. Are there any archaeological sites or Native American sites located within or adjacent to the project boundary? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and list State Site Number (aka Site File Number) for the sites. If applicable, select "unknown". (Word limit 5).

Yes No Unknown

10.Are there any parks, recreation areas, or wildlife / waterfowl refuges within or adjacent to the project boundary? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and list the facilities in the space provided. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

11. Are there any navigable waterways adjacent to or within the project boundary? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and list the navigable waterways. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

12.Are there any wetlands within or adjacent to the project limits? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and describe in the space provided. Include permit types required and any obtained for the project. (Word limit 5).

Yes No

13.Is it likely that there are protected / endangered / threatened species and / or critical habitat impacts within the project limits? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and describe in the space provided. If applicable, select "unknown". (Word limit 5).

Yes No Unknown

14.Are there any potential contamination / hazardous waste areas within or adjacent to the project limits? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and describe in the space provided. If applicable, select "unknown". (Word limit 5).

Yes No Unknown

15.Are there any noise-sensitive areas near the project area? If not, select "no", and indicate N/A in the space provided. If so, select "yes", and describe in the space provided. If applicable, select "unknown" (Word limit 5).

Yes No Unknown

REQUIRED UPLOAD for Infrastructure (not applicable for NI): ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (e.g., labeled photographs on maps depicting conditions, permits, copy of the entire study or environmental assessment, excerpt pages from adopted plans, etc.).

PART 10 - DESIGN / TYPICAL SECTIONS



Select the boxes describing the design status and complete the text fields. Then, upload supporting documentation. Applicants for NI proposals may skip the Design / Typical Section.

1. Are signed and sealed design plans available for this project?

Yes No

2. If design plans are not at 100 percent, or do not meet current standards and / or reflect existing conditions, select the box identifying the status. (Word limit 100).

No design plans

30% design plans

60% design plans

90% design plans

Other:

3. Briefly describe the design status in the space provided. If design is at 100 percent, indicate the date of the plans. (Word limit 100).

REQUIRED UPLOAD for Infrastructure (not applicable for NI): Typical Section(s) depicting existing and proposed features, dimensions, and ROW lines. If there are multiple segments, provide typical sections for each. If available, provide design plans.

PART 11 - OWNERSHIP / ROW STATUS



Select the boxes describing the Ownership / ROW Status and complete applicable text fields. Then, upload supporting documentation. Applicants for NI proposals may skip the Ownership / ROW Status section.

1. Is ROW acquisition, defined as obtaining property not currently owned by the Local Agency through any means (e.g., deed, easement, dedication, donation, etc.), necessary to complete this project?

Yes No

2. Explain the ROW status (owned / fee simple, leased / less-than fee, and / or needs) along the project boundary, including when ROW was obtained and how ownership is documented (e.g., plats, deeds, prescriptions, certified surveys, transfers, easements). Provide information for verifying ownership (e.g., book / page number, transfer agreements, dates, etc.). If ROW acquisition is necessary before constructing the proposed project and / or the applicant agency is not the landowner, indicate the necessary coordination with other owners for all fee-simple purchases and / or any less-than fee / lease needs (including temporary construction and / or other easements and / or permits for drainage, railroad, utilities, etc.) necessary to secure ROW certification. Indicate the proposed acquisition timeline, expected funding source, the total number of parcels, type of acquisition, limitations on fund use or availability, and who will acquire and retain ownership of proposed land. (Word limit 150).

REQUIRED UPLOAD for Infrastructure (not applicable for NI): OWNERSHIP / ROW STATUS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION including applicable ROW Certification including ownership verification documenting site control and related landowner supporting documentation. Site control documents must include an adequate legal description of the parcel(s) comprising the project site, such that staff can compare it to the boundary map submitted with the application and evaluate whether there is control of the project site (e.g., ROW Certification, ROW maps, plats, warranty deeds, prescriptions, certified surveys, easements, use agreement, etc.). Maps should clearly show the location of each ownership in relation to the project boundary and / or limits. NOTE: provide map documentation on 8.5" x 11" scale. DO NOT provide reduced copies of original plats and or maps that cannot be read at scale. If applicable, an exhibit visually depicting the new ROW anticipated for the project, together with a spreadsheet providing the tax identification number(s) of each impacted parcel and the approximate size of the new acquisition area for each impacted parcel.





Complete either the Infrastructure Table Summary with the overall project programming (phases, schedule, and estimated costs for the proposed work) or the NI Cost Narrative Table. Then, upload supporting documentation.

Not all phase types may be eligible for TA funds, and not all areas prioritize all phases. Local agencies are responsible for covering all unanticipated cost increases, including but not limited to price inflation and increases in the cost of construction; account for them using local funds. FDOT does not allow programming TA funds for contingency costs. The local agency must have the ability to pay for non-participating costs (e.g., utility relocation). Chapter 337.14, F.S. prohibits an entity from performing both design services and construction engineering inspection services (CEI) for a project wholly or partially funded by the FDOT and administered by a local government entity.

REQUIRED UPLOAD: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND COSTS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

1) Either provide a detailed engineer cost estimate if the project is designed or if the project has not been designed or is a NI project, provide a detailed opinion of probable costs (including all pay items and a timeline for deliverable). Utilize the FDOT Basis of Estimates Manual to develop a detailed estimate with FDOT pay items for construction phase estimates. 2) As applicable, letter from local agency budget office committing local funds to the project.

*** Note: Applications for NI Projects to skip to page 15.***

			STRUCTURE Table Summary I Project Programming (Cost Summary and Schedule)						
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Preliminary Engineering / Design (PE)									
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*** Note: applications for infrastructure projects do not need to fill out this page***

NI Cost Narrative Table

Below each item, explain how the item will support the program, and other appropriate details.

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RESOURCES



FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program:

https://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/systems-management/tap

FDOT Local Agency Program Manual:

http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/LP/Default.shtm

FDOT Office of Environmental Management PD&E Manual:

https://www.fdot.gov/environment/pubs/pdeman/pdeman-current

FDOT Basis of Estimates Manual:

https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/estimates/documents/basisofestimatesmanual/boemanual

Florida Safe Routes to School Guidelines:

https://www.fdot.gov/safety/2A-Programs/Safe-Routes.shtm



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT SPONSOR

PROJECT NAME:		
LOCATION:		
PROJECT LIMITS:	(from south or	west limit)
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By checking the box yo	u agree to do the	following:
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		Name (please type or print)
		Title
		Date
		* This should be executed by person who has signatory authority for sponsor and is authorized to obligate services and funds for that entity (generally chairman of the board or council).

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA)

ENGINEER'S COST ESTIMATE

Financial Management Number (if applicable): Project Description:

Items		TA Eligible			Other Funds (must include all TA ineligible items)				TOTAL			
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A reasonable estimate of project costs is required. Projects must follow appropriate design criteria and meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Projects on the State Highway System, and "on-system" (on FDOT land), and Critical Projects shall utilize FDOT pay items numbers and descriptions. FDOT'S AWARD OF FUNDING TO THE APPLICANT'S PROJECT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF PARTICIPATING VS. NON-PARTICIPATING ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THIS COST ESTIMATE. Funding pay items and eligibility will be discussed during project development.

### **Examples of Non-participating items:**

Mowing, litter removal, optional services; video inspection; utility directional bore / utility agency owner directional bores; Utility work, including but not limited to valve adjustments, utility relocations, power pole relocations,

Contingency

Other elements may be non-participating, the ones listed above are non-particating commonly used pay items.

If you have questions regarding an eligible or non-participating item, District representatives may be contacted for guidance.

## References:

FDOT Design <a href="https://www.fdot.gov/roadway">https://www.fdot.gov/roadway</a>
Environmental Management <a href="https://www.fdot.gov/environment">https://www.fdot.gov/environment</a>

FDOT Estimates

Local Programs Manual

TA Set-Aside Program

https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/lap/lap-toc.shtm
https://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/systems-management/tap

Prepared by:	PE Number:	
Name:	Signature:	 Date:
Reviewed by:		
Name:	Signature:	



### District One Priority Project Information Packet Transportation Regional Incentive Program Supplemental Information Form

Is project prioritized by a regional entity? Choose an item.

Detail requested funding including source and type of asset(s) available as match.

Amount(s) Requested	Total Project Costs (for activity)	Local Funding Commitment(s) ("match")	Source(s) of Match	Type of match (cash, in-kind)
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### **Minimum Criteria:**

1. Does the project support facilities that serve national, statewide or regional functions and function as an integrated transportation system?							
Yes		No □	How?				
Click h	ere to en	ter text.					
comp chapt mana in coi	2. Is the project identified in the capital improvements element of a comprehensive plan that has been determined to be in compliance with part II of chapter 163, after July 1, 2005, or to implement a long-term concurrency management system adopted by a local government; further the project shall be in compliance with local government comprehensive plan policies relative to corridor management?						
Yes		No □	(Attach (CIE) Page)				
3. Is the project consistent with the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)?							
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4. Is	there a	commitmen	t of local, regional or private matching funds?				
Yes		No □					

Prioritization Considera	ations
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## Program Guidance for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Background

Pursuant to Section 339.2819, F.S., the 2005 Legislature created within the Department a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) for the purpose of providing funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in regional transportation areas created pursuant to s. 339.155(5).

Regionally significant transportation facilities include:

- Regional transportation corridors such as highway, waterway, rail, and regional transit corridors that serve major regional commercial, industrial, or medical facilities;
- Regional transportation hubs such as passenger terminals (examples include commuter rail, light rail, intercity transit and intermodal transfer centers), commercial service and major reliever airports, deepwater and special generator seaports, and major regional freight terminals and distribution centers.
- All facilities on the SIS and Emerging SIS are regionally significant. Other regionally significant facilities serve as an integral part of an interconnected regional network.

The purpose of the TRIP is to provide an incentive for regional planning; to leverage investments in regionally significant transportation facilities (roads and public transportation); and link investments to growth management objectives. The intent for the use of these funds is to generate additional capacity through growth in the transportation program. All proposed projects will be evaluated in light of this policy. The department shall allocate funding available for TRIP by statutory formula to the districts. (Equal parts of population and motor fuel tax collections).

### **Local/Regional Funding Sources for TRIP Match**

The percentage of state matching funds provided from the TRIP shall be matched on a dollar for dollar basis by eligible funds or eligible in-kind sources as described below. TRIP funds may be used to fund up to 50 percent of the non-federal share of the eligible project cost for a public transportation facility project.

- Projects on the State Highway System: The District/MPO may use Federal funds attributable to urbanized areas over 200,000 population (XU funds) or Local funds for the required match.
- Projects off the State Highway System but on the Federal System: The District/MPO may use Federal XU funds or Local funds for the required TRIP match. If XU funds are used to match projects off the State Highway System, the 25% match required for XU must be provided by local funds. (e.g. \$100 XU = \$75 pure federal and \$25 local)

- **Projects off the State Highway System and Federal System**: Local funds must be used for the required match.
- **SIB Loans**: Funds loaned from the State Infrastructure Bank may be used to fund up to 25% of the required match for TRIP funds. Future repayments must be made from Federal XU or Local funds.
- Public Transportation Projects: The match for TRIP must come from a local funds. XU funds cannot be used as the local match. TRIP is intended for capital expenses, not operational. TRIP funds cannot be used to purchase replacement buses, but they can be used to add capacity and service to a regionally significant route.
- Federal earmarks may not be used as a match.

#### In-Kind Match for TRIP

In-kind services are goods, commodities, or services received in lieu of cash payments.

- (a) Goods and commodities should be valued based on their current market value in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards as determined by the Office of the Comptroller. The value for land donated should be determined in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of Right of Way.
- (b) The excess of an in kind match valued in excess of the required match will not generally be applied towards another project. On a case by case basis, an exception may be made for project segments in a regional corridor that are part of an implementation plan for that corridor.
- (c) In accepting in-kind matches for TRIP funds, the districts need to exercise caution in distinguishing between the "funding" requirements and the "cash" requirements. For example, there is a \$10 million construction project for which a local government is seeking TRIP funds. Normally the match split would be \$5 million TRIP and \$5 million local. If a local government offers \$4 million in right of way and \$1 million in cash, technically they have met the local match requirement. However, there is still a \$4 million cash requirement that must be met through some source of funding in order to pay the \$10 million total. Districts will have to determine the source(s) for the remaining \$4 million cash requirement, taking into consideration such issues as whether the project is on or off the Federal and/or State Highway System.

### **Right of Way Contributions and Acquisition Procedures**

(a) Only those properties necessary for the qualified project itself are eligible for local government matching contribution credit. Rights of way for prior projects are not eligible.

- (b) Projects with Federal funds: Rights of way must be/have been acquired in accordance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act (Uniform Act). 42 U.S.C. 4601, et sec., 49 CFR Part 24 and 23 CFR Part 710
- (c) Projects without Federal Funds and on the State Highway System: Rights of way must be/have been acquired in accordance with the laws and rules applicable to Florida DOT. This includes providing relocation assistance to displaced persons in accordance with

Rule Chapter 14-66, Florida Administrative Code.

(d) Projects without Federal Funds and off the State Highway System: Rights of way acquired by the local government may be accepted for contribution credit regardless of the acquisition method or procedures used. However, if the acquisition procedures do not comply with the Uniform Act, this will preclude the use of Federal funds in the future.

### **Other Match Issues**

- (a) Private funds may be part of local matching funds required for a TRIP project.
- (b) Rural Areas of Economic Concern may be eligible for a waiver of or reduction in the required match for TRIP funds (see section 3.5 of the Work Program Instructions for guidance on the Rural Economic Development Initiative). Only that portion of the project that falls within the qualified Rural Area is eligible for the waiver.

### **INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION**

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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 <a href="www.FL511.com">www.FL511.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.swflroads.com/project/451937-2">https://www.swflroads.com/project/451937-2</a> or email at 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 <u>lane closure on weekdays on eastbound McGregor Boulevard between the toll plaza and Port Comfort Road</u> 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 Ian maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent Iane 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 land 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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