

Journey to 2050: Community & Environment Webinar

August 21, 2025 | Q & A Part II

(Note: The following questions were posed during the webinar however, we were unable to respond before the webinar's end.)

Q *How will the recent passing of SB 180 impact the long-range planning currently in progress?*

A Florida Senate Bill (SB) 180 approved by the Governor in June 2025 and largely applies to local governments. Information about SB180 can be found online here: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/00180>.

Q *How will the future plans for transportation in Central Florida affect persons with disabilities?*

A The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan's goals and objectives were established to improve transportation for all members of our community, including:

- Safety – provide a safe and secure transportation system for all users
- Reliability – provide a reliable transportation system across all modes for people and freight
- Connectivity – enhance lives through improved access to jobs and services for people of all ages and abilities
- Community – enhance the health and vitality of our region's communities and environments
- Prosperity – strengthen our region's economy

Q *Why is Lake County not included in the 2050 Plan? We have areas of transportation that interconnect, specifically around Wellness Way and our trail.*

A The 2050 Plan for MetroPlan Orlando is focused on our organization's planning area of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. We coordinate with other regional metropolitan transportation planning organizations in the area to make sure projects that span across both agency's planning areas are displayed consistently. For additional information about the long range transportation plan for Lake County, please visit the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization's website here: <https://www.lakesumtermpo.com/planning-documents/2050-lrtp/>



Q *When are we going to have SunRail train service on weekends and holidays?*

A The answer comes down to funding. In order to support weekend and holiday service, SunRail would require an increase in locomotives and rail cars as well as an increase in both service and maintenance staff. The Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission, the governing board for SunRail, has recently heard a presentation about weekend and holiday service at their July 24, 2025, meeting so it is being considered. The presentation can be found in the meeting materials on SunRail's website.

Q *Is Florida Central / Pinsley line on OBT being considered for SunRail?*

A This rail line is referred to as the Orange Blossom Express in the Transit Chapter of the 2050 MTP. It has been identified as a regional need in the next 25 years, however other rail spurs like the Sunshine Corridor, which connects the main line to Orlando International Airport, are seen as a higher priority.

Q *What is being done to improve bike travel on Wekiva Springs Road from 434 to Rock Springs Park?*

A A corridor improvement project was identified in the 2050 Plan's needs assessment on Wekiva Springs Rd, which would include both roadway and safety improvements from Hunt Club Blvd to SR 434. Additional information about this transportation need is included in our MTP Online Needs Viewer and will be published soon in the Draft Cost Feasible and Unfunded Needs Plan: <https://metroplanorlando.gov/plans/2050-metropolitan-transportation-plan/>

A pathway has also been proposed in the Seminole County Trails Master Plan (2021) on Wekiva Springs Rd in this area. Additional information on the proposed path is available online here: https://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/docs/default-source/pdf/seminolecotrails_masterplan_ada_web.pdf?sfvrsn=2c4a0047_3

Q *What is being done to provide ways to get transportation to downtown health resources?*

A Some residents, particularly seniors and those without access to personal vehicles, need expanded mobility options to access health care services. One example is how our partners at LYNX regularly review their bus routes during their service update and part of that review includes proximity to essential services like healthcare. But we know that there is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Community engagement is a critical method for understanding the underlying challenges and barriers associated with health care access. This process can identify unique health care access needs for underserved and marginalized communities.



Q *Can you talk about the lifespans of building materials and how we can extend them to minimize the effect on the environment – for example, using concrete instead of asphalt?*

A It is no secret that Florida experiences extreme heat, which affects the lifespan of the building materials used for roadway construction. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) guidelines and standards do not mandate either asphalt or concrete but instead consider factors like cost, traffic volume, and longevity when selecting pavement types for their transportation projects. FDOT and local governments, on their respective projects, select the construction materials appropriate for each transportation improvement. If you have questions about a specific road or transportation project, please contact either your local government, county, or FDOT.

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