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A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 25, 2023 • 9:30 A.M.

Community Advisory Committee

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
9:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Ave., Ste. 200, Orlando, FL 32801
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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | Chairman Jeffrey Campbell |
| II. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Chairman Jeffrey Campbell |
| III. | CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | Chairman Jeffrey Campbell |
| IV. | AGENDA REVIEW | Ms. Cynthia Lambert |
| V. | ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM | Ms. Rachel Frederick |

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

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2. Each speaker has two minutes to address the board and should state his/her name and address for the record.

If your comment does not pertain to action items on the agenda, you may comment at the general public comment period at the end of the meeting.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

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| <p>A. August 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Tab 1) Approval of the meeting minutes for the August 23, 2023 CAC meeting is requested. The minutes are provided in Tab 1.</p> | <p>Mr. Jeffrey Campbell CAC Chairman</p> |
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| B. Appointment of CAC Officer Selection Subcommittee | Mr. Jeffrey Campbell CAC Chairman |
| Action is requested to approve the establishment of a subcommittee to select candidates for 2024 CAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman, with terms from January through December 2024. The slate will be presented to the CAC at the December 6 th meeting. | |
| C. 2020 Functional Classification of Public Roadways (Tab 2) | Mr. Jim Wood Kimley-Horn, on behalf of FDOT |
| Mr. Jim Wood, Kimley-Horn, will present the 2020 Functional Classification of Public Roadways on behalf of FDOT District 5. | |

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

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| A. Regional Vision Zero Action Plan Status Update | Ms. Adriana Rodriguez & Mr. Mighk Wilson MetroPlan Orlando |
| Ms. Adriana Rodriguez and Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, will provide a status update on MetroPlan Orlando's Vision Zero Action Plan. | |
| B. FDOT Tentative Work Program | Ms. Katherine Alexander FDOT |
| Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT, will present information on the Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 24/25 – FY 28/29 for FDOT. | |
| C. FTE Tentative Work Program | Mr. Siao Si Fine Florida's Turnpike Enterprise |
| Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, will present information on the Tentative Work Program for FY 24/25 – FY 28/29 for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. | |

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| B. Highlights from September 13, 2023 MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting. | |
| C. Air Quality Report – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area is enclosed. | |
| D. LYNX Press Releases – Four press release from LYNX have been included. | |
| E. Bicycle and Pedestrian Report – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region is enclosed. | |
| F. Federal Certification Report – MetroPlan Orlando was officially certified by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration with no corrective actions or improvement recommendations identified. The full report is enclosed for information. | |
| G. SUN Trail Request for Funding – FDOT is accepting applications for SUN Trail projects. The formal notice with detailed information has been included for reference. | |

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A list of selected upcoming meetings to be held at MetroPlan Orlando's office. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings, visit the [MetroPlan Orlando Calendar](#)

- A.** Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee (TSM&O), October 27, 2023
- B.** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), October 27, 2023
- C.** FDOT Mobility Week, October 27 through November 4, 2023
- D.** Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) November 2, 2023
- E.** MetroPlan Orlando Board, November 8, 2023
- F.** Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) & Annual TD Public Meeting, November 9, 2023
- G.** Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee (TSM&O), Dec. 1, 2023
- H.** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Dec. 1, 2023
- I.** **Community Advisory Committee (CAC), December 6, 2023**
Please note: **NO REGULAR CAC meeting in November.**

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

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TAB 1





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A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 23, 2023

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Jeffrey Campbell, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Benjamin Bossley, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Vincent Pereira, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)
Ms. Patricia Rumph, Orange County
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Ms. Susan BATTERY, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Alejandro Cintron Medina,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Patricia Colloca Massot, Seminole County
Mr. Joseph Colon, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange County
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County
Ms. TeNeika Neasman, City of Orlando
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Casmere Shaw, Osceola County
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT

Mr. Chuck Koppernolle, FDOT
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE
Ms. Kathrin Tellez, Fehr & Peers
Ms. Elizabeth Suarez, Fehr & Peers
Mr. Charles Abbatantuono, Lynx
Mr. Cody Johnson, Lynx
Mr. P.J. Smith, xGeographic
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, Metroplan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, Metroplan Orlando
Ms. Sara Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeffrey Campbell welcomed everyone and called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at **9:35 a.m.**

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. David Sibila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Campbell detailed public comment procedures. He stated that there would be a workshop on the Active Transportation Plan once this regular meeting had concluded. He shared at the MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting in July how vitally interested this committee was in the Distracted Driving presentation by Ms. Loreen Bobo and how strongly the committee is in favor of regional action on safety.

Chairman Campbell asked committee members to keep Vice Chair Dr. Dan Stephens and his family in our thoughts.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando, reminded CAC members that meetings require an in-person quorum, currently 16 and emphasized the importance of RSVPs for the meeting. Ms. Horne detailed a field trip for the committee planned for Wednesday September 27, 9.30 a.m. to the Regional Traffic

Management Center in Sanford. She asked Mr. Eric Hill - MetroPlan Orlando, to share what could be expected on the visit which included a request for CAC members to contribute feedback on technology improvements to our transportation network. He stated it will be an informal visit but there will be a presentation on the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Masterplan and an opportunity to let engineers know more about the needs of the travelling public. Ms. Horne asked members to contact her if they wished to attend the visit and advised more information will be available nearer the time.

Ms. Horne introduced two new MetroPlan Orlando staff members – Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, Senior Transportation Engineer, and Ms. Lara Bouck, Senior Transportation Engineer and Project Manager who people may recognize as a returning staff member after a brief time working for the City of Tampa.

Ms. Horne highlighted the new MetroPlan Orlando website, which is now MetroPlanOrlando.gov. She detailed how this is safer and more recognizable to the public as an authentic government site. All communication online and on paper will be with the .gov email addresses and webpage. The website has updated graphics and content and has a greater presence for Safety and Technology and partner news. Ms. Horne asked members to share their opinions on the update via a survey which can be found on the website.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented a Safety Moment which for this month was “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”. He shared crash trend statistics and how MetroPlan Orlando area compares with other major metro areas in Florida.

Comments from the committee included the desire to track crashes that don’t happen due to autonomous vehicle technology.

Ms. Horne highlighted Mobility Week, which starts on October 27, and said more information will follow. She also reminded committee members of the annual change to CAC leadership, with a virtual meeting in November of an officer-selection subcommittee. She asked members to consider if they would be interested in serving on that subcommittee or as Chair or Vice-Chair of the CAC in 2024. The current Chair, Mr. Campbell, is term-limited. The first step to this change will begin at the October meeting with selection of the subcommittee.

No changes were made to the printed agenda.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Rachel Frederick conducted the attendance roll call and confirmed a quorum.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. June 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes (Tab 1)

Approval of the meeting minutes for June 28, 2023, is requested.

MOTION: Ms. Theresa Mott moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 28, 2023.
Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2024 – 2028 TIP (Tab 2)

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC make a recommendation to the Board that the FY 2024 – 2028 TIP be amended to include the following item:

- FM #453340-1 – 10th St Complete Streets Project Phase 1

Mr. Sartorio detailed that this was a federal discretionary (RAISE) grant fund of \$1.2 million that had been awarded.

MOTION: Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger moved to approve the FDOT Amendment to FY 2024 – 2028
Mr. David Sibila seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Board Approval is requested for the Roll Forward Amendment to FY 2024 -2028 (Tab 3)

Mr. Sartorio asked for a recommendation to the Board that the FY 2024 – 2028 TIP be amended to include Roll-Forward Projects from the FY 2023 – 2027. He explained this is applicable to funds that were not committed by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th and so automatically roll forward to FY 2024 in FDOT's new adopted 5-year work program. Mr. Sartorio stated that Metroplan Orlando needs to amend the TIP to be consistent with the work program and confirmed that the cost or the schedule of the projects are not affected.

Link to the FDOT Roll Forward Report & Sunrail Roll Forward Report - [Sunrail & FDOT Roll Forward Report FY 2024 - 2028](#)

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to approve the Roll Forward Amendment to FY 2024 - 2028
Ms. Theo Webster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Regional Vision Zero Action Plan

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, presented an update on the Vision Zero Regional Plan, confirming that the first Task Force meeting had taken place the previous week. He detailed the meeting agenda and stated there had been high attendance and engagement. Mr. Wilson outlined the Vision Zero approach and the core elements of Vision Zero communities. He also detailed the project schedule timeline and next steps.

Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando, was identified as the initial point of contact for Osceola County in response to a question asked. Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, added

that county and city level plans were still in the scoping phase, and the plan will include public engagement, elected official training, and meetings in the local communities.

Other comments made by committee members included the risks that occur outside of roads and agreement on the need for a Vision Zero focus.

B. Active Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Kathrin Tellez presented the Active Transportation Plan update, clarifying that the purpose is to improve transportation safety outcomes for our most vulnerable road users. Ms. Tellez reminded the committee of the last meeting in October 2022, which helped establish what the existing conditions were. She shared the scoring criteria on current bicycle and pedestrian levels of comfort with existing facilities. Ms. Tellez also detailed travel accessibility to key daily/weekly destinations and identified that people who live in disadvantaged communities have lower levels of access on those comfortable facilities.

With all the data gathered, Ms. Tellez shared, they were now able to add additional enhancements to what was already on the books, to include new trail segments, intersection crossing treatments, corridor improvements and locations for pedestrian bridges or tunnels. Around 100 of these will be shown in the workshop after the meeting. She also highlighted some policy recommendations.

Ms. Tellez detailed some workshop components and how committee members can be involved after the meeting, how members could share their feedback, and project next steps.

Committee members shared their appreciation of the work, and questions were raised regarding the funding component and also regarding utility corridors impacting on the plan. Ms. Taylor Laurent responded that the Active Transportation Plan will directly feed into and serve as the needs assessment for bicycle, pedestrian, and other active modes to the 2050 MetroPlan Orlando Transportation Plan. Ms. Laurent stated discussions around funding will happen at that stage.

Another comment was raised concerning the removal of bike lanes when construction occurs and the risk that brings for bicycle users. A request was made to please keep that in mind whenever construction happens.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

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- C. **Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.
- D. **LYNX Press Release** – Two press releases from LYNX were provided.
- E. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region is enclosed.
- F. **FHWA Data Driven Safety Analysis Virtual Workshops Handout** – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) conducted a series of virtual workshops on safety analysis. Materials from the workshop series are enclosed.
- G. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification Letter** – A letter explaining modifications to the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 TIP has been included.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

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- B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), August 25, 2023
- C. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), September 7, 2023
- D. MetroPlan Orlando Board, September 13, 2023
- E. **Community Advisory Committee (CAC), October 25, 2023**
Please note: **NO REGULAR CAC meeting in September, but we will be touring the Regional Transportation Management Center on Sept. 27.** After October, the remaining CAC meeting for 2023 is on 12/6.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Comments raised included a recommendation that a survey take place of roads where flooding is likely to happen and consider doing something for the future. Also requested was an update in a future meeting on the Osceola Parkway Expansion projects. In addition, comments were made regarding the extensive increased use of EV bicycles, which are becoming very popular and more affordable. Concerns were added about EV bikes, their lack of regulation and how they should be considered in future projects. A question was raised regarding bus stops on S.R. 192 in St. Cloud that are lacking shade/awnings/benches. Ms. Sara Larsen - MetroPlan Orlando responded that this was a LYNX issue, and they are currently doing a bus stop inventory throughout the three counties.

A request was also made for an update to be provided at the next meeting, on the status of the Pine Hills Road extension going north.

Ms. Pizzo highlighted Bike Walk Central Florida's, Bike 5 event which happens on October 14th.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.41 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 25th day of October 2023.

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Chairman

Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator

As required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, MetroPlan Orlando hereby notifies all interested parties that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by MetroPlan Orlando with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which it is based.

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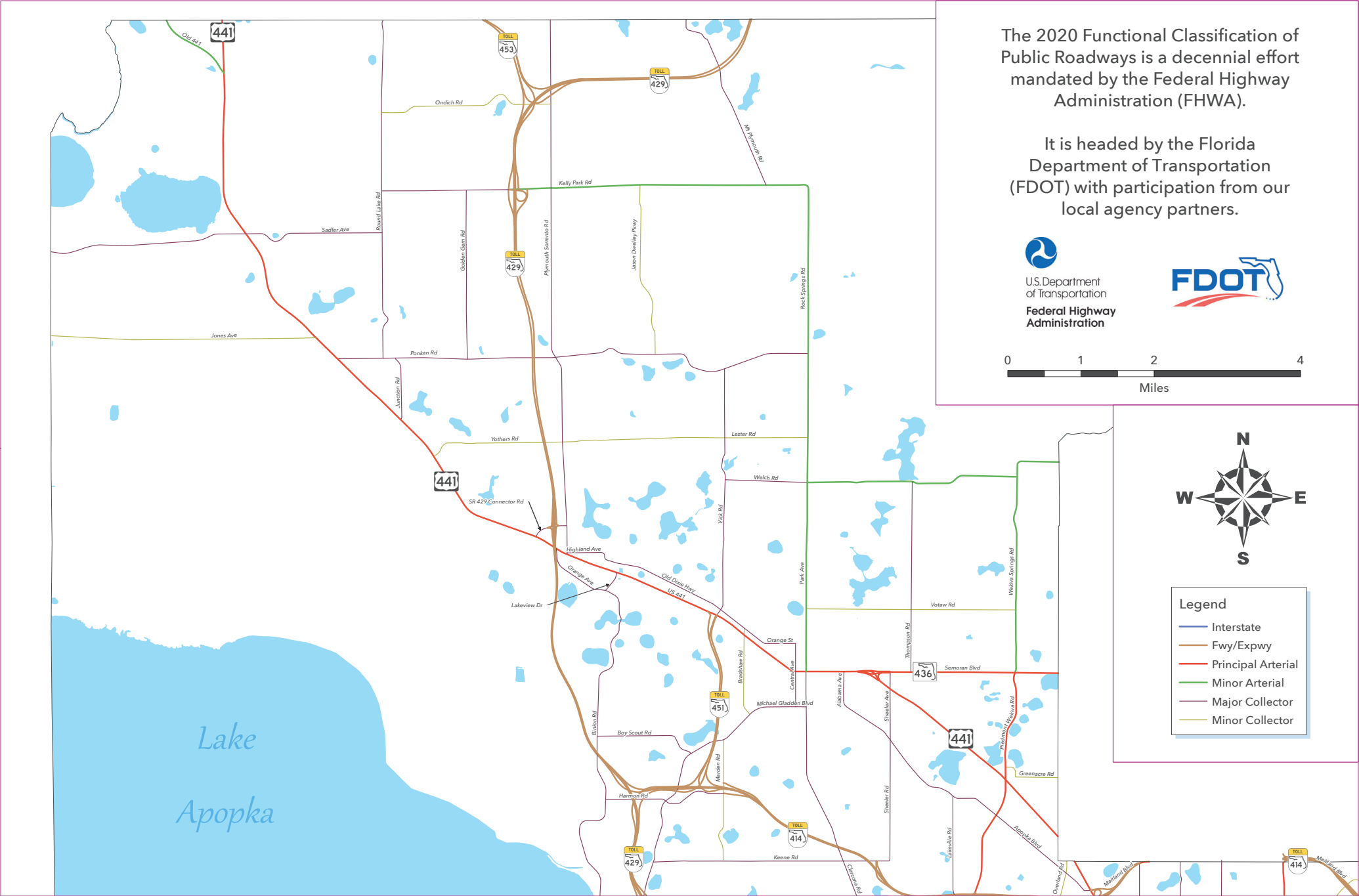
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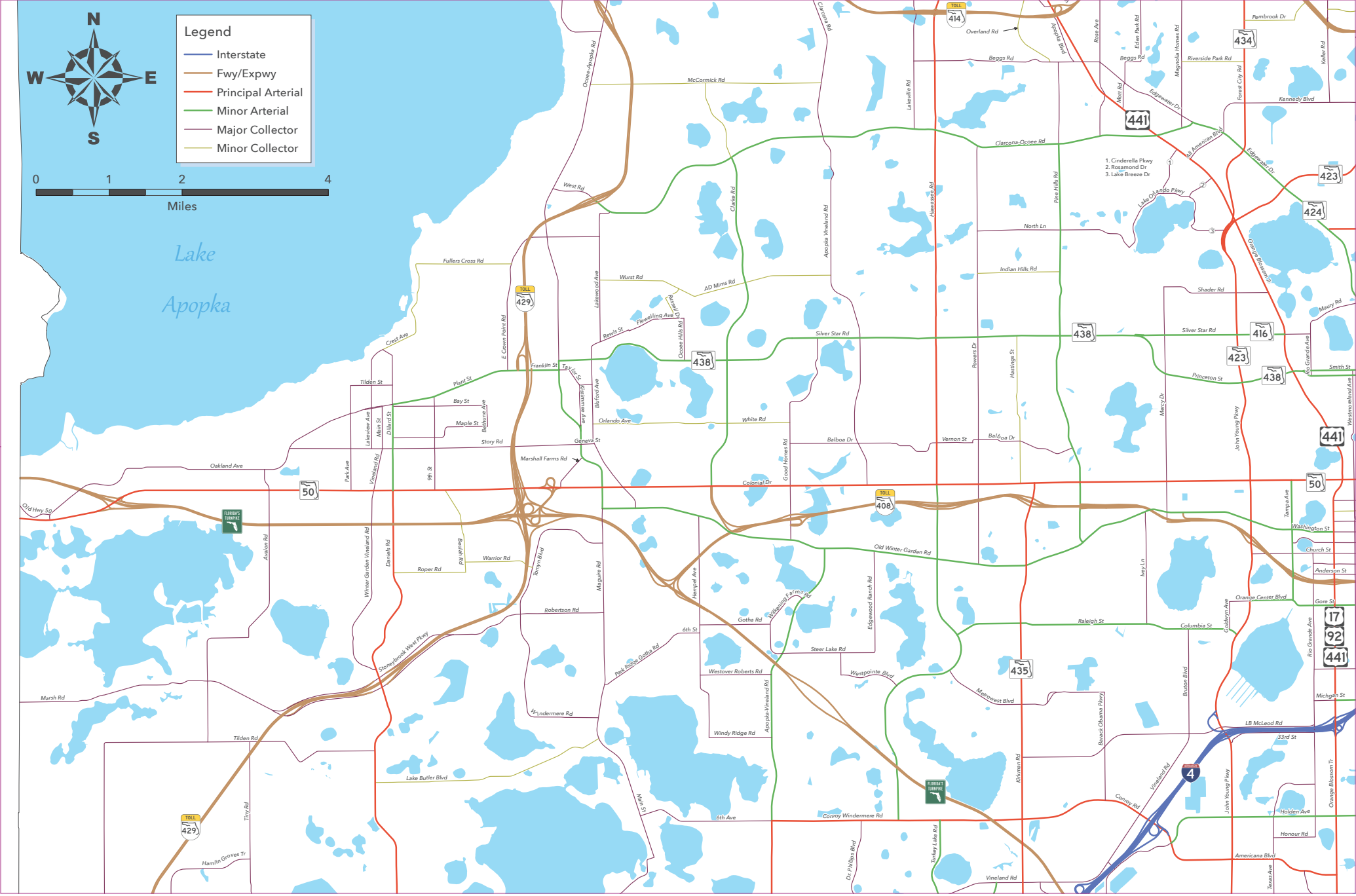
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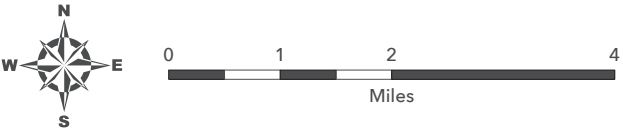
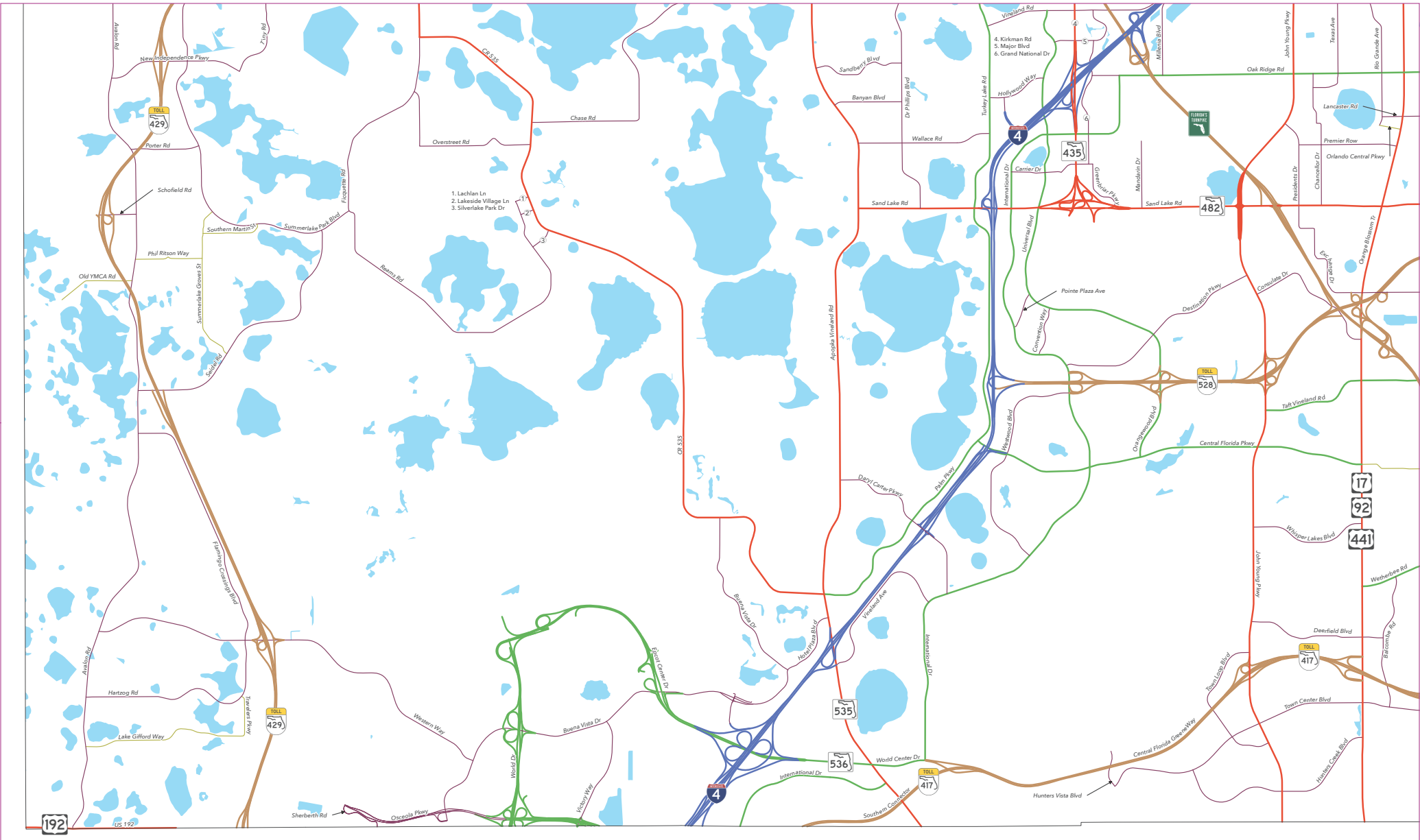
Agenda Item: TBD

Roll Call Vote: No

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| Action Requested: | Approval of 2020 Functional Classification of Public Roadways |
| Reason: | Required by Federal law. To be eligible for federal transportation funding, regulations require roadways to be functionally classified. |
| Summary/Key Information: | <p>The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) continues to use functional classification in determining eligibility for funding under the Federal-aid program. Public roadways are categorized into classes (Interstate, Expressway, Arterial, Collector) according to the service each provides. This update effort is completed every 10 years to account for changes in travel patterns and the roadway network.</p> <p>To support local government review, FDOT District 5 provided an online application and dashboard for jurisdictions to review and provide their comments and recommendations. In addition, FDOT District 5 and MetroPlan Orlando staff met with local agency partners to answer specific questions related to roadways within their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Once approved by the MPO Board, the functional classification will be submitted to FDOT's Central Office for review. Upon their acceptance of all updates, FHWA will then conduct a final review and approve the roadway functional classifications.</p> |
| MetroPlan Budget Impact: | None |
| Local Funding Impact: | None |
| Committee Action: | CAC: TBD (10.25.23) TSMO: TBD (10.27.23) TAC: TBD (10.27.23) MAC: TBD (11.02.23) |
| Staff Recommendation: | Recommends approval. |
| Supporting Information: | <p>1) County-level Maps of 2020 Functional Classification of Public Roadways for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties.</p> <p>2) Existing and Proposed (2020) Functional Classification networks are available on MetroPlan Orlando's online Data Viewer: https://metroplanorlando.gov/maps-tools/dataviewer/. To view the two layers, click the "Roadway Classification" tab, from there, users can toggle on/off the Functional Classification layers.</p> |

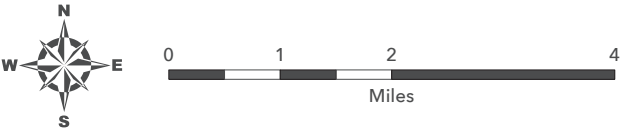
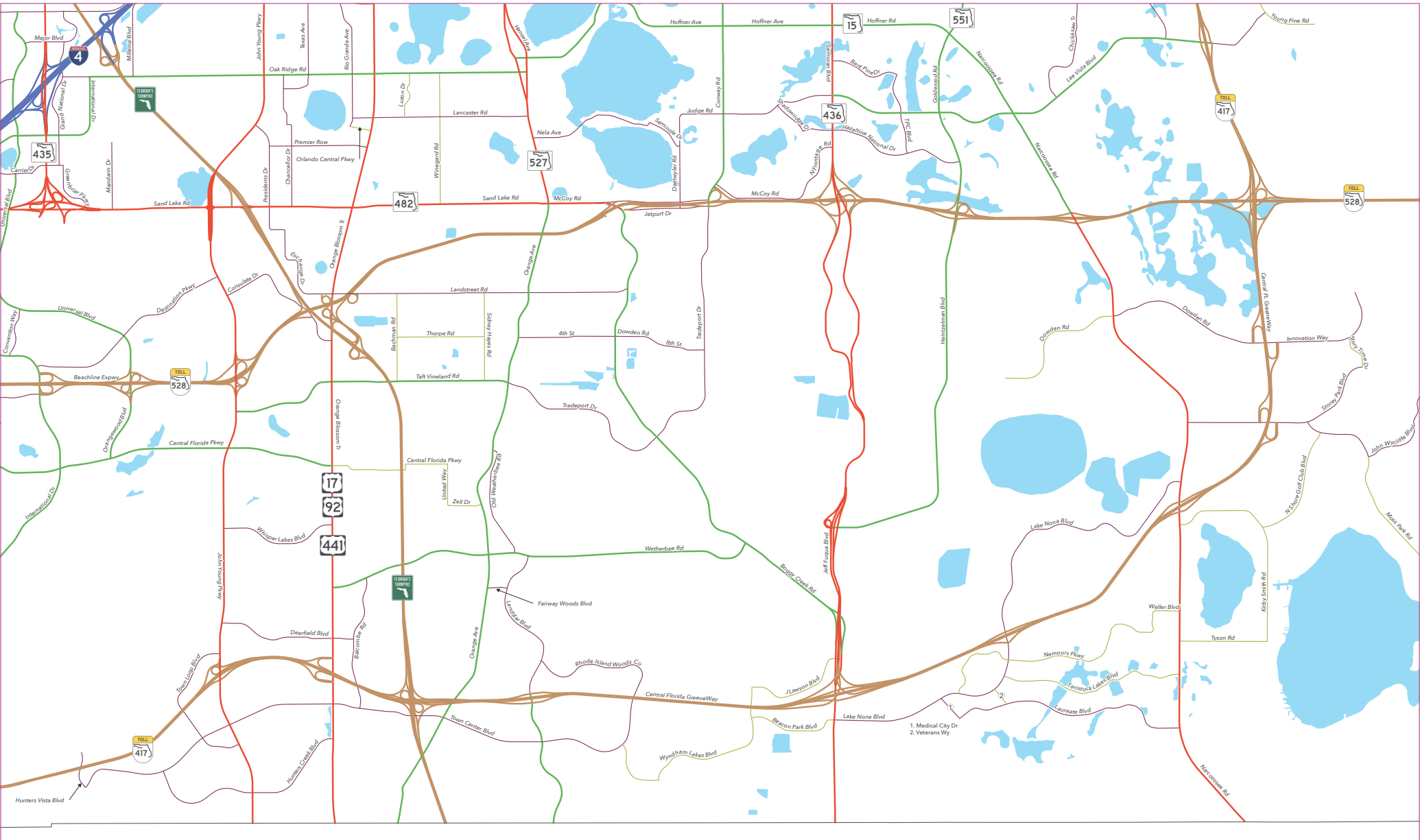






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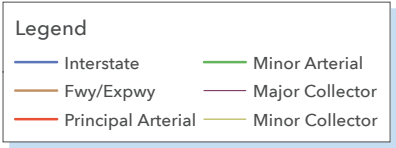
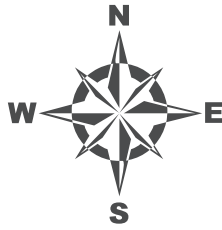
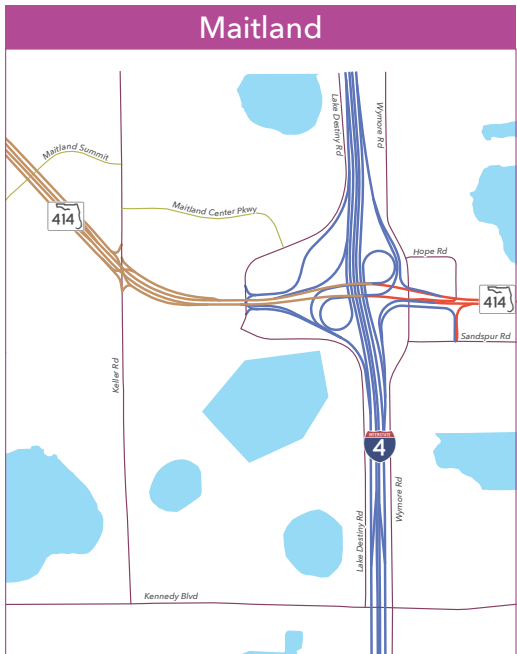
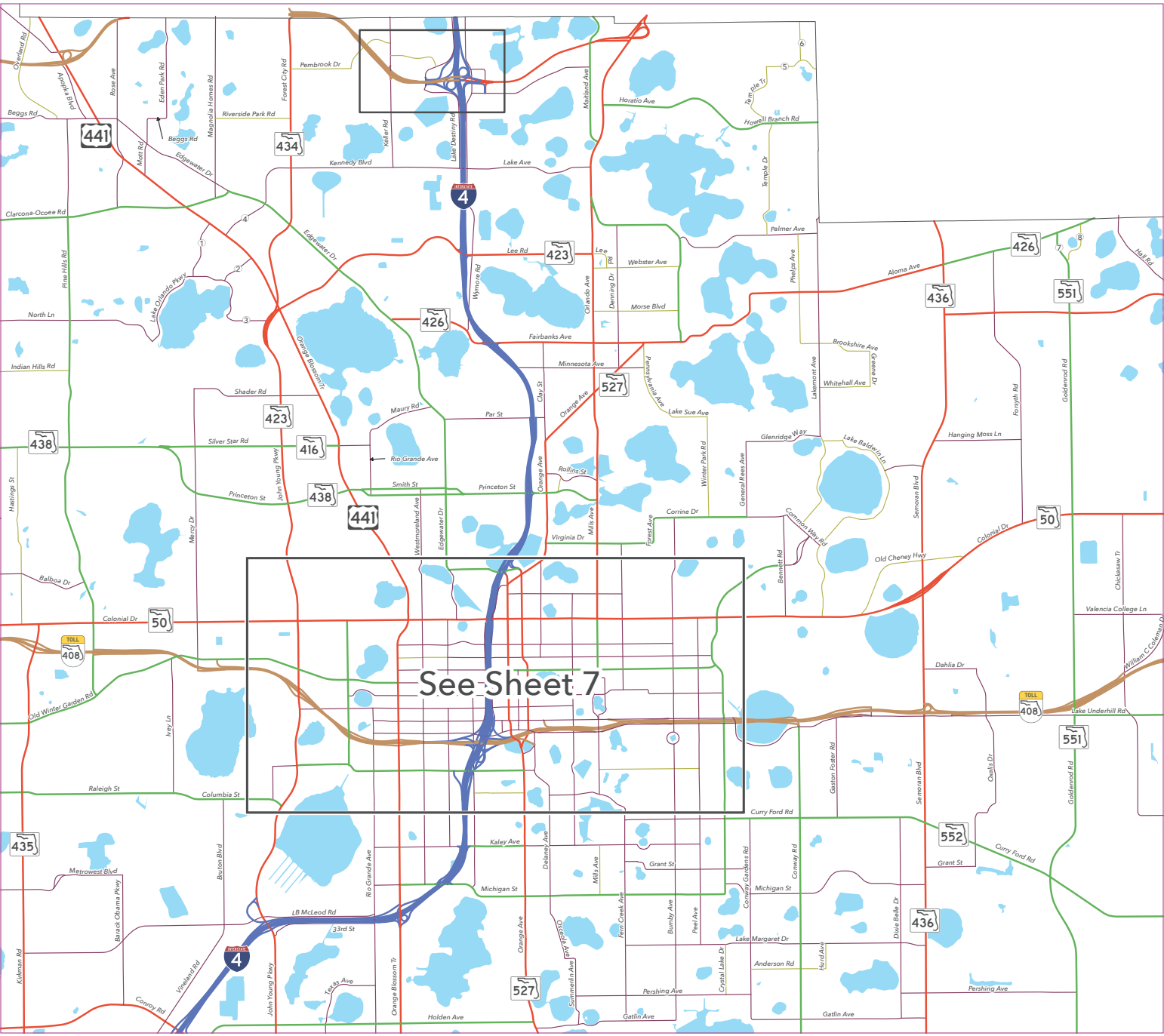
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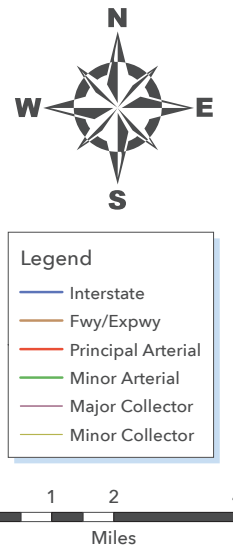
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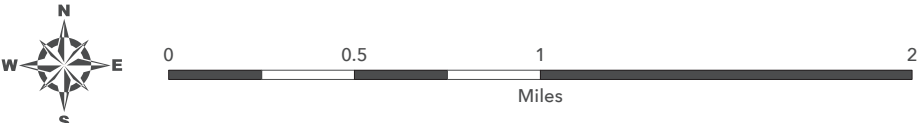
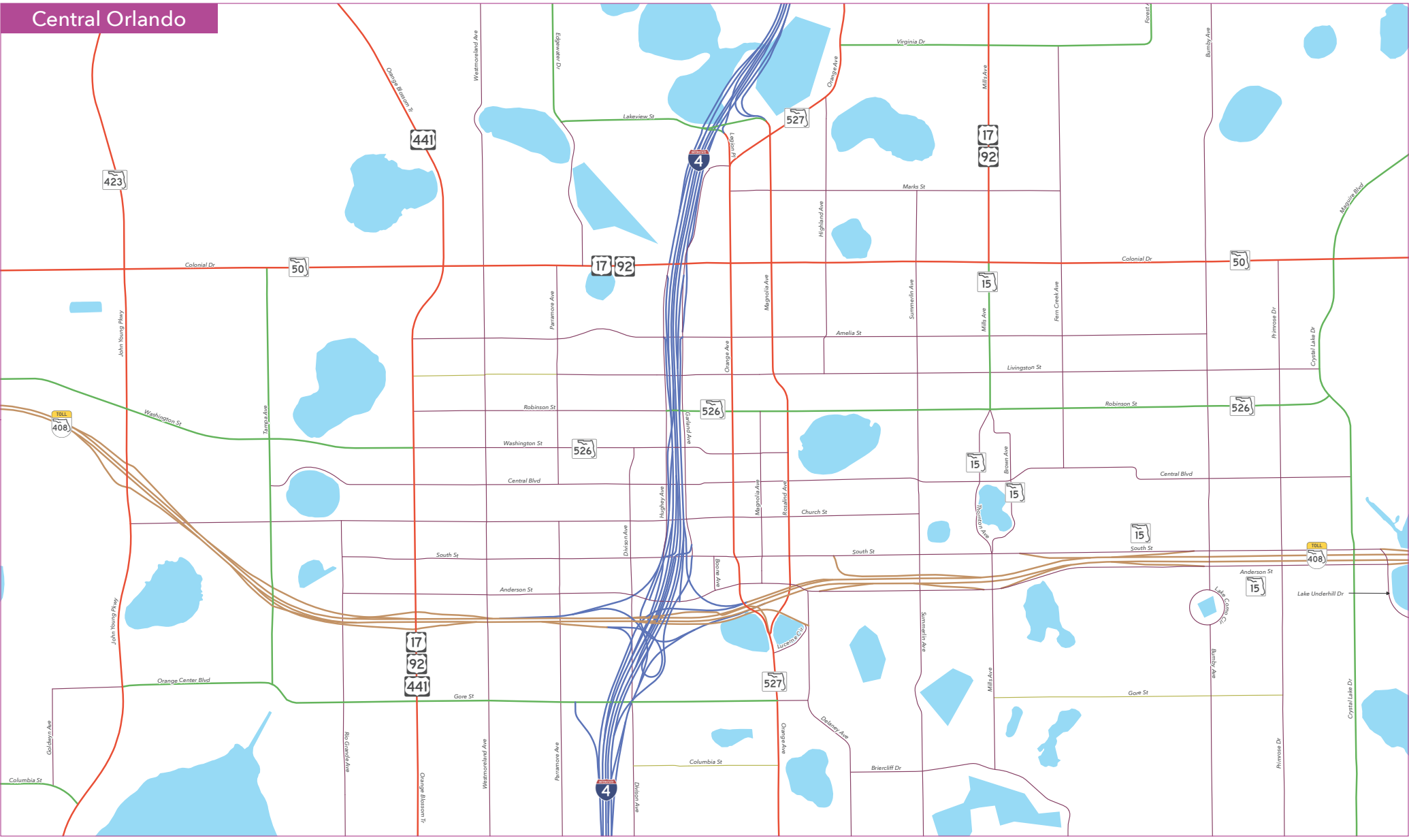
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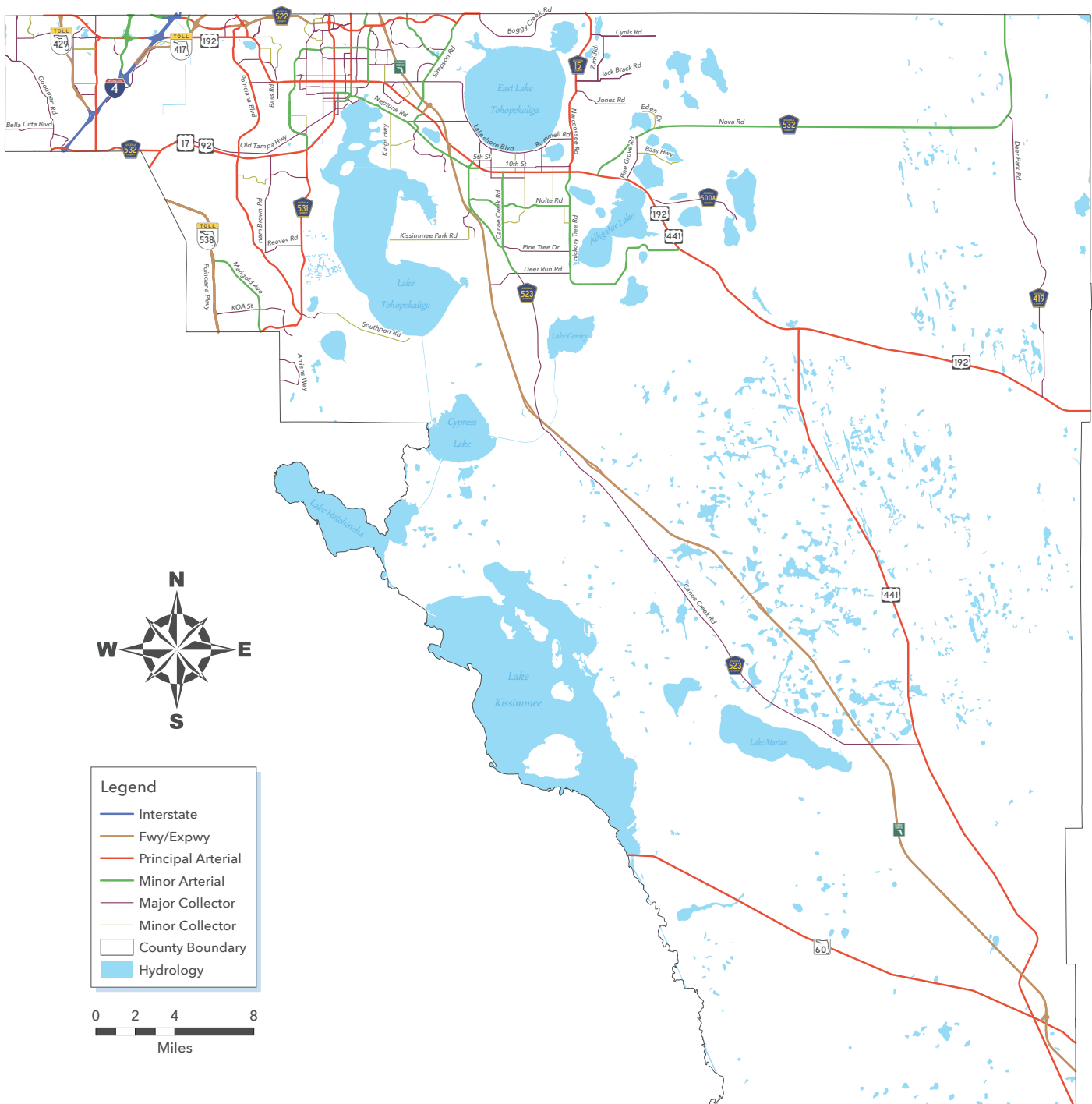






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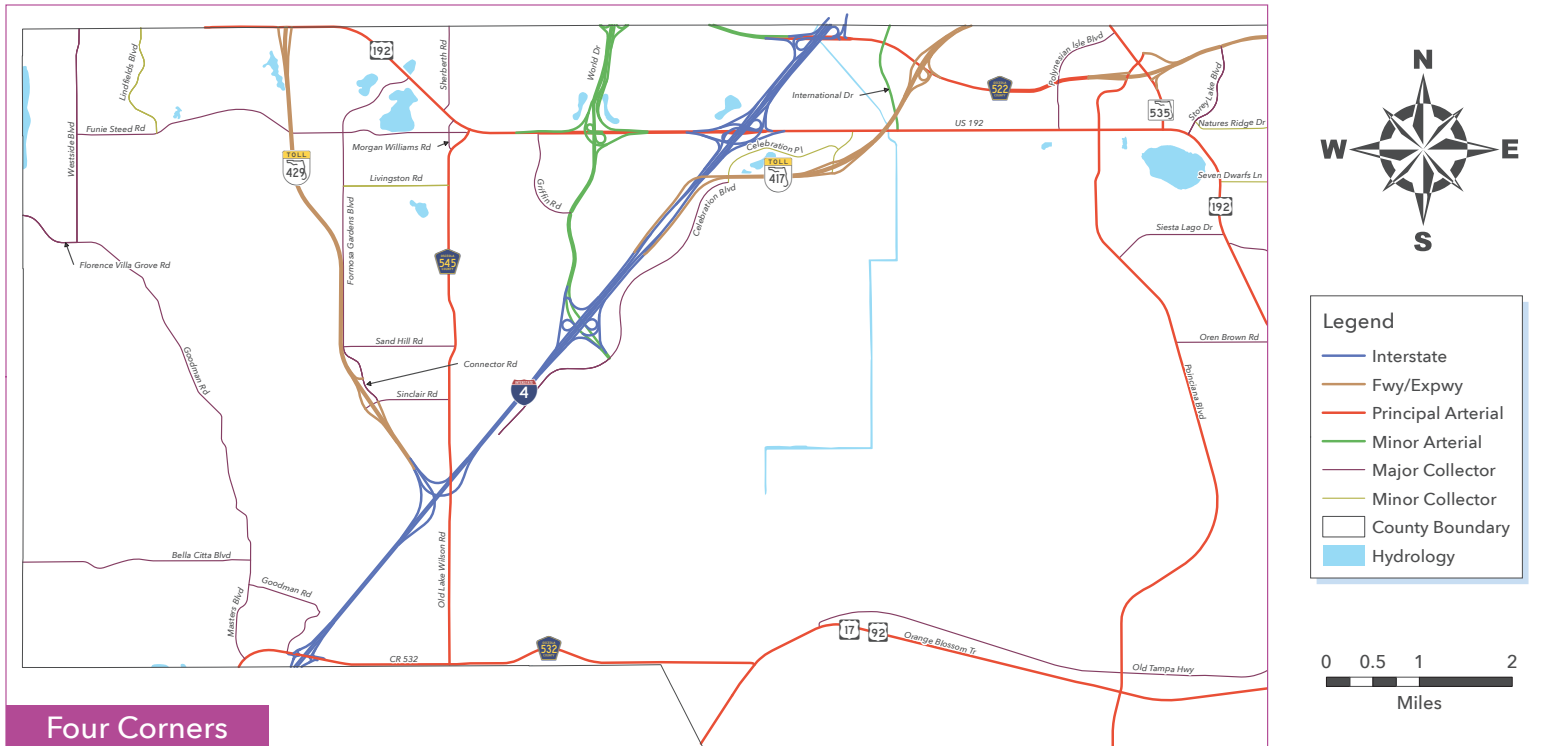
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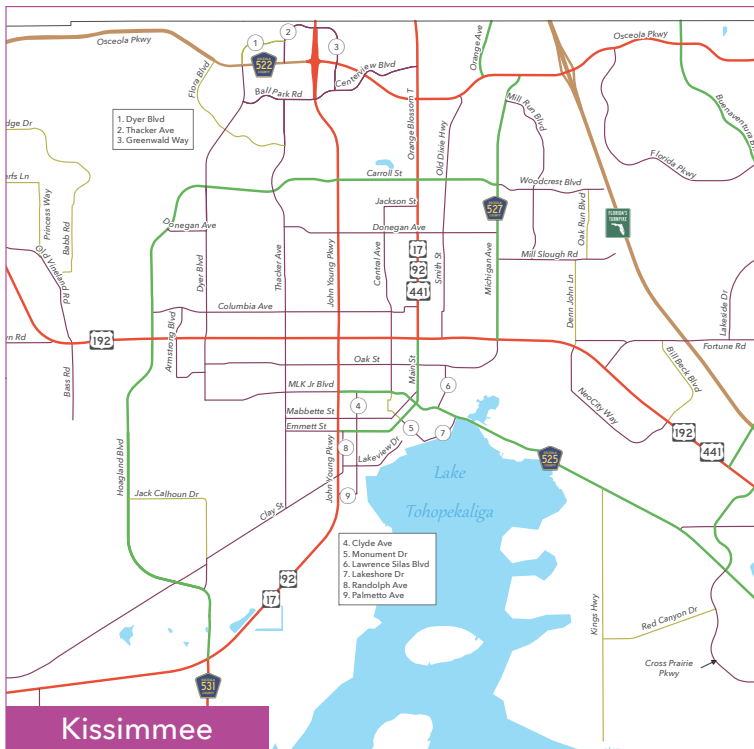
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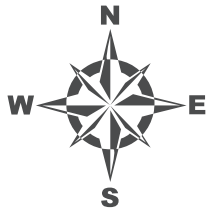
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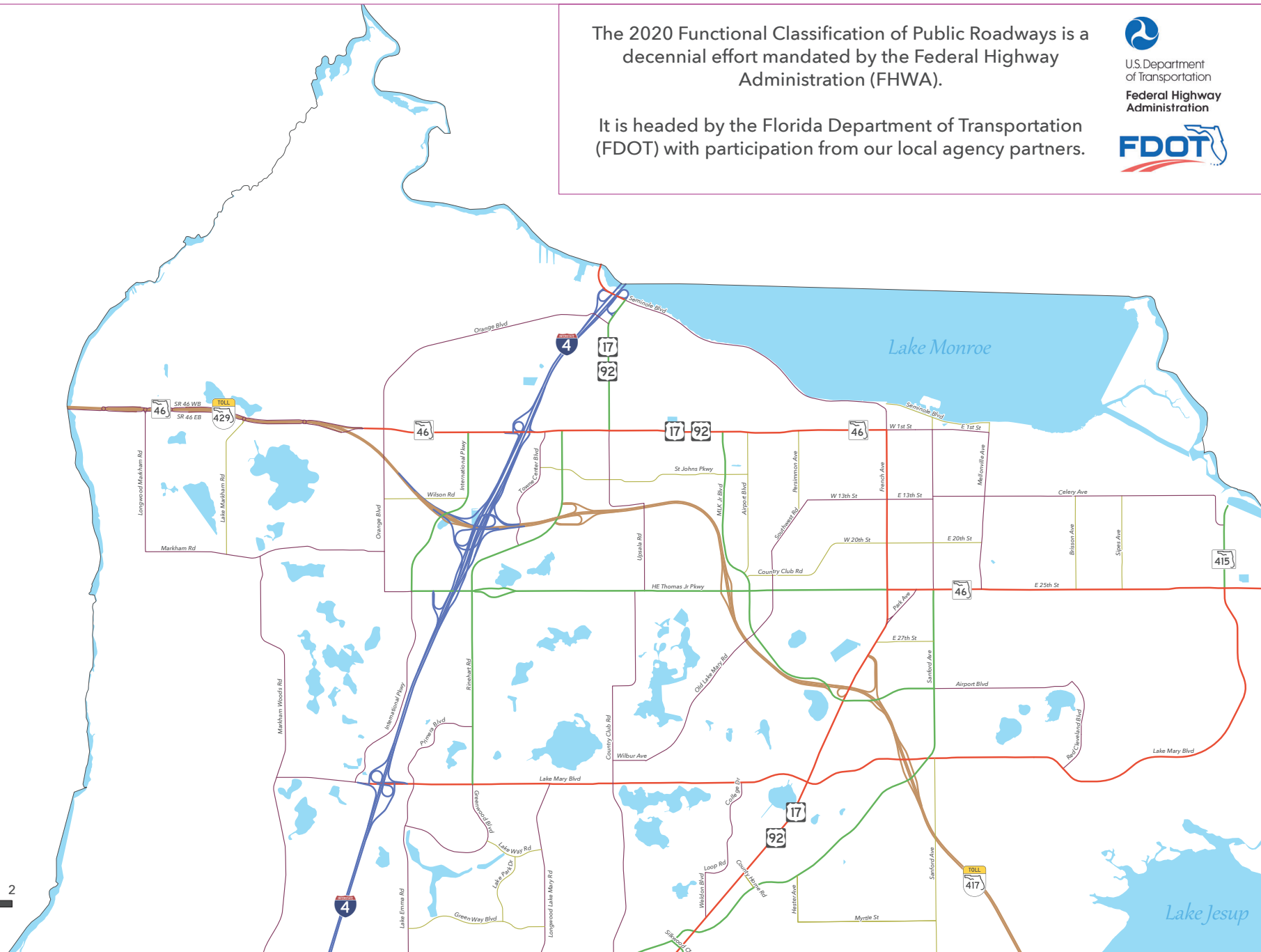
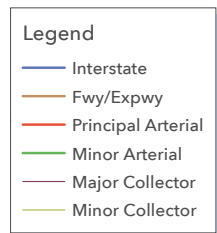


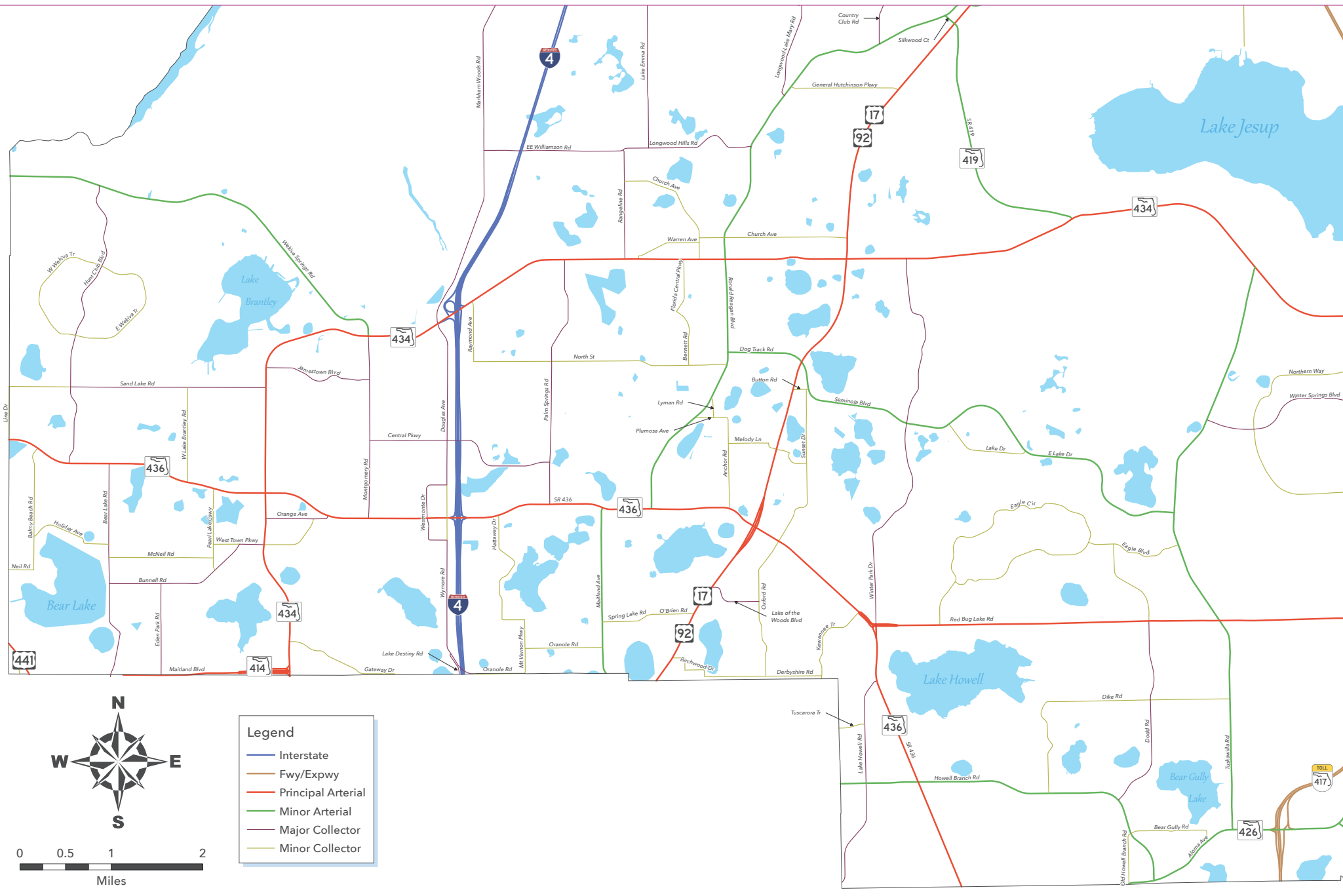


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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties Project Status Update as of September 30, 2023

The following is a brief status update on major FDOT road construction projects in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties as of the September cutoff. The next cutoff date is October 31, 2023. Information is also available on www.cflroads.com. For questions, please contact Jonathan Scarfe at 386-943-5791 or via email at jonathan.scarfe@dot.state.fl.us.

ORANGE COUNTY

Upcoming Projects:

445767 S.R. 500/U.S. 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) and S.R. 50 (Colonial Drive) signal reconstruction

- Contract T5783
- Project Start: October 23, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2024

445692 S.R. 527 (Orange Avenue) Milling & Resurfacing at S.R. 438 (Princeton Street) Intersection

- Contract T5778
- Project Start October 28, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2024

448789 Washington Street from Orange Blossom Trail to I-4

- Contract: E58B0
- Project Start: October 29, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024

Current Projects:

445707-1 S.R. 436 at Pershing Avenue Traffic Signal Improvements

- Contract T5775
- Project Start: August 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Update: Contractor is making signal improvements at the intersection of State Road 436 (Semoran Boulevard) and Pershing Avenue.

448520-1 & 450770-1 I-4 Wrong Way Vehicle Detection System

- Contract E56B7
- Project Start: August 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2024

- Update: Contractor is installing signs and striping enhancements, wrong way driving deterrents, and wrong way vehicle detection systems at various interchanges.

448914-1 & 449771-1 I-4 at S.R. 535 Interchange Improvements

- Contract E55B8
- Project Start: August 2022
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2026
- Update: Contractor is enhancing safety and improving access to and from westbound I-4 by eliminating the need for motorists to turn left across traffic, improving traffic flow and giving motorists more time to merge onto the highway, and lengthening the westbound exit ramp to Apopka-Vineland Road.

432193-5 I-4 Ultimate Terry Avenue Road Project

- Contract T5745
- Project Start: November 2022
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Update: Contractor is building a new section of Hicks Avenue between Gore Street and Anderson Street to the north. Crews will also build two roundabouts at the intersections between Hicks Avenue and Carter and Conley streets. New on-street parking and sidewalks are included in the project.

441113-1 I-4 at Daryl Carter Parkway Interchange

- Contract T5724
- Project Start: November 2022
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2025
- Update: Contractor is converting the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass, between Central Florida Parkway and State Road 535, into a diverging diamond interchange. The interchange will give motorists an alternate route to reach retailers and restaurants in the Lake Buena Vista area.

443514-1 S.R. 436 at S.R. 552 (Curry Ford Road) Traffic Signal Upgrade

- Contract T5762
- Project Start: April 2023
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2023
- Update: Contractor is rebuilding the existing signal at the intersection to accommodate mast arms with additional signal heads and safety features.

443816-1 Princeton Street from Chantelle Road to John Young Parkway

- Contract E56B2
- Project Start: May 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Update: Contractor is upgrading the traffic signal system, adding drainage improvements, signs, and shoulder widening. This also includes curb ramp reconstruction and pavement markings.

444175-1 I-4 Off-Ramp at C.R. 423 (John Young Parkway) to L.B. McLeod Road

- Contract E55B2
- Project Start: June 2023

- Estimated Completion: Early 2024
- Update: Contractor is making improvements that include milling and resurfacing of the travel lanes, turn lanes, traffic signals, paved shoulders, and medians on southbound C.R. 423 from the westbound S.R. 400 (I-4) off-ramp to L.B. McLeod Road in Orange County.

444315-1 & 444315-3 I-4 at Sand Lake Road Interchange

- Contract E59A6
- Project Start: April 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2027
- Update: Contractor is converting Sand Lake Road between International Drive and Turkey Lake Road, into a diverging diamond interchange. The interchange will improve the flow of traffic along Sand Lake Road as well as the traffic entering and exiting Interstate-4. The project also extends the westbound and eastbound express lanes from S.R. 435 (Kirkman Road) to west of S.R. 482 (Sand Lake Road.)

445693-1 S.R. 50 (Colonial Drive) from Thornton Avenue to Mills Avenue

- Contract T5772
- Project Start: May 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Update: Contractor is making drainage improvements, upgrading illuminated street signs, and the existing traffic signals with steel mast arms. The extension of the eastbound left-turn lane to Mills Avenue, pedestrian signals upgrades, and updating the existing curb are also included.

445695-1 S.R. 50 (Colonial Drive) at Westmoreland Drive

- Contract T5766
- Project Start: April 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2023
- Update: Contractor is milling, resurfacing, adding new traffic separators, reconstructing curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, pavement markings, intelligent transportation systems and utility adjustments, and replacement of existing strain pole signalization with new mast arm configured signalization.

445715-1 S.R. 438 (Silver Star Road) at Powers Drive

- Contract T5769
- Project Start: June 2023
- Estimated Completion: Early 2024
- Update: Contractor is upgrading the traffic signal system, pedestrian paths, and improving the drainage system at the intersection of Silver Star Road and Powers Drive.

445771-1 Orange Blossom Trail at Oak Ridge Road

- Contract T5776
- Project Start: June 2023
- Estimated Completion: Early 2024
- Update: Contractor is adding pavement markings, signs, and sod, improving pedestrian signals, and resurfacing Orange Blossom Trail.

446020-1 S.R. 435 (Kirkman Road) from north of Vineland Road to north of Windhover Drive

- Contract E58A7
- Project Start: December 2022
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2023
- Update: Contractor is making improvements that include milling, resurfacing, base work, sidewalk, and drainage improvements. Curb and gutter, traffic signals, including signs and pavement markings are also included in the project.

447395-1 Orange Blossom Trail (U.S. 441) from Holden Avenue to 34th Street

- Contract E52B4
- Project Start: August 2022
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2023
- Update: Contractor is performing milling and resurfacing, curb reconstruction, sidewalk reconstruction, raised mid-block crosswalk construction, pedestrian refuge construction, curb return reconstruction, in-road lighting, pedestrian hybrid beacons, signalization, signing, striping, and lighting.

447807-1 Smart Orlando Downtown Advance Traffic Operations Performance (SODA TOP)

- Contract E59A5
- Project Start: June 2022
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2023
- Update: Contractor is installing hardware and software to provide Transit Signal Priority (TSP) operations for signalized intersections and LYNX Buses in Orange County.

Current Projects:

437634-1 S.R. 551 (Goldenrod Road) from S.R. 408 to S.R. 50

- Contract T5718
- Contractor: Southland Construction, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$11.5 million
- Project Start: August 2021
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Update: The Contractor is in Phase 1B (northbound Goldenrod Road). Current activities include roadway widening and pavement, drainage, water main utilities, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, and signalization. The bi-directional turn lane is closed to accommodate the construction. Motorists are being shifted to the west side of State Road (S.R.) 551.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Upcoming Projects:

445801-1 S.R. 500/600 Orange Blossom Trail at Osceola Parkway

- Contract T5787
- Project Start: October 25, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024

Current Projects:**445709 13th Street (U.S. 192) from Florida Avenue to Michigan Avenue**

- Contract T5779
- Project Start: September 2023
- Estimated Completion Summer 2024
- Update: Project start on September 18th.

443958-1 & 444329-1 I-4 from Polk County line to west of S.R. 417

- Contract T5728
- Project Start: November 2021
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2023
- Update: Contractor is milling and resurfacing, creating base work, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, shoulder gutter, lighting, overhead sign structures, guardrail, bridge culvert widening, bridge rail retrofit, pavement removal, and signing and pavement marking.

445210-1 John Young Parkway (U.S. 17-92) from east of Ham Brown Road to south of Portage Street

- Contract E50B0
- Project Start: September 2022
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Update: Contractor is resurfacing the existing highway, installing new pedestrian sidewalks, shoulder widening, reconstructing curb ramps, and upgrading traffic signals.

449424-1 U.S. 192/U.S. 441 Multiple Bridge Rehabilitation at various locations

- Contract E55B3
- Project Start: March 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2023
- Update: Undergoing final acceptance.

SEMINOLE COUNTY**Upcoming Projects:**

None.

Current Projects:**445221-1 State Road (S.R.) 426 from Mystic Lake / Starwood Drive to Eyrie Drive**

- Contract: E56B8
- Contractor: P&S Paving, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$6.7 Million
- Project Start: September 2023
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Update: The Contractor is currently working on drainage improvements and pedestrian signalization along the project. Utility adjustments throughout the project are also ongoing.

441140-1 SR 436 from Northlake Boulevard/Cranes Roost Boulevard to Boston Avenue

- Contract: T5749
- Contractor: Masci General Contractor, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$13.9 Million
- Project Start: June 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2024
- Update: The project consists of resurfacing S.R. 436 from Northlake Boulevard/Cranes Roost Boulevard to Boston Avenue. The project is in Phase II, which consists of removing temporary pavement markings and allowing three 11' travel lanes. Per the Maintenance of Traffic plans, this creates the work zones in the eastbound and westbound outside lanes. Work on the outside sections includes clearing and grubbing, drainage improvements, and curb and sidewalk.

415030-6 Oviedo Ultimate S.R. 426 / C.R. 419 from Pine Avenue to Avenue B

- Contract: T5736
- Contractor: Masci General Contractor, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$20 million
- Project Start: January 2022
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Update: The Contractor is working on erosion control, excavation, drainage operations, subgrade, base, concrete sidewalk and curb, street lighting, and signalization. Utility work is ongoing throughout the project for Duke Energy and AT&T. An active detour along Geneva Drive will be in place until Late 2023. Several alternate routes can be used, from Central Avenue to Franklin Street and Broadway Street to Oviedo Boulevard. The local property access will be maintained. Station Street is now open to traffic at County Road (C.R.) 419. From just east of S.R. 434 to Avenue B, a lane shift for east and westbound traffic has been installed along C.R. 419 to allow the contractor to work on the north side of C.R. 419.

436679-1, 436679-2, 436857-1 Resurfacing / Widening U.S. 17-92 from north of Lake Mary Boulevard to the north of Airport Boulevard, along with intersection improvements at Airport Boulevard

- Contract: T5686
- Contractor: Masci General Contractor, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$10.4 Million
- Project Start: March 2021
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2023
- Update: The Contractor is working on asphalt paving and street lighting.

Board Meeting Highlights – September 13, 2023

- **Chairwoman's Announcements:** Chair Mayra Uribe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Bob Dallari, Seminole County, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Uribe reported on the July 27th MPOAC meeting. Commissioner Janer reported on the July 27th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting and announced the Osceola County State of the County address, scheduled for Thursday, September 14th. Commissioner Olga Castano reported on the August 10th Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting August/September as "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over". Link to Safety Moment Video: [Catch a Ride :30 | Buzzed Driving Prevention - YouTube](#).
- **MetroPlan Orlando Executive Director's Announcements:** Mr. Gary Huttman welcomed Mr. Rusty Roberts with the Florida Transportation Commission and Board alternates: Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando, Commissioner Bob Dallari, Seminole County, Mr. Ralph Martinez, CFX, and Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT. He announced FDOT Mobility Week from October 27-November 4. Mr. Huttman updated Board members on the Vision Zero Action Plan and MetroPlan Orlando rebranding efforts. He welcomed back MetroPlan Orlando staff member Senior Transportation Engineer/TSMO Project Manager Lara Bouck, and congratulated Director of Finance & Administration Jason Loschiavo on 20 years with MetroPlan Orlando.
- **FDOT Report:** Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT District 5, provided updates on the I-4/535 Interchange Project, the FDOT Safety Strategic Plan and a Safety Second emphasizing occupant protection and car seat safety. She also announced that Rail Safety week is September 18-22.
- **Agenda Review:** Mr. Huttman noted that an updated agenda was emailed to Board members removing the FDOT Dynamic Tolling presentation and replacing it with a TSMO Master Plan Update.
- **Public Comments on Action Items:** Ms. Amy Martello, representing the City of Winter Garden, commented on Action Item C, Approval of the Executive Committee Recommendation on Board Apportionment. She expressed the City's support for Scenario C.
- Unanimously **Approved** Consent Items: A through I.
- Unanimously **Approved** FDOT Amendment to FY 2024-2028TIP (Roll call vote conducted).
- Unanimously **Approved** FDOT Roll-Forward Amendment to FY 2024-2028 TIP (Roll call vote conducted).
- Unanimously **Approved** the Executive Committee Recommendation on Board Apportionment.
- Unanimously **Approved** the Executive Committee Recommendation on the Internal Operating Procedures.
- Unanimously **Approved** the Federal Certification Report.
- Unanimously **Approved** Information Items for Acknowledgement Items A through N.
- **Other Business:** Presentations: **Update on Active Transportation Plan** (Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando) and **Update on TSMO Master Plan** (Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando)
- **General Public Comments:** None.
- **Board Member Comments:** None.
- **Next Board Meeting – November 8, 2023, 9 a.m.**

Air Quality Monitoring: Ozone Attainment Status

January - September

As of October 16, 2023

| Seminole State College (#C117-1002) | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------|
| Year | Fourth Highest 8-Hour Average (Displayed in Parts per Billion) | Date |
| 2023 | 63 | 5-May |
| 2022 | 62 | 3-Apr |
| 2021 | 60 | 28-May |
| 2020 | 62 | 16-Mar |

2022 3-Year Attainment Average: 61

2023 Year-to-Date 3-Year Running Average: 62

Change **1**

| Osceola Co. Fire Station - Four Corners (#C097-2002) | | |
|--|---|--------|
| Year | Fourth Highest 8-Hour Average (Displayed in Parts per Billion) | Date |
| 2023 | 61 | 5-May |
| 2022 | 62 | 22-Apr |
| 2021 | 60 | 23-Mar |
| 2020 | 72 | 10-May |

2022 3-Year Attainment Average: 65

2023 Year-to-Date 3-Year Running Average: 61

Change **(4)**

| Lake Isle Estates - Winter Park (#095-2002) | | |
|---|---|--------|
| Year | Fourth Highest 8-Hour Average (Displayed in Parts per Billion) | Date |
| 2023 | 69 | 10-Jun |
| 2022 | 60 | 3-May |
| 2021 | 62 | 28-May |
| 2020 | 65 | 17-Mar |

2022 3-Year Attainment Average: 62

2023 Year-to-Date 3-Year Running Average: 64

Change **2**

| Skyview Drive (#L095-0010) | | |
|----------------------------|---|--------|
| Year | Fourth Highest 8-Hour Average (Displayed in Parts per Billion) | Date |
| 2023 | 66 | 6-Sep |
| 2022 | 62 | 3-May |
| 2021 | 54 | 21-Mar |
| 2020 | 61 | 11-May |

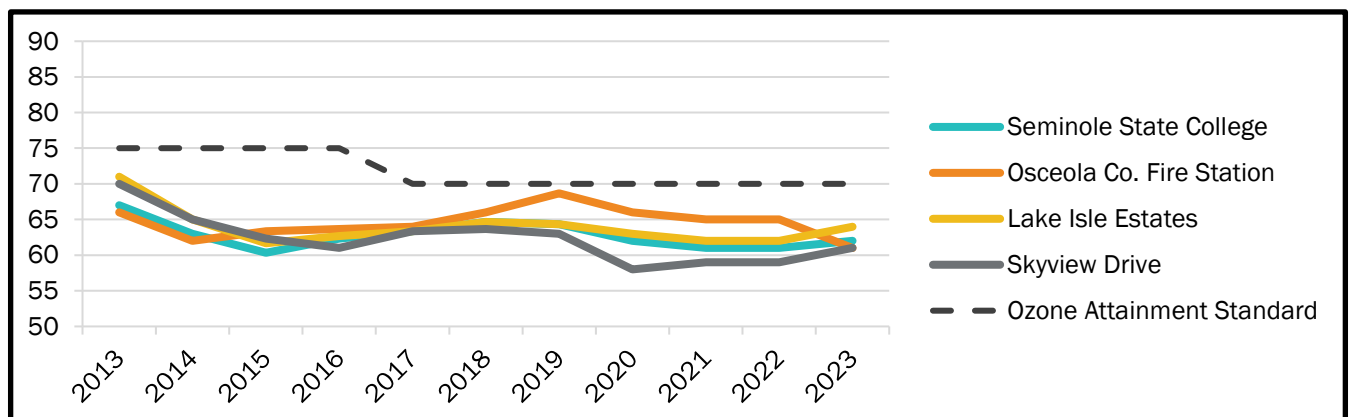
2022 3-Year Attainment Average: 59

2023 Year-to-Date 3-Year Running Average: 61

Change **2**

10-Year Historic Ozone Attainment Status

(Displayed in Parts per Billion)

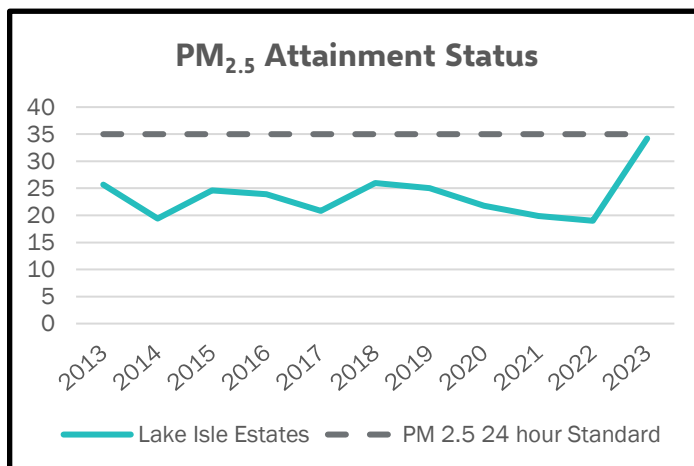


Air Quality Monitoring: Particulate Matter 2.5 Attainment Status

As of October 16, 2023

| Lake Isle Estates - Winter Park (#095-2002) | | |
|---|--|--------|
| Year | Daily Average PM _{2.5} (micrograms per cubic meter) | Date |
| 2023 | 34 | 3-Oct |
| 2022 | 19 | 10-Aug |
| 2021 | 20 | 5-Feb |
| 2020 | 22 | 15-Apr |

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|---|----|
| PM _{2.5} 24 hour NAAQ Standard | 35 |
| 98th percentile, 3 year average - 2023 | 24 |
| 98th percentile, 3 year average - 2022 | 20 |

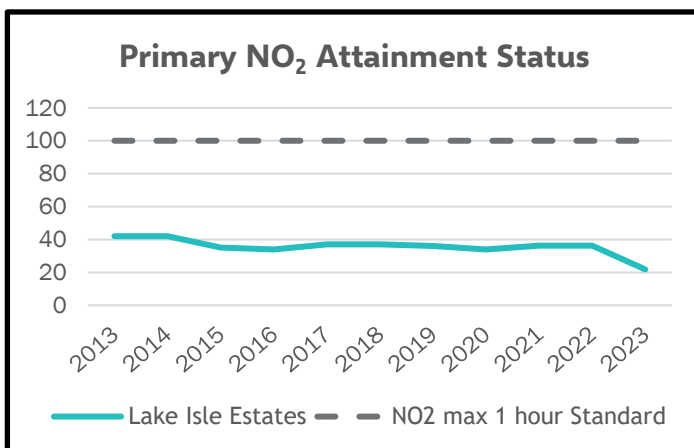


Air Quality Monitoring: Primary NO₂ Attainment Status

As of October 16, 2023

| Lake Isle Estates - Winter Park (#095-2002) | | |
|---|--|--------|
| Year | Primary NO ₂ max one hour average (Parts per Billion) | Date |
| 2023 | 22 | 7-Sep |
| 2022 | 36 | 28-Nov |
| 2021 | 36 | 6-Apr |
| 2020 | 34 | 10-Dec |

| | |
|--|-----|
| NO ₂ max 1 hour average NAAQ Standard | 100 |
| 98th percentile, 3 year average - 2023 | 31 |
| 98th percentile, 3 year average - 2022 | 35 |



Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection



LYNX to Hold Information Sessions and Public Workshop and Hearing for December 2023 Service Proposal

ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 28, 2023) – The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) has proposed making system-wide efficiencies effective Dec. 10.

The LYNX Board of Directors will vote on the service proposal at the Oct. 26 meeting in the LYNX Central Station 2nd Floor Board Room.

The December proposal will include the following:

- New route Link 307.
- Schedule adjustments on Links 8, 42 and 49.
- Route adjustments for Link 103 and NeighborLinks 621, 641 and 652.
- Adding trips on Links 42, 48, 49, 104, 105 and 107.
- Reducing trips on Links 11, 20, 23, 28, 44, 49, 102 and 106.

There will be information sessions throughout the service area to discuss this proposal.

Information Sessions

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, Oct. 3
1-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Kissimmee City Hall
Florida Conference Room
101 Church St., Kissimmee, FL., 34741

Passengers should use any of the Links serving Kissimmee Intermodal Station or SunRail.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Oct. 4
1-2 p.m.
LOCATION: LYNX Central Station Terminal Lobby
455 Garland Ave.
Orlando FL., 32801

Passengers should use any of the Links serving LYNX Central Station, LYMMO (Orange and Lime Lines) or SunRail.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, Oct. 5
1-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Altamonte City Hall
Commission Chambers,
201-211 Newburyport Ave.
Altamonte Springs, FL., 32701

Passengers should use Link 436N and SunRail.

The public comment period will begin Sept. 29. Comments will be accepted at the public workshop and hearing.

Public Workshop/Hearing

DATE/TIME: Thursday, Oct. 19
4-5 p.m. (Workshop), 5-6 p.m. (Hearing)
LOCATION: LYNX Central Station
2nd Floor Open Space
455 North Garland Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
Virtual Meeting (more information will be available on golynx.com.)

Passengers should use any of the Links serving LYNX Central Station, LYMMO (Orange and Lime Lines) or SunRail.

Public comments also will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Oct. 21 at golynx.com on the “contact us” page, by mail or delivered to:

LYNX Central Station
455 N. Garland Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
Attention: Service Change

Interested parties may view the proposed service change information at the LYNX Central Station 1st Floor Security Guard Post 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For additional information, contact Bruce Detweiler, manager of service planning, at (407) 254-6136.

Maps and schedules are being drafted and once complete will be posted on golynx.com.

Dec. 10 Service Proposal*

NEW ROUTE

- **Link 307** – Disney Circulator (Orange County) – Route will operate between Disney Springs Transfer Center, Epcot Cast Service and J.W. Marriott Bonnet Creek. Daily service every 30 minutes 5:45 a.m.-12:24 a.m.

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- **Link 8** – W. Oak Ridge Road/International Drive (Orange County)
- **Link 42** – International Drive/Oak Ridge Road/OIA (Orange County)
- **Link 49** – W. Colonial Drive/Pine Hills Road (Orange County)

ROUTE and SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- **Link 103** – North 17-92/Seminole Centre (Seminole County) – Discontinuing daily morning trips on Eslinger Way. Saturday and Sunday service will not serve Seminole State College. Minor schedule adjustments.
- **NeighborLink 621** – East Colonial Drive/Bithlo (Orange County) – Eliminating zone service in Avalon Park. Adding a weekday and Saturday 7:05 p.m. trip from Bithlo Health Center and 7:45 p.m. trip from East Orange Community Center. Renumbering to 821.
- **NeighborLink 641** – Williamsburg (Orange County) – Reducing zone coverage in Williamsburg and extending north to Dr. Phillips. Discontinuing weekday and Saturday 5:15 a.m. trip from the Destination Parkway SuperStop. The entire route will operate as an on-demand pilot. Renumbering to 841.
- **NeighborLink 652** – Maitland (Orange County) – Extending zone south to Lucien Way. Renumbering to 852.

TRIP ADDITIONS

- **Link 8** – W. Oak Ridge Road/International Drive (Orange County) – Adding a Saturday 4:51 a.m. trip from International Drive/Oak Ridge Road.
- **Link 42** – International Drive/Oak Ridge Road/OIA (Orange County) – Adding weekday 4:25 a.m. and Saturday 4:35 a.m. trip from International Drive/Oak Ridge Road to OIA. Sunday 5:25 a.m. trip from Florida Mall to Destination Parkway SuperStop will be added.
- **Link 48** – W. Colonial Drive/Powers Drive (Orange County) – Adding a Saturday 10:45 p.m. trip from LYNX Central Station.
- **Link 49** – W. Colonial Drive/Pine Hills Road (Orange County) – Adding a Saturday 11:15 p.m. trip from LYNX Central Station.

- **Link 104** – East Colonial Drive (Orange County) – Adding Sunday 8:45 p.m. trip from LYNX Central Station.
- **Link 105** – West Colonial Drive (Orange County) – Adding Sunday 8 p.m. trip from West Oaks Mall SuperStop.
- **Link 107** – U.S. 441 (Orange Blossom Trail)/Florida Mall (Orange County) – Adding a weekday 4:30 a.m. trip from Florida Mall.

TRIP REDUCTIONS

- **Link 11**– S. Orange Avenue/Orlando International Airport (Orange County) – Discontinuing Saturday 4:50 a.m. trip from LYNX Central Station.
- **Link 20** – Malibu Street/Pine Hills/Washington Shores (Orange County) – Discontinuing Saturday 5:05 a.m. and Sunday 5:15 a.m. trips from LYNX Central Station.
- **Link 23** – Winter Park/Rosemont/Springs Plaza (Orange County/Seminole County) – Discontinuing Saturday 8:50 p.m. trip from Seminole State College.
- **Link 28** – E. Colonial Drive/Azalea Park (Orange County) – Discontinuing weekday 11:38 p.m. trip from SR 436/Curry Ford Road.
- **Link 44** – Hiawasse Road/Zellwood/Apopka (Orange County) – Discontinuing weekday 4:51 a.m. and Saturday 5:12 a.m. trips from Harry Street/Janet Avenue.
- **Link 49** – W. Colonial Drive/Pine Hills Road (Orange County) – Discontinuing weekday 12:05 a.m. trip from Pine Hills Road/Silver Star Road.
- **Link 102** – Orange Avenue/South 17-92 (Orange County/Seminole County) – Discontinuing weekday midnight trip from Fernwood Boulevard/Oxford Road.
- **Link 106** – North U.S. 441 (Orange Blossom Trail)/Apopka (Orange County) – Discontinuing weekday midnight trip from Apopka SuperStop.

** Subject to change.*

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LYNX Bus Tracker to Go Away at the End of September

ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 21, 2023) – The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) official LYNX Bus Tracker mobile application will go away on Sept. 30.

In the meantime, the agency is aware of third-party mobile bus tracking applications from Apple Maps, Google Maps, Moovit and Transit App. Customers are encouraged to search the App Store or Google Play and download their favorite application. All of LYNX' real-time data is available for developers to [download](#).

The agency is working on a new platform that will combine bus tracking and mobile payment into one application. This app will roll out later this year.

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LYNX to Roll Out Upgraded NeighborLink Mobile Application on Nov. 1

ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 18, 2023) – The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) has a new and enhanced NeighborLink mobile app available for download now but, cannot be used to make trip reservations until the official launch date of Nov. 1.

Customers will need to download the Rides on Demand mobile app through the iOS or the Google Play store and select NeighborLink from the Agency Selection screen. The fresh design and new interactive real-time app will make it easy for customers to manage all aspects of their journey. Customers will now be able to book trips with just a few taps, request space for a wheelchair, plus track their ride on a live map and receive important notifications before and during the trip.

Anyone who installed the previous version of the NeighborLink app will need to remove it and download the new Rides on Demand version. During this transition period customers in the NeighborLink service areas may still call 407-244-0808 to book a trip. Temporarily customers will need to call and book their trip for travel after Oct. 25 until the new app launches on Nov. 1.

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LYNX to Participate in 8th Annual FDOT Mobility Week

Pine Hills Transfer Center Groundbreaking to Start Weeklong Celebration

ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 23, 2023) – The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) will join the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in its Mobility Week Oct. 27- Nov. 4.

The agency will host or support events throughout the week highlighting FDOT's grassroots effort to promote awareness of safe and sustainable transportation choices.

To kick off the week on Oct. 30, the official groundbreaking for the highly anticipated Pine Hills Transfer Center will take place at 1:30 p.m. Attending the event will be former U.S Rep. Val Demings, FDOT District 5 Secretary/LYNX board member John Tyler, Orange County Mayor/LYNX Chair Jerry Demings and LYNX CEO Tiffany Homler Hawkins. This project has been years in the making. Once complete, this \$15 million facility will offer the community a convenient way to make connections in the community rather than transfer downtown. The facility will have eight bus bays, a custom canopy similar to LYNX Central Station, integration of the Pine Hills Bike Trail, reconstruction of Belco Drive and an administrative building that could house customer service and safety. Other features will include CCTV, customer information and sustainability elements.

On Nov. 2 all rides will be fare-free for bus, NeighborLink and SunRail services on Try Transit Day. This will be an unlimited opportunity for current and potential riders to try LYNX and SunRail transportation options and save money on daily travel.

Other Nov. 2 events will include LYNX CEO Tiffany Homler Hawkins appearing on the *Orlando Business Journal* Transportation Roundtable. The city of Orlando will host Mastering Your Urban Journey where select seniors in Downtown Orlando will have the opportunity to learn about and ride LYNX and SunRail. The annual safety fair will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the LYNX Central Station (LCS) terminal where local agencies will be handing out information to help passengers travel safely throughout the tri-county region. FDOT will once again host a multimodal workshop in the LCS 2nd floor open space room, 1-4 p.m.

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Memorandum

October 18, 2023

To: MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Committee Members

From: Mighk Wilson, Senior Planner

Subject: October 2023 Bicycle & Pedestrian Activity Update

City of Casselberry

The Sunset Drive Livable Street Improvements project is anticipated to be fully completed in early 2024.

Construction of the Southcot Drive Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements is expected to be awarded in November 2023 and commence in early 2024.

The City is also finalizing design of its next Citywide Road Rehabilitation project, which includes numerous pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements.

As part of Mobility Week, on November 2nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Casselberry Recreation Center the City will be hosting a special public input workshop to help prioritize preliminary projects identified for the City's next Mobility and Access Plan. All of the proposed projects are heavily weighted towards bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity.

Orange County

Shingle Creek Trail Phase 3 (Town Loop Circle to Osceola County Line) is under construction.

The County is moving towards Construction for:

- Shingle Creek Trail Phase 1, Segments 2 and 3 (Destination Parkway to Taft Vineland Road)
- Lake Apopka Connector Trail (Magnolia Park to WOT at McCormick Road)
- Innovation Way Trail Phase 1A (McCulloch Road to Research Parkway)
- Pine Hills Trail Phase 2A (Silver Star Road to Pine Hills Road)

Design is ongoing or commencing for:

- Horizon West Trail Phase 1A (Tiny Road to Stoneybrook Parkway)
- Little Econ Trail Phase 3 (SR 436 to Forsyth Road including the Pedestrian Bridge)
- Pine Hills Trail Phase 2C (Bonnie Brae Circle to Clarcona Ocoee Road)

Seminole County

Celery/Mellonville Trail (Lake Monroe Loop)
Limits: Sanford Riverwalk to SR 415
Status: Design complete. ROW acquisition ongoing. Project to be split into two phases.

EE Williamson Rd Trail Connector
Limits: East of I-4 Bridge to CR 427/Ronald Reagan Blvd
Status: Construction 86% complete.

Reconstruction of intersection at Rangeline Road underway.
CR 419 at Snowhill Rd Sidewalk
Limits: Snowhill Rd to 7th Street
Status: Project to be re-bid for construction services. Engineer's estimate being revised.

Oxford Rd Drainage & Sidewalk
Limits: Derbyshire Road to East Blvd (sidewalk on west side only)
Status: Design plans at 90%.

Old Lake Mary Rd Sidewalks
Limits: Windtree Ct to W 25th Street
Status: Design plans at 93%. Coordination with FPL for utility conflicts.
ROW negotiations ongoing.

Orange Blvd/CR 431 Safety Improvements (includes Ped/Bike enhancements)
Limits: SR 46 to Monroe Rd
Status: Design and ROW acquisition in process. Relocation and redesign of ponds to extend schedule.

Cross Seminole Trail Connector Ramps at US 17-92
Limits: Cross Seminole Trail at US 17-92.
Connect sidewalks on US 17-92 to the Trail.
Status: FDOT lockdown moved to Dec 1, 2023.

Wymore Rd Drainage, Bike & Ped Improvements
Limits: Orange County line to Spring Valley Rd
Status: Utility relocation ongoing.

Central Seminole Trail – North Section (formally Power Corridor Trail Study)
Limits: SR 434 at Winter Park Drive to Cross Seminole Trail at US 17-92 via Power Easement
Status: Property owners unwilling to provide needed easements. Project on hold.

Seminole Wekiva Trail Tunnels at SR 434 and SR 436
Limits: One underpass at SR 434 at Orange Blvd. and a second underpass at SR 436 at Laurel St.
Status: Design work underway.

SR 434 Improvements to include Roundabouts and Bike/Ped/Trail improvements
Limits: SR 417 to Franklin St.
Status: Design plans at 85%. Coordination with FDOT continues.

CR 426/Geneva Drive Sidewalks
Limits: Lake Charm Dr to approx. 600 ft. east
Status: Unable to acquire ROW. Project to be removed from work plan.

Oranole Road/Linneal Beach Sidewalks
Limits: Orange County Line to Playa Way.
Status: 60% design plans.

Lake of the Woods Blvd Crosswalk and Sidewalk Gaps
Limits: US 17-92 to Oxford Rd
Status: Design ongoing. Public Meeting scheduled for Nov 3, 2023.

North Street Corridor Improvement Phase I
Limits: Raymond Ave / west North St / north Palm Springs Drive
Status: Design plans at 90%. ROW negotiations with FDOT ongoing.

Riverview Ave – Sidewalks
Limits: SR 46 to existing sidewalk at Narcissus Ave
Status: Working on ROW acquisitions. Design at 97%.

Sanford Ave and Rosehill Trail – RR Crossing
Limits: East side of Sanford Ave, north of Rosehill Trail to north of CSX RR crossing.
Status: Design complete.

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August 31, 2023

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Dear Commissioner Uribe:

Federal law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly review and certify the metropolitan transportation planning process for each Transportation Management Area (TMA) every four years. A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with an urbanized area of 200,000 or more in population is referred to, in federal legislation, as a TMA. We recently conducted a review of the Orlando-Kissimmee TMA, more commonly referred to as the MetroPlan Orlando.

As a part of the TMA certification review process, FHWA and FTA utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. The certification review process is one of several methods used to assess: the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, as well as the degree of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The review of MetroPlan Orlando's planning process included a site visit, conducted by representatives from the FHWA and the FTA on March 15, 2023. During the site visit, time was spent with the MPO staff, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the transit agency to discuss the status of the MPO's "3-C" planning process. Throughout the site visit, opportunities were afforded to local elected/appointed officials and the general public to provide their insights on the MetroPlan Orlando's planning process. In addition to assessing the MPO's progress in addressing the findings from the previous certification review, the MPO's current and/or future implementation of the metropolitan transportation planning requirements was also considered.

Enclosed for your consideration is the final *TMA Certification Review Report* for the Orlando-Kissimmee TMA, which includes documentation of the various components of the FHWA/FTA certification review of MetroPlan Orlando. The report provides an overview of the TMA certification review process, summarizes the various discussions from the recent site visit, provides a series of review findings, and issues the FHWA/FTA certification action. In general, the review determined the existence of a “3-C” metropolitan transportation planning process that satisfies the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303/5305, and associated Federal requirements. The Federal Review Team identified seven (7) noteworthy practices, no corrective actions, and no recommendations to improve the current planning process of MetroPlan Orlando.

Based on the overall findings, the FHWA and the FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Orlando-Kissimmee TMA, which is comprised entirely by MetroPlan Orlando, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **August 2027**.

If you have any questions regarding the certification review process and/or the *TMA Certification Review Report*, please contact Joseph Sullivan at (850) 553-2248 or by email at Joseph.Sullivan@dot.gov or Jean Parlow at (407) 867-6415 or by email at Jean.Parlow@dot.gov

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Executive Summary

Federal Law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly certify the transportation planning processes of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years (a TMA is an urbanized area, as defined by the US Census, with a population over 200,000). A certification review generally consists of four primary activities: a site visit, a review of planning documents (in advance of the site visit), the development and issuance of a FHWA/FTA certification report and a certification review closeout presentation to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) governing board.

As a part of the TMA certification review process, FHWA and FTA utilize a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas require additional evaluation during the certification review. The certification review process is only one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, and the level and type of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Transportation planning for the Orlando-Kissimmee TMA is conducted by MetroPlan Orlando. The last certification review was completed in August 2019. The Federal Review Team conducted a site visit for the current review of MetroPlan Orlando on March 15, 2023. The Federal Review Team recognizes seven (7) noteworthy practices, identifies no corrective actions, and offers no recommendations the MPO should consider for improving their planning processes. More information related to these findings can be found in the Findings/Conclusions section of this report.

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Orlando TMA, which is comprised entirely by MetroPlan Orlando, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **August 2027**.

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MetroPlan Orlando Metropolitan Planning Organization

Section I. Overview of the Certification Process

Under provisions of 23 CFR 450.336(b) and 49 CFR 613.100, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA’s transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities. These activities include: 1) a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA’s planning documents (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); 2) a “site visit” with staff from the TMA’s various transportation planning partners (e.g. the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), local/regional transit service provider, and other participating State/local agencies), including opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the TMA planning process; 3) a Certification Report, which the Federal Review Team prepares, to document the results of the review process; and, 4) a formal presentation of the review findings at a future MetroPlan Orlando Board Policy meeting.

Certification of the planning process is a prerequisite to the approval of Federal funding for transportation projects in metropolitan areas. The certification review also helps ensure that the major issues facing a metropolitan area are being addressed. The review process is individually tailored to focus on topics of significance in each metropolitan planning area. Since 2018, to initiate the TMA certification review process, the Federal Review Team has utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. **Appendix A** summarizes the risk evaluation, and the report notes in the relevant sections which topic areas were not selected for review due to existing stewardship and oversight practices after considering the risk factors.

The review for MetroPlan Orlando was held March 15, 2023. During this site visit, the Federal Review Team met with the staff of MetroPlan Orlando, FDOT, LYNX Transit staff, committee representatives, other partnering agencies, and the public. See **Appendix B** for a list of review team members and site visit participants, and **Appendix C** for the TMA Certification Meeting Agenda.

The purpose of the public engagement process is to inform the public of the Federal transportation planning requirements and allow the public an opportunity to provide input on the transportation planning process to the Federal Review Team. A public meeting for this certification review was held in person at the MetroPlan Orlando offices on March 15, 2023. Public feedback and

engagement on the MPO's planning process was also obtained virtually via a Zoom meeting during the in-person meeting following the initial announcement on March 1, 2023. For those that could not attend the public meeting or who did not want to speak or post publicly, contact information for the Federal Review Team was provided. Members of the public were given 30 days from the public meeting/site visit date to mail, fax or email their comments and/or request a copy of the certification review report. No additional comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

A copy of the public engagement notices can be found in **Appendix D**. Screenshots of public input, minutes from the public meeting, including a listing of commenters and a summary of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

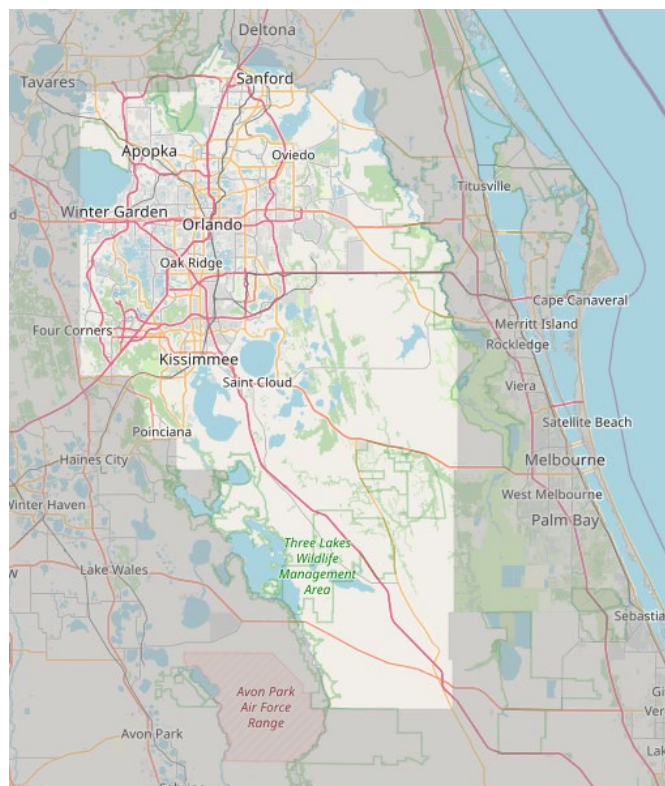
A summary of the 2019 corrective actions and recommendations and their status can be found in **Appendix F**.

An explanation of planning acronyms can be found in **Appendix G**.

Section II. Boundaries and Organization (23CFR 450.310, 312, 314)

A. Description of Planning Area

Observations: MetroPlan Orlando is located in Central Florida. The planning area boundary includes all of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties, including the cities of Altamonte Springs, Apopka, Kissimmee, Orlando, and Sanford, all of which are within census defined urbanized areas. The MPO planning boundary is visually depicted in the following map:



B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's boundaries and organization substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.310 and 312.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes three (3) noteworthy practices regarding Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure. For more details about these noteworthy practices, please see Section XI.

C. Agreements

Current Agreement(s)/Date(s) Adopted:

Municipal Advisory Committee bylaws approved 9/2/2021

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board bylaws approved 7/7/2022

Community Advisory Committee bylaws approved 11/18/2022

Intergovernmental Coordination and Review agreement 11/22/2021

FTA JPA adopted 10/25/2021

PL JPA expires 6/30/2024

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's agreements substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.314.

Section III. Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 450.306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's transportation performance planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 314, 324, and 326.

Section IV. Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306)

A. Transportation Planning Factors

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's planning process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b).

B. Air Quality

Finding: The MetroPlan Orlando is currently designated as an attainment area for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities

Current Document Title: Technical Report 9: Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan

Date Adopted: 12/09/2020

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b), 324(f), and 326.

D. Transit

Observations: Transit service in the MetroPlan Orlando area is provided by LYNX, also known as the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (CFRTA). LYNX is the designated recipient for FTA 5307 and 5310 funding, providing fixed route bus, ADA paratransit and vanpool service in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. LYNX also operates a LYMMO BRT service in downtown Orlando.

SunRail provides commuter rail service in Volusia, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola counties. The service is currently operated by FDOT, with oversight by the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission, a governing board of local government funding partners.

LYNX and MetroPlan Orlando participate in regional transportation planning activities, including the TIP, LRTP, performance-based planning, transportation disadvantaged planning, and transit studies. Coordination between the MPO and transit providers has helped facilitate an effective multimodal approach to the transportation planning process and programs.

Finding: The MPO's transit activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 613.100 as well as the transit supportive elements outlined in 23 CFR 450.

Noteworthy Practice: The Federal Review Team recognizes one (1) noteworthy practice regarding Transit. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

E. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's ITS activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 322, and 23 CFR 940.

F. Freight Planning

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's freight planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 316, 324, and 326.

G. Security Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's security planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(f), 324(h), and 326.

H. Safety Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: MetroPlan Orlando incorporates components of the SHSP priorities, goals, countermeasures, and strategies and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan into the LRTP, includes safety projects in the TIP, and includes safety in project prioritization processes.

Finding: The MPO's safety planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(h), and 326.

Section V. Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)

Observations This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's UPWP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.308.

Section VI. Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316)

A. Outreach and Public Participation

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's outreach and public participation activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes two (2) noteworthy practices regarding Outreach and Public Participation. For more details about these noteworthy practices, please see Section XI.

B. Tribal Coordination

Finding: There are no tribal lands within the MPO's planning boundaries requiring the MPO to provide tribal coordination.

C. Title VI and Related Requirements

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's Title VI and related activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 21, 49 CFR 27, 23 CFR 200, 23 CFR 450.316 and 336(a).

Section VII. Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))

Current Document Title: 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Cost Feasible Plan, Strategies, Programs and Projects

Date Adopted: December 09, 2020

Observations: The MPO's 2045 LRTP includes a discussion of types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out these activities. The discussion focuses on policies, programs and strategies for future project development. The MPO developed the discussion in consultation with applicable Federal and State regulatory agencies.

For the adopted LRTP, the MPO also consulted with appropriate state and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation and historic preservation by comparing their LRTP with State conservation plans and maps and comparing the LRTP to inventories of natural or historic resources.

MetroPlan Orlando has undertaken several multimodal, systems-level corridor planning studies in coordination with FDOT and public transit operators. MetroPlan Orlando utilized the results in the decision-making processes for project development purposes by identifying purpose and need statements, general travel corridor or modes, preliminary screening of alternatives, providing basic environmental setting descriptions, and preliminarily identifying environmental impacts and environmental mitigation, and providing the public a reasonable opportunity to review necessary documentation.

MetroPlan Orlando has not developed programmatic mitigation plans as part of their planning process. However, the 2045 LRTP followed a systematic approach to transportation resiliency and identified regional acute shock and chronic stressors.

Finding: The MPO's linking planning and NEPA activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), and 324(g).

Noteworthy Practice: The Federal Review Team recognizes one (1) noteworthy practice regarding Linking Planning and NEPA. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

Section VIII. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (23 CFR 450.322)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's congestion management process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.322.

Section IX. Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)

Current Document Title: 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Cost Feasible Plan, Strategies, Programs and Projects

Date Adopted: 12/09/2020, Revised 12/14/2022

A. Scope of LRTP

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Finding: The general scope of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324.

B. Travel Demand Modeling/Data

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's travel demand modeling processes substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(e).

C. Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint

Observations: Fiscal constraint is demonstrated using tables and narrative. For the adopted LRTP, the FDOT provides an estimate of federal and state revenue available over the life of the plan, as well as an estimate of administrative, operations and maintenance costs over the life of the plan for the MPO to use. The revenue estimates are included in an appendix to the plan. The plan identifies funding revenue sources, project costs and project phases for projects from the effective date of the plan through the plan's horizon year. Year of Expenditure costs are used in the plan. The LRTP is fiscally constrained.

Finding: The financial plan/fiscal constraint of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(f)(11).

Section X. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's TIP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, and 334.

Section XI. Findings/Conclusions

The following represents a compilation of findings included in this 2023 certification review report. These findings, which are identified as noteworthy practices, corrective actions, and recommendations, are intended to not only ensure continuing regulatory compliance of MetroPlan Orlando's transportation planning process with federal planning requirements, but to also foster high-quality planning practices and improve the transportation planning program in this TMA. Corrective actions reflect required actions for compliance with the Federal Planning Regulations and must be completed within the timeframes noted. Recommendations reflect national trends or potential risks, intended to assist the MPO with improving the planning process. Noteworthy practices highlight efforts that demonstrate innovative ideas or best practices for implementing the planning requirements.

A. Noteworthy Practices

- 1. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure:** The Federal Review Team was impressed with the MPO's organizational structure, which not only promotes effective decision making but also serves as a comprehensive method for promoting the MPO and its products. As with other Florida planning agencies, the MPO has political, technical, bike/ped, citizens, and Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) committees/boards that work to engage the public, identify transportation needs and produce planning solutions. However, the MPO also has a Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) advisory committee, ensuring that congestion management and traffic operations are fully integrated into systemwide planning and decision making. This is particularly important as 20% of the MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding (TMA-SU) funding is allotted for TSMO related projects, and MPO staff also participate on a regional TSMO group for FDOT Districts 1, 5 and 7. Further, the MPO created both a Municipal Advisory Committee and a Vulnerable Users Safety Working Group. The first provides a voice to the elected officials of the area's cities and towns, those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to address issues impacting their service population. The latter demonstrates extra focus on and insight into safety, making Vision Zero more than a performance measure, rather a means of better integrating safety into the MPO's planning culture and decision making process.

2. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure:** The Federal Review Team also found the MPO's standing committees noteworthy. For example, while the federal regulations do not require public involvement by committee, the MPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a model for the approach. Where most agencies struggle to obtain CAC membership that is representative of their demography, the MPO's CAC achieved parity with the demographics of its three-county area. In fact, the MPO received over 40 applications for the 5 available CAC seats. The MPO attributes this remarkable accomplishment to their long-term, extensive outreach to community organizations, vulnerable and traditionally underserved communities, and the assignment of a dedicated staff liaison to the CAC.
3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure:** The Federal Review Team commends the MPO on an organizational structure that continues to engage its longstanding stakeholders, even as their individual careers or interests change. The Federal Review Team noted a number of those whose close connection with the MPO spans decades, through service on various committees or their work at different community interest organizations. For example, one MPO stakeholder recalled having first participated on an MPO steering group before joining the CAC two years later to represent underserved groups. Now, five years later, she is still on the CAC, an active proponent of safer bike/ped facilities. Another technical stakeholder noted their close involvement with the MPO for many years while they were employed first by the city and later the county. When they left local government service to work for a passenger rail company, they found it entirely natural to continue their involvement in transportation planning, effectively providing the MPO with another modal representative and regional partner.
4. **Transit:** The Federal Review Team praises MetroPlan Orlando for the continued expansion of Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program. The program has a dedicated coordinating board, bylaws in place, and grievance procedures to address and support those services. The program offers several opportunities that highlights safety and awareness, such as the Blind Experience, The White Cane Safety message, and TD Day.
5. **Outreach and Public Participation:** One of Florida's largest TMAs, the MPO has a long history of innovation in outreach and engagement techniques, generally highlighted as noteworthy practices by past Federal Review Teams. Since the last review, the MPO altered its PPP structure, streamlining the plan so it is a leaner document, more user friendly with key information positioned prominently and earlier. The MPO then hired a new staff position, a Communication Coordinator, so that it could expand outreach efforts and 'live the plan' through a regular, continued presence in the communities. The results are excellent and integrated into all MPO programs and activities. One item of particular note was launching an MPO LinkedIn account. Despite significant staff resources and limited community engagement, the platform includes many of the larger industry partners with whom the MPO can share and reshare news. Another successful practice was resurrecting the MPO YouTube channel to store meetings and other events, delivering in 2022 more than 50 meetings and 15 educational videos with a collective 13,600 views.

Further, there is a surge in participation by youth of varying ages, led by a popular MPO Youth Activity Book through which kids can write a letter to the MPO Executive Director with questions, suggestions, or just to share their visions for the future of transportation. The

MPO also produced a Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Math (STEAM) Day video to engage kids and their parents, with associated activities like street design, safety quizzes and a how-to guide for using maps. For older students, the MPO conducts bimonthly visits with the students of a local high school whose enrollment is 96% minority and 64% low income, focusing on building peer-to-peer safety campaigns and generally educating them on the MPOs roles and responsibilities.

6. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team was also impressed with the practical manner in which the MPO assesses involvement strategies and adjusts to ensure it maintains a vibrant and growing program. The MPO had only a few months of pre-pandemic activities under the revised PPP before having to radically adjust for remote participation. However, with the return to a typical environment and while other organizations were striving for full hybrid engagement, the MPO took a pragmatic view, plainly stating that hybrid public involvement is resource intensive and that it is difficult to provide a fully interactive experience for both those attending in-person and those online. While the MPO continues to provide hybrid board and committee meetings, they separate in-person from remote public meetings when needed so that it can provide full staff attention to both. The MPO is also attempting to track remote participation to determine whether it is related to the increased volume of in-person attendance. These are heretofore unexplored aspects of public involvement that can inform the MPO's future public involvement strategies.
7. **Linking Planning and NEPA:** The Federal Review Team commends two specific elements of the MPO's linking planning and NEPA efforts. First, it recently kicked off a resilience capstone project with undergraduate students at a local Florida university. This is a savvy decision that will help brand the MPO and its role for a demographic that is hard to engage. The MPO also recognizes that the study principals are those most likely to be impacted long term by environmental changes, as well as those that are generally closer to and more passionate about the subject than those who traditionally participate in transportation decision making. Second, while most associate resilience with coastal impacts and responses, the MPO is working with the university students to focus on topics and issues of inland resilience and will result in a primer unrelated to saltwater inundation and sea level rise.

B. Corrective Actions

There are no corrective actions identified.

C. Recommendations

There are no recommendations offered.

D. Training/Technical Assistance

At the conclusion of the site visit, the Federal Review Team asked the MPO staff if they had any training or technical assistance needs. MetroPlan Orlando identified technical assistance requests for the following topical areas:

1. Training in grant delivery, particularly for local partners who have less experience delivering Federal projects.
2. Census training and what the MPO should expect in developing modified urban boundaries.
3. Safety and safety data.

FHWA and FTA will work with the MPO to provide resources in these areas.

E. Conclusion

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Orlando-Kissimmee TMA, which is comprised entirely by MetroPlan Orlando, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **August 2027**.

Appendix A. Summary of Risk Assessment

| Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| MPO: | MetroPlan Orlando |
| Date of Assessment: | January 2023 |
| Cert Review Report Date: | August 2023 |
| Topic Area | Selected for additional review? |
| Organization of MPO/TPO (23 CFR 450.310, 312, 314) | No |
| Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d)) | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transportation Planning Factors | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Air Quality | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transit | Yes |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Freight Planning | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Security Considerations in the Planning Process | No |
| Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Safety Considerations in the Planning Process | No |
| Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308) | No |
| Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Outreach and Public Participation | No |
| Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Tribal Coordination | No |
| Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Title VI and Related Requirements | No |
| Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g)) | No |
| Congestion Management Process (23 CFR 450.322) | No |
| Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) | No |
| Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Travel Demand Modeling/Data | No |
| Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint | No |
| Transportation Improvement Program (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334) | No |
| <p>*Note: With the exception of Transit, if all areas are a "No", then the top 3 areas will be reviewed. The additional areas are: Linking Planning and NEPA, Scope of the Planning Process - Safety Considerations, and LRTP Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint</p> | |

Appendix B. Site Visit Participants

Certification Team in Attendance

- Mr. Joseph Sullivan, FHWA
- Ms. Jean Parlow, FHWA
- Mr. Carey Shepherd, FHWA (Virtual)
- Ms. Aviance Webb, FTA (Virtual)

MetroPlan Orlando Staff in Attendance

- Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
- Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
- Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
- Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando
- Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
- Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
- Ms. Sally Morris, MetroPlan Orlando
- Mr. Jason Loschiavo, MetroPlan Orlando

Others in Attendance

- Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Orange County
- Ms. Kellie Smith, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5
- Mr. James Boyle, LYNX
- Michelle Daly, LYNX
- Prahallad Vijayvargiya, LYNX
- Mr. Mark Reichert, MPOAC
- Romero Dill, FDOT
- Ms. Christine Kefauver, Brightline
- Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Congressman Maxwell Frost's Office
- Ms. Joanne Counelis, citizen, Lake Mary, Florida
- Ms. Crissy Martin, City of Orlando (virtual)
- Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry (virtual)
- Ms. Emily Hanna, Bike/Walk Central Florida (virtual)
- Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Orlando (virtual)
- Mr. Norm Hickling, ACCESS LYNX (virtual)
- Ms. Venise White, Florida Dept. of Health & Community Advisory Committee member (virtual)
- Ms. Tawny Olore, Osceola County (virtual)
- Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County (virtual)
- Ms. Marilyn Baldwin, Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board member (virtual)
- Mr. Rob Balmes (virtual)
- Palm Beach TPA (virtual)

Appendix C. TMA Certification Site Visit Agenda

MetroPlan Orlando Transportation Planning Organization TMA Certification Review

March 15, 2023

MetroPlan Orlando TPO
250 S. Orange Ave
Orlando, FL 32801

AGENDA

| Wednesday | March 15, 2023 | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Federal Certification Team Members | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Joseph Sullivan (FHWA)➤ Jean Parlow (FHWA)➤ Carey Sheppard (FHWA)➤ Aviance Webb (FTA) | |
| | | |
| Time | Item | Lead |
| 9:00 a.m. | Public Meeting (hybrid w/ virtual and in person) | Federal Team |
| 10:00 a.m. | Welcome / Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Roles/Responsibilities/Key Activities of MPO and Transit Agency Staff | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 10:15 a.m. | Site Visit Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Purpose of the Certification Process➤ Discussion of Risk Assessment➤ Review schedule and close-out process | Federal Team |
| 10:30 a.m. | Discussion of Previous Review Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Federal TMA Certification➤ State/MPO Annual | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 10:40 a.m. | Break | |
| 10:45 a.m. | MPO Overview including changes within MPO since last TMA Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Demographics➤ Boundaries➤ Political➤ Process Changes | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 10:55 a.m. | Share Best Practices and Lessons Learned | MPO |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the MPO most proud of over the last four years? ➤ What challenges have you encountered and addressed? | |
| 11:45 a.m. | Break for Lunch | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Technical Topic: Impacts of the 2020 Census on TMA operations. | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 1:30 a.m. | Technical Topic: Safety Considerations in the Planning Process | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 2:00 p.m. | Technical Topic: Linking Planning and NEPA | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 2:30 p.m. | Technical Topic: Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 3:00 p.m. | Technical Assistance & Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future Needs Additional Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anything else the MPO would like to share with the Federal Team that hasn't been discussed? | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 3:30 p.m. | Break | |
| 3:45 p.m. | Preliminary Findings Discussion Among Federal Team | Federal Team |
| 4:45 p.m. | Preliminary Findings Discussion with MPO staff | Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT |
| 5:00 p.m. | Adjourn Site Visit | |

Appendix D. Public Engagement Notice

The federal certification public meeting and comment opportunities were publicly noticed using the following methods, in compliance with MetroPlan Orlando's Public Participation Plan:

- On MetroPlanOrlando.org:
 - Event item in Calendar section:
<https://metroplanorlando.org/meetings/federal-certification-public-meeting-03-15-23>
 - 3/1/23 News post titled *How Are We Doing? Be Part of Our Federal Certification with USDOT* <https://metroplanorlando.org/public-meetings/how-are-we-doing-be-part-of-our-federal-certification-with-usdot-2/>
 - 3/15/23 News post titled *Send Written Comments for Federal Certification by April 14* <https://metroplanorlando.org/public-involvement/send-written-comments-for-federal-certification-by-april-14/>
- Social media posts on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn
- Constant Contact emails:
 - To MetroPlan Orlando's community database of public contacts - <https://conta.cc/3KJPcUP>
 - To MetroPlan Orlando board and committee members - <https://conta.cc/3ZO8kFB>
- On message board inside of MetroPlan Orlando office

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Federal Certification Public Meeting

March 15 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Every four years, MetroPlan Orlando undergoes a mandatory federal certification with representatives from the Federal Highway and Federal Transit administrations. A team representing these USDOT agencies will visit March 15, 2023 to confirm we are following transportation planning laws and regulations.

HOW TO COMMENT

As part of the certification process, a hybrid public meeting will be held on March 15, 2023 at 9 a.m. You can participate in person at the MetroPlan Orlando office (250 S. Orange Ave., Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801) or virtually through Zoom (link below).

We welcome input on transportation policies and MetroPlan Orlando's planning work. Comments will be taken into consideration by the federal team in the certification review report.

You can comment at the public meeting in two ways:

1. In person at the MetroPlan Orlando office
2. Virtually through Zoom at the link below

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2. Directly to the federal team via their website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fidv>

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QUESTIONS?

Contact any of the people below

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407-481-5672 x320 | clambert@metroplanorlando.org

Joseph P. Sullivan, Environmental Protection Specialist at Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Florida Division
850-553-2248 | Joseph.Sullivan@dot.gov

Avianca Webb, Community Planner at FTA Region 4, Atlanta, GA
404-865-5489 | Avianca.webb@dot.gov

NEED ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE?

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For Federal Certification Public Input

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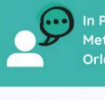
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Appendix E. Summary of Public Feedback

FHWA and FTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed comments for the MetroPlan Orlando TMA Certification Review. Public comments are a vital element of the certification review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area. The comments received through social media and the public meeting included support of MetroPlan Orlando's processes and accolades for the work its staff is conducting. A few comments suggested improvements for transit options. Other comments identified project specific concerns which were shared with the appropriate entities for follow up. Additional comments were received during the 30-day public comment period following the public meeting date. We have reviewed all comments and have taken them into consideration throughout the writing of this report. The public meeting minutes and the public comments received begin below.

Summary of Hybrid Public Meeting

The federal certification public meeting was held on March 15, 2023 at 9:00 am. A total of 35 attendees were at the meeting (22 in-person and 13 virtual). There were 16 verbal public comments. Summaries of each comment are found in the Record of Verbal Public Comments section below.

During the meeting, Mr. Joseph Sullivan from FHWA explained why certification is conducted and said the discussion that day was regarding the planning process. He noted that the certification process required a public comment component. Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando executive director, spoke briefly about MetroPlan Orlando's three core products: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Prioritized Project List and Transportation Improvement Program, and how they enable solid community participation. In addition, he detailed the type of participation being sought at the public meeting. Mr. Huttman reviewed the ways to make public comments.

This was followed by a public comment session on MetroPlan Orlando's process where audience members made oral comments both in person and virtually. Mr. Sullivan thanked all the speakers, noting that he appreciated their input. He then closed the public comment portion of the certification. He congratulated Mr. Huttman and turned the public meeting over to him for final comments.

The public meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. Link to recording:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NtcHk-MK_6tf8YdMnwEKd5M2eFjlzhGc/view?usp=share_link

Record of Verbal Public Comments

The following comments were received at the 3/15/23 public meeting.

| Comment#: | Name: | Date Received: | Comment Method: |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Cmsr. Mayra Uribe | 3/15/23 | In Person |

Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Orange County Government, commented that she was born and raised in Orange County and 23 years ago she attended MetroPlan Orlando meetings because she knew MetroPlan Orlando was the epicenter of where regional transportation came together. Once she became an elected official, she advocated to be on the MetroPlan Orlando board and is currently serving her second term as Chair. Commissioner Uribe commented on MetroPlan Orlando's inclusivity, diversity, access, information and willingness to listen to the community and elected officials. She added that she also sits on the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board that sets the field for what others seek to follow. Additionally, she commented that she serves on the MPOAC and noted that MetroPlan Orlando is a model for other M/TPOs who observe the organization. Commissioner Uribe commented that she hopes to continue to move in this fashion with leadership and staff, everyone is welcome, and she has nothing but good things to say about the agency and she was honored to be a part of the process.

| Comment#: | Name: | Date Received: | Comment Method: |
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| 2 | James Boyle | 3/15/23 | In Person |

Mr. James Boyle, LYNX, commented that he has been part of the planning process for 35 years in various capacities and knows how it works. He noted that it has been a pleasure to work with MetroPlan Orlando staff who are very professional and competent. They practice continuous communication and are very collaborative on several projects. Communication is always open, and they have meetings on a regular basis. Staff does a great job, and he felt welcome at MetroPlan Orlando from his first day and he looks forward to many more years working together.

| Comment#: | Name: | Date Received: | Comment Method: |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 3 | Christine Kefauver | 3/15/23 | In Person |

Ms. Christine Kefauver, Brightline, commented that she has worked with MetroPlan Orlando in a few different capacities over the years besides her current position at Brightline. She noted Brightline recently made history with a test run of 130 mph on the Cocoa to Orlando connection. She commented that engagement with MetroPlan Orlando has been phenomenal, they are the convener of conversation and as a three-county MPO, they do so much to communicate and collaborate in the community. Ms. Kefauver noted that Brightline couldn't move forward without the public-private partnership as they look to connect intercity rail. She added that she works closely with Tampa on their Brightline connection and Tampa looks to duplicate Central Florida because of all they have been able to accomplish, and they look to the three-county MPO as the foundation for their success.

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| Comment#: 4 | Name: Joanne Counelis | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: In Person |
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Ms. Joanne Counelis commented that 24-hour bus and train service is needed holidays, weekends, and nights. A bus stop is needed at Country Club Road and Estella and Oviedo Boulevard.

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| Comment#: 5 | Name: Kellie Smith | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: In Person |
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Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT District 5, thanked MetroPlan Orlando for their continued partnership and willingness to engage, such as with the Central Florida MPO Alliance that brings together all the MPOs in the region along with Polk County. She commented that they have shared goals on community-centric projects that enhance safety and mobility for users and this has been evident in the stimulus and Moving Florida Forward projects ensuring that there is planning consistency to move those projects forward and provide feedback.

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Jason Loschiavo for his financial leadership. They always have smooth sailing on invoices and there are never any issues with MetroPlan Orlando's financials. She called attention to Alex and Eric for their planning leadership, Cynthia and Virginia for their community engagement practices and the board and committees that are always engaged and supportive and give a lot of feedback.

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| Comment#: 6 | Name: Mark Reichert | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: In Person |
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Mr. Mark Reichert, MPOAC, commented that MetroPlan Orlando is one of the leading MPOs in the state, highly professional, great to work with, a model for the three-C process and a great resource when there are issues of statewide concern. He added that MetroPlan Orlando is always willing to help, they are a key player in MPOAC, not only staff, but board members as well. Mr. Reichert noted that MetroPlan Orlando is a fine example of how a metropolitan planning organization should be run.

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| Comment#: 7 | Name: Sarah Elbadri | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: In Person |
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Ms. Sarah Elbadri commented that she is here representing three hats, the first being MetroPlan Orlando's Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which she served on for six years. CAC, she noted, not only has representatives from jurisdictions, but also advocates for multimodal transportation, underserved, transportation disadvantaged, and the business community. MetroPlan Orlando does a great job in training committee members to be leaders and run a Robert's Rules of Order meeting. She added that MetroPlan Orlando has been a leader in providing access to meetings and has continued

access options past the pandemic. Ms. Elbadri provided comments in her role working for Congressman Maxwell Frost, who has a passionate interest in housing and transportation, noting that MetroPlan Orlando has been a great partner in convening conversations on the topics. Finally, Ms. Elbadri commented that she is a founding board member of the non-profit Orlando Bike Coalition that works for world-class bicycle infrastructure in the community.

MetroPlan Orlando does a great job of listening to the community. An example of this is the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant recently received for \$3.7 million to address bicycle and pedestrian safety issues, not only for the large jurisdictions, but the smaller ones as well. She added that MetroPlan Orlando is amazing, their staff is fantastic, and she couldn't recommend them more.

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| Comment#: 8 | Name: Crissy Martin | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Ms. Crissy Martin, City of Orlando, commented that transportation has never been as necessary as today with the influx of population. MetroPlan Orlando, she added, has been a great partner to the City of Orlando when looking to find funding and grants along with letters of support that are always generated quickly. Ms. Martin noted that the City of Orlando appreciates the attention to the municipalities and efforts in assisting to move projects such as Corrine Drive ahead. MetroPlan Orlando was there to move the process ahead, through the federal funding process and all parties were brought together to hammer out details. MetroPlan Orlando staff has always been available to meet with City of Orlando staff and educate and inform them from the process MetroPlan Orlando goes through to what can be done to invigorate their process. She thanked MetroPlan Orlando from the City because MetroPlan Orlando is such an asset and the City appreciates all MetroPlan Orlando does.

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| Comment#: 9 | Name: Mayor David Henson | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Mayor David Henson, Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) member, commented that as a member of one of the advisory committees, he feels very engaged, and very welcomed. His input on the committee is valued and he enjoys the process. MetroPlan Orlando is outstanding in their outreach.

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| Comment#: 10 | Name: Emily Hanna | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Ms. Emily Hanna, Bike/Walk Central Florida, commented that they are the local non-profit advocacy organization that administers several pedestrian safety and bicycle-related programs. MetroPlan Orlando has been an incredible partner through all the programs, services and advocacy Bike Walk Central Florida provides. MetroPlan Orlando has been committed to pedestrian safety for more than 10 years, helping launch the region's first pedestrian safety program, Best Foot Forward, in June 2012. Because of MetroPlan Orlando's support of the program, more than 30 active partners participate in one of the largest grassroots coalitions in the state, if not in the country, that is solely focused on getting drivers to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. As a result, pedestrians will choose to use those

crosswalks, which improves predictability and makes roads safer. Notable achievements of the program, due to MetroPlan Orlando's support, are: working with local law enforcement partners, educating drivers on state drivers yield law, and issuing over 11,000 warnings and citations across the region. The program collects data at over 230 crosswalks that assists local planners and engineers with increasing visibility of those crosswalks. In addition, the program has attended or presented at over 700 community meetings and events, often supported by MetroPlan Orlando. None of this would be possible without the leadership and support of MetroPlan Orlando. In addition to support of Best Foot Forward, MetroPlan Orlando has embraced Bike/Walk Central Florida's advocacy and expertise by including them on various studies and working groups, most recently the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. Bike/Walk Central Florida applauds MetroPlan Orlando staff's hard work as they pursued this very competitive grant. We hope FHWA and FTA recognize MetroPlan Orlando's hard work and echo the in-person and online comments that show MetroPlan Orlando's commitment to safety, and we get to continue to work with MetroPlan Orlando on making our roads safer.

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| Comment#: 11 | Name: Nabil Muhaisen | Date Received: | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Orlando, commented that he previously worked for the City of Kissimmee and represented them for seven years on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation System Management & Operations Advisory Committee (TSMO). Through his dealings with MetroPlan Orlando, he couldn't help but notice the attention given to associates from each of the staff. He has always felt accommodated and provided with important details and his interactions with staff were rewarding and helpful. Mr. Muhaisen shared a couple of specific experiences. The first was in the grant process.

Municipalities are eager to grab at the money. MetroPlan Orlando staff was instrumental in educating the group, going beyond the call of duty to accommodate. He was impressed when they offered to attend his municipal government and provide a workshop. He commented that they took advantage of the offer and successfully applied for a grant. He was impressed that staff called to alert him that a deadline was approaching. The second time was during the pandemic. MetroPlan Orlando staff was ready and provided Zoom training and fully informed every one of their plans to proceed virtually with Zoom operations as if nothing had happened. These are just a couple of examples he has had dealings with all staff and hats off to them.

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| Comment#: 12 | Name: Norm Hickling | Date Received: 3/15/2023 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Mr. Norm Hickling, ACCESS LYNX, commented they run the paratransit service and this is where they work very closely with MetroPlan Orlando in performing those services. ACCESS LYNX covers the 2,500 square mile, three-county region of 2.2 million people, many of which are transportation disadvantaged and mutually we take this very seriously. The partnership is truly a partnership between MetroPlan Orlando and LYNX. Sometimes there are candid conversations to come up with the best solutions, how to move forward and how to plan to meet the challenges we see. ACCESS LYNX worked together with MetroPlan through the pandemic, and emergency situations such as the

hurricanes. We are always able to communicate with MetroPlan Orlando and have their understanding and feedback and advice. The two meetings that they really engage in are the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board and the Quality Assurance Task Force. They know addressing needs going into the future that they are getting good solid feedback because MetroPlan Orlando has been engaged, reached out to the community, made themselves available to the community, and makes ACCESS LYNX better in performing their services.

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| Comment#: 13 | Name: Venise White | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Ms. Venise White, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) member, commented that she has participated since 2015 in collaborative initiatives with MetroPlan Orlando, including the SR 50 Bus Rapid Transit Health Impact Assessment Steering Committee on behalf of the Seminole County Health Department. As a result of the direct impact of transportation on public health policies, she became well versed in conducting health impact assessments and participating in other complete street policies and projects, even submitting transportation and health related grants for local communities in Seminole County. Since 2016, she has served as a multimodal advocate on CAC, amplifying the voice of public health and sometimes the underserved. She has shared resources and gained partnerships and friends with the staff and members of the CAC who all have been instrumental in her professional growth. Following her appointment to the State Office of Minority Health, Ms. White commented that she resigned from a number of boards but has remained on CAC because she understands the value they contribute on incorporating public health into transportation planning. She added that she observed and actively participated in prioritizing plans that really made a difference not only for the communities and counties that they serve but personally. As a new cyclist, she was able to complete a triathlon and Bike Five Cities after Cycling Savvy training and understanding complete streets and the right way and wrong way of being a pedestrian and cyclist. Through those relationships and through the teachings at CAC, she gained that confidence. Ms. White commented she has shared her recreational achievements through the years, taking pictures along the trails and sharing updates as the trails became connected. She sees the real-life impacts of the planning done at MetroPlan Orlando. She added a thank you from the Florida Public Health Association where she currently serves as president. She is proud to see the language of public health in all that MetroPlan Orlando does, making a difference for all of the people we plan for and serve.

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| Comment#: 14 | Name: Tawny Olore | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Ms. Tawny Olore, Deputy County Manager at Osceola County, reported that Osceola is the fastest growing county in Florida and one of the top 10 fastest growing counties in the United States. Infrastructure is very important to them, and they are working furiously to meet the needs of the growing population. Osceola County couldn't address the needs without MetroPlan Orlando, who not only provides funding, but also expertise. One of the programs they use is signal retiming because you can't keep adding capacity and transportation mobility means all of the signals are working properly. MetroPlan Orlando has worked in the past to get the region ready for autonomous vehicles, even conducting a study on how to prepare for autonomous vehicles. Osceola County, she added, was the first

to approve a vision zero plan and they needed to come up with an action plan. In speaking with MetroPlan Orlando, they found out that MetroPlan Orlando was pursuing the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant which would help them with an action plan. In addition, MetroPlan Orlando helped them with 10th Street in St. Cloud, conducting a complete streets feasibility study for that corridor so they could move ahead. Ms. Olore commented that they have so many needs in their fast-growing area and every time asked, MetroPlan Orlando has stepped up with solutions and funding. She added that she is sure FHWA and FTA are aware of recent funding shortfalls and MetroPlan Orlando is always there looking for additional funding to ensure projects move ahead. Kudos to Gary and staff.

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| Comment#: 15 | Name: Brian Sanders | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County, commented that Orange County has a lot of growth and infrastructure needs. They are the largest organization within MetroPlan Orlando's partner agencies. He wanted to congratulate MetroPlan Orlando for operating such a professional organization that advocates for federal funding for the local partners. MetroPlan Orlando staff is always very professional, collaborative, and seeks consensus. It's a fantastic experience being a part of MetroPlan Orlando. MetroPlan Orlando staff are participating in the project development. An example, he noted, recently Orange County and the City of Apopka had a number of infrastructure needs and MetroPlan Orlando came forward and facilitated that project development with them and for them. It was a tremendous experience. MetroPlan Orlando participated in public outreach, development of the project, and came up with innovative ideas along the way. It was a very successful project, and they are looking forward to seeing it move into construction. Just the sheer number of projects and funding lines that MetroPlan Orlando staff has to keep up with in order to maintain the organization, he doesn't know how they do it. He is here to congratulate Gary and staff for running such a tremendous organization and being that advocate that they truly need and benefit from as their advocate for federal funding. Great job Gary and staff.

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| Comment#: 16 | Name: Marilyn Baldwin | Date Received: 3/15/23 | Comment Method: Virtual |
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Ms. Marilyn Baldwin, Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) member, commented she has had the good fortune to work with MetroPlan Orlando for over 20 years. MetroPlan Orlando always does a wonderful job making sure that citizens with disabilities have access to the public meetings. She is legally blind with limited vision and MetroPlan Orlando always provides agendas and other materials in the large print format she needs. They make sure that citizens with other disabilities are able to fully participate in the program. MetroPlan Orlando allows and involves persons with disabilities in community training, community outreach and they attend annual TD legislative days and the annual training conference. One of the things MetroPlan Orlando does that she is tremendously proud of is the Blind Experience. For about the past six years, MetroPlan Orlando has come along with the National Federation of the Blind Central Florida and the Greater Orlando Council of the Blind for an annual training program for local elected officials called the Blind Experience. Local elected officials and citizens are encouraged to take a walk under blindfold so that they understand why the Florida

White Cane Law is so important for our blind pedestrians. For those who may not know, the White Cane Law says that each car or vehicle must make a complete stop if they approach a person who is blind or physically disabled is trying to cross the intersection or highway.

MetroPlan Orlando assists with technical support for this program every year, helps them to receive proclamations from elected officials and just does an outstanding job on our local coordinating board and really takes time to study and plan an issue. I am stepping down from fifteen years chairing our Quality Assurance Task Force, but I continue to work on the Quality Assurance Task Force Working Group. MetroPlan Orlando doesn't treat persons with disabilities like a group of people they have to serve but they genuinely do care about providing transportation services and planning for those services, as Mr. Norm Hickling said, for some of our most vulnerable citizens. To give an idea of what MetroPlan Orlando does, Ms. Lisa Smith when our meetings are over and beforehand will come down and assist us with getting on and off our vehicles. Ms. Virginia Whittington is just fantastic. I couldn't ask for a more professional person to work with and under the leadership of Gary Huttman, I know that for years to come MetroPlan Orlando will continue to do an outstanding job for our disability and disadvantaged community. I want to say congratulations, they do an outstanding job, they find opportunities to go out in the community and advocate for paratransit services for persons with disabilities. I want to say congratulations, thank you MetroPlan Orlando.

Record of Written Public Comments

Written comments are included below as received at the comment@MetroPlanOrlando.org throughout the public comment period.

| Comment#: | Name: | Date Received: | Comment Method: |
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| 17 | Rob Harper rhharper@cfl.rr.com | 3/1/23 | Email: |

Email Subject: how are you doing?

When it applies to the nightmare traffic situation at Welch Road and Rock Springs Road, you're doing extremely poorly (read: "nothing"). And the traffic will only get worse as long as the Apopka city fathers continue to give carte blanche to every developer that wanders into City Hall.

Can you get the State AG to start an investigation into possible illegal payoffs and kickbacks from developers to city commissioners? Please?

Regards,
Rob
Harper

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| Comment#: 18 | Name: Ted Szymankiewicz tszy46@gmail.com | Date Received: 3/1/23 | Comment Method: Email |
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Email Subject: Jurisdiction, Regulation and Enforcement of Vehicular Traffic in Orange County

Gentlemen:

As you have been studying the traffic situation on Corrine Drive for several years involving the City of Orlando and Orange County, you should be knowledgeable as to who has jurisdiction, regulatory and enforcement powers of vehicular traffic. Our neighborhood, commonly known as the "Beeman Park Area", is having a serious safety problem with over sized delivery trucks e.g. tractors, 48 foot trailers with a forklift attached. I have contacted the County's Traffic Engineering Department (Mr. Frank Yoakiel, 407-836-8073) and he reports that he does not know who or what department(s) in the County has jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement powers over vehicular traffic in residential areas. He claims that neither Traffic Engineering nor he knows who has such authority. Moreover he continues to not return my phone calls. The most recent of which was on February 17, 2023 at approximately 3:45 pm EST.

I find that hard to believe. As I know the County is one of your traffic planning team members, will you provide me with the name, title, and direct phone line who has such authority in order that I may talk with someone or department that I may contact to address my issue?

My Name is Ted Szymankiewicz and my phone number is 407-896-1378. You may contact me via telephone or at the above email address.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and anxiously looking forward to discussing the issue with you and or the County.

Ted

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| Comment#: 19 | Name: Kelly Brock kbrock@casselberry.org | Date Received: 3/1/23 | Comment Method: Email |
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Email Subject: Comments for MetroPlan Orlando's Federal Certification with US DOT

MetroPlan Orlando has been critical to the Central Florida region in helping advance transportation initiatives, including for the City of Casselberry as we strive to create a more equitable, complete-street oriented transportation network.

In particular, MetroPlan has improved its policies and processes in recent years to more objectively apply performance measures and evaluation criteria to prioritize the region's projects. MetroPlan has played a leading role in advancing efforts for a more equitable and holistic approach to transportation, including complete streets and safe systems approaches to policy, planning, and funding. MetroPlan has also made great strides in advancing complete street projects.

MetroPlan is transparent in its policies and processes and provides multiple and varied opportunities for the public to provide input. MetroPlan also does a great job in informing the public and partner staff and elected officials about various transportation issues, challenges, and solutions.

Finally, MetroPlan has played a key role in bringing regional partners together to cooperate on important initiatives, as exemplified in the recent award of a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant, which brought together all three counties and 22 municipalities in a joint application to help the entire region formulate a comprehensive Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.

Regards,

Kelly Hans Brock (he/him)

Ph.D., P.E., CFM, LEED AP, ENV SP

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| Comment#: 20 | Name: Joe Napp joenaplachowski@gmail.com | Date Received: 3/1/23 | Comment Method: Email |
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Email Subject: All you do is surveys

You have been sending me emails and surveys for probably 15 plus years

Mills and Rollins and Lake Shore is still dangerous to cross and nothing has ever been done on Corrine I still have to walk in street

So unless you have done something for my area 32803
you might say you're kind of a worthless committee

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| Comment#: 21 | Name: Howard Blaz howardbla@gmail.com | Date Received: 3/3/23 | Comment Method: Email |
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Email Subject: Urban Sprawl vs Public Transportation

I come from Chicago where public transportation was figured into city planning PRIOR to implementation of construction. Highways had space in medians for light rail; commercial streets were laid with space for streetcars (and later, bus stops).

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| Comment#: 22 | Name: William 'Bill' Wharton WWharton@seminolecountyfl.gov | Date Received: 3/21/23 | Comment Method: Email |
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Email Subject: USDOT Federal Certification

USDOT Federal Certification Team,

I am the Transportation Planning Manager for Seminole County and the Chairman for MetroPlan Orlando's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the current year. I have served on the TAC almost continuously for the past 18 years.

The core of the MetroPlan staff has been stable for most of that time and always have been professional in carrying out their duties. As you know, all the local jurisdictions that are part of MetroPlan vie for limited funds allocated through MetroPlan. In my opinion, in carrying out their duties in funding local projects MetroPlan staff relies on and follows the labyrinth of laws, rules, and requirements, in equitability processing and providing funds for the local transportation projects.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

-Bill

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| Comment#: 23 | Name: Jeffrey B. Campbell jeffrey.b.campbell.cp6i@statefarm.com | Date Received: 4/10/23 | Comment Method: Email |
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Email Subject: Comment for Federal Certification

Let me start by saying thank you to MetroPlan Orlando and its dynamic team for being the glue that holds together this regional transportation partnership. I will also say, congratulations on the establishment and maintenance of an inclusive process that has lasted for many years.

The mission, to provide leadership in transportation planning, by engaging and including the public, as well as fostered partnerships, has been a huge success and has made for a great working relationship.

I am truly honored to have served for the past 9 years, as a member of what is now the Community Advisory Committee, CAC, (previously the Citizen's Advisory Committee). Approximately 16 months ago, I became the Chairman of this committee. This has allowed me to have an even closer look into this process which champions this region's long-term vision for our transportation systems. I am extremely proud to be part of this process!

From my chair, we get to see the communications process, flowing in both directions. It flows from the leadership partners to the Committee. In turn, the Committee gets to offer feedback and a perspective that can be heard, considered, and even incorporated into the plan where possible. This inclusive process constantly looks to make sure the opinions of all demographics are integrated. This allows the concerns of the traditionally underserved communities, such as people of color, those with disabilities, youth/seniors, and people affected by poverty, to be included and heard. The process even recognizes that this diverse group of people, that make up our region or communities, need options to share their ideas, feelings, and input. Therefore, they are offered various ways to give their feedback, including in person, as well as virtual opportunities to contribute. As a native Floridian who has resided in this region for decades, I'm impressed and appreciative that the citizens are included, when making our transportation plan that will carry us into the future.

Again, thank you to the team and its leadership at MetroPlan Orlando for their dedicated service to our region and for maintaining such an inclusive process over the years.

Jeffrey B. Campbell

Chairman-Community Advisory Committee

Appendix F. Status of Previous Certification Findings

The following is a summary of the previous corrective actions and recommendations made by the Federal Review Team to the MetroPlan Orlando. The MPO's last certification review report was published in 2019.

A. Corrective Actions

No Corrective Actions identified in the 2019 Certification Review report.

B. Recommendations

1. **Transportation Performance Planning:** During the desktop review, it was noted that FTA Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets were not included in the TIP, although targets were recently endorsed by the MPO. The FRT recommends that when MetroPlan amends their existing TIP or adopts a new TIP, that TIP reflect the TAM targets adopted by the MPO and describe how the projects in the amended or new TIP help meet the TAM targets. Please note that future TIP and LRTP approval cycles may be contingent on the inclusion of TAM targets and progress towards achieving them.

Update: The FY2022-23 – 2026-27 Orlando Urban Area TIP, adopted on July 27, 2022, reflects the TAM targets adopted by the MPO. The TIP describes how projects in the TIP helps meet the TAM targets. The performance measures adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board (including support of FDOT's Targets for the federal performance measures) are summarized in MetroPlan Orlando's Tracking the Trends 2022 update (<https://metroplanorlando.org/trends>). These performance measures were used for project prioritization and the indicators will be used for scoring how well the region's transportation network is performing.

2. **Transportation Improvement Plan:** The interactive TIP map can be an opportunity to utilize visualizations and convey information in a transparent, easy to understand format. During the desktop review, it was noted that the "welcome screen" has text for the Broward TIP Viewer and MPO, which could confuse members of the public and stakeholders. Furthermore, it appears that the interactive TIP was not functioning when the FRT attempted to view it as part of the desktop audit. The MPO should correct this information to reflect the MPO's information and the most current Interactive TIP map.

Update: The TMA developed an interactive TIP map which is located at <https://metroplanorlando.org/tipmap>. The welcome page has been edited and does not include for the Broward TIP Viewer or MPO. The mapping tool was functioning during this review.

3. **Transportation Improvement Plan:** To build off the 2020-2024 Draft Project Priorities web map information, consider adding project descriptions into the attributes to help the public better understand proposed project details. Consideration should be given to the use of GIS to spatially identify disadvantaged populations (including Limited English Proficiency) relative to projects to better assess benefits and burdens.

Update: 2045 MTP and Prioritized Project List includes project descriptions and needs types. GIS interactive maps are available to visualize cost feasible priority projects and to include corridor and area specific data, metrics, and socioeconomic information at the segment and project level. Using online Data Viewer, users can view project and corridor details– The GIS interactive tool is located online at <https://metroplanorlando.org/maps-tools/dataviewer/>. See the Network Prioritization, 2045 MTP, and Demographics tabs for details.

4. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** To ensure requirements are met in the next iteration of the LRTP 2045, the FRT recommends the MPO include all phases for locally funded projects for the counties of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole.

Update: The adopted 2045 LRTP includes/shows all phases (PD&E through CST/CEI) for all local funded projects in year of expenditure – this information is detailed in Tables 16, 17 and 18 of the adopted cost feasible plan – Table 16 starts on page 140 - <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2045-MTP-Cost-Feasible-Plan-Adopted-Dec-2020-Revised-Dec-2022.pdf#page=140>

Appendix G. Acronym List

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| ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act | NTI – National Transit Institute |
| AQ – Air Quality | PEA – Planning Emphasis Area |
| CAAA – Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 | PL – Metropolitan Planning Funds |
| CFP – Cost Feasible Plan (of the LRTP) | PPP – Public Participation Plan |
| CFR – Code of Federal Regulations | RA – Regional Administrator |
| CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality | RTIP – Regional Transportation Implementation Plan |
| CMP – Congestion Management Process | RTP – Regional Transportation Plan |
| DA – Division Administrator | SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users |
| DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises | RPC – Regional Planning Commission |
| DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services | SFY – State Fiscal Year |
| EJ – Environmental Justice | SHA – State Highway Administration |
| ETDM – Efficient Transportation Decision Making | SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan |
| EPA – Environmental Protection Agency | SIP – State Implementation Plan |
| FAST Act – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act | SOP – Standard Operating Procedures |
| FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation | SOV – Single Occupancy Vehicle |
| FHWA – Federal Highway Administration | SPR – State Planning and Research |
| FTA – Federal Transit Administration | STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program |
| FY – Federal Fiscal Year | STP – Surface Transportation Program |
| GIS – Geographic Information Systems | TAM – Transit Asset Management |
| HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program | TAMP – Transportation Asset Management Plan |
| HPMS Reviews – Highway Performance Monitoring System | TAZ – Transportation Analysis Zone |
| ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act | TCM – Transportation Control Measure |
| ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems | TDM – Transportation Demand Management |
| LEP – Limited English Proficiency | TDP – Transit Development Plan |
| LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan | TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century |
| M&O – Management and Operations | TIP – Transportation Improvement Program |
| MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century | Title VI – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act |
| MOA – Memorandum of Agreement | TMA – Transportation Management Area |
| MOU – Memorandum of Understanding | TMIP – Travel Model Improvement Program |
| MPA – Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary | TPA – Transportation Planning Agency |
| MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization | TPCB – Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program |
| MPOAC – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council | TPM – Transportation Performance Management |
| NAAQS-National Ambient Air Quality Standards | TPO – Transportation Planning Organization |
| NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act | UAB – Urban Area Boundary |
| NHI – National Highway Institute | UPWP – Unified Planning Work Plan |
| NHS – National Highway System | U.S.C. – United States Code |
| | UZA – Urbanized Areas |
| | VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled |

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 15, 2023 and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2023.

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| 61C-1.004 | 9/15/2023 | 10/5/2023 |
| 65C-43.001 | 9/19/2023 | 10/9/2023 |
| 68A-15.061 | 9/21/2023 | 10/11/2023 |
| 68A-15.064 | 9/21/2023 | 10/11/2023 |
| 68D-24.0037 | 9/20/2023 | 10/10/2023 |

LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES

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| 40E-4.091 | 6/26/2023 | **/**/**** |
| 60FF1-5.009 | 7/21/2016 | **/**/**** |
| 62-330.010 | 4/28/2023 | **/**/**** |
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| 65C-9.004 | 3/31/2022 | **/**/**** |

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUN Trail Program Manager

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will solicit REQUEST FOR FUNDING (RFF) projects by the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program for inclusion in the work program development cycle through Fiscal Years 2029 / 2030. Approved project phases will become part of the Adopted Work

Program on July 1, 2025. The solicitation cycle opens September 27, 2023, and closes at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), December 20, 2023. To be eligible for consideration applicants must APPLY during the open solicitation cycle online at flgap.com by submitting a complete RFF with all applicable project information, including required signatures and documentation for each eligible unfunded project phase, and the SUN Trail Cost Estimate (Excel) through the Grant Application Process online system (GAP). Funding is limited to the provisions of Section 339.81, F.S., the Florida Department of Financial Services Catalog of State Financial Assistance Number 55.038, and FDOT Work Program Instructions. FDOT will not accept nor consider late proposals or any RFF not meeting and satisfying the provisions and SUN Trail Eligibility Criteria. FDOT will consider all phases of project development, including feasibility / initial planning; project development and environment; design; acquisition of right-of-way; new construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of trail surfaces or bridges and maintenance (e.g., obligations for pavement, drainage, land stabilization and safety controls). Eligible applicants include municipal, county, state, federal, and tribal governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, or other public land agencies with responsibility for trails.

For more information visit: FloridaSunTrail.com. District contacts are available to answer questions: fdot.gov/planning/systems/SunTrail/Contacts.shtm or call Robin Birdsong at (850)414-4922.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Bintelli GC LLC, dba Golf Carts, line-make BINT

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Bintelli LLC, intends to allow the establishment of Bintelli GC LLC, dba Golf Carts, as a dealership for the sale of low-speed vehicles manufactured by Bintelli LLC (line-make BINT) at 7006 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, (Sarasota County), Florida 34231, on or after October 22, 2023.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Bintelli Gc LLC are dealer operator(s): John Hegedus, 717 Deer Creek Via Verona, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442; principal investor(s): Lana Jamrosyk, 1643b Savannah Highway # 172, Charleston, South Carolina 29407.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.