

MetroPlan Orlando Board

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

MetroPlan Orlando
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

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I.	CALL TO ORDER (9 a.m.)	Chairwoman Moore
II.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (9 a.m.)	Chairwoman Moore
III.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW (9.10 a.m.)	Mr. Gary Huttman
IV.	AGENCY REPORTS: (9.15 a.m.)	Secretary Tyler FDOT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDOT 	
V.	ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM (9.25 a.m.)	Ms. Lisa Smith
VI.	COMMITTEE REPORTS: (9.25 a.m.)	Commissioner Jordan Smith Ms. Judy Pizzo Mr. Myles O'Keefe Ms. Christina Colón
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Advisory Committee • Community Advisory Committee • Technical Advisory Committee • Transportation System Management & Operations Advisory Committee 	

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS (9.35 a.m.)

Comments on *Action Items* can be made in two ways:

1. In person at the meeting location listed at the top of this agenda.
2. Virtually via Zoom. Use the 'raise hand' feature during public comment to indicate you want to speak.

How to comment:

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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.

3. 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.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (9.35 a.m.)	Section 1 Page #5
A. Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Board Meeting – page #6	
B. Approval of Financial Report for January 2026 – page #13	
C. Approval of FY’26 Budget Amendment #3 to de-obligate PL and SU from current budget – page #15	
D. Approval of the Travel Report for January 2026 – page #19	
E. Certification of TDLCB Membership – page #20	
F. Approval and appointment of new Community Advisory Committee members – page #22	
G. Approval of updated TAC Bylaws – page #24	
H. Approval of updated TSMO Bylaws – page #33	
IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS	Section 2 Page #43
A. (9.35 a.m.) – 5 minutes Approval of Amendments to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call vote) – page # - 44	Ms. Taylor Laurent MetroPlan Orlando
B. (9.40 a.m.) – 5 minutes Approval of Amendment to the 2050 MTP (Roll Call Vote) – page #48	Ms. Taylor Laurent MetroPlan Orlando
C. (9.45 a.m.) – 10 minutes Approval of the FY 2027/2028 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – page #51	Mr. Alex Trauger MetroPlan Orlando
D. (9.55 a.m.) – 5 minutes Approval & Acceptance of the FDOT Annual Certification - page #54	Mr. Jonathon Scarfe FDOT
E. (10.00 a.m.) – 5 minutes Election of new MetroPlan Orlando Board Chairperson – page #65	Mr. Jay Small Dinsmore
X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (ACTION ITEM) (10.05 a.m.)	Section 3 Page #69
A. Executive Directors Report – page #70	
B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report- January 2026 – page #72	
C. FDOT District 5’s Safety Central Newsletter – page #89	

D.	Letter of Support for the City of Orlando’s “Sunlights Orlando” Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2026 Grant Application – page #117
E.	Letter of Support for the FDOT – East Orange County Safety and Connectivity Improvements – BUILD Application for East Colonial Drive (SR 50) from Chuluota Road to SR 520 – page #118
F.	Letter of Support for the FDOT – Moving I-4 Forward Connected Corridor Infrastructure BUILD Grant Application – page #119
G.	Letter of Support for the FDOT – Seminole County Reconnecting Orange Boulevard FY 2026 BUILD Grant Application – page #120
H.	Letter of Support – University of Central Florida’s request to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development for funding to establish the Urban Innovation Lab (UIL) at UCF Downtown – page #121
I.	FDOT Fact Sheet for South Orange Avenue Safety Improvements - page #123

XI. OTHER BUSINESS & PRESENTATIONS (10.05 a.m.)	Section 4 Page #125
A. (10.05 a.m.) – 15 minutes Status Update of the 2026 Legislative Session	Ms. Virginia Whittington MetroPlan Orlando
B. (10.20 a.m.) – 5 minutes “Tracking the Trends” – page #126	Mr. Slade Downs MetroPlan Orlando

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

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XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (10.25 a.m.)

XIV. NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2026

XV. Adjournment (10.30 a.m.)

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Section 1



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Bob Dallari, Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Hon. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Ken Gilbert, City of St. Cloud
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Kelly Semrad, Orange County
Hon. Michael Sott, Orange County
Hon. Jordan Smith, Municipal Advisory Committee
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County

Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County

Members/Advisors attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Mr. Joe Nunziata for Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, GOAA
Honorable Jackie Espinosa, City of Kissimmee
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, Technical Advisory Committee
Ms. Christina Colon Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Ms Judy Pizzo, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Jim Stroz for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Joe Nunziata, Orlando Executive Airport

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Mr. Loren Hughes, Florida's Turnpike Enterprises

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jay Small, Dinsmore & Shohl
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Taylor Laurent
Ms. Lara Bouck
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez
Ms. Natalia Barbour
Mr. Slade Downs
Ms. Sarah Larsen
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chairwoman Christine Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Orange County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moore reported on the January 9th FDOT Steering Committee meeting. Commissioner Viviana Janer reported on the January 22nd Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting. Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on the January 28th MPOAC Meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting Rail Crossing Safety.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman noted that Mr. Joe Nunziata (GOAA alternate for Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos) was attending virtually, along with Mayors Art Woodruff (City of Sanford) and Jackie Espinosa (City of Kissimmee) and Commissioner Arrington representing CFX. He acknowledged Mr. Jim Stroz FDOT District 5 alternate for Secretary John Tyler. Mr. Huttman announced the retirement of Sally Morris, Finance Clerk, and welcomed new staff members Jamie McMillan, student intern and Natalia Barbour, Senior Transportation Planner. He highlighted the recipients of the USDOT SS4A grants. He provided the latest updates to the federal reauthorization for transportation and the Lake to Lake Trail. Mr. Huttman reminded Board members of the MPOAC Institute scheduled for May 1st. He encouraged Board member participation to learn more about the MPO process. Mr. Huttman also called attention to the items in supplemental folders and noted that Slade Downs would present Item IX. A. TIP amendment.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

FDOT: Mr. Jim Stroz reported on District 5’s Central Florida Construction Career Days held on January 29th and 30th at the Volusia County Fairgrounds and provided an update on the State of the District address held in early February and focused on the district’s past, present, and future. His safety moment focused on February 6th Florida School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was physically present.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee reports from the meetings were presented by the Municipal Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, TSMO, and Technical Advisory Committee chairpersons.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of December 10, 2025 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for November and December 2025
- C. Approval of the Travel Report for November and December 2025
- D. Approval & acceptance of the Annual Financial Report & Audit
- E. Approval of the 2026 MetroPlan Board Appointments

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through E. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Amendments to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call vote)

Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of Amendments to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendments, a summary prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, the draft resolution, and the full list of amendments were provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the amendments to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of Federal Annual Safety Performance Measures & Targets

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval and support for the federal transportation performance measures and targets. She noted that the support of the safety performance measure targets has been done annually since 2018 as a part of the performance-based planning process. Ms. Bouck gave a brief presentation on the five federal performance measures, and noted that today’s requested action focuses on safety, bridge and pavement conditions and system performance/reliability. She provided an overview of each performance measure, and the current state of the system performance.

MOTION: Commissioner Nicole Wilson moved approval of the Federal Annual Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report- November and December 2025
- C. Bicycle/Pedestrian Report
- D. The 2025 Summary Air Quality Report

- E. Coffee with Construction flyer
- F. Letter of Support for the City of Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project from the USDOT/FRA Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program for Projects Not Located on the Northeast Corridor (FSP-National)
- G. Letter of Support for the UCF-Purdue team for the work anticipated with NCHRP 25-78, **Guide to Measuring Community Mobility Resilience**
- H. Letter of Support for the UCF- University of Mississippi's Team for the work anticipated with NCHRP 17-142, **Applying Crash Prediction Models Across Traffic Control and Facility Types**
- I. Letter of Support for **Osceola County's FY26 BUILD Grant Application – Canoe Creek Road Improvements Project**
- J. Letter of Support - **FDOT Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for the Statewide Advancement of Feature Enhancements at Intercity Passenger Rail Crossings (SAFE-IPR) Program**
- K. AMPO-LOT Coalition Letter to Committee Leaders
- L. AMPO – MPO 101 Brief
- M. AMPO Legislative Priorities
- N. AMPO – Letter from AMPO Executive Director to MetroPlan Orlando Chairwoman Moore
- O. AMPO – Letter from AMPO Executive Director re: Laurent

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement: Items A through O. Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS.

A. Status Update of the 2026 Legislative Session

Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a status update on the 2026 Legislative Session. She provided a list of bills to watch, bills that are moving and bills that are at risk. Ms. Whittington noted that by the March 11th meeting, both Chambers would have released their initial budgets, adding that property tax reform negotiations are coming to the legislature's attention currently. Ms. Whittington noted that the Governor's 2627 budget proposes \$15.4 billion for transportation, 2% higher than the last proposed budget. She also noted that there are more than 2,800 local appropriation requests totaling approximately \$21 million. Ms. Whittington highlighted bills that are of special interest to the MetroPlan Orlando region SB 382/HB 243 related to e-bikes, e-mobility and safety. She called attention to other bills that are being monitored by MPO. The members of the Board discussed the pros/cons of the bills discussed. Consensus was to have Ms. Whittington come back to the March 11th meeting and provide another update as the session ends.

B. MetroPlan Orlando Pilot Program on E-Bike Safety

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, presented the Pilot Program for E-Bike Safety. Mr Wilson presented statistics on the percentage of bicycle crashes that involved e-bikes and/or e-scooters. He outlined the virtual program that will be aimed at new drivers and soon to be drivers noting the drivers will be trained in how to operate these motorized vehicles. The course will be free of charge to students and focus specifically on grades 7 through 10. The course is developed by the

American Bicycling Education Association, the developers of cycling savvy course, with 21 modules, approximately 60 minutes each, and will include quizzes and pre and post course surveys. Mr. Wilson highlighted what each section would cover. Mr. Wilson discussed the project timeline which includes ongoing coordination with the local school boards. He noted that course distribution would begin in late winter, or early spring and the report is estimated to be completed by June 30th with results by grade level and future implementation recommendations.

C. Informational Presentation on the FY 26/27-FY 27/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a preview of the upcoming Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028. Mr. Trauger explained that the UPWP is a two-year document that represents the MetroPlan Orlando operating budget; and it's one of the required documents that all MPOs must prepare and receive Board approval. Mr. Trauger reviewed the timeline for transmittal to FDOT, the organization and core tasks detailed in the document, and proposed studies and planning activities. Mr. Trauger stated that the draft UPWP will be presented at the March meeting for approval.

D. LYNX Transit Development Program

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX, presented the annual update to the LYNX Transit Development Plan highlighting goals, accomplishments, service changes, and upcoming projects. He noted recent achievements which include the opening of the Pine Hills Transfer Center in August 2025, the completion of an ADA transition plan, an update of the Human Services transportation plan. Upcoming projects include a transit-oriented development planning project along State Road 436 and a new bus transfer facility at the airport. Mr. O'Keefe noted that the plan will be presented to the LYNX Board for authorization.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

XV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 11th day of March 2026.

Commissioner Christine Moore, Chairwoman

Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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**MetroPlan Orlando
Agencywide
Balance Sheet
For Period Ending 01/31/2026**

ASSETS

Operating Cash in Bank	\$ 921,269.52
Petty Cash	\$ 125.00
SBA Investment Account	\$ 2,126,159.46
FL CLASS Investment Account	\$ 2,130,519.17
Rent Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 10,062.63
Accounts Receivable - General	\$ 16,742.16
Accounts Receivable - Grants	\$ 755,316.41
Capital Assets - Net	\$ 453,591.08

TOTAL ASSETS:	<u>\$ 6,433,785.43</u>
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 235.77
Accrued Personal Leave	\$ 501,439.78
Leases Payable	\$ 414,087.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES:	<u>\$ 915,762.55</u>
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EQUITY

FUND BALANCE:	
Nonspendable:	
Prepaid Items	\$ 10,062.63
Deposits	\$ 20,000.00
Unassigned:	\$ 5,487,960.25

TOTAL EQUITY:	<u>\$ 5,518,022.88</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	<u>\$ 6,433,785.43</u>
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Net difference to be reconciled:	\$ -
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MetroPlan Orlando
Agencywide Revenues & Expenditures
For Period Ending 01/31/2026

Revenues	Budget	Current	YTD	Variance Un/(Ovr)	% of Budget
Federal Revenue	\$ 12,928,584.00	\$ 755,316.41	\$ 3,448,794.07	\$ 9,479,789.93	26.68%
State Revenue	\$ 122,149.00	\$ -	\$ 46,416.62	\$ 75,732.38	38.00%
Local Revenue	\$ 1,353,042.00	\$ -	\$ 1,353,042.00	\$ -	100.00%
Interest Income	\$ 156,000.00	\$ 13,869.49	\$ 91,275.45	\$ 64,724.55	58.51%
Contributions	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
Cash Carryforward	\$ 319,084.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 319,084.00	0.00%
Other	\$ 243,250.00	\$ 15,850.00	\$ 17,632.46	\$ 225,617.54	7.25%
Local Funds Transfer	\$ 564,450.00	\$ -	\$ 13,307.03	\$ 551,142.97	2.36%
Total Revenues	\$ 15,711,559.00	\$ 785,035.90	\$ 4,995,467.63	\$ 10,716,091.37	31.79%
Expenditures					
Audit Fees	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
Books, publications, subscriptions & memberships	\$ 24,991.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 12,047.07	\$ 12,943.93	48.21%
Community relations & advertising	\$ 142,600.00	\$ 729.25	\$ 9,849.76	\$ 132,750.24	6.91%
Computer Software	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Consultants	\$ 10,364,007.00	\$ 509,944.62	\$ 1,939,206.35	\$ 8,424,800.65	18.71%
Contingency	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	0.00%
Contractual/Temporary Services	\$ 6,410.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 2,959.00	\$ 3,451.00	46.16%
Depreciation/Amortization	\$ -	\$ 6,343.23	\$ 46,535.13	\$ (46,535.13)	0.00%
Equipment & Furniture	\$ 51,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,500.00	0.00%
Indirect Costs	\$ 618,103.00	\$ 69,767.73	\$ 364,752.55	\$ 253,350.45	59.01%
Legal Fees	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 19,312.50	\$ 10,687.50	64.38%
Office Supplies	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 226.67	\$ 2,828.20	\$ 8,171.80	25.71%
Operating Supplies	\$ 48,155.00	\$ 1,858.33	\$ 20,008.88	\$ 28,146.12	41.55%
Operating Transfers Out	\$ 564,450.00	\$ -	\$ 13,307.03	\$ 551,142.97	2.36%
Other Misc. Expense	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 22.35	\$ 357.68	\$ 3,392.32	9.54%
Pass-Through Expenses	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 7,068.89	\$ 44,786.62	\$ 35,213.38	55.98%
Postage and Freight	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 11.07	\$ 252.21	\$ 3,447.79	6.82%
Printing and Binding	\$ 15,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,200.00	0.00%
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 677.58	\$ 709.21	\$ 6,790.79	9.46%
Salaries and benefits	\$ 3,557,239.00	\$ 318,337.36	\$ 1,667,470.39	\$ 1,889,768.61	46.88%
Training	\$ 39,509.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 16,050.55	\$ 23,458.45	40.63%
Travel and Per Diem	\$ 64,945.00	\$ 3,647.55	\$ 24,637.38	\$ 40,307.62	37.94%
Total Expenditures	\$ 15,711,559.00	\$ 922,672.63	\$ 4,211,070.51	\$ 11,500,488.49	26.80%
Agency Balance	\$ -	\$ (137,636.73)	\$ 784,397.12		



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Agenda Item: VIII.F. (Section 1)

Roll Call Vote: No

Action Requested: Approval of FY'26 Budget Amendment #3 to de-obligate PL and SU from current budget

Reason: This budget amendment will deobligate PL (\$116,410) and SU (\$809,734) from FY'26 to have available in FY'27.

Summary/Key Information: FDOT requires a deobligation process to move funds from the second year of the UPWP to the first year of the next UPWP to have available to spend. MetroPlan Orlando is deobligating PL and SU grant funds to have available in FY'27 to continue consultant projects that will not be completed by the end of FY'26.

MetroPlan Budget Impact: Reduced by \$926,144

Local Funding Impact: None

Committee Action: CAC: N/A
TSMO: N/A
TAC: N/A
MAC: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Recommends approval

Supporting Information: The budget amendment document and updated agencywide budget are available under section 1.

FINANCE USE ONLY:

Approved Bd Mtg: 3/11/2026
 Agenda Item #: VIII.F.

Entered:

B E No. : 3
 FDOT No. : A5
 FY 2026

REQUEST FOR UPWP BUDGET AMENDMENT

DATE: 2/17/2026

(WHOLE DOLLARS ONLY)
 AMOUNT

GrantName	TaskName	UPWPTask	AclarianCode	AclarianAccount	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
FY 2025 & 2026 PL Funds (CPG)	PL Revenue	000	331490	Federal Grant Revenue	(\$116,410)	
FY 2025 & 2026 PL Funds (CPG)	120-Transportation Improvement Program	120	531000	Consultants		(\$30,000)
FY 2025 & 2026 PL Funds (CPG)	140-Regional Activities	140	531000	Consultants		(\$8,500)
FY 2025 & 2026 PL Funds (CPG)	200-LYNX Planning Activities	200	531000	Consultants		(\$77,910)
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	SU Revenue	000	331490	Federal Grant Revenue	(\$809,734)	
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	130-Metropolitan Transportation Plan	130	531000	Consultants		(\$212,735)
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	150-Transportation Systems Management	150	531000	Consultants		(\$271,831)
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	160-Data Development & Management	160	531000	Consultants		(\$212,041)
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	170-Special Studies	170	531000	Consultants		(\$100,000)
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	180-Multimodal Systems Planning	180	531000	Consultants		(\$13,127)
Total				0	(\$926,144)	(\$926,144)

REASON(S):

To deobligate PL (\$116,410) and SU (\$809,734) from FY'26 to have available in FY'27.

Finance Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Jason S. Loschiavo

Executive Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Gary D. Huttman

REMARKS: _____

METROPLAN ORLANDO
AGENCYWIDE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE LINE ITEM BUDGET
FY 2026

REVENUES

Account Name	BE2	BE3	Change
FY 2025 & 2026 PL Funds (CPG)	\$ 4,215,374	\$ 4,098,964	\$ (116,410)
FY 2025 & 2026 SU Funds	\$ 4,429,840	\$ 3,620,106	\$ (809,734)
Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP)	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
VECTOR FY'21	\$ 25,569	\$ 25,569	\$ -
SS4A (Safe Streets for All)	\$ 137,801	\$ 137,801	\$ -
SS4A (Safe Streets for All) (2)	\$ 2,120,000	\$ 2,120,000	\$ -
TD - Transportation Disadvantaged	\$ 122,149	\$ 122,149	\$ -
Orange County Assessment	\$ 557,341	\$ 557,341	\$ -
Osceola County Assessment	\$ 150,058	\$ 150,058	\$ -
Seminole County Assessment	\$ 189,036	\$ 189,036	\$ -
Altamonte Springs Assessment	\$ 23,657	\$ 23,657	\$ -
Kissimmee Assessment	\$ 42,571	\$ 42,571	\$ -
Orlando Assessment	\$ 167,533	\$ 167,533	\$ -
Sanford Assessment	\$ 33,949	\$ 33,949	\$ -
Apopka Assessment Assessment	\$ 30,910	\$ 30,910	\$ -
Central Florida Expy Auth. Assessment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Sanford Airport Auth. Assessment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Greater Orl Aviation Auth Assessment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
LYNX (CFRTA) Assessment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Belle Isle Assessment	\$ 571	\$ 571	\$ -
Eatonville Assessment	\$ 193	\$ 193	\$ -
Edgewood Assessment	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -
Maitland Assessment	\$ 1,569	\$ 1,569	\$ -
Oakland Assessment	\$ 423	\$ 423	\$ -
Ocoee Assessment	\$ 4,008	\$ 4,008	\$ -
Windermere Assessment	\$ 238	\$ 238	\$ -
Winter Garden Assessment	\$ 4,032	\$ 4,032	\$ -
Winter Park Assessment	\$ 2,394	\$ 2,394	\$ -
St. Cloud Assessment	\$ 32,987	\$ 32,987	\$ -
Casselberry Assessment	\$ 2,359	\$ 2,359	\$ -
Lake Mary Assessment	\$ 1,364	\$ 1,364	\$ -
Longwood Assessment	\$ 1,301	\$ 1,301	\$ -
Oviedo Assessment	\$ 3,284	\$ 3,284	\$ -
Winter Springs Assessment	\$ 3,064	\$ 3,064	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 156,000	\$ 156,000	\$ -
Reimbursement Of Claims & Expenses	\$ 243,250	\$ 243,250	\$ -
CFMPOA Assessments	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Cash Carryforward	\$ 319,084	\$ 319,084	\$ -
Inter-Fund Group Transfers In (SS4A)	\$ 564,450	\$ 564,450	\$ -
	\$ 15,711,559	\$ 14,785,415	\$ (926,144)

METROPLAN ORLANDO
AGENCYWIDE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE LINE ITEM BUDGET
FY 2026

Expenditures

Account Name	BE2	BE3	Change
Executive Salary	309,605	309,605	0
Salaries	1,991,393	1,991,393	0
Fringe FICA - Employer	178,110	178,110	0
Fringe Pension - 401A - Employer	232,822	232,822	0
Fringe 457 Executive Director - Employer	31,500	31,500	0
Fringe Health Insurance - Employer	426,340	426,340	0
Fringe HSA/FSA Annual Contribution Employer	18,950	18,950	0
Fringe Dental - Employer	7,911	7,911	0
Fringe Vision Insurance - Employer	1,216	1,216	0
Fringe Life Insurance - Employer	1,765	1,765	0
Fringe Long-Term Disability - Employer	3,167	3,167	0
Fringe Workers' Compensation	5,200	5,200	0
Fringe Unemployment Compensation	10,000	10,000	0
Fringe Leave Costs	338,240	338,240	0
Consultants	10,364,007	9,437,863	(926,144)
Legal Fees	30,000	30,000	0
Contractual/Temporary Services	6,410	6,410	0
Audit Fees	26,000	26,000	0
Other Misc. Expense	3,750	3,750	0
Travel and Per Diem	64,945	64,945	0
Computer Operations - Indirect	148,908	148,908	0
Small Tools/Equipment	4,000	4,000	0
Telephone - Indirect	12,620	12,620	0
Postage And Freight	3,700	3,700	0
Rentals and Leases - Parking Validations	16,000	16,000	0
Rentals and Leases - Offsite Meetings	14,781	14,781	0
Rentals and Leases - Equipment Rentals - Indirect	950	950	0
Rentals and Leases - Building Operating Expenses - Indire	42,000	42,000	0
Rentals and Leases - Staff Parking - Indirect	36,480	36,480	0
Insurance - Indirect	43,650	43,650	0
Insurance - Direct (TD Grant)	0	0	0
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	7,500	0
Equipment Maintenance - Indirect	15,000	15,000	0
Printing And Binding	15,200	15,200	0
Promotional Activities	10,000	10,000	0
Contingency	50,000	50,000	0
Advertising/Public Notice	21,550	21,550	0
Educational Reimbursement	1,020	1,020	0
Community Relations Sponsorships	10,500	10,500	0
Office Supplies	11,000	11,000	0
Computer Software	2,500	2,500	0
Office Meeting/Marketing Expenses	13,374	13,374	0
Dues & Memberships	19,397	19,397	0
Books, Publications, And Subscriptions	5,594	5,594	0
Training	39,509	39,509	0
Equipment & Furniture	51,500	51,500	0
Principal - Leased Assets - Indirect	307,478	307,478	0
Interest - Leased Assets - Indirect	11,017	11,017	0
Pass-Through Expenses	80,000	80,000	0
Contributions	100,550	100,550	0
Operating Transfers Out	564,450	564,450	0
	\$ 15,711,559	\$ 14,785,415	\$ (926,144)

Travel Summary - January 2026

Traveler: Rodriguez, Adriana
Dates: January 12-15, 2026
Destination: Washington, D.C.
Purpose of Trip: 2026 TRB Annual Meeting
Cost: \$ 2,690.75
Paid By: MetroPlan Orlando Funds



**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR
ORANGE, OSCEOLA, AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES**

Date: March 11, 2026
Name (DOPA): MetroPlan Orlando
Address: 250 S. Orange Avenue
Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

MetroPlan Orlando/Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41- 2.012(3), FAC, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross-section of the local community.

Signature: _____
Honorable Christine Moore

Title: Chairperson of MetroPlan Orlando

MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR ORANGE, OSCEOLA, AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES

<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM</u>
ELECTED OFFICIALS	Hon. Ken Gilbert (Osceola) Hon. Pat Bates (Seminole) Hon. Mayra Uribe (Orange)	- - -
FLORIDA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Jo Santiago-Mercer	-
AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	Jeanette Estes Alt: Sharon Jennings	-
MEDICAL COMMUNITY	Betsy Delano Alt: Frances Collazo-Rivas	-
FLORIDA DEPT. OF EDUCATION/ VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	Sharon Wright Alt: None	-

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	Yvette Reyes Alt: Nicola Norton	-
CHILDREN AT RISK	Vacant Alt: Vacant	-
REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Janeé Olds Alt: Angela Hunter	-
PUBLIC EDUCATION	Adam Zubritsky	-
VETERANS	Alnita Whitt	-
MEDICAID (AHCA)	Calvin Smith	-
FLORIDA DEPT. OF ELDER AFFAIRS	Wendy Ford Alt: Tim Timmerman	-
REPRESENTING THE ELDERLY (OVER SIXTY)	Charlotte Campbell	Two Years
REPRESENTING THE DISABLED	Marilyn Baldwin	Three Years
CITIZEN ADVOCATE	Neika Berry	One Year
CITIZENS ADVOCATE (SYSTEM USER)	Bob Melia	Three Years
FOR-PROFIT OPERATOR	N/A	-
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	Kimberly Frye, ACCESS LYNX Alt: Selita Stubbs	-
	Jennifer Jensen, Emergency Medical Services Alt: Amanda Freeman	-
	Luiz Nieves, SunRail CAC	-
	Tashara Cooper, At Large Alternate	-
	Cena Underwood, At Large Alternate	-
	Frances Collazo-Rivas, Alternate representing the Medical Community	-



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Agenda Item: VIII. F. (Section 1)

Roll Call Vote: No

Action Requested:	Approval of Recommended Appointments to the CAC.								
Reason:	Board approval is needed for appointments to fill four (4) vacancies on the Community Advisory Committee.								
Summary/Key Information:	<p>MetroPlan Orlando’s CAC Bylaws outline a process for selecting members to be approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board, who will serve alongside members selected by geographic partners.</p> <p>A Selection Committee was convened on Feb. 24, 2026, as described in the bylaws, and came to consensus on a slate of 4 names from a pool of 25 qualified applicants from throughout the region. Applicants were recruited in various ways over a period of several months and completed a standard application form.</p>								
MetroPlan Budget Impact:	None.								
Local Funding Impact:	None.								
Committee Action:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>CAC:</td> <td>To be shared on 4/22/26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TSMO:</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TAC:</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAC:</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </table>	CAC:	To be shared on 4/22/26	TSMO:	N/A	TAC:	N/A	MAC:	N/A
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TSMO:	N/A								
TAC:	N/A								
MAC:	N/A								
Staff Recommendation:	Recommend approval of new members								
Supporting Information:	List of Recommended MetroPlan Orlando Board Appointees to the Community Advisory Committee								

Recommended MetroPlan Orlando Appointees to the Community Advisory Committee - *March 2026*

Multimodal Advocates

Chad Jones

Transportation Disadvantaged Advocate

Gina Dole

Transportation Underserved Advocate

Karin Daniels Brown

Non-Voting Alternate

Jarod Ruiz



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Section 1. Authority, Creation

In accordance with the 1962 Federal Aid Highway Act requiring that transportation planning be comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing in nature, a transportation technical committee known as the "MetroPlan Orlando Technical Advisory Committee" is hereby created.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of these Bylaws, the term "Technical Committee" or use of the acronym "TAC" shall mean the MetroPlan Orlando Technical Advisory Committee.

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose shall be to develop, coordinate and/or review transportation studies, plans, and programs to provide a balanced, multimodal transportation system. The committee shall also provide comments and recommendations based on the technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of said studies, plans, and programs. It shall be the function of the Technical Committee to:

- A. Be responsible for the review of all transportation studies, reports, plans and/or programs and recommending action pertinent to the subject documents to MetroPlan Orlando.
- B. Develop priority recommendations to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and/or other agencies responsible for plan and program implementation based upon the needs as determined by technical studies.
- C. Be responsible for assisting MetroPlan Orlando with coordinating public information concerning the studies.
- D. Serve as an advisory committee for the completion of all required transportation studies, plans development, and programming recommendations required under the public laws pertaining to all modes of transportation and transportation support facilities.
- E. Serve as an advisory committee to any and all duly constituted area-wide transportation authorities and/or boards, as well as area-wide planning boards or councils for physical

development, health, social or comprehensive planning upon direct request of such authorities, boards or councils.

- F. Annually review and revise the MetroPlan Orlando Prioritized Project List. This list will be the source of candidate highway, Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO), bicycle and pedestrian and transit projects, and other categories of projects as necessary, to be implemented for the region and each county; for projects meeting state and federal eligibility, and any new funds identified at the local, state or federal level.
- G. Assist in other functions as deemed desirable by the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Section 4. Membership, Appointments, Term of Office, Vacancies, Removal from Office

A. Membership

Planning, engineering, and/or management specialists shall represent the various public governmental bodies, authorities, and agencies of Central Florida and shall be involved in the transportation planning process by the establishment of a technical advisory committee.

- 1. The intent of the membership composition of the Technical Committee is to represent planning and engineering expertise from federal, state, regional or local agencies. Municipalities within Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties are eligible for representation. Voting representation for each jurisdiction will be determined by population, according to the latest census and/or the University of Florida population estimates. The MetroPlan Orlando Board may authorize additional voting representatives to the Technical Committee, upon written petition through the Technical Committee.
- 2. The allocation of voting representation of the Technical Committee shall be based on the following criteria:
 - (a) Local jurisdictions with a population of 100,000 or more shall be allocated three (3) votes each.
 - (b) Local jurisdictions with a population between 50,000 and 99,999 shall be allocated two (2) votes each.
 - (c) Local jurisdictions with a population between 5,000 and 49,999 shall be allocated one (1) vote each.
 - (d) Local jurisdictions with population less than 5,000 shall be allocated one (1) non-voting seat each.
 - (e) Local transportation agencies/authorities and school districts shall be allocated one (1) vote each.

3. The voting representation is three (3) voting representatives from each of the following:
 - (a) Orange County
 - (b) Osceola County
 - (c) Seminole County
 - (d) City of Orlando

4. The voting representation is two (2) voting representatives from each of the following:
 - (a) City of Apopka
 - (b) City of Kissimmee
 - (c) City of Ocoee
 - (d) City of Sanford
 - (e) City of St. Cloud
 - (f) City of Winter Garden

5. The voting representation is one (1) voting representative from each of the following:
 - (a) City of Altamonte Springs
 - (b) City of Belle Isle
 - (c) City of Casselberry
 - (d) City of Lake Mary
 - (e) City of Longwood
 - (f) City of Maitland
 - (g) Town of Oakland
 - ~~(h) City of Ocoee~~
 - (i) City of Oviedo
 - (j) City of Winter Park
 - ~~(k) City of Winter Garden~~
 - (l) City of Winter Springs

6. The non-voting representation is one (1) from each of the following:
 - (a) Town of Eatonville
 - (b) City of Edgewood
 - ~~(c) Town of Oakland~~
 - (d) Town of Windermere
 - (e) University of Central Florida

7. The voting representation is one (1) voting representative from each of the following transportation agencies/authorities and school districts:
 - (a) Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority/LYNX
 - (b) East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 - (c) Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
 - (d) Kissimmee Gateway Airport
 - (e) Central Florida Expressway Authority
 - (f) Central Florida Tourism Oversight District (formerly Reedy Creek Improvement District)
 - (g) Sanford Airport Authority
 - (h) Seminole County Public School District

- (i) Orange County Public School District
- (j) Osceola County Public School District

- 8. Upon written petition to the Technical Advisory Committee, additional non-voting advisory members may be appointed to the Technical Committee with the recommendation of the Technical Committee and the approval of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.
- 9. In addition, there shall be non-voting advisors from each of the following agencies: the Florida Department of Transportation District V and the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise.

B. Appointments

- 1. Each represented agency shall appoint one primary and at least one designated alternate voting member from each of the membership agencies listed in Section 4 A for which it is eligible. These appointments shall be made in writing by the County Commission Chair/Mayor, City Mayor, County Administrator, City Administrator, City Manager, Deputy/Assistant City Administrator, Deputy/Assistant County Administrator, School Superintendent, ~~and or~~ the Executive Director of other members' agencies. The failure of an agency to appoint a primary representative will result in that agency losing its voting authority on the Technical Committee.
- 2. The appointed representatives, both primary and alternates, shall be selected from the agency membership listing under Section 4 A.
- 3. In the absence of the primary member, the alternate member shall have the same privileges as the primary member and may serve on a subcommittee.

C. Term of Office

The term of office for a Technical Committee member shall be for an indefinite period, or until reappointment, or until the appointment of a successor. Separation from employment of the jurisdiction or agency represented constitutes the end of an appointment.

D. Vacancies and Membership Revisions

Any vacancies in membership shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The Technical Committee membership may be revised if justified by the most recent University of Florida or U.S. Census population figures.

E. Removal from Office

- 1. Members serve in an advisory capacity, as volunteers, without compensation, and at the pleasure of the MetroPlan Orlando Board and the applicable appointing authority.

2. Grounds for Removal
 - a. Removal for excessive absenteeism
 - i. Each member is expected to demonstrate interest in the committee's activities through the member's or a designated alternate's participation in the scheduled meetings.
 - ii. If a member has three (3) consecutive absences from the meetings or has missed a majority of meetings during the year, the supporting MetroPlan Orlando staff person shall notify the appointing authority and said member in writing in an effort to ensure full participation in the committee.
 - iii. Staff may recommend removal of members with excessive absences to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and appointing authority.
 - b. Removal for cause:
 - i. A member may be removed for cause for:
 - a) Any conduct by a member, which in the opinion of MetroPlan Orlando, is inappropriate or unsuitable and which would adversely affect, lower, or destroy the respect or confidence of MetroPlan Orlando in the ability of the member to perform his or her duties as a member of the committee, or conduct which brings disrepute or discredit to the committee or to MetroPlan Orlando;
 - b) Violation of any provision of an applicable statute, county, or city code of ethics governing the conduct of officials;
 - c) Malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, or inability to perform his or her official duties; or
 - d) Conviction of a felony.
 - ii. Staff may recommend the removal of a member for cause to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and applicable appointing authority.
3. Procedure for Removal. Removal of a member may be affected by majority vote of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Section 5. Officers, Term of Office

- A. The November/December meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting of the Technical Committee and shall be for the purpose of electing new officers and conducting such other business as may come before the members. The Technical Committee shall elect from its membership the following officers:
 1. Chairperson

2. Vice-Chairperson

- B. Each officer shall be from a different jurisdiction/agency.
- C. Each elected officer shall serve for one (1) year or until that officer is re-elected or until that officer's successor is elected. The newly elected officers shall be declared installed following their election and shall assume the duties of office at the first meeting of the new calendar year.
- D. Neither the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall be given individual votes. In order to cast a vote, they must do so as a representative of an agency listed in Section 4 A.
- E. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson. Should both officers be absent, the Technical Committee shall elect a temporary chairperson to chair the meeting. The Staff Liaison may call the meeting to order and proceed with the agenda until the Technical Committee elects a temporary chairperson.
- F. The Chairperson shall represent the Technical Committee as a non-voting advisor on the MetroPlan Orlando Board. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson is the designated alternate. In the absence of both Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Staff Liaison may serve as the designated alternate at the discretion of the MetroPlan Orlando Executive Director.

Section 6. Rules of Procedure

- A. An annual meeting schedule will be adopted in November/December for the following year. The Chairperson of the Committee may waive a monthly meeting; however two consecutive meetings may not be waived. Business to have been conducted at the waived meeting shall be considered at the next successive monthly meeting. When necessary, the Chairperson may call special meetings to deal with immediate issues.
- B. Technical Committee members or their designated alternates must be present to cast a vote. A quorum shall consist of the majority of those appointed members entitled to vote, and any business transacted by the Technical Committee must be approved by not less than a majority of the votes cast. Business shall be transacted only at regular or called meetings and shall be duly recorded in the minutes thereof.
- C. Minutes shall be kept of the Technical Committee's proceedings and official actions, which shall be of public record.
- D. Voting shall be by voice, but a member shall have his or her vote recorded in the minutes if he or she so desires. A roll call vote shall be held upon request. All other questions or procedures shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

- E. Meeting agendas shall include two public comment periods, one at the beginning of the meeting for action items and again at the end of the meeting for general comments. Public requests for Technical Committee action or recommendation shall be placed on the agenda as a scheduled business item.

Section 7. General Policies

- A. MetroPlan Orlando's Board and Committee structure consists of five (5) committees, including the Board;
 - 1. MetroPlan Orlando Board
 - 2. Community Advisory Committee
 - 3. Municipal Advisory Committee
 - 4. Technical Advisory Committee
 - 5. Transportation Systems Management & Operations Advisory Committee
- B. All Committees and studies shall follow the intent and further the Mission Statement adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board, which is as follows:

To provide leadership in transportation planning by engaging the public and fostering effective partnerships.
- C. All Committees shall maintain a broad perspective covering the range of all modes of transportation and associated facilities (including, but not limited to, roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety, micromobility, and transit) in all recommended planning work programs so that proper study and evaluation of transportation needs shall result in a multi-modal transportation system plan, balanced with respect to area-wide needs and properly related to area-wide comprehensive plans, goals and objectives.
- D. Reports, studies, plans, programs and databases shall be approved or endorsed by the MetroPlan Orlando Board after review and recommendation by the Technical Committee and such other committees as may be interested or affected. A recommendation may be noted as officially adopted by the Technical Committee and placed into effect upon signature by the Technical Committee Chairman without waiting for the minutes of the previous meeting to be officially approved at the next Technical Committee meeting.
- E. Reports, studies, plans, programs or databases that have been approved or endorsed by the MPO are, by definition, public records and shall be available to the public for inspection and copying upon request. This may be limited however by the custodian of the records, to that time necessary to review the records and excise the information which is deemed to be exempt from the Public Records Act, as stipulated by Florida Law. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying costs.
- F. Reports, studies, plans, programs or databases that are working papers or draft documents and have therefore not been approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board shall

also be released upon request as public records. The receiver of the information however shall be cautioned that it has not been formally approved and is therefore subject to change and may only be used at their own risk.

- G. The release of databases shall be reported to the Technical Committee at their next scheduled meeting.
- H. Databases, computer software or other information that has been access-limited through contractual agreement shall be protected from disclosure, as authorized by Florida Statutes.

Section 8. Procedures for Amending Adopted Studies, Plans, or Programs

- A. The procedures for amending the Orlando Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Urban Boundary are established in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Rule 35I-1.009 which is incorporated by reference herein.
- B. The Technical Committee shall review the proposed change based on a technical evaluation of its merit and shall recommend approval or disapproval to the MetroPlan Orlando Board.
- C. The MetroPlan Orlando Board shall have final approval or disapproval disposition action of the requested change or changes.

Section 9. Ad hoc Subcommittees or Task Force

- A. Ad hoc subcommittees or task forces may be appointed by the Chairman to address specific issues or investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the Technical Committee.
- B. Designation of representatives to each of the subcommittees shall be made by Technical Committee members representing that jurisdiction or agency. In the case of multiple Technical Committee members, the designation of subcommittee representatives shall be made by caucus of the members. To be a designated subcommittee representative, it is not necessary to be a Technical Committee member.
- C. Each ad hoc subcommittee may appoint a chairman who will report the subcommittee's findings to the Technical Committee. In the absence of a chairman, a temporary chairman shall be appointed by the subcommittee in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- D. Subcommittees or Task Forces may include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Subcommittee
 - 2. Project Prioritization Subcommittee
 - 3. Nominating and Bylaws Review Subcommittee
 - 4. Air Quality

5. Freight and Goods Movement
6. Vision Zero / Safety

E. Each meeting shall be recorded and if requested, minutes of a meeting shall be provided.

Section 10. Bylaws Review and Amendment

- A. A bylaws review subcommittee shall review these bylaws at least every other year on odd numbered years or as may be deemed necessary. These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Technical Committee by voting members or appointed alternates (provided there is a quorum) if the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Technical Committee members with the proper notification of the meeting.
- B. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or added to by vote of the Technical Committee provided that:
 1. Notice of the proposed changes shall normally contain a full statement of the proposed amendments.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) is/are placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting following such presentation.
 3. The proposed written changes shall be forwarded to all Technical Committee members at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting at which a vote will be held.
 4. Technical Committee members may propose relevant changes from the floor to any proposed amendment under consideration on the agenda.
 5. The Technical Committee adopts the proposed amendment(s) by a majority vote of the members present at the Technical Committee meeting.
- C. MetroPlan Orlando staff may also initiate a review and recommendation of changes to these bylaws that may result from a review of the organization's internal operating procedures, and/or in coordination of implementation of the strategic plan.

Approved



TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Section 1. Authority, Creation

In accordance with the 1962 Federal Aid Highway Act requiring that transportation planning be comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing in nature, a transportation systems management and operations committee known as the "Orlando Urbanized Area Transportation Systems Management and Operations Committee" is hereby created.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of these Bylaws, the acronym "TSMO" shall mean the Orlando Urbanized Area Transportation Systems Management and Operations Committee.

For the purpose of these Bylaws, TSMO shall mean: an integrated program to optimize performance of infrastructure through implementation of systems, services, and projects to preserve capacity and improve the safety, security, enforcement, education, and reliability of a multimodal surface transportation system.

For the purpose these Bylaws, a TSMO program may include but not be limited to the following strategies: traffic signal retiming, transportation improvements, traffic incident management, traveler information, data management, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Additionally, the following disciplines shall be included: traffic engineering, transportation planning, information technology, public safety, emergency management, fire and rescue and emergence of Automated, Connected, Electric and Shared Vehicles (ACES).

Section 3. Purpose

Transportation Systems Management and Operations specialists shall represent the various public governmental bodies, authorities, agencies, and safety-related organizations of the Orlando Urbanized Area and shall be involved in the process of integrating various strategies to optimize performance and safety of the region's surface transportation system by the establishment of a TSMO advisory committee. It shall be the function of the TSMO Committee to:

- A. Serve the MPO in an advisory capacity on TSMO matters relating to the update of the MPO's Congestion Management Process (CMP) of the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the coordination of TSMO with the regional ITS architecture.
- B. Be responsible for the review of all studies, reports, plans and/or programs germane to TSMO and to recommend action pertinent to the subject documents to MetroPlan Orlando.
- C. Develop priority recommendations to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and/or other agencies responsible for plan and program implementation based upon the needs as determined by TSMO studies and project applications.
- D. Advise staff in the development of an Annual Congestion Management System Report as called for in the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Element of the MPO's long range plan, and subsequently revise the CMP Element as needed to ensure that it functions efficiently and effectively.
- E. Annually review and revise the TSMO Prioritized Project List. This list will be the source of candidate projects to be implemented with the MPO's Congestion Management System (CMS) Box funds for the region and each County; for projects meeting state and federal eligibility, and any new funds identified at the local, state or federal level. In addition, the list can be a resource for local governments looking for traffic operations improvements to be implemented by developers as part of a Development Order.
- F. Develop and recommend a list of traffic operations and TSMO project priorities to be implemented with CMS Box funds and/or MetroPlan Orlando's share of District Five Allocated STP and State funds. Projects may include improvements including, but not limited to, studies, plans, installing or synchronizing traffic control devices, safety and/or evacuation efficiency improvements, adding or extending turn lanes at intersections, TSMO deployments, system maintenance projects, operations, Road Side Units (RSUs) such as sensors and projects that shift automobile congestion to other modes and change or reduce single occupant vehicle trip demand.
- G. When appropriate, review state Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) studies and design plans to ensure that adequate provisions for ITS, traffic operations and flow are included in the planning and design of new and reconstructed highways, and consistent with any specific committee recommendations that may have come out of the TSMO prioritized project list and consistent with the list of recommended TSMO projects. MetroPlan Orlando staff or any committee member may bring design plans to the committee for review at the discretion of the committee.
- H. Participate in updates to the regional ITS architecture; and coordinate with the MPO's other advisory committees.

Section 4. Membership, Appointments, Term of Office, Vacancies, Removal from Office

A. Membership

The intent of the membership composition of the TSMO Committee is to represent planning and engineering expertise from Federal, State, regional or local agencies.

1. The following jurisdictions are eligible to appoint voting members as indicated. Appointees should have an interest or active involvement in TSMO related activities:

- (a) Orange County (2)
- (b) Osceola County (2)
- (c) Seminole County (2)
- (d) City of Orlando (2)
- (e) City of Belle Isle (1)
- (f) City of Kissimmee (1)
- (g) City of Sanford (1)
- (h) City of Altamonte Springs (1)
- (i) City of Apopka (1)
- (j) City of Casselberry (1)
- (k) City of Lake Mary (1)
- (l) City of Longwood (1)
- (m) City of Maitland (1)
- (n) City of Oakland (1)
- (o) City of Ocoee (1)
- (p) City of Oviedo (1)
- (q) City of St. Cloud (1)
- (r) City of Winter Garden (1)
- (s) City of Winter Park (1)
- (t) City of Winter Springs (1)

2. Municipalities whose population is less than 5,000 may each appoint one (1) non-voting member. These municipalities would include:

- (a) Town of Eatonville
- (b) City of Edgewood
- (c) Town of Windermere

3. The following transportation agencies/authorities are also eligible for voting representation. Each agency may appoint one (1) voting representative:

- (a) Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority/LYNX
- (b) Central Florida Expressway Authority
- (c) Central Florida Tourism Oversight District
- (d) Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- (e) Kissimmee Gateway Airport

- (f) Orlando Sanford Airport
- (g) MetroPlan Orlando appointee, such as a community advocate that is not serving on a MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Committee.

4. In addition, representatives from the following shall serve as non-voting advisors or members:

- a. Florida Department of Transportation, District Five, non-voting advisor
- b. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, non-voting advisor
- c. University of Central Florida, non-voting member
- d. Orange County Community Traffic Safety Team (Chair or designee), non-voting member
- e. Seminole County Community Traffic Safety Team (Chair or designee), non-voting member
- f. Osceola County Community Traffic Safety Team (Chair or designee), non-voting member

B. Appointments

- 1. Each eligible jurisdiction and agency shall appoint voting members and one designated alternate from each of the membership agencies listed in Section 4 A for which it is eligible. Voting members and their designated alternates must be employees of the jurisdiction or agency represented. These appointments shall be made in writing by the County Commission Chair/Mayor, City Mayor, County Administrator, City Administrator or Manager, or the Executive Director of other agencies. The failure of an agency to appoint a primary representative will result in that agency losing its voting authority on the TSMO Committee until such time as the vacancy is filled.
- 2. The appointed representatives, both primary and alternates, shall be selected from the agency membership listing under Section 4 A.
- 3. In the absence of the primary member, the alternate member shall have the same privileges as the primary member and may serve on a subcommittee or task force.

C. Term of Office

The term of office for a TSMO Committee member shall be for an indefinite period, or until reappointment, or until the appointment of a successor. Separation from employment of the jurisdiction or agency represented constitutes the end of an appointment. The MetroPlan Orlando appointee may serve four (4) years or until reappointed or until the appointment of a successor.

D. Vacancies and Membership Revisions

Any vacancies in membership shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

E. Removal from Office

1. Members serve in an advisory capacity, as volunteers, without compensation, and at the pleasure of the MetroPlan Orlando Board and the applicable appointing authority.

2. Grounds for Removal

a. Removal for excessive absenteeism

- i. Each member is expected to demonstrate interest in the committee's activities through the member's or a designated alternate's participation in the scheduled meetings.
- ii. If a member has three (3) consecutive absences from the meetings or has missed a majority of meetings during the year, the supporting MetroPlan Orlando staff person shall notify the appointing authority and said member in writing in an effort to ensure full participation in the committee.
- iii. Staff may recommend removal of members with excessive absences to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and appointing authority.

b. Removal for cause:

- i. A member may be removed for cause for:
 - a) Any conduct by a member, which in the opinion of MetroPlan Orlando, is inappropriate or unsuitable and which has a tendency to adversely affect, lower, or destroy the respect or confidence of MetroPlan Orlando in the ability of the member to perform his or her duties as a member of the committee, or conduct which brings disrepute or discredit to the committee or to MetroPlan Orlando;
 - b) Violation of any provision of an applicable statute, county, or city code of ethics governing the conduct of officials;
 - c) Malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, or inability to perform his or her official duties; or
 - d) Conviction of a felony.

ii. Staff may recommend the removal of a member for cause to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and applicable appointing authority.

3. Procedure for Removal. Removal of a member may be effected by majority vote of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Section 5. Officers, Term of Office

- A. The November/December meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting of the TSMO Committee and shall be for the purpose of electing new officers and conducting such other business as may come before the members. The TSMO Committee shall elect from its membership the following officers:
 - 1. Chairperson
 - 2. Vice-Chairperson
- B. Each officer shall be from a different jurisdiction or agency.
- C. Each elected officer shall serve for one (1) year or until that officer is re-elected or until a successor is elected. The newly elected officers shall be declared installed following their election and shall assume the duties of office at the first meeting of the new calendar year.
- D. Neither the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall be given individual votes. In order for either the Chairperson or vice-Chairperson to cast a vote, they must do so as a representative of an agency listed in Section 4 A.
- E. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson. Should both Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson be absent, the TSMO Committee shall elect a temporary Chairperson to chair the meeting.
- F. The Chairperson shall represent the TSMO as a non-voting advisor on the MetroPlan Orlando Board. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson is the designated alternate.

Section 6. Rules of Procedure

- A. An annual meeting schedule will be adopted in November/December for the following year. The Chairperson of the Committee may waive a monthly meeting, however two consecutive meetings may not be waived. Business to have been conducted at the waived meeting shall be considered at the next successive monthly meeting. When necessary, the Chairperson may call special meetings to deal with immediate issues.
- B. TSMO Committee members or their designated alternates must be present to cast a vote. A quorum shall consist of the majority of those appointed members entitled to vote, and any business transacted by the TSMO Committee must be approved by not less than a majority of the votes cast. Business shall be transacted only at regular or called meetings and shall be duly recorded in the minutes thereof.
- C. Minutes shall be kept of the TSMO Committee's proceedings and official actions, which shall be public record.
- D. Voting shall be by voice, but a member shall have his or her vote recorded in the minutes if he or she so desires. A roll call vote shall be held upon request and whenever an opposing vote is recorded. All other questions or procedures shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.
- E. Meeting agendas shall include two Public Comment periods, one at the beginning of the meeting for action items and again at the conclusion of the scheduled business items which shall be for discussion purposes only. Public requests for TSMO Committee action or recommendation shall be placed on the agenda as a scheduled business item.

Section 7. General Policies

- A. MetroPlan Orlando Board and Committee structure consists of five (5) committees, including the Board;
 1. MetroPlan Orlando Board
 2. Community Advisory Committee
 3. Municipal Advisory Committee
 4. Technical Advisory Committee
 5. Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
- B. All Committees and studies shall follow the intent and further the Mission Statement adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board, which is as follows:

“MetroPlan Orlando’s mission is to provide leadership in transportation planning by engaging the public and fostering effective partnerships.”

- C. All Committees shall maintain a broad perspective covering the range of all modes of transportation and associated facilities (including, but not limited to, roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety, and transit) in all recommended planning work programs so that proper study and evaluation of transportation needs shall result in a multi-modal transportation system plan, balanced with respect to areawide needs and properly related to areawide comprehensive plans, goals and objectives.
- D. Reports, studies, plans, programs and databases shall be approved or endorsed by the MetroPlan Orlando Board after review and recommendation by the TSMO Committee and such other committees as may be interested or affected. A recommendation may be noted as officially adopted by the TSMO Committee and placed into effect upon signature by the TSMO Committee Chairperson without waiting for the minutes of the previous meeting to be officially approved at the next TSMO Committee meeting.
- E. Reports, studies, plans, programs or databases that have been approved or endorsed by the MPO are, by definition, public records and shall be available to the public for inspection and copying upon request. This may be limited however by the custodian of the records, to that time necessary to review the records and excise the information which is deemed to be exempt from the Public Records Act, as stipulated by Florida Law. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying costs.
- F. Reports, studies, plans, programs or databases that are working papers or draft documents and have therefore not been approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board shall also be releasable upon request as public records. The receiver of the information however shall be cautioned that it has not been formally approved and is therefore subject to change and may only be used at their own risk.
- G. The release of databases shall be reported to the TSMO Committee at their next scheduled meeting.
- H. Databases, computer software or other information that has been access-limited through contractual agreement shall be protected from disclosure, as authorized by Florida Statutes.

Section 8. *Procedures for Amending Adopted Studies, Plan, or Programs*

- A. The procedures for amending the Orlando Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Urban Boundary are established in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Rule 35I-1.009 which is incorporated by reference herein.
- B. The TSMO Committee shall review the proposed change based on a TSMO evaluation of its merit and shall recommend approval or disapproval to the MetroPlan Orlando Board.
- C. The MetroPlan Orlando Board shall have final approval or disapproval disposition action of the requested change or changes.

Section 9. *Ad hoc Subcommittees or Task Force*

- A. An ad hoc subcommittee or task force may be appointed by the Chairperson to address specific issues or investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the TSMO Committee.
- D. Designation of representatives to each of the ad subcommittee or task force shall be made by TSMO Committee members representing that jurisdiction or agency. In the case of multiple TSMO Committee members, the designation of representatives shall be made by caucus of the members. To be a designated representative, it is not necessary to be a TSMO Committee member.
- E. Each ad hoc subcommittee or task force may appoint a Chairperson who will report the subcommittee's findings to the TSMO Committee. In the absence of a Chairperson, a temporary Chairperson shall be appointed in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- F. Each meeting shall be recorded. Minutes of a meeting shall be provided upon request. A written record of actions taken shall be provided to any member or the public upon request.

Section 10. *Bylaws Review and Amendment*

- A. A bylaws review subcommittee shall review these bylaws at least every other year on odd numbered years or as may be deemed necessary. These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the TSMO by voting members or appointed alternates (provided there is a quorum) if the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the TSMO members with the proper notification of the meeting.

- B. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or added to by vote of the TSMO Committee provided that:
1. Notice of the proposed changes shall normally contain a full statement of the proposed amendments.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) is/are placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting following such presentation.
 3. The proposed written changes shall be forwarded to all TSMO Committee members at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting at which a vote will be held.
 4. TSMO Committee members may propose relevant changes from the floor to any proposed amendment under consideration on the agenda.
 5. The TSMO Committee adopts the proposed amendment(s) by a majority vote of the members present at the TSMO Committee meeting.
- C. MetroPlan Orlando staff may also initiate a review and recommendation of changes to these bylaws that may result from a review of the organization's internal operating procedures, and/or in coordination of implementation of the strategic plan.

Approved

Section 2



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Agenda Item: IX.A. (Section 2)

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Action Requested: FDOT requests approval of an amendment to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Reason: FDOT is requesting the addition of one (1) railroad signal upgrade project to be added to the TIP so that federal funds for the project can be authorized.

Summary/Key Information: Items of particular significance for our Committees and the Board are as follows:

- FM# 457476-1: Railroad Signal Upgrade at Old Wetherbee Road. This amendment adds a new project for signal upgrades at the rail crossing. Funding is for railroad and utilities work (RRU) in FY 2026 and consists of \$350,000 in federal funds.

MetroPlan Budget Impact: None.

Local Funding Impact: None.

Committee Action:

CAC:	To be taken up on February 25, 2026
MAC:	To be taken up on March 5, 2026
TSMO:	To be taken up on February 27, 2026
TAC:	To be taken up on February 27, 2026

Staff Recommendation: Recommends approval

Supporting Information: The following documents are provided at Section 2:

- FDOT letter dated February 4, 2026
- Proposed Board Resolution No. 26-04



Florida Department of Transportation

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GOVERNOR

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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

02/04/2026 | 9:11 AM EST

MetroPlan Orlando
ATTN: Mr. Gary Huttmann, Executive Director
250 South Orange Ave., Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

RE: Request to Modify Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26-2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Huttmann:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) respectfully requests that MetroPlan Orlando amend its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26–2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect the following project additions and funding updates for consistency with FDOT’s Adopted Five-Year Work Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The following Railroad and Utilities project is managed by FDOT and has received new funding in FY 2026: 457476-1. This project is eligible for federal funding and must be included in the TIP to allow for authorization of those funds.

Please refer to the following table for specific project details and incorporate the updates accordingly. Project data beyond FY 2026 may remain unchanged in the TIP document.

FM#	Project Description	Project Limits	Length	Phase	Fund Source	Amount	FY
457476-1	RAILROAD SIGNAL UPGRADE AT OLD WETHERBEE ROAD	N/A	N/A	Railroad and Utilities	RHH Total	\$350,000 \$350,000	2026

As always, feel free to contact the Liaison Group at D5-MPOLiaisons@dot.state.fl.us if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Jon Scarfe
ISD Planning Manager, FDOT

c: Alex Trauger, FDOT
Jason Sartorio, FDOT
Jim Stroz, FDOT
Kellie Smith, FDOT
FDOT D5 Work Program

Amendment to the FY 2025/26 – 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, the Orlando Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), d.b.a MetroPlan Orlando, is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the Orlando Urbanized Area, including the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting to amend the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the requesting amendment is described as follows:

- FM# 457476-1: Railroad Signal Upgrade at Old Wetherbee Road. Funding is for railroad and utility work in FY 2026 and consists of \$350,000 RHH funds; and

WHEREAS, the requested amendments described above are consistent with MetroPlan Orlando’s project priorities and currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MetroPlan Orlando Board that the Florida Department of Transportation’s amendment to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 TIP be approved as requested.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified serving in the role as chairman of the MetroPlan Orlando Board, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Commissioner Christine Moore, Chair

**Passed and duly adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board at its meeting on:
11th day of March 2026**

ATTEST:

Lisa Smith
Sr. Board Services Coordinator & Recording Secretary



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

Agenda Item: IX.B (Section 2)

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Action Requested:	FDOT requests approval of an amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
Reason:	FDOT is requesting the revision of one (1) project be updated to reflect new funding added to the project, thereby maintaining planning consistency.
Summary/Key Information:	<p>The requested amendment will be made to Chapter 19: Cost Feasible Plan component of the adopted 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Items of particular significance for our Committees and the Board are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2050 MTP ID 136 (FM# 452574-1) SR 60 from Prairie Lake Rd to Florida's Turnpike: Addition of funding for the design phase, which moves the design phase from unfunded to funded in the first time band of the 2050 MTP (2026-2030).
MetroPlan Budget Impact:	None
Local Funding Impact:	None
Committee Action:	CAC: to be determined on 2/25/26 MAC: to be determined on 3/5/26 TSMO: to be determined on 2/27/26 TAC: to be determined on 2/27/26
Staff Recommendation:	Recommends Approval.
Supporting Information:	<p>The following documents are provided at Section 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) FDOT letter dated January 14, 20262) Hyperlink to 2050 Cost Feasible Plan with proposed revisions: https://metroplanorlando.gov/wp-content/uploads/2050-MTP_Chapter-19_Cost-Feasible-Plan_Adopted_12-10-2025_Revised-for-Public-Review.pdf



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SECRETARY

January 14, 2026

MetroPlan Orlando
ATTN: Mr. Gary Huttmann, Executive Director
250 South Orange Ave., Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

RE: Request to Amend 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Dear Mr. Huttmann:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests MetroPlan Orlando amend the 2050 MTP to reflect changes to MTP ID# 136 in the Cost Feasible Plan. This is project #452574-1 in FDOT's Draft Five-Year Work Program FY 2027-2031 and Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE) phases have been added in Fiscal Years (FY) 2029 and 2030 to achieve planning consistency for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase of the project which is approaching completion in the next couple of months.

Once the FY 2027-2031 Work Program has been adopted by Florida State Legislature and the Governor, it will be effective as of July 1, 2026 and this project will be funded through the design phase. When MetroPlan Orlando develops the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) this spring, this project will be included in the TIP.

Please use the following project information to amend the Cost Feasible Plan of the MTP:

FM#	Project Description	Project Limits	Length	Phase	Fund Source	Amount	Time Band
452574-1 (MTP ID#136)	SR 60	Prairie Lake Road to Florida's Turnpike	19.301 miles	PE	Federal	\$12,172,000	2026-2030

As always, feel free to contact the Liaison Group at D5-MPOLiaisons@dot.state.fl.us if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Jonathan Scarfe
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Jonathan Scarfe
Planning Manager
FDOT District Five

c: Kellie Smith, FDOT
Kathy Alexander, FDOT
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D5 Work Program, FDOT
Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Agenda Item: IX.C. (Section 2)

Roll Call Vote: No

Action Requested:	Approval of the Draft FY'27 & FY'28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Reason:	The UPWP is a two-year document that represents the MetroPlan Orlando working budget. It is one of the required documents that all MPOs must prepare and receive Board approval.
Summary/Key Information:	<p>MPOs in the State of Florida are required to prepare a UPWP every two years. The UPWP defines in very general terms the work that the MPO staff will be doing over the planning period. Some of the tasks will be done with the assistance of our General Planning Consultants.</p> <p>Following board approval of the draft UPWP, the document will be transmitted to FDOT and FHWA for review/comment. The MetroPlan Orlando Board will take action on the final UPWP in May 2026.</p>
MetroPlan Budget Impact:	The UPWP is the MetroPlan Orlando working budget.
Local Funding Impact:	None
Committee Action:	CAC: N/A TSMO: N/A TAC: N/A MAC: N/A
Staff Recommendation:	Recommends approval of Draft UPWP for submittal to FDOT.
Supporting Information:	1) Board Resolution 2) Link to Draft UPWP: https://metroplanorlando.gov/wp-content/uploads/Draft_MetroPlanOrlando_FY27FY28_UPWP_20260311.pdf

**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT WITH
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL
AUTHORIZATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND SUBMIT AND EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE
THE GRANT CONTRACTS WHEN AWARDED; APPROVE THE LINE ITEM BUDGET AND TRANSFER OF LINE
ITEM FUNDS WITHIN A UPWP TASK AND DEPARTMENTS; AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING OF BUDGETED
CONTRACTUAL/CONSULTING SERVICES; AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE
REGULAR BILLINGS FOR COSTS INCURRED AGAINST UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TASK
ELEMENTS ON BEHALF OF METROPLAN ORLANDO**

WHEREAS, the Orlando Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), d.b.a. MetroPlan Orlando, is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the Orlando and Kissimmee Urbanized Areas; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 339.175 (8), and 23 CFR 450.314 require metropolitan planning organizations develop an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the purpose of programming, scheduling and managing the metropolitan planning activities for the program year; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation requires MPOS to develop a two-year UPWP; and

WHEREAS, a UPWP and budget has been developed for Fiscal Years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028, said fiscal years being from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the draft Fiscal Years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 UPWP is to be reviewed and commented upon by the Florida Department of Transportation and the various federal agencies and the review comments are to be addressed by the MPO, approved, and submitted by May 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the MetroPlan Orlando board will take action on the final Fiscal Years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 UPWP at the scheduled May 13, 2026 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MetroPlan Orlando Board that the draft Fiscal Years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 Orlando Urban Area UPWP are approved and authorized to be submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation and the appropriate Federal agencies for review and comment and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute all appropriate Federal authorizations and assurances to support this document, submit and execute grant applications, contract awards and other documents relating to the receipt of grant funding; that the line item budget and transfer of line item funds within a UPWP task and Departments is approved; advertising of budgeted contractual/consulting services are approved; and that the Executive Director is authorized to sign and execute regular billings for costs incurred against Unified Planning Work Program Task elements on behalf of MetroPlan Orlando.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified serving in the role as chair of the MetroPlan Orlando Board, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Commissioner Christine Moore, Chair

Passed and duly adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board at its meeting on March 11, 2026

ATTEST:

Lisa Smith
Sr. Board Services Coordinator & Recording Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
REVIEW ROUTING SHEET

Date Prepared 2/20/2026

Date Needed By: 3/6/2026

Subject: MPO 2025 Joint Certification

Description:

Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF): The MetroPlan Orlando MPO represents a “Low Risk” on its 2025 Joint Certification. The results were presented to MPO staff on February 11, 2026. There are no corrective actions at this time.

Background: Each year, the District and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must jointly certify the metropolitan transportation planning process as described in 23 C.F.R. § 450.336. The joint certification process begins in January, allowing time to incorporate any recommended changes into the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The District and the MPO prepare a joint certification package that includes a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO and, if applicable, a list of recommendations and/or corrective actions. The joint certification package must be submitted to the Central Office, Office of Policy Planning (OPP), no later than June 1.

Process: The certification process is divided into two parts. Part 1 is completed by the MPO and covers plans, policies, data collection, and cooperative efforts with neighboring MPOs/TPOs and consultants. The MPO/TPO is also given the opportunity to list noteworthy practices and achievements, as well as provide comments.

Part 2 is completed by the District and consists of an evaluation focused on invoices, procurement, and planning documents. If any items or processes do not meet statutory requirements, the District may issue recommendations or corrective actions to the MPO. The higher the MPO’s risk level, the more frequently its processes are monitored.

The MPO Director and the Director of Transportation Development will sign parts 1 and 2, completing the annual certification.

List of Included Documents:

1. MetroPlan Joint Certification, Parts 1, 2
2. MetroPlan Orlando Noteworthy Practices
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Additional Comments:

Joint certification review was held with MPO Staff, Liaison Staff and Director Stroz on 2/11/2026.

Originator Jon Scarfe

Phone 386-943-5791 Date 2/20/2026

	Reviewed by:	Init.	Date
1.	Alex Trauger	AT	
2.	Gary Huttman	GH	
3.	Jon Scarfe	JS	
4.	Kellie Smith	KS	
5.	Jim Stroz, P.E.	JS	

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FDOT MPO Joint Certification

MPO Name: MetroPlan Orlando

Calendar Year of Review Period: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

Date Completed: 2/11/2026

Purpose

Each year, the District and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) jointly certify the metropolitan transportation planning process, as described in [23 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 450.336](#). The FDOT MPO Joint Certification includes confirmation of the metropolitan transportation planning process, a summary of the MPO's noteworthy achievements, and, if applicable, a list of recommendations and/or corrective actions. The District must report corrective actions and how they were resolved by the MPO directly to the MPO Board.

The MPO completes Part 1, while the FDOT District completes Part 2. Please read and answer each question in the document. The FDOT MPO Joint Certification must be submitted to the Office of Policy Planning (OPP) by **June 1**.

Part 1: MPO

The MPO completes Part 1 of the Joint Certification.

Section 1.1: Statement of Compliance

The MPO Executive Director must review and sign the statement below to certify compliance with federal and state requirements.

I acknowledge and confirm that the MPO (check all):

- Incorporates the 10 Federal Planning Factors [[23 CFR 450.306](#)] into its planning process.
- Develops transportation plans and programs through a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative process [[23 CFR 450.306\(b\)](#)].
- Ensures that federal-aid funds are expended in conformity with applicable federal and state laws, including [23 United States Code \(USC\) 134](#), [49 USC 5303](#), [2 CFR 200](#), and [s.339.175, Florida Statutes \(FS\)](#) and policies and procedures prescribed by FDOT and FHWA.



- Requires its consultants and contractors to comply with applicable federal and state laws pertaining to the use of federal-aid funds.
- Uses a financial management system that complies with the requirements outlined in [2 CFR 200.302](#).
- Ensures records of costs incurred under the terms of the FDOT/MPO Agreement are always maintained and readily available upon request by FDOT during the period of the FDOT/MPO Agreement, as well as for five years after final payment is made.
- Submits supporting documentation in sufficient detail for proper monitoring, when required, to FDOT.
- Maintains and updates required agreements between the MPO and FDOT, other MPOs, and local stakeholders.

Please select options applicable to the MPO:

- The MPO is a standalone entity, a direct recipient of federal funds, and subject to an annual single audit.
- The MPO uses a federal or state-approved indirect cost rate.

If **Yes**, please indicate which indirect cost rate the MPO uses:

- Actual indirect costs (with receipts)
- An approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (to be completed by the MPO, submitted to FDOT Office of Comptroller for review and approval PRIOR to contract execution)
- De Minimus Rate: A percentage of Modified Direct Costs (currently, the De Minimus rate is 15%)

If **Yes**, please check the box if the MPO submitted a Cost Allocation Plan.

The MPO charges all eligible costs as direct costs.

FDOT and the MPO certify the metropolitan transportation planning process is carried out according to applicable requirements described in 23 CFR 450.336.



By signing below, I certify the above information is true and accurate.

MPO Executive Director Signature: Signed by:
Gary Huttmann
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Name: Gary Huttmann, AICP

Title: Executive Director

Date: 2/11/2026

FDOT Transportation Development Director Signature: DocuSigned by:
Jim Stroz Jr
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Name: Jim Stroz, PE

Title: District 5 Transportation Development Director

Date: 2/11/2026

Section 1.2: Noteworthy Achievements and Practices

List the MPO's noteworthy achievements and practices below by year.

Month	Year	Noteworthy Achievement or Practice
Jan - Dec	2025	See attached supplemental list of MetroPlan Orlando noteworthy practices. (this table is locked/does not allow for additional rows to be added)

Section 1.3: MPO Comments

List items that require follow-up or action.

MetroPlan Orlando is a direct recipient of some federal funds, not all.
No additional comments at this time.

Part 2: FDOT District

The FDOT District completes Part 2 of the Joint Certification.

Section 2.1: Risk Assessment

FDOT, as the recipient of federal-aid funds for the State, is responsible for ensuring that these funds are expended in accordance with [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#), [s.215.971,FS](#), and [s.216.3475, FS](#). After coordination with the Office of Policy Planning (OPP), any of the considerations in [2 CFR 200.331\(b\)](#) may result in an MPO being assigned the high-risk level.

The questions in this section assign a risk level to each MPO. The risk level determines the minimum frequency with which the District MPO Liaison reviews the MPO’s supporting documentation for invoices for the following year.

Figure 1 shows the risk assessment and monitoring timeline.

Figure 1. Risk Assessment Process



1. MPO Invoice Submittal

How often does the MPO submit invoices to the District for reimbursement?

Monthly

The MPO must submit invoices within 90 days of the end of the invoice period. An invoice is late if it is submitted after 90 days. How many invoices did the MPO submit late? 0

2. MPO Invoice Review Checklist

The [MPO Invoice Review Checklist](#) identifies significant findings, i.e., items that require correction for the MPO to be reimbursed. How many significant findings did the MPO invoice checklists have in the past year? 0

3. MPO Supporting Documentation Review Checklist

The [MPO Supporting Documentation Review Checklist](#) identifies significant findings, i.e., items that require correction for the MPO to be reimbursed. How many significant findings did the MPO supporting documentation checklists have in the past year? 0



4. Risk Assessment Score

Please use the table below to select the MPO’s risk level.

Total number of late invoices and significant findings: 0

Level of Risk: Low

Total Number of Late Invoices and Significant Findings	Risk Level	Frequency of Monitoring
Less than 10	Low	Annual
10-20	Moderate	Bi-annual
21-30	Elevated	Tri-annual
More than 30	High	Quarterly

Section 2.2: Planning Documents

1. Complete the table below.

Planning Document	Date Adopted	End/Horizon Date	Date Uploaded in GAP (if applicable)	Was the document made available to the public consistent with applicable federal regulations and the procedures identified in the MPOs PPP?
L RTP	12/10/2025	12/10/2030	12/16/2025	Yes
TIP	7/9/2025	7/9/2026	7/14/2025	Yes
UPWP	5/8/2024	6/30/2026	5/8/2024	Yes
CMP	12/10/2025	12/20/2030		Yes
PPP	9/10/2025	9/10/2030		Yes

2. Did the MPO identify all FHWA Planning Funds (PL and non-PL) in the TIP?

Yes

3. Was the Public Participation Plan (PPP) made available for public review at least 45 days before adoption?

Yes



Section 2.3: District Questions

List District questions or observations that require follow-up or action.

1. What technical training or professional development opportunities could T/MPO Director(s) and staff benefit from that would enhance collaboration with partner agencies and stakeholders?

A: Regarding professional development, rather than additional technical training for MPO staff, we believe there would be significant value in offering targeted training for our local agency partners focused on the Local Agency Program (LAP) requirements and certification process. We frequently receive questions related to LAP procedures, documentation, and compliance, and a workshop or coordinated informational session would help improve understanding, consistency, and overall project delivery.

2. What challenges does the T/MPO anticipate during the next UPWP cycle, and what specific assistance or support from FDOT would help address those challenges?

A: With respect to the upcoming UPWP cycle, we have not identified any specific assistance needs at this time. Continued coordination, clear communication, and ongoing collaboration with FDOT remain the most important factors in supporting a successful and efficient regional planning, project development, and implementation process.

Section 2.4: Recommendations and Corrective Actions

Identify any recommendations and corrective actions based on the information in this review below. Corrective actions should include a date by which the MPO must address them. The District must report corrective actions and how they were resolved by the MPO directly to the MPO Board.

Status of Recommendations and Corrective Actions from Prior Certifications

Recommendation/Corrective Action	Applicable Date/Response Date
No Corrective Action	N/A

Current Recommendation(s) for this Certification Cycle

No recommendations for this cycle.

Current Corrective Action(s) for this Certification Cycle



No corrective actions for this cycle.

MetroPlan Orlando | 2025 FDOT Joint Certification | Noteworthy Practices

Month	Year	Noteworthy Achievement / Practice
Apr - Jun	2025	Successful Transportation Improvement Program public participation - Public participation opportunities were expanded to include a multitude of new, personalized engagement opportunities. This included hosting four Ask a Planner About the TIP sessions, which served as open forums for members of the public to learn about the TIP and ask questions directly to staff members. Three of these sessions were hosted virtually and the fourth was hosted in-person. Members of the public were also encouraged to participate, either in-person or virtually, through the MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Committee and Board meetings, view and comment upon projects in the Online TIP Viewer, and/or view a more traditional presentation of the TIP in an online video. 17 people participated in the live TIP events, and the published materials reached a total of 275 people between participants at the live events and post-event views of published TIP videos.
Jan - Dec	2025	Continued improving public access to the transportation planning process - The public has permanent access to view MetroPlan Orlando Board and committee meetings virtually and provide live comments from the comfort of their homes. Meetings are also posted to our YouTube channel. In 2025, we posted a total of 112 videos to MetroPlan Orlando’s YouTube channel, including 102 meeting recordings and 10 educational videos. These videos have about 9,150 views and a watch time of about 625 hours. This represented about a 22% increase from 2024 in video views, due in part to the popular Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series videos and the MTP Technical Workshops.
Jan - Dec	2025	New communication materials featuring plain language and engaging visuals - New communication tools in 2025 included: 1) A "trans-created" kids safety book in Spanish, which went beyond simple translation to create word puzzles, text and activities that were language for Spanish-speaking audiences; 2) We installed software on our website to comply with upcoming federal standards for disabled users, and also included features that help a variety of users see and use the site more comfortably; 3) We used short-form video as a go-to to promote webinars and public meetings, allowing our staff members to give informal previews of the material they planned to present and discuss; 4) We dabbled with the idea of social media influencers by creating the 2050 Plan Fan Club, a group of community leaders in all sectors who received a branded fan with a request to post about the 2050 Plan. Response was good and got notice for the plan adoption.
Jan - Dec	2025	Increased youth outreach efforts - Our Path to 2050 book, which focused on the 2050 MTP and provided activities for elementary-aged kids was a big hit. We distributed most of the 5,000 printed copies at events and through schools. We interacted with students of all ages – from preschool to high school in classroom presentations at school STEAM fairs, as well as other events, including the annual Aviation Day the Sanford Airport. We engaged the pre-teens and teens with safety quizzes and street design activities. Staff also provided several presentations to college classes on planning, public policy, and environmental effects of transportation.
Oct	2025	Raise awareness of safety for visually impaired people - MetroPlan Orlando took the lead in presenting the 2025 Blind Experience event, which attracted more than 75 participants (almost double last year's attendance). The event involved elected officials, law enforcement, government partners, and people with vision disabilities. We had several information tables to engage participants, as well as speakers and musical entertainment. The street-crossing exercise used both the traditional blindfold and low-vision goggles to simulate different levels of vision impairment. Staff prepared a highlights video for use on social media and in board and committee meetings to help center the needs of the visually impaired. The video received 54 views on our YouTube channel. The event also was covered by Orange County's government access channel.
Jan - Dec	2025	Offer targeted outreach to older adults - MetroPlan Orlando participated two programs with the Orange County Office on Aging to provide information on the 2050 Plan to older adults. A staff member also made a presentation to a Seminole County older adults’ group. We continued our connections with the AARP and Safe Mobility for Life programs and shared their materials at some of our tabling events. A staff member also has regularly attended the City of Orlando's Commission on Livability and Healthy Aging.

Month	Year	Noteworthy Achievement / Practice
Jan - Dec	2025	Multi-Pronged Public Engagement Approach Offered for the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Annual Public Meeting - MetroPlan Orlando serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for the Joint Orange, Osceola, Seminole Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB). As such, MetroPlan Orlando is required to hold an annual public meeting for the purpose of receiving input on unmet needs and other issues related to local paratransit services. Members of the public were given multiple opportunities to address the board, before and during the meeting, ensuring feedback could be shared in ways that worked best for riders in order to remove participation barriers. The meeting was widely advertised to reach TD paratransit riders and the general public through multiple channels which included legal notices published in the Orlando Sentinel and La Prensa newspapers. Direct emails were sent to ACCESS LYNX TD riders with active email addresses on file with LYNX. Public meeting notices were posted on MetroPlan Orlando’s website, LYNX’s website, and social media platforms. Fliers were also posted onboard every ACCESS LYNX vehicle announcing the date, time, and location of the meeting and meeting information was also added to the ACCESS LYNX call-hold recording which is heard while riders wait to make or change reservations. The 2025 meeting was held at MetroPlan Orlando’s offices, providing a familiar, accessible setting that easily accommodated ACCESS LYNX vehicles. Participants unable to attend in person could submit comments in advance by email or voice message left on a dedicated phone line. Those who attended the meeting were able to do so in person or virtually via Zoom. This reflected strong engagement across formats. Written and voicemail comments that were left by Spanish speaking commenters were translated to English for the benefit of the board members. Additionally, a Spanish-speaking staff member was available in person to translate or those with limited English proficiency.
Jan - Dec	2025	Using big data to support local governments - We’ve provided big data resources and analysis to support a wide variety of projects in our region, including: annual signal retiming; regionwide travel time reliability, long-range transit planning, speed management and traffic studies, traffic calming , cut-through traffic patterns analysis, origin-destination (OD) data for long-range travel patterns and traffic forecasting, origin-destination (OD) data for bicycle and pedestrian safety studies, and safety studies.
Jan - Dec	2025	Emphasized safety and vulnerable road users in planning process – Continued use of performance-based planning and prioritization process to include board preference weighting for safety and emphasis on vulnerable road users, including adopting a Prioritized Project List with safety and vulnerable roadway user emphasis. Established Vulnerable Road Users Safety Working Group has been elevated to serve a regional Vision Zero Task Force with broaden participation. This group meets regularly to review and provide guidance on MetroPlan safety planning efforts. Another practice continued by MetroPlan Orlando staff this year are data-driven “safety moments” during our advisory committee and board meetings.
Jan - Dec	2025	Using our regional MPO resources to advance cross-jurisdictional planning projects - In 2025, MetroPlan Orlando staff continued to serve on a variety of Project Advisory Groups, Agency/Stakeholder Meetings, and other similar Advisory Groups to aid in the development of transportation projects that support local, regional and statewide travel needs. By coordinating with multiple agencies and partners at the table, we’re able to build consensus on the best transportation solutions to implement. We provided technical support and resources to partner-led projects, in-house support to distribute messages to the community to obtain public input and coordinate with public information staff at partner agencies.
Jan - Dec	2025	Highlighting health in transportation planning - Over the past eight years, MetroPlan Orlando has scaled up its efforts to consider health in all transportation policies. Health is integrated into the current transportation planning process and has a programmatic presence. Staff have also routinely been involved in each of the three counties’ Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) and their Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs). MetroPlan Orlando is continuing to build off the work outlined in the Health Strategic Plan (2022) to incorporate health and sustainability into our plans, programs, and processes. HSP served as a foundation to community health section of the adopted 2050 MTP.

Month	Year	Noteworthy Achievement / Practice
Jan - Dec	2025	Collecting bicycle and pedestrian counts and behaviors - MetroPlan Orlando continued collecting pedestrian and bicyclist counts along streets, highways and shared use paths using a video camera system that uses artificial intelligence to count non-motorists, differentiating bicyclists from pedestrians, and determining their lateral position along streets, and direction. This data helps us more accurately assess the safety performance and mode shift performance of our pedestrian- and bicyclist-related improvements.
Jan - Dec	2025	The adopted 2050 MTP encompasses both the breadth and depth of transportation needs throughout the region and identifies strategies to enhance how transportation influences community health and housing, environmental stewardship and resilience, technology, and safety. The 2050 MTP Public Participation Plan created opportunities for more than 13,000 Central Floridians to be informed and engaged throughout the process. Public input was collected through a mix of public, stakeholder, and board engagement activities. Feedback from local stakeholders was collected through interviews, technical workshops, and the MTP Summit. Public engagement opportunities included the 2050 MTP Community Survey and a series of webinars, as well as over 40 outreach events and meetings at schools, community organization meetings, resource fairs, festivals, and more. Online materials helped the public take advantage of information presented at the MTP Public Meeting in September – even if they couldn't attend in person. Outreach has been ongoing since the MTP was adopted to help people find and understand what it provides.
Jan - Dec	2025	Annual Traffic Signal Retiming and Before/After Studies – MetroPlan Orlando completed the FY 2023-2024 Before and After retiming evaluation of 20 corridors and four (4) intersections in September 2025. Key activities and findings include overall benefit cost ratio of negative 0.4; 80 percent of corridors have an improvement in travel time reliability; 50 percent of corridors now have shorter travel times; six (6) percent of intersections had less pedestrian delay during the peak-period; and 25 percent of individual intersection had less intersection delay during the peak-period.
June	2025	Regional TSMO Strategic Plan - .The Regional TSMO Program is a partnership between ten (10) M/TPOs in Central Florida for the purpose of facilitating cooperation and coordination of TSMO. MetroPlan Orlando serves as the lead agency for the Program. Highlights in the Program for 2025 include: four (4) RTSMOP Directs' Meetings; establishment of a Governance Committee: completion of the Strategic Plan in March that is focused on the value of establishing a formal organizational platform for regional TSMO planning collaboration; a draft Scope of Work for completing the RTSMOP Implementation Action Plan and commitment on cost-sharing to complete the Plan; execution of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the agencies; and pending draft language for the UPWP task for agency staff activities and transfer of funds from the M/TPOs to MetroPlan Orlando to support the work of RTSMOP.
Jan - Dec	2025	Improved Online Maps and Dashboards – Tracking the Trends is an ongoing and evolving program designed to feature transportation data and trends. This program tracks over 100 statistics aligned with and exceeding the focus areas laid out in the MTP. The program has been streamlined to make data more accessible and digestible to the public as well as MetroPlan Orlando's partners. This streamlined Tracking the Trends site has been created to feature Transportation Trend Highlights, using Esri StoryMaps. Part of this program includes historic and longform data stored in the Data Library, an online data clearinghouse which is available to the public. The data is updated on a rolling cycle as new information is made available from a variety of verified sources at the state, local, and federal level. Esri StoryMaps are also utilized in the Accessibility Hub, a site that shows accessibility around the region to dozens of destination types and points of interest. Lastly, the System Performance Report dashboard is a singular resource for all federally mandated performance measures, making those metrics clear to the public as well as government administrative partners at every level. This Dashboard was updated and aligned with the MTP development process, as a System Performance Report Appendix is included in that document as well.
May	2025	MetroPlan Orlando received APA Orlando-Metro Section Award for Vision Zero Central Florida Efforts
Sept	2025	MetroPlan Orlando received APA-FL Statewide Award for Vision Zero Central Florida Safety Planning Efforts
Sept	2025	Presentation/Recognition - AMPO National Conference for Vision Zero Central Florida Planning Efforts
Oct	2025	MetroPlan Orlando received WTS Award for Vision Zero Central Florida Safety Planning Efforts



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Agenda Item: IX.E (Section 2)

Roll Call Vote: No

Action Requested: To elect a new Board Chair, for the period March 11, 2026, through December 9, 2026.

Reason: Chairwoman Moore’s resignation from the Orange County Commission is effective before the next meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board. This will be her final meeting as the Board Chair.

Summary/Key Information: The Board’s 2026 Officers are as follows:

Chair:	Commissioner Christine Moore
Vice Chair:	Commissioner Viviana Janer
Secretary/Treasurer	Commissioner Bob Dallari

MetroPlan Budget Impact: None

Local Funding Impact: None

Committee Action:

CAC:	N/A
TSMO:	N/A
TAC:	N/A
MAC:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: Election of Officers is the MetroPlan Board’s decision and is to be consistent with the Board’s Internal Operating Procedures.

Supporting Information: Provided at Section 2:

Internal Operating Procedures – Section V. – Board Officers, Board Officer Elections, Election Process, and Board Officer Vacancies-Adopted September 13, 2023

**Excerpt from Internal Operating Procedures Approved by the MetroPlan
Orlando Board at the September 13, 2023, Meeting**

V. Board Officers, Board Officer Elections, Election Process, and Board Officer Vacancies

(1) Board Officers and Officer Duties

- (a) The officers of the MetroPlan Orlando Board are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary-Treasurer. Each MetroPlan Orlando Board officer shall be from a different local government and shall serve for one (1) year or until he/she is reelected or until his/her successor is elected.
- (b) The Chairperson shall preside at all MetroPlan Orlando Board meetings, appoint all board committee members, and shall sign, on behalf of the MPO, all board meeting minutes, resolutions, agreements, and other documents approved by action of the MetroPlan Orlando Board. The Chairperson shall have the authority to call special meetings of the MetroPlan Orlando Board and Board Committees, and/or may cancel any regularly scheduled meeting. The Chairperson shall also preside over the board officer election process.
- (c) The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence, including having signatory authority where applicable.
- (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring the minutes and records of MetroPlan Orlando are kept in proper order and shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of both, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- (e) In the absence of all three board officers, the Immediate-Past Chairperson may preside over the meeting where a quorum is established. A temporary chairperson may also be elected by majority vote at said meeting to serve as Chairperson for the purpose of conducting the business of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

(2) Board Officer Elections

- (1) The last scheduled meeting of each calendar year shall be known as the Annual Meeting of MetroPlan Orlando and shall be for the purpose of electing new board officers and conducting such other business as may come before the members. MetroPlan Orlando shall elect from its voting membership a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer.
- (2) Each officer shall be from a different local government or transportation agency.
- (3) Each member so elected shall serve for one (1) year or until he/she is reelected or until his/her successor is elected. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer's terms of office shall be limited to two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms and neither shall be eligible again until two (2) additional years have elapsed, nor shall either be succeeded by a member from the same local government or agency for his/her respective office.
- (4) The Chairperson of the MetroPlan Orlando Board shall preside over and facilitate the election of officers for the ensuing year.
- (5) The newly elected officers shall be declared installed and shall assume the duties of office upon adjournment of the meeting where the board officer elections are held, or as designated by the board.

(3) Election Process

The election of board officers shall take place in the following order:

- The nomination process shall begin with the current Chairperson accepting nominations for the office of incoming Chairperson.
- When nominations are complete, the Chairperson shall accept a motion to close the nominations.
- Should only one person be nominated, that nominee shall be declared elected to the office by acclamation.
- When more than one person is nominated, a roll call vote shall be conducted by the Agency Clerk.
- If a candidate receives the majority of voice votes, he or she shall be declared elected to the office.

- Upon completion of the election of the incoming Chairperson, the election of Vice-Chairperson, followed by the election of Secretary-Treasurer, shall take place in the same manner described above.

(4) Board Officer Vacancies

If the Chairperson is unable to complete his/her term, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson until the next regular election. Vice-Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the MetroPlan Orlando Board for the term balance remaining for said office. Officers elected to fill a term balance must be from the same jurisdiction as the previous office holder.

Section 3



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A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

March 11, 2026

To: Commissioner Christine Moore, Board Chair
MetroPlan Orlando Board Members

From: Gary Huttman, Executive Director

Subject: Executive Director's Report for March 11

- I met with representatives from Glydways on February 12th to discuss new transit technology
- I attended the TDLCB meeting on February 12th
- I attended Seminole County State of the County Event on February 13th
- I attended Transportation Day in Tallahassee on February 17th
- I met with a new consulting firm interested in pursuing work with MetroPlan Orlando on February 19th
- I attended a National Leagues of Cities on-line event on February 19th to discuss the draft BASICS Act
- I participated in the AMPO Policy Committee Meeting on February 23rd
- I met with Dale Allen of the Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation on February 24th to discuss progress on the Lake to Lake Regional Trail
- I attended the CAC meeting on February 25th
- I met with Dale Allen & FDOT staff on February 25th to discuss the Lake to Lake Regional Trail
- I attended the TSMO meeting on February 27th
- I attended the TAC meeting on February 27th
- I met with the MetroPlan Board's Legal Counsel on March 3 to discuss agenda item(s)
- I met with Commissioner Dallari on March 5th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Commissioner Uribe on March 5th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Commissioner Semrad on March 5th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Commissioner Moore on March 5th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Mayor Demings on March 6th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Mayor Espinosa on March 9th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Council Member Gilbert on March 9th for a MetroPlan Orlando agenda review
- I met with Seminole County Staff on March 9th to discuss their transit system
- I moderated an ASHE Transportation Summit to discuss the Moving I-4 Forward Modified Design Build Project on March 10th
- I participated in an AMPO Leadership Roundtable Discussion on March 10th on MPO Succession Planning

FDOT

- I continue regular monthly meetings with FDOT leadership

Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- I continue to participate in regularly scheduled meetings of the AMPO Policy Committee
- I was reappointed to the Policy Committee for 2026

National Association of Regional Councils

- I continue to participate in regularly scheduled meetings of the NARC Executive Directors Council
- I continue to participate in regularly scheduled meetings of the Major Metros Group as topics of discussion are relevant to MetroPlan Orlando



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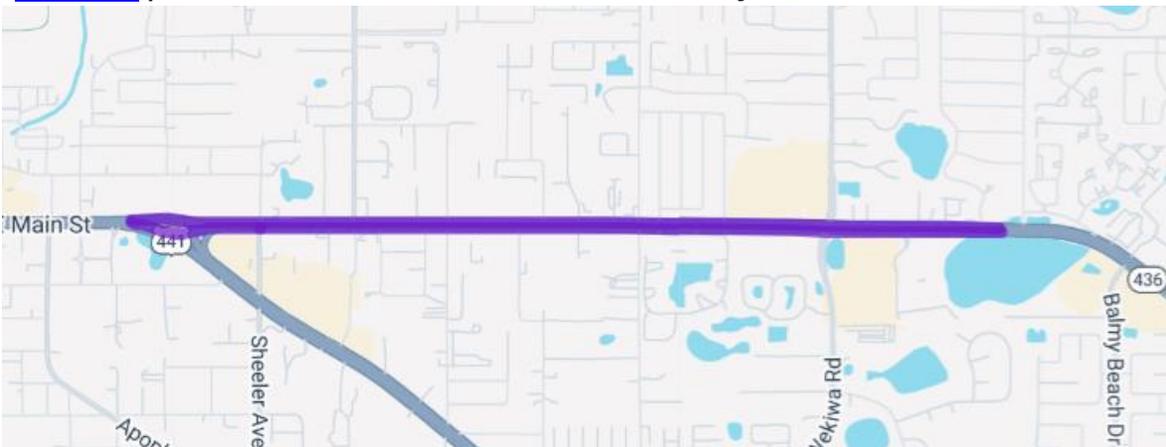
Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties Project Status Update as of February 5, 2026

The following is a brief status update on major FDOT road construction projects in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties as of February 5th. The next cutoff date is March 5, 2026. Information is also available on www.cflroads.com. For questions, please contact Jonathan Scarfe at 386-943-5791 or via email at D5-MPOLiaisons@dot.state.fl.us.

ORANGE COUNTY

ORANGE COUNTY UPCOMING PROJECTS:

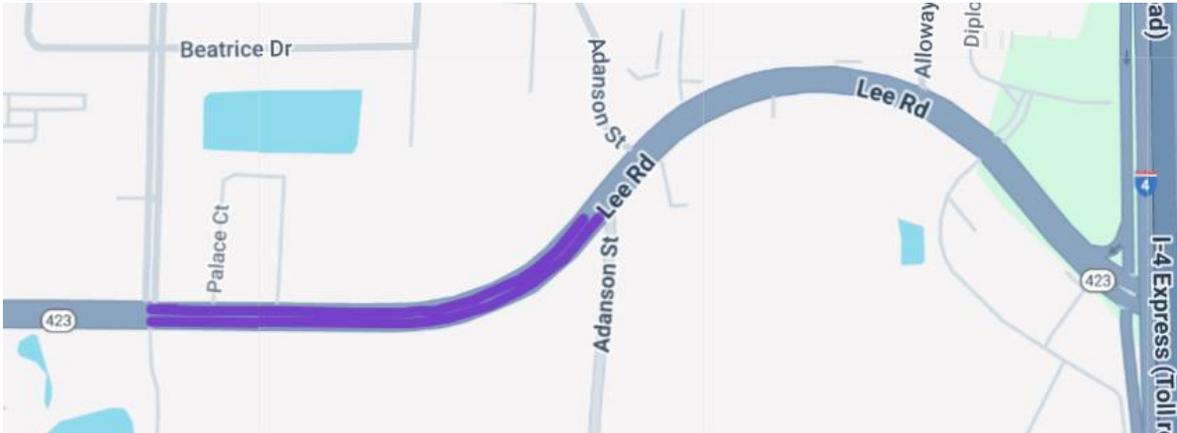
[450640-1](#) | S.R. 436 from U.S. 441 to Seminole County Line



- Contract: E58F6
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$6.9 million
- Project Start: February 2026
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to resurface Semoran Boulevard (State Road (S.R.) 436) from U.S. 441 to the Seminole County line. The project will also upgrade pedestrian curb ramps as needed to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Construction will also include upgrading the signal detection to a video system. This work is being performed under FPID No. 450640-2, but the projects will be constructed under one contract.

Update: The pre-construction meeting was held on 1/20. The contractor's anticipated start date is 2/20, with crews immediately beginning MOT placement and shoulder cleanup along the corridor.

[449214-1](#) | S.R. 423 from Kingswood Drive to Adanson Street



- Contract: T5867
- Contractor: Chinchor Electric, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$3.3 million
- Project Start: March 2026
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2026
- **Description:** The intent of this project is to construct pedestrian safety improvements along State Road (S.R.) 423 from Kingswood Drive to Adanson Street. Intersection improvements include new crosswalks, updated pedestrian signals, and "Yield to Pedestrian" signs at Kingswood Drive and Adanson Street. The first directional median west of Adanson Street will be closed, and a new traffic signal will replace the existing directional median near the McDonald's and RNR Tire Express entrance at the Lee Road Shopping Center. The new signal will also be equipped with crosswalks, pedestrian signals and "Yield to Pedestrian" signs. The roadway will be repaved as needed to accommodate new pavement markings.

Update: The pre-construction meeting was held on 1/22. Contractor's anticipated start date is 3/20.

[445772-1](#) | U.S. 441 at Clarcona-Ocoee Road



- Contract: T5859
- Contractor: American Design Engineering Construction Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$2.7 million
- Project Start: Spring 2026
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to reconstruct and upgrade the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Orange Blossom Trail (U.S. 441/ State Road 500) and Clarcona-Ocoee Road. Improvements include new signal poles, new signal heads with enhanced visibility for

drivers, and new pedestrian signals. Additional intersection improvements include the extension of the eastbound right-turn lane.

[454600-1](#) | U.S. 441 Intersection Improvements



- Contract: E50G0
- Contractor: Garcia Civil Contractors
- Construction Cost: \$556,000
- Project Start: February 2026
- Estimated Completion: Late 2026

Description: The purpose of this project is to relieve congestion and improve safety along U.S. 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) from south of Town Center Boulevard to north of the State Road (S.R.) 417 ramps in Orange County. The project plans to extend the northbound left turn lanes from U.S. 441 to Town Center Boulevard, the northbound S.R. 417 on-ramp, and the southbound S.R. 417 on-ramp. The longer turn lanes will provide more space to hold vehicles waiting to turn left.

[445696-2](#) | S.R. 438 Intersection Improvements

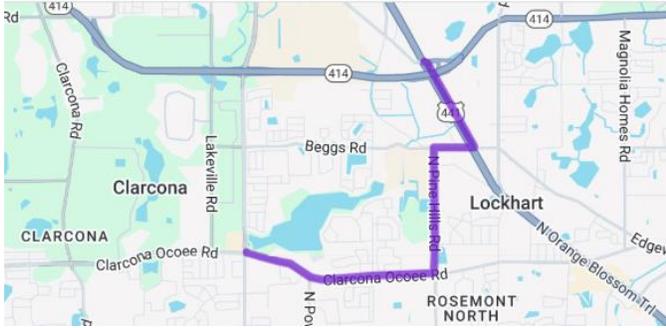


- Contract: T5872
- Contractor: Blacktip Services Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$2.6 million
- Project Start: February 2026
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2026

Description: The purpose of the project is to improve the intersections of Silver Star Road (State Road (S.R.) 438) with Le Havre Boulevard/Coast Line Drive and Dardanelle Drive in the Pine Hills community of Orlando. Planned project improvements include adding bi-directional medians and new pedestrian activated signals at the Le Havre Boulevard/Coast Line Drive. At this location, the bi-directional medians will restrict left turns onto Silver Star Road from the side streets. Additionally, when a pedestrian activates the signal, traffic will be stopped to allow the pedestrians will cross Silver Star Road diagonally using the median. This project also plans to reconstruct and upgrade the traffic signals at Dardanelle Drive. Upgrades to the existing lighting are planned at both intersections, and additional signage will be installed to increase pedestrian safety.

ORANGE COUNTY CURRENT PROJECTS:

436433-1 & 447104-1 | S.R. 500 (U.S. 441) – From North of S.R. 50 to S.R. 414 Interchange Ramps

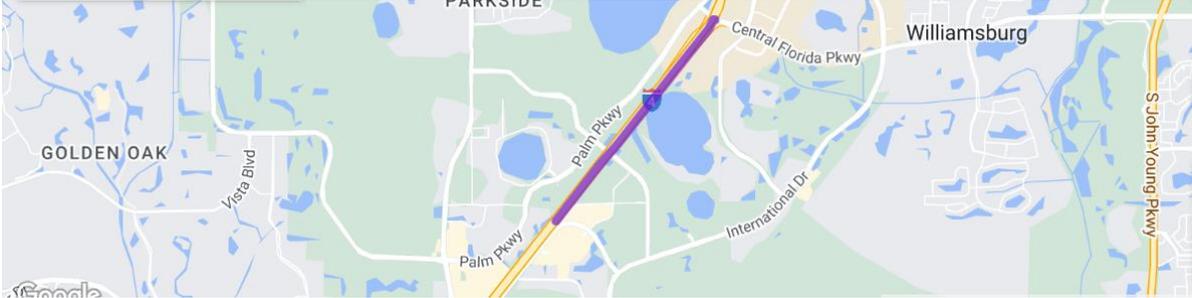
<u>436433-1</u> Coast to Coast Trail - Orange County Gap Trail Segment 2	<u>447104-1</u> U.S. 441 from S.R. 50 to S.R. 414 Ramps
	
<p>The purpose of this project is to construct a multi-use trail facility, which will connect the Clarcona-Ocoee Connector Trail to the west and the Seminole Wekiva Trail to the east. This is part of the Coast-to-Coast Trail in Orange County.</p>	<p>The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is resurfacing approximately 6.5 miles of U.S. 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) from north of Colonial Drive (State Road (S.R.) 50) to the S.R. 414 ramps. This work will extend the life of the existing roadway and enhance overall safety.</p> <p>Other improvements include the installation of bike lanes in select locations, filling sidewalk gaps, and reconstructing pedestrian curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. FDOT will also replace the existing open median at Mott Avenue with a directional median to reduce potential conflict points. This change will allow left turns from U.S. 441 onto Mott Avenue while restricting left turns from Mott Avenue and Pope Road onto U.S. 441. A bi-directional median will also be installed at Busby Avenue/National Street to help improve traffic flow.</p>

Additional safety improvements include narrowing travel lanes by one foot to help moderate vehicle speeds, widening turn lanes, adding median landscaping, and upgrading traffic signals and lighting to improve visibility and traffic efficiency.

- Contract: T5851
- Contractor: Jr. Davis Construction Co., Inc.
- Project Cost: \$35.2 million
- Project Start: October 2025
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2027

Update: The contractor continues to work on milling, resurfacing, and striping along the corridor. Contractor is continuing the northbound lane closure for the Coast-To-Coast Trail section of U.S. 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) from Beggs Road to north of the State Road (S.R.) 414 ramps. The closures will remain in place until April 2026, reducing this section of U.S. 441 to a single lane. Driveway access will not be impacted. The closures are necessary to accommodate excavation, drilling operations, and water main installations.

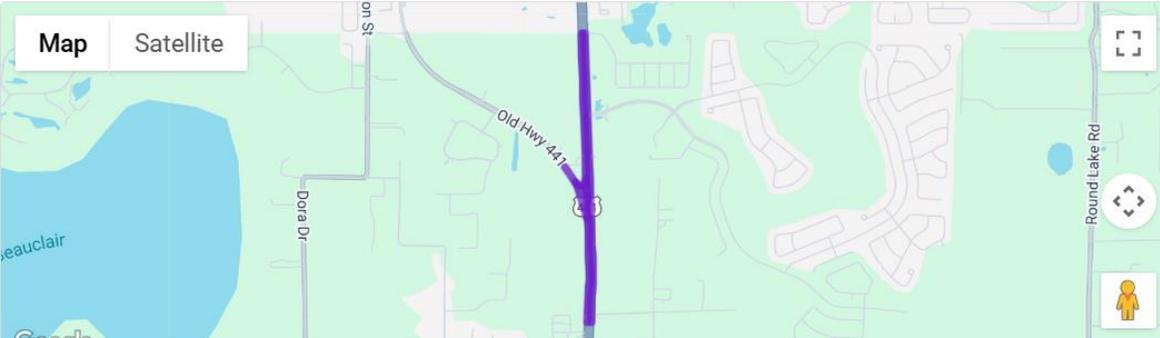
441113-2 | I-4 at Daryl Carter Parkway Interchange Landscaping



- Contract E56F9
- Contractor: Superior Construction Company Southeast, LLC
- Project Cost: \$83 million
- Project Start: October 2025
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2028
- **Description:** This project will landscape the Daryl Carter Parkway diverging diamond interchange overpass, between Central Florida Parkway and State Road 535. The interchange gives motorists an alternative route to reach retailers and restaurants in the Lake Buena Vista area.

Update: The contractor is continuing to lay out plant placements, preparing irrigation, and beginning to plant trees and shrubs.

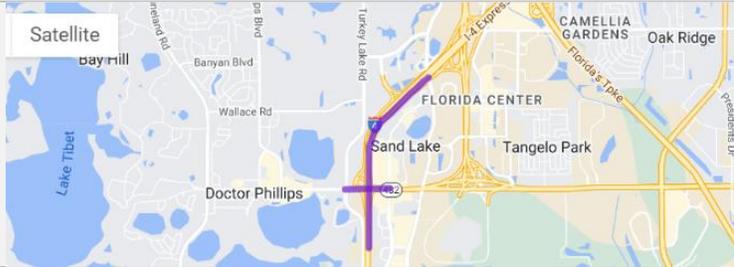
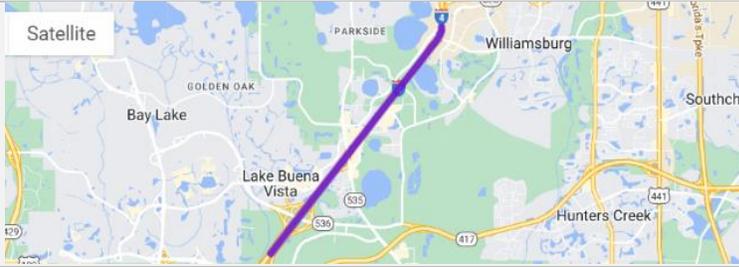
447610-1 | U.S. 441 from Wadsworth Road to Lake County Line



- Contract: T5838
- Contractor: Masci General Contractors, Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$7.7 million
- Project Start: April 2025
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to implement operational and safety enhancements along U.S. 441 from Wadsworth Road to the Lake County line, between the cities of Apopka and Mount Dora. The project plans to resurface this segment of U.S. 441 to extend the life of the existing roadway. To enhance safety, the project includes modifications at the intersection of U.S. 441 and County Road (C.R.) 500A, which involves removing the left turn from eastbound C.R. 500A to northbound U.S. 441 and realigning the left turn from northbound U.S. 441 to westbound C.R. 500A. Pedestrian improvements are also planned at the Stoneybrook Hills Parkway intersection, including new crosswalks and pedestrian signals, as well as enhanced lighting.

Update: The contractor continues to work on final punch-list items and asphalt repairs.

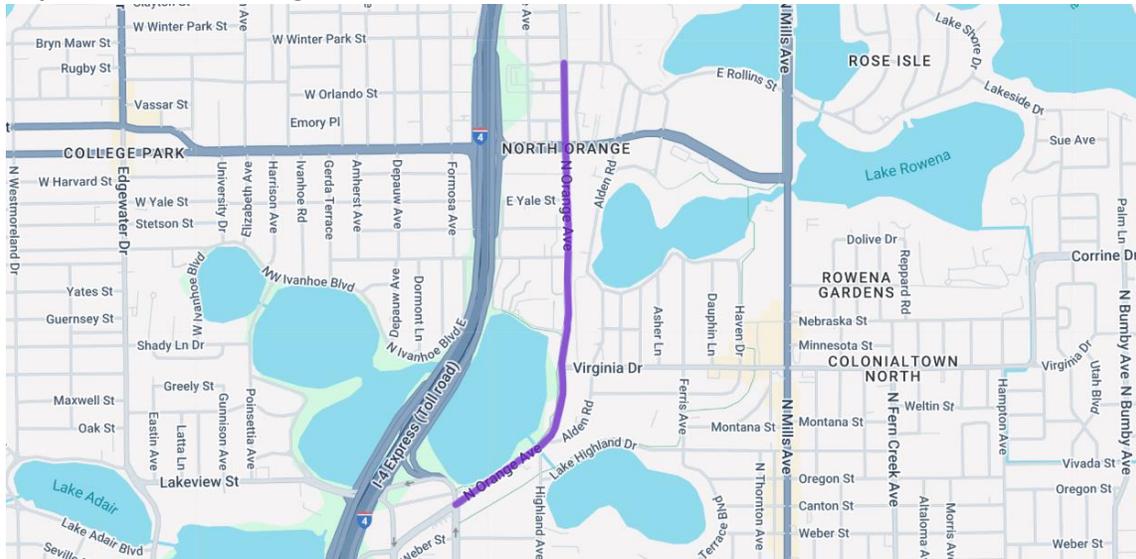
[444315-1](#) & [444315-3](#) | I-4 at Sand Lake Road Interchange

444315-1	444315-3
	
<p>Description: This project will convert the Sand Lake Road and I-4 interchange into a diverging diamond interchange. The Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) is a type of interchange in which the two directions of traffic at an interchange cross to the opposite side of the road on both sides of the bridge. A DDI eliminates several traffic conflict points by moving drivers to the side of the road where they can turn left without having to cross in front of oncoming traffic. These improvements will help to accommodate future projected traffic demand and improve driver safety and efficiency.</p> <p>For the most up-to-date information and status on this project log onto www.i4beyond.com/project-designs/sand-lake-road-interchange-improvements/</p> <p>Click on the link to learn more about using a Diverging Diamond Interchange: Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Video.</p>	<p>Description: The project will construct a single buffer separated express lane on I-4 in the westbound direction from west of State Road (S.R.) 528 to west of Central Florida Parkway. The project will also add the final striping, friction course, and tubular markers for the full length of the single buffer express lane on I-4 in the westbound direction from west of S.R. 528 to west of S.R. 536</p> <p>For the most up-to-date information and status on this project log onto www.i4beyond.com/project-designs/sand-lake-road-interchange-improvements/</p>

- Contract E59A6
- Contractor: Lane Construction Corp.
- Project Cost: \$218 million
- Project Start: April 2023
- Estimated Completion: Late 2027

Update: Crews are working on setting beams and placing support structures for the new bridge that will become part of the I-4 Express extension. Crews are also working on asphalt paving and median widening on Turkey Lake Road.

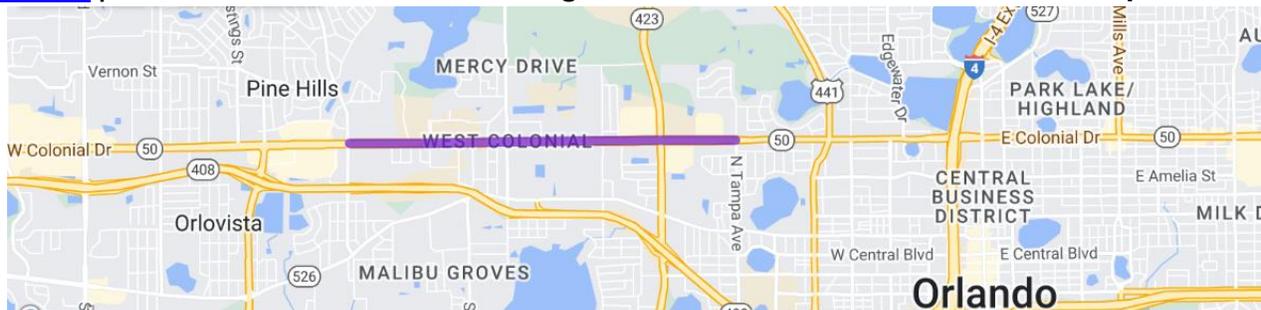
445220-1 | S.R. 527 from Magnolia Avenue to north of Rollins Street



- Contract: E50F4
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$4 million
- Project Start: January 2025
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of the project is to make safety and operational improvements along North Orange Avenue (State Road (S.R.) 527) from Magnolia Avenue to Rollins Street in Orlando. The project plans to reconfigure the roadway to include a single travel lane in each direction and use the existing outside travel lanes for additional on-street parking. In some areas, the curb line will be extended, and in other areas floating islands will be built to help define the on-street parking and help to encourage safer driving speeds along the corridor. Pedestrian safety improvements are also planned. Additionally, the roadway will be repaved to extend the service life of the existing roadway. Drainage modifications and upgraded pedestrian curb ramps to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards are also planned.

Update: The contractor is finalizing punch-list items.

445694-1 | Colonial Drive/Martin Luther King Boulevard from Pine Hills Road to Tampa Avenue



- Contract T5798
- Contractor: Watson Civil Construction, Inc.

- Project Cost: \$15 million
- Project Start: April 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** This Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project is intended to enhance safety and operations along the corridor of Colonial Drive (State Road (S.R.) 50) between Pine Hills Road and Tampa Avenue. The project will improve crosswalk conditions and install new signal improvements. Additionally, the project will modify several existing median openings along the corridor to improve safety and operations.

Update: The contractor is finalizing punch-list items and awaiting final acceptance.

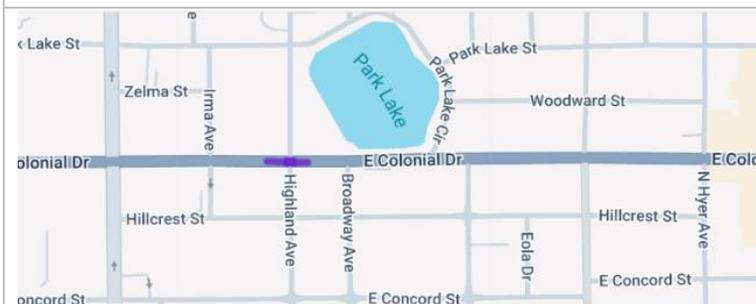
447090-1 | S.R. 15 from Devonshire Lane to Lake Underhill Road



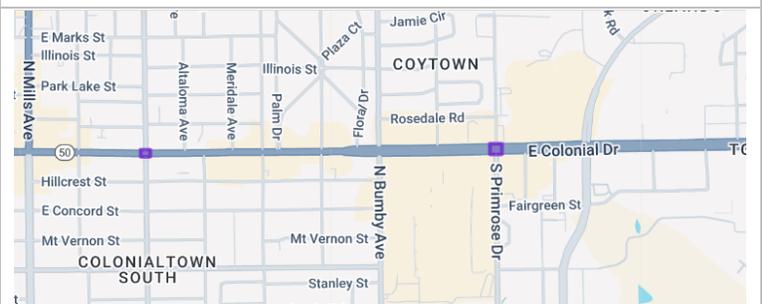
- Contract: E57B8
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$4 million
- Project Start: November 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** The goal of this project is to provide improvements along Conway Road (State Road (S.R.) 15) from Devonshire Lane to Lake Underhill Road in Orlando. In addition to resurfacing the travel lanes, the project includes safety enhancements such as a separate bicycle lane and medians in certain locations to help reduce left-turn and angle crashes.

Update: The contractor is working on final punch-list items for conditional final acceptance. Final walkthrough was held on 10/2/25. The contractor is still waiting on the mast arm for the PHB and RRFBs to finish the project.

447607-1 | S.R. 50 at Highland Avenue



447717-1 | S.R. 50 at North Fern Creek Avenue and Primrose Drive



Description: The project will reconstruct the existing traffic signal at the intersection of East Colonial Drive (State Road 50) and Highland Avenue with upgraded signal poles and signal heads. The project also proposes reconstructing and extending the curb on all four corners to help define the on-street parking and reduce pedestrian crossing distances at the intersection. The curb reconstruction also includes modifications to more easily accommodate large vehicles making turns onto Highland Avenue. Other safety improvements include reconstructing the sidewalk curb ramps in accordance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, upgrading pedestrian signals, and constructing sidewalk connections to bus pads. Necessary drainage modifications are also planned.

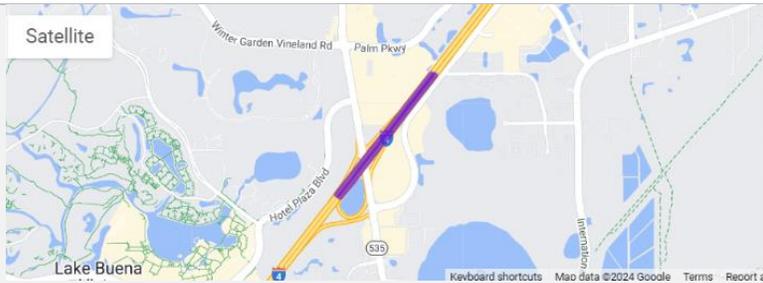
Description: This project will reconstruct the existing traffic signals at the intersections of Colonial Drive (State Road (S.R.) 50) and North Fern Creek Avenue and Colonial Drive at Primrose Drive with upgraded signal poles and signal heads. Pedestrian safety improvements include reconstructing the curbs on all four corners, reconstructing sidewalk curb ramps in accordance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, upgrading pedestrian signals, and constructing a new bus pad at Primrose Drive.

- Contract T5817
- Contractor: Chinchor Electric, Inc.
- Combined Project Cost: \$5 million
- Project Start: November 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026

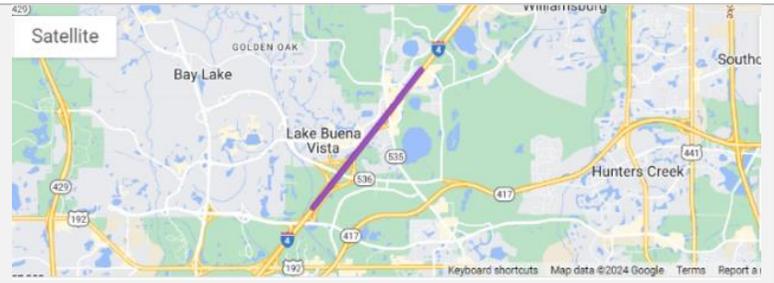
Update: The contractor is finalizing punch-list items and final inspections.

[448914-1](#) & [449771-1](#) | I-4 at S.R. 535 Interchange Improvements

448914-1



449771-1



Description: This project will partially reconstruct the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Apopka-Vineland Road (State Road (S.R.) 535) interchange to enhance safety and improve access to and from westbound I-4.

Planned improvements include:

- Constructing a new loop ramp from northbound Apopka-Vineland Road to westbound I-4. The ramp will enhance safety and mobility by eliminating the need for motorists to turn left across traffic.
- Realigning the westbound I-4 entrance ramp from southbound Apopka-Vineland Road, improving traffic flow, and giving motorists more time to merge onto I4.
- Lengthening the westbound I-4 exit ramp to Apopka-Vineland Road to reduce backups onto the I-4 mainline.
- Milling and resurfacing Apopka-Vineland Road and extending storage for left- and right-turn lanes.

To learn more, please visit: www.i4beyond.com

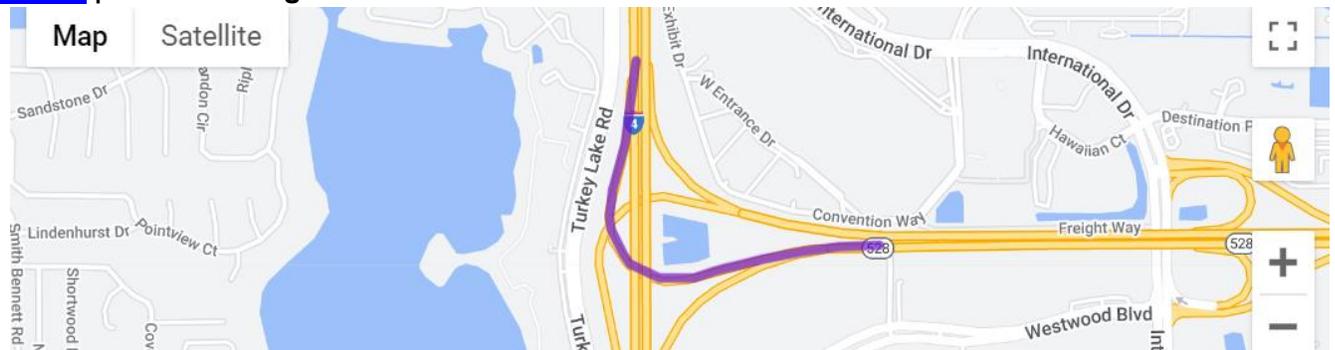
Description: This project will add a single, buffer-separated, westbound managed lane to Interstate 4 (I-4) from west of State Road (S.R.) 536 to west of Daryl Carter Parkway. The complete managed lane will be built in three separate projects extending from west of S.R. 536 to west of Sand Lake Road (S.R. 482). The single, buffer-separated express lane will be open once all three segments are completed.

To learn more, please visit: www.i4beyond.com

- Contract E55B8
- Contractor: Lane Construction Corp.
- Project Cost: \$102 million
- Project Start: October 2023
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2028

Update: Pond dewatering and excavation are ongoing. Crews are installing MSE walls in the new loop ramp area to create the foundation. Crews are also forming the backwall for the new bridge in the median of I-4 over S.R. 535 to form part of the I-4 Express extension and working on drainage and pipe installation.

448915-1 | I-4 Interchange at S.R. 528



- Contract E58B1
- Contractor: Adaptive Consulting Engineers
- Project Cost: \$20 million
- Project Start: January 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to add capacity to the I-4 westbound on-ramp to eastbound State Road 528 (the Beachline Expressway) by widening the ramp from one to two lanes.

Update: Crews will be conducting lane closures on westbound I-4 to conduct restriping, milling, and resurfacing on the ramp to S.R. 528 over the week of Feb. 9 from 8 pm to 6 am.

ORANGE COUNTY RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS:

None to report.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

OSCEOLA COUNTY UPCOMING PROJECTS:

None to report.

OSCEOLA COUNTY CURRENT PROJECTS:

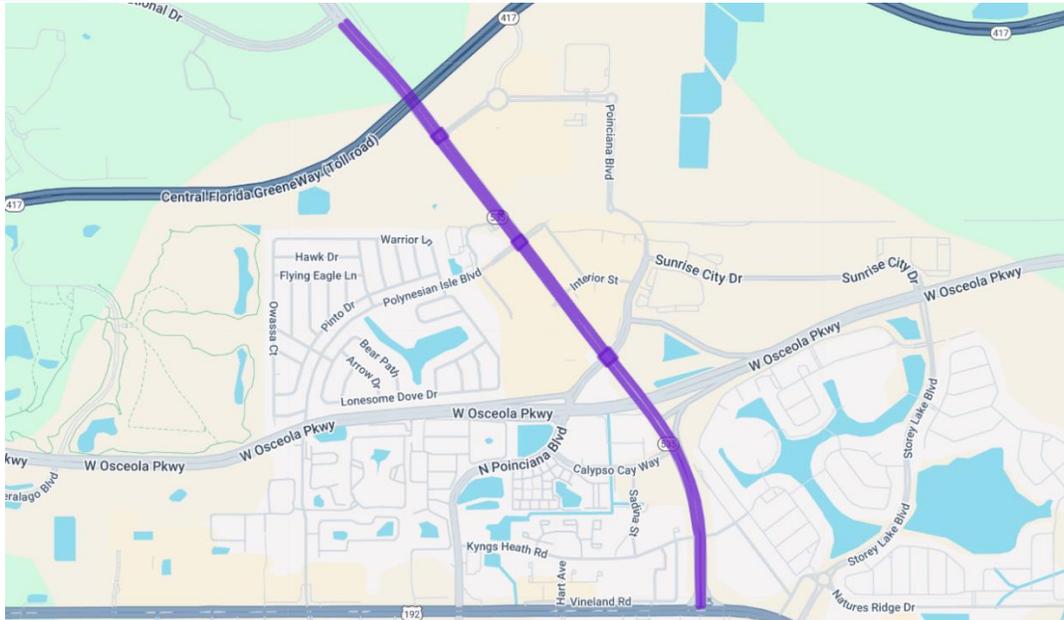
443702-1 | S.R. 60 EB & WB Passing Lanes from Blanket Bay Slough to Peavine Road



- Contract T5836
- Contractor: C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$18.3 million
- Project Start: July 2025
- Estimated Completion: Late 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of the project is to add an eastbound and westbound passing lane on State Road 60. Other improvements include reapplying audible and vibratory roadway treatments, enhancing signs, and drainage improvements.

Update: The contractor continues to work on drainage and structure installation, clearing and grubbing, dewatering, and shoulder work.

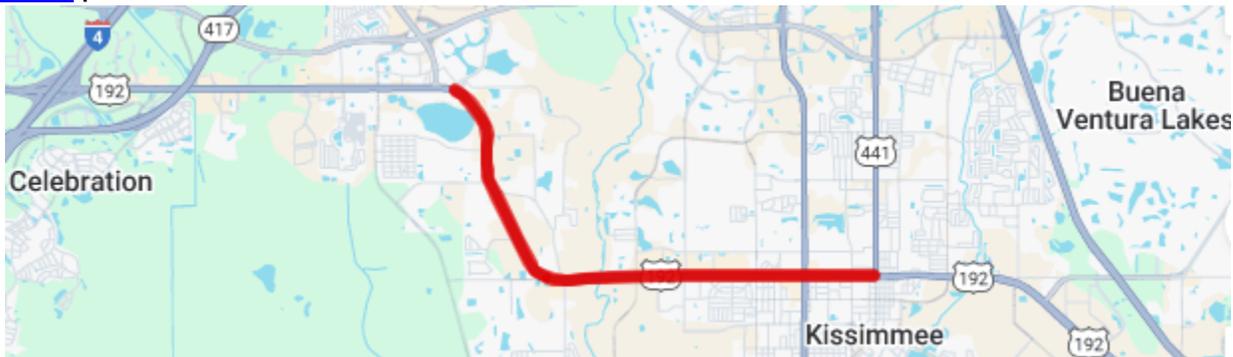
445299-1 | S.R. 535 from north of U.S. 192 to south of International Drive



- Contract: T5823
- Contractor: The Middlesex Corporation
- Construction Cost: \$ 11.9 million
- Project Start: November 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** This project intends to resurface State Road (S.R.) 535 from north of U.S. 192 to south of International Drive and implement operational and safety improvements along the corridor. The intersection at Poinciana Boulevard will also be modified to allow traffic on S.R. 535 to turn right or go straight through the intersection. S.R. 535 traffic desiring to turn left onto the side street, would go through the intersection, make a U-turn, and then turn right onto the side street. Traffic from the side streets can go straight through the intersection or turn right or left onto S.R. 535. Other safety improvements such as curb reconstruction to shorten pedestrian crossing distances, and turn lane and traffic signal upgrades, are planned at Kyngs Heath Road, Osceola Parkway eastbound on-ramp, Poinciana Boulevard and LBV Factory Stores Drive. The project will add a third left turn lane from southbound S.R. 535 onto eastbound U.S. 192. Pedestrian crosswalks and upgrade pedestrian signals, as well as enhanced lighting at signalized intersections, are also planned.

Update: The contractor is finalizing punch-list items and awaiting final acceptance.

448783-1 | U.S. 192 from Bamboo Lane to Main Street



- Contract: T5843
- Contractor: Hubbard Construction Company
- Construction Cost: \$26 million
- Project Start: July 2025
- Estimated Completion: Late 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve safety and operations along U.S. 192 (Vine Street) from Bamboo Lane to Main Street in Kissimmee. In addition to repaving the roadway, the project will provide new 7-foot-wide buffered bicycle lanes from east of Bamboo Lane to Hoagland Boulevard. The project also proposes pedestrian safety by adding signalized crossing opportunities at Club Sevilla, south of Four Winds Boulevard and at Oren Brown Road. At Club Sevilla, the project proposes to add a pedestrian activated signal and reconstruct the existing bi-directional median. The crossing near Four Winds Boulevard will be equipped with a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB), and there will be a new traffic signal, pedestrian signals, and crosswalks at Oren Brown Road. A turn lane extension and pedestrian improvements at Old Vineland Road are also planned, as well as pedestrian curb ramp upgrades and sidewalk connections at Yates Road and Mann Street.

Update: The contractor continues to work on driveways, sidewalks, milling and resurfacing, and drill shafts. Coffee with Construction for this project will be held on 2/19 at FL Bakery.

[448796-1](#) | U.S. 192/U.S. 441 from C.R. 532 to Arthur J. Gallagher Boulevard



- Contract: T5854
- Contractor: Jr. Davis Construction Co., Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$16 million
- Project Start: October 2025
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2026
- **Description:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is resurfacing U.S. 192/U.S. 441 (State Road (S.R.) 500/East Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway) from Nova Road (County Road (C.R.) 532) to Arthur J. Gallagher Boulevard to extend the life of the existing roadway. A 6-foot sidewalk will be added along westbound U.S. 192/U.S. 441 to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility along the corridor. This project includes improvements at the Arthur J. Gallagher Boulevard intersection, such as upgraded traffic signals, signage, and pavement markings. Safety enhancements include the installation of a supplemental traffic signal closer to the intersection for increased visibility, as well as a new pedestrian signal detector and crosswalk at the west end of the intersection. A bicycle through lane (or keyhole lane) will be added at the Nova Road intersection, and new intersection lighting is planned at Old Melbourne Highway (C.R. 500A). Pedestrian curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Landscaping enhancements will also be placed between Lake Lizzie Court and Lake Lizzie Drive.

Update: The contractor is continuing to work on sidewalks, drainage improvements, relocating utilities, lighting, and signalization.

OSCEOLA COUNTY RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS:

450623-1 | S.R. 60 From Florida's Turnpike to Indian River County Line



- Contract: E58F4
 - Contractor: AJAX Paving Industries of Florida LLC
 - Construction Cost: \$1.3 million
 - Project Start: October 2025
 - Estimated Completion: Early 2026
 - **Description:** The purpose of this project is to mill and resurface State Road (S.R.) 60 from the Florida's Turnpike interchange to the Indian River County line in southeast Osceola County. The project will also make shoulder repairs and add "Wrong Way" driving signs along the corridor.
- Update:** The project received final acceptance on 1/22/26.

453058-1 | U.S. 192 from east of Harmony Square Drive to Nova Avenue



- Contract E56F7
 - Contractor: Middlesex Paving, LLC
 - Project Cost: \$6.6 million
 - Project Start: October 2025
 - Estimated Completion: Early 2026
 - **Description:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is repaving U.S. 192/U.S. 441 (East Irlon Bronson Memorial Highway/State Road 500) from east of Harmony Square Drive to Nova Avenue to extend the life span of the existing roadway. Additional improvements include the refreshed pavement markings and installation of wrong-way signage at median openings.
- Update:** The project received final acceptance on 1/15/26.

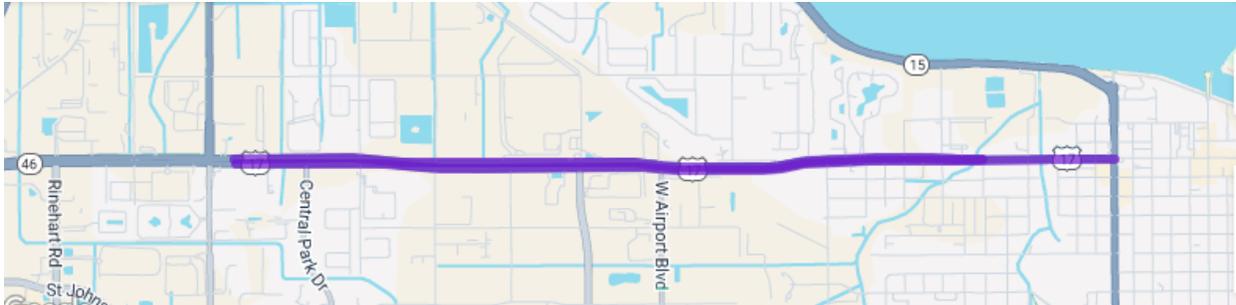
Seminole County

SEMINOLE COUNTY UPCOMING PROJECTS:

None to report.

SEMINOLE COUNTY CURRENT PROJECTS:

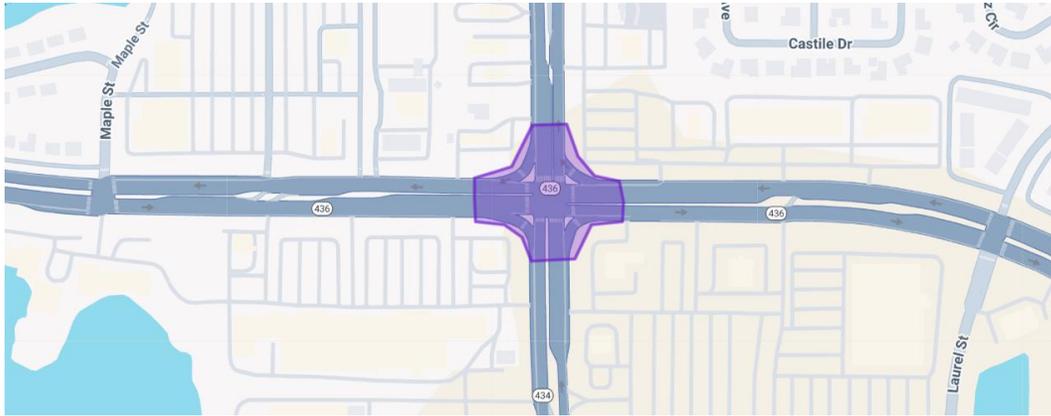
[447103-1](#) | S.R. 46 from east of Monroe Road/Upsala Road to French Avenue



- Contract: T5824
- Contractor: Masci General Contractors, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$16.7 million
- Project Start: September 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will resurface State Road (S.R.) 46 from east of Monroe Road/ Upsala Road (County Road 15) to French Avenue (U.S. 17-92). In addition to resurfacing the roadway, the project recommends replacing the existing center two-way left turn with a raised median to enhance safety and help encourage slower driving speeds. Safety improvements will be made to pedestrian and transit facilities. Curb ramps will be reconstructed to current ADA criteria and new sidewalk will be constructed to fill gaps, providing a continuous route through the project limits. Some on-street parking will be eliminated to provide 7-foot-wide buffered bicycle lanes. New midblock crossings, along with new sidewalk to fill gaps and upgraded pedestrian curb ramps, are also planned. Existing lighting will be retrofitted to current criteria at three intersections: Central Park Dr/Old England Loop, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/Rand Yard Road, and Airport Boulevard/West First Street. Obsolete driveways are to be removed to improve pedestrian mobility.

Update: The contractor continues to work on the traffic signals and final punch-list items, with guardrail repairs now complete. The new traffic signals at Mangoustine Avenue and Persimmon Avenue are fully operational as of 1/29 and 2/3, respectively. The new signal at Aero Lane/Harvest Time Drive became fully operational on 2/5.

[447411-1](#) | S.R. 436 at S.R. 434 Intersection Improvement



- Contract: E51F5
- Contractor: Alexander Design + Build, LLC
- Project Cost: \$2.7 million
- Project Start: November 2024
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of the project is to construct operational and safety improvements at the intersection of State Road (S.R.) 436 and S.R. 434. This project plans to reconstruct and upgrade the existing traffic signal, including new mast arm signal poles. The project also proposes removing the free flow right turn lanes and bringing all turning movements under signal control. Pedestrian crosswalk and signal upgrades, as well as turn lane widening are included.

Update: The contractor has partially resurfaced the intersection, with the remaining work expected to take place once weather conditions allow. In the meantime, crews have begun installing the mast arms at the intersection corners, with work on these still ongoing.

[441015-1](#) | S.R. 434 from Rangeline Road to west of Talmo Street



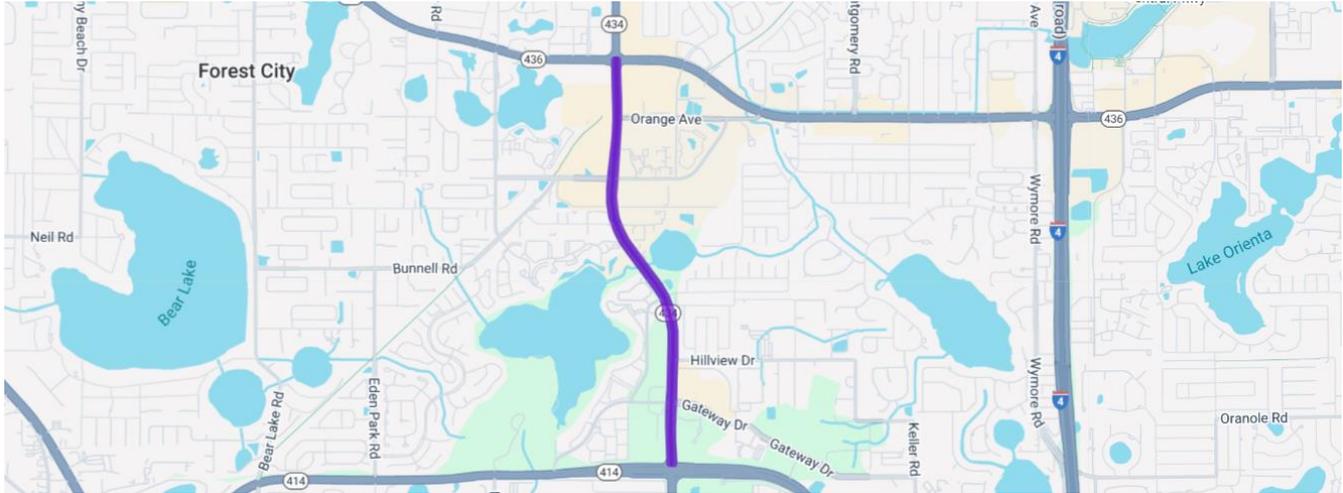
- Contract: E59F3
- Contractor: Hubbard Construction Company
- Construction Cost: \$5.4 million
- Project Start: October 2025
- Estimated Completion: Early 2027
- **Description:** The purpose of the project is to resurface the sections of State Road (S.R.) 434 from Rangeline Road to Milwee Street and from Myrtle Street to west of Talmo Street, with the non-contiguous segment between Milwee and Myrtle Streets addressed separately under

Project [439040-1](#). The project will also upgrade pedestrian curb ramps as needed to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Update: Friction course paving and signal loop work is complete, with thermoplastic striping work still currently underway.

RECENTLY COMPLETED:

450576-1 | S.R. 434 from S.R. 414/Maitland Boulevard to S.R. 436



- Contract: E56F2
- Contractor: Jr. Davis Construction Company, Inc.
- Construction Cost: \$6.9 million
- Project Start: July 2025
- Estimated Completion: Early 2026
- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to resurface a segment of State Road (S.R.) 434 from S.R. 414 (Maitland Boulevard) to S.R. 436 to maintain the roadway. The project will also include new signing and pavement markings and upgrading some pedestrian curb ramps as needed to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Update: Project received final acceptance on 2/4/2026.

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DISTRICT 5 MOVING TO ZERO



District 5 Office of Safety Newsletter

'MAKE GOOD CHOICES'

By Michelle G. Sloan

FDOT D5 Interim Human Resources Manager

If you read that with an eye roll or emoted some version of "huh," you have something in common with my 16-year-old daughter. For the past seven months, I have incorporated the phrase "Make good choices" into my communication habits with her, just like "I love you" and "Be safe." Seven months ago, my daughter became a fully licensed driver. After a year of anxiety-filled practice driving along State Road 40 and U.S. 17 (both roads necessary to travel to school), she left on her first solo drive. For my overly cautious and hesitant child, this was a huge deal. Ten days later, her friend and classmate lost her life in a head-on collision close to our home.

My daughter and many of her friends, who were just getting their licenses, were not just devastated by the loss of their friend; they were now scared to drive. As details emerged, we discussed, without shame or judgment, that certain choices had contributed to the crash and its outcome. I watched them regain some of their confidence and even a sense of empowerment. I reminded them to "make good choices."

But you never know if or how it will be put into action. Just a few weeks later, my daughter was taking me to work before class. We were on U.S. 17, it was dark, and a vehicle was hurtling toward us in our lane at an extremely high speed, with no sign of slowing. I was amazed by her ability to remain calm and adjust her speed and path to avoid a crash. She made good choices when someone else didn't.



May we all get home safely, and may we all "make good choices."

Steering Committee Holds Fourth Meeting in Casselberry

On Jan. 9, the Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan (CFSSP) Steering Committee met for the fourth time. The meeting was held at the Casselberry Arts Center.



Kelly Brock, with the City of Casselberry, presented at the January Steering Committee meeting about Casselberry's safety projects and safety results.

The Steering Committee was formed in 2024 to help monitor and advance the CFSSP. The committee consists of 16 members who represent Central Florida's five Metropolitan Planning/Transportation Planning Organizations, as well as the communities and counties across Central Florida. The committee is tasked with advancing and implementing the 21 action steps identified in the CFSSP.

At the meeting, District 5's Secretary John E. Tyler and Safety Administrator Loreen Bobo welcomed everyone and discussed the importance of the work the committee is undertaking as the region strives to "get to zero." Loreen shared end-of-year data showing a significant reduction in Central Florida transportation-related fatalities in 2024 and 2025 compared to previous years.

As part of the meeting, City of Casselberry Public Works Director Kelly Brock presented a series of safety projects and street transformations that were implemented in Casselberry in recent years. Kelly detailed the before-and-after results and explained how Casselberry is striving to become the most walkable, rollable, and bikeable city in Central Florida. Committee members noted how Casselberry has been a regional leader and champion for creating safer streets for all users.

Loreen then presented on the Central Florida Teams (Targeted Enforcement and Awareness Messaging for Safety Program) Program, which will enable Central Florida law enforcement agencies to accrue points to receive safety equipment that advances Target Zero goals. The program will be initiated shortly and was discussed further at the 2nd annual District 5 Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) Safety Summit.

The committee then focused on the work that individual focus group teams are advancing. Chris Coleman of STV presented the draft Getting to Zero Checklist, which was co-developed with Adriana Rodriguez of MetroPlan Orlando. This tool was developed to identify safety issues and assist in future project scoping. Lara



FDOT District 5 Safety Administrator Loreen Bobo presented to the Steering Committee regarding the Central Florida TEAMS program and upcoming Safety Summit.

FDOT District 5 has created a link on the Office of Safety website that includes the Steering Committee meeting materials. This information can be found at: www.fdot.gov/d5safety/central-florida-safety-strategic-plan

Bouck of MetroPlan Orlando and Christy Lofye of Ardurra presented on the merits of existing and emerging speed data collection tools currently in use and under exploration across Central Florida. The teams will continue to finalize their work and will post their findings on the Office of Safety's website soon.

The Steering Committee concluded the meeting with a Walk and Talk led by Jenna Mousseau of Bike/Walk Central Florida (BWCF), Marie Hernandez and Jerome Williams of AARP, and Dan Gallagher of Burgess & Niple.

The next CFSSP meeting is scheduled for April 2026, and the 3rd Annual Central Florida Safety Summit is scheduled for May 8 in St. Cloud.

Committee Members Participate in Walk and Talk Tour

As part of the Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan (CFSSP) Steering Committee's January meeting, members participated in a facilitated Walk and Talk led by Bike/Walk Central Florida (BWCF), AARP, and Burgess & Niple. The Walk and Talk was 0.25 miles and consisted of six stops.

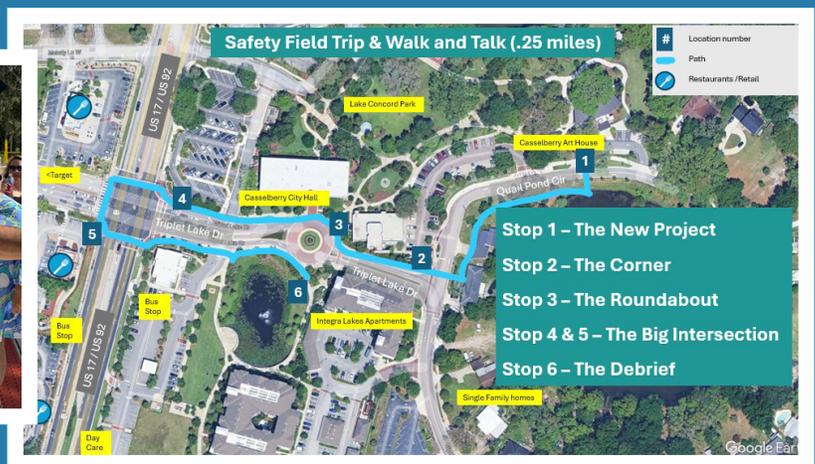
At each stop, committee members had to view the street through the eyes of a persona they were assigned. The personas included a pedestrian, a motorist, a bicyclist, an e-scooter rider, a transit user, a 12-year-old, an 80-year-old, and a parent with a toddler.

Participants were asked to share observations regarding the comfort and safety level of their assigned persona.

The exercise yielded a wide range of observations, robust conversations, and a deeper understanding of the challenges residents face as they navigate the streets of Central Florida. Participants noted that a variety of street design features, vehicle speed, weather, and noise from passing vehicles shaped their comfort during the Walk and Talk.



Tour leaders from BWCF, AARP, and Burgess & Niple facilitated conversations at each of the six stops along the Walk and Talk route, including a crossing of U.S. 17/92.



The Walk and Talk route and its six stops.

Check Your Bike Before You Ride

March is Florida Bicycle Month.. Time to dust off the bike, get out, and ride. But it may need more than just dusting off after a short hibernation. Actually, your bike may need a little attention even if you rode it yesterday. Take a little time before each ride to make sure your bike and other equipment are ready for the road.

A pre-ride check may be called an ABC Quick Check or an M-Check (depending on the location of the parts checked), but the point is to check the parts most likely to cause trouble quickly. Let's walk through the ABC Quick Check.

'A' is for Air – Check your tire pressure and make sure it's set within the recommended range. Also, make sure there are no bare patches, weird bulges, cracks, or embedded debris. Pro tip: Remember that the max PSI (pounds per square inch) rating on the tire may not be the best for you and your riding habits. Do some research or experimentation to determine what is best for you.

'B' is for Brakes – If your bike uses coaster brakes, make sure they will stop the bicycle. Brake levers should stop short of reaching the handlebars. The brake pads should be clean, straight, and evenly contact the rims. This is also a good time to make sure your wheels are true, round, and not wobbly.

'C' is for Chain (and cranks, and cogs) – Your chain shouldn't be rusty. It should move freely and be lightly oiled. Grab your pedals and try to wiggle your crank arms; there shouldn't be any wiggle. Make sure the gears are free of debris or goopy oil buildup. Make sure the derailleurs (shifting mechanisms) let you shift gears smoothly.

'Quick' is for Quick Release – If your bike has quick-release levers on the wheels or seat post, make sure they are closed securely.

'Check' is for Check It All Over – Lightly bounce your bike on the front and back wheels. Listen for loose or broken parts. Get them fixed before you hit the road. Check that your handlebars are straight and snug.

It's also important to inspect your e-bike and battery before heading down the street or hitting a bike trail. Taking those few extra minutes can help prevent unfortunate surprises and keep your ride safe and enjoyable.

E-bike riders: Turn on your display and check the battery level. You don't need the battery to ride your e-bike, but you probably don't want to run out of juice unexpectedly. Also, make sure there are no signs of damage to your battery.



OTHER NOTES FOR E-BIKE RIDERS

- Use the charger that comes with your e-bike. Batteries vary in type and specifications. Using the wrong charger can prevent proper charging or even cause a fire hazard.
- Avoid extreme temperatures. It is hot here in Florida during the summertime. Storing your batteries in a shed in the backyard can damage them. Check your batteries' manual; typically, batteries like indoor, air-conditioned environments.
- Check your battery for dents, cracks, bulges, or corrosion each time you ride. If you see any of these, don't use the battery.
- If your battery is damaged or won't charge, replace it. You don't want a faulty battery ruining a great day out riding.

Safety Equipment

Your bike is ready. To help you stay safe and better enjoy the ride, you should consider the following when selecting your safety equipment.

Helmet – If, for some reason, you fall off the bike, you want to protect yourself against head and facial injuries. A helmet is the way to go. Get yourself a comfortable helmet, fit it properly, and wear it every time you ride your bike. It's a good idea for everyone and is required for anyone under 16 years of age.

Bike Bell or Horn – Saying "On your left!" is the method most bicyclists use to alert others that they are going to pass. A bicycle bell, however, is a distinctive sound that most people immediately recognize as a notice that a bicycle is approaching.

Water Bottles – Most bikes either have water bottle holders or you can mount one. Take water with you when you ride. You do not want to dehydrate.

Sunglasses – Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses. They shield your eyes from UV rays and prevent road debris from entering your eyes.

Appropriate Clothing – Bright colors help motorists see you. At night, consider a retroreflective vest. Also, dress for the weather and avoid baggy clothing or lengthy shoelaces, as they can get caught in chains or on gears.

Lighting – If you are going to ride between sunset and sunrise, you must have a white front light, a red rear light, and a red rear reflector on your bicycle. Get the best lights you can. Many new, bright lights are inexpensive and use rechargeable USB batteries. Additional reflectors or retroreflective tape on your bike can make you even more visible.

Gloves – Gloves reduce vibrations that affect hands, wrists, arms, and shoulders, making longer rides more comfortable. And should you fall, they can keep you from getting some nasty scrapes on your palms.

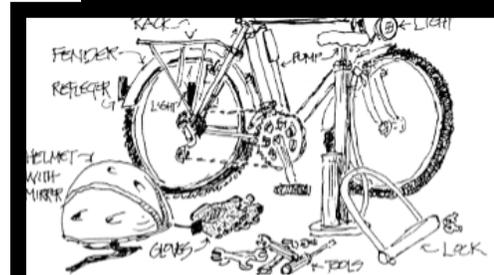
Tool Kit – If a minor bike malfunction occurs while you are riding, you don't want it to ruin your ride. Consider getting a bag and placing it under your seat or mounting it on your frame. Use it to carry a spare tube, tire levers, and some simple tools (or a bike multitool). Small air pumps can be mounted directly under your water bottle holders. A few tools can mean the difference between a disaster and a minor inconvenience.

Headsets – Headsets are a big NO. To ride safely, you need to be aware of your surroundings. This includes being able to hear traffic. Florida statute prohibits wearing headphones or any other listening device, except a hearing aid, while riding a bicycle. A headset that only provides sound through one ear can be used if it allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear.

Your Most Important Piece of Equipment

You are your most important piece of safety equipment. By practicing safe bicycling behavior, you can make each ride safe and enjoyable. Prepare for your ride, be visible, be aware of your surroundings, and give yourself time to exercise sound judgment. Know and follow traffic laws.

Consider taking a Cycling Savvy or Effective Cycling class to increase your knowledge and improve your skills riding on trails and in traffic.



Groovy retro graphics are by John Williams, who prepared them for the FDOT Safety Office in the early 1990s.

Florida Bicycle Month: Riding Safely Across the Sunshine State

Riding around town can be a joyful experience for the whole family. Whether you're rolling over gravel, sand, asphalt, or grass, simple safety habits can make every ride smoother and safer.



Florida's landscape is full of diverse terrains, busy roads, and vibrant communities. One thing stays constant across the state: motorists and cyclists must share the road. Riders should always follow traffic laws, wear proper safety gear, and stay alert. And remember, being on a bike doesn't exempt anyone from safe driving behavior. Avoid riding under the influence, and keep phones tucked away to prevent distraction.

As daylight fades, visibility becomes critical. Turn on your bike lights as soon as the sun begins to set and keep them on until after sunrise. Bright clothing and reflectors help drivers see you sooner.

Helmets are required for riders 16 and under, but they're a smart choice for everyone. Use hand signals when turning, ride in the lane when appropriate, and avoid riding more than two side by side. Sidewalks can be a safer alternative in some areas, but cyclists must always yield to pedestrians.

Drivers play a key role in keeping cyclists safe, too. Give at least three feet of space when passing, check mirrors and bike lanes before turning, and always look for cyclists before opening your car door.

March is Florida Bicycle Month



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

- Always wear a properly-fitted helmet when you ride.
- Be visible. Position yourself in the lane so others can see you.
- Ride in the same direction of traffic on the street.
- Always use a headlight and taillight at night.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings.



Florida Bicycle Month is also a wonderful time to explore local events, group rides, and community programs. They are a fun way to meet fellow cyclists and learn more about safe riding practices.

Wanting to explore local biking trails? Bike/Walk Central Florida offers an interactive regional trail map. Click [HERE](#) to plan your next adventure.

2025 DISTRICT FIVE OFFICE OF SAFETY YEAR IN REVIEW



422
Total Supported
Engagement Opportunities

- 180** Community Events
- 15** Events with Material Support
- 110** Meetings, Trainings, & Presentations
- 117** Strategic Campaigns



59
D5 FDOT Employees
Supported Events

145
Registered Volunteers

- 2,645** Tip Cards
- 4,415** SR2S Materials
- 25,000** Lighted Bands
- 18,000** Bike Lights
- 3,000** Bike Bells
- 6,000** Safety Vests
- 7,000** Stress Relievers
- 2,280** Fitted Bicycle Helmets
- 5,000** Pedestrian Reflectors
- 4,600** First Aid Kits

Created and Distributed

- 4** Safety Central Newsletters
- 1** Safety Summit Special Edition



Distributed to
8,466
Community Partners



Hosted **2** Helmet Fitter
Certification Trainings

4 Influencer
Partnerships



2 Awards
Received



6
Blood Drives
Coordinated



\$95,395
Funded Community
Events Sponsorships

49 VISION **ZERO** Partners



135 CTST Partners

105 CTST Meetings

1 CTST District Summit

2025 Central Florida Safety Summit



Move Over Month Spotlights Roadside Safety

The new year kicked off with January’s Move Over Month, serving as a staunch reminder that 198 people, including 36 responders, are killed on average each year in crashes involving first responders. And in Florida, drivers are required to “Move Over or Get Pulled Over.”

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Col. Gary Howze urged in January for “every driver to slow down and ‘Move Over’ when approaching flashing lights.”



“It’s not just the law,” Howze said. “Moving over is common sense, common courtesy, and a simple action that can prevent a 100% preventable tragedy.”

Whether it is law enforcement, emergency responders, tow trucks, or utility vehicles—slow down and move over. Your decision can be the difference between life and death.”

Lt. Tara Crescenzi, FHP spokesperson for Troop D in Orlando, said in a recent social media post that “no matter what type of vehicle is on the side of the road, always move over when it’s safe to do so.”

She noted that drivers in Florida must move over for disabled cars, emergency vehicles, Road Rangers, police, utility workers, tow trucks, and sanitation vehicles, as well as for construction and maintenance vehicles.

“Give space to those on the side of the road or slow down 20 miles under the posted speed limit,” Lt. Crescenzi stated.

“Not only is it the right thing to do . . . but it is also the law.”

It has been a year since the Move Over law was updated. As of Jan. 1, 2025, Florida’s Move Over law has been expanded to include parked vehicles on the roadside with hazard lights flashing,



As soon as it is safe to do so, vacate the lane closest to the stopped vehicle. This must be done for all disabled, law enforcement, emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles, including tow trucks, maintenance, and construction vehicles, while they are displaying warning lights.

emergency flares, or visible emergency signage. Disabled vehicles, including those with a flat tire, are protected under the law.

When drivers fail to move over for stopped or disabled vehicles, they put the safety of law enforcement, first responders, and other motorists in grave danger.

Giving those on the side of the road adequate space can significantly increase safety on Florida’s roadways. In 2024, there were 205 crashes, and more than 17,500 citations were issued to motorists who failed to move over in Florida.

“The safety of everyone on Florida’s roads matters, and by staying alert and avoiding distractions, you make the roads safer for other drivers and those responding to emergencies,” said FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue.

SLOW DOWN

If moving over cannot be safely accomplished, or when driving on a two-lane road, slow down to a speed that is 20 mph less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or greater. The law states that drivers must travel at 5 mph when the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less on a two-lane road.

NATIONAL PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

JANUARY 19-24

Passenger safety starts with you.



- Buckle up** in every seat, every ride.
- Reduce distractions** to help drivers stay focused.
- Speak up early** if something feels unsafe.
- Plan ahead** for rest, traffic, and weather.

LET'S GET EVERYONE HOME SAFELY.
FDOT | **TARGET ZERO**
FATALITIES & SERIOUS INJURIES

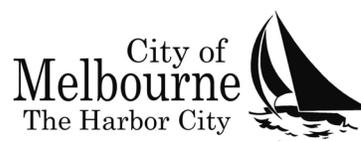


**If you're involved in a crash,
Stay at the scene and call for help.**

Florida Hit-and-Run Awareness Month
February 2026

GETTING TO ZERO TOGETHER

Safety Starts With Us – Vision Zero Partners





New Safety Measures Headed to High-Crash Intersection

As part of continued efforts to make travel safer for everyone in Central Florida, the STRIDES 2 ZERO initiative selected the intersection of State Road 435 (Kirkman Road) and County Road 526 (Old Winter Garden Road) in Orlando as a priority location for safety improvements. With a crash rate of 2.082 crashes per 1 million vehicles, the intersection was selected for targeted enhancements to reduce vehicle collisions and improve overall safety.

Following a comprehensive traffic safety study, engineers recommended replacing the existing diagonal-span traffic signals with a box-span

configuration to improve signal visibility, particularly during high-traffic periods and in complex driving conditions. The signal improvement alone is projected to reduce correctable crashes by approximately 15%, resulting in an estimated annual cost savings of \$828,789.

In addition to the signal upgrades, extra safety funds have been allocated to install an advanced flashing warning sign on the westbound approach. This sign will alert drivers earlier to upcoming signal changes, providing additional time to react and stop safely.

Together, these improvements support FDOT's Target Zero mission by proactively addressing crash trends and creating a safer intersection for the Central Florida community.



◀ FDOT D5 Project Manager Bitu Hooman led a productive plans-in-hand meeting with representatives from FDOT, law enforcement, emergency responders, and the WSP design team. The group flagged possible constructability and utility issues and began collaborating across design, utilities, and construction.

STRIDES 2 Zero is a statewide initiative operated by the FDOT Traffic Engineering and Operations Office to work toward the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries on roadways. This initiative's objectives are to enhance highway safety management practices in Florida through a data-driven process, to provide engineering-based safety solutions for various transportation facilities and modes, and to encourage the implementation of technological advances in highway safety.

Freedom Elementary Joins Bike Bus Movement

Getting to school has taken on a whole new energy at Freedom Elementary in DeLand, where the community has embraced the growing "Bike Bus" movement.

A bike bus is an organized bike ride to school on a designated route, usually led by parents or teachers. Freedom Elementary Teacher Chuck Madden registered the school with Bike Bus World, an organization that helps communities launch their own Bike Buses. In November 2025, Freedom Elementary became the third school in Florida to establish a Bike Bus through Bike Bus World.

The school's very first Bike Bus on Nov. 7, 2025, drew more than 40 excited riders, and participation has only grown. Each Friday, students gather with teachers and parents to review the Bike Bus's three core rules:

1. Be safe.
2. Look out for your friends.
3. Have fun.

Led by Mr. Madden, the rides have become a joyful blend of exercise, community building, and real-world lessons in safety and responsibility.

Local law enforcement has played a significant role in the program's success. Sgt. Brian Bice from the



DeLand Police Department provided a full police escort during the second ride, turning the route to school into a rolling parade. In the weeks that followed, Freedom welcomed deputies from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, including K-9 Maverick. Even DeLand Fire Station #83 joined the fun with a special appearance.

As December approached, the Bike Bus added a festive twist. Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood, Santa Claus, Buddy the Elf, and even the Grinch surprised students by joining the ride, making the morning commute unforgettable.

With each event drawing a strong turnout and enthusiastic support, Freedom Elementary has fully embraced the Bike Bus spirit. The school's growing tradition reflects the broader mission of

Bike Bus World: to build healthier, happier, and more connected communities one ride at a time.



Building Tomorrow's Workforce at Central Florida CCD

It's been projected that roughly 365,000 new residents flooded into the Sunshine State in 2025. This influx of people requires additional roads to be built and expanded to keep Floridians moving efficiently.

While there is an urgent nationwide need to expand highways and byways, the transportation construction industry is facing a labor shortage, especially in Florida. That is why states around the country hold Construction Career Days, and Central Florida is no different.

On Jan. 29 and 30 at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, hundreds of volunteers gathered for Central Florida Construction Career Days (CCD), which welcomed more than 2,200 high school and technical students from 57 schools across Central Florida. The hope is that the young attendees will discover the plethora of career opportunities in the transportation construction industry.

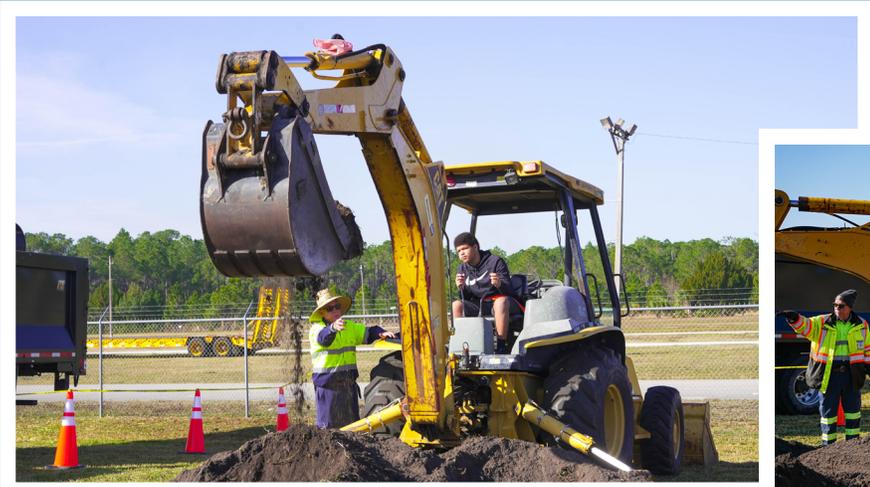
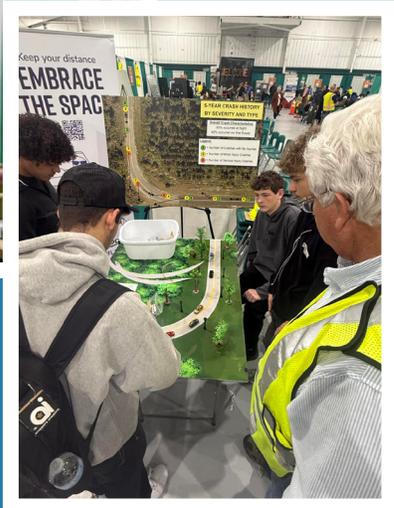
On both days, engineers and skilled trades workers from local companies, engineering firms, professional organizations, and FDOT not only guided junior and senior high school students through 48 learning labs but also provided opportunities to connect with industry professionals. They also had the chance to operate heavy equipment and realistic equipment simulators to experience their capabilities in real time.

FDOT D5 Office of Safety hosted a learning lab that focused on road safety solutions. Students participated in a hands-on activity in which they installed crash-mitigating safety features on a scale model of an intersection or curve to address documented crash history with various patterns and severities. The countermeasures they chose and installed also accounted for the documented crash-reduction benefit of each. Discussions included explaining their selections, examining potential alternatives, and outlining the configuration of the installed devices. The activity concluded with a workforce development discussion that highlighted the career opportunities in transportation safety and the required education for each option.



For more information about Central Florida CCD, visit ccdfi.org/central/.

Also, to stay informed about fundraising events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, follow Central Florida CCD on its social media pages [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).



Community Events

ME STRONG 5K

FDOT District 5 sponsored and attended the ME STRONG 5K in downtown DeLand. Several employees participated in the race, forming the third-largest team at the event. The Target Zero team shared safety tips for walkers, runners, and bicyclists and promoted safety gear, including high-visibility vests, LED wristbands and armbands, and safety literature. For children, the focus was on bicycle safety with a reminder to wear helmets!



Gotcha Covered Safety Fest

Gotcha Covered Safety Fest brought families together in January for a fun community event focused on roadway safety in the Orlando area. Held in honor of Gabrielle "Gabby" McCaskill, the festival educated kids and parents on pedestrian, bicycle, and scooter safety while promoting safer streets for all. FDOT D5 Office of Safety volunteers handed out safety materials, including "Drive Safely" stickers and lighted keychains.



Michigan Avenue Elementary Bike Safety Event

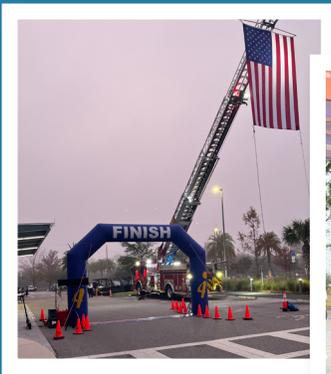
Students at Michigan Avenue Elementary School learned the basics of bicycle safety during a fun, hands-on event focused on riding smart and staying safe, especially on or near roadways. Students explored bike components, learned safe riding tips, and received complimentary helmet fittings, thanks to FDOT District 5 Office of Safety volunteers.



Community Events (continued)

Lake Mary's 9th Annual Run with a Hero

FDOT D5 Office of Safety attended Lake Mary's 9th Annual Run with a Hero 5K and Kids Run in January. The event honors first responders, military members, and veterans, while raising awareness and funds for Healing Hometown Heroes, an organization committed to expanding mental health support for those who serve. FDOT's participation reinforced its commitment to roadway and pedestrian safety, public outreach, and partnership building by allowing volunteers to engage directly with the Lake Mary community.



Reindeer Romp

The community gathered at the Reddick Public Library in Marion County for a festive morning with Santa, featuring bike raffles, photo opportunities, and numerous organizations sharing free resources and books.

At the Target Zero table, volunteers distributed goodie bags filled with educational safety materials. It was a successful event that exceeded last year's turnout and generated strong, positive engagement from attendees.



St. Cloud Star-Spangled Celebration

This community event commemorated the semi-quincentennial of the United States and was organized by the City of St. Cloud Parks & Recreation Department. The family-friendly celebration featured local first responders, inflatable jump houses, arts and crafts activities, and face-painting for children and families. FDOT D5 Office of Safety engaged attendees by promoting Target Zero initiatives and distributing safety-themed literature and giveaways throughout the event.



Touch-a-Truck

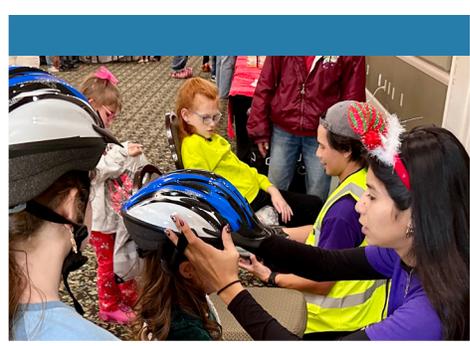
In January, the Target Zero team participated in a Touch-a-Truck event at Faith Lutheran Church & School in Eustis. Families explored vehicles from local law enforcement, parks and recreation, sanitation, energy, fire and rescue, and FDOT D5's Leesburg Operations, which showcased a dump truck and a utility pickup truck. Children were enthusiastic about earning fun, educational materials after answering safety questions from FDOT D5 Office of Safety volunteers.



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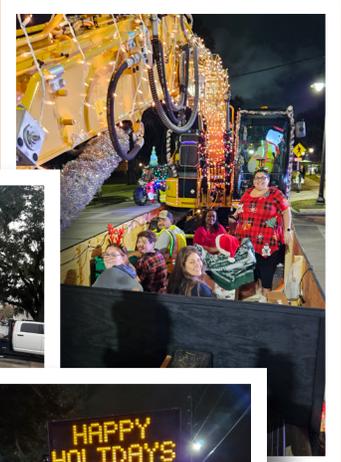
Breakfast with Santa

The Breakfast with Santa event in DeLand provided the Target Zero team with a fantastic opportunity to share its messaging with local families in a festive setting. Guests enjoyed a holiday-themed breakfast and celebrated Santa's arrival on a classic fire engine, complete with a snow machine. Target Zero volunteers fitted more than 45 helmets and handed out bike lights, bells, and safety activity books to encourage visibility and best practices when riding or walking near bikes.



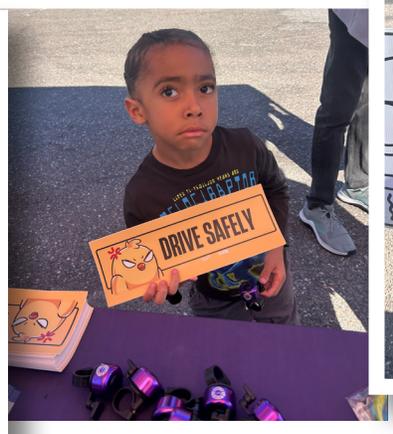
Annual Downtown DeLand Christmas Parade

FDOT District Five personnel proudly spread holiday cheer at the DeLand Christmas Parade, joining the community for a festive evening of fun and celebration. The family-friendly event drew large crowds, who came together to enjoy the season and embrace the holly, jolly spirit that made the night truly special.



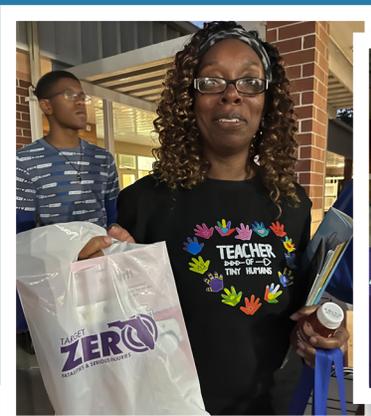
Grow Healthy Kids Event

The Morning of Wellness event, hosted by GROW Healthy Kids, brought families and community members together for a day focused on health, safety, and well-being. FDOT D5 Office of Safety partnered with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to provide helmet fittings and safety education for children, reinforcing the organization's commitment to promoting safe, healthy lifestyles.



Volusia County FACT Fair at Campbell Middle School

The Volusia County FACT Fair at Campbell Middle School brought together community partners to share valuable resources and information with local families. FDOT D5 Office of Safety volunteers engaged attendees with practical tips and safety-themed giveaways to promote safer travel and reduce roadway risks.



FDOT D5 & Orlando Magic Honor Local LEO

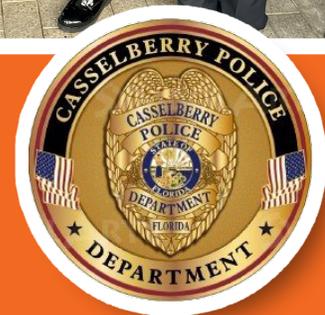
As part of FDOT's continued commitment to the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, FDOT District 5 teamed up with the Orlando Magic to celebrate Sgt. Ron Phillips of the Casselberry Police Department at a recent home game. Since beginning his law enforcement career in 1994, Sgt. Phillips has spent the past nine years serving as a traffic safety mentor, homicide investigator, training officer, and instructor. With more than 1,000 impaired-driving arrests, his outstanding dedication has made a lasting impact on keeping the City of Casselberry's roadways safe.

FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator Chris Craig and FDOT District 5 Director of Operations Mike Heffinger presented Sgt. Phillips with a personalized Orlando Magic jersey and tools in honor of his Lifetime Achievement award.

The Casselberry Police Department stated, "This special honor reflects a career of dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to our community. We are proud of Sgt. Phillips and

grateful to our partners for taking the time to celebrate such an outstanding public servant."

The partnership between FDOT and the Orlando Magic plays a key role in amplifying the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" message by reaching thousands of fans during high-visibility games. Together, this collaboration raises awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and reinforces the importance of making safe choices behind the wheel. FDOT is proud to work alongside the Orlando Magic and law enforcement agencies to promote this lifesaving campaign.



FDOT D5 Honored at Mayor's Gala in Daytona Beach

FDOT District 5 was recently recognized during the 4th Annual Mayor's Gala in Daytona Beach, an event benefiting the First Step Homeless Shelter. Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry presented the Community Champion Award to FDOT District 5's Safety Administrator Loreen Bobo and Transportation Development Director Jim Stroz for the district's compassion and commitment to shelter residents, as well as for going above and beyond what is typically expected in public service.

That commitment includes meaningful infrastructure improvements near the shelter to enhance resident safety. These upgrades included relocating the bus stop to a safer location, improving lighting, installing a signalized pedestrian crossing, and providing WalkWise presentations.



WalkWise is an FDOT safety program focused on improving conditions and awareness for people who walk or bike. Over the years, FDOT District 5's Office of Safety has delivered multiple WalkWise presentations and distributed safety kits to First Step Shelter residents, helping reduce unsafe pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors and improve safety outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Daytona Beach area. For more information about WalkWise outreach, check out the district's safety resources at www.fdot.gov/d5safety/office-of-safety-resources.

To learn more about FDOT District 5's efforts to enhance safety at First Step Shelter, click [HERE](#).

Florida School Crossing Guard of the Year

This year, Minnie Alexander with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office was recognized as the 2025 Florida School Crossing Guard of the Year. Minnie exemplifies professionalism through her dedication to safety, reliability, and positive interactions with students, parents, and colleagues. She ensures students cross the street safely by teaching them to follow rules and pay attention to their surroundings. At the same time, her friendly greetings, smiles, and kind words make children feel welcome and secure. Her enthusiasm for community involvement, support of student activities, and genuine care for those around her reflect a steadfast positivity that inspires others and brightens the daily lives of everyone she interacts with.



CONGRATULATIONS, MINNIE, ON YOUR AWARD!

FDOT D5 CTST Summit: Uniting for Safer Roads

Experts from across Central Florida gathered on Feb. 11 at FDOT District 5's Regional Transportation Management Center in Sanford for a summit to share ways to make area roadways safer.

The FDOT District 5 Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Summit is an annual collaborative effort to accelerate traffic safety. This year's summit was entitled "Uniting for Safer Roads."

Professionals from local law enforcement, government agencies, community partners, and advocates from across District 5 attended to discuss ways to improve safety districtwide.

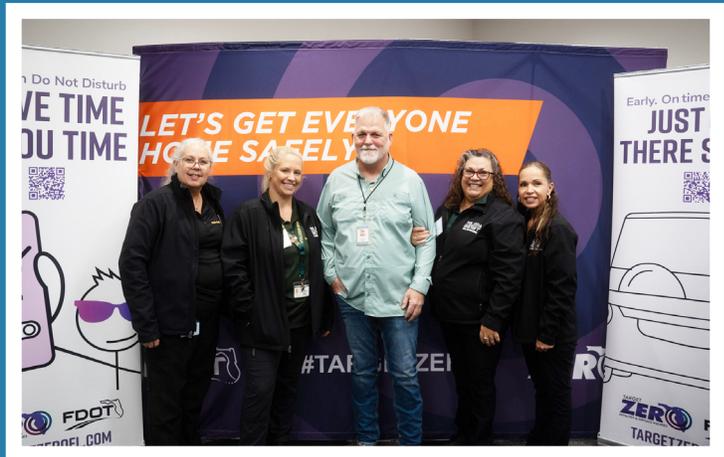
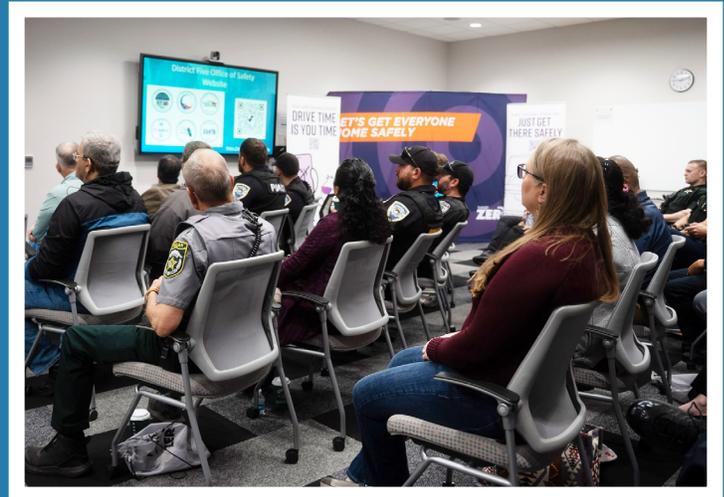
Joe Steward, the FDOT District 5 CTST coordinator, said he is "proud to support this partnership-driven effort that empowers communities to build safer streets for all residents, visitors, and road users."

The three-hour event served as a road safety forum to align strategies across District 5. The summit, intended to strengthen relationships, focused on real-world solutions to reduce crashes and, in turn, serious injuries and fatalities on Florida roadways.

Participants engaged in workshops, heard from subject-matter experts, and reviewed data-driven strategies grounded in the "4E" framework – Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Response.

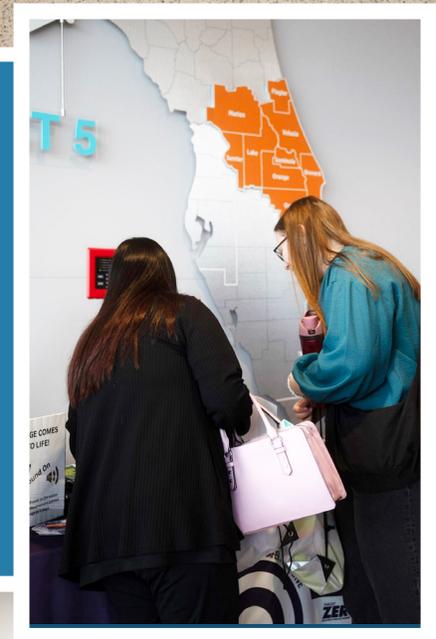
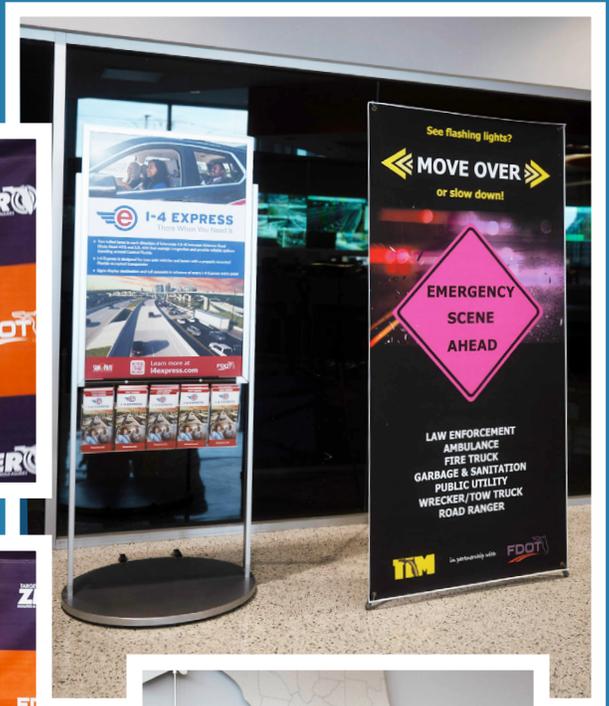
The summit also highlighted innovative programs and local success stories from CTST groups across District 5, underscoring how teamwork drives measurable safety gains.

CTST groups representing District 5's nine counties meet monthly throughout the year to discuss current traffic safety trends. Each CTST group was bustling in spring and summer, which is considered the deadliest time of year on Florida roadways.



In fact, the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day is called the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer." CTST teams meet monthly to discuss problem areas in local jurisdictions and to identify top solutions needed to reduce traffic-related injuries.

During summer 2025, for instance, most counties participated in 13 national safety campaigns that targeted seat belt enforcement, red-light running, speeding, and drugged driving. Most counties also held events to target more localized issues.



Celebrating Leadership: Loreen Bobo Receives Keri's Promise Award

In January, the Keri Anne DeMott Foundation honored FDOT District 5 Safety Administrator Loreen Bobo with the Keri's Promise Award during the foundation's 10th Anniversary Gala. This award is presented to individuals who embody the heart of "Keri's Promise" by increasing awareness, inspiring safer choices, and serving as positive influences in their communities.



The Keri Anne DeMott Foundation was established to honor Keri's memory and share her story. Keri was just 20 years old when she was tragically killed in a head-on collision caused by a repeat DUI offender. Since then, the

foundation has focused on advocacy, education, and supporting families who have lost loved ones to impaired or distracted driving.

Loreen was selected for this meaningful award for her long-standing dedication to traffic safety and her steadfast commitment to keeping Keri's promise through education, outreach, and advocacy. As an integral member of District 5's Office of Safety, she has led and supported impactful safety initiatives that have reached thousands of people across Central Florida. Her work directly supports FDOT's Target Zero mission and strengthens partnerships with schools, law enforcement, and community organizations.

After the gala, Loreen shared the personal connection she feels to Keri's legacy through the "Starfish Story," a tale about a boy who values the importance of saving a life, regardless of how tall an order it is.

"I learned about the Starfish Story through a co-worker who knew Keri's dad. The Starfish Story was Keri's favorite story. When I heard it four years ago, it resonated with me: a simple story to remind us that every small



and big effort could save a life," Loreen said. "At our Central Florida Safety Summit in May, every attendee received two challenge coins. I challenged them to give the second coin to someone who they felt was helping to make our roadways safer. Well, my co-worker gave his second coin to Keri's dad, Bill DeMott. Tonight, I met Bill for the first time, and he shared that he was so moved that we have carried the Starfish Story even further. He said he carries that coin in his pocket any time he is working on Keri's mission. It was such a full-circle moment."

The Keri Anne DeMott Foundation noted that Loreen represents the spirit of the award – turning purpose into impact and

helping others understand how decisions we make every day affect the people around us. Her leadership continues to help make Central Florida's roads safer for all.

| Congratulations to Loreen on this well-deserved recognition!



3rd Annual CENTRAL FLORIDA SAFETY SUMMIT St. Cloud, FL

The Florida Department of Transportation District 5 and partners across Central Florida invite you to the 3rd Annual Central Florida Safety Summit.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 | 10AM - 2PM
ST. CLOUD, FL
Lavender on the Lake

A celebration of continuing progress in implementing the Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan.

Working together toward a future with ZERO traffic deaths.

Save the date and stay safe! Formal invitation with more details to follow.




UP NEXT

What's Coming Up for D5?

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FEBRUARY	
Hit and Run Awareness Month	
2/19	Volusia County Fact Fair Deltona Middle School
2/21	4th Annual Promenade Sunset Walk Teen Driver Challenge Car & Truck Show
2/28	Ride it Down: Titusville Chamber of Commerce Bike Event
MARCH	
Florida Bicycle Month	
3/1 - 3/7	Women in Construction Week
3/7	City of Titusville's Community Conference

3/14	FDOT Pi Day 
3/28	Marion County Day
APRIL	
Distracted Driving Awareness Month	
4/11	2026 Walk Like MADD and MADD Dash Clermont 5K
4/17	Daytona Tortugas Baseball Transportation Safety Night 
4/30	AdventHealth 5K

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- FDOT Safety Training Website
- FHWA Road Safety Fundamentals
- FLHSMV Driver Education Traffic Safety
- Florida LTAP Center Training Calendar
- Florida LTAP Intersection Safety
- Transportation Symposium
- US DOT Highway Safety Professional Certificate

RESOURCES FOR TRAINING AND SAFETY INFORMATION

- America Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association Driver Education Resources
- Children's Safety Village
- FDOT D5 Office of Safety
- FDOT School Crossing Guard Training Program
- FDOT State Safety Office
- FDOT Temporary Traffic Control
- FDOT Traffic Safety Subgrants
- FLHSMV Share the Road
- FDOT Safety Coalitions
- Florida Impaired Driving Coalition
- Florida Occupant Protection Coalition
- Florida Rail Safety Coalition
- Motorcycle Safety Coalition
- Safe Mobility for Life Coalition
- Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition
- Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition
- Governors Highway Safety Association
- National Coalition for Safer Roads
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- National Safety Council
- Signal Four Analytics Florida Traffic Safety Dashboard
- Target Zero
- The National Road Safety Foundation
- Traffic Records Coordinating Committee
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration Safety Programs
- U.S. DOT Proven Safety Countermeasures

COMING UP

Calendar Of Events

FEBRUARY	
Florida Hit and Run Awareness Month	
14	Valentine's Day
16	Sumter County CTST Meeting
16	Presidents Day
17	Orange County CTST Meeting
19	Volusia County FACT Fair at Deltona Middle School
19	Lake County CTST Meeting
20	OCPs - Spring College & Career Fair
21	4th Annual Promenade Sunset Walk Teen Driver Challenge Car & Truck Show
24	Seminole County CTST Meeting
25	Brevard County CTST Meeting
28	Ride it Down: Titusville Chamber of Commerce Bike Event
28	Woodlands Elementary Bike Rodeo
28	DeLand Bike Rally

MARCH	
Florida Bicycle Month	
3	Flagler County CTST Meeting
11	Osceola County CTST Meeting
12	Marion County CTST Meeting
14	FDOT Pi Day
14	Titusville Police Department Pop-up in the Park
16	Sumter County CTST Meeting
17	St. Patrick's Day Impaired Driving Awareness: "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving"

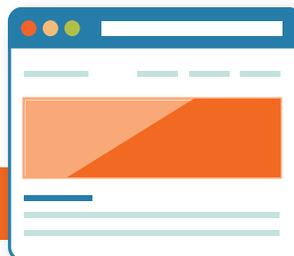
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24	Seminole County CTST Meeting
25	Brevard County CTST Meeting
28	Marion County Day
28	OBT Rollin' & Strollin'

APRIL	
Distracted Driving Awareness Month	
1	National Walking Day
2	East and West Volusia CTST Meeting
7	Flagler County CTST Meeting
8	Osceola County CTST Meeting
11	2026 Walk Like MADD and MADD Dash Clermont 5K
14	Marion County CTST Meeting
16	Lake County CTST Meeting
17	Daytona Tortugas Baseball Transportation Safety Night
18	OCPs - ESE Transition Fair
20	Sumter County CTST Meeting
21	Orange County CTST Meeting
22	Brevard County CTST Meeting
25	Memorial Day
28	Seminole County CTST Meeting
30	AdventHealth 5K

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- Bike Bus World
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- City of DeLand
- City of Daytona Beach
- City of St. Cloud
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February 12, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: *Letter of Support for the City of Orlando's "Sunlights Orlando" Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2026 Grant Application*

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of MetroPlan Orlando, the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties I am writing in support of the City of Orlando's BUILD 2026 grant application for the "Sunlights Orlando" project. The Sunlights Orlando project focuses on upgrading critical signalized intersections and high-use pedestrian crossings to enhance safety, improve system reliability, and strengthen overall corridor operations along 1.65 miles of US-441/Orange Blossom Trail (OBT), one of the City of Orlando's highest-priority Vision Zero corridors.

US-441 ranks among the highest-scoring corridors in the City's High Injury Network, reflecting a sustained pattern of fatal and serious injury crashes involving pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Many of the corridor's signal systems and crossings are outdated and no longer meet the safety needs of this high-activity urban corridor. Sunlights Orlando will address this issue by modernizing the signals and crossings along the corridor to improve safety, reliability, and accessibility for all users.

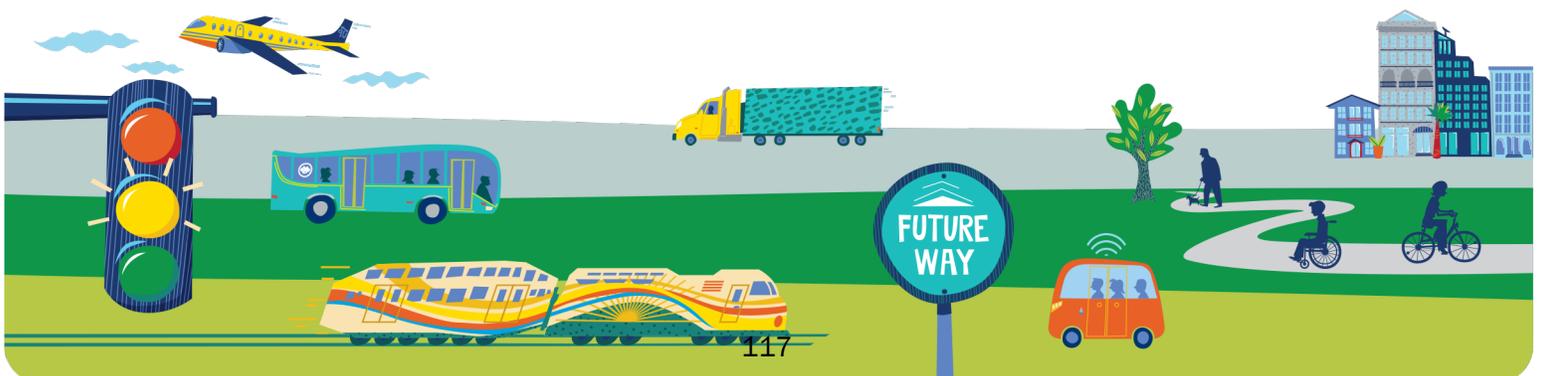
Beyond the significant safety benefits, the project will help catalyze economic development and reinvestment along US-441 by delivering modern, dependable transportation infrastructure that supports mixed-use redevelopment, small business growth, and the land use intensity envisioned in adopted plans and economic development initiatives.

Please consider funding this application to make Orlando an even safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable place for residents, workers, and visitors who rely on our transportation networks.

Sincerely,



Gary Huttman, AICP
Executive Director



February 12, 2026

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FDOT – East Orange County Safety and Connectivity Improvements – BUILD Application
East Colonial Drive (S.R. 50) from Chuluota Rd to S.R. 520

Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of MetroPlan Orlando, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties, I want to express our support for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) application for federal grant funding for the East Colonial Drive (S.R. 50) from Chuluota Rd to S.R. 520 safety and connectivity improvements. This project is essential to improving regional connectivity, safety, and the overall commute for residents and visitors throughout our community and the greater Orlando Area.

The proposed improvements are part of a corridor-wide series of improvements targeting one of the region's most heavily traveled and operationally constrained arterials. This corridor has become increasingly congested over time, resulting in delays, safety concerns, and diminished system reliability. The existing capacity of this facility is no longer adequate to meet present or future transportation demands.

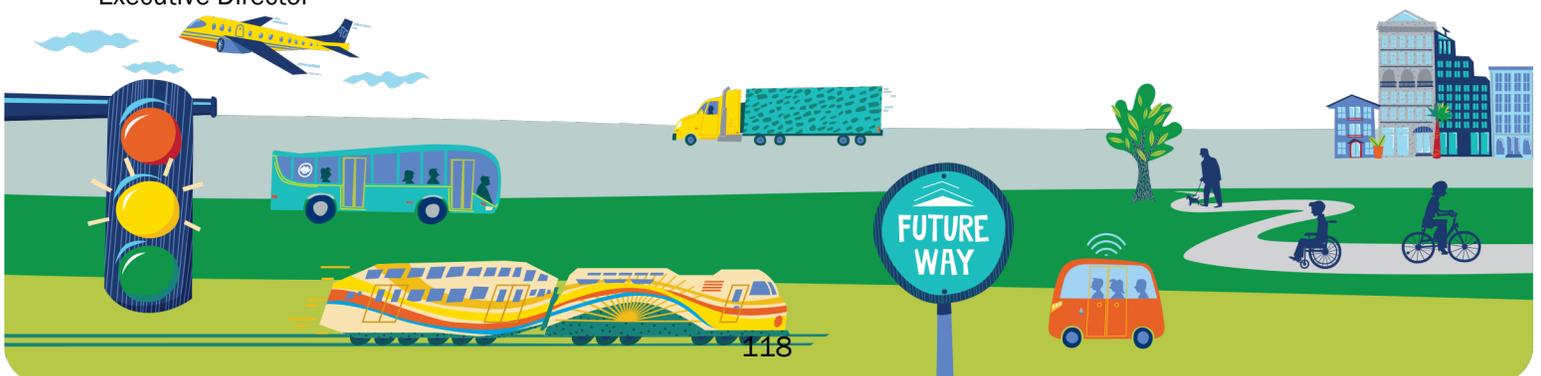
The project's innovative design includes roadway widening from four to six lanes, a corridor-wide access management program, reconstruction at key intersections, drainage upgrades, multimodal enhancements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improvements to lighting, signage and pavement markings. These improvements will enhance vehicle throughput and system capacity, improve safety by reducing conflict points, and improve the overall connectivity for the region. Equally important is the inclusion of infrastructure that supports an integrated multimodal transportation network and improves the experience and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

MetroPlan Orlando is committed to advancing sustainable, safe, and accessible transportation options. This project aligns closely with the overall regional vision by reducing congestion, enhancing travel-time reliability, and improving community connectivity. We fully support FDOT's application for BUILD funding and respectfully request your favorable consideration. This investment will provide lasting benefits for our region and the residents we serve.

Sincerely,



Gary Huttmann, AICP
Executive Director



February 12, 2026

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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RE: FDOT – Moving I-4 Forward Connected Corridor Infrastructure – BUILD Application

Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of MetroPlan Orlando, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties, I want to express our support for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as it seeks federal grant funding for Moving I-4 Forward's Connected Corridor Infrastructure Project. This project is essential to improving regional connectivity, safety, and the overall commute for residents and travel for visitors throughout our community.

The proposed improvements are part of a corridor-wide series of improvements targeting one of the region's most heavily traveled highways. This corridor has become increasingly congested over time, resulting in delays, safety concerns, and diminished system reliability. The existing capacity of this facility is no longer adequate to meet present or future transportation demands.

The Moving I-4 Forward Program's Connected Corridor Infrastructure Project includes construction of a new intelligent connected highway system designed to interface with emerging transportation technologies, automatically detect and identify roadway hazards, and enhance FDOT's active management of the corridor. The project will improve vehicle throughput and system capacity optimizing existing infrastructure and will enhance safety by informing motorists of risks as they emerge in real-time.

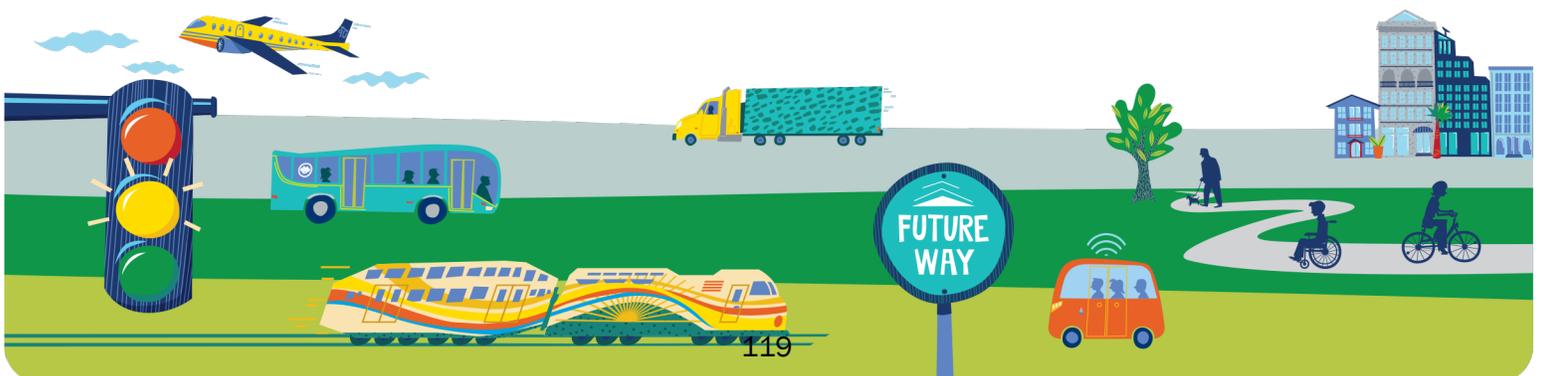
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We fully support FDOT's application for BUILD funding and respectfully request your favorable consideration. This investment will provide lasting benefits for our region and the residents we serve.

Sincerely,



Gary Huttman, AICP
Executive Director



January 20, 2026

U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support – FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program
Project: Reconnecting Orange Boulevard
Applicant: Seminole County, Florida

Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of MetroPlan Orlando the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties I want to express our support for Seminole County’s application to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program for the Reconnecting Orange Boulevard project.

Orange Boulevard serves as a critical east–west corridor connecting residential neighborhoods, employment centers, industrial areas, and the Interstate 4 corridor. The proposed improvements will address documented safety concerns, enhance multimodal connectivity, improve freight reliability, and strengthen regional mobility.

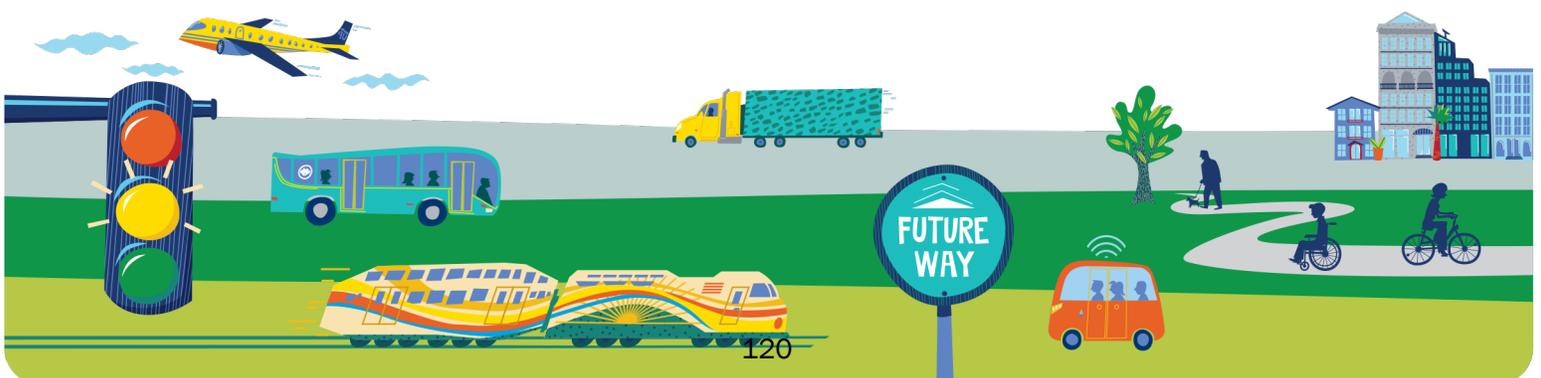
This project aligns with our shared priorities of improving transportation system performance, supporting economic development, and enhancing quality of life for residents and businesses. The Reconnecting Orange Boulevard project represents a strategic investment in infrastructure that will improve access to jobs, increase network resilience, and support continued regional growth.

We appreciate USDOT’s consideration of Seminole County’s application and respectfully urge favorable review and funding of this important project.

Sincerely,



Gary Huttman, AICP
Executive Director
MetroPlan Orlando



January 20, 2026

Dr. Christopher Hawkins
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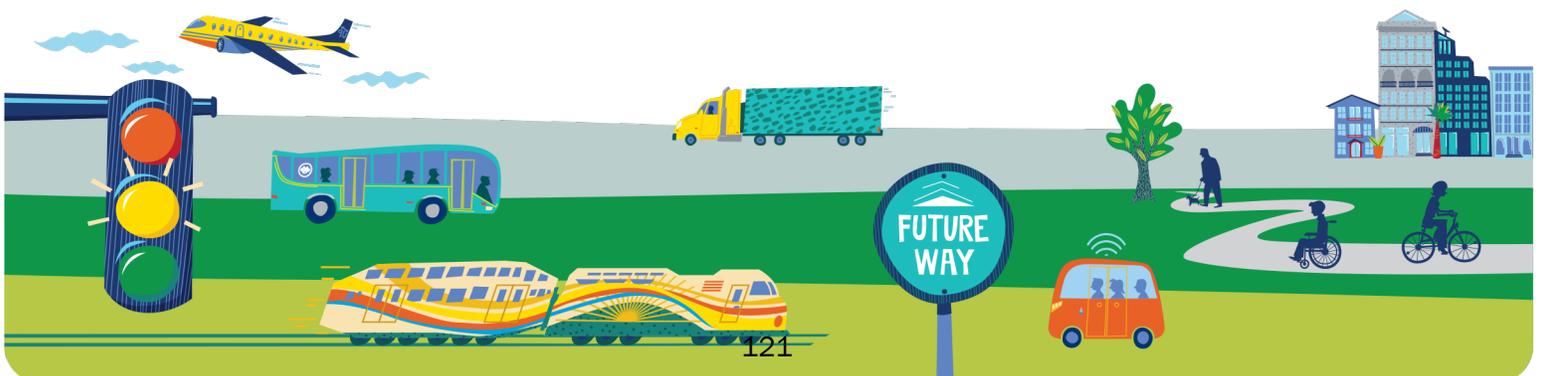
Dr. Hawkins:

On behalf of MetroPlan Orlando, the federally designated metropolitan planning organization serving Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties, I want to express our support of the University of Central Florida's request to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development for funding to establish the Urban Innovation Lab (UIL) at UCF Downtown. As the regional agency responsible for coordinating transportation planning, land use integration, and long-range infrastructure investment across one of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas, we have a direct and enduring interest in strengthening the collaborative planning capacity of our region. The Urban Innovation Lab represents a meaningful step toward that goal.

Greater Orlando faces planning challenges of genuine complexity — housing affordability pressures, accelerating infrastructure demands, and the need to engage increasingly diverse communities in decisions that shape their neighborhoods. These are not challenges that any single agency, university department, or private firm can address in isolation. What our region currently lacks is a dedicated, neutral environment where practitioners from government, academia, and industry can convene around shared data, shared tools, and shared problems. The Urban Innovation Lab would fill that gap by creating a professional, technology-enabled venue for evidence-based regional collaboration. In doing so, it would enhance the quality, clarity, and efficiency of planning decisions that carry long-term fiscal and community impacts.

A physical presence at UCF Downtown is particularly significant from a regional planning perspective. Locating the facility in the heart of Orlando's urban core places it within direct reach of the communities, agencies, and development activity it is intended to support. It positions the university as an active participant in regional planning processes — not a distant observer — and creates an accessible space where MetroPlan Orlando, municipal governments, developers, and residents can engage together. That proximity transforms academic research capacity into practical regional planning capacity.

For the next generation of planning professionals, the value of this environment is equally clear. Students training within an applied research setting embedded in the urban systems they study gain a depth of practical experience that no classroom alone can provide. When those graduates enter public agencies, planning firms, and community organizations, they do so with a stronger understanding of collaborative regional planning and the analytical tools required to support it. The UIL strengthens that workforce pipeline in a way that directly benefits our metropolitan area.



MetroPlan Orlando is committed to engaging with the Urban Innovation Lab as a practitioner partner. We view this facility as a long-term regional asset and respectfully urge your support for its establishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Huttmann".

Gary Huttmann, AICP
Executive Director
MetroPlan Orlando





South Orange Avenue (S.R. 527) Safety Improvements At Cortland on Orange Apartments



Orange County

Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number: 992400-4

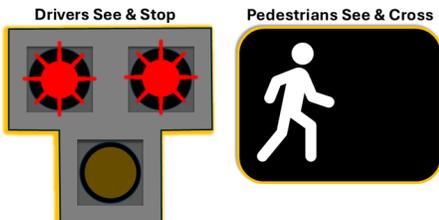
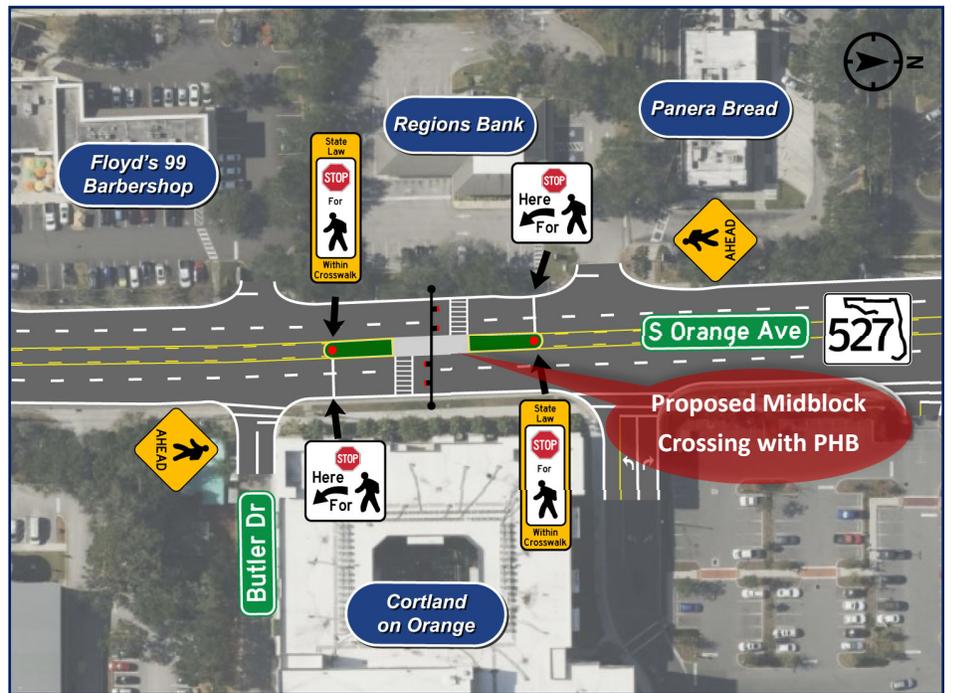
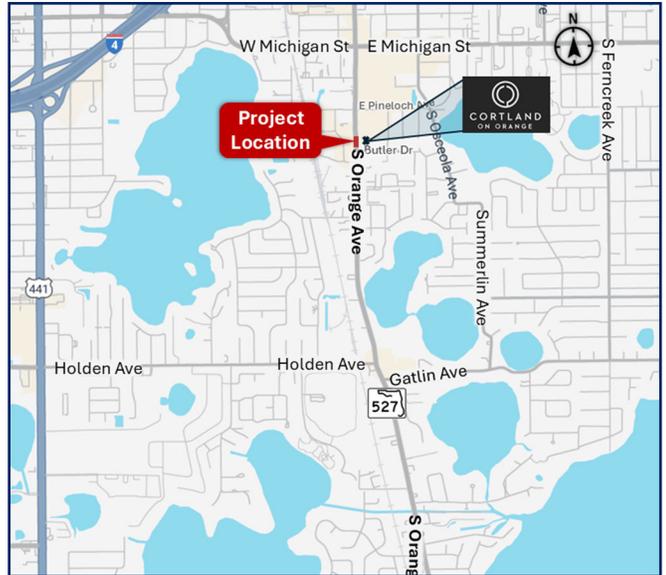
Project Description

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is proposing pedestrian safety improvements on South Orange Avenue (State Road (S.R.) 527) in front of the Cortland on Orange Apartments, just north of Butler Drive in Orlando.

The project proposes installing a midblock crossing with a pedestrian-activated signal known as a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) to provide a safe crossing opportunity for pedestrians and cyclists.

A PHB is an overhead traffic device that is designed to provide increased visibility and protection for vulnerable road users at midblock crossing locations. It has two side by side red lights above a single yellow light. Unlike a regular traffic signal, the signal face for drivers remain “dark” until the pedestrian activates the beacon.

Additional improvements include constructing curbs and curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.



Contact Information:

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FDOT Project Manager
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CFLRoads.com

Project Status & Estimated Costs*

Design:	Anticipated completion 2026	\$ 75,000
Right of Way:	Within existing	\$ --
Construction:	Funded 2026	\$ 500,000

*subject to change

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Melissa McKinney, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator, at Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us.

HOW TO USE THE PHB

PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON



DRIVING

SEE THIS

DO THIS



GO
Beacon remains dark until activated by someone.



FLASHING



SLOW DOWN
People walking have activated push button.



PREPARE TO STOP
Watch for people walking, biking, & rolling!



STOP!
People are crossing.



FLASHING



STOP
Proceed with caution if clear.



HOW TO USE THE PHB

PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON



WALKING

SEE THIS

DO THIS



**STEP 1
PUSH THE
BUTTON**
Stop and wait for the "WALK" signal.



**STEP 2
START
CROSSING**
Watch for cars!



FLASHING



**STEP 3
FINISH
CROSSING**
Cross safely before the countdown timer expires.



**STEP 4
DON'T WALK**
Push the button to cross. Wait for the "WALK" signal to start crossing.

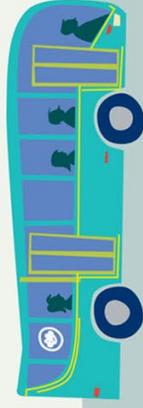


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Section 4

Tracking the Trends

2026 Refresh



Tracking the Trends (TTT)

- Longstanding program to track historic metrics
- Information for transportation partners and the public
- Refresh with 2050 MTP

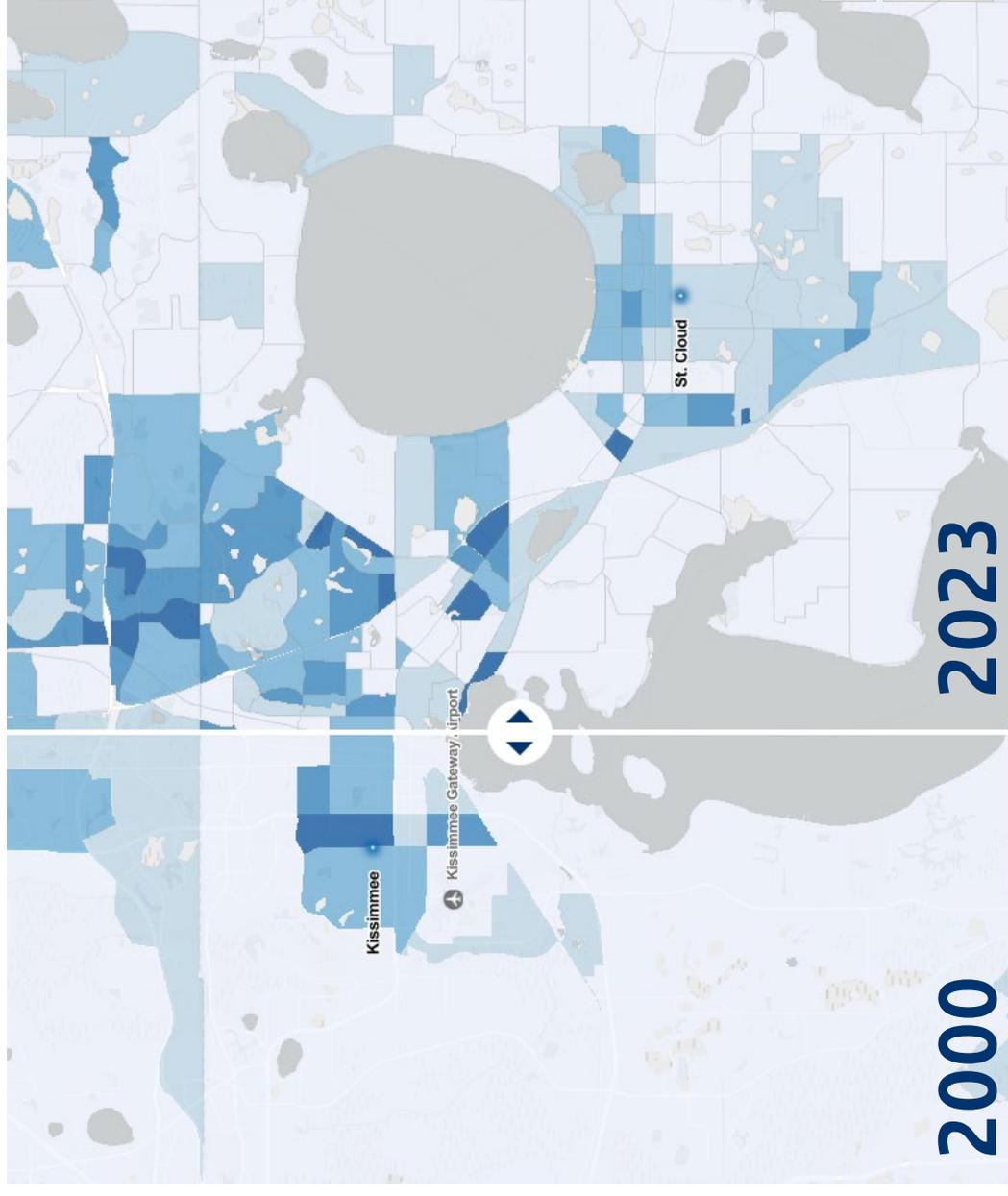
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TTT Area Profile and Transportation Highlights

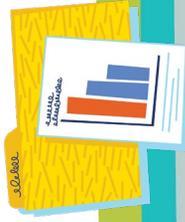
- Area Profile shows overview of region
- Transportation Highlights shows selected indicators
- A few takeaways
 - Safety numbers improving
 - VMT per driver increasing
 - Jobs and Population increasing proportionately



TTT Data Library

- 150 Transportation Metrics
- Deeper dive into the statistics
- Saves time for partners

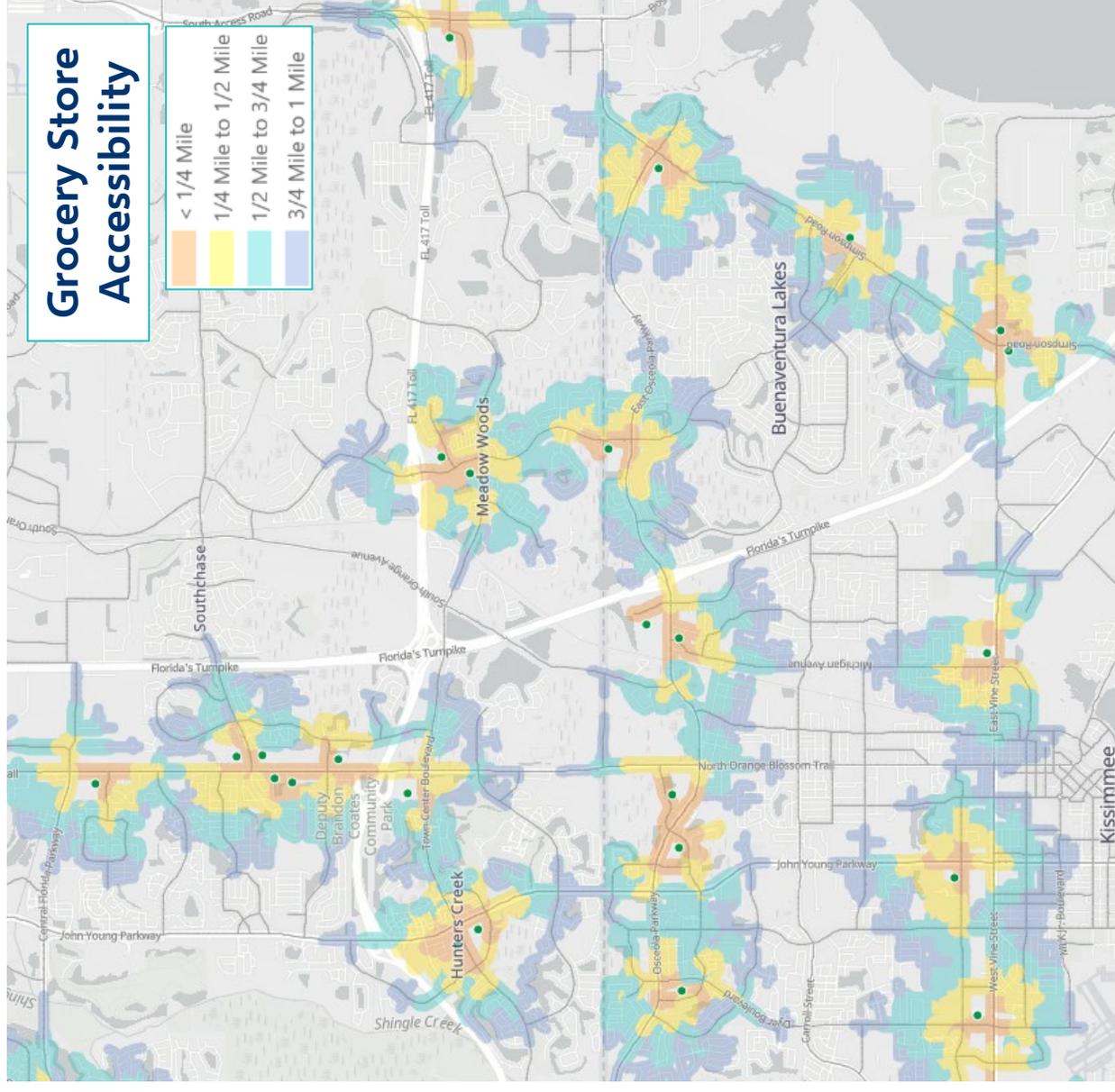
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TTT Accessibility Hub

- Displaying Access to Points of Interest
 - Food
 - Transit
 - Schools
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 - Municipal Services
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Area Profile



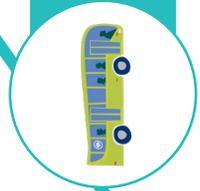
Trends Highlights



Data Library



System Performance Dashboard



Accessibility Hub



Questions? Thank you!

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