

# Notes on the Future

2022 Report to the Community



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# Keepers of the Vision





At MetroPlan Orlando, we author and champion the region's long-term vision for the transportation system. Our mission is to provide leadership in transportation planning by engaging the public and fostering effective partnerships.

In this report, you'll find our **Notes on the Future** – current projects serving as stepping stones on the path to tomorrow.



# Layers of Safety

PEDESTRIAN  
CROSSWALK

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STOP ON RED  
PROCEED ON  
FLASHING RED  
WHEN CLEAR





Any death on our transportation system is unacceptable. The safe system approach builds in layers of safety for all travelers, recognizing that humans make mistakes – and no mistake should be fatal. The effort to eliminate deaths on Central Florida's streets is called Vision Zero, and it requires working together to reduce and prevent crashes.

**Notes on our current safety initiatives:**

*Regularly convening a  
Vulnerable Users Safety  
Working Group to steer  
organizational safety efforts*

*Pursuing a federal Safe  
Streets for All grant to create  
a regional Vision Zero action  
plan, in partnership with local  
governments across Central  
Florida*

*Conducting a speed  
management study to  
identify corridors of concern  
where vehicle speeds don't  
match the surrounding  
land uses and recommend  
appropriate target speeds*

*Streets  
for All*





People of all ages and abilities benefit from complete streets designs, which use public road space for everyone, no matter how they get around. These designs also provide safer, more comfortable travel experiences for people walking and biking. MetroPlan Orlando endeavors to help communities develop and fund complete streets projects.

**Some of our recent planning studies:**

*Wrapping up the **10th Street Study** in St. Cloud, providing a design from US 192 to S. Narcoossee Road with speed reduction features like roundabouts*

*Finalizing the **Rock Springs Road Study** in Apopka, which proposes new traffic signals for safer crossing for both people and cars*

***Did You Know?**  
Roundabouts **reduce serious crashes** resulting in injury or death by 78-82%*

*(Source: Highway Safety Manual from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials)*

# Access to Options





How many ways can you travel from point A to point B? Options include driving, riding a bus or train, walking, biking, using a scooter or skateboard, and more. We plan for various transportation options and promote connectivity so Central Floridians can get to essential destinations like work, school, and medical appointments.

**Efforts to ensure access for everyone in our community include:**

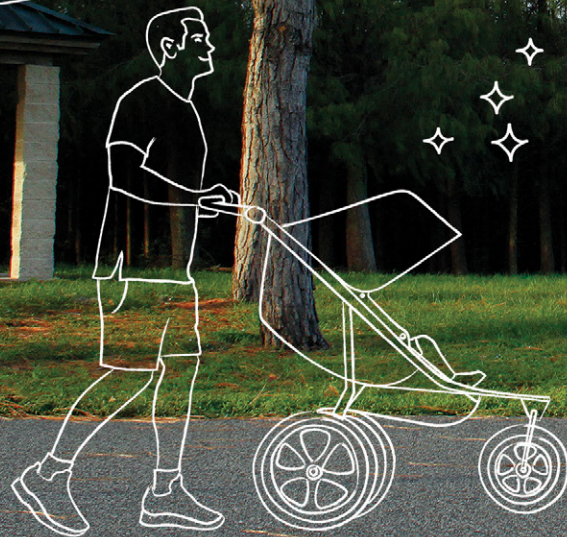
*Supporting LYNX on transit planning, such as evaluating an automated people counter system and updating plans for asset management and paratransit service*

*Kicking off an Active Transportation Plan to analyze walking and bicycling infrastructure through the year 2050, including connections to transit*

*Finalizing a study proposing three West Orange Trail extensions to destinations like Wekiwa Springs State Park and several Apopka schools*



*Better  
Health*





Transportation undeniably impacts community health and the environment. MetroPlan Orlando set out to draw clear connections to these important areas in our first Health Strategic Plan, a guide to how we can plan transportation for better health outcomes. Goals include building safe, healthy infrastructure and integrating health equity into transportation planning.

**Additional health and environment activities include:**

*Working with the University of Central Florida on an **Ozone Contingency Plan** to learn more about air quality and identify appropriate carbon reduction strategies*

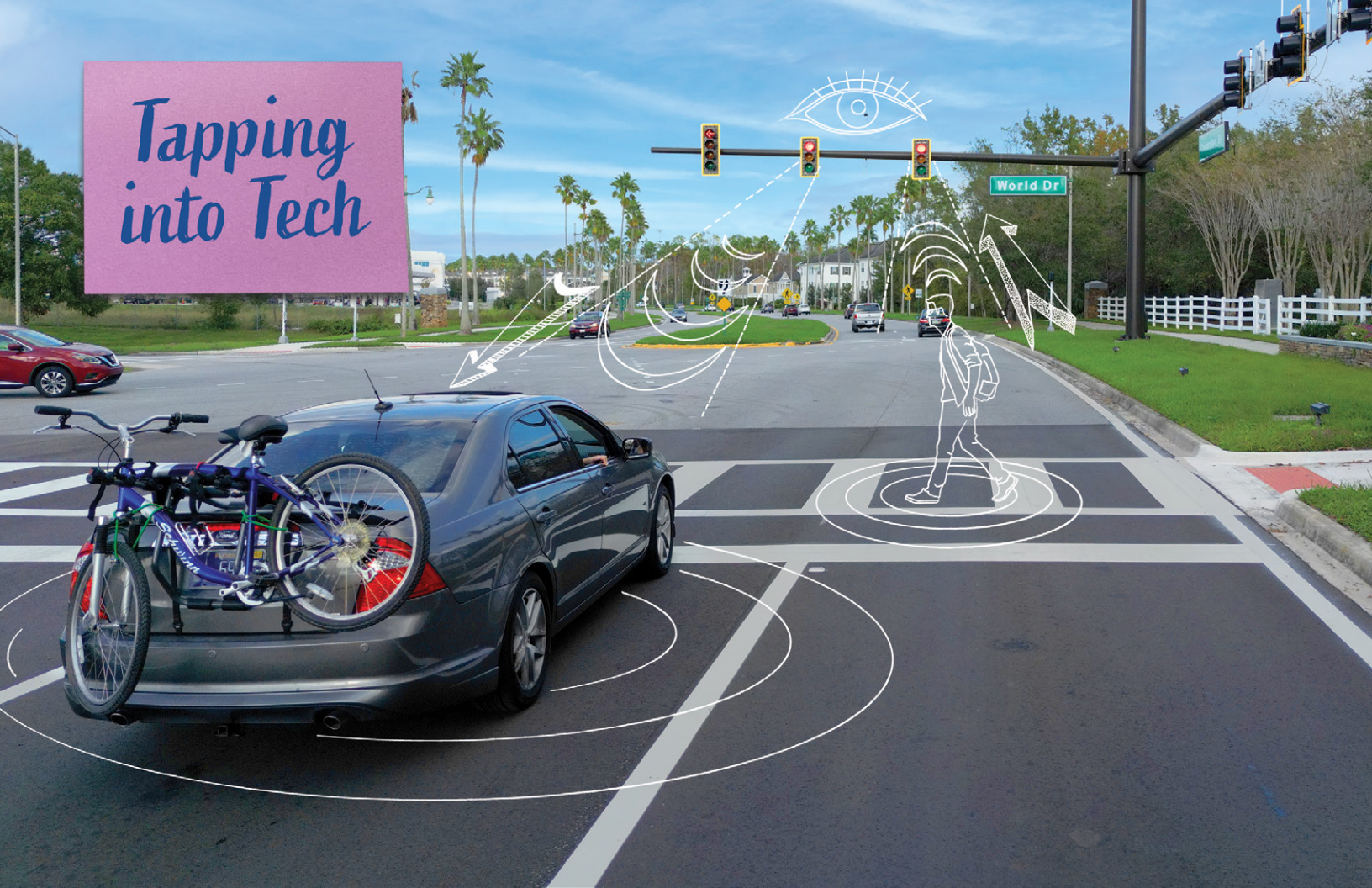
*Programming **new federal money** from the Carbon Reduction Program, which funds projects designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources*

**Highlighting Health Equity**

*Emphasizing the idea that health outcomes and opportunities to receive care should be fair and just*



# Tapping into Tech



Technology can't solve all our problems, but it can contribute to safer and more efficient travel. Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO) strategies stretch funds by using technology and low-cost design treatments to improve system performance in a world where cars, travelers, and infrastructure increasingly 'see' and 'talk to' each other.

**Notes on our current TSMO initiatives:**

*Kicking off a **TSMO Master Plan** to analyze needs through the year 2050, including integrating connected and automated vehicles*

*Devoting \$750k-\$1M annually to **retiming traffic signals** to aid traffic flow, reduce speeding, and help bicyclists and pedestrians cross the road*

*Assembling a **regional TSMO coalition** to share best practices and coordinate planning in a wider 13-county mega-region involving 10 metropolitan planning organizations*



# Listening to All Voices



We're committed to ensuring that the community has a meaningful voice while participating in the planning process. When the public is involved early and continuously, they can help shape transportation plans to better meet Central Florida's needs. We also strive to be transparent and build trust by making a wealth of information easily available.

Focus areas for our public participation program include:

### *Two-Way Communication*

*Providing info in plain language and listening to public feedback so it is considered and incorporated as much as possible*

### *Equity in Outreach*

*Seeking all opinions by reaching out to traditionally underserved communities, such as people of color, those with disabilities, youth, and people affected by poverty*

### *Options for Input*

*Recognizing that people are busy, we take public input in various ways, including in person and virtual opportunities*



Stay in  
Touch



Do you want stay up to date on what's happening with transportation in Central Florida?  
Do you want to participate in transportation planning and help shape the future of our community? Stay in touch with us!

Check out the following ways to connect:

### *To Learn More*

*Visit MetroPlanOrlando.org*

- *Calendar of meetings & events*
- *Our plans*
- *Transportation news*
- *How we're funded*
- *Maps & data*
- *Much more!*

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