



**Meeting of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
OF THE HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

**MEETING LOCATION: Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida**

**AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions of Committee Members and MPO Staff
4. Declaration of Quorum
5. Public Notice Affirmation

**B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (Limited to Board and Staff)**

**C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES – MAY 23, 2024**

**D. PRESENTATION**

Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, of the Needs Assessment for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Review of the 2050 LRTP Draft Cost Feasible Plan

**E. ACTION ITEM**

Review and Recommendation on the 2025 Meeting Schedule

**F. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**G. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**H. MPO STAFF UPDATES**

- I. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING** - The next joint meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online at <http://www.hernandocitrusmpo.us>.

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**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES – MAY 23, 2024**

Attached for the review and approval are the May 23, 2024, meeting Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended the TAC review and approve the May 23, 2024, Minutes.

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Attachment: 5-23-24 TAC Minutes



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) OF THE HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Thursday, May 23, 2024

### MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando/Citrus MPO websites.

#### TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Herring, Chair, Hernando County Department of Public Works  
Walt Eastmond, Vice Chair, County Engineer, Citrus County Public Works Department  
Joe Hochadel, Citrus County Planning Department  
Kay Griffith, Hernando County Planning Department  
Darlene Lollie, Hernando County Transit  
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit  
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville  
Chris Shoemaker, City of Inverness  
Jeanette Collins, Growth Management Director, City of Crystal River  
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District  
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

#### TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director  
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator  
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III  
Elisa Joyner, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7  
Carly Hanson, Assistant Growth Management Director, City of Crystal River  
Rob Curse, Principal Associate, MPO General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates  
Steve Infanti, Project Manager, MPO General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates  
Marc Ispass, Deputy Project Manager, MPO General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates  
Jonathan Roberson, Research Associate, Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Chair Herring called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Moment of Silence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of the Committee members and staff followed the Moment of Silence.
- A quorum was declared, and Ms. Turner noted for the record that the public notice for the meeting was posted in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan.

#### APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

**Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lollie and the motion passed 10-0.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES – MARCH 28, 2024**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Granger and the motion passed 10-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Esposito announced the need to change the order of the presentations by moving the Kimley-Horn & Associates presentation from agenda item D1 to agenda item D3.

1. Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, on the Traffic Segment Studies in Citrus County (US 41 and SR 200) and Hernando County (US 41 and County Line Road)  
Steve Infanti, Project Manager with the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, made a presentation on the results of the Traffic Segment Studies in Citrus County and Hernando County. The study objectives were to assess the existing traffic conditions for each of the corridors by determining the general level of service, the severity of congestion, identifying growth trends and travel characteristics.
2. Presentation by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) on the Hernando County FY 2025-FY 2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP)  
Jonathan Roberson, AICP, Research Associate for CUTR, made a presentation on the major update of the Hernando County Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY 2025- FY 2034. Mr. Esposito questioned Mr. Roberson on the average age of riders on TheBus. That information is being reviewed and will be presented to the committees at their next meeting, explained Mr. Roberson; however, it appears there is not as much high school or after school users as observed in other counties. Mr. Lipsey, Hernando County School District, offered to exchange contact information and to have a discussion with the school district before the next committee meeting. Ms. Elwin relayed that the Hernando/Citrus MPO is in the development stage of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, may want to contact CUTR to obtain transit data. Mr. Roberson acknowledged Mr. Lipsey's and Ms. Elwin's comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Review and Recommendation on the Scope of Work for the Citrus County 10-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY 2026-FY 2035  
Chair Herring affirmed that Ms. Granger indicated she was satisfied with the Scope of Work.  
**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Granger to recommend the MPO Board approve the Scope of Work for Benesch and Associates to complete the Citrus County Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY 2026-FY 2035 in the amount of \$106,825. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eastmond and the motion passed 10-0.
2. Review and Recommendation of the Draft FY 2025-FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Ms. Elwin affirmed to Vice Chair Eastmond that the Citrus County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was incorporated in the draft TIP. Ms. Elwin offered to provide a summary of the changes in the proposed TIP from the current adopted TIP FY2024-FY2028. It was a consensus that a summary comparison was not needed at this time. Chair Herring invited the public to comment on the draft TIP. There were no comments.  
**Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to recommend the MPO Board approve the draft FY 2025-FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and incorporate and/or address any comments made by the federal and state agencies. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lollie and the motion passed 10-0.

3. Review and Recommendation on Revision 3 of the FY 2023-FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Elwin explained the transfer of trail counters to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is not reflected in the redlined documentation provided to the committee as staff is awaiting confirmation from the FDOT on how best to reflect the insurance proceeds received from the stolen trail counter.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Granger to recommend the MPO Board approve Revision 3 of the FY 2023-FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and the motion passed 10-0.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Chair Herring confirmed there would be a 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Workshop May 23, 2024, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, at 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. Chair Herring also noted that a schedule of public engagement opportunities for the 2050 LRTP has been provided to the committee.
- Ms. Collins asked that Carly Hanson, Assistant Growth Management Director, be added as an alternate TAC member representing the City of Crystal River.

### **MPO STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Esposito shared the following updates:

- Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member, Karen Esty, has been advocating for a sidewalk on Independence Boulevard in Citrus County. In March 2024, Ms. Esty asked Citrus County Commissioners to file an application with the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to build the sidewalk on Independence Boulevard from State Road 44 to US 41. Commissioners Jeff Kinnard and Ruthie Schlabach, the county's liaisons on the Hernando/Citrus MPO board, supported Ms. Esty's request.
- The FY2025-FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was adopted by the MPO Board on May 2, 2024.
- As a reminder, the July 11, 2024, MPO Board meeting is canceled as the Hernando County Commission is scheduling a workshop that day. Necessary agenda items will be presented at the June or August meetings.
- The Good Neighbor Trail (GNT) ribbon cutting ceremony was May 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Tom Varn Park in Brooksville, Florida and was well-attended.
- Mr. Esposito attended the Transportation Planning Exchange (TransEx), May 7-8, 2024, in Saint Petersburg, Florida.
- Councilman Gene Davis, City of Inverness, attended the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee (MPOAC) Weekend Institute training May 17-18, 2024. Mr. Davis serves as an alternate MPO Board member.
- Mr. Esposito reviewed vacant committee positions and provided the CAC and BPAC members a handout listing the positions on the boards/committees administered by the Hernando/Citrus MPO.
- A list of the public engagement meetings associated with the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) adoption was provided to the TAC as Chair Herring mentioned earlier.

A brief recess occurred. The meeting was called back to order at 9:45 a.m.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, on the Goals and Objectives for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 2050 Preliminary Needs Assessment

Mr. Esposito introduced Marc Ispass, Deputy Project Manager, MPO General Planning Consultant with Kimley-Horn & Associates. Mr. Ispass made a presentation on the status of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Elwin affirmed that Kimley-Horn & Associates is cognizant on the status of the updates being conducted for the Hernando County and Citrus County Transit Development Plans

(TDP) which will be incorporated into the 2050 LRTP. Mr. Ispass explained that due to increased labor and material costs, the 2050 LRTP may not be as robust as the 2045 LRTP. Comments from the TAC included:

- Reflect more road/trail names/labels on the map and the utilization of varied or contrasting colors for two-lane and four-lane segments.
- Ensure priority projects contained in the Transportation Improvement Plan are reflected on the maps.
- Reflect current projects on the Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Needs map including such projects in Crystal River as the Jim LeGrone Memorial Park to Copeland Community Park along 8th Avenue, a Multi-Use Trail (MUT) along W. Halls River Road from Riverhaven to US 19, and a connector trail from Three Sisters Springs to Jim LeGrone Memorial Park in Crystal River.
- Additional emphasis be reflected on CR491 (an evacuation route) in Citrus County.
- Include transit route updates for Citrus County including the re-establishment of the Homosassa Line route, and the proposed routes in Hernando County for TheBus.
- Reflection of an interchange desired by Hernando County at the Suncoast Parkway at Centralia Road.
- Next drafts of the maps be accompanied by a list comparing the changes from the 2045 LRTP to the 2050 LRTP.

### **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lollie and the motion passed 10-0.

Chair Herring adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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**PRESENTATION BY THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT, KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND REVIEW OF THE 2050 LRTP DRAFT COST FEASIBLE PLAN**

The General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, will be making a presentation of the Hernando/Citrus MPO's Needs Assessment and the preliminary Cost Feasible Plan associated with the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Safety, traffic congestion, and travel time will continue to be concerns in the two counties as the area continues to grow. The local region and Florida as a whole are experiencing unprecedented growth due to a favorable business climate, weather, and attractions. The Hernando/Citrus MPO is responsible for developing the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which is an essential element of the transportation planning process.

The LRTP sets the vision and identifies the projects that will be funded using state and federal money for the next 20-25 years, through the year 2050, and is updated every five years. Public involvement is one way that the MPO is able to develop the transportation plan to meet the specific needs of the public.

In terms of growth, the population in Hernando County is expected to grow from over 192,000 people in 2019 to over 270,000 people in 2050. This represents an increase of nearly 78,000 persons, or over 40%. Likewise, Citrus County is expected to grow from 151,000 people in 2019 to nearly 206,000 people in 2050. This represents an increase of nearly 55,000 persons, or a 36% increase in population. Total employment in the two counties is anticipated to grow by 44,300 jobs, representing an increase of nearly 39%. This anticipated growth will develop better business climates and economic diversity for the two counties and will consequently present transportation challenges.

The MPO has identified the transportation capacity needs for the two counties and is identifying priority projects which will be considered for funding. Priority projects in the plan may include such improvements on portions of the following facilities:

- Suncoast Parkway Phase 3 to US 19 (Citrus)
- US 41 north of Inverness (Citrus)
- US 41 Spring Hill Drive to Powell Road (Hernando)
- County Line Road (Hernando)
- Lecanto Highway to SR 200 (Citrus)

**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended the TAC review the presentation and provide comments or input to the MPO Board as desired.

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Attachment: Draft Priority Needs Maps for the 2050 LRTP





# 2050

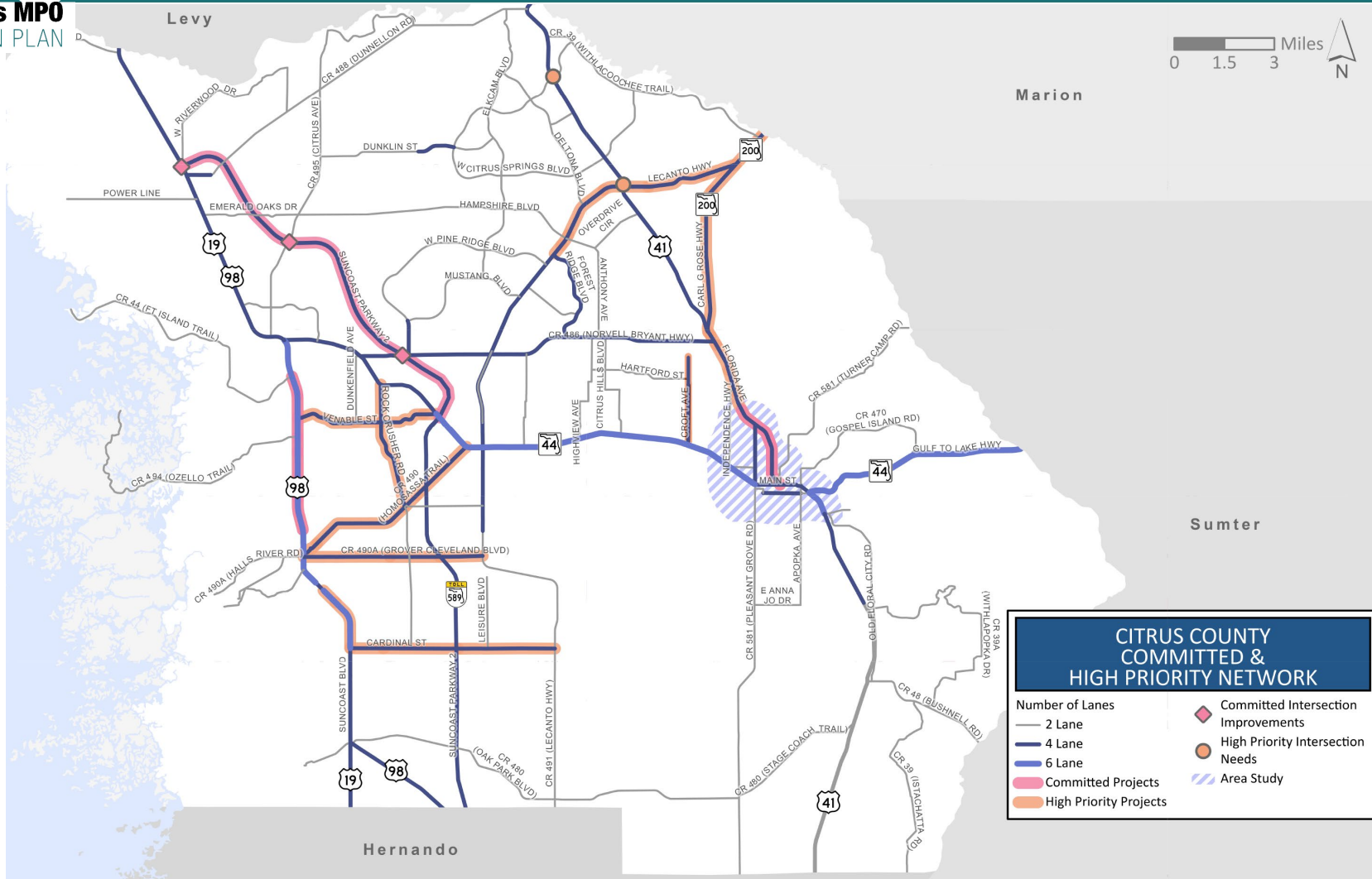


## **Hernando/Citrus MPO** TRANSPORTATION PLAN Committee Meetings – July 25, 2024





# Citrus County High Priority Needs



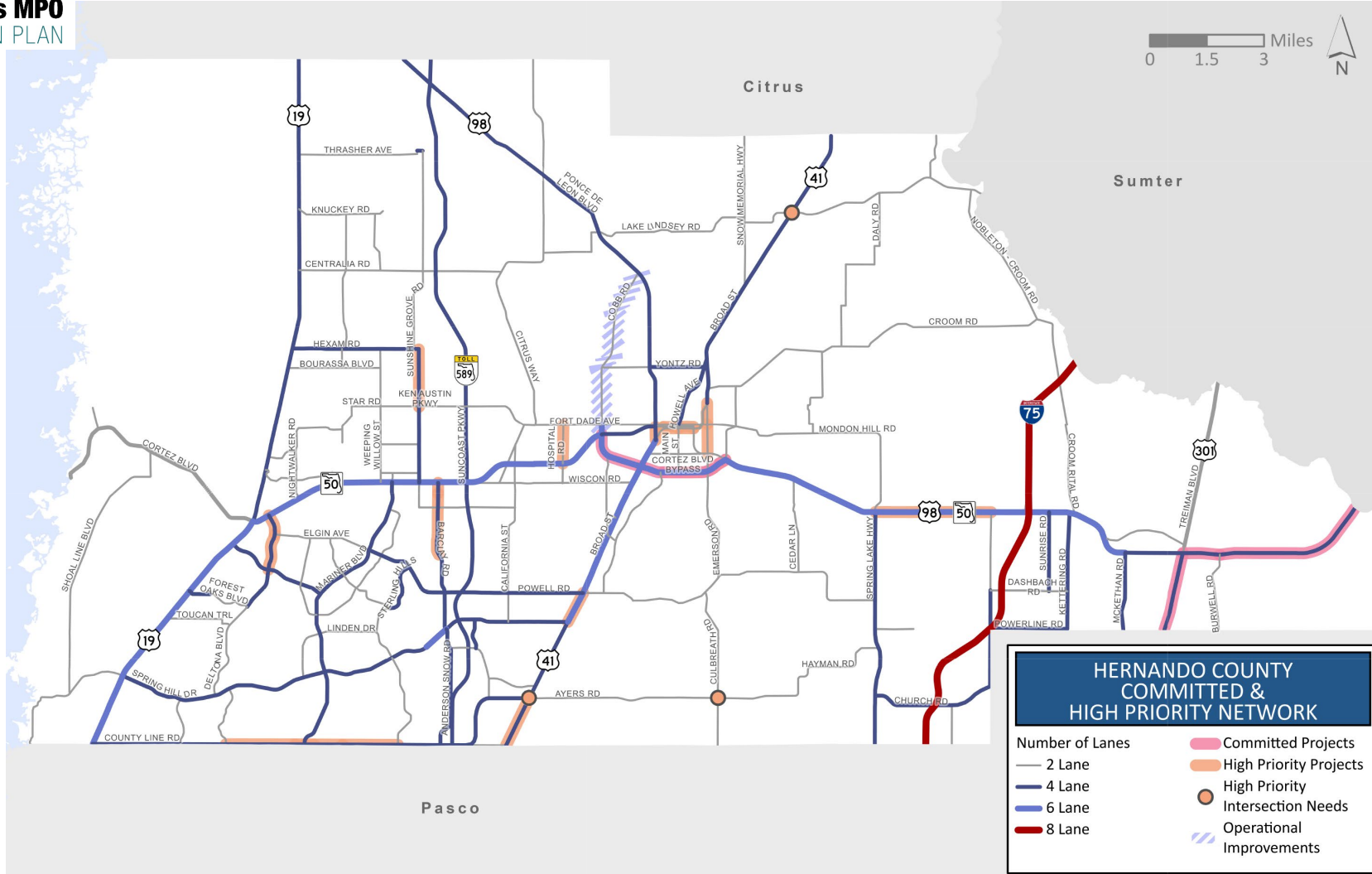
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# 2050

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# Hernando County High Priority Needs



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HCMPD High Priority Capacity Needs

LOPP #	FDOT #	COUNTY	AGENCY	FACILITY	FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	NOTES
1	257165-2 257165-6 257165-7 257165-8	CITRUS	FDOT	US 41 (FLORIDA AVE)	ARLINGTON ST, E	SR 200, N	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	PARTIALLY FUNDED
3		CITRUS	FDOT	SR 200 (N CARL G ROSE HWY)	US 41	MARION C/L	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
7		CITRUS	FDOT	CR 491 (N LECANTO HWY)	W PINE RIDGE BLVD	SR 200	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
8		CITRUS	FDOT	US 41/SR 45 (FLORIDA AVENUE) AT CR 491 (N LECANTO HIGHWAY)	CR 491	US 41	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	
9		CITRUS	FDOT	CARDINAL ST	US 19	CR 491	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
11		CITRUS	FDOT	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	CARDINAL ST	GREEN ACRES	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
13		CITRUS	FDOT	US 41 @ NORTH CITRUS SPRINGS BLVD.			INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	
14		CITRUS	FDOT	CR 490 (HOMOSASSA TRAIL)	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	SR 44 (W GULF TO LAKEHWY)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
15		CITRUS	FDOT	CROFT AVE	SR 44 (E GULF TO LAKE HWY)	E HAYES ST	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
16		CITRUS	FDOT	ROCK CRUSHER ROAD	CR 490	SR 44	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
17		CITRUS	FDOT	VENABLE ST. / CRYSTAL OAKS DR.	US 19	SR 44	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
18		CITRUS	FDOT	CR 490A (W. GROVER CLEVELAND BLVD.)	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	CR 491 (S. LECANTO HWY.)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
2	257298-3	HERNANDO	FDOT	CR 578 (COUNTY LINE RD)	E OF EAST RD	SPRINGTIME ST	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
2	257298-4	HERNANDO	FDOT	CR 578 (COUNTY LINE RD)	E OF MARINER BLVD	W OF SUNCOAST PKWY	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
4		HERNANDO		US 41/SR 50A ONE WAY PAIRS	MILDRED AVE	MAY AVE	ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY	
5		HERNANDO		US 41 @ LAKE LINDSEY RD			INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (ROUNDAABOUT)	
6		HERNANDO	FDOT	US 41/SR 45 (BROAD ST) @ AYERS RD			INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	
10		HERNANDO	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	SPRING HILL DR	POWELL RD	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
12	27299	HERNANDO	FDOT	CR 485 (COBB RD)	SR 50	US 98 (PONCE DE LEON BLVD)	OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS	
		HERNANDO		DELTONA BLVD	ELGIN BLVD	SR 50 (CORTEZ BLVD)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
		HERNANDO		BARCLAY RD	LUCKY LN	SR 50 (CORTEZ BLVD)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
		HERNANDO		SUNSHINE GROVE RD	KEN AUSTIN PKWY	HEXAM RD	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES	
		HERNANDO		HOSPITAL RD	SR 50 (CORTEZ BLVD)	FORT DADE AVE	NEW 2 LANES	

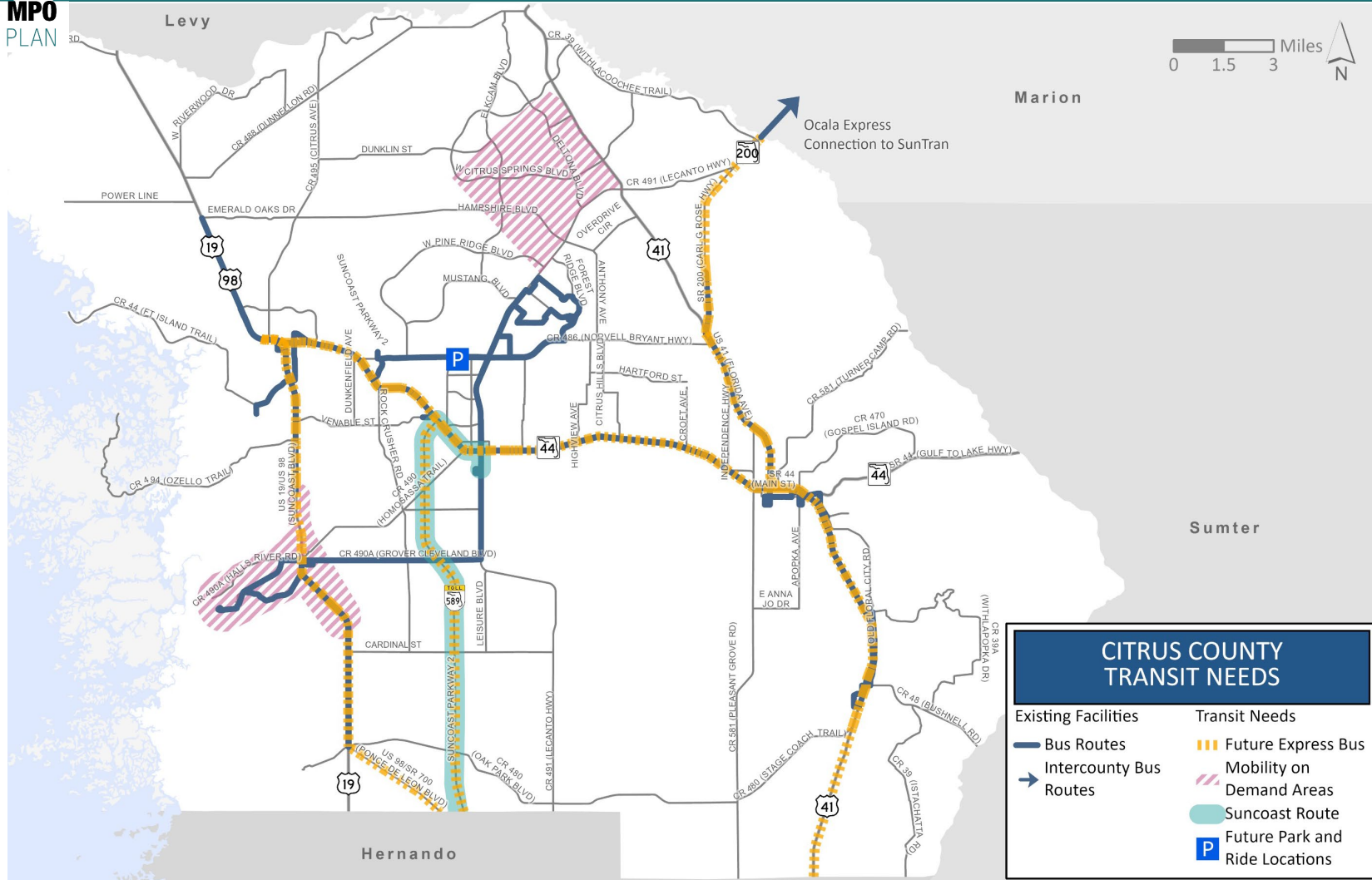
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# 2050

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# Citrus County Transit Needs



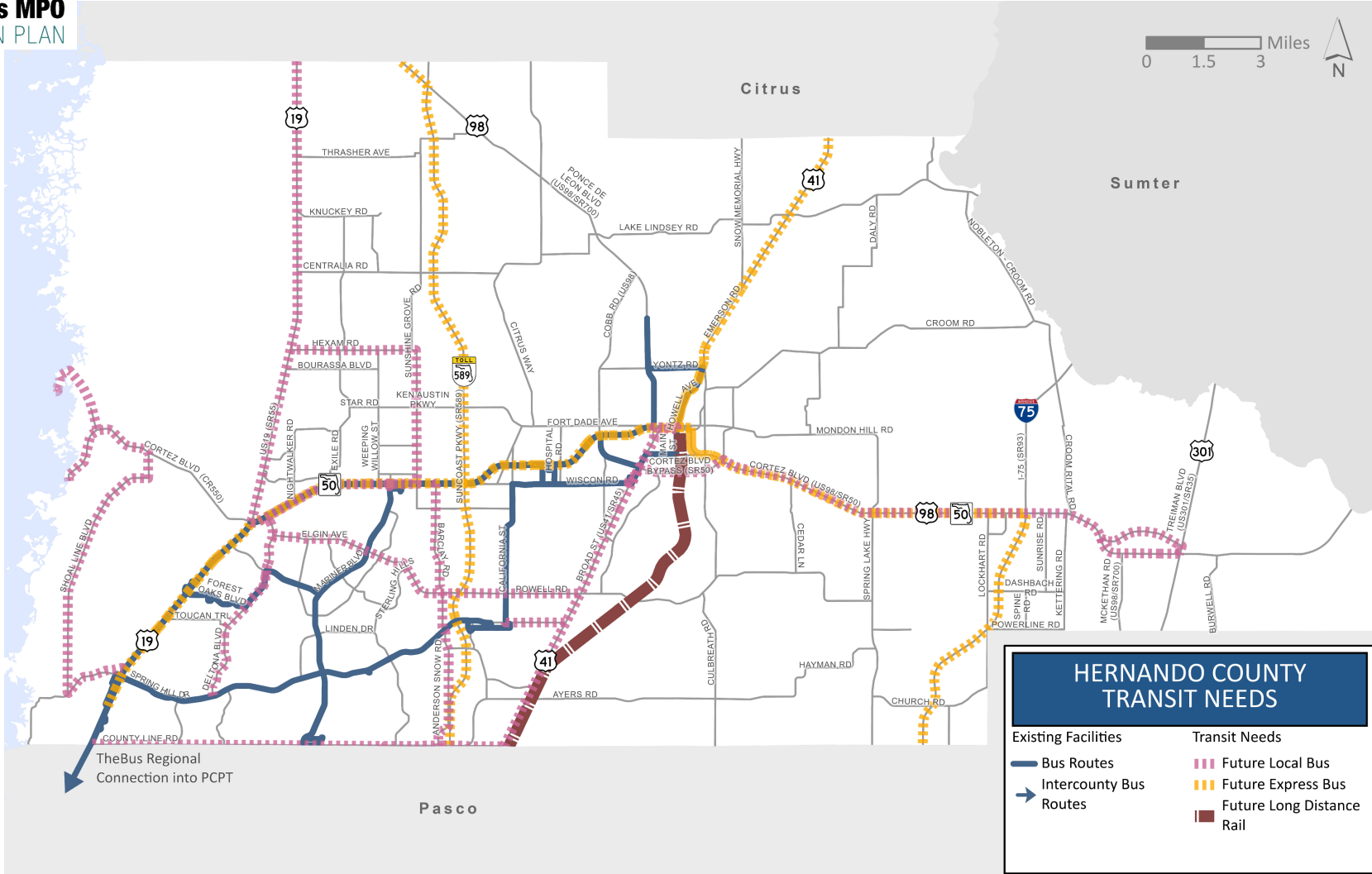
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# 2050

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# Hernando County Transit Needs

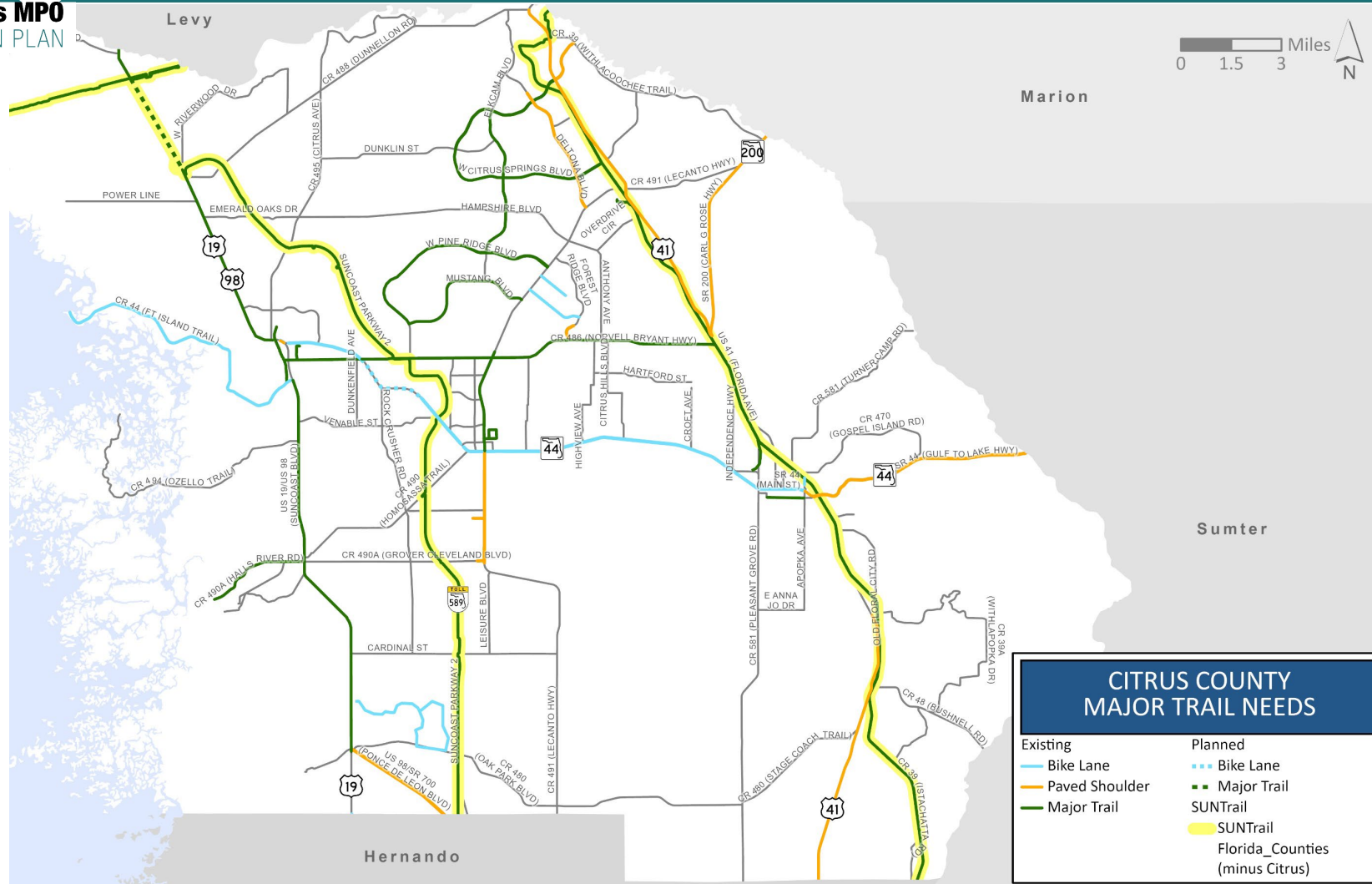


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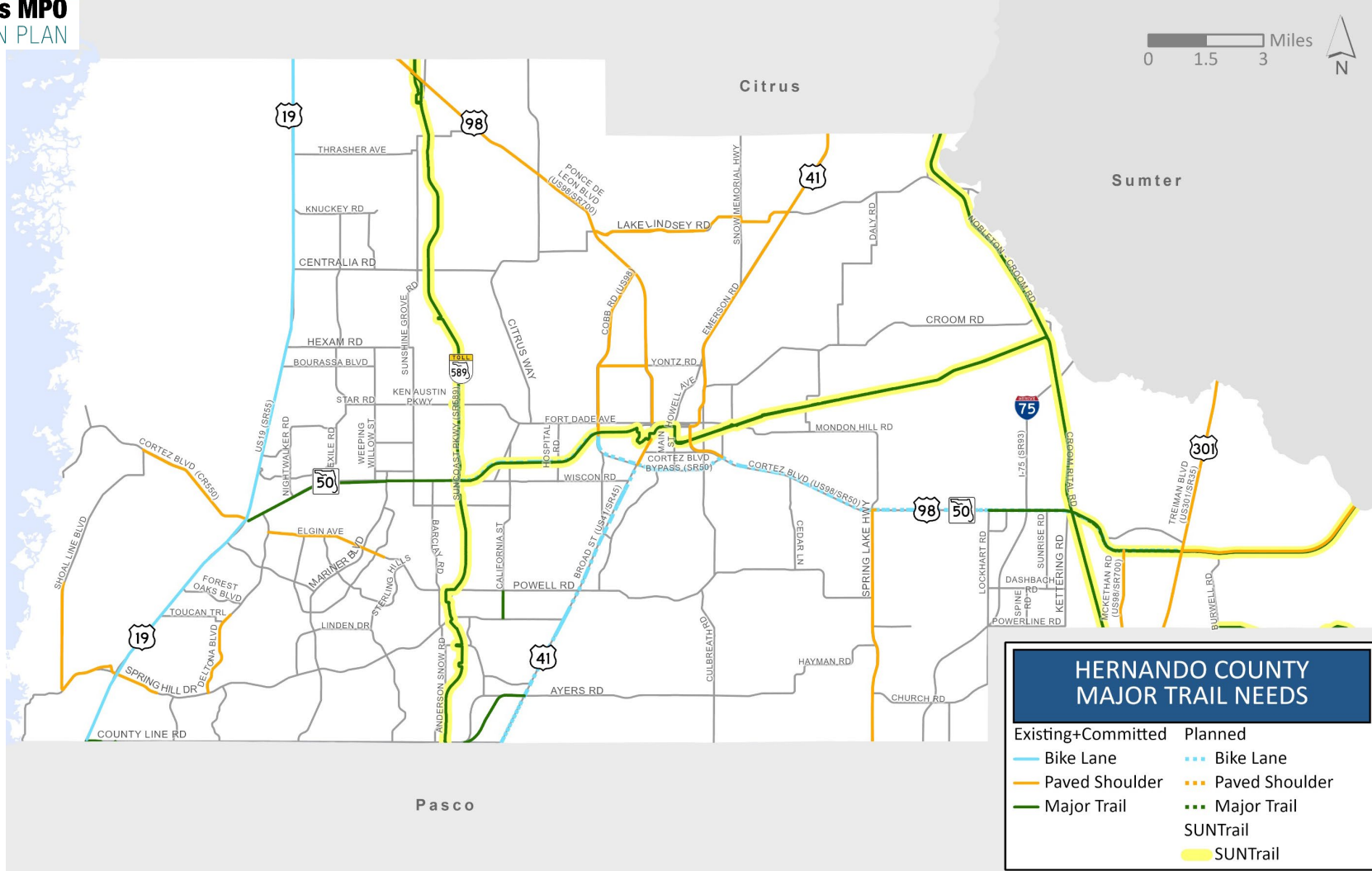
## Citrus County Major Bike/Ped/Trail Needs



*Committed projects include all projects fully-funded within the next five years. Subject to change*

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## Hernando County Major Bike/Ped/Trail Needs



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**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Upon reviewing the meetings conducted over the past two years, and the state and federal deadlines for major documents, it was proposed to provide a schedule that is more equitable for the members of the committees in both counties. Conducting meetings every month is not likely. Therefore, the proposed schedule does not merely reflect alternating each month's meeting between county locations. The schedule reflects the alternating of locations by anticipated deadlines and when actual meetings are likely to occur due to program objectives and deadlines; the goal being to provide equity for members volunteering their time on committees. It is still necessary to adopt a schedule of establishing meeting dates and locations as meeting spaces require reservation well in advance to allow for public participation.

**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended the TAC review and recommend approval of the proposed 2025 MPO Board/Committee Meeting Schedule to the MPO Board.

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Attachment: 2025 Meeting Schedule



## HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION 2025 BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

*Agendas are available approximately one week before the meeting.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MPO Board</b> <b>Thursday, 1:30 p.m.</b> Lecanto Government Bldg. 3600 W Sovereign Path Room 166 <u>Lecanto, Florida</u></p> <p>January 9, 2025 February 6, 2025 March 6, 2025 April 3, 2025 May 1, 2025 June 5, 2025 July 10, 2025 August 7, 2025 September 4, 2025 October 2, 2025 November 6, 2025 December 4, 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LCB (Citrus)</b> <b>Thursday, 9:30 a.m.</b> Lecanto Government Bldg. 3600 W Sovereign Path Room 166 <u>Lecanto, Florida</u></p> <p>February 13, 2025(Annual Public Workshop) February 13, 2025(Regular Meeting/2:00 pm) May 8, 2025 August 14, 2025 November 13, 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TDLCB (Hernando)</b> <b>Thursday, 1:30 p.m.</b> Hernando Co. Bldg. Training Facility 1661 Blaise Drive <u>Brooksville, Florida</u></p> <p>February 13, 2025(Annual Public Workshop) February 13, 2025(Regular Meeting/10:00 am) May 8, 2025 August 14, 2025 November 13, 2025</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAC</b> <b>Thursday, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>(HC)</b> Hernando Co. Bldg. Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida <b>(CC)</b> Lecanto Gov't Bldg, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166 Lecanto, Florida</p> <p><b>(HC)</b> January 23, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> February 27, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> March 27, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> April 24, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> May 22, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> June 26, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> July 24, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> August 28, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> September 25, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> October 23, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> November 20, 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Joint Meeting of the CAC and BPAC</b> <b>Thursday, 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>(HC)</b> Hernando Co. Bldg. Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida <b>(CC)</b> Lecanto Gov't Bldg, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166 Lecanto, Florida</p> <p><b>(HC)</b> January 23, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> February 27, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> March 27, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> April 24, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> May 22, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> June 26, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> July 24, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> August 28, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> September 25, 2025 <b>(CC)</b> October 23, 2025 <b>(HC)</b> November 20, 2025</p>	

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