



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

Thursday, November 21, 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 MINUTES – AUGUST 29, 2024, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) on the Hernando County FY 2025-FY 2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP)
2. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2026–FY 2030)
3. Presentation by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2026-FY 2030)

E. ACTION ITEMS

Annual Review and Update of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws

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, January 23, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online at <http://www.hernandocitrusmpo.us>.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 29, 2024, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

Review and approval of the Minutes of the Thursday, August 29, 2024, Regular Public Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review and approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2024, Regular Public Meeting.

Attachment: 8-29-24 TAC Minutes



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

Thursday, August 29, 2024

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, 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
Eric Landon, Citrus County Planning Department
Darlene Lollie, Hernando County Transit
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit
Jenette Collins, Growth Management Director, City of Crystal River
David Peters, City of Brooksville
Chris Shoemaker, City of Inverness
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Omar DePablo, Hernando County Planning Department
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District
Valerie Pianta, Non-Voting Member, Hernando County Airport
Todd Regan, Non-Voting Member, Citrus County Aviation Section

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III
Elisa Joyner, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
William Roll, Project Manager, MPO General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Marc Ispass, Deputy Project Manager, MPO General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates

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 policies.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lollie to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Granger and the motion passed 8-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES – JULY 25, 2024

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Granger to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lollie and the motion passed 8-0.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Survey Results by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) on the Hernando County FY2025-FY2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP)

Jonathan Roberson, AICP, Research Associate for CUTR, under contract with the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners to do the major TDP update, made a presentation on the status of the Hernando County Transit Development Plan (Hernando TDP) for FY 2025-FY 2034. The survey results identified the need for additional routes in the Airport Business Park area. Chair Herring mentioned there are two existing bus stops in the Airport Business Park. Mr. Roberson clarified that the survey responses mentioned the bus does not circulate everywhere along the main corridor, particularly where the new technology school is being built. Ms. Lollie noted that a bus stop near the technology school is forthcoming. Mr. Roberson shared that a social media survey would be conducted in September to obtain public input on the opportunities and challenges for public transportation in Hernando County.

[It is noted for the record that TAC member, Chuck Dixon, representing the Citrus County School District, arrived at the meeting at this time.]

ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and Recommendation of Resolution 2024-7 to Request an I-75 Truck Route Study in Citrus County, Florida

Chair Herring asked how the driving apps could be updated for large heavy trucks to avoid routes through CR48 (Orange Avenue). Vice Chair Eastmond affirmed Citrus County GIS operators have contacted the different mapping software companies to request the routes be altered. However, map routing is determined via driving pattern algorithms versus the software firm. The software firms indicated some restrictions can be added to the app software to discourage trucks from using specific roads but to reduce truck traffic significantly, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will need to install signage and notify truckers to not exit I-75 at identified locations and avoid using CR48 (Orange Avenue).

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to recommend the MPO Board approve an updated Resolution 2024-7 indicating a regional focus supporting the I-75 Truck Route Study being conducted and funded by the Florida Department of Transportation for Citrus County, Florida. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and the motion passed 9-0.

2. Review of the Draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Adoption Package

Mr. Esposito introduced William Roll, MPO General Planning Consultant with Kimley-Horn & Associates. Mr. Roll made a presentation on the draft adoption package for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Vice Chair Eastmond requested funds allocated to Cardinal Street in Citrus County be prioritized to CR491 from Pine Ridge northward versus Cardinal Street. Chair Herring questioned Mr. Roll on whether the LRTP would be amended if Hernando County were to pass a sales tax option. Mr. Roll affirmed an amendment would occur. Vice Chair Eastmond asked for a correction to the 2050 Cost Feasible Plan handout for partially funded projects as Spring Lake Highway from Powell Road to SR50 (Cortez) is listed as Citrus County and should be corrected to Hernando County.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Dixon to recommend the MPO Board proceed with the first public hearing on September 5, 2024, for the Draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Adoption Package with the two modifications identified by Vice Chair Eastmond. The motion was seconded by Ms. Collins and the motion passed 9-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Dixon asked for an update on studies being conducted for a traffic light on Middle School Road and US41. Mr. Esposito confirmed that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is planning to

conduct a study during peak drop-off and pick-up hours. Mr. Dixon affirmed the need for the study as school buses are crossing four lanes with a median.

MPO STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Esposito shared the following updates:

- Commissioner Bays (Citrus) and Todd Crosby, Assistant County Engineer for Hernando County, have agreed to attend the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Dignitary Panel on October 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Port Tampa Bay Cruise Terminal-2, 651 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida.
- In accordance with the adopted UPWP, the MPO Staff completed the annual review of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). This is a safety sensitive document staff utilizes as reference during weather events, health events, and other types of situations that may occur.
- Fully executed Memorandum of Agreement to transfer the trail counters to FDOT was received.
- The signed apportionment letter from Governor DeSantis was received August 18, 2024, for the 2023 Apportionment Plan adopted November 2, 2023.
- You have been provided a handout for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Regional Workshop in the west central Florida region as part of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) update. This workshop will give you the opportunity to collaborate with local agencies in your community, provide feedback on the draft FTP vision and goals, and learn more about regional objectives. The in-person workshop is Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Lake Eva Event Center, 799 Johns Avenue, Haines City, Florida. In addition to the in-person workshops, a Virtual Open House will be held from September 16-27, 2024, on the FTP website at www.FloridaFTP.com. The Virtual Open House will include presentation materials for each region and an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas. MPO staff will be attend the Virtual Open House.
- MPO staff will attend the quarterly meeting with Lake-Sumter MPO and Ocala Marion TPO on September 19, 2024. Lake-Sumter is hosting in Leesburg, Florida.
- Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator, and Joy Turner will attend the 2024 Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Annual Conference and Expo in West Palm Beach on September 22-24, 2024. The annual training fulfills Task 10 of the CTD grants for Hernando and Citrus County: *Planning agency staff shall attend at least one Commission sponsored training, including but not limited to, the Commission's regional meetings or annual training workshop.*

Chair Herring asked when the updated functional classification maps would be available. Ms. Ziegler, liaison for the Florida Department of Transportation, stated the updated maps should be forthcoming in the next month.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

Chair Herring adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY THE CENTER FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH (CUTR) ON THE HERNANDO COUNTY FY 2025-FY 2034 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)

In 1990, the Florida Legislature enacted Section 341.052, F.S., which established a State Public Transit Block Grant Program to be administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The Program provides Hernando County operating funding assistance on an annual basis for fixed-route bus service (TheBus). In recent years, the State Transit Block Grant Program has provided over \$415,000 annually in operating assistance for TheBus system in Hernando County.

Each transit agency in Florida that receives Block Grant funding is required by FDOT to prepare a Transit Development Plan (TDP) every five years. This requirement is intended to ensure that the provision of public transportation services is consistent with the travel needs and mobility goals of the local communities that are served by the transit system.

The TDP is a short-range (10-year horizon) transit plan that addresses operational and capital improvements for TheBus system and is updated annually. The last 10-year TDP (FY2020 -FY2029) was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 13, 2019, and the MPO Board on August 20, 2019. In 2024, Hernando County contracted with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to assist in managing and developing the FY2025 - FY2034 TDP which is due to the FDOT September 1, 2024, per Florida Administrative Code Rule 14-73.001.

The FY 2025 - FY 2034 TDP for TheBus system serves as the strategic guide for public transportation in Hernando County over the next 10 years. Development of this TDP will include several activities including:

- Documentation and analysis of the demographic conditions in the current service area;
- Evaluation of existing transit services;
- Market research and extensive public outreach, including on-board and online surveys, in-person public meetings, and workshops;
- Analysis of immediate and longer-term transit service and capital project needs; and,
- A 10-year funding and implementation plan that focuses on prioritizing and strategizing the implementation of funded and unfunded service, and the capital needs of TheBus system.

Overall, this TDP effort will focus on improving the TheBus system to better meet the needs of the community, reflect the vision for future services as confirmed by extensive public and stakeholder involvement, and provide a strategic plan that will position Hernando County in a competitive position for additional state and federal public transportation grant funding.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review the final presentation and provide comments or input as desired.

Attachment: Draft Hernando County FY 2025-FY 2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP) presentation



Hernando County FY 2025-34 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update

Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
TAC, CAC, & BPAC Meetings
November 21, 2024



ROUTES TO THE FUTURE | HOP ON

Hernando County FY 2025-2034 TDP Project Update Agenda

1. Results of TDP Evaluation & Alternatives Development
2. Outline of Short-Term & Long-Term Needs
3. FY 2025-34 Recommendations
4. Recommend Approval of Draft 2025-34 TDP
5. Next Steps



What is the Hernando County FY 2025-34 Transit Development Plan (TDP)?

- The FY 2025-34 TDP updates the previous TDP effort from 2019
- The TDP meets State (FDOT) requirements and therefore qualifies for annual Public Transit Block Grant (PTBG) operating funding
- Identifies public transportation needs that are both cost-feasible (short-term) and unfunded (long-term)
- Informs the Hernando/Citrus MPO's planning process and other partners in the region of the short and long-term transit needs in the community
- Is required to be approved by Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (December) and submitted to FDOT for review and approval (December)



Final Draft TDP Chapters/Sections

- TDP Chapters:
 - ✓ Chapter 1 - Baseline Conditions Assessment
 - ✓ Chapter 2 - Existing Service & Performance Evaluation
 - ✓ Chapter 3 - Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
 - ✓ Chapter 4 - Situation Appraisal
 - ✓ Chapter 5 - Goals & Objectives
 - ✓ Chapter 6 - Transit Demand Assessment
 - ✓ Chapter 7 - Needs Development & Evaluation
 - ✓ Chapter 8 - Ten-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP)
 - ✓ Chapter 9 - Plan Implementation & Coordination



TheBus: System Highlights in 2024

1. Ridership continues to grow annually
2. TheBus system utilized by many different age groups
3. Work, medical trips, errands, tourism/visitors most common trip purposes
4. TheBus has provided an important support role in emergency (post-storm) transportation.
5. The public has expressed interest in having more service in the County

Attention


For residents affected by Hurricane Helene
TheBus will provide Special Emergency Transportation services in the Hernando Beach Community Beginning **Wednesday 10/02/2024 - 12:00pm** and continue until further notice:

ROUTE INFORMATION
Hours of Operation 7 days a week
First pick up Walmart 7:00 am - Last drop off Walmart 7:00 pm


1. **Walmart US 19** - 1485 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL
2. **Comfort Station Hernando Beach** - 5054 Shoal Line Blvd., Spring Hill, FL
3. **Linda Pederson Park** - Shoal Line Blvd., Spring Hill, FL
4. **Family Resource Center** - * Weeki Wachee Area Club 7442 Shoal Line Blvd Spring Hill, FL
We will stop in the parking lot of Gulf Coast Marina. There is a sidewalk between the parking lot and the Resource Center
5. **Comfort Station Aripeka** - 18731 Aripeka Rd., Hudson, FL

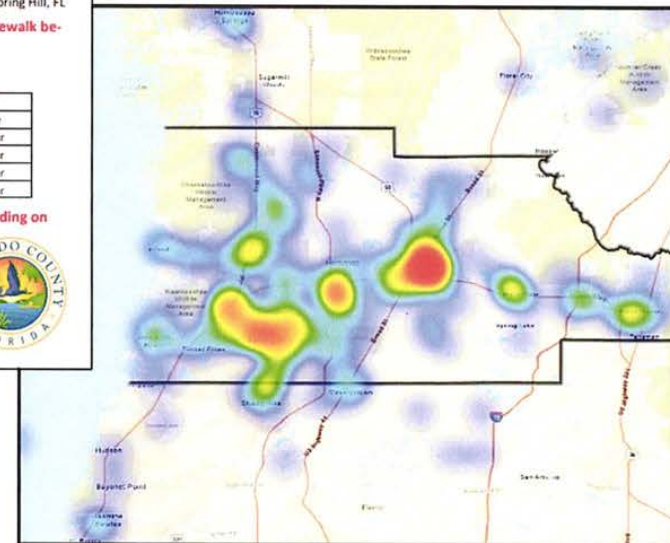
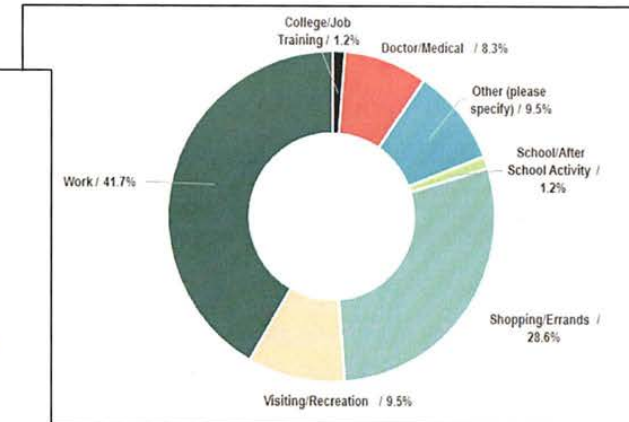
Stop	Arrive	Depart
Walmart US 19		Top of Hour
Comfort Station Hernando beach	10 after hour	12 after hour
Linda Pederson Park	17 after hour	19 after hour
Family Resource Center	29 after hour	32 after hour
Comfort Station Aripeka	50 after hour	50 after hour

We will do our best to hold these arrive and depart times but depending on ridership, drive time, traffic the times may vary just a little



Please contact us for more information: (352) 754-4444





TDP Alternatives Development & Evaluation

10-Year TDP Alternatives were developed based on the following feedback and analysis:

1. Transit Surveys –

- On-Board Surveys of existing riders (120 surveys submitted)
- Two Online/Social Media Survey efforts (474 surveys submitted)
- Surveys filled out at Public Workshops

HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSIT (TheBus) SURVEY

DEAR VALUED CUSTOMER, we would like your input to help improve transit service in Hernando County. Your participation in the attached survey is completely voluntary. This survey is anonymous - please DO NOT put your name or other identifying marks on the survey. Even if you are unable to complete the entire survey, please return it to a supervisor or leave it in your seat as you exit the bus. If you do not wish to participate, please return the blank form to the surveyor. Thank you for helping TheBus to serve you better!

1. Where did you come [RIDE] before you got on this bus for this trip?

Home: School/Child Care/Work/Activity, Work, College/Job Training, Shopping/Errands, Other (please specify)

2. How did you get to the bus for this trip?

Walk/Drive to bus stop, Bicycles, Other (please specify), Taxi/Uber/Lyft, Other (please specify)

3. Where are you going on [RIDE] today?

Please select only your PRIMARY destination: Home, School/Child Care/Work/Activity, Work, College/Job Training, Shopping/Errands, Other (please specify)

4. How much did you pay?

Regular fare (1-2), Reduced fare (3-4), Requested 1-day pass (5-6), Reduced 1-day pass (7-8), Requested 3-day pass (9-10), Other (please specify)

5. If you paid a FARE or METRO CARD fare, please indicate your eligibility:

None, Student, Senior, Military, Disabled, Other (please specify)

6. When you think your fare should have cost you get to your final destination? (Please select only ONE)

Walk/Drive to bus stop, Bicycles, Taxi/Uber/Lyft, Other (please specify)

7. How often do you ride TheBus? (Please select only ONE)

About 1 day per week, 4 or more days per week, Less than once a week, Other (please specify)

8. What is the most important reason you ride TheBus? (Select only ONE)

I don't drive, It's the most affordable, I don't have a valid driver's license, I don't have a car, I don't have a valid insurance, It's the most convenient, I don't have a car, I don't have a valid insurance, Other (please specify)

9. How would you make this trip if TheBus were not available?

Drive, Walk/Bike, Other (please specify), Taxi/Uber/Lyft, Other (please specify)

10. How long have you been using TheBus services?

Less than 1 year, 1-3 years, More than 3 years, More than 5 years, Other (please specify)

11. Which three TheBus improvements would be most important to you?

More convenient routes, Faster fare collection system, Expanded service hours, Additional routes, Improved customer service, More frequent service, Other (please specify)

12. Do you use a wheelchair or other mobility aid?

Yes, No

13. Your gender is:

Female, Male (please specify)

14. Your age is:

18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+ (please specify)

15. Your household is (check all that apply)

Single person, Married with children, Married without children, Divorced with children, Divorced without children, Widowed with children, Widowed without children, Other (please specify)

16. What is the range of your total annual household income?

Less than \$10,000, \$10,000 to \$14,999, \$15,000 to \$19,999, \$20,000 to \$24,999, \$25,000 to \$29,999, \$30,000 to \$34,999, \$35,000 to \$39,999, \$40,000 or more

17. Do you have a valid driver's license?

Yes, No

SURVEY CONTINUED ON BACK

HERNANDO COUNTY RESIDENTS

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

Scan Me!

myurl.com/thebus2024

2025-2034 Transit Development Plan

TheBus, CUTR

Hernando County Government

Hernando County Transit (TheBus) is developing an update to its 10-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP)... See more

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!
Hernando County's Transit Development Plan

1 Like, 2 comments

Like, Comment, Send, Share

We Heard You! Thank You!

Select Your Transit Improvements

- Extend Weekday Transit Service
- Extend Saturday Transit Service
- System & Facility Improvements
- New Routes in Areas Currently Not Served
- More Frequent Service
- Add Sunday Service
- More Accessible Bus Stops

Hernando County Transit Development Plan, 2025-2034

TheBus, CUTR

TDP Alternatives Development & Evaluation

10-Year TDP Alternatives were developed based on the following feedback and analysis (cont.):

2. Public Meetings and Workshops –

- Presentations to Board of County Commissioners
- Interviews and presentations with Community, Business, Planning, Education, & Tourism Stakeholders
- Presentations to MPO Board and Committees (TDLCB, TAC, CAC, BPAC)
- Two Public Workshops

3. Transit Market Assessment –

- Detailed assessment of existing and projected demographic, economic, land use, and transportation needs





You are Invited to Help Us Plan the Future of Public Transportation in Hernando County

Transit Development Plan Public Workshops

Monday, Sept 30 1:30pm – 3:30pm West Hernando Branch Library 6335 Blackbird Ave, Brooksville, FL 34613 <i>*Accessed via Purple Route</i>	Tuesday, Oct 1 10:30am – 12:30pm Spring Hill Branch Library 9220 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34608 <i>*Accessed via Green Route</i>
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Hernando County Transit (TheBus) is in the process of developing a transit development plan for the community. We are interested in your ideas and opinions regarding current and proposed future public transportation services in Hernando County. Please plan to attend one of these public meetings/workshops so we can incorporate your needs and ideas into a final plan. For more information visit (website) or call Darlene Lottie at (352) 540-6567.





For complaints, questions or concerns about civil rights or nondiscrimination, or for special requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact ADA Title VI Coordinator at (352) 540-6567.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services free of charge should contact ADA at (352) 540-6567 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

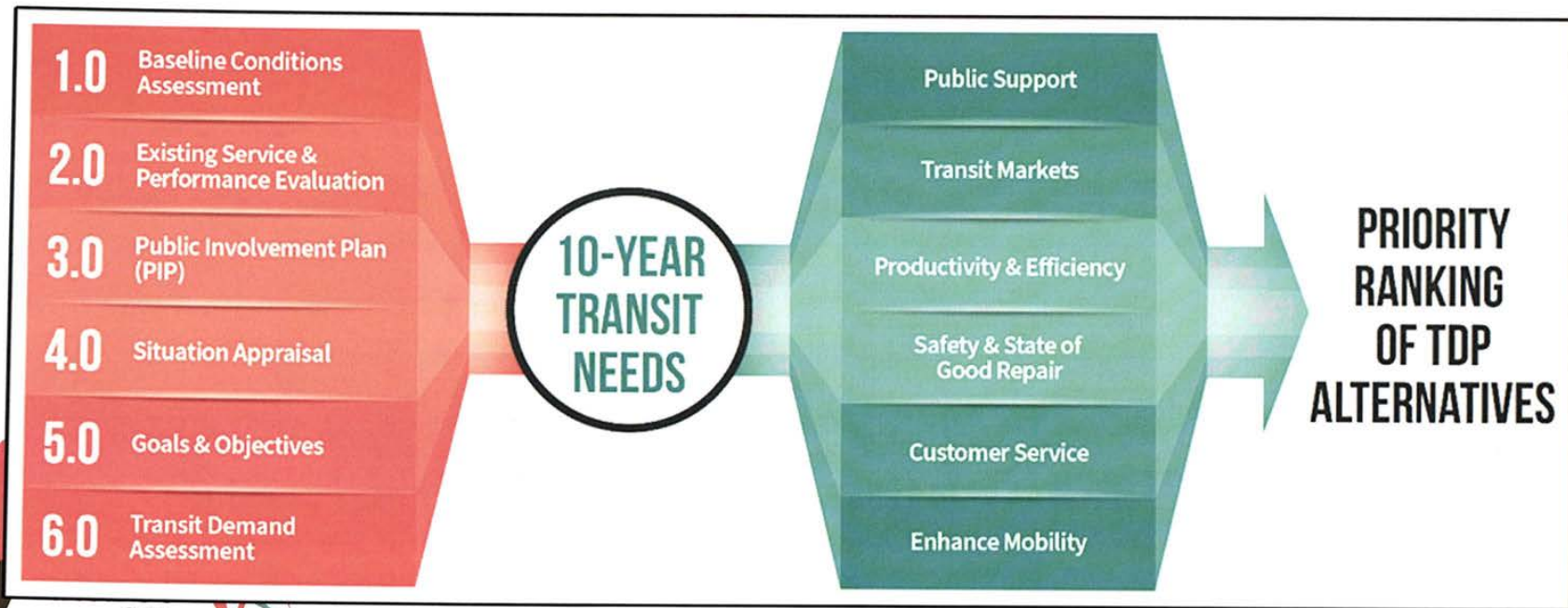






TDP Alternatives Development & Evaluation

- Hernando County's TDP service and capital needs were developed based on findings from overall public outreach and transit market assessment (Sections 1.0-6.0 of TDP)
- The identified 10-Year Transit Needs were weighed with six criteria key to this plan that balance how and where future investments in TheBus system may occur
- A final ranking of needs helped develop a prioritized list of Short-Term, Long-Term, and Unfunded Needs



2034

Top-Ranked Needs

- New Fixed Routes/Service Coverage
- Earlier/Later Weekday Service Span
- New Transfer & Support Facilities
- More Bus Shelters & Bike Racks
- Safer/More Accessible Bus Stops



Recommended Service Improvements: Short-Term Plan (FY 2025-29)

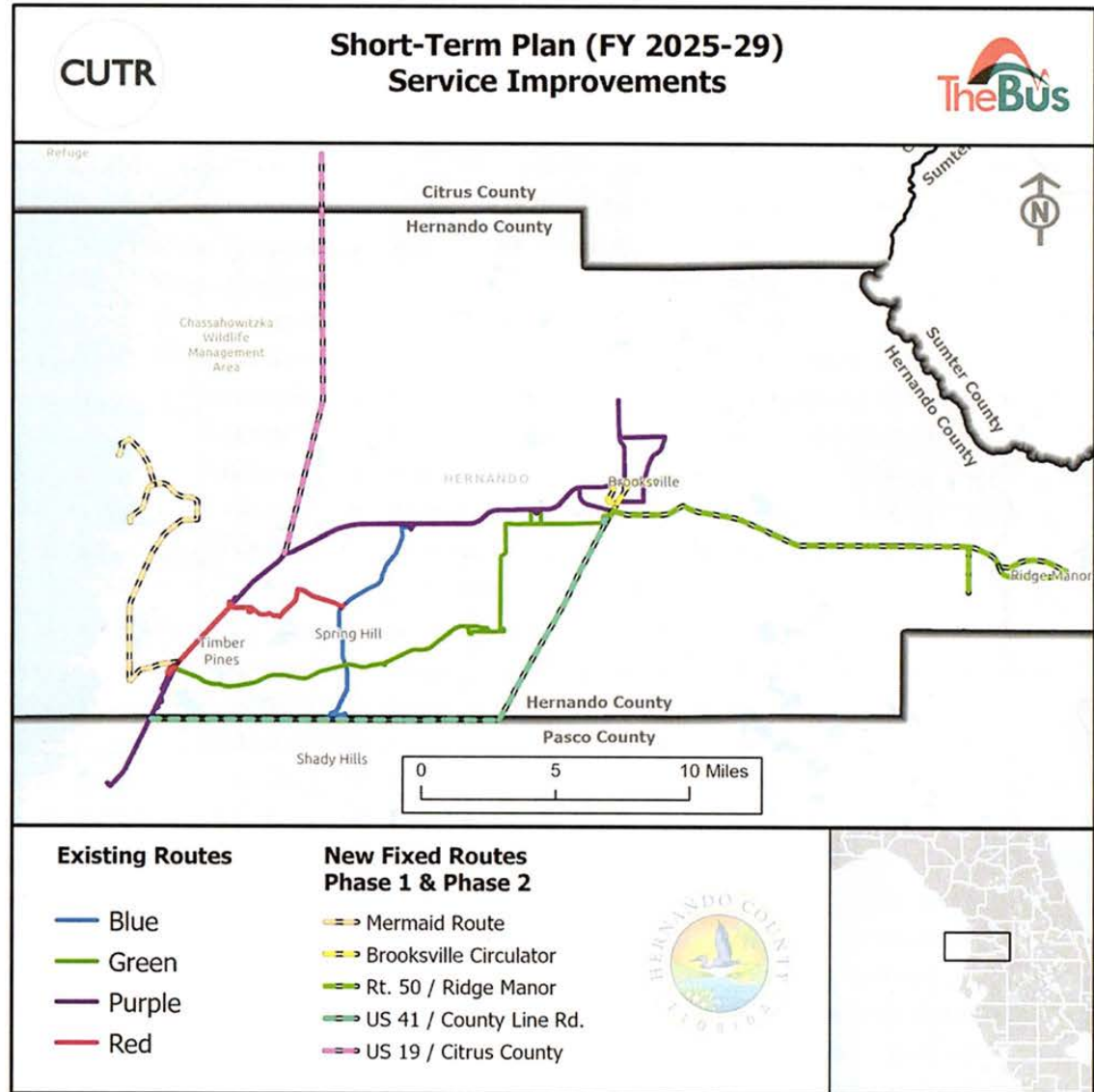
- Phase 1 & 2 Short-Term Service Improvements were supported by public feedback and the analysis completed for this TDP and include:

NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR					IMPLEMENTATION PHASE	REVENUE SOURCE	TDP GOAL/OBJECTIVE
		FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29			
SERVICE	MAINTAIN EXISTING SYSTEM								
	Maintain Existing Fixed Route Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 4, 6
	Maintain Existing ADA/Paratransit Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 4, 6
	EXPAND EXISTING SYSTEM - PHASE 1								
	Expand Weekday & Sat. Service on Existing Routes Until 9:00 pm		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Short-Term	Existing	2, 3, 4, 6
	New ADA/Paratransit Service for Existing System Expansion		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Short-Term	Existing	2, 3, 4, 6
	NEW FIXED ROUTES - PHASE 1 & 2								
	Mermaid Route	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Short-Term	Existing	2, 3, 4, 6
	Brooksville Connector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Short-Term	Existing	2, 3, 4, 6
	Rt. 50/Ridge Manor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Short-Term	Existing	2, 3, 4, 6
	US 41/County Line Rd.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Short-Term	Existing	2, 3, 4, 6
	New ADA/Paratransit Service for New Fixed Routes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Short-Term	Existing/New	2, 3, 4, 6
US 19/Citrus County			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Short-Term	Existing/New	2, 3, 4, 6	



Recommended Service Plan

- Five new fixed routes on in areas without service
- Earlier/Later Weekday Service Span
- Supportive ADA/paratransit service within 3/4 mile of new routes and during Span increases
- More Bus Shelters & Bike Racks for existing & new services
- Safer/More Accessible Bus Stops for existing & new routes
- System ridership is estimated to increase by 54% by 2034 if implemented.



Short-Term Plan (FY 2025-29): Recommended Capital Improvements

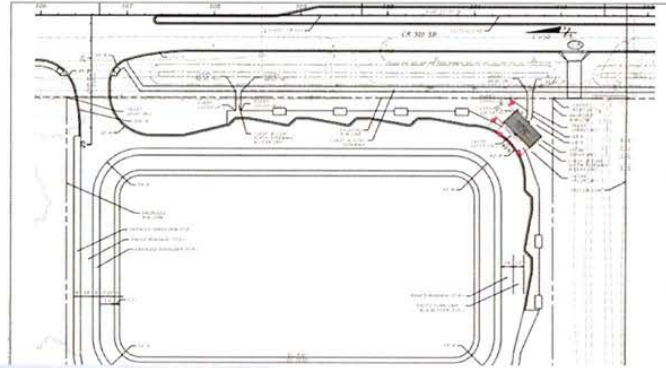
- Priority Short-Term Capital Improvements to support existing and new services including:

NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR										IMPLEMENTATION PHASE	REVENUE SOURCE	TDP GOAL/OBJECTIVE		
		FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	FY 33	FY 34					
CAPITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE	FLEET & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS															
	Replacement Vehicles - Existing Fixed Route Service	☑												Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 4, 6
	Replacement Vehicles - Existing ADA/Paratransit Service	☑												Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 4, 6
	Bus Stop ADA Improvements	☑												Short-Term	Existing/New	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
	Transit Shelters & Related Amenities	☑												Short-Term	Existing/New	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
	New Transfer Center/Garage/Admin. Facility	☑												Short-Term	Existing/New	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
New Vehicles - New Fixed Routes & Frequency	☑			☑	☑			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Short-Term	Existing/New	2, 3, 4, 6	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS															
	Modernization and Update of Scheduling System	☑							☑					Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 6
	Addition of Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs)		☑											Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 6
	Same-Day Service Scheduling for Same-Day & On-Demand Service				☑									Short-Term	Existing/New	1, 2, 6
	Modernization/Update of Vehicle & Facility Security Systems								☑					Long-Term	Existing/New	1, 2, 6



Recommended Capital Plan

- New Buses & Vans for new routes
- New Transfer & Support Facilities
- More Bus Shelters & Bike Racks for existing & new services
- Safer/More Accessible Bus Stops for existing & new routes
- Improved Information Technology systems



Short-Term Plan (FY 2025-29): Recommended Organizational, Policy, & Planning Improvements

- Develop organizational, policy, and planning initiatives that will help Hernando County best implement all service and capital needs in the Short-Term Plan, including:

NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR										IMPLEMENTATION PHASE	REVENUE SOURCE	TDP GOAL/OBJECTIVE		
		FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	FY 33	FY 34					
ORGANIZATIONAL, POLICY & PLANNING	OTHER IMPROVEMENTS															
	Develop & Implement Marketing Plan	☑												Short-Term	Existing	5
	Staff Education & Training	☑												Short-Term	Existing	1, 2, 3, 6
	New Staff for System Growth	☑												Short-Term	Existing/New	1, 2, 3, 6
	Increase Public Outreach Meetings/Events	☑												Short-Term	Existing	5
	Planning Studies: Route Realignment/Operational Analysis, Transit Development Plan (TDP), Bus Stop Infrastructure Program, On-Demand Service, Transfer/Maintenance/Admin. Facility.	☑												Short-Term	Existing/New	2, 3, 4, 6



Long-Term/Unfunded Needs

- Long-Term (FY 2028-34) service and capital needs that are were identified and prioritized in the TDP but remain mostly unfunded as outlined in the TDP’s Long-Term Financial Plan
- These Unfunded Needs remain important but are Not Recommended unless a substantial source of new local funding is identified

NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR							IMPLEMENTATION PHASE	REVENUE SOURCE	TDP GOAL/OBJECTIVE
		FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	FY 33	FY 34			
SERVICE	EXPAND EXISTING SYSTEM										
	Increase Frequency - Purple Route				☑				Unfunded Need -TBD	New	2, 3, 4, 6
	Increase Frequency - Green Route					☑			Unfunded Need -TBD	New	2, 3, 4, 6
	Increase Frequency - Blue Route						☑		Unfunded Need -TBD	New	2, 3, 4, 6
	Increase Frequency - Red Route							☑	Unfunded Need -TBD	New	2, 3, 4, 6
	NEW FIXED ROUTES										
	Barclay-Sunshine Grove Rd.	☑							Long-Term	New	2, 3, 4, 6
	Elgin-Powell Rd.			☑					Long-Term	New	2, 3, 4, 6
	Deltona Blvd./Spring Hill Dr. Connector				☑				Long-Term	New	2, 3, 4, 6



Project Schedule

Tasks	2024												2025	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
1 Project Management	Kickoff Mtg.	WRG Mtg. #1	WRG Mtg. #2	WRG Mtg. #3		WRG Mtg. #4	WRG Mtg.#5	WRG Mtg. #6						
2 Public Involvement Program		★ Submit PIP to FDOT	On-Board Survey	Stakeholder Meetings	Operator Mtgs./Surveys	Direct & Social Media Outreach to the General Public								
3 Assessment of Existing Conditions														
4 Performance Evaluation						Tech Memo #2								
5 Situation Appraisal														
6 Update of Policy Framework and Goals & Objectives							Tech Memo #3							
7 Definition & Evaluation of Alternatives														
8 Ten-Year Action Plan								Tech Memo #4						
9 Review & Adoption by BOCC, Submittal to FDOT										BOCC Approval	★ Submit to FDOT for Review & Approval	Complete Final Edits & TDP Document		



➤ Planned BOCC TDP Approval Date: 12/3/24

Next Steps

1. Seek Endorsement of the 2025-34 TDP from the MPO Board and Committees (Nov.-Dec.)
2. Seek approval of the 2025-34 TDP from the Board of County Commissioners (Dec.)
3. Submit final BOCC-Adopted TDP to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven for review and approval (Dec.)
 - FDOT has 60 days to review/provide comments/approve final draft TDP.
4. Begin implementation of fundable *Recommended Short-Term Plan (FY 2025-29)* components





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Thank You!



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PRESENTATION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (FY 2026-FY 2030)

The Government Liaison for the District 7 Office of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will present the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2026-FY 2030. The Tentative Work Program (TWP) includes planning activities, preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for public transportation projects within the Hernando/Citrus MPO planning area.

A website was developed by FDOT for the Tentative Five-Year Work Program and serves as the on-line public hearing. The website link is www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7. The website features various links relating to the Tentative Work Program including Quick Links (on the right side of the webpage) for a Virtual Public Hearing link and an Interactive GIS Map link containing all the projects within the five-year work program.

A full TWP document can be found under the "District 7 Documents" link. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) link provides a quick link for the current adopted work program. An in-person open house will be conducted on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Temple Terrace Public Library, 202 Bullard Parkway, Temple Terrace, Florida.

The public comment period is December 9, 2024, through December 30, 2024. The website also contains a comment form/link for submitting public comments. All public comments must be received by Monday, December 30, 2024, to become part of the official record. A flyer, provided by FDOT, is included in the agenda packet, and has been distributed to the public information offices of Hernando and Citrus counties, and is available on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review the presentation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2025 – FY 2029) by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and provide comments as desired.

Attachment: FDOT Flyer on the Five-Year Tentative Work Program

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FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO FISCAL YEAR 2030

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 7  PROJECTS FUNDED JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2030

PRESENTATION BY THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE ON THE TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (FY 2026-FY 2030)

The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) will present the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2026-FY 2030. The Tentative Work Program (TWP) includes planning activities, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and public transportation projects within the Hernando/Citrus MPO planning area. Additional information on the public comment availability options will be provided at the meeting by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review the presentation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2025 – FY 2029) by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) and provide comments as desired.

Attachment: none

ANNUAL REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) BYLAWS

Staff conducted its annual review and update on the Bylaws for the Hernando/Citrus MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The minor updates to the Bylaws included the following:

- Update the MPO address.
- Added language that public notice of meetings shall occur pursuant to the MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan (Item D4).
- Simplified the verbiage to approve amendments (Item E).

The following major updates are proposed to the Bylaws of the TAC:

- Add a Fire and Rescue member position for Hernando and Citrus counties.
- Update the non-voting staff advisor positions to voting positions.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review and recommend approval of updates to the Bylaws.

Attachment: Bylaws with *track changes*, Draft Updated Bylaws



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2. The TAC works cooperatively at the direction of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, in an advisory capacity on technical matters relating to transportation planning and programming.
3. The functions of the TAC shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. to provide a forum for development, discussion, coordination and exchange of new techniques, technology or methods utilized in transportation
 - b. to promote communication and coordination among members for the successful identification of transportation improvements
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 - d. to make priority recommendations to the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board based on the agreed transportation needs of the area
 - e. to provide continuing liaison with local, state, and federal agencies involved in the transportation planning processes

B. MEMBERSHIP

1. The TAC shall be comprised of ~~1742~~ regular members ~~and three (3) non-voting advisors, as designated herein.~~
2. The directors of the public agencies and local government departments and/or divisions identified below shall each appoint one (1) person to represent it on the Committee. Persons appointed to the Committee shall be technically qualified representatives employed by that agency, department, or division for the purpose of planning, engineering, and/or administration, with responsibility for comprehensive planning or the operation, control, development, or improvement of the transportation system. Each member will have one (1) vote.
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Alternate representatives ~~should~~may be designated to act on behalf of the represented agency members with the privileges accorded thereto, except nominating, voting for office or standing for office. Alternate representatives must be employed by the represented agency and meet the qualifications herein.

Agency members and alternates shall serve term lengths at the pleasure of their respective governmental bodies or agencies.

~~3. Non-voting staff advisors may be appointed by the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport, by the Citrus County Port Authority, and by the Citrus County Aviation Section.~~

4.3. The TAC members may be requested to serve on short-term/temporary ad hoc committees.

5.4. TAC members, including alternates, shall not reside in the same household with another current TAC member, shall not be part of the immediate family of another current TAC member, and shall not hold an elected public office.

6.5. A list of membership and attendance of the TAC shall be maintained and updated by the MPO staff.

C. OFFICERS

1. A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of a calendar year and shall serve for that calendar year or until the next election is held. The jurisdictional representation of each officer rotates annually between Citrus County and Hernando County; and synchronous with the MPO Board.
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