



# HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

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## SECTION 1 - COST ANALYSIS CERTIFICATION

*[This page reserved for FDOT Cost Certification Form.]*

## SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION

### Definition and Purpose of the UPWP

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be conducted within a metropolitan planning area. The UPWP, at a minimum, includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completing the work, and the source(s) of funds (23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.104).

The UPWP is required as a basis and condition for federal funding assistance by the planning regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The planning activities in the UPWP must also follow a **C**ontinuing, **C**ooperative and **C**omprehensive (3C) transportation process and be in full compliance with Title 23 United States Code (USC), Sections 134 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning), 135 (Statewide Transportation Planning), Title 49 (Public Transportation) Chapter 53, and Florida Statutes (F.S.) Chapter 339.175(9).

### Overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Comprehensive Transportation Planning Activities

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to carry out the 3C transportation planning process.

**Continuing:** Planning must be maintained as an ongoing activity and addresses both short-term needs and a long-term vision,

**Cooperative:** The process must include the entire region and all partners through a public participation process, and

**Comprehensive:** The process must cover all modes of transportation and consistent with local plans and priorities.

A summary of planning activities, budget, and matching funds for the two-year period are provided within this document. The UPWP encompasses the transportation planning projects to be performed within the Hernando/Citrus MPO study area which includes the Spring Hill Urban Area and Brooksville Urban Area in Hernando County and the Beverly Hills – Homosassa Springs - Pine Ridge Urban Area, Crystal River Urban Area, and Sugarmill Woods Urban Area in Citrus County. The UPWP includes work during the timeframe of July 1, 2026 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2027), through June 30, 2028 (FY 2028).

Significant growth is expected in both Hernando and Citrus counties over the next 20 years. The population and employment forecasts developed for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) estimated that Hernando County will have a population and employment increase of 40% by 2050. Citrus County's population and employment are expected to increase by 36% by 2050.

While the population and employment will be growing, the MPO faces declining transportation revenue from state and federal sources, which is a trend that is likely to continue. Anticipated revenue shortfalls will present challenges in the programming and implementation of needed transportation projects.

The Hernando/Citrus MPO has established a set of goals, objectives, and performance measures within the LRTP to provide a basis for performance-based planning that will best serve the community and environment currently and for the future.

The 2050 LRTP's goal is:

**To provide a safe and efficient transportation system that addresses the priorities of the community.**

The LRTP's objectives are:

**Safety:** Increase safety of the counties' transportation system

**Economy:** Support economic development and tourism

**Mobility:** Provide for the mobility needs of the community

**Intermodal:** Maintain existing transportation system

**Livability:** Preserve and, where possible, enhance social, cultural, physical and natural environmental values

**Preservation:** Preserve and maintain a resilient transportation infrastructure and transit assets

**Implementation:** Ensure effective execution of improvements and maintenance

The UPWP provides a description and estimated budget for specific planning tasks to be undertaken by the MPO. Planning tasks programmed in the UPWP reflect the services anticipated to meet local priorities and be consistent with the requirements of FHWA, FTA and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The federal and state governments provide funding to support the MPO through FDOT and the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), including the following primary funding sources: FHWA (Combined Planning (PL) and FTA Section 5305(d) funds), and the CTD Transportation Disadvantaged grant. FDOT is fulfilling the required 18.07% non-federal share (also known as a soft match) in the combined FHWA/FTA grant by using Transportation Development Credits as permitted by 23 CFR 120(i) and FTA C 8100.1D.

### Long-Range Transportation Plan

The LRTP is one of the most important projects that the MPO undertakes. It addresses the state and federal regulations that require MPOs to carry-out a long-range and comprehensive planning process.

The MPO's 2050 LRTP was adopted on October 3, 2024, and involved a range of stakeholder and community engagement. Development of the 2055 LRTP is slated to begin within the next two fiscal years. Funding for 2055 LRTP development is reflected in Task 1 of this UPWP.

### Transportation Improvement Program

The MPO produces the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and ensures coordination between the FDOT Work Program, the MPO's LRTP, and the Hernando and Citrus transit agencies for reflecting capital improvement programs (CIP) of the respective county and transit systems and city governments in the MPO area. The TIP is updated on an annual basis and allocates funding to projects. The List of Priority Projects (LOPP) is reflected in the TIP. Funding is contained in the budget tables under Task 2 to reflect the activities associated with the development of the annual TIP.

## Unified Planning Work Program

A summary of planning activities, budget and matching funds for the two-year period are provided within this UPWP. The UPWP encompasses the transportation planning projects to be performed within the Hernando/Citrus MPO study area for the Spring Hill Urban Area and Brooksville Urban Area in Hernando County and the Beverly Hills – Homosassa Springs - Pine Ridge Urban Area, Crystal River Urban Area, and Sugarmill Woods Urban Area in Citrus County. The UPWP includes work during the timeframe of July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), through June 30, 2028 (FY 2028). Work involved in the development, amending, or modifying the UPWP is contained in Task 3.

## Public Participation Plan

The Hernando/Citrus MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) was adopted on December 7, 2023, and last updated on May 1, 2025. The plan is periodically reviewed to ensure consistency with applicable regulations and changes are made when necessary. The Hernando/Citrus MPO encourages participation by the public in the transportation planning and decision-making processes. The MPO makes every effort to ensure plans and programs are easy to understand and available for public review and participation in the processes and at meetings. Documents are available on its website. The PPP provides the citizens, public agencies, transportation related entities, and interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the LRTP, TIP, Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), UPWP, and transportation related planning and programming documents and processes. Work activities involving updating the PPP are contained in Task 5 of the UPWP.

## Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board

The Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards (TDLCB) oversee the activities of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC) that provide services to the transportation disadvantaged pursuant to Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. The CTC for Hernando County is Mid Florida Community Services doing business as You Thrive Florida. The CTC for Citrus County is the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners. Hernando County and Citrus County each have a TDLCB. The MPO Board serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for both Hernando County and Citrus County. The Chairs of the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards are members of the County Commissions in which they serve. The TDLCB Board member positions are established by Florida Administrative Code, Rule 41-2. The TDLCB Boards are comprised of citizen and agency representatives. Funding for activities associated with the Transportation Disadvantaged Program is provided by the Florida Commission of Transportation Disadvantaged and is reflected in Tasks 3 and 5 of the UPWP.

## Special Projects and Studies

Special projects and activities that are non-recurring, such as planning studies and research in support of federal and state planning emphasis areas and MPO planning priorities, are contained in Task 5 of the UPWP. Projects in Task 5 include: congestion management, safety planning implementation and performance measurement, an ACES (Automated, Connected, Electric, Shared-Use) Vehicles Study, and transportation/corridor studies. Additionally, Table 1 identifies special projects and studies to be conducted using FHWA/FTA funds by other agencies and entities within the MPO's boundaries:

TABLE 1: OTHER AGENCY SPECIAL PROJECTS AND STUDIES

Project or Study	FAIN Number	Lead Agency	Completion Date	Cost	Funding Source
Professional planning, engineering, and design services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, bus stop and shelter design, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning.	FL-2024-045	Hernando County Transit (TheBus)	June 2027	\$200,000	FTA 5307
Professional planning services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning.	FL-2854-2025-2	Hernando County Transit (TheBus)	June 2027	\$175,000	FTA 5307

### Statement of Consolidated Grant Program Participation

The FDOT and the Hernando/Citrus MPO participate in the Consolidated Grant Program (CPG). The CPG enables FDOT, in cooperation with the MPO, FHWA, and FTA, to annually consolidate Florida's FHWA PL and FTA Section 5305(d) metropolitan planning fund allocations into a single grant that is administered by the FHWA Florida Division. These funds are annually apportioned to FDOT as the direct recipient and allocated to the MPO by FDOT utilizing formulas approved by the MPO, FDOT, FHWA, and FTA, in accordance with 23 CFR 420.109 and 49 USC Chapter 53. The FDOT is fulfilling the CPG's required 18.07% non-federal share (match) using Transportation Development Credits as permitted by 23 CFR 120(i) and FTA C 8100.1D.

### Definition of Soft Match

Section 120 of Title 23, USC permits a State to use certain toll revenue expenditures as a credit toward the non-Federal matching share of all programs authorized by Title 23 (except Emergency Relief Programs) and for transit programs authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49, USC. This is, in essence, a "soft match" provision that allows the Federal share to be increased up to 100% to the extent credits are available. The "soft match" amount utilized to match the FHWA funding in the FY 2026/2027-2027/2028 UPWP is 18.07% of FHWA program funds for a total of \$364,244.

### Public Involvement Process for the UPWP

The development of the UPWP is consistent with the MPO's adopted PPP discussed on the previous page. Pursuant to the PPP, the UPWP is reviewed by the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), volunteer bodies meeting in public forums representing both a technical perspective and a citizen involvement component working together on the programming of projects.

MPO staff will respond in writing to input and comments received from the public. All comments received, including from FHWA, FTA, and FDOT, will be addressed and incorporated into the final document.

Citizens are also encouraged to contact the MPO directly to express concerns for information or provide input through the following means: telephone: 352-754-4082, email: [mpo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mpo@hernandocounty.us), website: [www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us](http://www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us) or in writing at Hernando/Citrus MPO, 789 Providence Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida 34601.

## The Federal Planning Factors

In December 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law. The FAST Act identified the following ten planning factors which have been incorporated into the MPO Planning Process and this UPWP. A matrix of the Federal Planning Factors and how they are incorporated in the UPWP are identified in the following table.

TABLE 2: FEDERAL PLANNING FACTORS

Federal Planning Factors		Task 1: 2055 LRTP	Task 2: TIP	Task 3: Admin	Task 4: Development & Management	Task 5: Special Projects & Studies	Task 6: Regional Coordination	Task 7: Support & Shared Task
1	Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight	X	X		X	X	X	X
5	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvement and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns	X	X		X	X	X	X
6	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight	X	X		X	X	X	X
7	Promote efficient system management and operation	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	Improve the resilience and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation	X	X		X	X	X	
10	Enhance travel and tourism	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

In addition to the planning factors mentioned above, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) required that State DOTs and MPOs conduct performance-based planning by tracking performance measures and setting data-driven targets to improve those measures. Performance-based planning ensures the most efficient investment of federal transportation funds by increasing accountability and transparency, and providing for better investment decisions that focus on key outcomes related to national goals which include:

- Improving Safety
- Maintaining Infrastructure Condition
- Reducing Traffic Congestion
- Improving the Efficiency of the System and Freight Movement
- Protecting the Environment
- Reducing Delays in Project Delivery

The FAST Act supplemented the MAP-21 legislation by establishing timelines for State DOTs and MPOs to comply with the requirements of MAP-21. State DOTs are required to establish statewide targets and MPOs have the option to support the statewide targets or adopt their own.

On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law. This legislation carries forward the policies, programs, and initiatives established by preceding legislation (FAST Act and MAP-21) to maintain and improve the nation's surface transportation system. The IIJA carries forward and expands on these policies and introduces new policies and programs that address emerging issues that face the nation's transportation system. These issues include mitigating impacts to existing infrastructure, developing and maintaining system resiliency, researching and deploying new technologies, and improving safety for all users.

### **Attainment Statement**

The Hernando/Citrus MPO is in attainment for air quality.

## SECTION 3 - MPO ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Hernando County MPO was formed in 1992 following the designation of the Spring Hill Urbanized Area. In 2014, the newly created Homosassa Springs – Beverly Hills – Citrus Springs Urbanized Area was included in the redesignated, reapportioned, and renamed Hernando/Citrus MPO. The MPO study area includes the jurisdictional boundaries of both Hernando County and Citrus County. On November 2, 2023, pursuant to the 2020 Census, the Hernando/Citrus MPO Apportionment Plan was adopted by the MPO Board. The urban area boundary lines were adjusted based upon the 2020 Census, but the MPO Board structure remains the same as changes were not necessary.

Hernando and Citrus counties are in the central part of Florida on the west coast, an area commonly known as the Nature Coast. A map of the metropolitan planning boundary area is shown below.

FIGURE 1: METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY



Participants and their role in the development of the UPWP are reflected below.

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

The MPO Board consists of nine (9) voting members representing five (5) local governments and one non-voting representative from FDOT. The Board is comprised of local elected officials and has the responsibility to develop and adopt plans, and to recommend improvement priorities for the transportation system. As of February 5, 2026, the MPO Board includes the following representatives of the member jurisdictions:

**Hernando County, Florida**

Commissioner John Allocco, Chair  
Commissioner Brian Hawkins  
Commissioner Steve Champion  
Commissioner Jerry Campbell  
Commissioner Ryan Amsler, Alternate

**Citrus County, Florida**

Commissioner Rebecca Bays, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Diana Finegan  
Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, Alternate

**City of Brooksville in Hernando County, Florida**

Council Member Louis Hallal  
Council Member Betty Erhard, Alternate  
Mayor Christa Tanner, Alternate  
Vice Mayor Thomas Bronson, Alternate  
Council Member John "JW" McKethan, Alternate

**City of Crystal River in Citrus County, Florida**

Mayor Joe Meek  
Council Member Robert Holmes, Alternate  
Council Member Chris Ensing, Alternate

**City of Inverness in Citrus County, Florida**

Council Member Gene Davis  
Council Member Tom Craig, Alternate

**Hernando/Citrus MPO Executive Director**

Robert M. Esposito

**Hernando/Citrus MPO – MPO Coordinator**

Mary Elwin

**Florida Department of Transportation, Nonvoting Advisor**

Justin Hall, District Secretary  
Elisa Joyner  
Suzanne Ziegler  
Brian Hunter

The MPO staff consists of an Executive Director, MPO Coordinator, and an Executive Assistant. General planning consultants serve as an extension of staff by contract.

## MPO Agreements

The Hernando/Citrus MPO maintains the following agreements:

- FDOT/MPO Agreement  
The FDOT/MPO Agreement is the standard contract between FDOT and the MPO to undertake FHWA planning studies and activities listed in the UPWP (Executed XX 2026).
- Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the MPO; No Expiration-Review Every 5 Years  
Agreement between Hernando County, Citrus County, City of Brooksville, City of Crystal River, City of Inverness, and the Florida Department of Transportation to create the MPO (Approved 6/18/2014).
- Intergovernmental Coordination and Review, and Public Transportation Coordination Agreement (ICAR); No Expiration, Period Reviews  
An intergovernmental agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Hernando/Citrus MPO, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Planning Council, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, and the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (Approved 2/10/25).
- Interlocal Agreement for Local Agency Planning; Expires February 24, 2030  
Interlocal Agreement between Hernando County, City of Brooksville, and the MPO regarding Local Agency Program (LAP) funding program application authority and administration. Hernando County is the LAP Administrator (Approved 2/25/25).
- Fifth Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Regional Transportation Planning in West Central Florida; No Expiration Date  
Agreement created by the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations Chairs Coordinating Committee, now known as Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA); (Approved 2/13/20).
- Administrative Services Agreement with Hernando County, Florida - No Expiration  
An interlocal agreement between the MPO and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for the provision of professional, technical, administrative, fiscal management and clerical support services, and supplies, equipment, and office space (Approved 7/22/14).
- Agreement Between Citrus County, Hernando County, and the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization - No Expiration  
An interlocal funding agreement to provide the MPO with funds to help manage the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive metropolitan planning process (Approved 8/19/2021).
- Planning Activities for Administering the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Program for Hernando County for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (Contract Expires 6/30/26)
- Planning Activities Contract for Administering the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Program for Citrus County for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (Contract Expires 6/30/2026)
- Consolidated Planning Grant FY 2027-FY 2028 (Contract #XXXXX); Expires June 30, 2028

### Operational Procedures and Bylaws

The Hernando/Citrus MPO is an independent, separate legal entity authorized pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 339. The MPO Board conducts itself pursuant to Chapter 139, F.S., and by-laws that were adopted on July 15, 2014, and amended on February 21, 2024.

The MPO has a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) which is reviewed and updated annually at the end of each state fiscal year. The COOP was developed to implement and maintain continuity of operations upon an adverse condition impeding otherwise normal operations. The COOP complies with applicable internal agency policy, local and state regulations, and supports recommendations provided in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Federal Preparedness Circular 65.

### Indirect Cost Rates

The Hernando/Citrus MPO does not utilize an indirect cost rate.

## SECTION 4 - UPWP PLANNING TASKS

To facilitate the activities and continue to conduct a successful 3C transportation planning process, the following work tasks have been included in this UPWP.

- Task 1: 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan**  
Includes work related to the development and maintenance of the LRTP, performance management, as well as the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process (ETDM).
- Task 2: Transportation Improvement Program**  
Includes development of the annual TIP and Priority Project development process and reviews of impacts to the transportation system.
- Task 3: Administration**  
Identifies all administrative functions to carry out the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the MPO area.
- Task 4: Data Development and Management**  
Includes the collection and analysis of socioeconomic, traffic, crash, land use, and other transportation related data on a continuing basis to document changes within the MPO transportation area.
- Task 5: Special Projects & Studies**  
Identifies all short-term projects and/or planning studies deemed reasonable and necessary for the MPO for state and federal consistency in preparation of its plans and in support of the goals and objectives of its plans.
- Task 6: Regional Coordination**  
Identifies the funds allocated for staff and consultants to participate and coordinate regional transportation planning activities.
- Task 7: SCTPA Support & Shared Task**  
Identifies the funds allocated to Forward Pinellas in support of the SCTPA for regional planning activities.

Each task is contained in its own section beginning on the next page. Additionally, a budget estimate is included in each task that identifies the level of work by the following types:

- A. Personnel Salaries and fringe benefits. Fringe benefits include retirement, FICA, health insurance, workers compensation, and life insurance.
- B. Consultant Costs for services in support of MPO planning activities.
- C. Costs for travel related to MPO activities including local, state, and regional meetings, workshops, and training activities.
- D. Direct Expenses - Costs for public notices, office/operating supplies, computer software/hardware equipment, copier lease/printing, postage, organizational professional dues, insurance, and other related office expenses deemed necessary and reasonable in the performance of the MPO. *Note: Per 2 CFR 200.439, capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of FHWA or FDOT.*

## Task 1: 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

**Purpose** - The LRTP establishes the MPO’s transportation vision, goals, and investment priorities over a 20-year planning horizon. The LRTP includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan can be implemented and assesses capital improvements necessary to preserve the existing metropolitan transportation system and make efficient use of existing transportation facilities and indicates proposed transportation activities, all as required by Title 23 USC §134(i), Title 49 USC §5303/5305, Title 23 CFR §450.322, and Section 339.175(7), Florida Statutes. The 2055 LRTP will be adopted prior to October 2029.

**Previous Work** - Development of the 2050 LRTP began in late 2022 and included performance measures and safety target development and public outreach. Final adoption of the 2050 LRTP occurred on October 3, 2024. The MPO’s Congestion Management Plan was also updated to provide current information on congestion mitigation strategies. The Context Based Solutions Update occurred in FY 26. Additionally, the MPO updated the Citrus County 2026 – 2035 Transit Development Plan to help guide the county’s long-term transit vision.

**Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO**

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

**TABLE 3: TASK 1 ACTIVITIES**

Task 1 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Begin the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development process, including, but not limited to data collection and analysis; development of goals, objectives, regional needs assessment, and performance measures; environmental coordination; transportation projects to be included for partner agencies; public involvement; creation of Geographic Information System (GIS) layers; and coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and member jurisdictions. The 2055 LRTP will be adopted prior to October 2029. Consultant services will be utilized.	Development of 2055 LRTP Draft Year 1 Activities	June 2028
Process amendments and/or modifications to the current LRTP. Consultant services will be utilized.	LRTP Amendments	June 2028
Participate with the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) in the Regional Transportation Analysis (RTA) process, Transportation Management Area (TMA) meetings, and the Transportation Review Team (TRT) activities associated with the long-range transportation plan. Consultant services will be utilized.	Regional Coordination through Meeting Attendance & Participation in Activities	June 2028

Task 1 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Coordinate with funding and implementing agencies regarding the LRTP's congestion management and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements for consistency with the adopted regional architecture. Consultant services will be utilized.	Regional Coordination through Meeting Attendance & Participation in Activities	June 2028
Participate in the review of enhancements to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model as part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) TRT responsibilities. Consultant services will be utilized.	Consistency in Regional Data in Plans and Programs	June 2028
Attend Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) forums.	Efficient Decision Making	June 2028
Perform bicycle/pedestrian master plan update. Consultant services will be utilized.	Updated Master Plans	June 2028
Conduct Automated, Connected, Electric, Shared-Use (ACES) Vehicles Study for the MPO area. Consultant services will be utilized.	ACES Study	June 2028
Environmental coordination as part of the LRTP amendment process. Consultant services will be utilized.	LRTP Consistency	June 2028
Continue to update and implement the Congestion Management Strategies. Consultant services will be utilized.	Implementation of Congestion Management Strategies in Planning Documents	June 2028
Corridor Studies, as needed.	Completed Corridor Studies	June 2028

TABLE 4: TASK 1 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 1: 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,313	\$4,313
Consultant	\$45,644	\$45,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,957</b>	<b>\$49,957</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,245	\$4,245
Consultant	\$120,644	\$120,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,889</b>	<b>\$124,889</b>

TABLE 5: TASK 1 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$8,558
Consultant	\$166,288
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$174,846</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2024/2025-FY 2025/2026.

These PL funds satisfy the requirements for the 2.5% PL set aside. [Section 11206 (b)]. The total amount of PL set aside funds used by the MPO for FY 2026/2027 is \$20,644 of \$825,748 and for FY 2027/2028 is \$20,644 of \$825,748. Updates to Hernando/Citrus MPO's bicycle/pedestrian master plan, Congestion Management Strategies, and corridor studies achieve the PL set aside requirements as described in Section 11206 Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options of the IJJA. [Section 11206]

## Task 2: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Purpose** - The TIP is the staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects developed by a metropolitan planning organization consistent with the LRTP, and pursuant to Titles 23 USC §134(j), 49 USC §5303/5305, 23 CFR §450.324 and Section 339.175(8), F.S. Amendments and modifications to the TIP are performed as needed or required.

**Previous Work** – The MPO reviewed and approved the FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 LOPP. Additionally, the TIP for FY 2025/2026 – FY 2029/2030 was adopted on June 5, 2025, and subsequently amended on September 4, 2025, and modified on September 16 and November 6, 2025. Development of the FY 2026/2027 – FY 2030/2031 TIP was also completed. The TIP reflects programmed projects for Hernando and Citrus counties and includes the LOPP, capital improvement projects, Transportation Disadvantaged programs, and transit-related projects.

The MPO adopted the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Annual Safety Performance Measures (PM1). Additionally, the MPO adopted FDOT's FY 2025 Updated Targets for System Performance for Pavement and Bridge Conditions (PM2) and System Performance Travel Time Reliability (PM3).

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

TABLE 6: TASK 2 ACTIVITIES

Task 2 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Prepare the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027/2028 – 2031/2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) including the List of Priority Projects (LOPP). Consultant services will be utilized.	Adopted TIP	July 2027
Prepare the FY 2028/2029 – 2032/2033 TIP including the LOPP. Consultant services will be utilized.	Adopted TIP	June 2028
Prepare the FY 2029/2030 – 2033/2034 TIP including the LOPP. Consultant services will be utilized.	Adopted TIP	June 2028
Review FDOT Five-Year Work Program for consistency with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and adopted priorities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board. Consultant services will be utilized.	5-Year Work Program Consistent with LRTP	June 2028
Participate in regional air quality planning activities. Consultant services will be utilized.	Ensuring Air Quality Standards are Being Met	June 2028
Participate with local and regional aviation & seaport planning activities, including attending meetings and providing input on plans. Consultant services will be utilized.	Master Plan Consistency with the LRTP	June 2028
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) coordination with member jurisdictions and the	Regional Intelligent Transportation System	June 2028

Task 2 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Consultant services will be utilized.	Architecture (RITSA) Data Updated	
Manage TIP project priorities with FDOT District 7 and the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) coordination process.	Regional TIP Priority Project Consistency	June 2028
Amendments to TIPs as needed. Consultant services will be utilized.	Amended TIPs	June 2028
Annually Update the LOPP using the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) principles.	Updated Annual LOPP	June 2028
Annually update data pertaining to performance measures including safety. Consultants will be utilized.	Adopted Performance Measures	June 2028

TABLE 7: TASK 2 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 2: Transportation Improvement Plan		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$13,254	\$13,254
Consultant	\$70,000	\$70,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,254</b>	<b>\$83,254</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$13,045	\$13,045
Consultant	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,045</b>	<b>\$73,045</b>

TABLE 8: TASK 2 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$26,299
Consultant	\$130,000
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
Total	\$156,299

*Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.*

## Task 3: Administration

**Purpose** - To responsibly manage and carry out the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive metropolitan transportation planning process for the MPO. This task includes public involvement activities and administrative support for MPO planning and programs in general and for the MPO Board and its committees, and its federal, state, and local partners, as needed.

**Previous Work** - Staff performed required and necessary administrative activities for the MPO, the MPO Board, and its advisory committees [TAC, CAC, and BPAC]; participated in required audits; submitted invoices and reports; executed required statements of certification and agreements; pursued new grant opportunities; administered grants and grant applications; amended and updated the prior UPWP; developed the MPO budget for inclusion in the Hernando County budgets; and updated the MPO's COOP at the end of FY 2025/2026. Additionally, the MPO completed the annual FDOT Certification process.

Federal, state, and local partners were included in the appropriate planning projects such as the LRTP, the TIP, and special projects involving traffic counts and analysis. Staff attended meetings of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP), Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), and SCTPA, and participated in the planning and administrative meetings involving the MPO's programs. More information concerning the SCTPA can be found in Tasks 6 and 7.

Resources were provided to recruit and engage the public in an open, cooperative, and collaborative process to provide opportunities for participation in the project prioritization process in accordance with the adopted PPP, which includes compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The PPP was approved by the MPO Board on December 7, 2023, and updated on May 1, 2025. The Title VI Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) were adopted in on December 15, 2022, and contact information was updated on February 6, 2024. The LEP is developed to identify reasonable steps for the MPO to take to provide language assistance for those who do not speak English as a primary language and have limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

### **Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO**

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

*[Task 3 is continued on the next page.]*

## Task 3: Administration

TABLE 9: TASK 3 ACTIVITIES

Task 3 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Process Amendments and Modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 - FY 2028 adopted Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Consultant services may be utilized.	Amended UPWP	June 2028
Develop the FY 2029 - FY 2030 UPWP. Consultant services may be utilized.	Adopted UPWP	June 2028
Performing financial activities including reconciliation of ledgers, project/time tracking, Single Audit Act/audit reports, UPWP and County budgetary preparation, financial and fiscal recordkeeping, preparation of grant invoices, processing, and reporting, procurement of goods and services, insurance, professional services, legal counsel, travel, communication (computers, wireless, cell phone, internet), postage, rentals/lease of buildings and equipment (copier), printing costs, software licensing, public notice ads, procurement and replacement of non-capital equipment including audio/visual, or electronic items, organizational dues/memberships (no memberships for an individual), educational/training activities, contract monitoring, payment of invoices, personnel services, and coordination of activities pursuant to the Staff Services Agreement.	Progress Reports and Invoices for MPO Operating in Conformance with Local, State, and Federal Requirements	June 2028
Attend workshops, seminars, and other meetings sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Federal Transit Agency (FTA), the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP), the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and other transportation planning partners.	Consistent MPO Management	June 2028
Perform administration functions for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MPO Board and its advisory committees including the scheduling of meetings, creation of agendas and meeting packets, preparation of agenda materials, public notice, and the necessary post-meeting follow-up activities to ensure consistency with state and federal requirements. Consultant services may be utilized.	Public Engagement in MPO Meetings	June 2028
Perform annual joint MPO Certification with FDOT in 2027.	Annual Certification	June 2027

Task 3 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Perform annual joint MPO Certification with FDOT in 2028.	Annual Certification	June 2028
Annually update the MPO's Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) for 2027.	Updated COOP	June 2027
Annually update the MPO's COOP for 2028.	Updated COOP	June 2028
Execute, review, and administer program grants, contracts, and agreements annually which include the Transportation Disadvantaged contracts for Citrus and Hernando Counties Consultant services may be utilized.	Executed Contracts and Grants	June 2028
Monitor Notices of Funding Opportunities in order to pursue new grant opportunities to support transportation and related planning projects. Consultant services may be utilized.	Grant Applications	June 2028
Examine and modify/update committee bylaws, as needed.	By-laws are Updated	June 2028
Maintain/upgrade software and office equipment less than \$10,000 and supplies, including identification materials (signs, display materials, etc.).	Office Equipment and Supplies	June 2028
Equipment lease/rental (copier) including black/white and color printing.	Required Production of Documents	June 2028
Attorney services for the MPO including the review of MPO Board agendas, legal documents and associated assistance pursuant to the Staff Services Agreement.	Legal Consistency with Required Regulations	June 2028
Monthly rental/lease expense for MPO's office space.	MPO Office Space & Public Meeting Venue	June 2028
Speak at public engagements on the transportation planning processes and activities.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Update, enhance, and maintain the MPO website. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Review and extend the general planning consultant contracts for Benesch & Associates and Kimley-Horn & Associates by exercising contract option.	Extended Consultant Contracts	June 2028
Annually evaluate and update as necessary the Public Participation Plan (PPP). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Replacement of four laptops, three docking stations, and six monitors (two for each workstation) for MPO personnel.	Updated and efficient technology	June 2027

*Note: Per 2 CFR 200.439, capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the FHWA or FDOT.*

TABLE 10: TASK 3 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 3: Administration				
Year 1: 2026/2027				
Funding Source	FHWA	State	State	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		GC27XX	GH27XX	
Source Level	PL	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$430,786	\$6,955	\$7,900	\$445,641
Consultant	\$25,000	-	-	\$25,000
Travel	\$4,376	\$400	\$400	\$5,176
Direct Expenses	\$42,559	\$835	\$835	\$44,229
Supplies	\$1,750	-	-	\$1,750
Equipment	\$14,000	-	-	\$14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$518,471</b>	<b>\$8,190</b>	<b>\$9,135</b>	<b>\$535,796</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028				
Category	FHWA	State	State	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		GC28XX	GH28XX	
Source Level	PL	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$423,989	\$6,955	\$7,900	\$438,844
Consultant	\$25,000	-	-	\$25,000
Travel	\$3,594	\$400	\$400	\$4,394
Direct Expenses	\$43,616	\$835	\$835	\$45,286
Supplies	\$1,796	-	-	\$1,796
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$497,995</b>	<b>\$8,190</b>	<b>\$9,135</b>	<b>\$515,320</b>

TABLE 11: TASK 3 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$884,485
Consultant	\$50,000
Travel	\$9,570
Direct Expenses	\$89,515
Supplies	\$3,546
Equipment	\$14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,051,116</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

Note: Per 2 CFR 200.439, capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the FHWA or FDOT.

## Task 4: Data Development and Management

**Purpose** - To provide the necessary data and analysis tools to support and perform the multimodal planning processes for the MPO area. Data development and management include evaluation of the condition of the transportation network, as well as transportation related socio-economic and land use data.

**Previous Work** – The MPO monitored traffic volume data, including link volumes and counts at major intersections. This information is used to evaluate the operating efficiency and condition of the existing classified transportation network, including the local and state-maintained systems.

The MPO assisted in a Truck Route Study in Citrus County to evaluate options on County Road (CR) 48 linking US 41 and I-75. Additionally, the MPO conducted Level of Service analysis and traffic counts in both Citrus and Hernando County. Traffic studies were conducted on State Road (SR) 200 in Citrus County and County Line Road in Hernando County.

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

TABLE 12: TASK 4 ACTIVITIES

Task 4 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Develop, maintain, and/or manage data for the transportation planning processes. Consultants will be utilized.	Current Data	June 2028
Coordinate with Hernando and Citrus counties to perform traffic counts for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) study areas. Consultant services will be utilized.	Updated Traffic Counts	June 2028
Develop Geographic Information System (GIS) Layers and maps related to existing and future roadway levels of service, conduct traffic counts, evaluate the performance measures for roadways and transit programs; identify needed improvement areas and congested corridors. Consultant services will be utilized.	Updated GIS Layers, Maps, and Resources	June 2028

TABLE 13: TASK 4 FUNDING SOURCES

<b>Task 4: Data Management and Development</b>		
<b>Year 1: 2026/2027</b>		
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FHWA</b>	<b>FY 2026/2027 Total</b>
<b>Contract Number</b>		
<b>Source Level</b>	<b>PL</b>	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$1,062	\$1,062
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>
<b>Year 2: 2027/2028</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FHWA</b>	<b>FY 2027/2028 Total</b>
<b>Contract Number</b>		
<b>Source Level</b>	<b>PL</b>	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$1,045	\$1,045
Consultant	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,045</b>	<b>\$51,045</b>

TABLE 14: TASK 4 SUMMARY BUDGET

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total</b>
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$2,107
Consultant	\$50,000
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,107</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

## Task 5: Special Projects and Studies

**Purpose** - To provide planning and evaluation of activities to support a secure, safe, accessible, and context sensitive multimodal transportation network for all users of the system. Project planning efforts include mass transit, Transportation Disadvantaged services, short range planning, bicycle/pedestrian planning, and traffic analysis.

Provide planning, technical, and grant administrative assistance for the operation of fixed-route and deviated fixed-route transit. Perform major Transit Development Plan (TDP) updates in accordance with state guidelines. Incorporate TDP analysis results into the MPO's transit operations and long-range transportation process. Support Hernando County Transit (TheBus) in completing triennial reviews, safety plans and procedures, maintenance practices and procedures, Title VI planning, procurement procedures, requests for proposals (RFP), and transit asset management; service planning, technical assistance, and performance analysis; comprehensive route and system analysis, demand response analysis, and assessment of new services such as on-demand/micro-transit services.

**Previous Work** - The MPO Board serves as the DOPA for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Programs for Hernando and Citrus Counties. The MPO assists the Florida CTD, the TDLCB, and the CTC by optimizing services to the elderly, handicapped, and those who qualify under the ADA and any other transportation disadvantaged individuals.

TD Planning Grants for the Hernando and Citrus TD programs were coordinated and administered by the DOPA. Included Transportation Disadvantaged Elements in the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff participated in annual training opportunities provided by the CTD. MPO staff coordinated selection of CTC for Hernando County and completed the evaluations of the Community Transportation Coordinators.

Continuous transportation disadvantaged coordination occurred between the MPO, the Local Coordinating Boards for Hernando and Citrus Counties, and the CTC for each county. The MPO staff provided administrative support for the annual public workshops and the quarterly meetings of the Hernando County and Citrus County Local Coordinating Boards. A video demonstration for the public was created utilizing the members of the TDLCBs to demonstrate the boarding and off-boarding on vehicles. These videos are featured on the MPO's website and well-received by the public.

Work was completed on the Context Based Solutions Implementation Plan. Additionally, the MPO conducted Level of Service analysis and traffic counts in both Citrus and Hernando County.

### **Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO**

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

*[Task 5 is continued on the next page.]*

## Task 5: Special Projects and Studies (Continued)

TABLE 15: TASK 5 ACTIVITIES

Task 5 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Promote public involvement which will include a focus on community outreach in accordance with the Public Participation Plan (PPP). Consultant services will be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Annually monitor and evaluate the performance of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC) for Hernando and Citrus counties. Consultant services will be utilized.	CTC Evaluations Completed	June 2027, June 2028
Annually perform necessary grant-related support of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program, meeting support, attendance at meetings, review and update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), Grievance Processes, training, etc. Consultant services will be utilized.	Compliance with TD Grants	June 2028
Analyze roadway improvements consistent with the plans and programs including the analysis and preparation of support materials necessary for funding. Consultant services will be utilized.	Improved Roadways	June 2028
Participate in the West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) regarding safety related activities.	Safety Improvements	June 2028
Pursue, apply, and administer funding sources to educate and promote transportation safety initiatives. Consultant services may be utilized.	Promotion of Education & Safety Initiatives	June 2028
Assist in the preparation and update of Transportation Alternatives (TA) applications. Consultant services will be utilized.	TA Applications	June 2028
Annually evaluate and update as necessary the PPP. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Professional planning, engineering, and design services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, bus stop and shelter design, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning. Consultant services will be used for this activity by Hernando County Transit (TheBus).	Improved transit service and operations	June 2027
Professional planning services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning. Consultant services will be used for this activity by Hernando County Transit (TheBus).	Improved transit service and operations	June 2027

TABLE 16: TASK 5 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 5: Special Projects and Studies					
Year 1: 2026/2027					
Funding Source	FHWA	FTA	State	State	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number			GC27XX	GH27XX	
Source Level	PL	Federal	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,937	-	\$18,257	\$18,305	\$41,499
Consultant	\$144,104	\$375,000	-	-	\$519,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$149,041</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>\$18,257</b>	<b>\$18,305</b>	<b>\$560,603</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028					
Category	FHWA	FTA	State	State	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number			GC28XX	GH28XX	
Source Level	PL	Federal	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,859	-	\$18,257	\$18,305	\$41,421
Consultant	\$50,252	-	-	-	\$50,252
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$18,257</b>	<b>\$18,305</b>	<b>\$91,673</b>

TABLE 17: TASK 5 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$82,920
Consultant	\$569,356
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$652,276</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

## Task 6: Regional Coordination

**Purpose** - Maintain and enhance the ongoing multi-county collaborative transportation planning process. Participate in regional and statewide planning activities and organizations that have an impact on the regional multimodal system. Activities in this task are district, regional, and statewide in nature and do not involve the transfer of funds between MPOs.

**Previous Work** - Participated in the meetings of the MPOAC, SCTPA, and Regional Transportation Interagency Exchange (RTIE). SCTPA meetings are hosted on a rotating basis among the member jurisdictions. Coordinated and collaborated with Pasco County MPO, Lake-Sumter MPO, and Ocala-Marion TPO on transportation-related programs, plans, priorities, and strategies.

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work:

Hernando/Citrus MPO Staff

TABLE 18: TASK 6 ACTIVITIES

Task 6 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate in the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) activities and meetings to share best practices, conduct statewide research tasks, and stay abreast of statewide policy changes.	Consistency in Planning Practices & Programs	June 2028
Coordinate and collaborate with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)/Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) such as Pasco County MPO, Lake-Sumter MPO, and Ocala-Marion TPO on transportation-related programs, plans, priorities, and strategies.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents, Strategies	June 2028
Review Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and regional multiuse trail priorities. Prioritize candidate projects and make recommendations to the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA).	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Support regional transit planning through SCTPA, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and local agencies.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Perform tasks in support of the regional congestion management processes and/or regional performance measures.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Work with District 7 regional agencies to develop and refine regional priority lists for major projects as appropriate.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Participate in the Transportation Review Team (TRT) for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model similar travel demand models.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028

Task 6 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate with the Florida Model Task Force on consistent travel demand analysis methods and technical advances statewide.	Consistency in Statewide/Regional Programs, Data & Documents	June 2028
Maintain regional multi-use trail mapping and priorities including Coast to Coast, and Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail Program.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Participation in the regional Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) work group.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028

TABLE 19: TASK 6 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 6: Regional Coordination		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$18,963	\$18,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,963</b>	<b>\$18,963</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$18,663	\$18,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,663</b>	<b>\$18,663</b>

TABLE 20: TASK 6 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$37,626
Consultant	-
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,626</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

## Task 7: SCTPA Support and Shared Task - Includes Shared or Transferred Funds and Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding

**Purpose** - Multi-county collaborative transportation planning requiring interlocal agreements and transfer of funds to further regional and statewide planning activities. Maintain and enhance ongoing multi-county collaborative transportation planning while also working together and participating in regional and statewide planning activities.

**Previous Work** – In FYs 2025 and 2026, the MPO participated in updates of major regional priority projects, project priorities for TRIP funding, the development of a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, the development of a Regional Benefit Cost Analysis Tool and provided regional support to the SCTPA and its committees.

**Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work:**

**Lead Agency:** Forward Pinellas

**Responsible agencies:** Hernando/Citrus MPO, Hillsborough TPO, Pasco County MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, and Polk County TPO

**Stakeholders:** Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC), FDOT, and Other Regional/Statewide Partners

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

**TABLE 21: TASK 7 ACTIVITIES**

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate in the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) activities and meetings to share best practices, conduct statewide research tasks and stay abreast of statewide policy changes.	MPOAC Meetings	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide input to the Florida Transportation Commission on issues affecting the West Central Florida area	Comments to the FTC	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide support for the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group; review and refine the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities, regional multiuse trail priorities, and major regional priorities while working together to ensure coordination of plans and priorities throughout the region. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional TRIP Priorities	Annually in FY 27 and FY 28
	Regional Multiuse Trail Priorities	Annually in FY 27 and FY 28
	Major Regional Projects Priorities	Annually in FY 27 and FY 28
	Interlocal Agreement for Regional Planning & Coordination in West Central Florida	Ongoing through FY 28
	SCTPA operating procedures	Ongoing through FY 28

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
	SCTPA conflict resolution process	Ongoing through FY 28
	Quarterly meetings of the TMA and biannual meetings of the SCTPA, including public notice, virtual and in-person access, minutes and video archive.	Ongoing through FY 28
Enhance the quality, usability and value of data by continuing to coordinate regional performance measures and related data gathering among Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), supporting and enhancing the FDOT Suncoast Mobility Data Hub project. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional data sharing portal	Ongoing through FY 28
Coordinate project implementation phasing during development of the State Tentative Work Programs and the individual MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) to ensure progress toward implementation of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Coordinated regional transportation projects	FY 27 and FY 28
Coordinate with the MPOs of the SCTPA region to implement the 2050 regional LRTP, highlighting the major planned transportation projects for the region. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional LRTP	Ongoing through FY 28
Coordinate with the MPOs of the SCTPA region to maintain and keep up to date a regional cloud-based document repository. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional Cloud-Based Document Repository Site	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide input on and coordination with regional and statewide partners on planning efforts, including the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), the Florida Transportation Plan, the Regional Transit Development Plan, tourism and freight planning activities.	Consistency in regional, statewide and local plans	Ongoing through FY 28
Participate in the Scenic Highway Corridor Management entities for the Courtney Campbell Causeway and Suncoast Parkway.	Meetings of the Scenic Highway Corridor Management entities	Ongoing through FY 28
Develop an interagency coordination agreement for air quality planning as/if required by nonattainment airshed designation(s) or other federal regulations and support the air quality planning process and monitoring of mobile source emissions. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Interagency Coordination Agreement for air quality planning	Ongoing through FY 28

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Support regional bicycle and pedestrian planning, including access to regional facilities and participation in and support for the Regional Multiuse Trails committee and tri-county meetings. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Tri-county and eight-county bicycle and pedestrian planning	Ongoing through FY 28
	Maintenance of MUT Map	Ongoing through FY 28
Participate in regional and statewide modeling efforts including the Technical Review Team (TRT) for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model and the Florida Transportation and Forecasting Forum.	Regional and statewide modeling	Ongoing through FY 28
Maintain the SCTPA website and social media pages, including the development of graphics and content, along with the coordination of message dissemination through social and media platforms. Improve transparency in the regional decision-making process with access to adopted priority lists, planning documents and public meeting materials. Consultant Services may be utilized.	SCTPA Website and Social Media Accounts	Ongoing through FY 28
Update and reprint publications as needed, such as the Regional Multi-Use Trails brochure, Tri-County Ride Guide, or Regional Plan Executive Summary. The cost of printing a document may be shared among MPOs to achieve economies of scale, and funds may be transferred between MPOs for this purpose. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Printed/digital (online) Publications	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide a forum to ensure products, processes and activities are consistent with and among coordinating MPOs, and corresponding support for these efforts. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Consistent planning products and processes	Ongoing through FY28
Develop and support regional Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) tasks.	Regional UPWP task(s)	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide financial support to Forward Pinellas for specific regional planning tasks to be conducted pursuant to the SCTPA Interlocal Agreement that are above and beyond regularly recurring administrative and coordinating responsibilities. Each of the six member MPOs/Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) will be allocating \$5,000 annually in their budget tables. A different MPO may take responsibility for conducting such tasks in future years, subject to a modification of the UPWP. Consultant Services may be utilized.	SCTPA regional planning task	FY 27 and FY 28
Participate in and support regional transportation systems management and operations planning. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional TSMO planning projects	Ongoing through FY 28

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate in the Prioritization Process Pilot Program grant activities to consider the streamlining of prioritization processes across the MPOs in the region (for TMA MPOs only). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regionally consistent project prioritization process.	Ongoing through FY 28
Evaluate TIP processes for additional coordination opportunities (for TMA MPOs only). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regionally consistent TIP process.	Ongoing through FY 29
Utilize the Regional Benefit Coast Analysis (BCA) tool to assist in the prioritization of transportation projects. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regionally consistent use of the BCA tool.	Ongoing through FY 30
Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences.	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 28
Develop Regional UPWP Task. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Development of the Regional UPWP Task	Ongoing through FY 28
Participate in SCTPA. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Participation in SCTPA meetings	Ongoing through FY 28
Produce regionally-coordinated planning studies in support of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Regional Transportation Planning Studies	Ongoing through FY 28
Produce and create content materials, presentations, websites, and graphics for the SCTPA in support of the Regional LRTP. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Social Media content production, website maintenance and creation	Ongoing through FY 28

TABLE 22: TASK 7 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 7: SCTPA Support and Shared Task		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Forward Pinellas for SCTPA and Regional Coordination	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Forward Pinellas for SCTPA and Regional Coordination	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

TABLE 23: TASK 7 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	-
Consultant	\$10,000
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

TABLE 24: TASK 7 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Task 7 Detailed Breakdown		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	Transfer From	FHWA
Source Level		PL
Lead Agency	Forward Pinellas	\$5,000
Other Contributing Agencies:	Hillsborough TPO	\$5,000
	Pasco County MPO	\$5,000
	Polk TPO	\$5,000
	Sarasota/Manatee MPO	\$5,000
	Hernando/Citrus MPO	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	Transfer From	FHWA
Source Level		PL
Lead Agency	Forward Pinellas	\$5,000
Other Contributing Agencies	Hillsborough TPO	\$5,000
	Pasco County MPO	\$5,000
	Polk TPO	\$5,000
	Sarasota/Manatee MPO	\$5,000
	Hernando/Citrus MPO	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>

## APPENDIX A - FUNDING SOURCE TABLE

Contract	Funding Source	Source Level	2027	2028	FY 2027 Funding Source			FY 2028 Funding Source		
					Soft Match	Federal	State	Soft Match	Federal	State
					GC27XX	CTD	State	\$ 26,447	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>CTD GC27XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
GC28XX	CTD	State	\$ -	\$ 26,447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,447.00
		<b>CTD GC28XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>
GH27XX	CTD	State	\$ 27,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>CTD GH27XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
GH28XX	CTD	State	\$ -	\$ 27,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,440.00
		<b>CTD GH28XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>
TBD	FHWA	PL	\$ 825,748	\$ 825,748	\$ 182,122.13	\$ 825,748.00	\$ -	\$ 182,122.13	\$ 825,748.00	\$ -
		<b>FHWA TBD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 182,122</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 182,122</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
TBD	FTA 5307	Federal	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 93,750.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>FTA 5307 TBD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 93,750</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,254,635</b>	<b>\$ 879,635</b>	<b>\$ 275,872</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,748</b>	<b>\$ 53,887</b>	<b>\$ 182,122</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 53,887</b>

## APPENDIX B - SUMMARY BUDGET BY AGENCY PARTICIPATION TABLE

Funding Source	CTD		CTD		FHWA		FTA 5307	
	GC27XX	GC28XX	GH27XX	GH28XX	TBD		TBD	
Contract	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028
Fiscal Year	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028
Total Budget	\$ 26,447	\$ 26,447	\$ 27,440	\$ 27,440	\$ 825,748	\$ 825,748	\$ 375,000	\$ -
<b>Task 1 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)</b>								
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,313	\$ 4,245	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,644	\$ 120,644	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,957	\$ 124,889	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 2 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)</b>								
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,254	\$ 13,045	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,254	\$ 73,045	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 3 Administration</b>								
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ 6,955	\$ 6,955	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,900	\$ 430,786	\$ 423,989	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 4,376	\$ 3,594	\$ -	\$ -
Direct Expenses	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 42,559	\$ 43,616	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,796	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ 8,190	\$ 8,190	\$ 9,135	\$ 9,135	\$ 518,471	\$ 497,995	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 4 Data Development and Management</b>								
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,045	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,062	\$ 51,045	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 5 Special Projects and Studies</b>								
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,305	\$ 18,305	\$ 4,937	\$ 4,859	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,104	\$ 50,252	\$ 375,000	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,305	\$ 18,305	\$ 149,041	\$ 55,111	\$ 375,000	\$ -
<b>Task 6 Regional Coordination</b>								
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,963	\$ 18,663	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,963	\$ 18,663	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 7 SCTPA Support and Shared Task</b>								
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

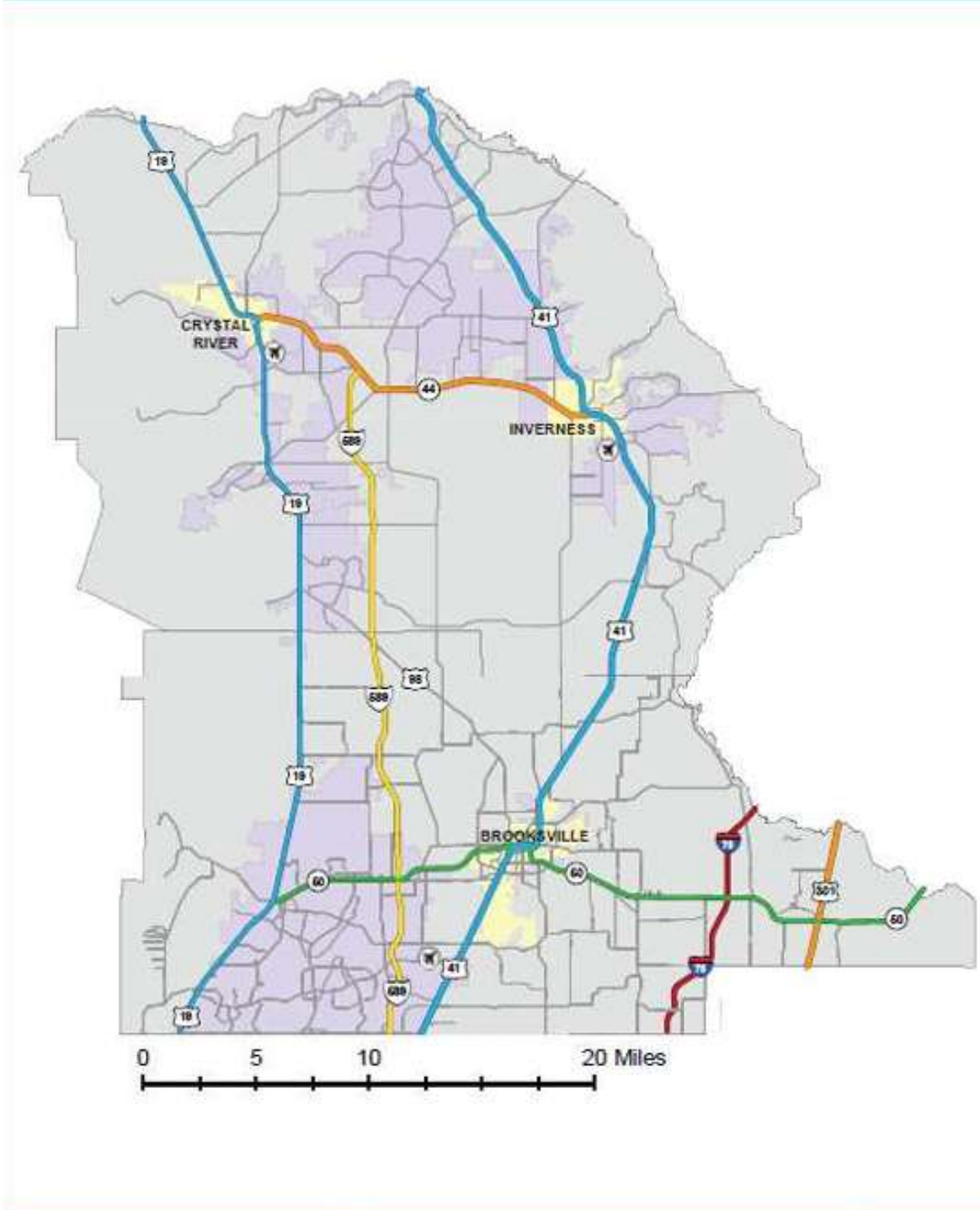
## APPENDIX C - GLOSSARY OF TERMS & ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
3C	Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive
ACES	Automated, Connected, Electric, Shared-Use
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BCA	Benefit Cost Analysis
BOCC	Board of County Commissioners
BPAC	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP	Capital Improvement Programs
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CPG	Consolidated Grant Program
CR	County Road
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinators
CTD	Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged
DOPA	Designated Official Planning Agency
ETDM	Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process
FAIN	Federal Award Identification Number
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FMPP	Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership
FS	Florida Statutes
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTP	Florida Transportation Plan
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
ICAR	Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

Acronym	Definition
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LAP	Local Agency Program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LOPP	List of Priority Projects
LRTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Program in the 21st Century Act
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPOAC	Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
PL	Planning Funds
PM1	Annual Safety Performance Measures
PM2	Updated Targets for System Performance for Pavement and Bridge Conditions
PM3	System Performance Travel Time Reliability
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RITSA	Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture
RTA	Regional Transportation Analysis
RTIE	Regional Transportation Interagency Exchange
SCTPA	Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance
SIS	Strategic Intermodal System
SR	State Road
SUN Trail	Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TBRPC	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
TD	Transportation Disadvantaged
TDLCB	Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TDSP	Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TRIP	Transportation Regional Incentive Program
TRT	Transportation Review Team

Acronym	Definition
TSM&O	Transportation Systems Management and Operations
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
USC	United States Code
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation

# APPENDIX D – MAP OF HERNANDO/CITRUS URBANIZED AREA



### LEGEND

- 2020 Census: Urban Area
- Interstate
- US Highway
- Parkway
- Principal Arterial Roadway
- Local Road
- Airport

**HERNANDO/CITRUS MPO**  
**Metropolitan Planning Area**  
**Approved: 11/2/2023**



## APPENDIX E– ADOPTION RESOLUTION, AUTHENTICATION, AND TRAVEL POLICY

## APPENDIX F – FDOT DISTRICT 7 ACTIVITIES

# APPENDIX G – FLORIDA TPM CONSENSUS PLANNING AGREEMENT

## APPENDIX H – AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL COORDINATION

## APPENDIX I – FDOT AND FHWA COMMENTS

Reviewer	Page Number	Comment Type	Comment	Response
FHWA	7	Critical	<p>DELETE This paragraph--These issues include mitigating impacts to existing infrastructure due to climate change, developing and maintaining system resiliency, ensuring equity, researching, and deploying new technologies, and improving safety for all users.</p> <p>Please Update-- These issues include mitigating impacts to existing infrastructure, developing and maintaining system resiliency, researching and deploying new technologies, and improving safety for all users.</p>	Text updated.
FHWA	11	Critical	<p>Direct Expenses: Any equipment purchase that is equal to or greater than \$5,000 must require the pre-approval of FDOT and FHWA per Section 200 of Title 2, USC.</p> <p>New Guidance: per 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures. Capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal agency or passthrough entity.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.439">https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.439</a></p>	Text updated.
FHWA		General	Signed and approved resolution approving the final UPWP	Signed resolution will be added once completed after May 7, 2026 Board meeting.
FHWA		General	Please note that any equipment purchases equal to or greater than 10,000 must have prior review and approval from FHWA unless the UPWP contains sufficient detailed information for this review. Currently as drafted, this UPWP does not and will require this information to be submitted to FHWA for approval	Noted.
FHWA		General	When submitting the final UPWP for approval, please include a copy of all the reviewing agencies' comments and how the MPO addressed each comment. This can be included as an appendix in the UPWP.	Comments and responses will be included in final UPWP as an appendix.

### Statement of Non-Discrimination

**The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization processes, programs and plans comply with the public involvement procedures of Title VI and subsequent directives which state:**

“No persons in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or family status, or place of origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal, financial assistance.”

*UPWP FY2026/2027-FY2027/2028 – Revision History*

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## SECTION 1 - COST ANALYSIS CERTIFICATION

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## SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION

### Definition and Purpose of the UPWP

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be conducted within a metropolitan planning area. The UPWP, at a minimum, includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completing the work, and the source(s) of funds (23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.104).

The UPWP is required as a basis and condition for federal funding assistance by the planning regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The planning activities in the UPWP must also follow a **C**ontinuing, **C**ooperative and **C**omprehensive (3C) transportation process and be in full compliance with Title 23 United States Code (USC), Sections 134 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning), 135 (Statewide Transportation Planning), Title 49 (Public Transportation) Chapter 53, and Florida Statutes (F.S.) Chapter 339.175(9).

### Overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Comprehensive Transportation Planning Activities

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to carry out the 3C transportation planning process.

**Continuing:** Planning must be maintained as an ongoing activity and addresses both short-term needs and a long-term vision,

**Cooperative:** The process must include the entire region and all partners through a public participation process, and

**Comprehensive:** The process must cover all modes of transportation and consistent with local plans and priorities.

A summary of planning activities, budget, and matching funds for the two-year period are provided within this document. The UPWP encompasses the transportation planning projects to be performed within the Hernando/Citrus MPO study area which includes the Spring Hill Urban Area and Brooksville Urban Area in Hernando County and the Beverly Hills – Homosassa Springs - Pine Ridge Urban Area, Crystal River Urban Area, and Sugarmill Woods Urban Area in Citrus County. The UPWP includes work during the timeframe of July 1, 2026 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2027), through June 30, 2028 (FY 2028).

Significant growth is expected in both Hernando and Citrus counties over the next 20 years. The population and employment forecasts developed for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) estimated that Hernando County will have a population and employment increase of 40% by 2050. Citrus County's population and employment are expected to increase by 36% by 2050.

While the population and employment will be growing, the MPO faces declining transportation revenue from state and federal sources, which is a trend that is likely to continue. Anticipated revenue shortfalls will present challenges in the programming and implementation of needed transportation projects.

The Hernando/Citrus MPO has established a set of goals, objectives, and performance measures within the LRTP to provide a basis for performance-based planning that will best serve the community and environment currently and for the future.

The 2050 LRTP's goal is:

**To provide a safe and efficient transportation system that addresses the priorities of the community.**

The LRTP's objectives are:

**Safety:** Increase safety of the counties' transportation system

**Economy:** Support economic development and tourism

**Mobility:** Provide for the mobility needs of the community

**Intermodal:** Maintain existing transportation system

**Livability:** Preserve and, where possible, enhance social, cultural, physical and natural environmental values

**Preservation:** Preserve and maintain a resilient transportation infrastructure and transit assets

**Implementation:** Ensure effective execution of improvements and maintenance

The UPWP provides a description and estimated budget for specific planning tasks to be undertaken by the MPO. Planning tasks programmed in the UPWP reflect the services anticipated to meet local priorities and be consistent with the requirements of FHWA, FTA and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The federal and state governments provide funding to support the MPO through FDOT and the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), including the following primary funding sources: FHWA (Combined Planning (PL) and FTA Section 5305(d) funds), and the CTD Transportation Disadvantaged grant. FDOT is fulfilling the required 18.07% non-federal share (also known as a soft match) in the combined FHWA/FTA grant by using Transportation Development Credits as permitted by 23 CFR 120(i) and FTA C 8100.1D.

### Long-Range Transportation Plan

The LRTP is one of the most important projects that the MPO undertakes. It addresses the state and federal regulations that require MPOs to carry-out a long-range and comprehensive planning process.

The MPO's 2050 LRTP was adopted on October 3, 2024, and involved a range of stakeholder and community engagement. Development of the 2055 LRTP is slated to begin within the next two fiscal years. Funding for 2055 LRTP development is reflected in Task 1 of this UPWP.

### Transportation Improvement Program

The MPO produces the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and ensures coordination between the FDOT Work Program, the MPO's LRTP, and the Hernando and Citrus transit agencies for reflecting capital improvement programs (CIP) of the respective county and transit systems and city governments in the MPO area. The TIP is updated on an annual basis and allocates funding to projects. The List of Priority Projects (LOPP) is reflected in the TIP. Funding is contained in the budget tables under Task 2 to reflect the activities associated with the development of the annual TIP.

## Unified Planning Work Program

A summary of planning activities, budget and matching funds for the two-year period are provided within this UPWP. The UPWP encompasses the transportation planning projects to be performed within the Hernando/Citrus MPO study area for the Spring Hill Urban Area and Brooksville Urban Area in Hernando County and the Beverly Hills – Homosassa Springs - Pine Ridge Urban Area, Crystal River Urban Area, and Sugarmill Woods Urban Area in Citrus County. The UPWP includes work during the timeframe of July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), through June 30, 2028 (FY 2028). Work involved in the development, amending, or modifying the UPWP is contained in Task 3.

## Public Participation Plan

The Hernando/Citrus MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) was adopted on December 7, 2023, and last updated on May 1, 2025. The plan is periodically reviewed to ensure consistency with applicable regulations and changes are made when necessary. The Hernando/Citrus MPO encourages participation by the public in the transportation planning and decision-making processes. The MPO makes every effort to ensure plans and programs are easy to understand and available for public review and participation in the processes and at meetings. Documents are available on its website. The PPP provides the citizens, public agencies, transportation related entities, and interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the LRTP, TIP, Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), UPWP, and transportation related planning and programming documents and processes. Work activities involving updating the PPP are contained in Task 5 of the UPWP.

## Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board

The Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards (TDLCB) oversee the activities of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC) that provide services to the transportation disadvantaged pursuant to Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. The CTC for Hernando County is Mid Florida Community Services doing business as You Thrive Florida. The CTC for Citrus County is the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners. Hernando County and Citrus County each have a TDLCB. The MPO Board serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for both Hernando County and Citrus County. The Chairs of the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards are members of the County Commissions in which they serve. The TDLCB Board member positions are established by Florida Administrative Code, Rule 41-2. The TDLCB Boards are comprised of citizen and agency representatives. Funding for activities associated with the Transportation Disadvantaged Program is provided by the Florida Commission of Transportation Disadvantaged and is reflected in Tasks 3 and 5 of the UPWP.

## Special Projects and Studies

Special projects and activities that are non-recurring, such as planning studies and research in support of federal and state planning emphasis areas and MPO planning priorities, are contained in Task 5 of the UPWP. Projects in Task 5 include: congestion management, safety planning implementation and performance measurement, an ACES (Automated, Connected, Electric, Shared-Use) Vehicles Study, and transportation/corridor studies. Additionally, Table 1 identifies special projects and studies to be conducted using FHWA/FTA funds by other agencies and entities within the MPO's boundaries:

TABLE 1: OTHER AGENCY SPECIAL PROJECTS AND STUDIES

Project or Study	FAIN Number	Lead Agency	Completion Date	Cost	Funding Source
Professional planning, engineering, and design services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, bus stop and shelter design, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning.	FL-2024-045	Hernando County Transit (TheBus)	June 2027	\$200,000	FTA 5307
Professional planning services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning.	FL-2854-2025-2	Hernando County Transit (TheBus)	June 2027	\$175,000	FTA 5307

### Statement of Consolidated Grant Program Participation

The FDOT and the Hernando/Citrus MPO participate in the Consolidated Grant Program (CPG). The CPG enables FDOT, in cooperation with the MPO, FHWA, and FTA, to annually consolidate Florida's FHWA PL and FTA Section 5305(d) metropolitan planning fund allocations into a single grant that is administered by the FHWA Florida Division. These funds are annually apportioned to FDOT as the direct recipient and allocated to the MPO by FDOT utilizing formulas approved by the MPO, FDOT, FHWA, and FTA, in accordance with 23 CFR 420.109 and 49 USC Chapter 53. The FDOT is fulfilling the CPG's required 18.07% non-federal share (match) using Transportation Development Credits as permitted by 23 CFR 120(i) and FTA C 8100.1D.

### Definition of Soft Match

Section 120 of Title 23, USC permits a State to use certain toll revenue expenditures as a credit toward the non-Federal matching share of all programs authorized by Title 23 (except Emergency Relief Programs) and for transit programs authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49, USC. This is, in essence, a "soft match" provision that allows the Federal share to be increased up to 100% to the extent credits are available. The "soft match" amount utilized to match the FHWA funding in the FY 2026/2027-2027/2028 UPWP is 18.07% of FHWA program funds for a total of \$364,244.

### Public Involvement Process for the UPWP

The development of the UPWP is consistent with the MPO's adopted PPP discussed on the previous page. Pursuant to the PPP, the UPWP is reviewed by the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), volunteer bodies meeting in public forums representing both a technical perspective and a citizen involvement component working together on the programming of projects.

MPO staff will respond in writing to input and comments received from the public. All comments received, including from FHWA, FTA, and FDOT, will be addressed and incorporated into the final document.

Citizens are also encouraged to contact the MPO directly to express concerns for information or provide input through the following means: telephone: 352-754-4082, email: [mpo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mpo@hernandocounty.us), website: [www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us](http://www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us) or in writing at Hernando/Citrus MPO, 789 Providence Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida 34601.

## The Federal Planning Factors

In December 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law. The FAST Act identified the following ten planning factors which have been incorporated into the MPO Planning Process and this UPWP. A matrix of the Federal Planning Factors and how they are incorporated in the UPWP are identified in the following table.

TABLE 2: FEDERAL PLANNING FACTORS

Federal Planning Factors		Task 1: 2055 LRTP	Task 2: TIP	Task 3: Admin	Task 4: Development & Management	Task 5: Special Projects & Studies	Task 6: Regional Coordination	Task 7: Support & Shared Task
1	Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight	X	X		X	X	X	X
5	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvement and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns	X	X		X	X	X	X
6	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight	X	X		X	X	X	X
7	Promote efficient system management and operation	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	Improve the resilience and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation	X	X		X	X	X	
10	Enhance travel and tourism	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

In addition to the planning factors mentioned above, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) required that State DOTs and MPOs conduct performance-based planning by tracking performance measures and setting data-driven targets to improve those measures. Performance-based planning ensures the most efficient investment of federal transportation funds by increasing accountability and transparency, and providing for better investment decisions that focus on key outcomes related to national goals which include:

- Improving Safety
- Maintaining Infrastructure Condition
- Reducing Traffic Congestion
- Improving the Efficiency of the System and Freight Movement
- Protecting the Environment
- Reducing Delays in Project Delivery

The FAST Act supplemented the MAP-21 legislation by establishing timelines for State DOTs and MPOs to comply with the requirements of MAP-21. State DOTs are required to establish statewide targets and MPOs have the option to support the statewide targets or adopt their own.

On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law. This legislation carries forward the policies, programs, and initiatives established by preceding legislation (FAST Act and MAP-21) to maintain and improve the nation's surface transportation system. The IIJA carries forward and expands on these policies and introduces new policies and programs that address emerging issues that face the nation's transportation system. These issues include mitigating impacts to existing infrastructure, developing and maintaining system resiliency, researching and deploying new technologies, and improving safety for all users.

### **Attainment Statement**

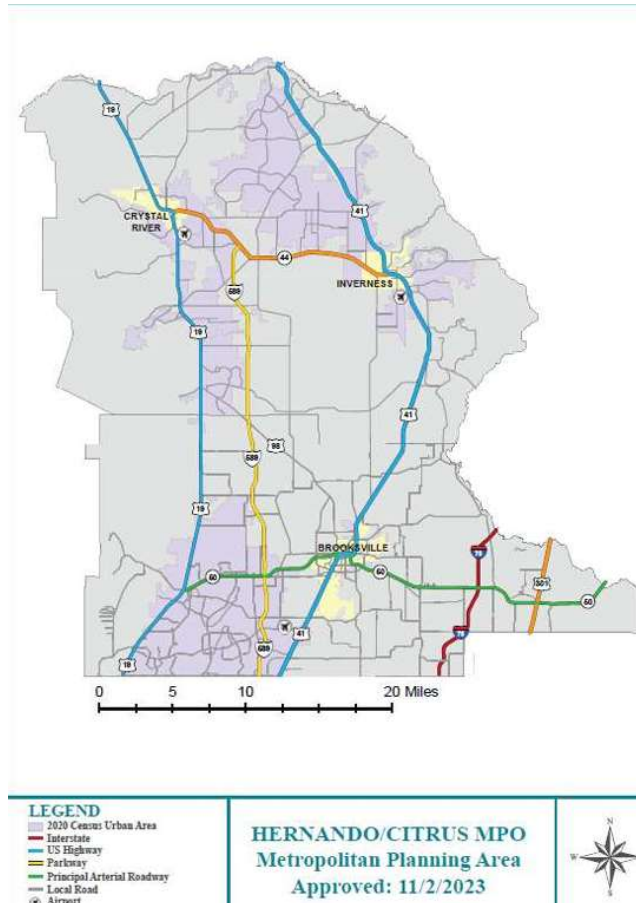
The Hernando/Citrus MPO is in attainment for air quality.

## SECTION 3 - MPO ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Hernando County MPO was formed in 1992 following the designation of the Spring Hill Urbanized Area. In 2014, the newly created Homosassa Springs – Beverly Hills – Citrus Springs Urbanized Area was included in the redesignated, reapportioned, and renamed Hernando/Citrus MPO. The MPO study area includes the jurisdictional boundaries of both Hernando County and Citrus County. On November 2, 2023, pursuant to the 2020 Census, the Hernando/Citrus MPO Apportionment Plan was adopted by the MPO Board. The urban area boundary lines were adjusted based upon the 2020 Census, but the MPO Board structure remains the same as changes were not necessary.

Hernando and Citrus counties are in the central part of Florida on the west coast, an area commonly known as the Nature Coast. A map of the metropolitan planning boundary area is shown below.

FIGURE 1: METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY



Participants and their role in the development of the UPWP are reflected below.

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

The MPO Board consists of nine (9) voting members representing five (5) local governments and one non-voting representative from FDOT. The Board is comprised of local elected officials and has the responsibility to develop and adopt plans, and to recommend improvement priorities for the transportation system. As of February 5, 2026, the MPO Board includes the following representatives of the member jurisdictions:

**Hernando County, Florida**

Commissioner John Allocco, Chair  
Commissioner Brian Hawkins  
Commissioner Steve Champion  
Commissioner Jerry Campbell  
Commissioner Ryan Amsler, Alternate

**Citrus County, Florida**

Commissioner Rebecca Bays, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Diana Finegan  
Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, Alternate

**City of Brooksville in Hernando County, Florida**

Council Member Louis Hallal  
Council Member Betty Erhard, Alternate  
Mayor Christa Tanner, Alternate  
Vice Mayor Thomas Bronson, Alternate  
Council Member John "JW" McKethan, Alternate

**City of Crystal River in Citrus County, Florida**

Mayor Joe Meek  
Council Member Robert Holmes, Alternate  
Council Member Chris Ensing, Alternate

**City of Inverness in Citrus County, Florida**

Council Member Gene Davis  
Council Member Tom Craig, Alternate

**Hernando/Citrus MPO Executive Director**

Robert M. Esposito

**Hernando/Citrus MPO – MPO Coordinator**

Mary Elwin

**Florida Department of Transportation, Nonvoting Advisor**

Justin Hall, District Secretary  
Elisa Joyner  
Suzanne Ziegler  
Brian Hunter

The MPO staff consists of an Executive Director, MPO Coordinator, and an Executive Assistant. General planning consultants serve as an extension of staff by contract.

## MPO Agreements

The Hernando/Citrus MPO maintains the following agreements:

- FDOT/MPO Agreement  
The FDOT/MPO Agreement is the standard contract between FDOT and the MPO to undertake FHWA planning studies and activities listed in the UPWP (Executed XX 2026).
- Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the MPO; No Expiration-Review Every 5 Years  
Agreement between Hernando County, Citrus County, City of Brooksville, City of Crystal River, City of Inverness, and the Florida Department of Transportation to create the MPO (Approved 6/18/2014).
- Intergovernmental Coordination and Review, and Public Transportation Coordination Agreement (ICAR); No Expiration, Period Reviews  
An intergovernmental agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Hernando/Citrus MPO, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Planning Council, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, and the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (Approved 2/10/25).
- Interlocal Agreement for Local Agency Planning; Expires February 24, 2030  
Interlocal Agreement between Hernando County, City of Brooksville, and the MPO regarding Local Agency Program (LAP) funding program application authority and administration. Hernando County is the LAP Administrator (Approved 2/25/25).
- Fifth Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Regional Transportation Planning in West Central Florida; No Expiration Date  
Agreement created by the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations Chairs Coordinating Committee, now known as Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA); (Approved 2/13/20).
- Administrative Services Agreement with Hernando County, Florida - No Expiration  
An interlocal agreement between the MPO and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for the provision of professional, technical, administrative, fiscal management and clerical support services, and supplies, equipment, and office space (Approved 7/22/14).
- Agreement Between Citrus County, Hernando County, and the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization - No Expiration  
An interlocal funding agreement to provide the MPO with funds to help manage the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive metropolitan planning process (Approved 8/19/2021).
- Planning Activities for Administering the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Program for Hernando County for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (Contract Expires 6/30/26)
- Planning Activities Contract for Administering the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Program for Citrus County for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (Contract Expires 6/30/2026)
- Consolidated Planning Grant FY 2027-FY 2028 (Contract #XXXXX); Expires June 30, 2028

### Operational Procedures and Bylaws

The Hernando/Citrus MPO is an independent, separate legal entity authorized pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 339. The MPO Board conducts itself pursuant to Chapter 139, F.S., and by-laws that were adopted on July 15, 2014, and amended on February 21, 2024.

The MPO has a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) which is reviewed and updated annually at the end of each state fiscal year. The COOP was developed to implement and maintain continuity of operations upon an adverse condition impeding otherwise normal operations. The COOP complies with applicable internal agency policy, local and state regulations, and supports recommendations provided in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Federal Preparedness Circular 65.

### Indirect Cost Rates

The Hernando/Citrus MPO does not utilize an indirect cost rate.

## SECTION 4 - UPWP PLANNING TASKS

To facilitate the activities and continue to conduct a successful 3C transportation planning process, the following work tasks have been included in this UPWP.

**Task 1: 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan**

Includes work related to the development and maintenance of the LRTP, performance management, as well as the Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process (ETDM).

**Task 2: Transportation Improvement Program**

Includes development of the annual TIP and Priority Project development process and reviews of impacts to the transportation system.

**Task 3: Administration**

Identifies all administrative functions to carry out the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the MPO area.

**Task 4: Data Development and Management**

Includes the collection and analysis of socioeconomic, traffic, crash, land use, and other transportation related data on a continuing basis to document changes within the MPO transportation area.

**Task 5: Special Projects & Studies**

Identifies all short-term projects and/or planning studies deemed reasonable and necessary for the MPO for state and federal consistency in preparation of its plans and in support of the goals and objectives of its plans.

**Task 6: Regional Coordination**

Identifies the funds allocated for staff and consultants to participate and coordinate regional transportation planning activities.

**Task 7: SCTPA Support & Shared Task**

Identifies the funds allocated to Forward Pinellas in support of the SCTPA for regional planning activities.

Each task is contained in its own section beginning on the next page. Additionally, a budget estimate is included in each task that identifies the level of work by the following types:

- A. Personnel Salaries and fringe benefits. Fringe benefits include retirement, FICA, health insurance, workers compensation, and life insurance.
- B. Consultant Costs for services in support of MPO planning activities.
- C. Costs for travel related to MPO activities including local, state, and regional meetings, workshops, and training activities.
- D. Direct Expenses - Costs for public notices, office/operating supplies, computer software/hardware equipment, copier lease/printing, postage, organizational professional dues, insurance, and other related office expenses deemed necessary and reasonable in the performance of the MPO. *Note: Per 2 CFR 200.439, capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of FHWA or FDOT.*

## Task 1: 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

**Purpose** - The LRTP establishes the MPO's transportation vision, goals, and investment priorities over a 20-year planning horizon. The LRTP includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan can be implemented and assesses capital improvements necessary to preserve the existing metropolitan transportation system and make efficient use of existing transportation facilities and indicates proposed transportation activities, all as required by Title 23 USC §134(i), Title 49 USC §5303/5305, Title 23 CFR §450.322, and Section 339.175(7), Florida Statutes. The 2055 LRTP will be adopted prior to October 2029.

**Previous Work** - Development of the 2050 LRTP began in late 2022 and included performance measures and safety target development and public outreach. Final adoption of the 2050 LRTP occurred on October 3, 2024. The MPO's Congestion Management Plan was also updated to provide current information on congestion mitigation strategies. The Context Based Solutions Update occurred in FY 26. Additionally, the MPO updated the Citrus County 2026 – 2035 Transit Development Plan to help guide the county's long-term transit vision.

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

TABLE 3: TASK 1 ACTIVITIES

Task 1 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Begin the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development process, including, but not limited to data collection and analysis; development of goals, objectives, regional needs assessment, and performance measures; environmental coordination; transportation projects to be included for partner agencies; public involvement; creation of Geographic Information System (GIS) layers; and coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and member jurisdictions. The 2055 LRTP will be adopted prior to October 2029. Consultant services will be utilized.	Development of 2055 LRTP Draft Year 1 Activities	June 2028
Process amendments and/or modifications to the current LRTP. Consultant services will be utilized.	LRTP Amendments	June 2028
Participate with the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) in the Regional Transportation Analysis (RTA) process, Transportation Management Area (TMA) meetings, and the Transportation Review Team (TRT) activities associated with the long-range transportation plan. Consultant services will be utilized.	Regional Coordination through Meeting Attendance & Participation in Activities	June 2028

Task 1 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Coordinate with funding and implementing agencies regarding the LRTP's congestion management and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements for consistency with the adopted regional architecture. Consultant services will be utilized.	Regional Coordination through Meeting Attendance & Participation in Activities	June 2028
Participate in the review of enhancements to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model as part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) TRT responsibilities. Consultant services will be utilized.	Consistency in Regional Data in Plans and Programs	June 2028
Attend Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) forums.	Efficient Decision Making	June 2028
Perform bicycle/pedestrian master plan update. Consultant services will be utilized.	Updated Master Plans	June 2028
Conduct Automated, Connected, Electric, Shared-Use (ACES) Vehicles Study for the MPO area. Consultant services will be utilized.	ACES Study	June 2028
Environmental coordination as part of the LRTP amendment process. Consultant services will be utilized.	LRTP Consistency	June 2028
Continue to update and implement the Congestion Management Strategies. Consultant services will be utilized.	Implementation of Congestion Management Strategies in Planning Documents	June 2028
Corridor Studies, as needed.	Completed Corridor Studies	June 2028

TABLE 4: TASK 1 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 1: 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,313	\$4,313
Consultant	\$45,644	\$45,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,957</b>	<b>\$49,957</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,245	\$4,245
Consultant	\$120,644	\$120,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,889</b>	<b>\$124,889</b>

TABLE 5: TASK 1 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$8,558
Consultant	\$166,288
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$174,846</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2024/2025-FY 2025/2026.

These PL funds satisfy the requirements for the 2.5% PL set aside. [Section 11206 (b)]. The total amount of PL set aside funds used by the MPO for FY 2026/2027 is \$20,644 of \$825,748 and for FY 2027/2028 is \$20,644 of \$825,748. Updates to Hernando/Citrus MPO's bicycle/pedestrian master plan, Congestion Management Strategies, and corridor studies achieve the PL set aside requirements as described in Section 11206 Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options of the IJJA. [Section 11206]

## Task 2: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Purpose** - The TIP is the staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects developed by a metropolitan planning organization consistent with the LRTP, and pursuant to Titles 23 USC §134(j), 49 USC §5303/5305, 23 CFR §450.324 and Section 339.175(8), F.S. Amendments and modifications to the TIP are performed as needed or required.

**Previous Work** – The MPO reviewed and approved the FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 LOPP. Additionally, the TIP for FY 2025/2026 – FY 2029/2030 was adopted on June 5, 2025, and subsequently amended on September 4, 2025, and modified on September 16 and November 6, 2025. Development of the FY 2026/2027 – FY 2030/2031 TIP was also completed. The TIP reflects programmed projects for Hernando and Citrus counties and includes the LOPP, capital improvement projects, Transportation Disadvantaged programs, and transit-related projects.

The MPO adopted the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Annual Safety Performance Measures (PM1). Additionally, the MPO adopted FDOT's FY 2025 Updated Targets for System Performance for Pavement and Bridge Conditions (PM2) and System Performance Travel Time Reliability (PM3).

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

TABLE 6: TASK 2 ACTIVITIES

Task 2 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Prepare the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027/2028 – 2031/2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) including the List of Priority Projects (LOPP). Consultant services will be utilized.	Adopted TIP	July 2027
Prepare the FY 2028/2029 – 2032/2033 TIP including the LOPP. Consultant services will be utilized.	Adopted TIP	June 2028
Prepare the FY 2029/2030 – 2033/2034 TIP including the LOPP. Consultant services will be utilized.	Adopted TIP	June 2028
Review FDOT Five-Year Work Program for consistency with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and adopted priorities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board. Consultant services will be utilized.	5-Year Work Program Consistent with LRTP	June 2028
Participate in regional air quality planning activities. Consultant services will be utilized.	Ensuring Air Quality Standards are Being Met	June 2028
Participate with local and regional aviation & seaport planning activities, including attending meetings and providing input on plans. Consultant services will be utilized.	Master Plan Consistency with the LRTP	June 2028
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) coordination with member jurisdictions and the	Regional Intelligent Transportation System	June 2028

Task 2 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Consultant services will be utilized.	Architecture (RITSA) Data Updated	
Manage TIP project priorities with FDOT District 7 and the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) coordination process.	Regional TIP Priority Project Consistency	June 2028
Amendments to TIPs as needed. Consultant services will be utilized.	Amended TIPs	June 2028
Annually Update the LOPP using the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) principles.	Updated Annual LOPP	June 2028
Annually update data pertaining to performance measures including safety. Consultants will be utilized.	Adopted Performance Measures	June 2028

TABLE 7: TASK 2 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 2: Transportation Improvement Plan		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$13,254	\$13,254
Consultant	\$70,000	\$70,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,254</b>	<b>\$83,254</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$13,045	\$13,045
Consultant	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,045</b>	<b>\$73,045</b>

TABLE 8: TASK 2 SUMMARY BUDGET

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total</b>
<b>Personnel (salary and benefits)</b>	\$26,299
<b>Consultant</b>	\$130,000
<b>Travel</b>	-
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	-
<b>Supplies</b>	-
<b>Equipment</b>	-
<b>Total</b>	\$156,299

*Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.*

## Task 3: Administration

**Purpose** - To responsibly manage and carry out the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive metropolitan transportation planning process for the MPO. This task includes public involvement activities and administrative support for MPO planning and programs in general and for the MPO Board and its committees, and its federal, state, and local partners, as needed.

**Previous Work** - Staff performed required and necessary administrative activities for the MPO, the MPO Board, and its advisory committees [TAC, CAC, and BPAC]; participated in required audits; submitted invoices and reports; executed required statements of certification and agreements; pursued new grant opportunities; administered grants and grant applications; amended and updated the prior UPWP; developed the MPO budget for inclusion in the Hernando County budgets; and updated the MPO's COOP at the end of FY 2025/2026. Additionally, the MPO completed the annual FDOT Certification process.

Federal, state, and local partners were included in the appropriate planning projects such as the LRTP, the TIP, and special projects involving traffic counts and analysis. Staff attended meetings of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP), Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), and SCTPA, and participated in the planning and administrative meetings involving the MPO's programs. More information concerning the SCTPA can be found in Tasks 6 and 7.

Resources were provided to recruit and engage the public in an open, cooperative, and collaborative process to provide opportunities for participation in the project prioritization process in accordance with the adopted PPP, which includes compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The PPP was approved by the MPO Board on December 7, 2023, and updated on May 1, 2025. The Title VI Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) were adopted in on December 15, 2022, and contact information was updated on February 6, 2024. The LEP is developed to identify reasonable steps for the MPO to take to provide language assistance for those who do not speak English as a primary language and have limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

### **Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO**

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

*[Task 3 is continued on the next page.]*

## Task 3: Administration

TABLE 9: TASK 3 ACTIVITIES

Task 3 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Process Amendments and Modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 - FY 2028 adopted Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Consultant services may be utilized.	Amended UPWP	June 2028
Develop the FY 2029 - FY 2030 UPWP. Consultant services may be utilized.	Adopted UPWP	June 2028
Performing financial activities including reconciliation of ledgers, project/time tracking, Single Audit Act/audit reports, UPWP and County budgetary preparation, financial and fiscal recordkeeping, preparation of grant invoices, processing, and reporting, procurement of goods and services, insurance, professional services, legal counsel, travel, communication (computers, wireless, cell phone, internet), postage, rentals/lease of buildings and equipment (copier), printing costs, software licensing, public notice ads, procurement and replacement of non-capital equipment including audio/visual, or electronic items, organizational dues/memberships (no memberships for an individual), educational/training activities, contract monitoring, payment of invoices, personnel services, and coordination of activities pursuant to the Staff Services Agreement.	Progress Reports and Invoices for MPO Operating in Conformance with Local, State, and Federal Requirements	June 2028
Attend workshops, seminars, and other meetings sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Federal Transit Agency (FTA), the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP), the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and other transportation planning partners.	Consistent MPO Management	June 2028
Perform administration functions for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MPO Board and its advisory committees including the scheduling of meetings, creation of agendas and meeting packets, preparation of agenda materials, public notice, and the necessary post-meeting follow-up activities to ensure consistency with state and federal requirements. Consultant services may be utilized.	Public Engagement in MPO Meetings	June 2028
Perform annual joint MPO Certification with FDOT in 2027.	Annual Certification	June 2027

Task 3 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Perform annual joint MPO Certification with FDOT in 2028.	Annual Certification	June 2028
Annually update the MPO's Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) for 2027.	Updated COOP	June 2027
Annually update the MPO's COOP for 2028.	Updated COOP	June 2028
Execute, review, and administer program grants, contracts, and agreements annually which include the Transportation Disadvantaged contracts for Citrus and Hernando Counties. Consultant services may be utilized.	Executed Contracts and Grants	June 2028
Monitor Notices of Funding Opportunities in order to pursue new grant opportunities to support transportation and related planning projects. Consultant services may be utilized.	Grant Applications	June 2028
Examine and modify/update committee bylaws, as needed.	By-laws are Updated	June 2028
Maintain/upgrade software and office equipment less than \$10,000 and supplies, including identification materials (signs, display materials, etc.).	Office Equipment and Supplies	June 2028
Equipment lease/rental (copier) including black/white and color printing.	Required Production of Documents	June 2028
Attorney services for the MPO including the review of MPO Board agendas, legal documents and associated assistance pursuant to the Staff Services Agreement.	Legal Consistency with Required Regulations	June 2028
Monthly rental/lease expense for MPO's office space.	MPO Office Space & Public Meeting Venue	June 2028
Speak at public engagements on the transportation planning processes and activities.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Update, enhance, and maintain the MPO website. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Review and extend the general planning consultant contracts for Benesch & Associates and Kimley-Horn & Associates by exercising contract option.	Extended Consultant Contracts	June 2028
Annually evaluate and update as necessary the Public Participation Plan (PPP). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Replacement of four laptops, three docking stations, and six monitors (two for each workstation) for MPO personnel.	Updated and efficient technology	June 2027

*Note: Per 2 CFR 200.439, capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the FHWA or FDOT.*

TABLE 10: TASK 3 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 3: Administration				
Year 1: 2026/2027				
Funding Source	FHWA	State	State	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		GC27XX	GH27XX	
Source Level	PL	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$430,786	\$6,955	\$7,900	\$445,641
Consultant	\$25,000	-	-	\$25,000
Travel	\$4,376	\$400	\$400	\$5,176
Direct Expenses	\$42,559	\$835	\$835	\$44,229
Supplies	\$1,750	-	-	\$1,750
Equipment	\$14,000	-	-	\$14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$518,471</b>	<b>\$8,190</b>	<b>\$9,135</b>	<b>\$535,796</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028				
Category	FHWA	State	State	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		GC28XX	GH28XX	
Source Level	PL	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$423,989	\$6,955	\$7,900	\$438,844
Consultant	\$25,000	-	-	\$25,000
Travel	\$3,594	\$400	\$400	\$4,394
Direct Expenses	\$43,616	\$835	\$835	\$45,286
Supplies	\$1,796	-	-	\$1,796
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$497,995</b>	<b>\$8,190</b>	<b>\$9,135</b>	<b>\$515,320</b>

TABLE 11: TASK 3 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$884,485
Consultant	\$50,000
Travel	\$9,570
Direct Expenses	\$89,515
Supplies	\$3,546
Equipment	\$14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,051,116</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

Note: Per 2 CFR 200.439, capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the FHWA or FDOT.

## Task 4: Data Development and Management

**Purpose** - To provide the necessary data and analysis tools to support and perform the multimodal planning processes for the MPO area. Data development and management include evaluation of the condition of the transportation network, as well as transportation related socio-economic and land use data.

**Previous Work** – The MPO monitored traffic volume data, including link volumes and counts at major intersections. This information is used to evaluate the operating efficiency and condition of the existing classified transportation network, including the local and state-maintained systems.

The MPO assisted in a Truck Route Study in Citrus County to evaluate options on County Road (CR) 48 linking US 41 and I-75. Additionally, the MPO conducted Level of Service analysis and traffic counts in both Citrus and Hernando County. Traffic studies were conducted on State Road (SR) 200 in Citrus County and County Line Road in Hernando County.

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

TABLE 12: TASK 4 ACTIVITIES

Task 4 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Develop, maintain, and/or manage data for the transportation planning processes. Consultants will be utilized.	Current Data	June 2028
Coordinate with Hernando and Citrus counties to perform traffic counts for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) study areas. Consultant services will be utilized.	Updated Traffic Counts	June 2028
Develop Geographic Information System (GIS) Layers and maps related to existing and future roadway levels of service, conduct traffic counts, evaluate the performance measures for roadways and transit programs; identify needed improvement areas and congested corridors. Consultant services will be utilized.	Updated GIS Layers, Maps, and Resources	June 2028

TABLE 13: TASK 4 FUNDING SOURCES

<b>Task 4: Data Management and Development</b>		
<b>Year 1: 2026/2027</b>		
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FHWA</b>	<b>FY 2026/2027 Total</b>
<b>Contract Number</b>		
<b>Source Level</b>	<b>PL</b>	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$1,062	\$1,062
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>
<b>Year 2: 2027/2028</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FHWA</b>	<b>FY 2027/2028 Total</b>
<b>Contract Number</b>		
<b>Source Level</b>	<b>PL</b>	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$1,045	\$1,045
Consultant	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,045</b>	<b>\$51,045</b>

TABLE 14: TASK 4 SUMMARY BUDGET

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total</b>
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$2,107
Consultant	\$50,000
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,107</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

## Task 5: Special Projects and Studies

**Purpose** - To provide planning and evaluation of activities to support a secure, safe, accessible, and context sensitive multimodal transportation network for all users of the system. Project planning efforts include mass transit, Transportation Disadvantaged services, short range planning, bicycle/pedestrian planning, and traffic analysis.

Provide planning, technical, and grant administrative assistance for the operation of fixed-route and deviated fixed-route transit. Perform major Transit Development Plan (TDP) updates in accordance with state guidelines. Incorporate TDP analysis results into the MPO's transit operations and long-range transportation process. Support Hernando County Transit (TheBus) in completing triennial reviews, safety plans and procedures, maintenance practices and procedures, Title VI planning, procurement procedures, requests for proposals (RFP), and transit asset management; service planning, technical assistance, and performance analysis; comprehensive route and system analysis, demand response analysis, and assessment of new services such as on-demand/micro-transit services.

**Previous Work** - The MPO Board serves as the DOPA for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Programs for Hernando and Citrus Counties. The MPO assists the Florida CTD, the TDLCB, and the CTC by optimizing services to the elderly, handicapped, and those who qualify under the ADA and any other transportation disadvantaged individuals.

TD Planning Grants for the Hernando and Citrus TD programs were coordinated and administered by the DOPA. Included Transportation Disadvantaged Elements in the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff participated in annual training opportunities provided by the CTD. MPO staff coordinated selection of CTC for Hernando County and completed the evaluations of the Community Transportation Coordinators.

Continuous transportation disadvantaged coordination occurred between the MPO, the Local Coordinating Boards for Hernando and Citrus Counties, and the CTC for each county. The MPO staff provided administrative support for the annual public workshops and the quarterly meetings of the Hernando County and Citrus County Local Coordinating Boards. A video demonstration for the public was created utilizing the members of the TDLCBs to demonstrate the boarding and off-boarding on vehicles. These videos are featured on the MPO's website and well-received by the public.

Work was completed on the Context Based Solutions Implementation Plan. Additionally, the MPO conducted Level of Service analysis and traffic counts in both Citrus and Hernando County.

### **Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work: Hernando/Citrus MPO**

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

*[Task 5 is continued on the next page.]*

## Task 5: Special Projects and Studies (Continued)

TABLE 15: TASK 5 ACTIVITIES

Task 5 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Promote public involvement which will include a focus on community outreach in accordance with the Public Participation Plan (PPP). Consultant services will be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Annually monitor and evaluate the performance of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC) for Hernando and Citrus counties. Consultant services will be utilized.	CTC Evaluations Completed	June 2027, June 2028
Annually perform necessary grant-related support of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program, meeting support, attendance at meetings, review and update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), Grievance Processes, training, etc. Consultant services will be utilized.	Compliance with TD Grants	June 2028
Analyze roadway improvements consistent with the plans and programs including the analysis and preparation of support materials necessary for funding. Consultant services will be utilized.	Improved Roadways	June 2028
Participate in the West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) regarding safety related activities.	Safety Improvements	June 2028
Pursue, apply, and administer funding sources to educate and promote transportation safety initiatives. Consultant services may be utilized.	Promotion of Education & Safety Initiatives	June 2028
Assist in the preparation and update of Transportation Alternatives (TA) applications. Consultant services will be utilized.	TA Applications	June 2028
Annually evaluate and update as necessary the PPP. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Public Engagement	June 2028
Professional planning, engineering, and design services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, bus stop and shelter design, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning. Consultant services will be used for this activity by Hernando County Transit (TheBus).	Improved transit service and operations	June 2027
Professional planning services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning. Consultant services will be used for this activity by Hernando County Transit (TheBus).	Improved transit service and operations	June 2027

TABLE 16: TASK 5 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 5: Special Projects and Studies					
Year 1: 2026/2027					
Funding Source	FHWA	FTA	State	State	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number			GC27XX	GH27XX	
Source Level	PL	Federal	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,937	-	\$18,257	\$18,305	\$41,499
Consultant	\$144,104	\$375,000	-	-	\$519,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$149,041</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>\$18,257</b>	<b>\$18,305</b>	<b>\$560,603</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028					
Category	FHWA	FTA	State	State	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number			GC28XX	GH28XX	
Source Level	PL	Federal	TD Citrus	TD Hernando	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$4,859	-	\$18,257	\$18,305	\$41,421
Consultant	\$50,252	-	-	-	\$50,252
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$18,257</b>	<b>\$18,305</b>	<b>\$91,673</b>

TABLE 17: TASK 5 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$82,920
Consultant	\$569,356
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$652,276</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

## Task 6: Regional Coordination

**Purpose** - Maintain and enhance the ongoing multi-county collaborative transportation planning process. Participate in regional and statewide planning activities and organizations that have an impact on the regional multimodal system. Activities in this task are district, regional, and statewide in nature and do not involve the transfer of funds between MPOs.

**Previous Work** - Participated in the meetings of the MPOAC, SCTPA, and Regional Transportation Interagency Exchange (RTIE). SCTPA meetings are hosted on a rotating basis among the member jurisdictions. Coordinated and collaborated with Pasco County MPO, Lake-Sumter MPO, and Ocala-Marion TPO on transportation-related programs, plans, priorities, and strategies.

### Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work:

Hernando/Citrus MPO Staff

TABLE 18: TASK 6 ACTIVITIES

Task 6 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate in the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) activities and meetings to share best practices, conduct statewide research tasks, and stay abreast of statewide policy changes.	Consistency in Planning Practices & Programs	June 2028
Coordinate and collaborate with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)/Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) such as Pasco County MPO, Lake-Sumter MPO, and Ocala-Marion TPO on transportation-related programs, plans, priorities, and strategies.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents, Strategies	June 2028
Review Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and regional multiuse trail priorities. Prioritize candidate projects and make recommendations to the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA).	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Support regional transit planning through SCTPA, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and local agencies.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Perform tasks in support of the regional congestion management processes and/or regional performance measures.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Work with District 7 regional agencies to develop and refine regional priority lists for major projects as appropriate.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Participate in the Transportation Review Team (TRT) for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model similar travel demand models.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028

Task 6 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate with the Florida Model Task Force on consistent travel demand analysis methods and technical advances statewide.	Consistency in Statewide/Regional Programs, Data & Documents	June 2028
Maintain regional multi-use trail mapping and priorities including Coast to Coast, and Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail Program.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028
Participation in the regional Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) work group.	Consistency in Regional Programs, Priorities & Documents	June 2028

TABLE 19: TASK 6 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 6: Regional Coordination		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$18,963	\$18,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,963</b>	<b>\$18,963</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$18,663	\$18,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,663</b>	<b>\$18,663</b>

TABLE 20: TASK 6 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$37,626
Consultant	-
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,626</b>

Note: No funding was de-obligated from UPWP FY 2025 - FY 2026.

## Task 7: SCTPA Support and Shared Task - Includes Shared or Transferred Funds and Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding

**Purpose** - Multi-county collaborative transportation planning requiring interlocal agreements and transfer of funds to further regional and statewide planning activities. Maintain and enhance ongoing multi-county collaborative transportation planning while also working together and participating in regional and statewide planning activities.

**Previous Work** – In FYs 2025 and 2026, the MPO participated in updates of major regional priority projects, project priorities for TRIP funding, the development of a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, the development of a Regional Benefit Cost Analysis Tool and provided regional support to the SCTPA and its committees.

**Responsible Agency(s) and Completion of Work:**

**Lead Agency:** Forward Pinellas

**Responsible agencies:** Hernando/Citrus MPO, Hillsborough TPO, Pasco County MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, and Polk County TPO

**Stakeholders:** Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC), FDOT, and Other Regional/Statewide Partners

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to the FDOT for reimbursement.

**TABLE 21: TASK 7 ACTIVITIES**

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate in the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) activities and meetings to share best practices, conduct statewide research tasks and stay abreast of statewide policy changes.	MPOAC Meetings	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide input to the Florida Transportation Commission on issues affecting the West Central Florida area	Comments to the FTC	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide support for the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group; review and refine the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities, regional multiuse trail priorities, and major regional priorities while working together to ensure coordination of plans and priorities throughout the region. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional TRIP Priorities	Annually in FY 27 and FY 28
	Regional Multiuse Trail Priorities	Annually in FY 27 and FY 28
	Major Regional Projects Priorities	Annually in FY 27 and FY 28
	Interlocal Agreement for Regional Planning & Coordination in West Central Florida	Ongoing through FY 28
	SCTPA operating procedures	Ongoing through FY 28

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
	SCTPA conflict resolution process	Ongoing through FY 28
	Quarterly meetings of the TMA and biannual meetings of the SCTPA, including public notice, virtual and in-person access, minutes and video archive.	Ongoing through FY 28
Enhance the quality, usability and value of data by continuing to coordinate regional performance measures and related data gathering among Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), supporting and enhancing the FDOT Suncoast Mobility Data Hub project. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional data sharing portal	Ongoing through FY 28
Coordinate project implementation phasing during development of the State Tentative Work Programs and the individual MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) to ensure progress toward implementation of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Coordinated regional transportation projects	FY 27 and FY 28
Coordinate with the MPOs of the SCTPA region to implement the 2050 regional LRTP, highlighting the major planned transportation projects for the region. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional LRTP	Ongoing through FY 28
Coordinate with the MPOs of the SCTPA region to maintain and keep up to date a regional cloud-based document repository. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional Cloud-Based Document Repository Site	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide input on and coordination with regional and statewide partners on planning efforts, including the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), the Florida Transportation Plan, the Regional Transit Development Plan, tourism and freight planning activities.	Consistency in regional, statewide and local plans	Ongoing through FY 28
Participate in the Scenic Highway Corridor Management entities for the Courtney Campbell Causeway and Suncoast Parkway.	Meetings of the Scenic Highway Corridor Management entities	Ongoing through FY 28
Develop an interagency coordination agreement for air quality planning as/if required by nonattainment airshed designation(s) or other federal regulations and support the air quality planning process and monitoring of mobile source emissions. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Interagency Coordination Agreement for air quality planning	Ongoing through FY 28

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Support regional bicycle and pedestrian planning, including access to regional facilities and participation in and support for the Regional Multiuse Trails committee and tri-county meetings. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Tri-county and eight-county bicycle and pedestrian planning	Ongoing through FY 28
	Maintenance of MUT Map	Ongoing through FY 28
Participate in regional and statewide modeling efforts including the Technical Review Team (TRT) for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model and the Florida Transportation and Forecasting Forum.	Regional and statewide modeling	Ongoing through FY 28
Maintain the SCTPA website and social media pages, including the development of graphics and content, along with the coordination of message dissemination through social and media platforms. Improve transparency in the regional decision-making process with access to adopted priority lists, planning documents and public meeting materials. Consultant Services may be utilized.	SCTPA Website and Social Media Accounts	Ongoing through FY 28
Update and reprint publications as needed, such as the Regional Multi-Use Trails brochure, Tri-County Ride Guide, or Regional Plan Executive Summary. The cost of printing a document may be shared among MPOs to achieve economies of scale, and funds may be transferred between MPOs for this purpose. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Printed/digital (online) Publications	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide a forum to ensure products, processes and activities are consistent with and among coordinating MPOs, and corresponding support for these efforts. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Consistent planning products and processes	Ongoing through FY28
Develop and support regional Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) tasks.	Regional UPWP task(s)	Ongoing through FY 28
Provide financial support to Forward Pinellas for specific regional planning tasks to be conducted pursuant to the SCTPA Interlocal Agreement that are above and beyond regularly recurring administrative and coordinating responsibilities. Each of the six member MPOs/Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) will be allocating \$5,000 annually in their budget tables. A different MPO may take responsibility for conducting such tasks in future years, subject to a modification of the UPWP. Consultant Services may be utilized.	SCTPA regional planning task	FY 27 and FY 28
Participate in and support regional transportation systems management and operations planning. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regional TSMO planning projects	Ongoing through FY 28

Task 7 Activities	End Product	Completion Date
Participate in the Prioritization Process Pilot Program grant activities to consider the streamlining of prioritization processes across the MPOs in the region (for TMA MPOs only). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regionally consistent project prioritization process.	Ongoing through FY 28
Evaluate TIP processes for additional coordination opportunities (for TMA MPOs only). Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regionally consistent TIP process.	Ongoing through FY 29
Utilize the Regional Benefit Coast Analysis (BCA) tool to assist in the prioritization of transportation projects. Consultant Services may be utilized.	Regionally consistent use of the BCA tool.	Ongoing through FY 30
Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences.	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 28
Develop Regional UPWP Task. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Development of the Regional UPWP Task	Ongoing through FY 28
Participate in SCTPA. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Participation in SCTPA meetings	Ongoing through FY 28
Produce regionally-coordinated planning studies in support of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Regional Transportation Planning Studies	Ongoing through FY 28
Produce and create content materials, presentations, websites, and graphics for the SCTPA in support of the Regional LRTP. Consultant Services will be utilized.	Social Media content production, website maintenance and creation	Ongoing through FY 28

TABLE 22: TASK 7 FUNDING SOURCES

Task 7: SCTPA Support and Shared Task		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	FHWA	FY 2026/2027 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Forward Pinellas for SCTPA and Regional Coordination	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	FHWA	FY 2027/2028 Total
Contract Number		
Source Level	PL	
Forward Pinellas for SCTPA and Regional Coordination	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

TABLE 23: TASK 7 SUMMARY BUDGET

Fund Use	FY 2026/2027 and FY 2027/2028 Total
Personnel (salary and benefits)	-
Consultant	\$10,000
Travel	-
Direct Expenses	-
Supplies	-
Equipment	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

TABLE 24: TASK 7 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Task 7 Detailed Breakdown		
Year 1: 2026/2027		
Funding Source	Transfer From	FHWA
Source Level		PL
Lead Agency	Forward Pinellas	\$5,000
Other Contributing Agencies:	Hillsborough TPO	\$5,000
	Pasco County MPO	\$5,000
	Polk TPO	\$5,000
	Sarasota/Manatee MPO	\$5,000
	Hernando/Citrus MPO	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>
Year 2: 2027/2028		
Category	Transfer From	FHWA
Source Level		PL
Lead Agency	Forward Pinellas	\$5,000
Other Contributing Agencies	Hillsborough TPO	\$5,000
	Pasco County MPO	\$5,000
	Polk TPO	\$5,000
	Sarasota/Manatee MPO	\$5,000
	Hernando/Citrus MPO	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>

## APPENDIX A - FUNDING SOURCE TABLE

Contract	Funding Source	Source Level	2027	2028	FY 2027 Funding Source			FY 2028 Funding Source		
					Soft Match	Federal	State	Soft Match	Federal	State
					GC27XX	CTD	State	\$ 26,447	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>CTD GC27XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
GC28XX	CTD	State	\$ -	\$ 26,447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,447.00
		<b>CTD GC28XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>
GH27XX	CTD	State	\$ 27,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>CTD GH27XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
GH28XX	CTD	State	\$ -	\$ 27,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,440.00
		<b>CTD GH28XX TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>
TBD	FHWA	PL	\$ 825,748	\$ 825,748	\$ 182,122.13	\$ 825,748.00	\$ -	\$ 182,122.13	\$ 825,748.00	\$ -
		<b>FHWA TBD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 182,122</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 182,122</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
TBD	FTA 5307	Federal	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 93,750.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>FTA 5307 TBD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 93,750</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,254,635</b>	<b>\$ 879,635</b>	<b>\$ 275,872</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,748</b>	<b>\$ 53,887</b>	<b>\$ 182,122</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 53,887</b>

## APPENDIX B - SUMMARY BUDGET BY AGENCY PARTICIPATION TABLE

Funding Source Contract Fiscal Year Total Budget	CTD GC27XX		CTD GC28XX		CTD GH27XX		CTD GH28XX		FHWA TBD		FTA 5307 TBD	
	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Task 1 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)</b>												
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,313	\$ 4,245	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,644	\$ 120,644	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,957	\$ 124,889	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 2 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)</b>												
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,254	\$ 13,045	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,254	\$ 73,045	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 3 Administration</b>												
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ 6,955	\$ 6,955	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,900	\$ 430,786	\$ 423,989	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 4,376	\$ 3,594	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Direct Expenses	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 42,559	\$ 43,616	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ 8,190	\$ 8,190	\$ 9,135	\$ 9,135	\$ 518,471	\$ 497,995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 4 Data Development and Management</b>												
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,062	\$ 51,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 5 Special Projects and Studies</b>												
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,305	\$ 18,305	\$ 4,937	\$ 4,859	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,104	\$ 50,252	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,257	\$ 18,305	\$ 18,305	\$ 149,041	\$ 55,111	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 6 Regional Coordination</b>												
Personnel (salary and benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,963	\$ 18,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,963	\$ 18,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task 7 SCTPA Support and Shared Task</b>												
Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ 26,447</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 825,748</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

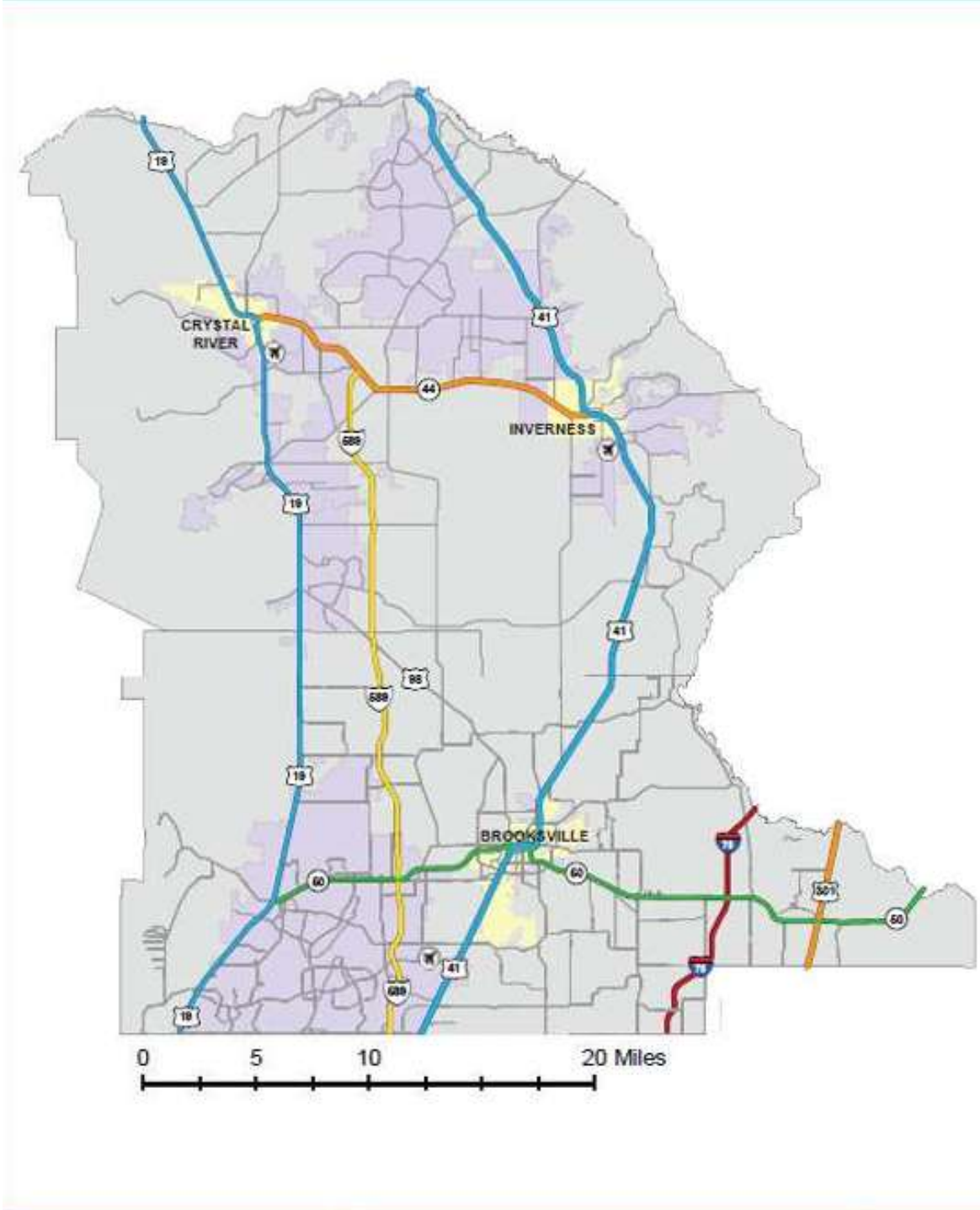
## APPENDIX C - GLOSSARY OF TERMS & ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
3C	Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive
ACES	Automated, Connected, Electric, Shared-Use
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BCA	Benefit Cost Analysis
BOCC	Board of County Commissioners
BPAC	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP	Capital Improvement Programs
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CPG	Consolidated Grant Program
CR	County Road
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinators
CTD	Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged
DOPA	Designated Official Planning Agency
ETDM	Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process
FAIN	Federal Award Identification Number
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FMPP	Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership
FS	Florida Statutes
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTP	Florida Transportation Plan
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
ICAR	Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

Acronym	Definition
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LAP	Local Agency Program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LOPP	List of Priority Projects
LRTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Program in the 21st Century Act
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPOAC	Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
PL	Planning Funds
PM1	Annual Safety Performance Measures
PM2	Updated Targets for System Performance for Pavement and Bridge Conditions
PM3	System Performance Travel Time Reliability
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RITSA	Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture
RTA	Regional Transportation Analysis
RTIE	Regional Transportation Interagency Exchange
SCTPA	Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance
SIS	Strategic Intermodal System
SR	State Road
SUN Trail	Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TBRPC	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
TD	Transportation Disadvantaged
TDLCB	Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TDSP	Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TRIP	Transportation Regional Incentive Program
TRT	Transportation Review Team

Acronym	Definition
TSM&O	Transportation Systems Management and Operations
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
USC	United States Code
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation

# APPENDIX D – MAP OF HERNANDO/CITRUS URBANIZED AREA



## LEGEND

- 2020 Census: Urban Area
- Interstate
- US Highway
- Parkway
- Principal Arterial Roadway
- Local Road
- Airport

**HERNANDO/CITRUS MPO**  
**Metropolitan Planning Area**  
**Approved: 11/2/2023**



## APPENDIX E– ADOPTION RESOLUTION, AUTHENTICATION, AND TRAVEL POLICY

## APPENDIX F – FDOT DISTRICT 7 ACTIVITIES

# APPENDIX G – FLORIDA TPM CONSENSUS PLANNING AGREEMENT

## APPENDIX H – AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL COORDINATION

## APPENDIX I – FDOT AND FHWA COMMENTS

Reviewer	Page Number	Comment Type	Comment	Response
FHWA	7	Critical	<p>DELETE This paragraph--These issues include mitigating impacts to existing infrastructure due to climate change, developing and maintaining system resiliency, ensuring equity, researching, and deploying new technologies, and improving safety for all users.</p> <p>Please Update-- These issues include mitigating impacts to existing infrastructure, developing and maintaining system resiliency, researching and deploying new technologies, and improving safety for all users.</p>	Text updated.
FHWA	11	Critical	<p>Direct Expenses: Any equipment purchase that is equal to or greater than \$5,000 must require the pre-approval of FDOT and FHWA per Section 200 of Title 2, USC.</p> <p>New Guidance: per 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures. Capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal agency or passthrough entity.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.439">https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.439</a></p>	Text updated.
FHWA		General	Signed and approved resolution approving the final UPWP	Signed resolution will be added once completed after May 7, 2026 Board meeting.
FHWA		General	Please note that any equipment purchases equal to or greater than 10,000 must have prior review and approval from FHWA unless the UPWP contains sufficient detailed information for this review. Currently as drafted, this UPWP does not and will require this information to be submitted to FHWA for approval	Noted.
FHWA		General	When submitting the final UPWP for approval, please include a copy of all the reviewing agencies' comments and how the MPO addressed each comment. This can be included as an appendix in the UPWP.	Comments and responses will be included in final UPWP as an appendix.

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FHWA		General	Please ensure that all agreements and certifications including Debarment and Suspension, Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements, Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement are updated, signed and dated, and included in the final version of the document.	All agreements and certifications will be included in final UPWP.
FTA	24		<p>If there are specific transit plans that either Citrus &amp; Hernando will use 5307 funds for, they need to be listed here.</p> <p>Currently, Hernando has 2 FTA grant applications in progress that have planning activities included:</p> <p>1) Professional planning, engineering, and design services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, bus stop and shelter design, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning. \$200,000</p> <p>2) Professional planning services to support the continued expansion and enhancement of public transportation within Hernando County, including route development, transit infrastructure improvements, accessibility upgrades, and long-range transit service planning. \$175,000</p>	Task 5 has been updated to include planned activities using FTA 5307 funds. Table 1: Other Agency Special Projects and Studies was also added on page 5 to identify anticipated planning activities using FTA 5307 funds.
FTA	B-1		Update table to include FTA 5307 for activities with Citrus and Hernando.	Budget tables have been updated to reflect FTA 5307 funds.
FDOT	Cover	Critical	Add CSFA 55.001	Added.
FDOT	Cover	Critical	Add FPID for both FTA 5307 and CTD	FPIDs were not available at the time of review but will be added when they become available. FTA Federal Award Identification Number added as a placeholder.
FDOT	Cover	Critical	Add any local agencies that would contribute to the MPO's activities and/or used to match grants that will be used for planning purposes	No local agencies will be contributing funds.
FDOT	12, 15, 18, 22, 24, 27, 29	Critical	Ensure that the FTA planning activities are indicated in the tasks	Task 5 updated to include FTA 5307 activities.

Reviewer	Page Number	Comment Type	Comment	Response
FDOT	16, 21, 23, 26, 28, 32	Critical	Add FTA 5307 Funds to budget tables	FTA 5307 Funds added to Task 5 budget tables, Funding Source Budget Table (Appendix A), and Summary Budget by Agency Participation (Appendix B)
FDOT	B-1	Critical	Ensure that the FTA 5307 Funds are added to the summary tables.	FTA 5307 Funds added to Summary Budget by Agency Participation (Appendix B)
FDOT	10	Critical	FDOT/MPO Agreement - Doesn't include the date executed. References the current agreement and doesn't include the one that will be executed with this UPWP.	Added placeholder on page 10. Actual date will be added after the new FDOT/MPO Agreement is executed.
FDOT	E-1	Critical	Please add a placeholder page/reference to the resolution that will be signed at UPWP adoption.	Placeholder is in Appendix E.
FDOT	14, 17, 21, 23, 26, 28		No funds were de-obligated from the previous UPWP. Budget table pages include a note confirming that.	Noted
FDOT	21		Note that references Title 2 Section 200, USC and the need for FDOT and FHWA pre-approval for equipment purchases greater than \$5,000	Added
FDOT	9	Critical	Add name of MPO Coordinator.	Added