

Hernando-Citrus MPO Public Workshops – August 5, 2024

The Hernando-Citrus MPO will be conducting two virtual workshops on August 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM in Brooksville and at 5:00 PM in Inverness. The purpose of these workshops is to get input from stakeholders, community members, government officials, transportation experts, and business owners on the priority transportation projects, which includes widening roadways, public transportation improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

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

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

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

At this point in time, the MPO has identified the transportation capacity needs for the two counties and is identifying priority projects which will be considered for funding. It is highly likely that the funded projects in the plan will include improvements on portions of the following facilities:

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

Dear **[Recipient's Name]**,

You are invited to participate in the Hernando-Citrus MPO virtual workshops on August 5, 2024. We will be discussing priority transportation projects and seeking input from stakeholders, community members, and experts.

Workshop Schedule:

Monday, August 5, 2024

- **2:00 PM** - Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive Brooksville, FL 34601
- **5:00 PM** - Inverness City Hall, 212 W Main Street Inverness, FL 34450

Your insights on road widening, public transportation, and pedestrian improvements are vital as we address safety, traffic congestion, and travel time issues. These workshops are part of developing the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), crucial for guiding our region's growth and funding decisions for the next 20-25 years.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Bob Esposito

Executive Director

Hernando Citrus MPO

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 - o Christie Willimas- Chair Elect: christie@hoganlawfirm.com
 - o Ashley Hofecker- CEO: ceo@hernandochamber.com
- Hernando Association of Realtors
 - o Christina Botto- President: christina@SilverTridentRealty.com
 - o Steve Van Gorden- President elect: svgrealty1@gmail.com
- Hernando County P&Z Commission- Planning@hernandocounty.us , zoningdepartment@hernandocounty.us
 - o Jonathan McDonald- Chairman
 - o Steve Hickey- Vice Chairman
- Hernando County Commissioners
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 - o Sherry Bechtel- HCMPO BPAC vice chair: no contact info provided
 - o Stephen Hohman- HCMPO CAC chair: no contact info provided
 - o Karen Esty- HCMPO CAC vice chair: no contact info provided
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 - o Marsha Coleman- association executive: ae@raccfl.com
- Citrus School District
 - o Chuck Dixon- planning and growth management director: dixonc@citrusschools.org



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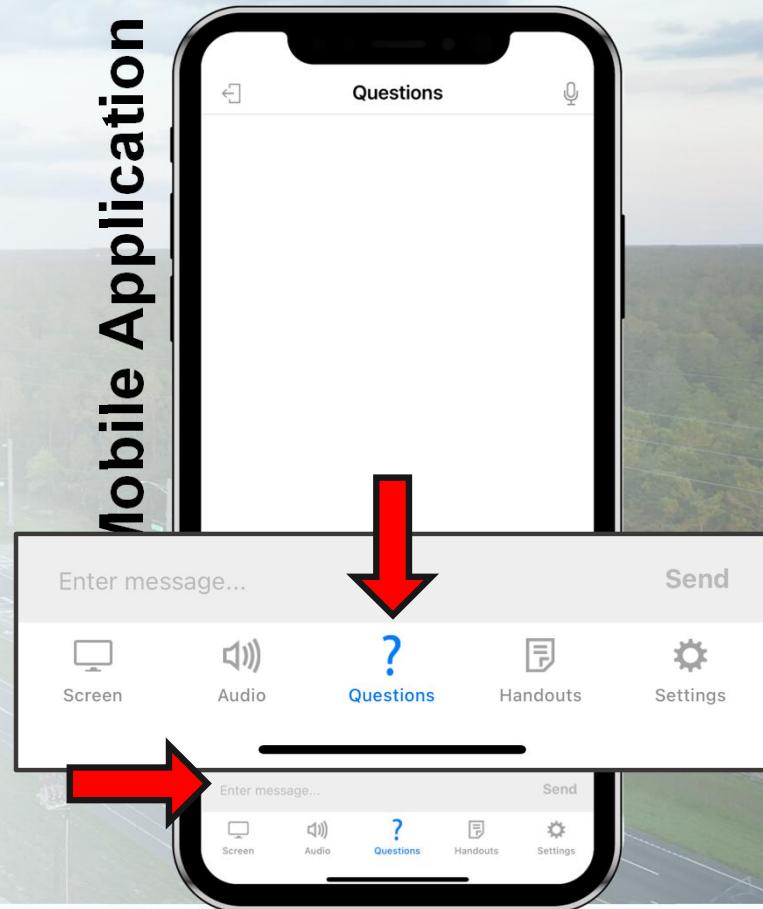


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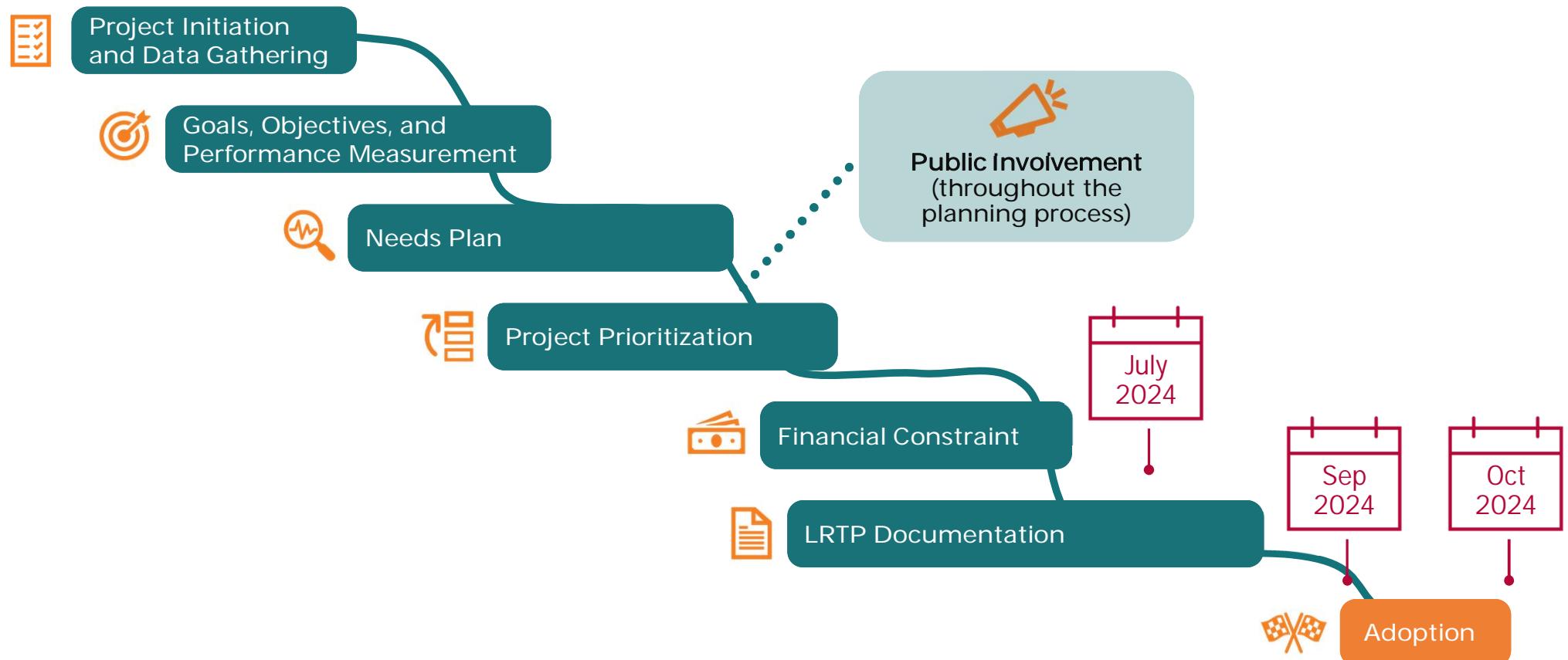
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What is a Long Range Transportation Plan

- Identification of current and anticipated transportation needs in Hernando and Citrus Counties for the next 20+ years
- All modes considered
 - Vehicles
 - Transit
 - Bicycles
 - Walking
 - Freight and goods

LRTP Process Overview



Review and Approval of Cost Feasible Plan

- August 29 (TAC/CAC),
- September 5 (MPO Board)
- Public Review Period – September & October

Adoption & Report

- MPO Adoption Hearing – October 3, 2024

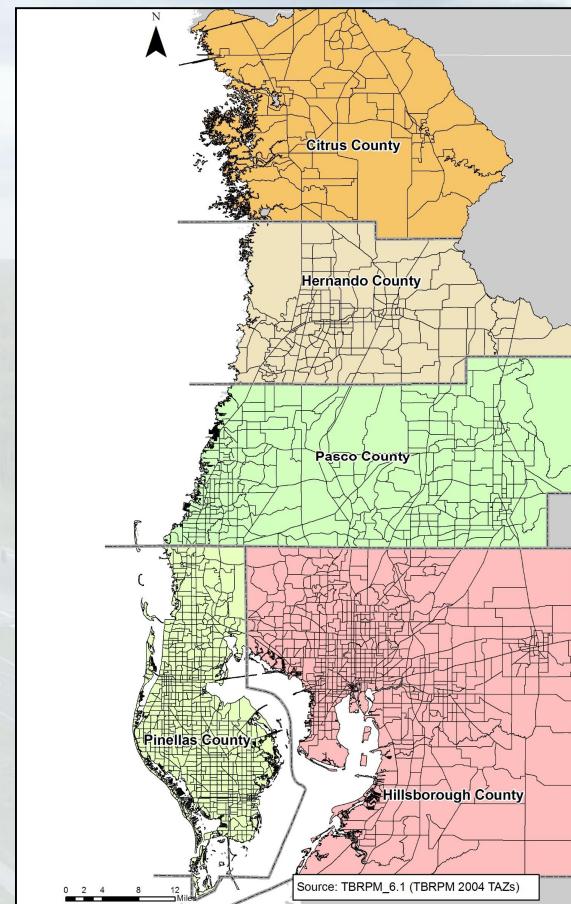
Coordination Partners

- FDOT District 7
- Other MPOs/TPOs
 - Pasco, Polk, Lake-Sumter, Ocala Marion
- Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA)

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Regional Context



Goals and Objectives

Resources

- Hernando/Citrus MPO 2050 Transportation Plan
- Hernando and Citrus Counties Comprehensive Plans
- Local City Plans
- Neighboring MPO Transportation Plans



Goals and Objectives

Resources – Federal and State

- Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)
- Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)



LRTP Goals

- Safety
- Economy
- Mobility
- Livability
- Intermodality
- Preservation
- Implementation

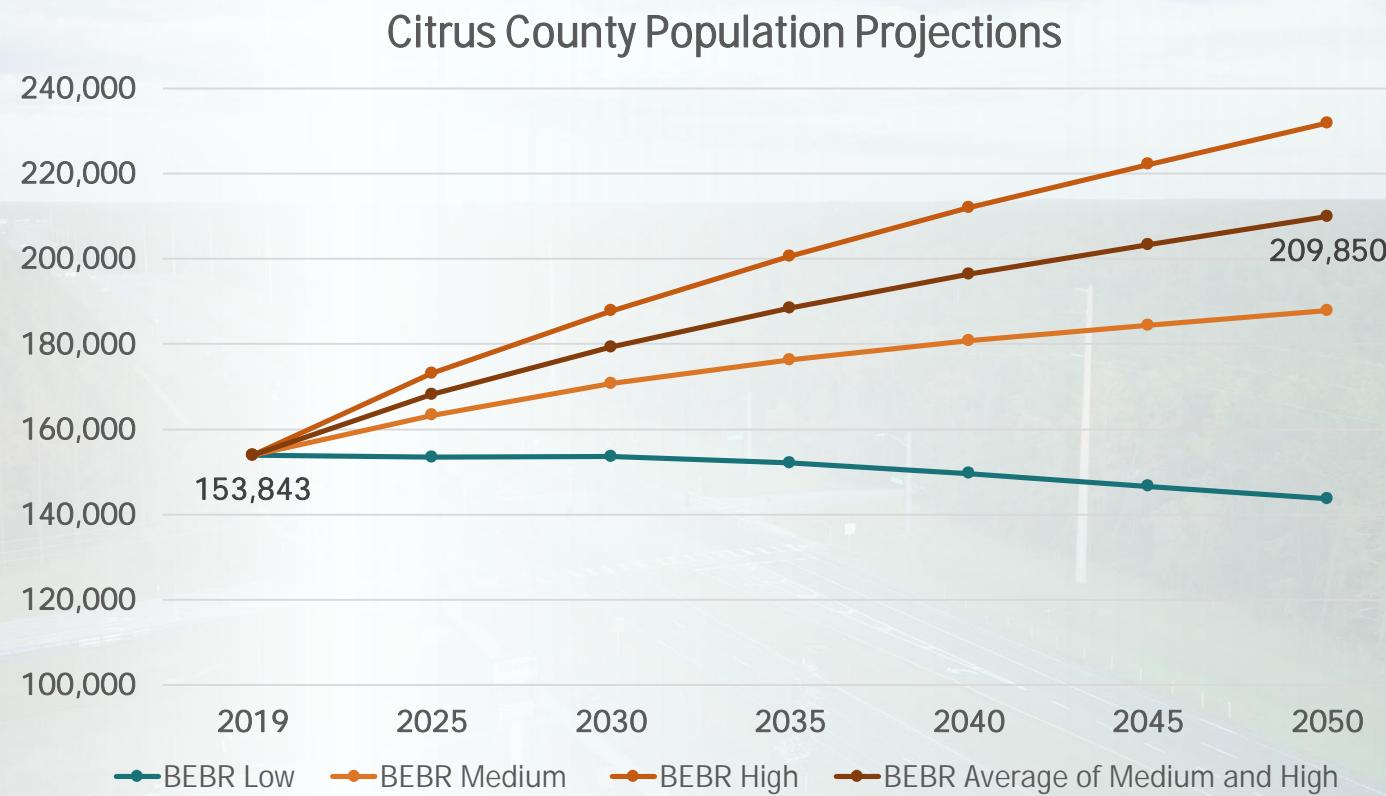


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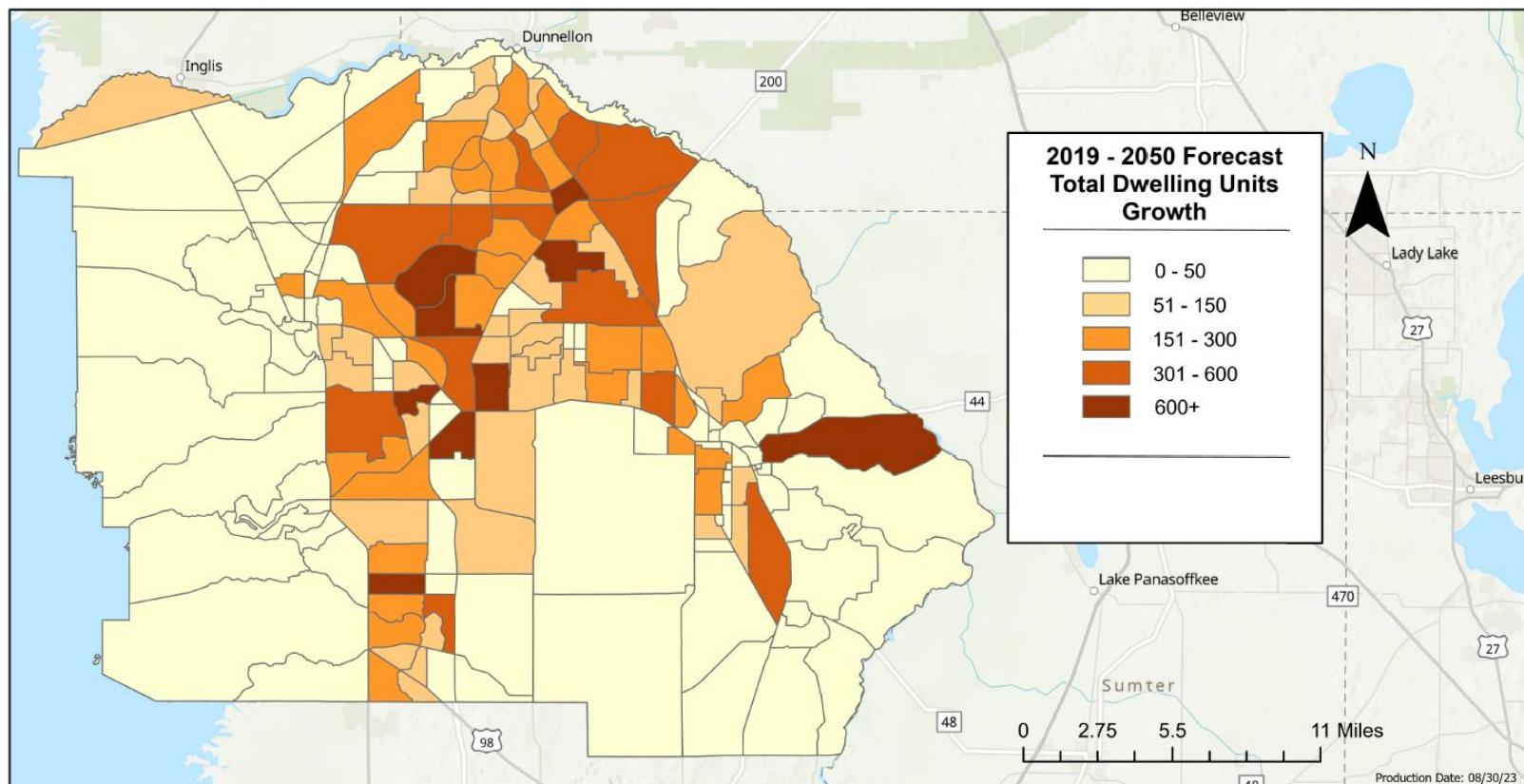
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	2019	2050	Increase
Citrus County	151,007	205,983	54,976 (36.4%)
Hernando County	192,398	270,222	77,824 (40.4%)
Total	343,405	476,205	132,800 (38.7%)

	Employment		
	2019	2050	Increase
Citrus County	49,000	66,841	17,852 (36.4%)
Hernando County	65,400	91,866	26,466 (40.5%)
Total	114,400	158,707	44,318 (38.7%)

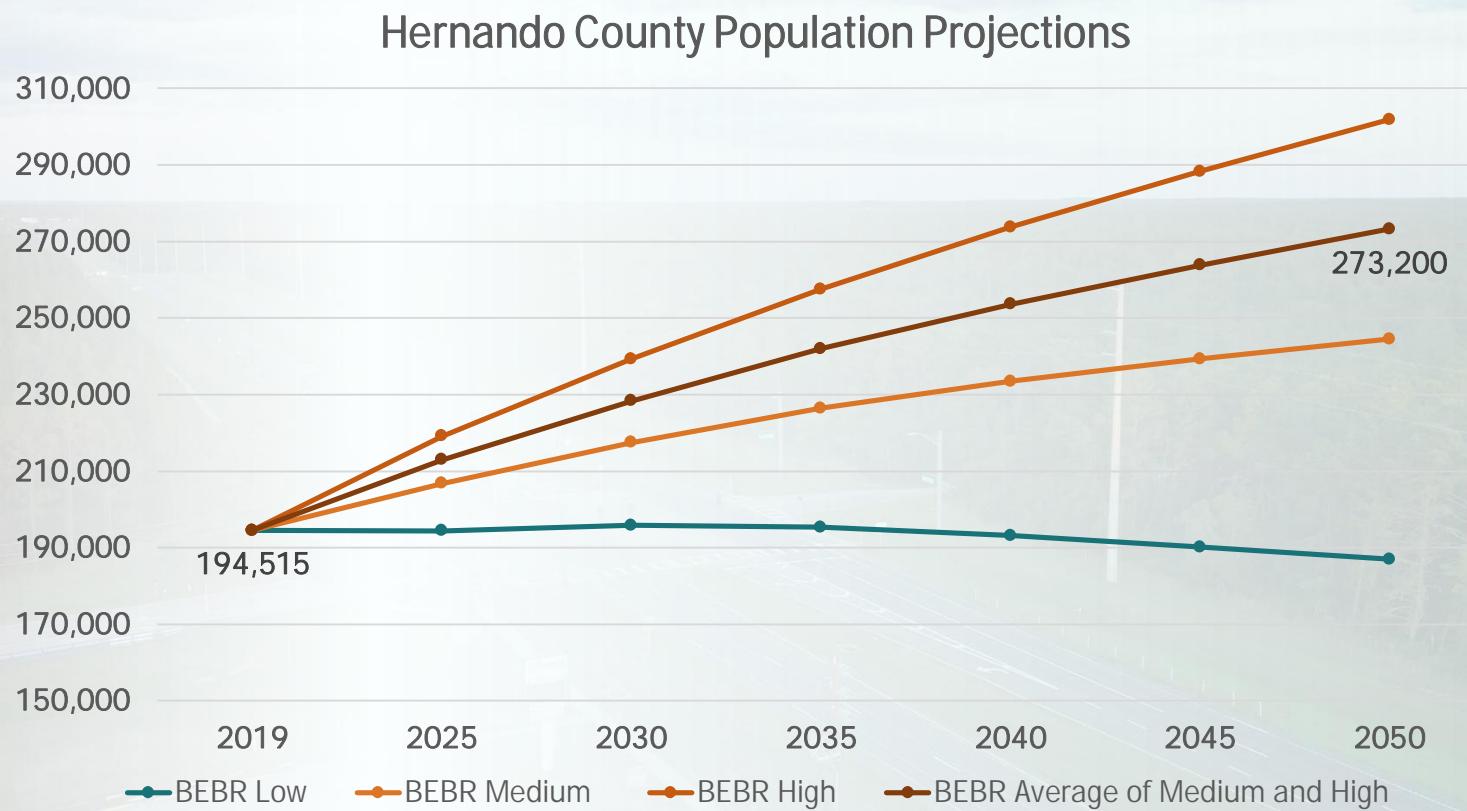
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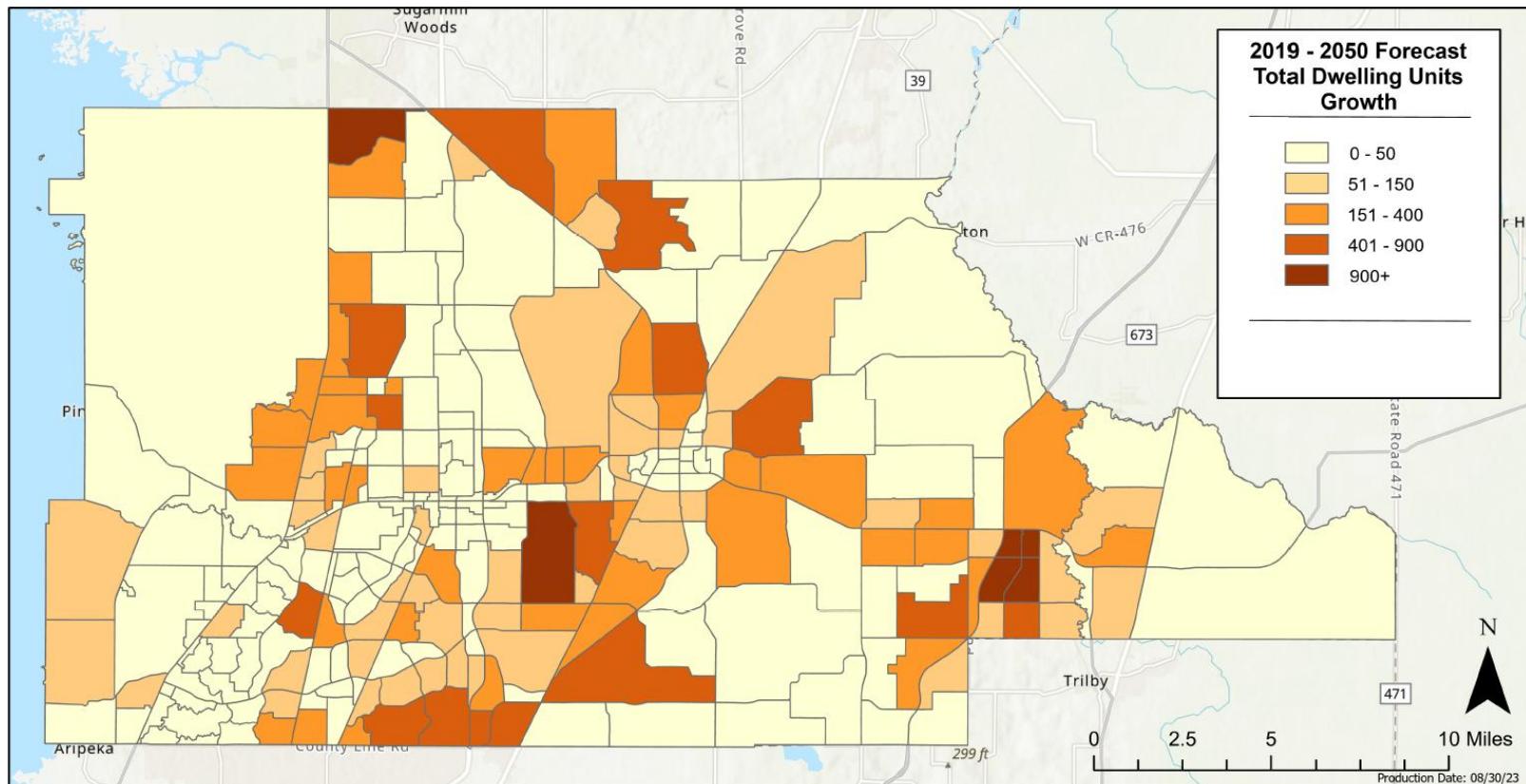
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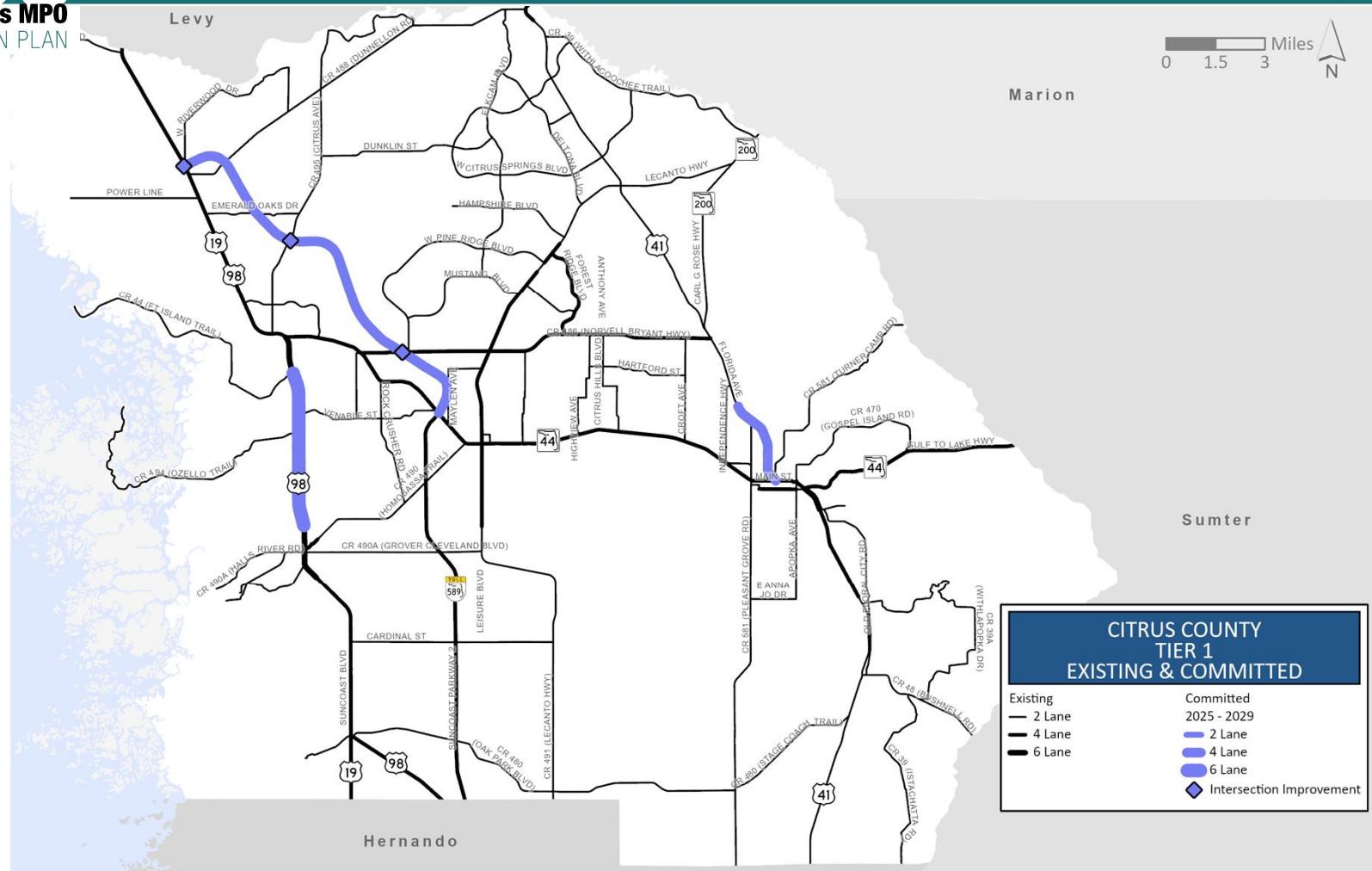


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Citrus County Committed Roadway Network



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Hernando County Existing Roadway Network

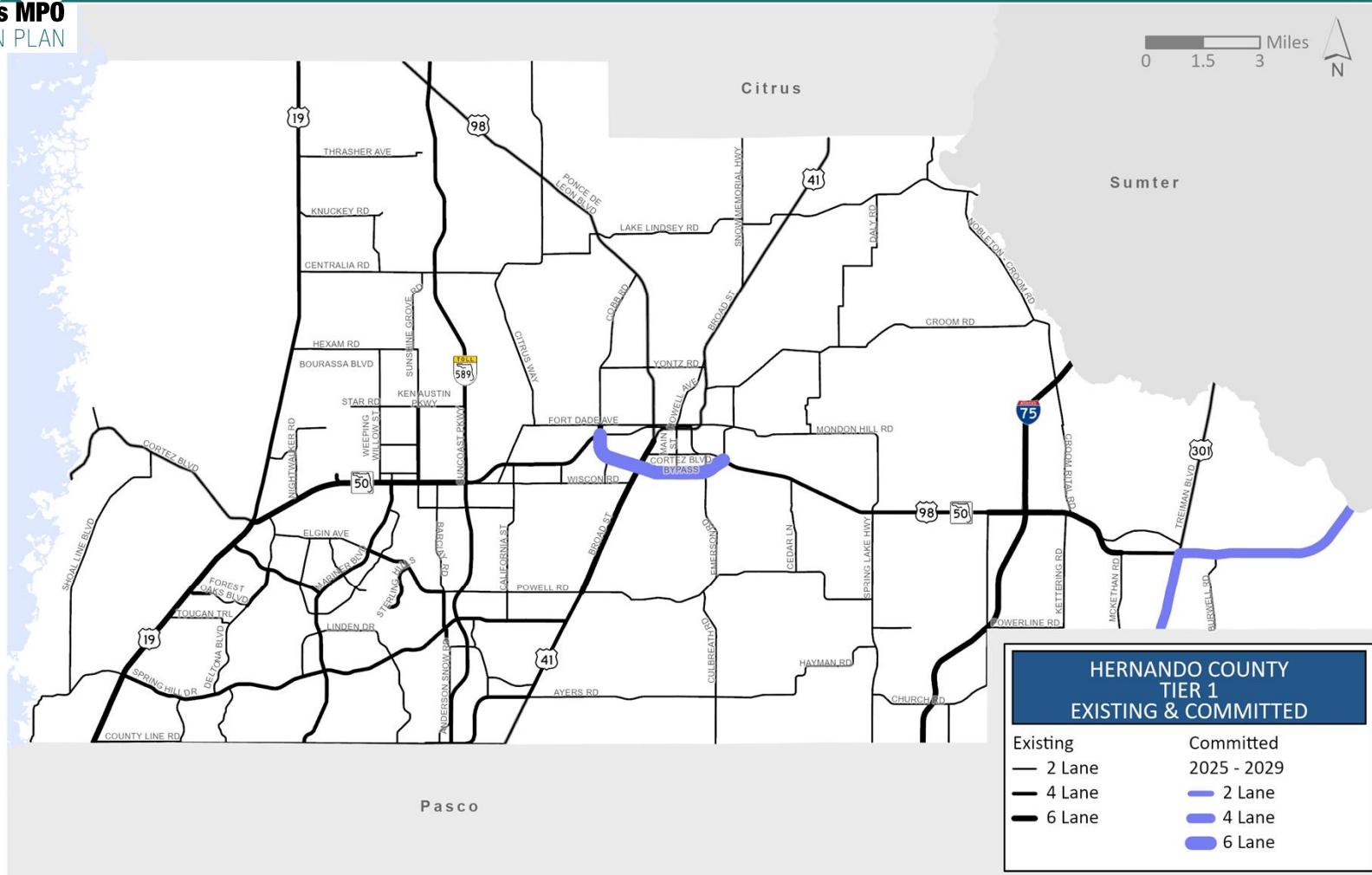
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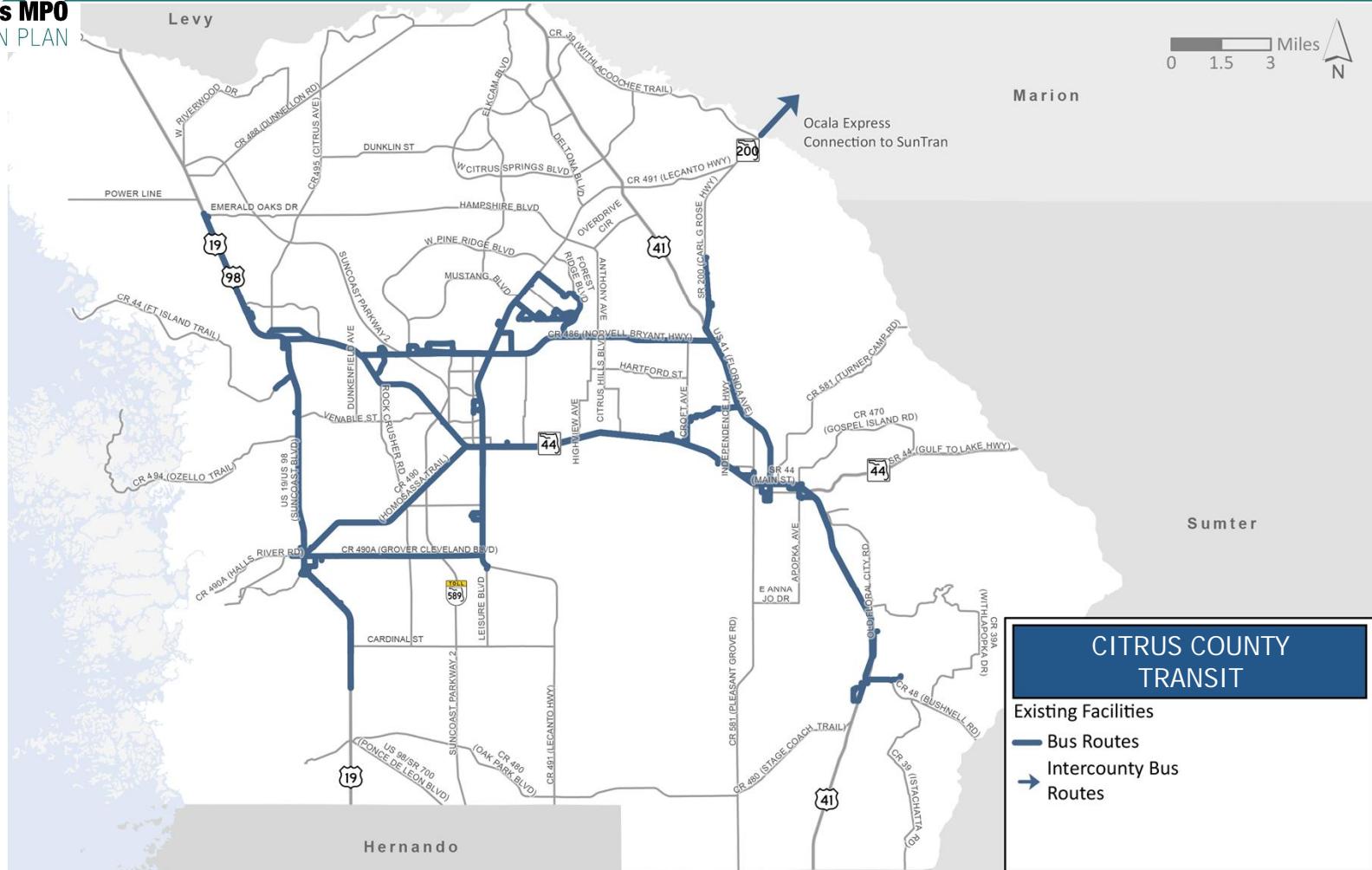




Transit Network

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Citrus County Existing Transit



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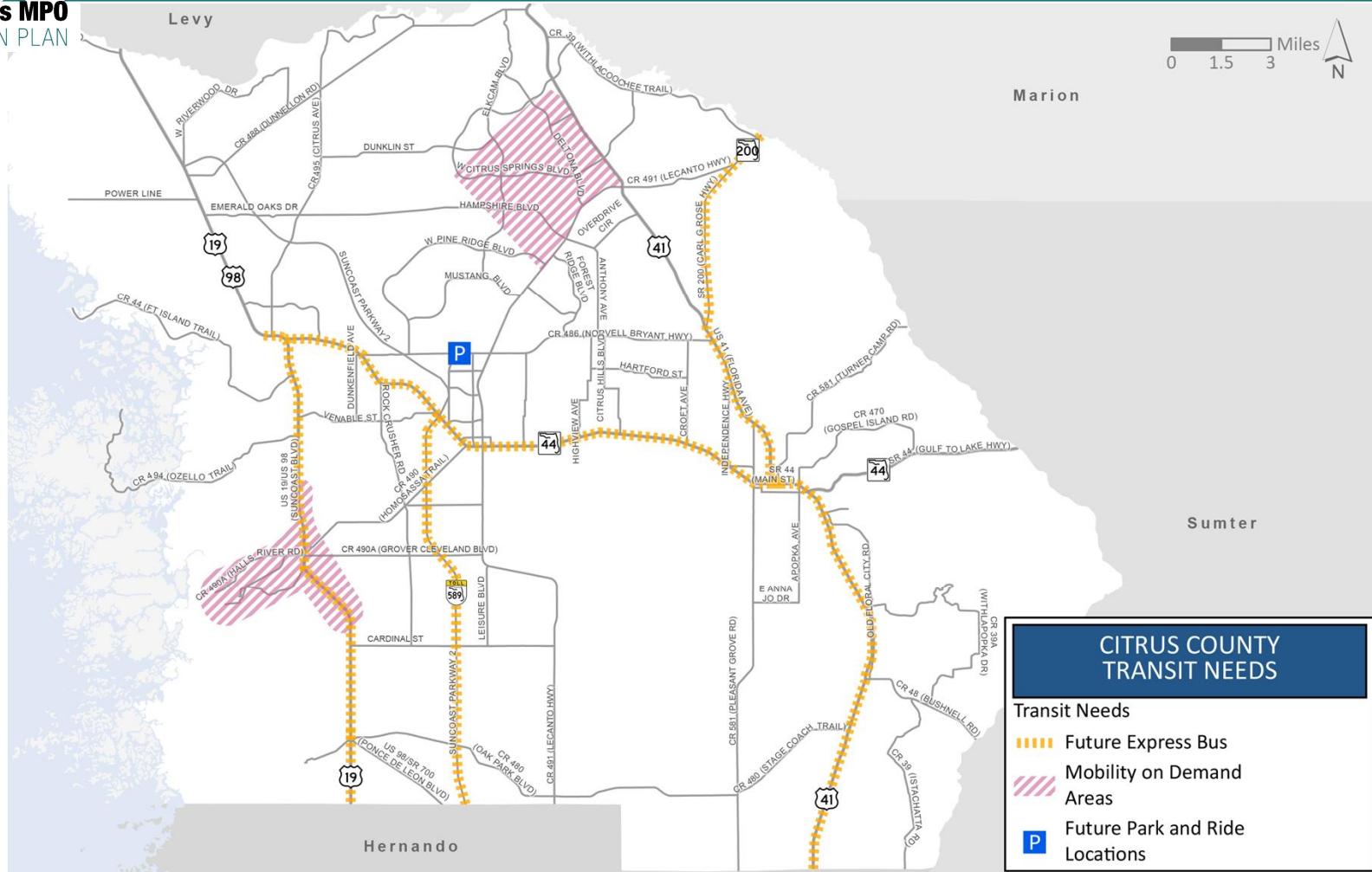
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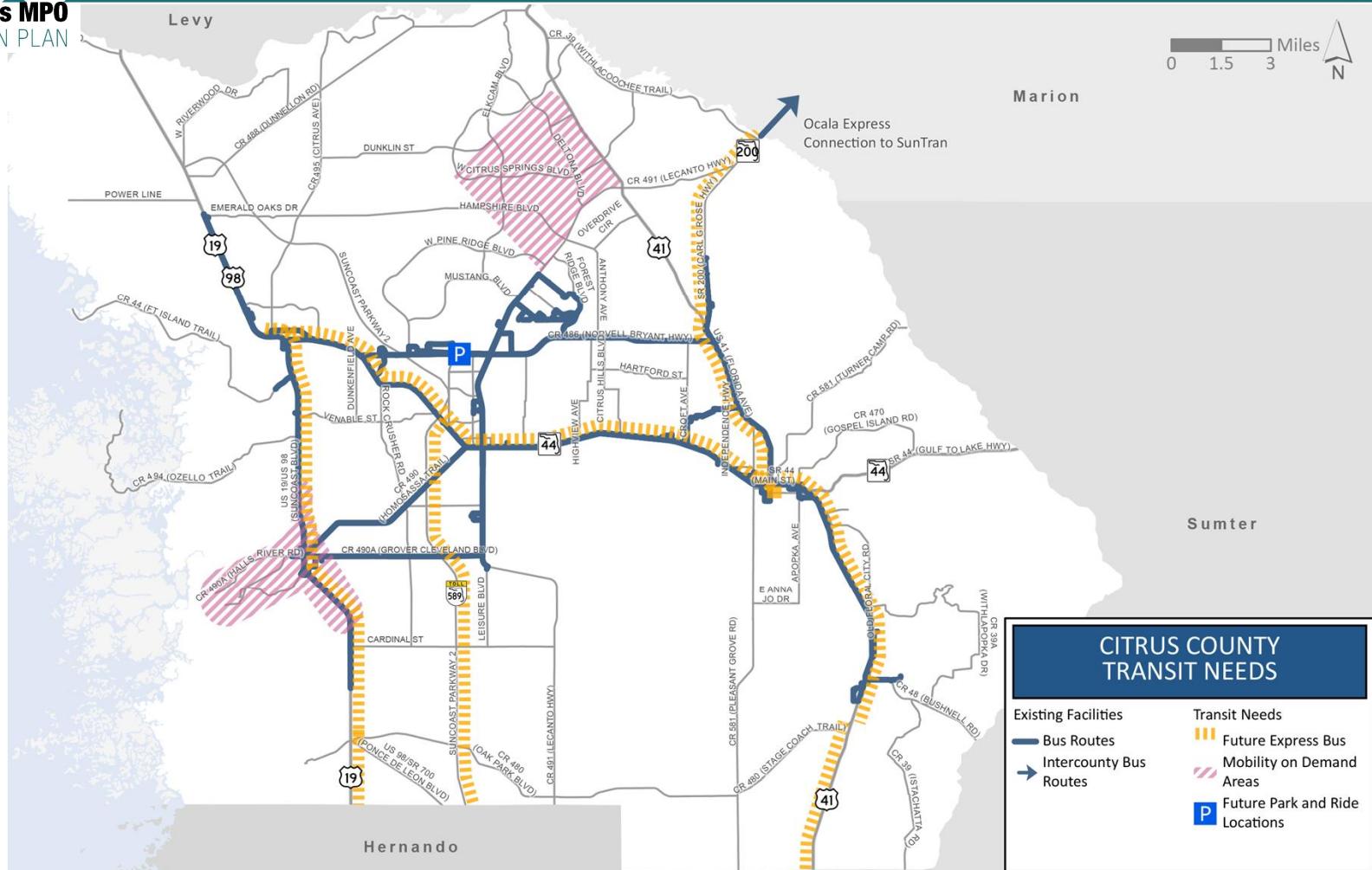
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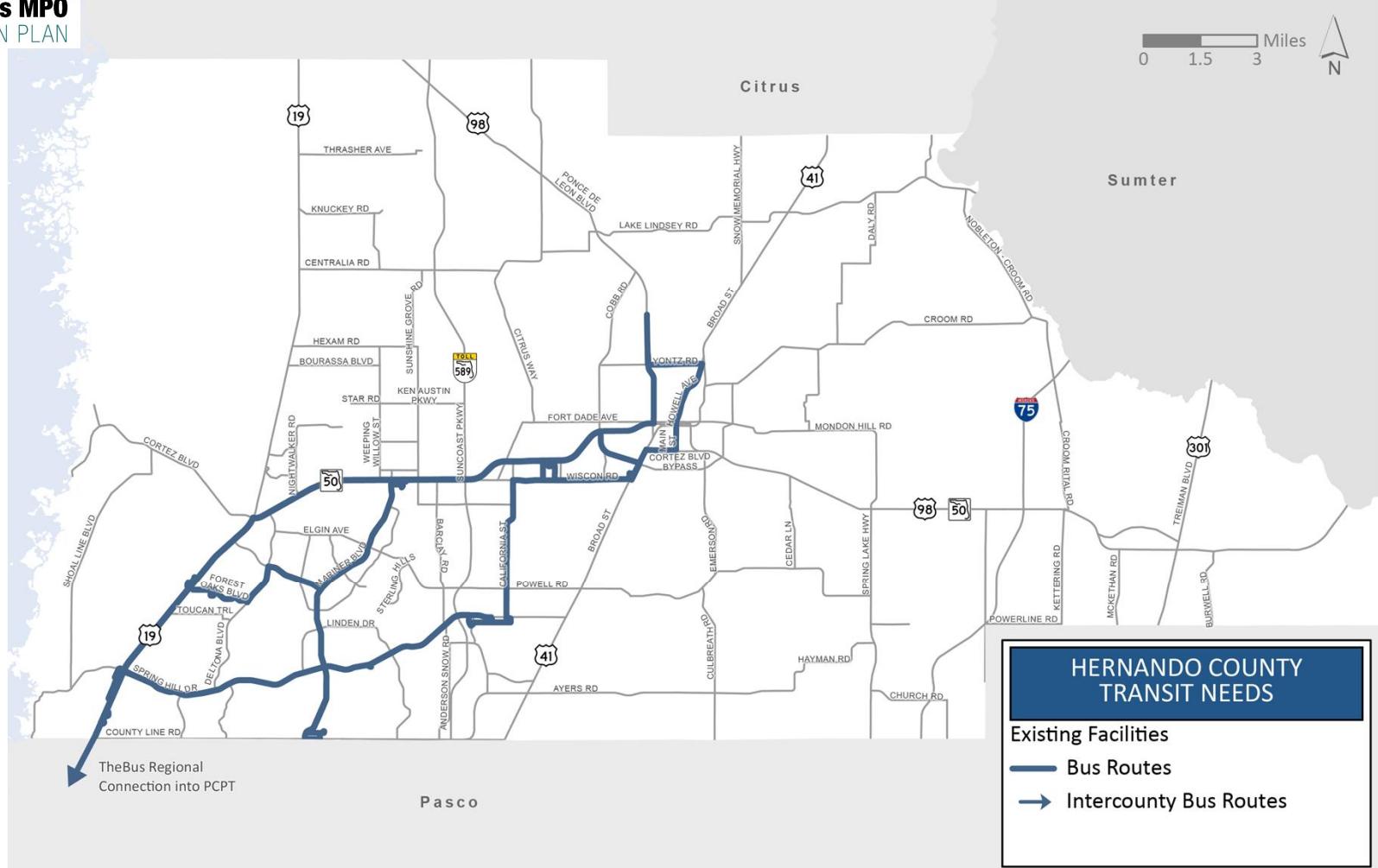
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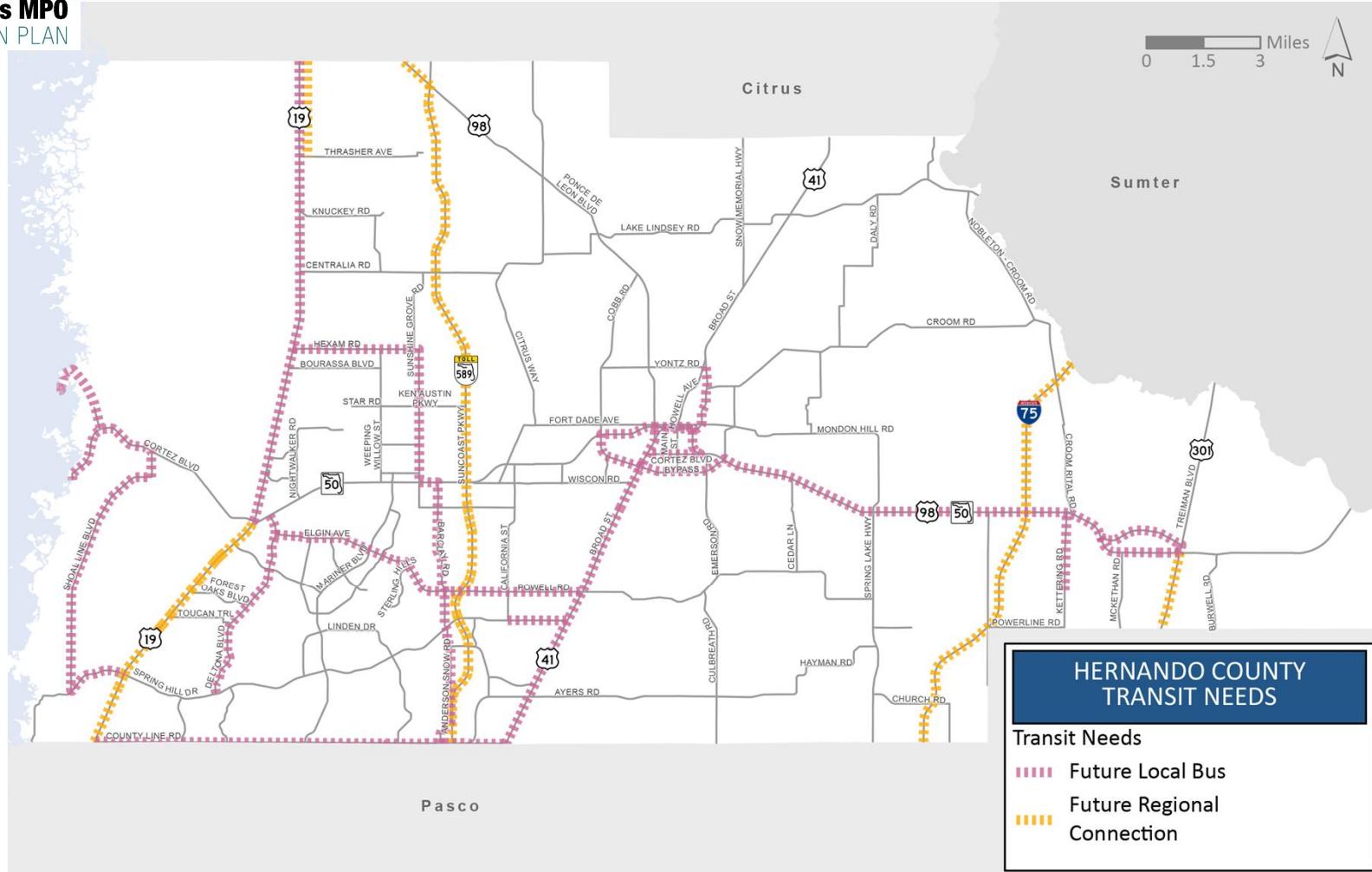


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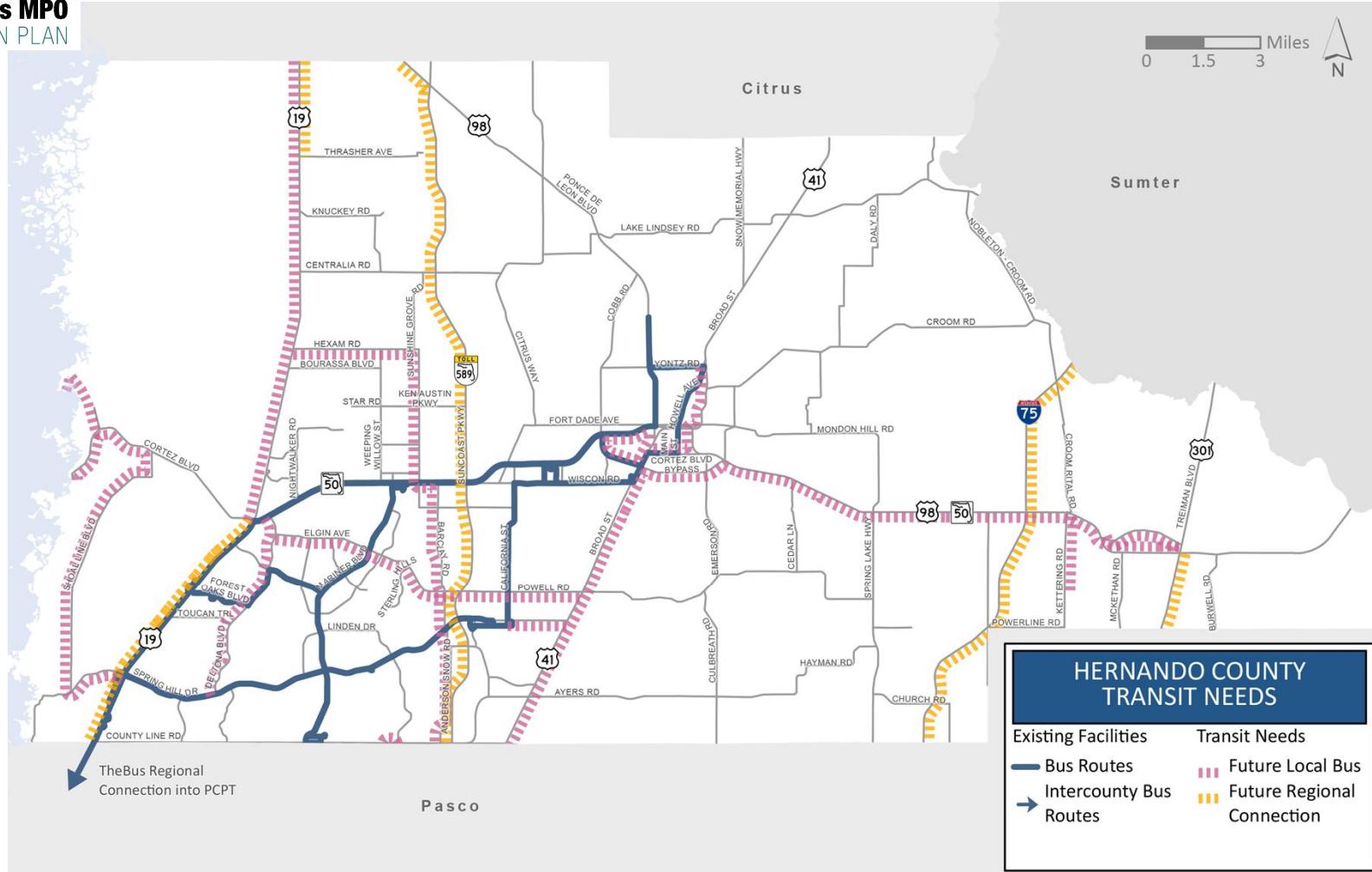


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Bike/Ped/Trails Network

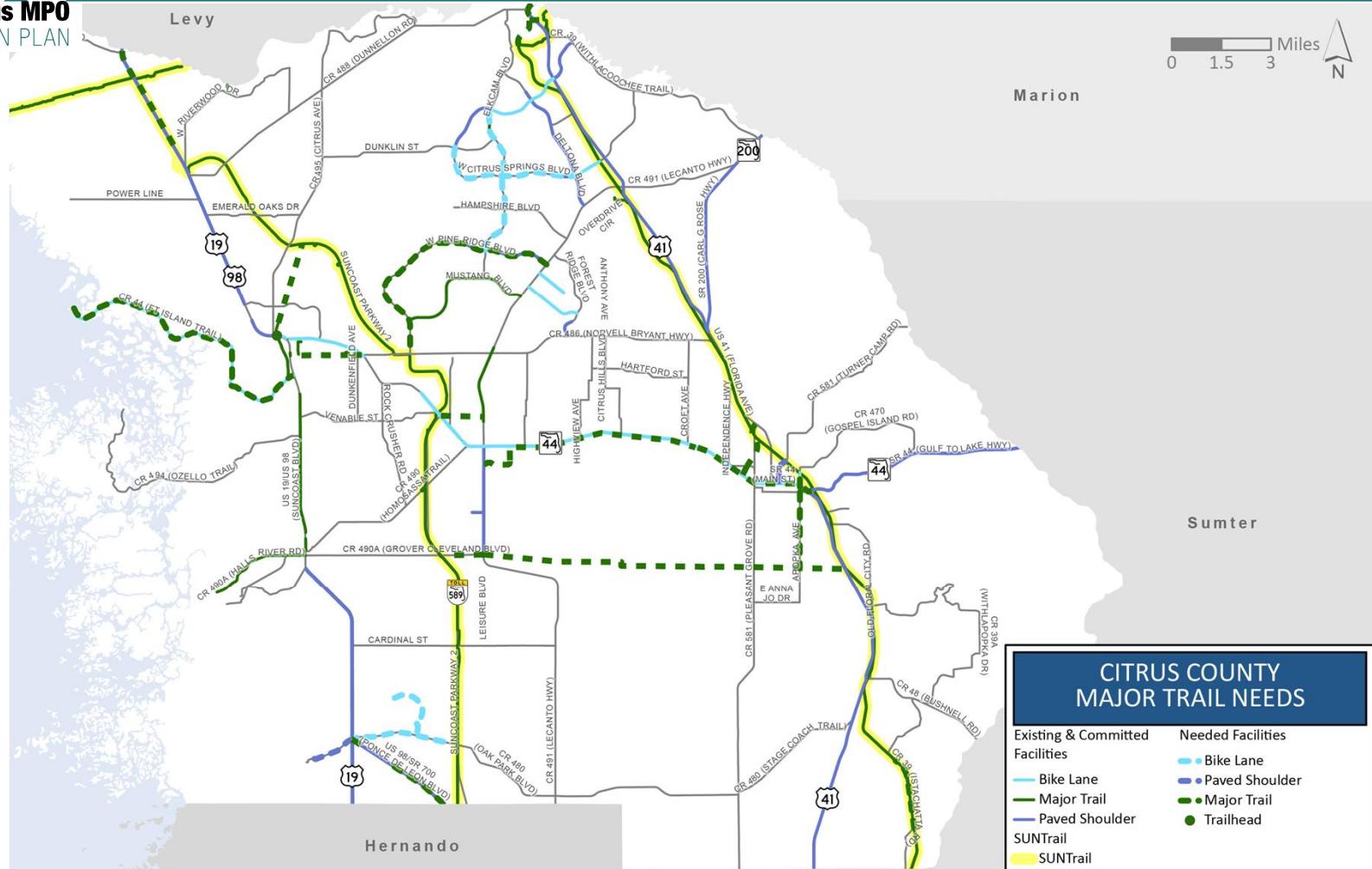
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Citrus County Major Trail Needs

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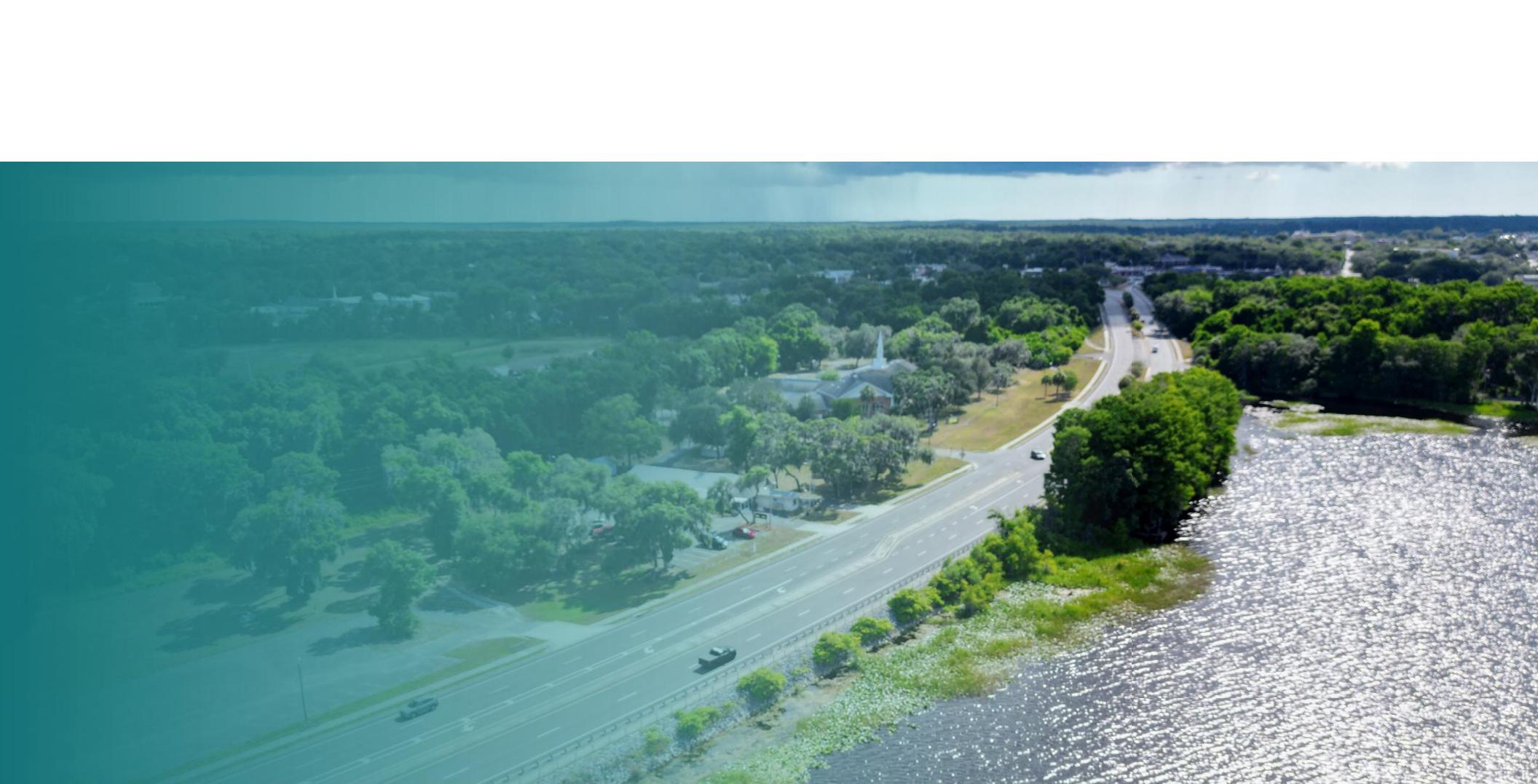
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Hernando County Major Trail Needs





Cost Feasible Plan

Needs Plan to Cost Feasible Plan (Roadways)

Identify

transportation projects necessary to meet future demands without considering financial constraints.

Needs Plan

Prioritize

Identify the community's highest priorities

Constrain

the prioritized project list based on anticipated funding availability.

Cost Feasible Plan

Issues

- Increased Costs
- Lower Revenues
- Continued Population and Employment Growth

Considerations

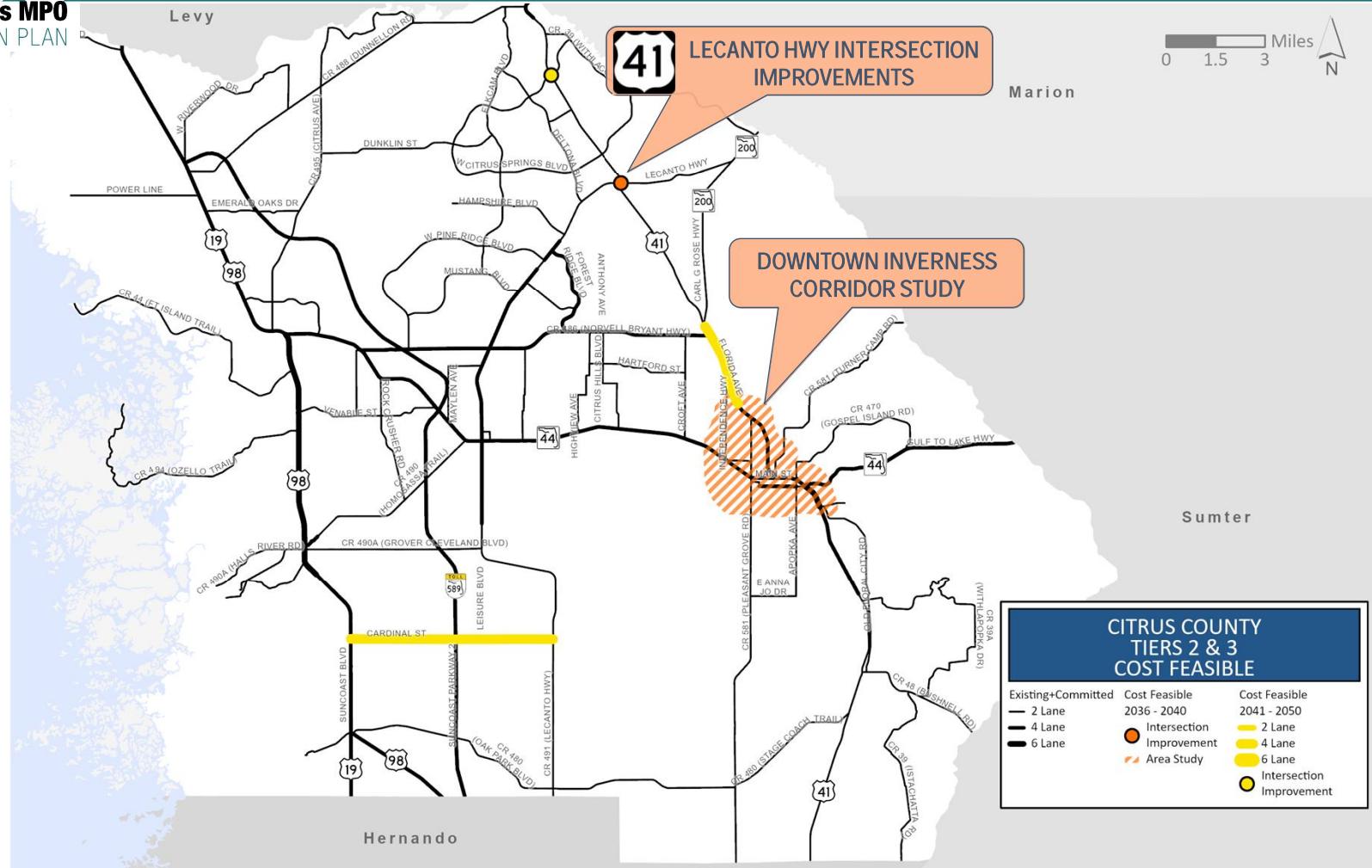
- Jurisdictional Assignments (State Highway System vs. Non-State Highways)
- Revenue Options
 - Federal & State
 - Local (Sales Tax, Impact Fees, etc.)

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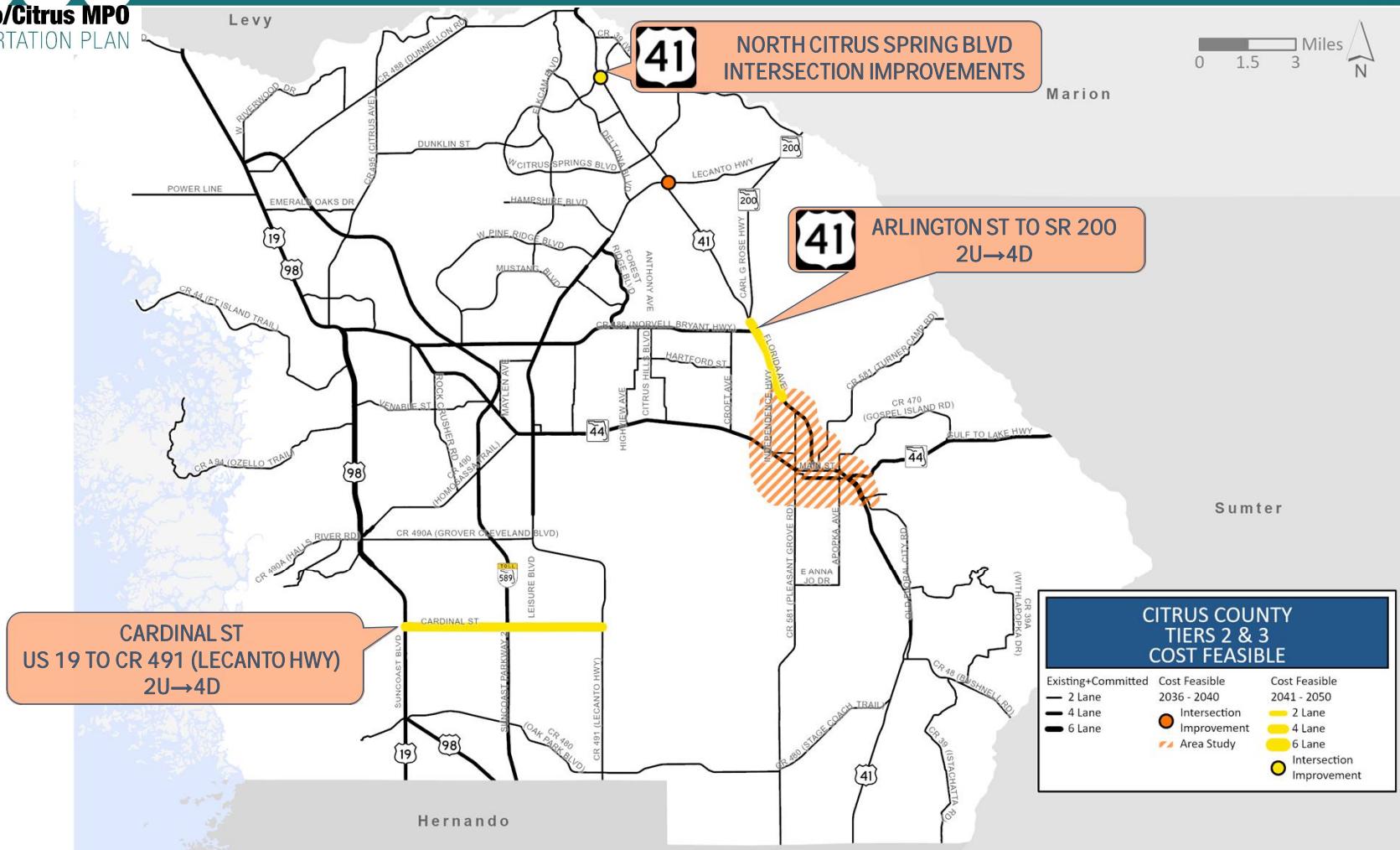
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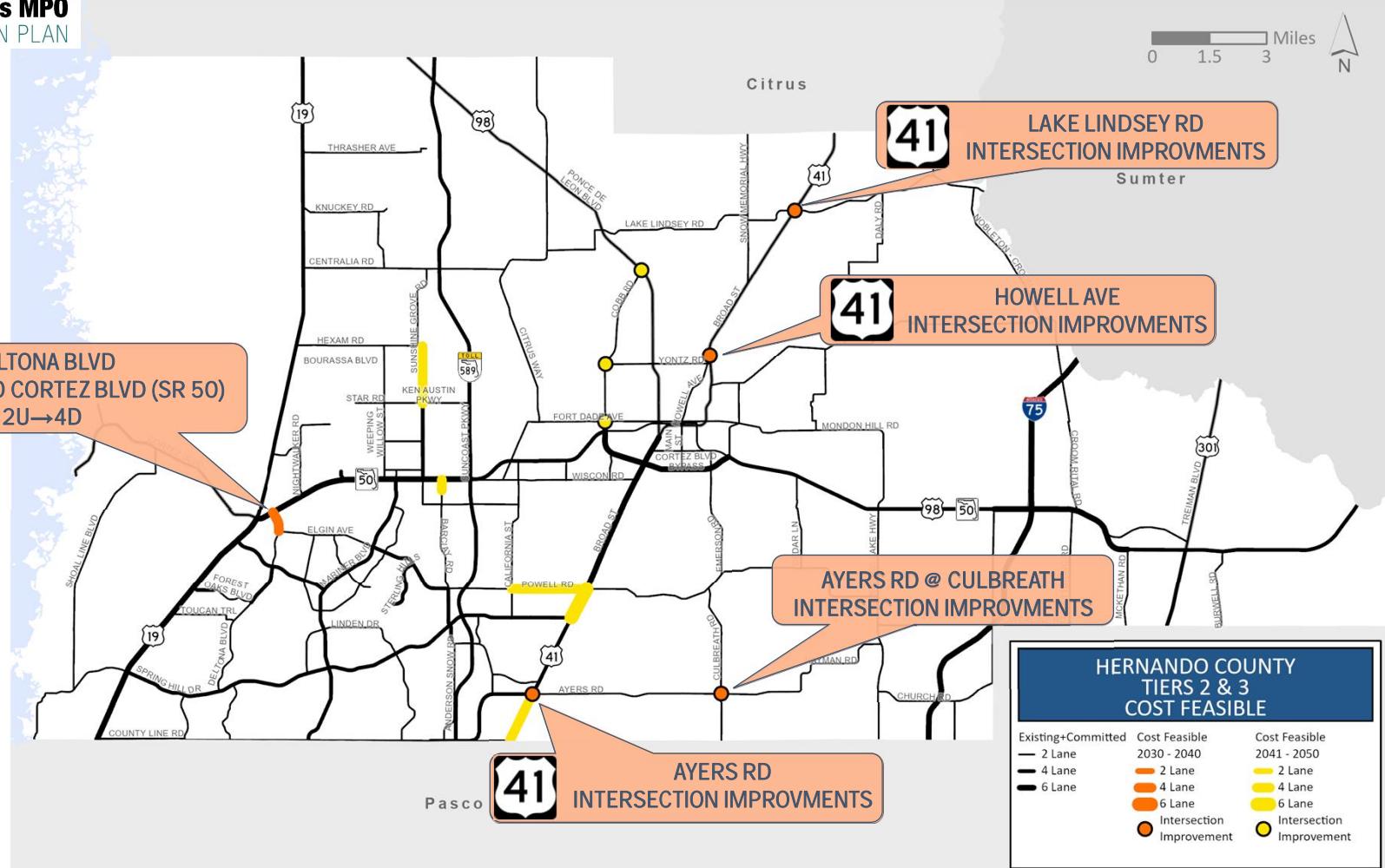
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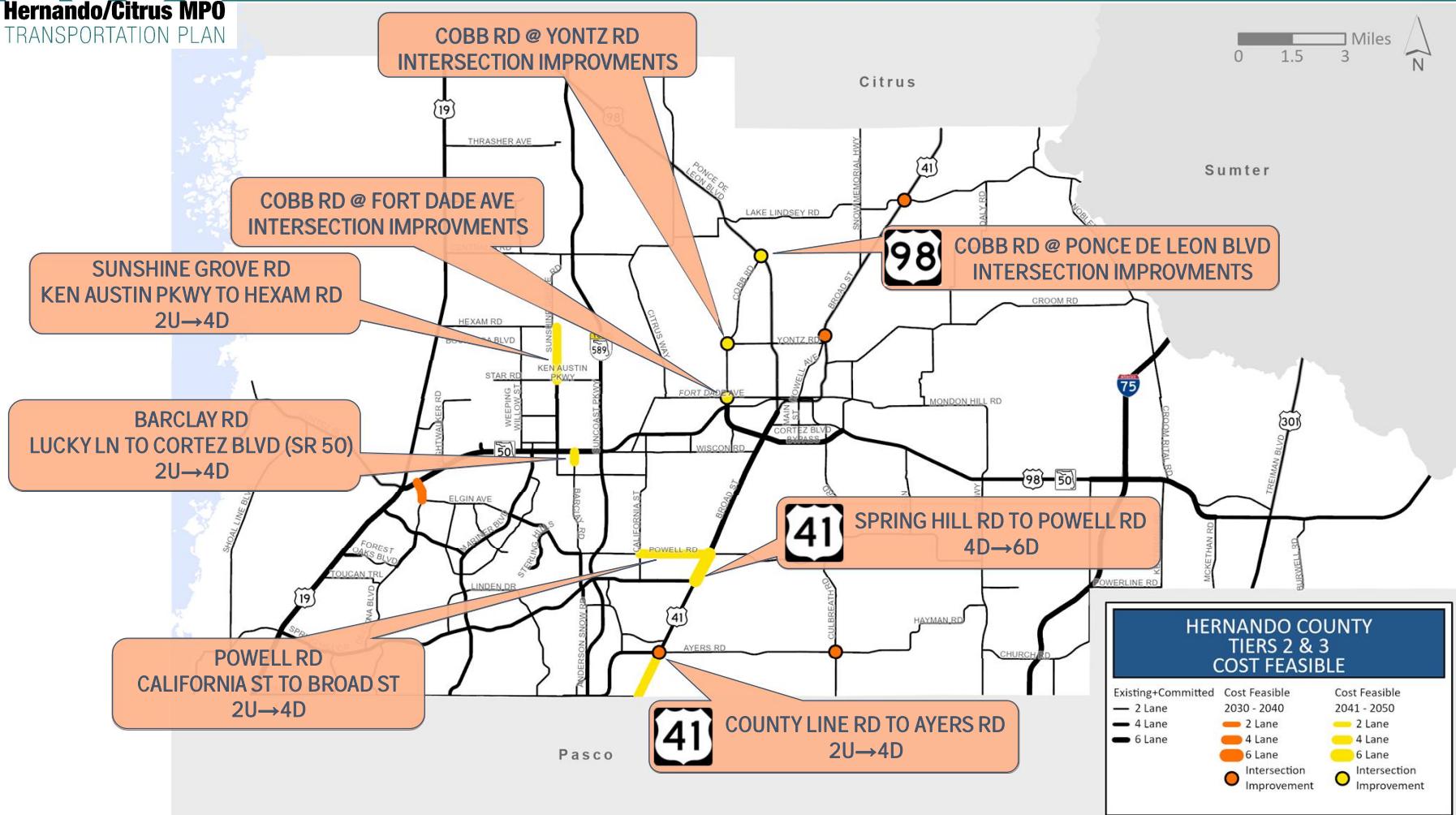


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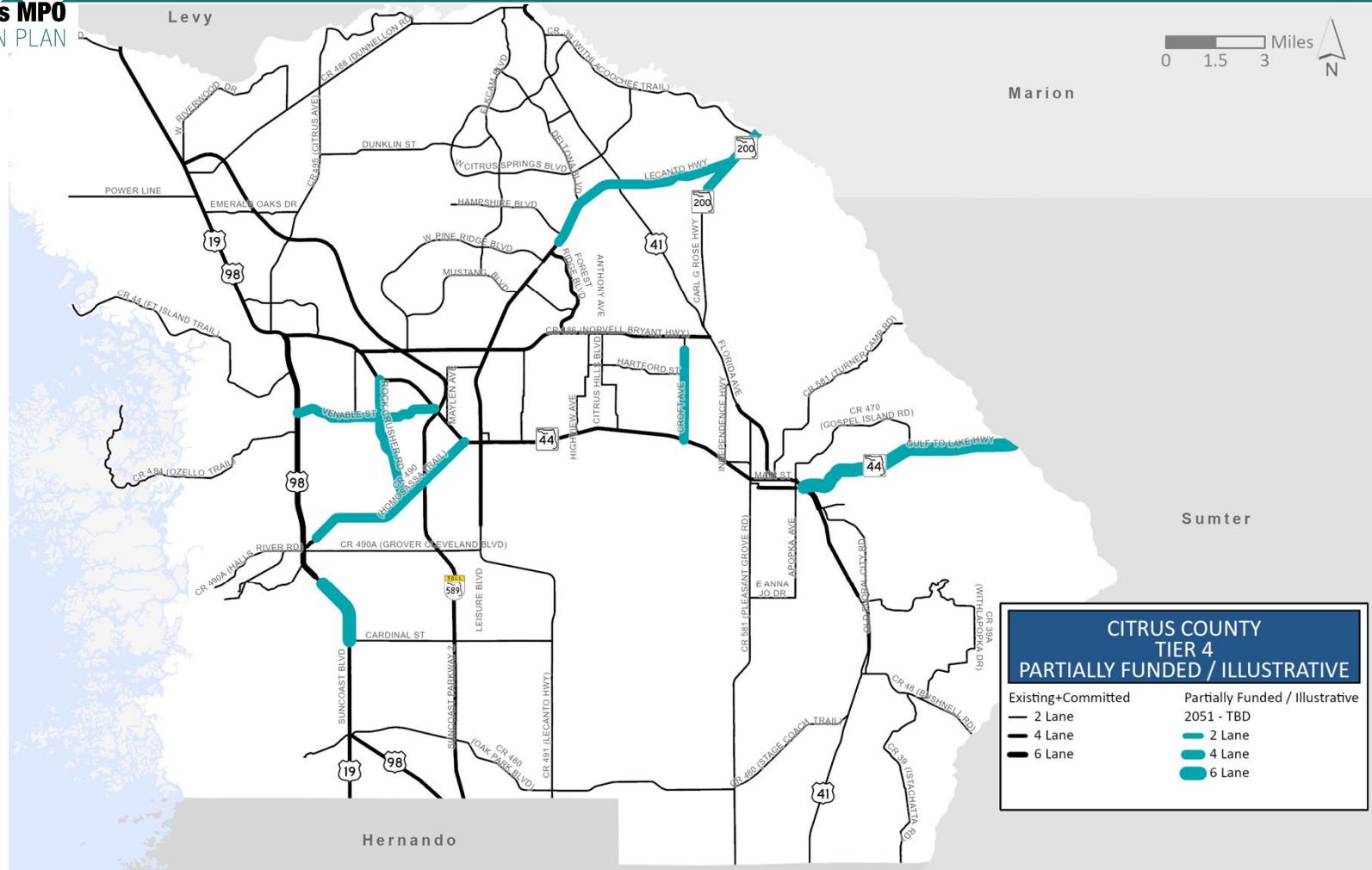
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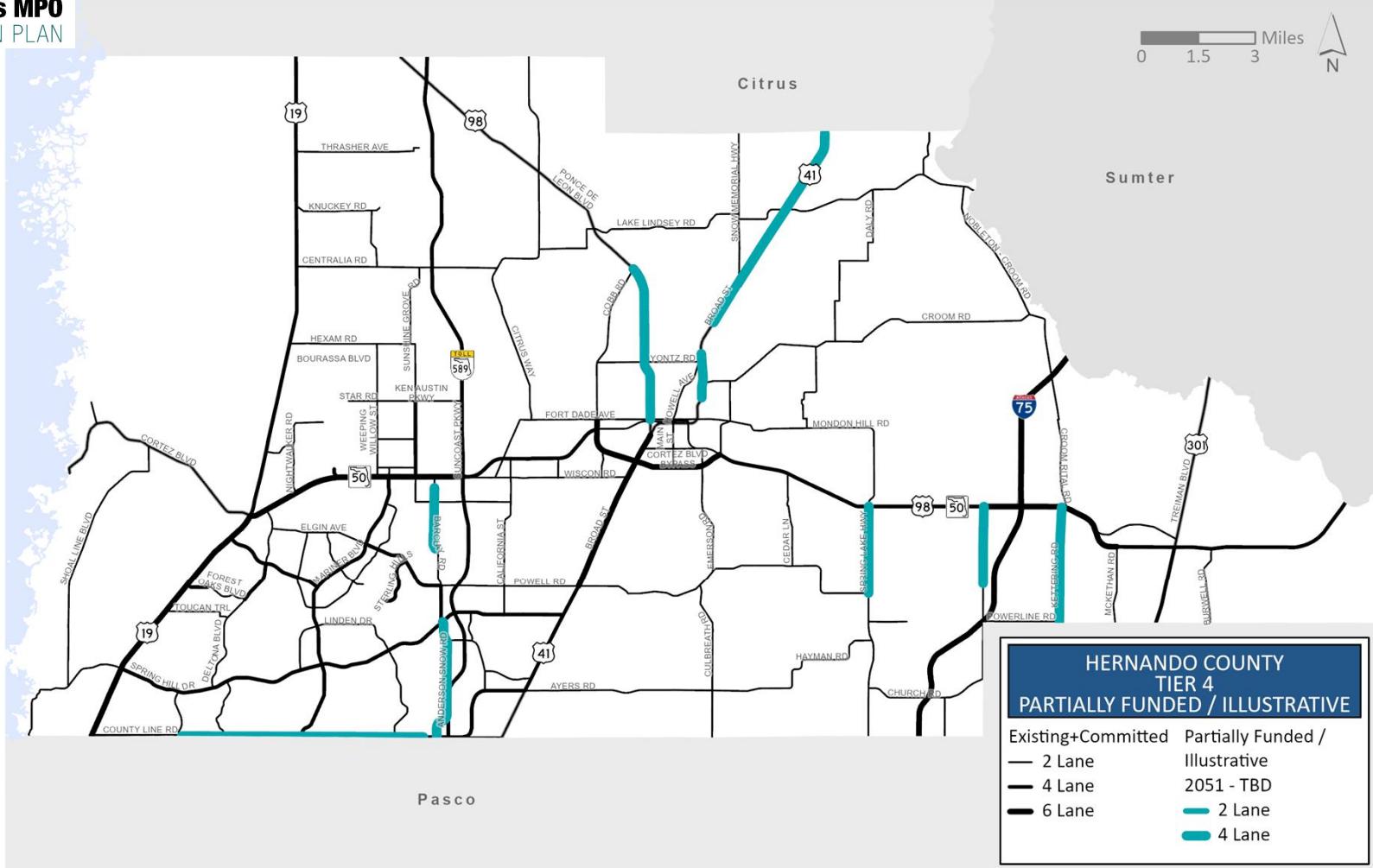
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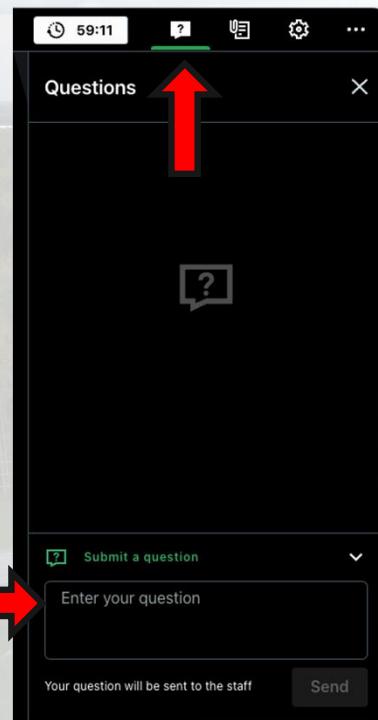
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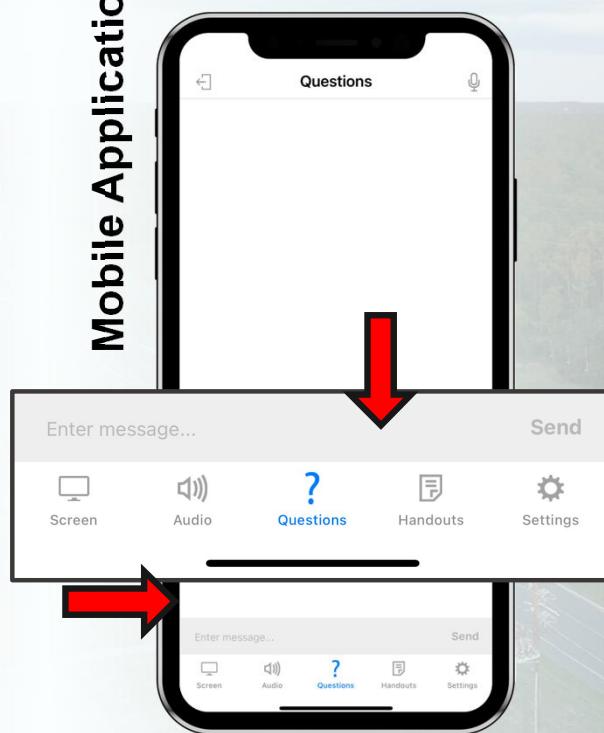


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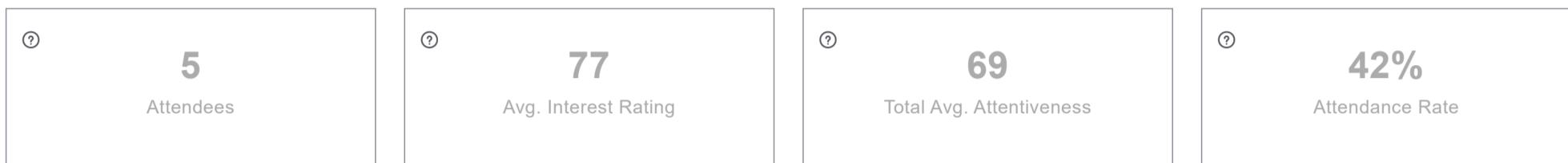
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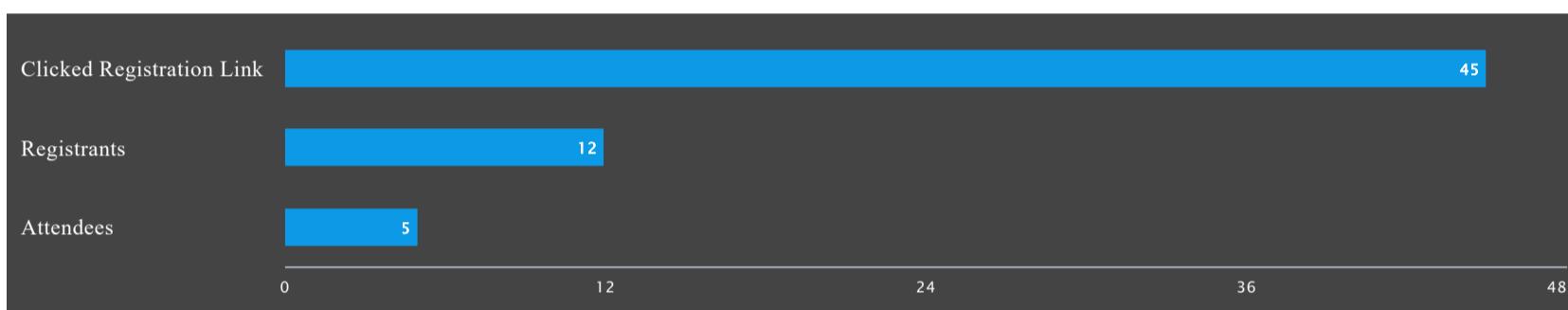
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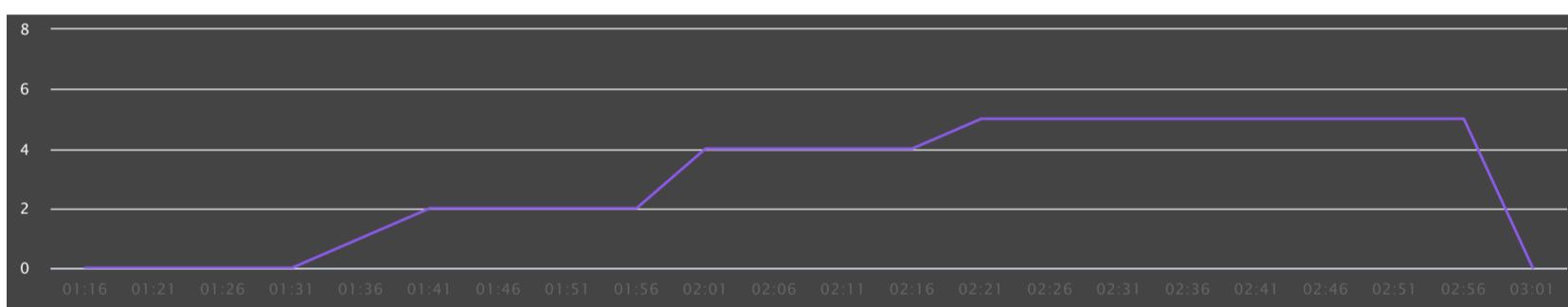
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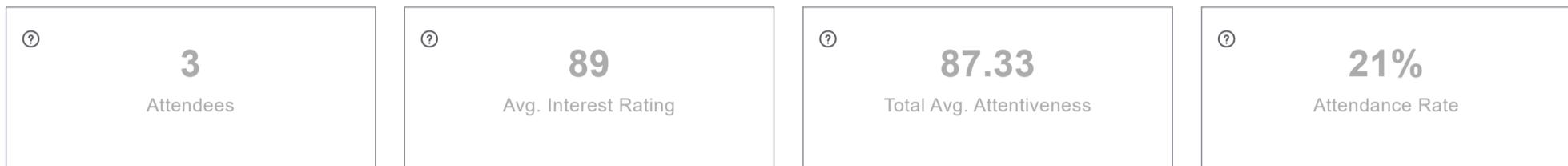
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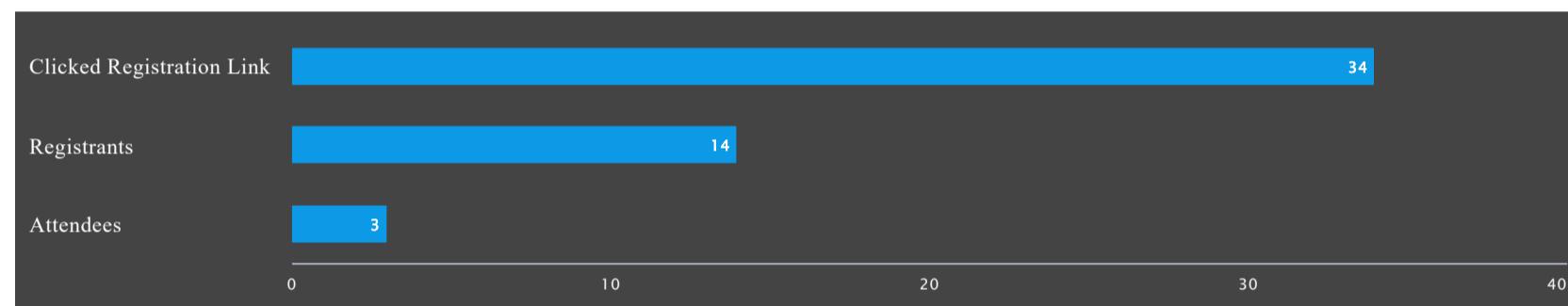
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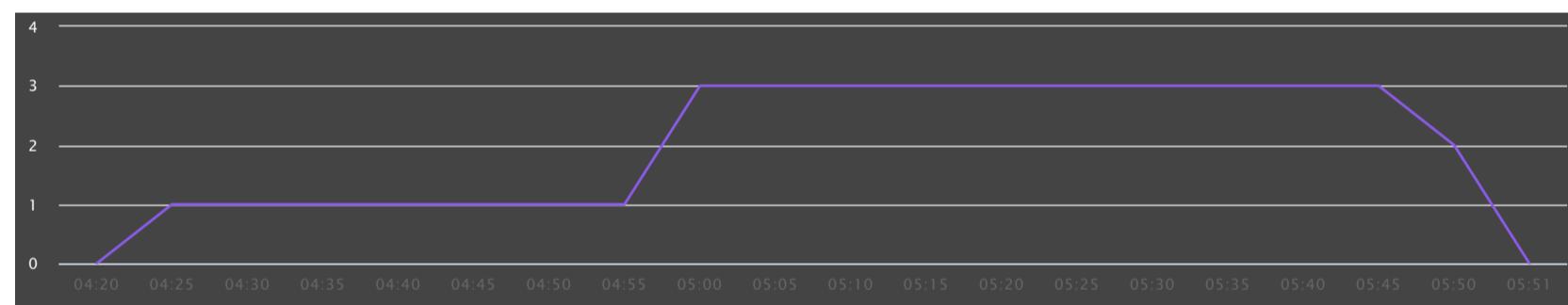
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