

## **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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## Hernando-Citrus MPO Public Workshops – August 5, 2024

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# 2050



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## **Hernando/Citrus MPO** TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Public Workshop – August 22, 2024



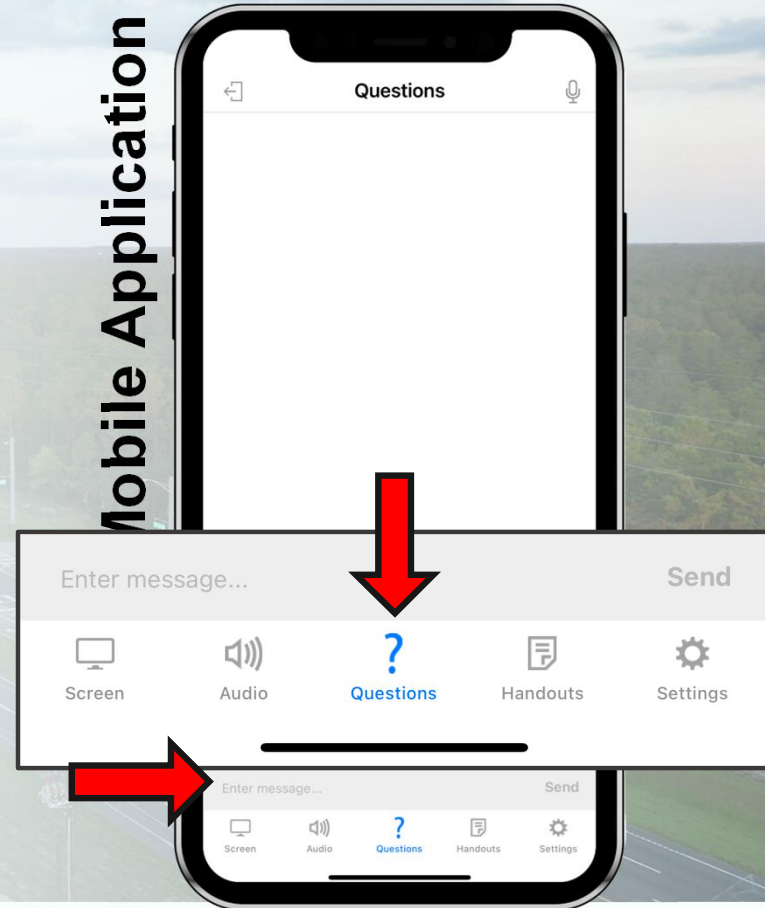


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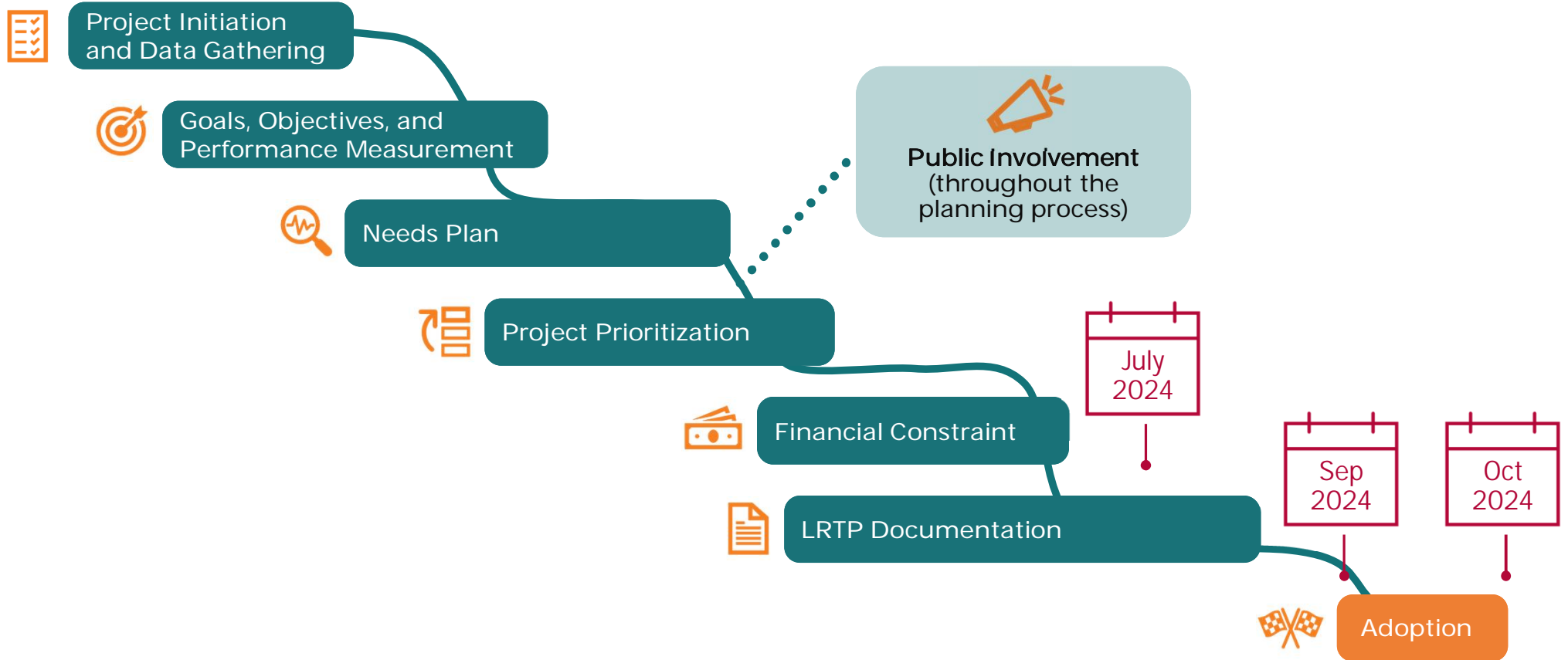
# LRTP Process Overview

## 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



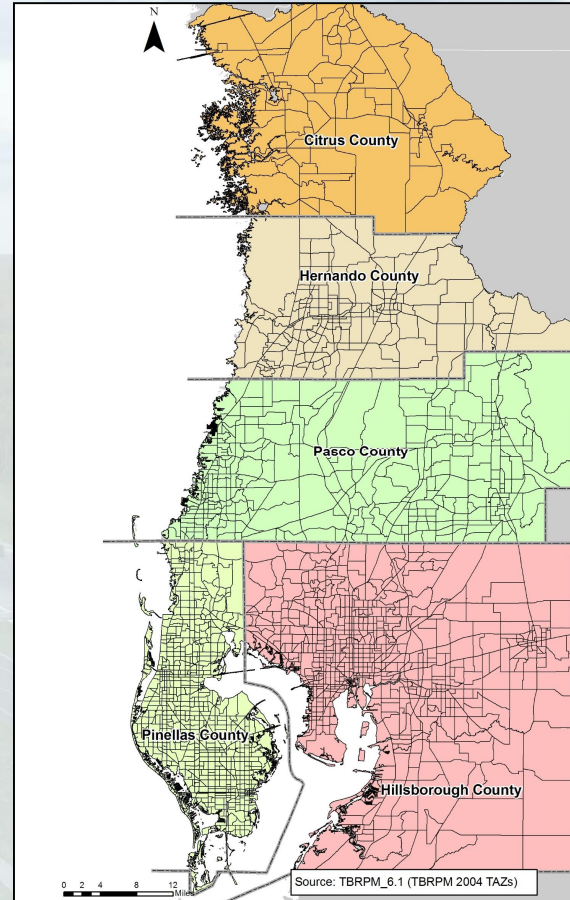
## Coordination Partners

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

# 2050

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TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## 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)



# Goals and Objectives

## LRTP Goals

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



# Population and Employment Forecast

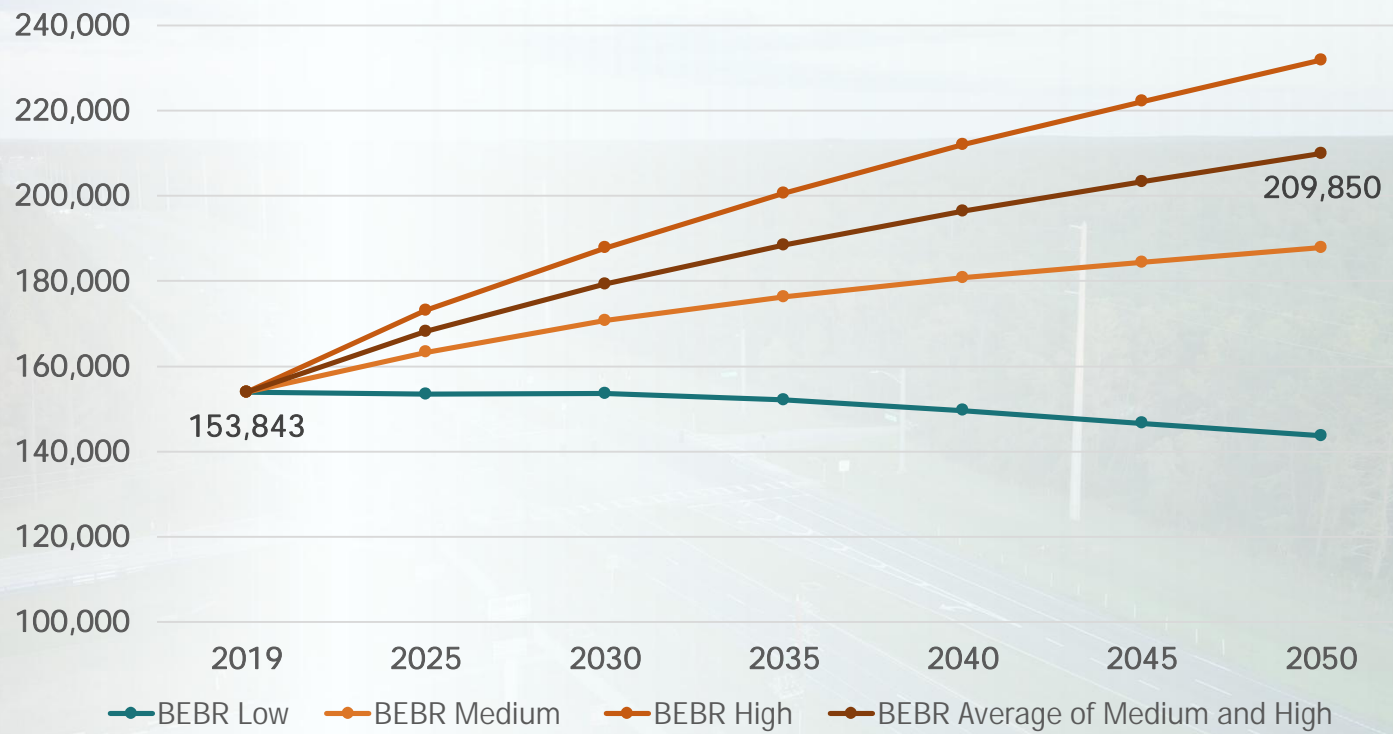
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|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
|                 | 2019       | 2050    | Increase        |
| Citrus County   | 151,007    | 205,983 | 54,976 (36.4%)  |
| Hernando County | 192,398    | 270,222 | 77,824 (40.4%)  |
| Total           | 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%) |

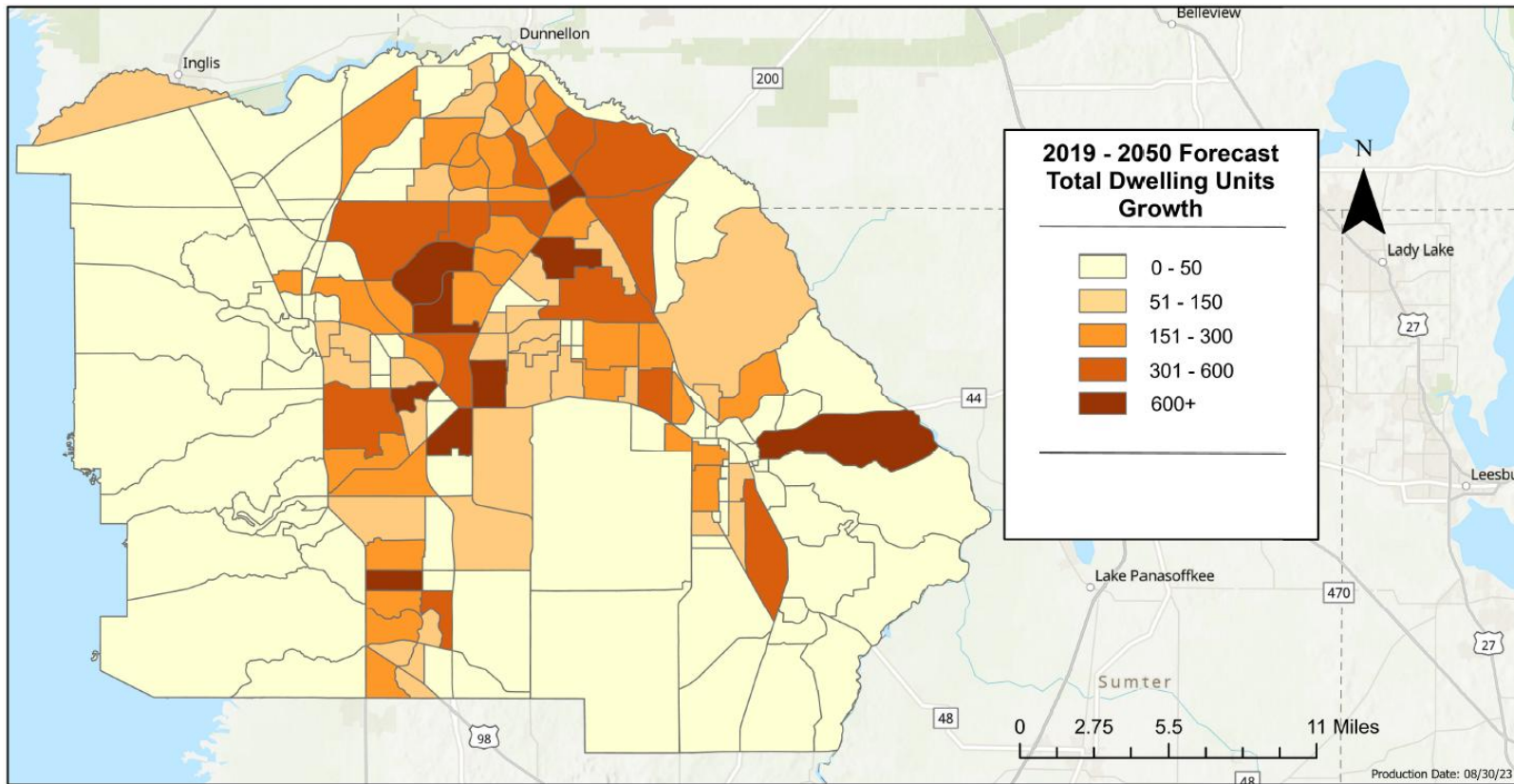


# Growth Forecasts

Citrus County Population Projections

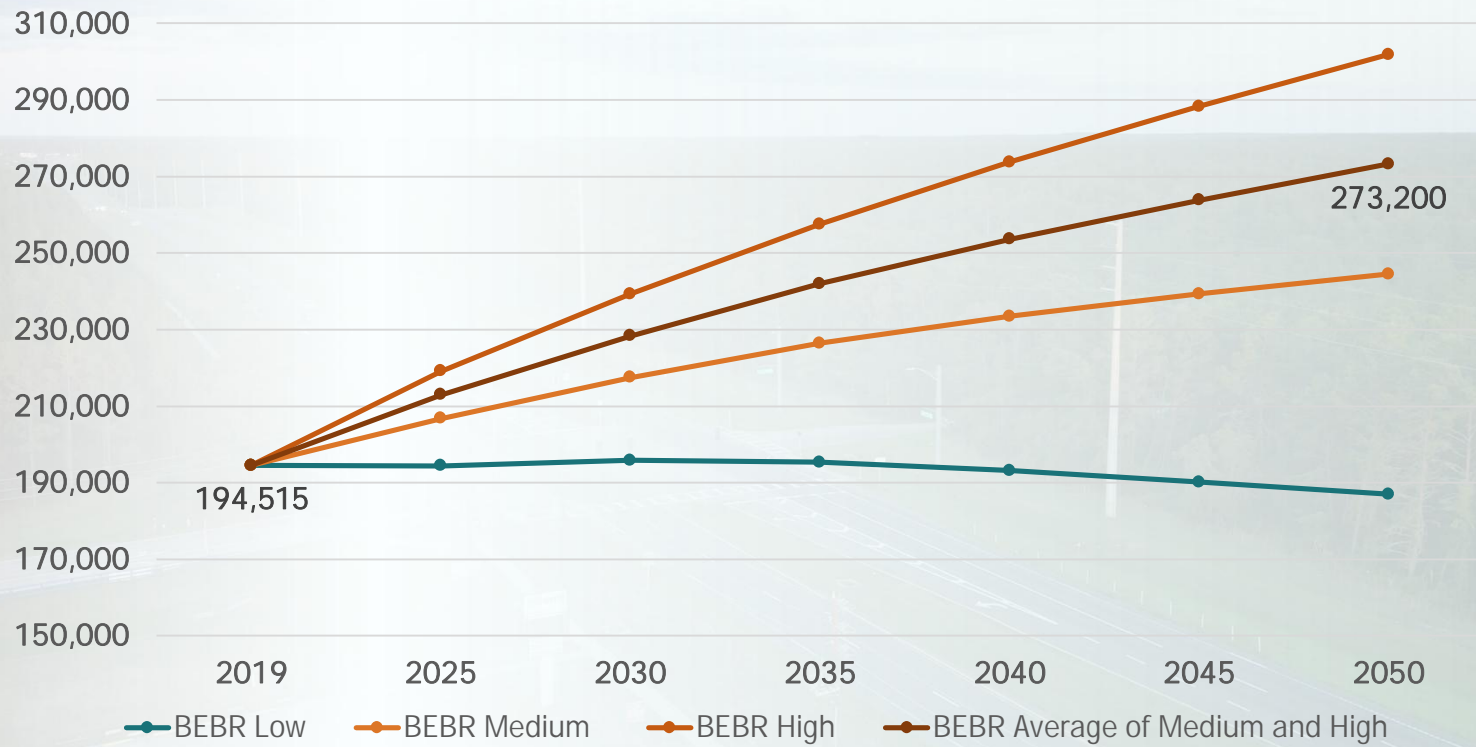


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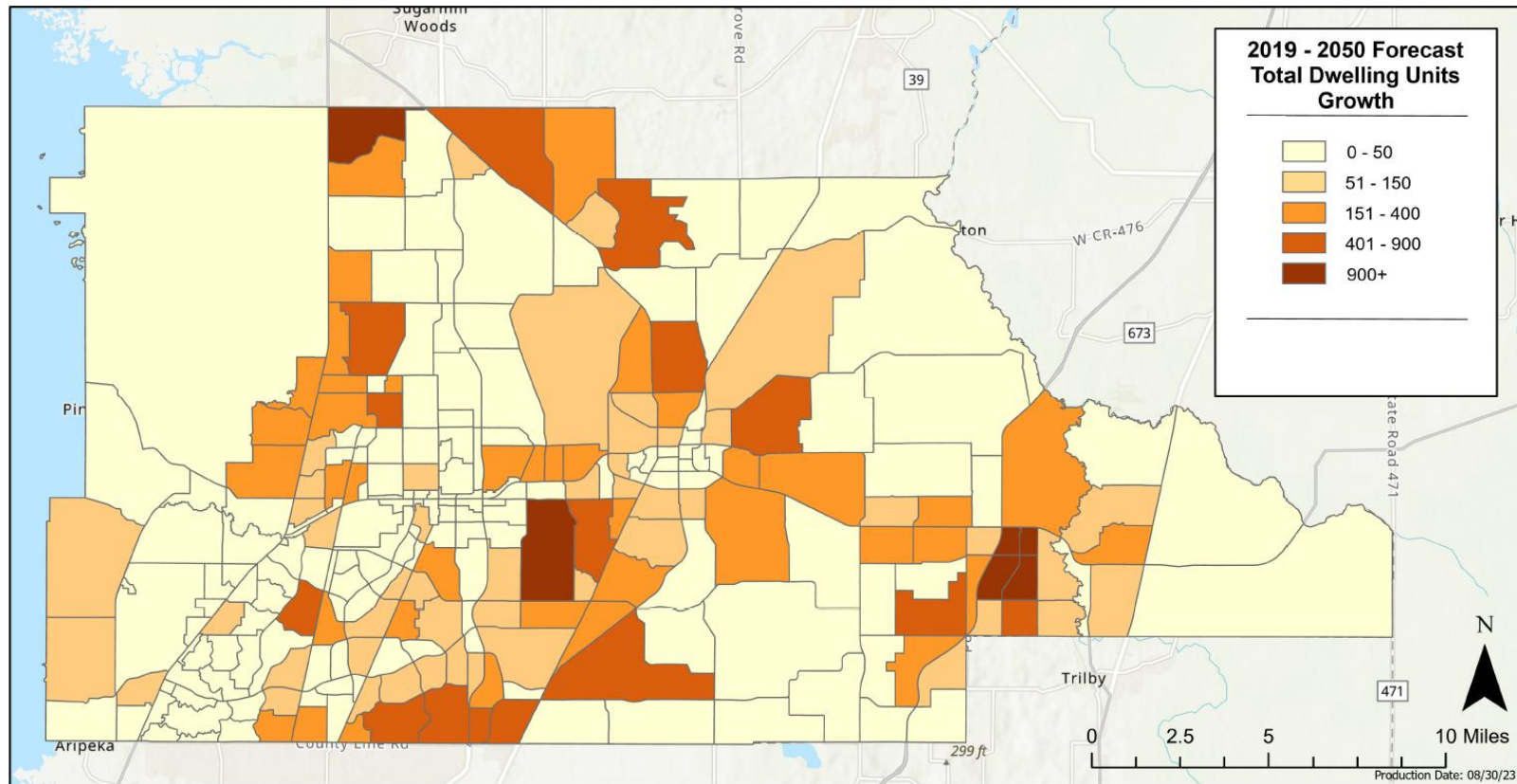


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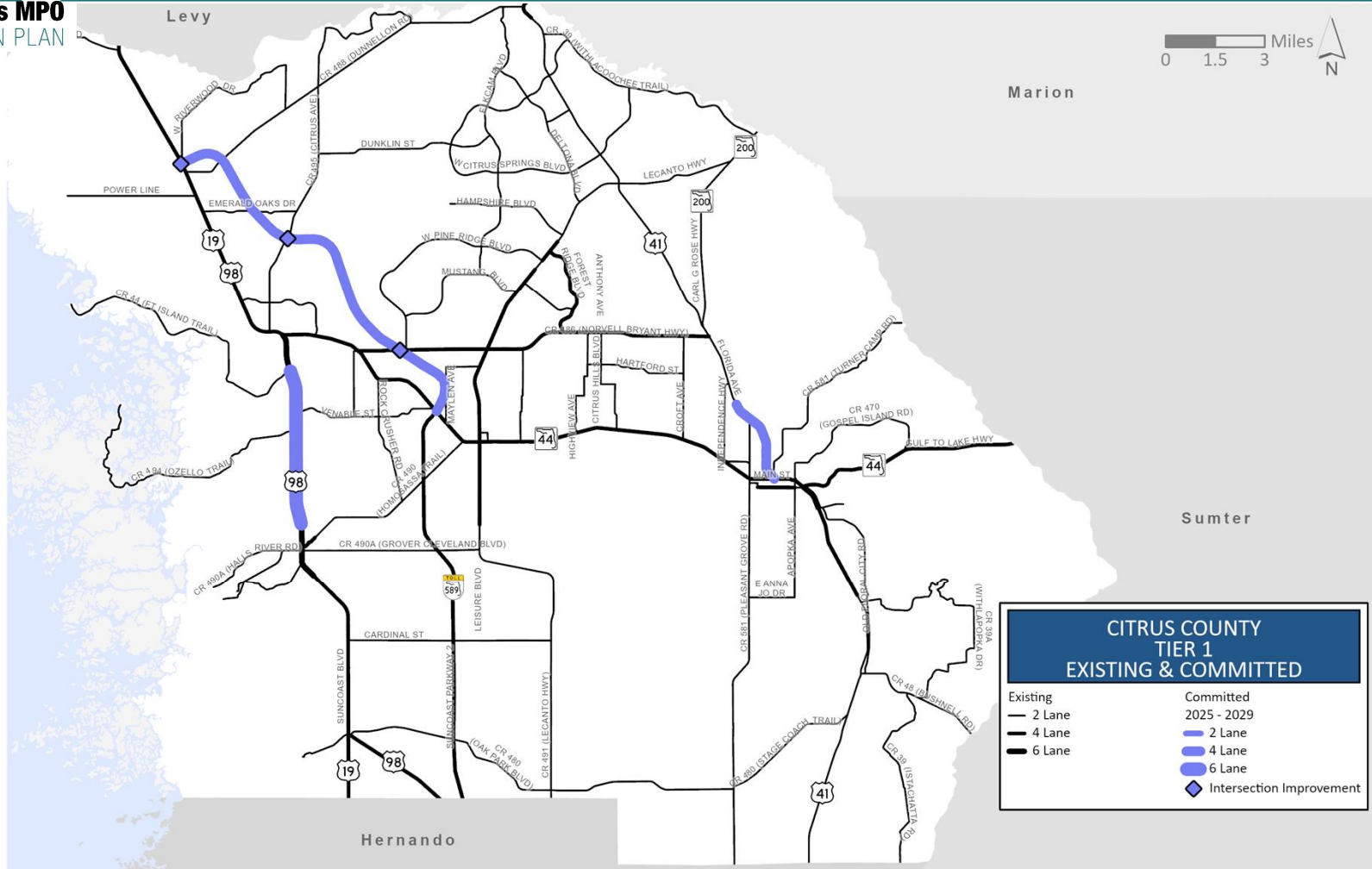


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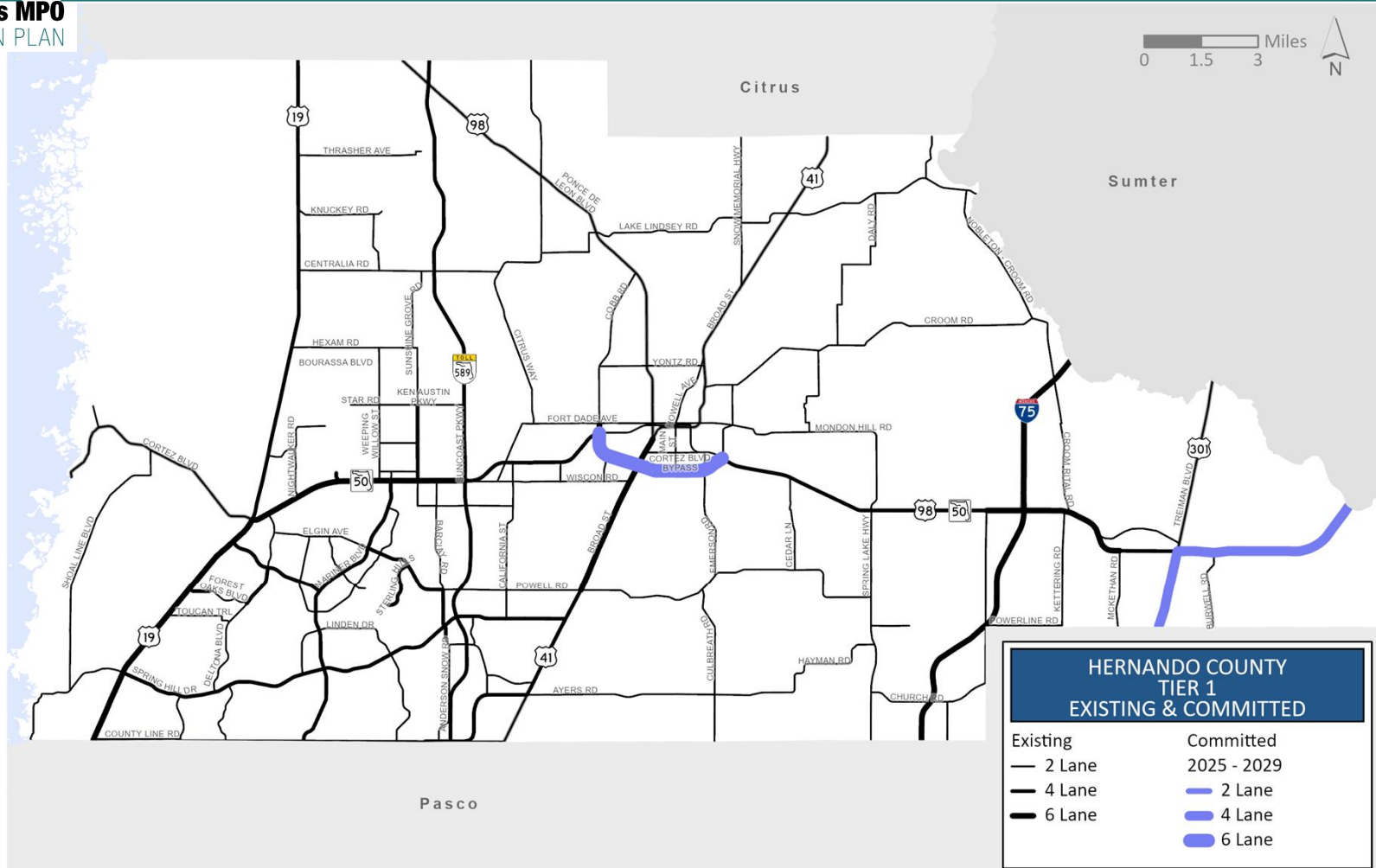


# Citrus County Committed Roadway Network





# Hernando County Existing Roadway Network



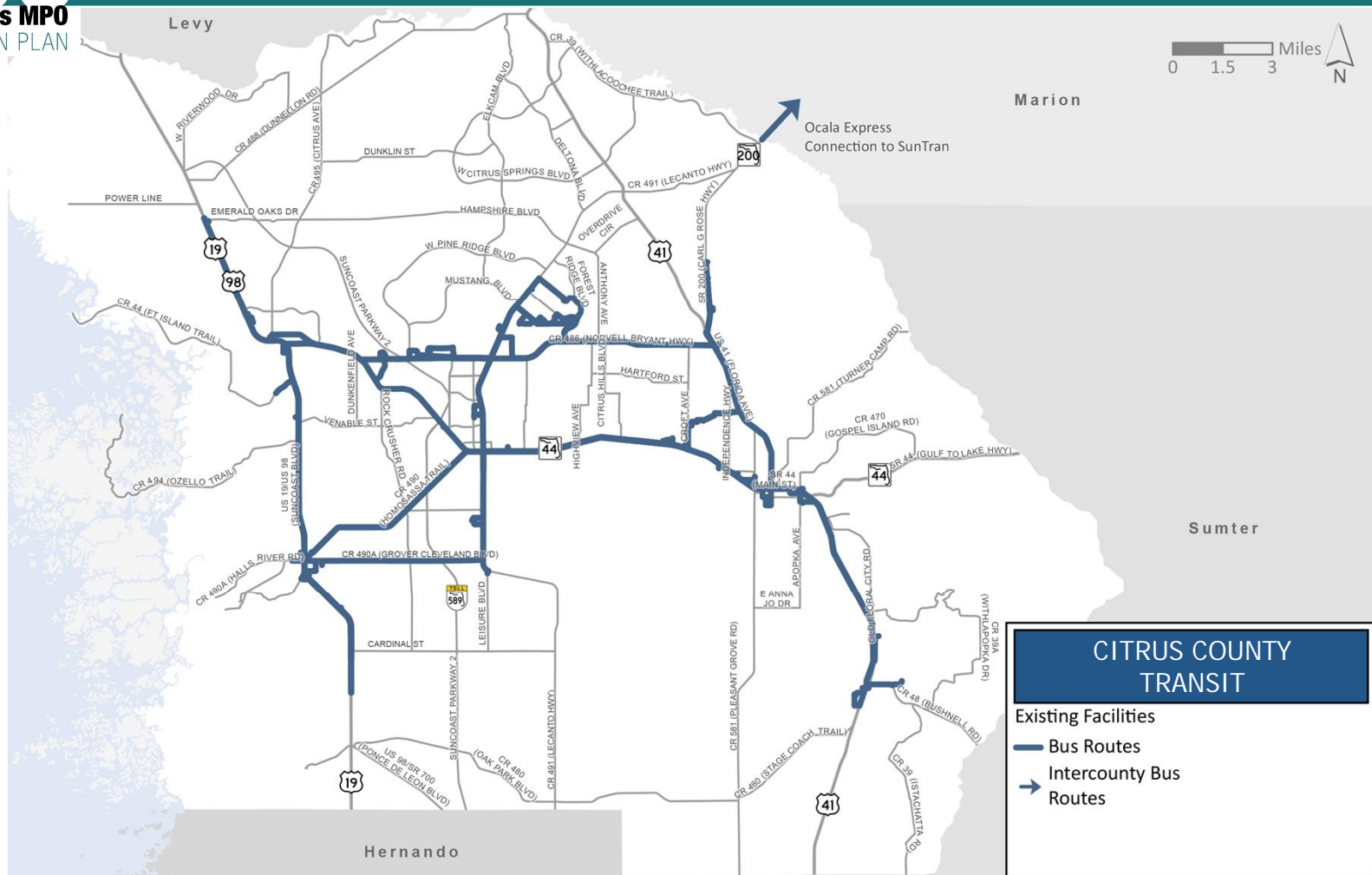


# Transit Network

# 2050 Citrus County Existing Transit

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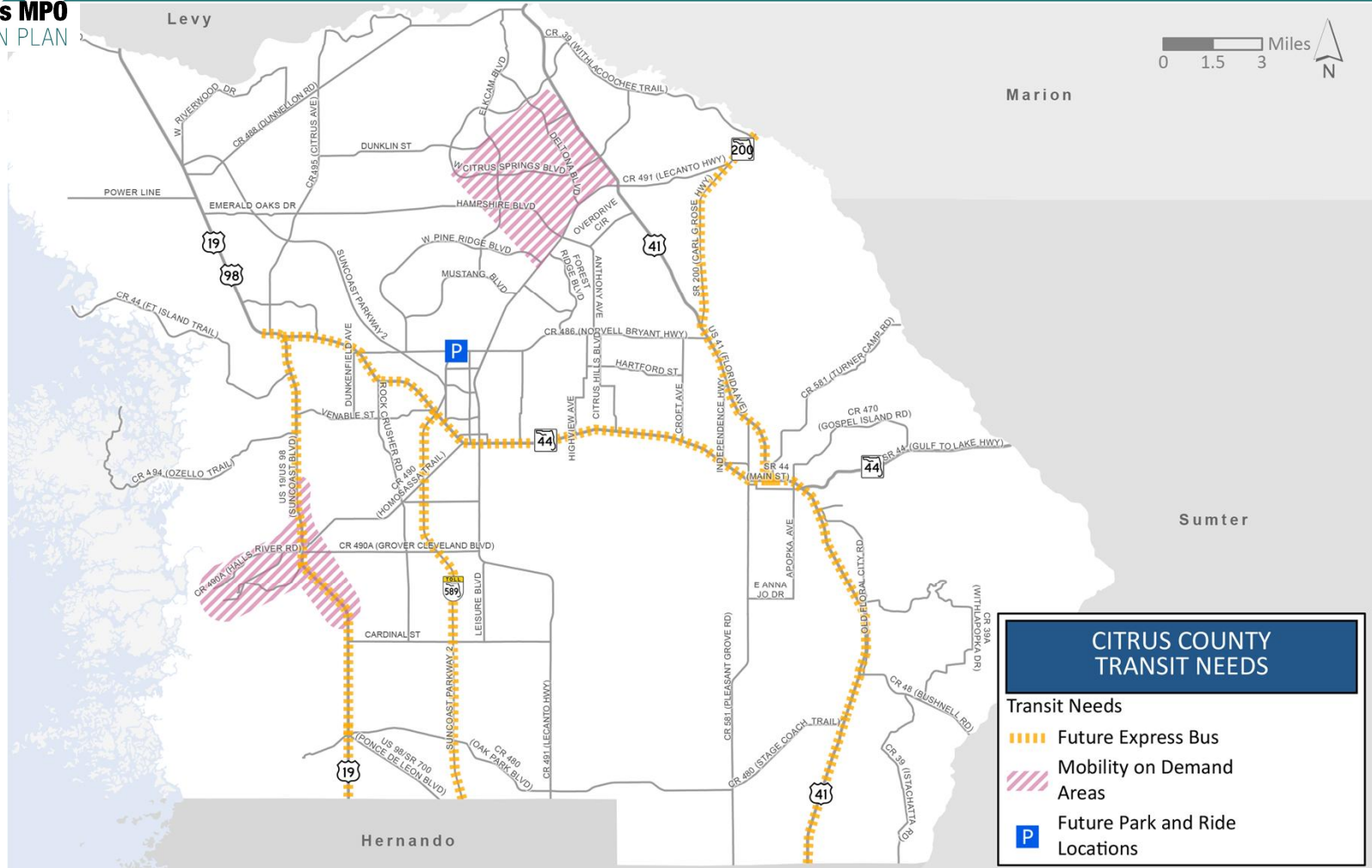
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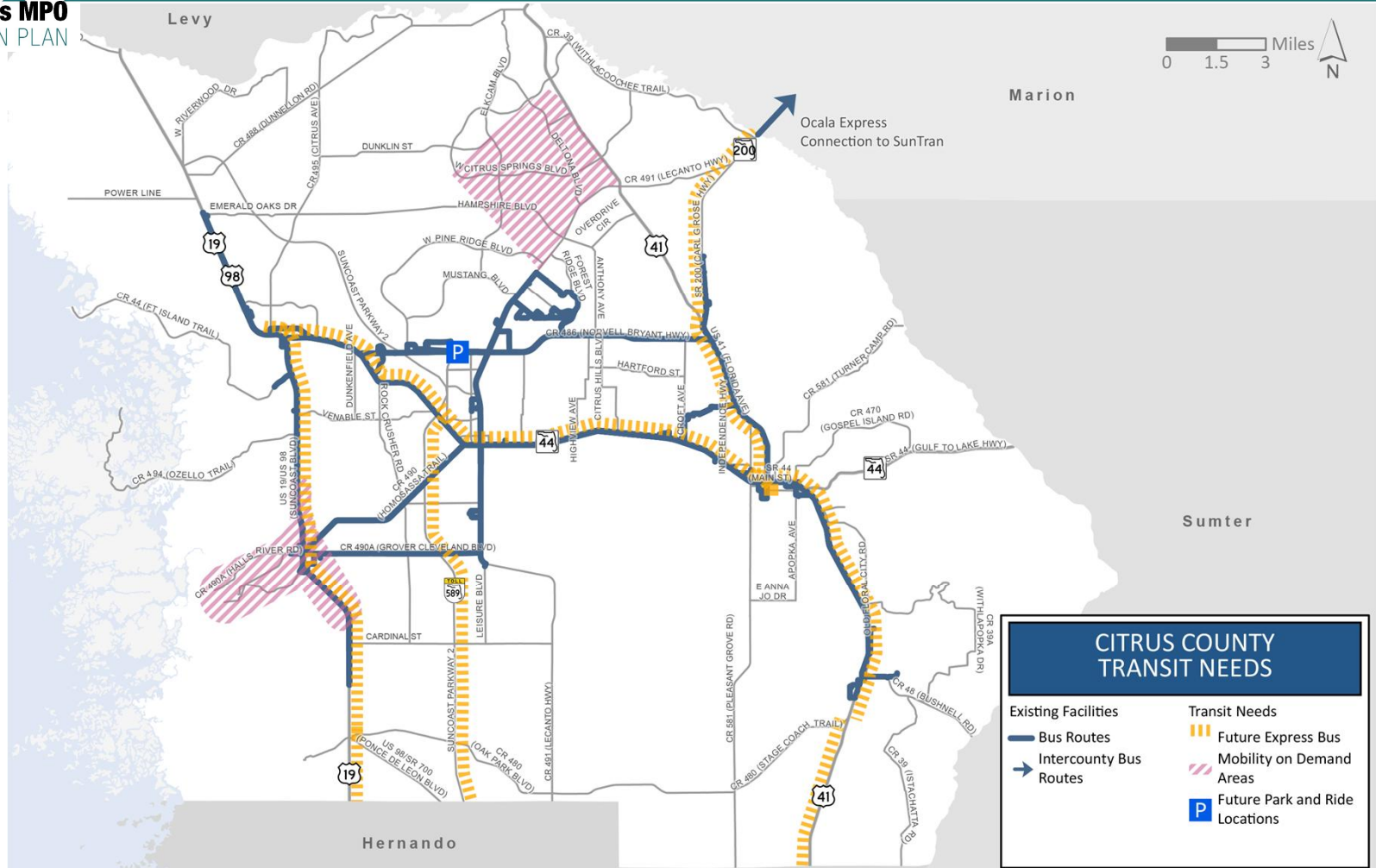
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# Citrus County Transit Needs





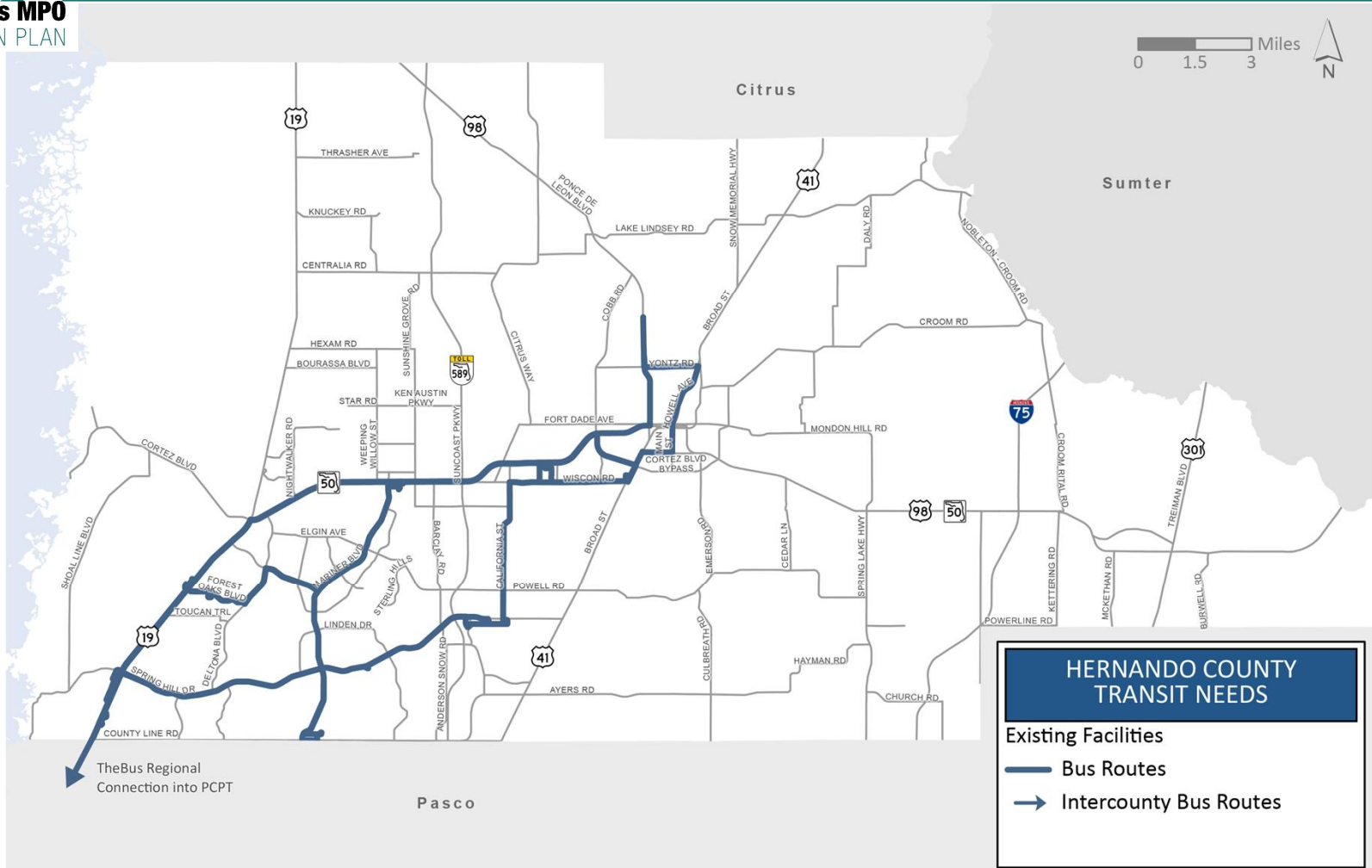
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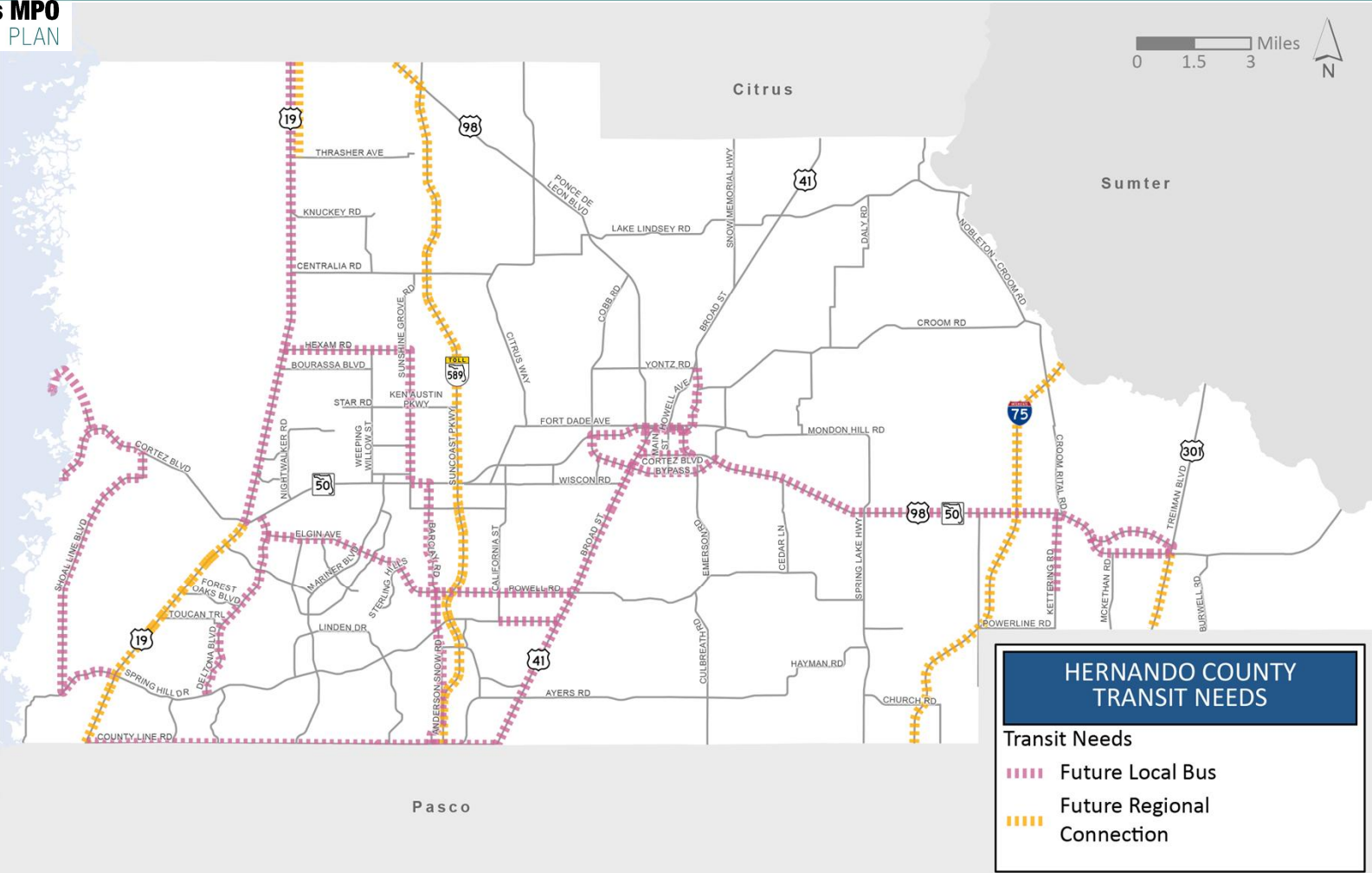
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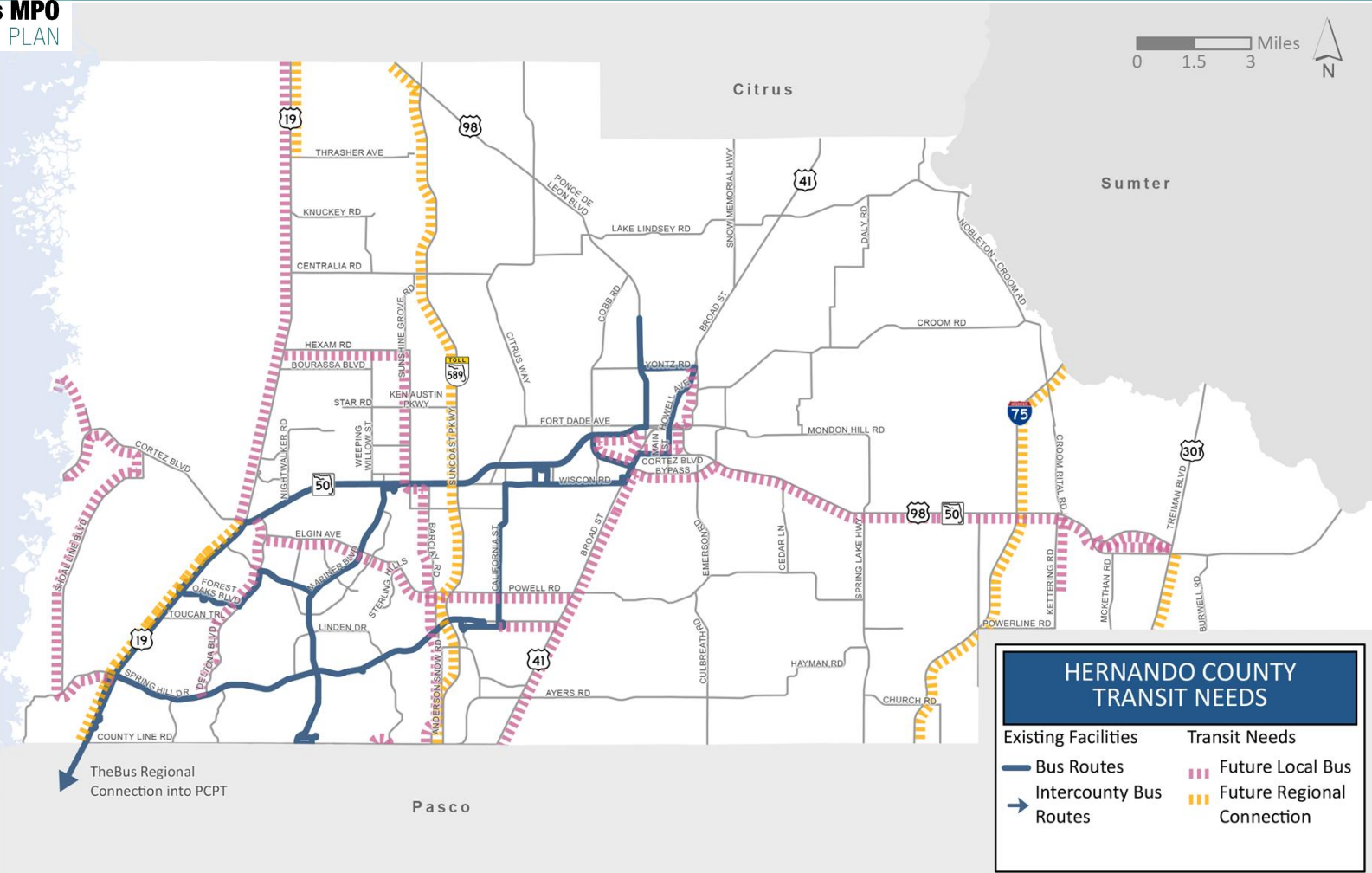
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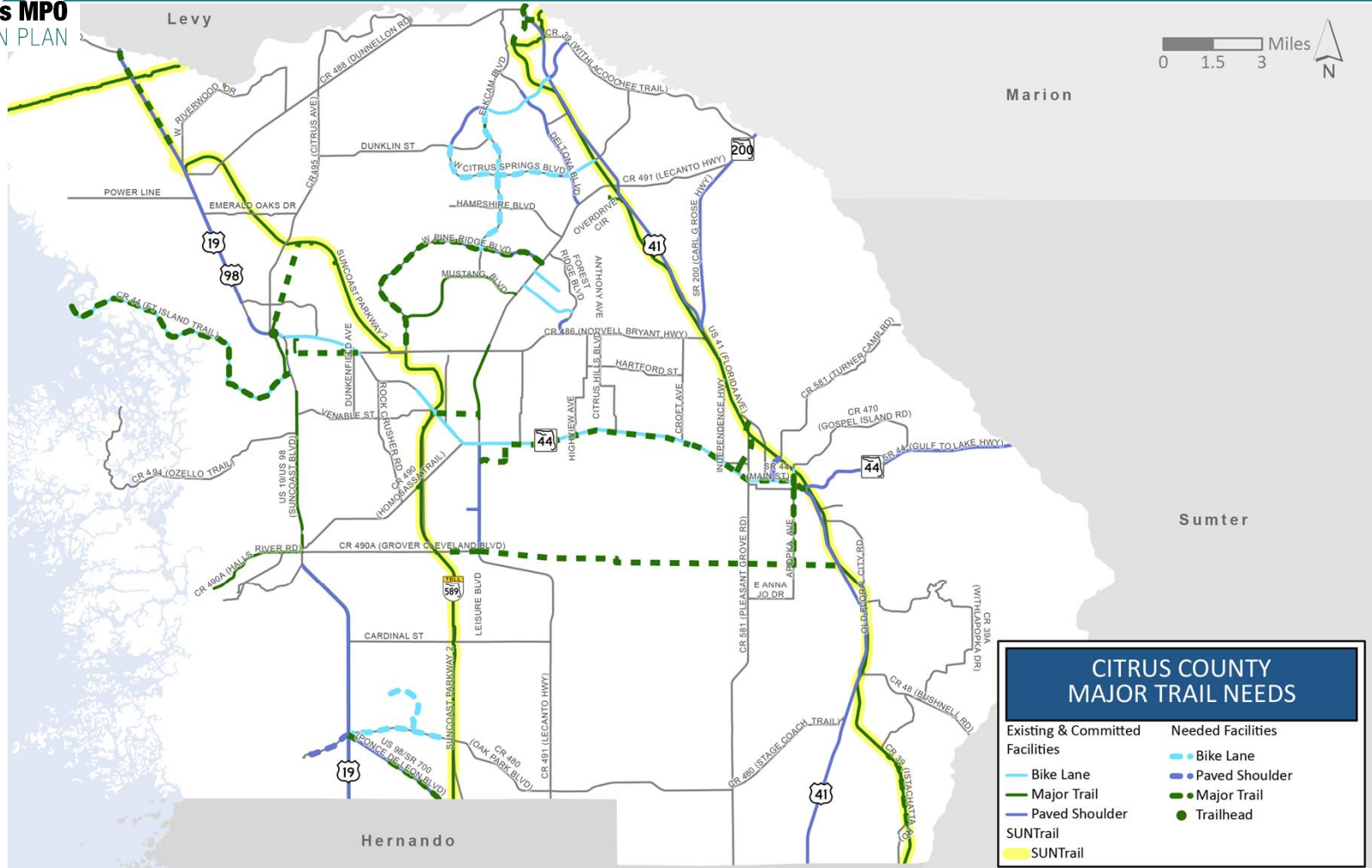






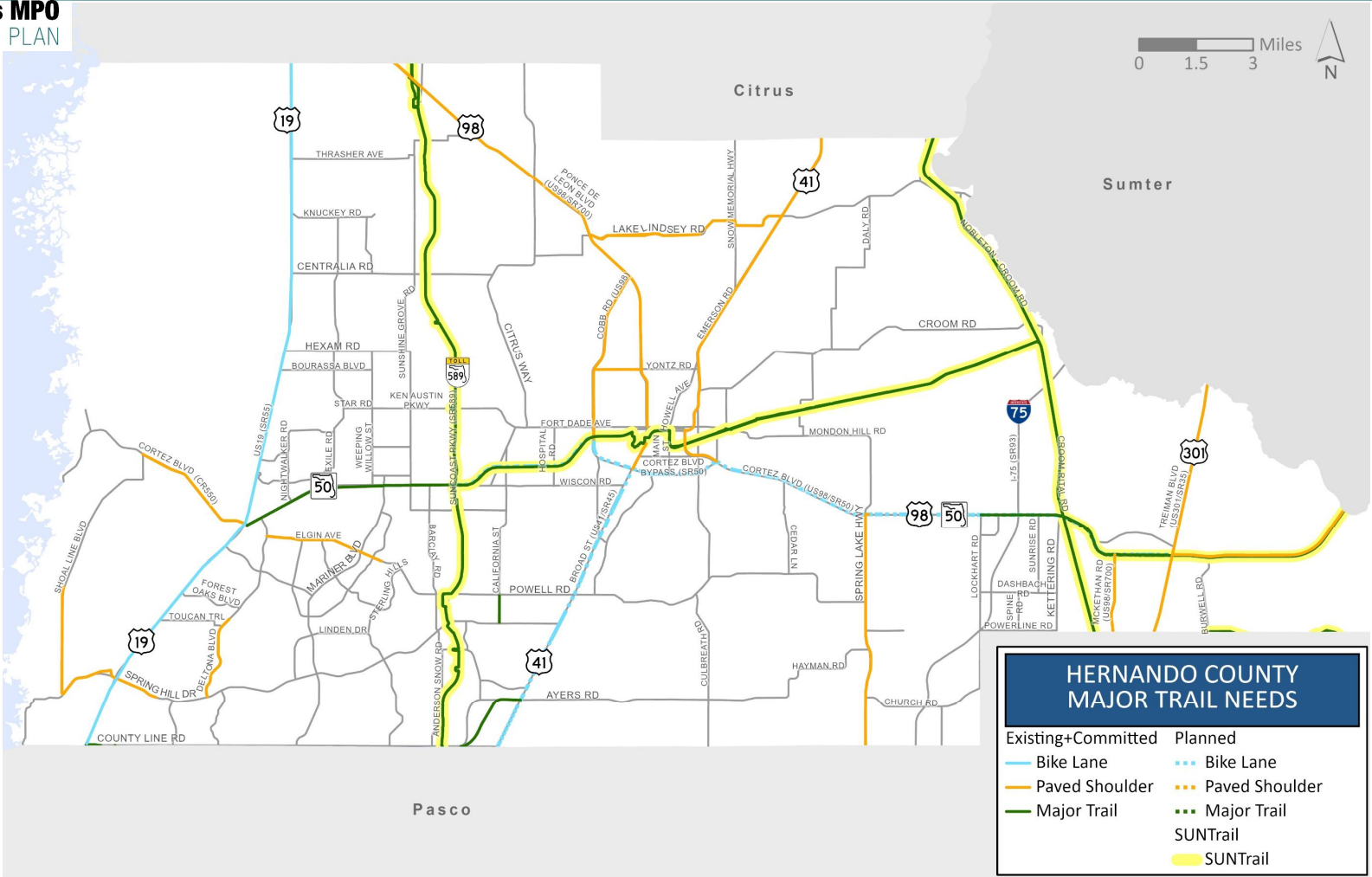
# Bike/Ped/Trails Network

# Citrus County Major Trail Needs



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# 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

# Long Term Issues & Considerations

## Issues

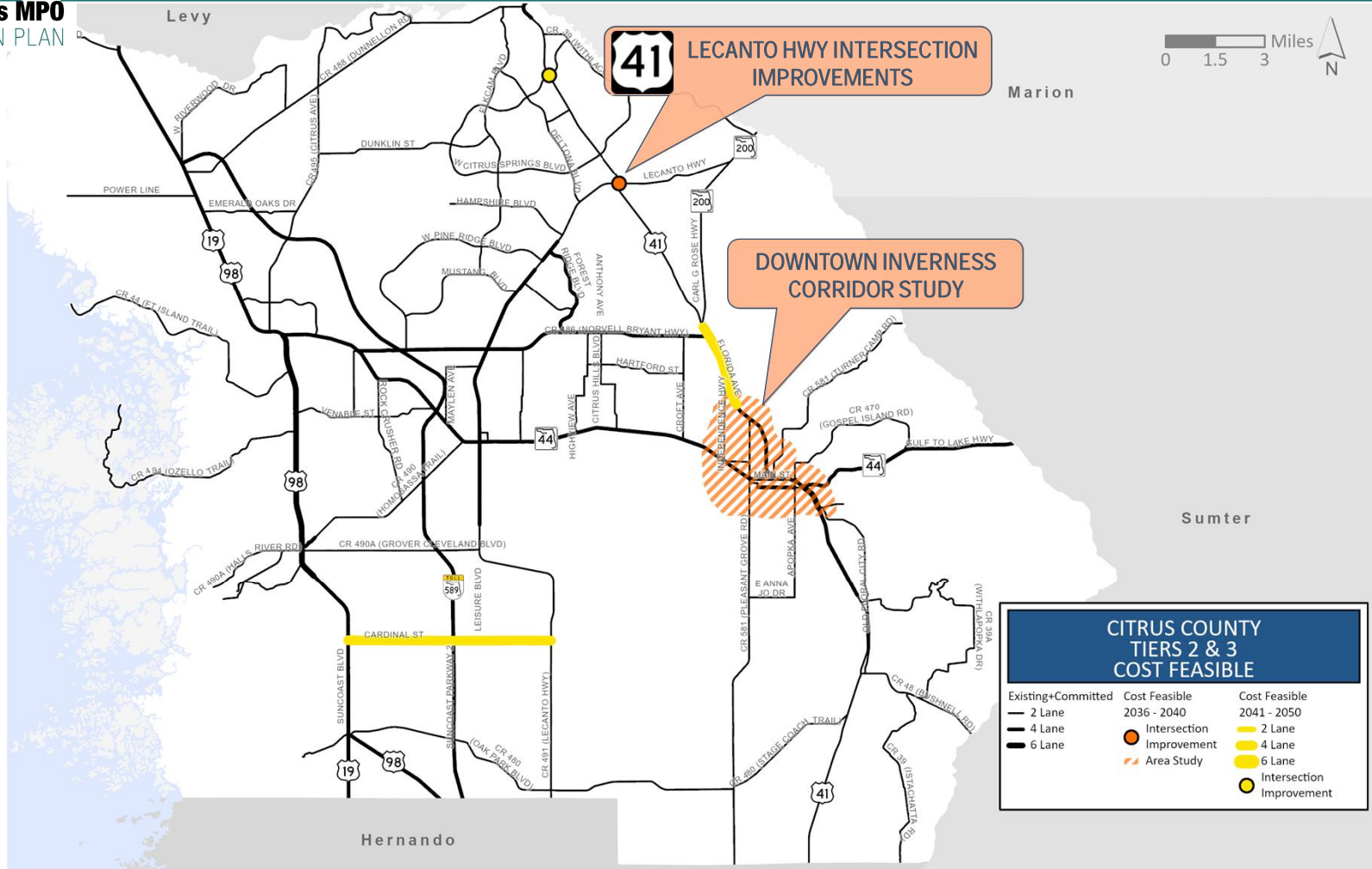
- Increased Costs
- Lower Revenues
- Continued Population and Employment Growth

## Considerations

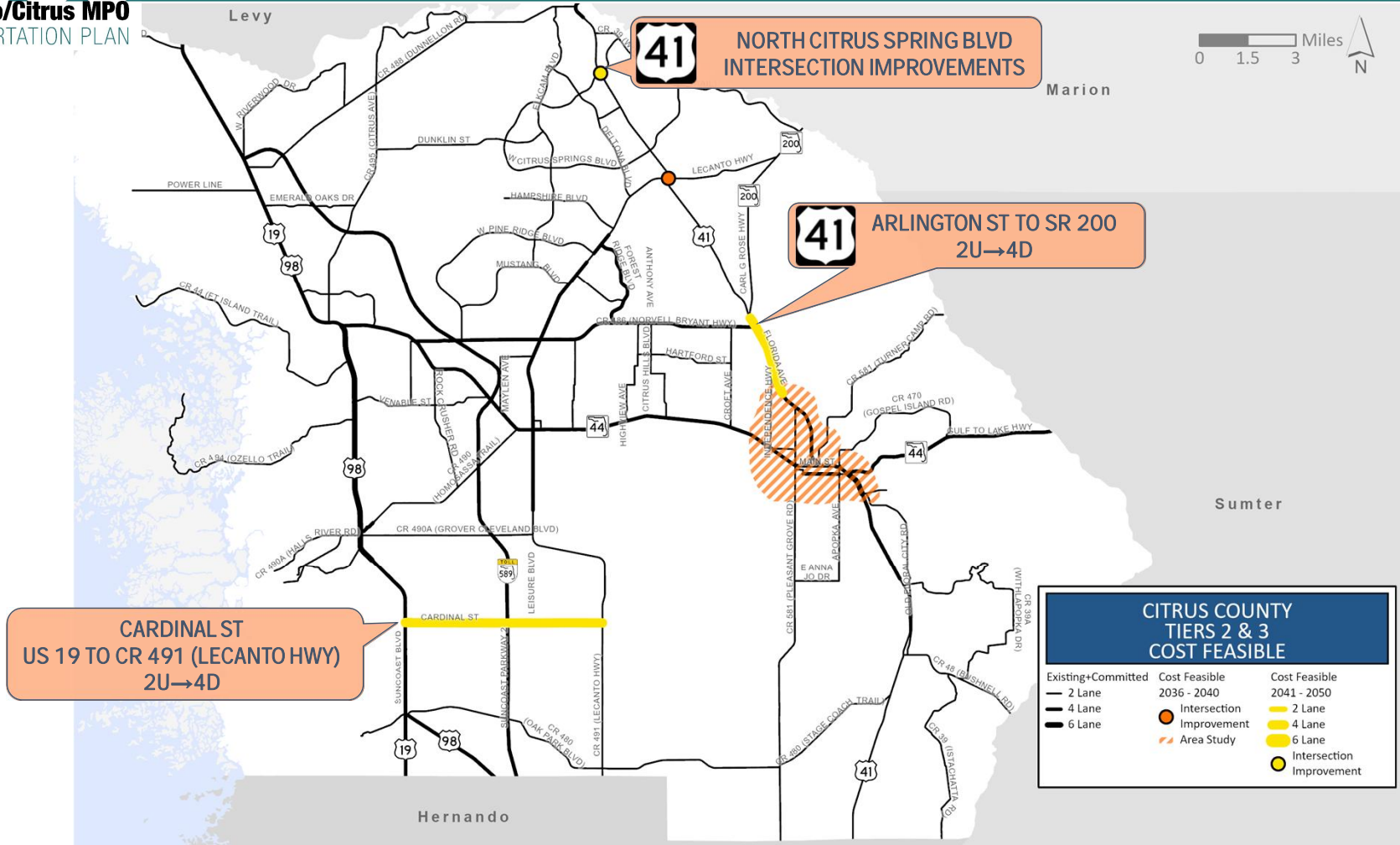
- Jurisdictional Assignments (State Highway System vs. Non-State Highways)
- Revenue Options
  - Federal & State
  - Local (Sales Tax, Impact Fees, etc.)



# Citrus County Cost Feasible Projects



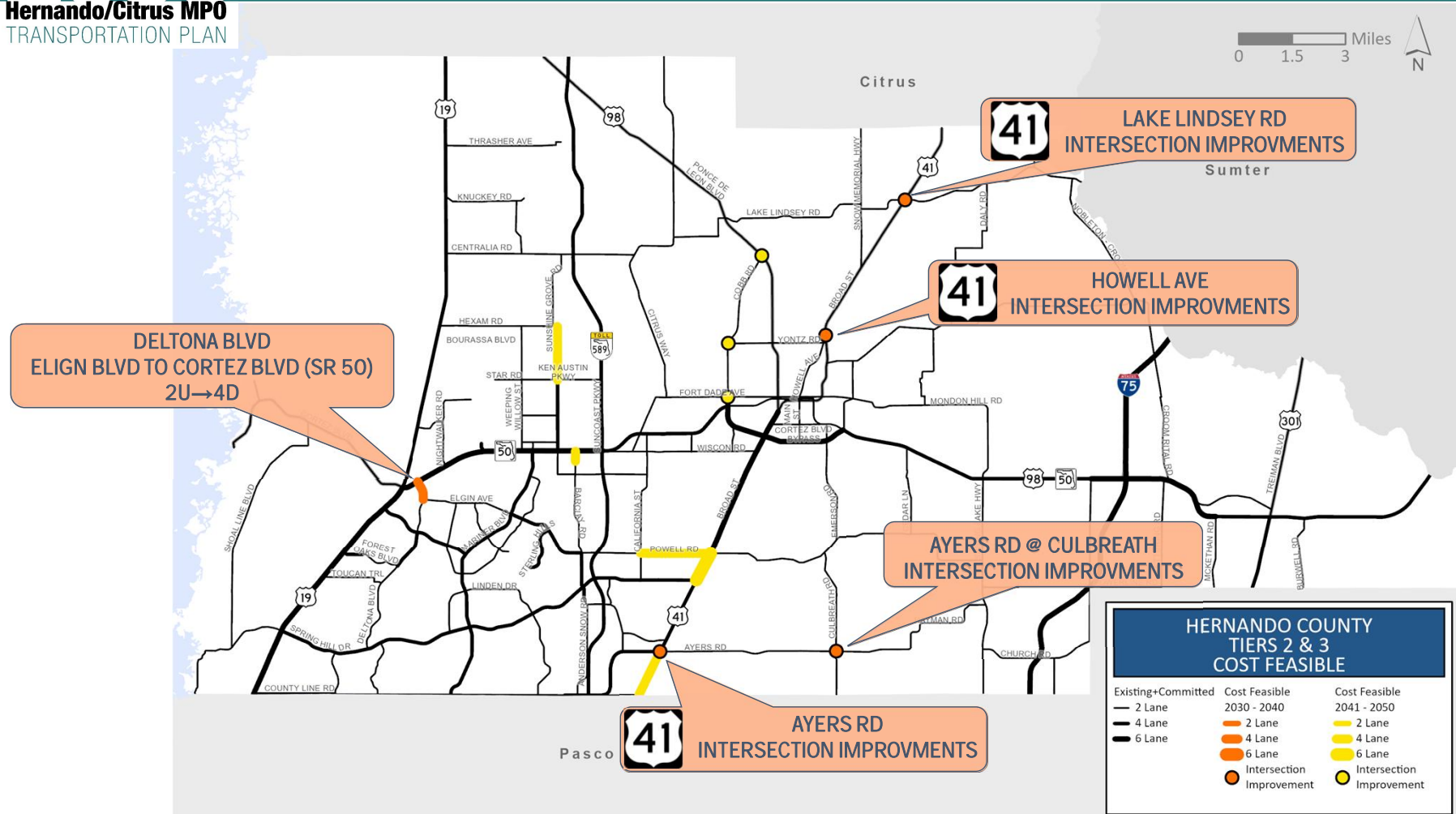
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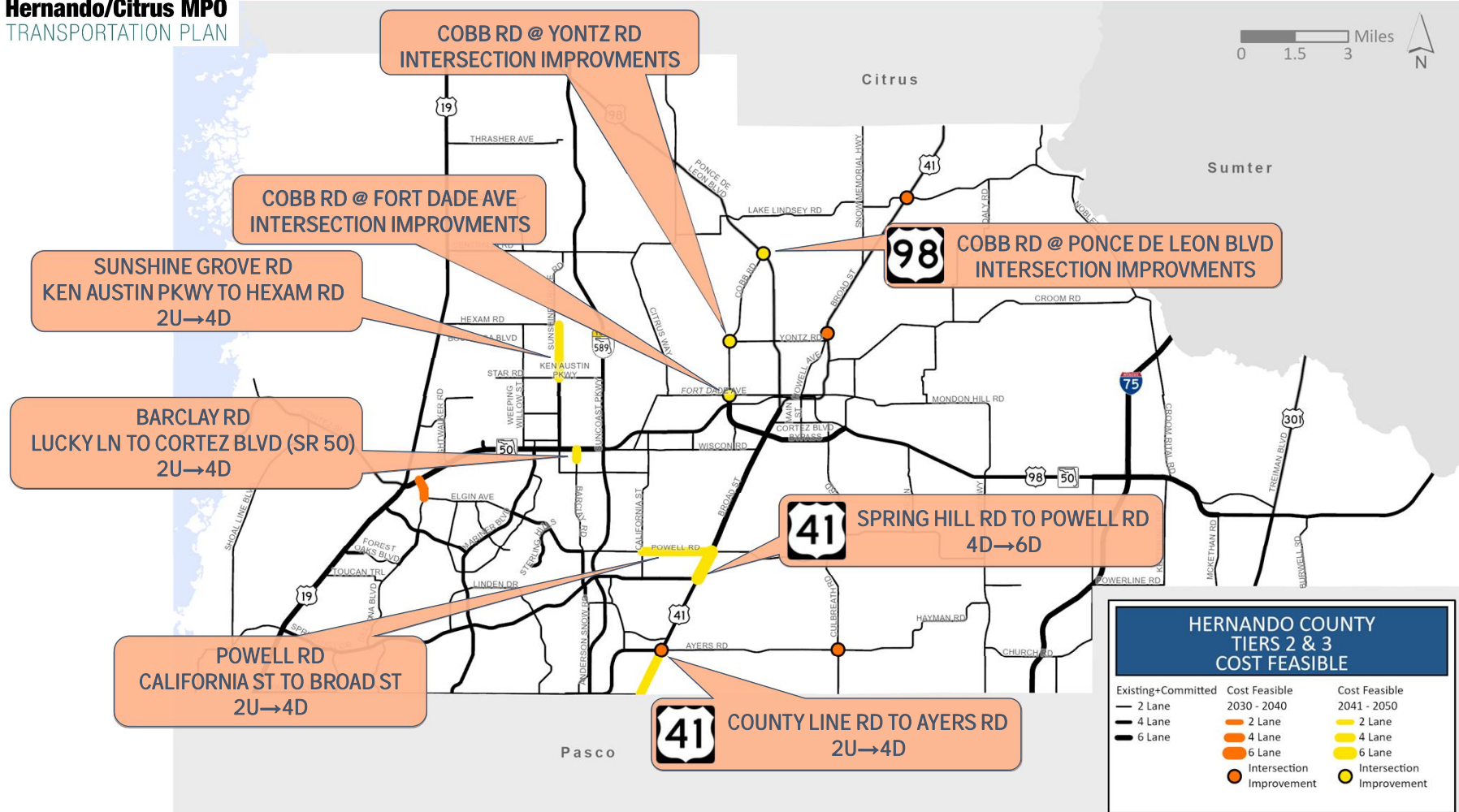
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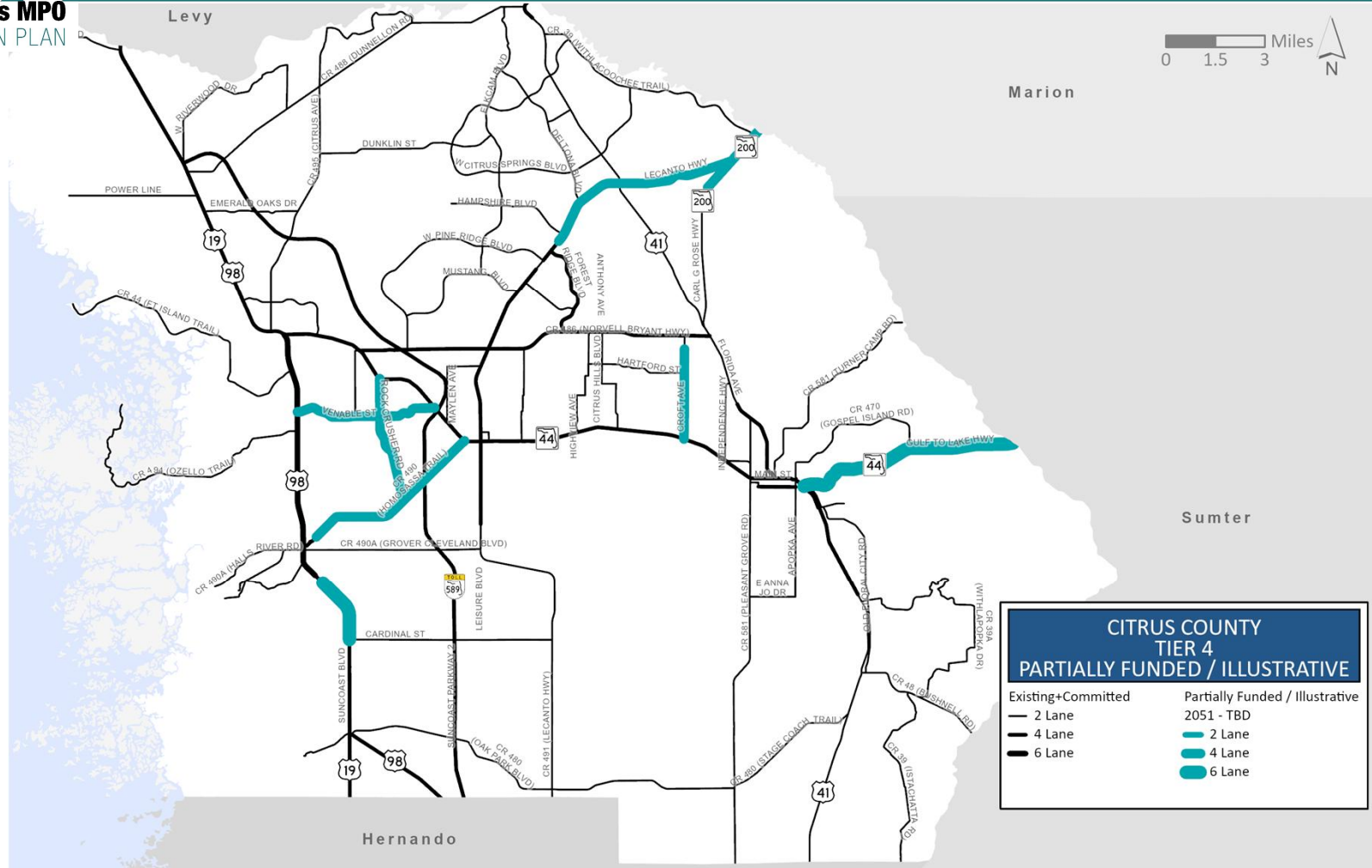
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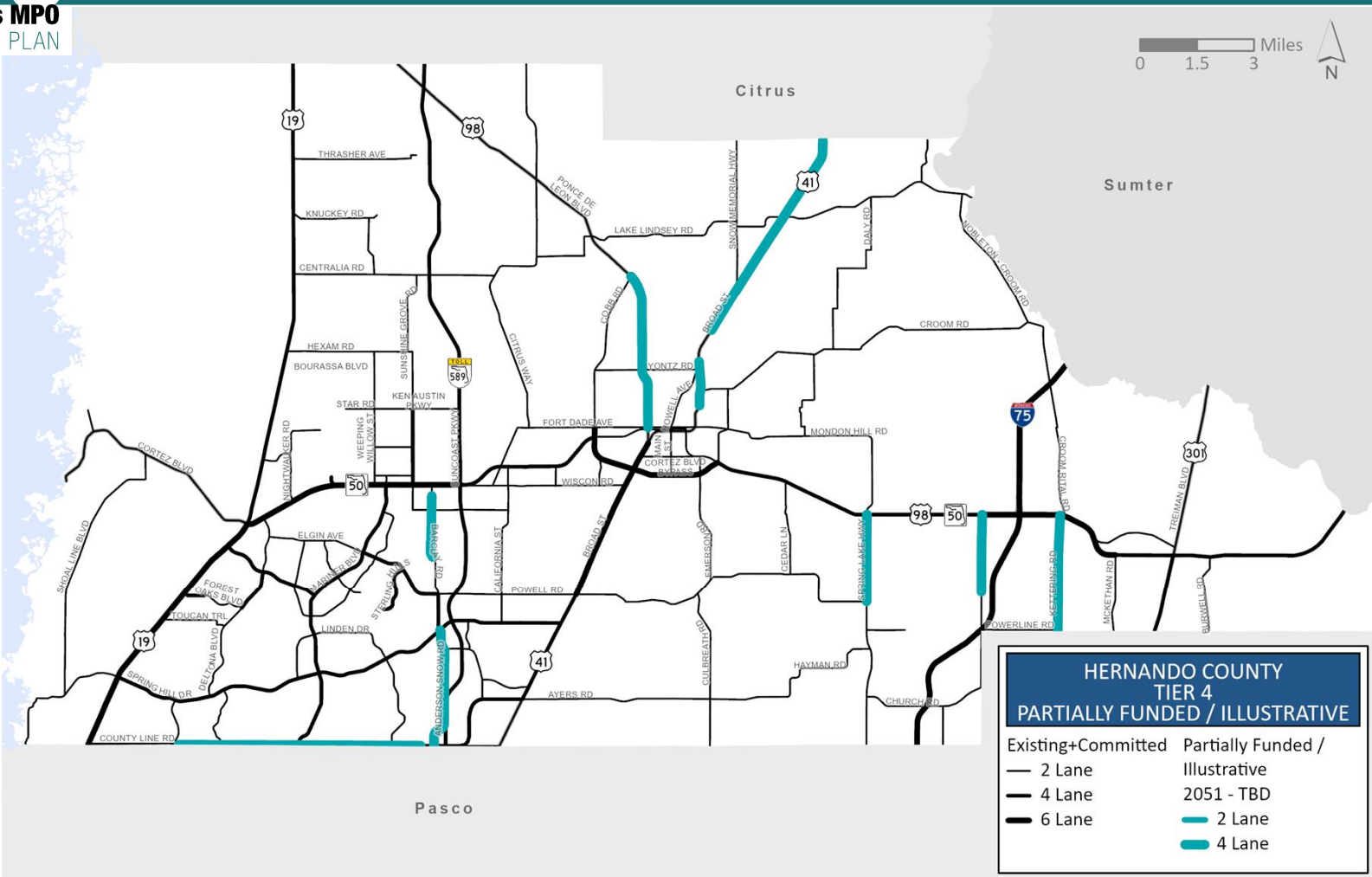
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# Citrus County Partially Funded Projects



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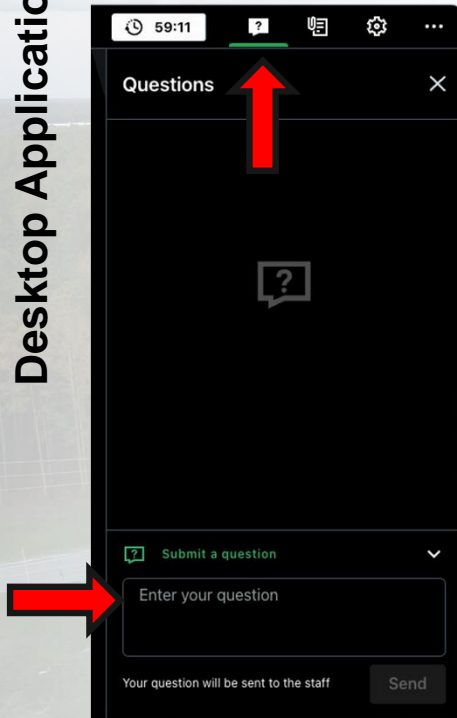
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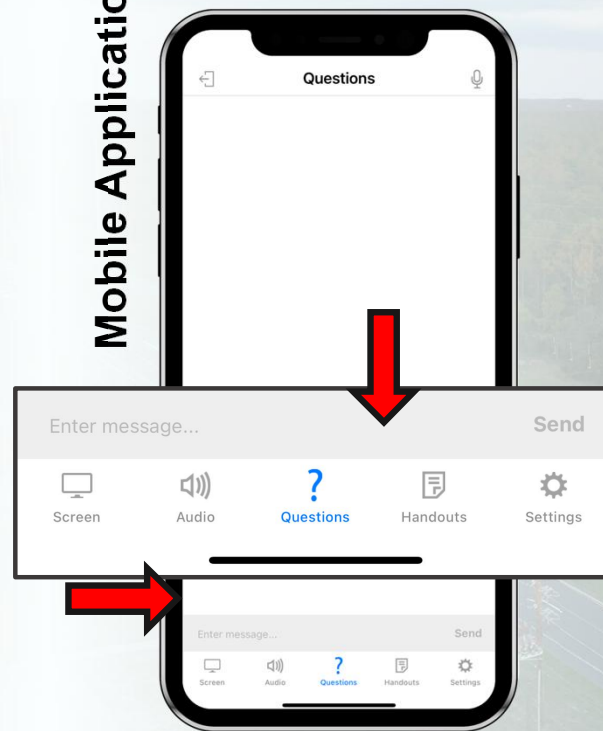
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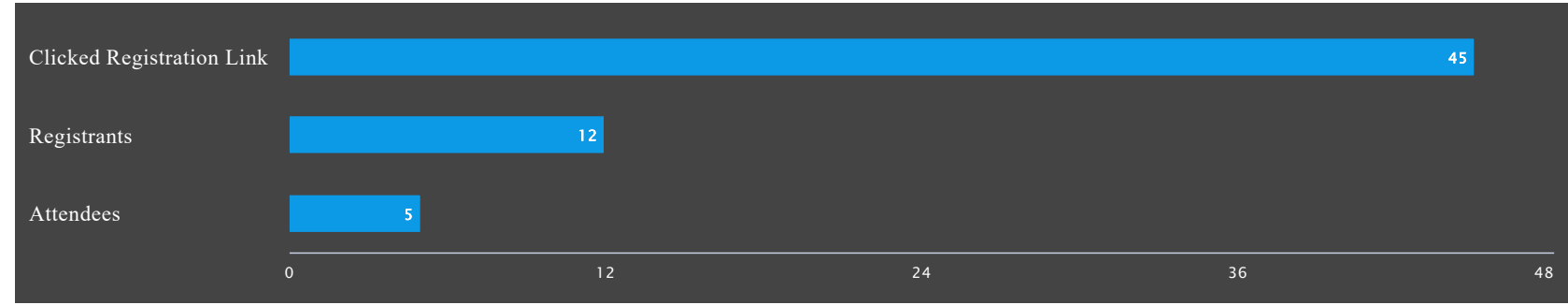
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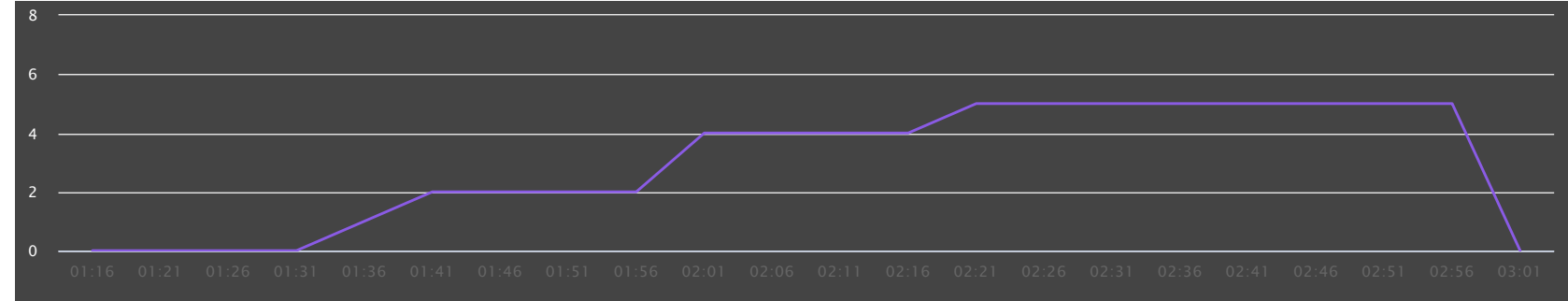
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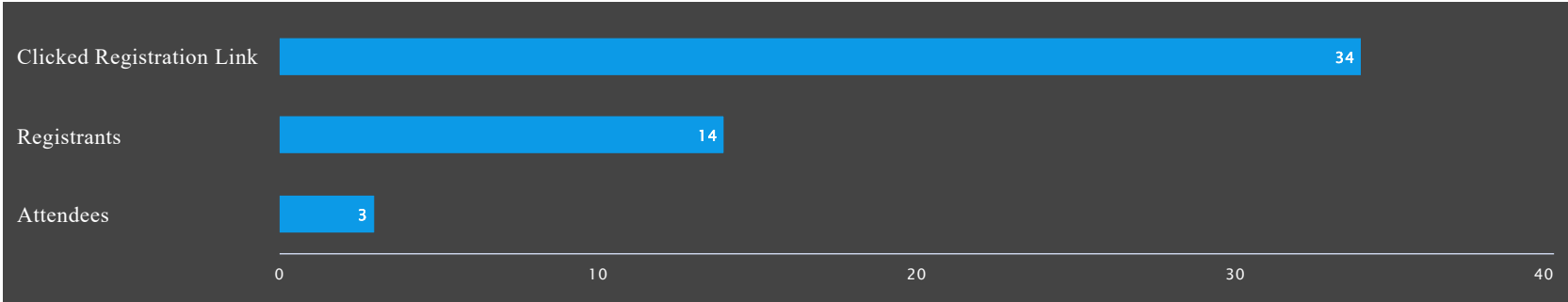
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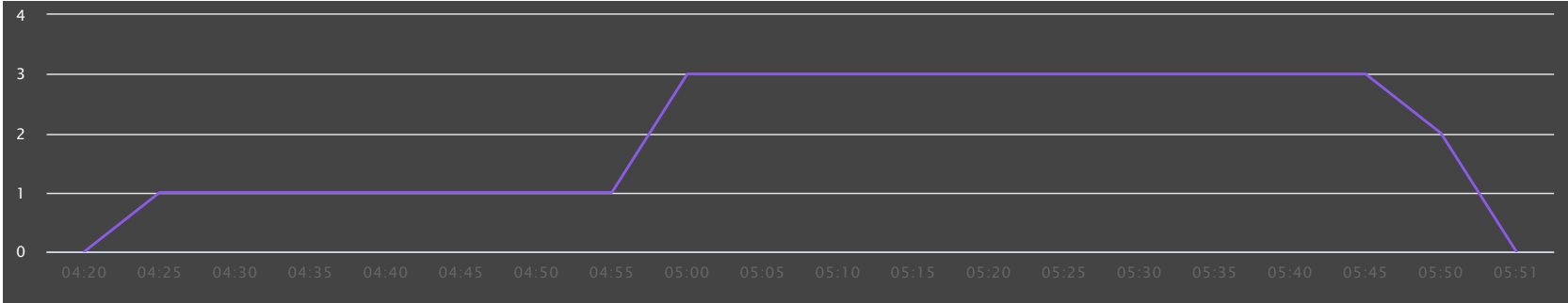
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