



**Regular Public Meeting and Stakeholder Public Workshop by the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
OF THE HERNANDO-CITRUS METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

C. ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2026

D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Regular Public Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2025
2. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) & Jurisdictional Representatives Stakeholder Public Workshop on the Congestion Management Process Update and the Complete Streets Update – November 20, 2025

E. PRESENTATION

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

F. ACTION ITEM

Review and Recommendation of the Draft 2026 List of Priority Projects

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS

H. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

I. MPO STAFF UPDATES

J. ADJOURNMENT of REGULAR MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR

MEETING - The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online at <http://www.hernandocitrusmpo.us>.

NOTE: STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC WORKSHOP BEGINS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2026

Committee Chair and Vice Chair rotate annually between the member government entities of Hernando and Citrus Counties. Any regular member may nominate or be nominated as Chair or Vice Chair. All elections shall be by a majority vote of the regular members present.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) appointments required for the 2026 calendar year are as follows:

- Nomination and Election of TAC Chair (Hernando County Representative)
- Nomination and Election of TAC Vice Chair (Citrus County Representative)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC make the required appointments for 2026 as follows:

- Nomination and Election of TAC Chair (Hernando County Representative)
- Nomination and Election of TAC Vice Chair (Citrus County Representative)

Attachment: TAC Roster

Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEMBERSHIP

(updated 10/23/25)

Member	Representing
Walt Eastmond, Chair	Citrus County Public Works Department
Scott Herring, Vice Chair Todd Crosby, Alternate	Hernando County Department of Public Works
Lashaundra Ellison Kay Griffith (A)	Hernando County Planning Department
Eric Landon, Member Joe Hochadel, Alternate	Citrus County Planning Department
James Lipsey, Member	Hernando County School District
Chuck Dixon, Member	Citrus County School District
Steve Gouldman, Member David Peters, Alternate	City of Brooksville
Chris Shoemaker, Member	City of Inverness
Carly Hanson	City of Crystal River
Darlene Lollie, Member Georgia Lim, Alternate	Hernando County Transit
Joanne Granger, Member Tiffany Kersey, Alternate	Citrus County Transit
Vacant	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
John Walsh, Member	non-voting Hernando County Airport
Todd Regan Carlton Hall, Alternate	non-voting Citrus County Aviation Section
Vacant	non-voting Citrus County Port Authority

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2025, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Review and approval of the Minutes of the Thursday, October 23, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review and approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2025, Regular Public Meeting.

Attachment: 10-23-25 TAC Minutes



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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a public meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando-Citrus MPO websites.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Walt Eastmond, Chair, County Engineer/Technical Services Director, Citrus County Public Works Dept.
Scott Herring, Vice Chair, County Engineer/Public Works Director, Hernando County Dept. of Public Works
Eric Landon, Citrus County Planning Department
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District
Kay Griffith, Hernando County Planning Department
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville
Carly Hanson, City of Crystal River
Tiffany Kersey, Citrus County Transit
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Chris Shoemaker, City of Inverness
Darlene Lollie, Hernando County Transit
Valerie Pianta, Non-Voting Member, Hernando County Airport
Todd Regan, Non-Voting Member, Citrus County Aviation Section

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant
Lashaundra Ellison, Hernando County Planning Department
Victoria Williams, CPM, FCCM, Liaison Administrator, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Rob Cursey, AICP, Transit and Transportation Group Manager, Benesch & Associates
Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager, Benesch & Associates

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Landon to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Herring and the motion passed 8-0.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – MAY 22, 2025, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Herring to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landon and the motion passed 8-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review and Recommendation of Revision 4 of the Hernando-Citrus MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY2025-FY2026 by Adoption of Resolution 2025-5 Amending PL Contract #G2V07 to Recognize additional funding
Ms. Elwin reviewed the agenda item and staff recommendation.
Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Landon to recommend the MPO Board approve Revision 4 and adopt Resolution 2025-5 amending the FY2025-FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to recognize \$20,172 in additional PL funding from FDOT into FY2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffith and the motion passed 8-0.
2. Review and Recommendation of the Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule for the Hernando-Citrus MPO Board and Committees
Ms. Elwin reviewed the agenda item and staff recommendation.
Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Herring to recommend the MPO Board approve the proposed 2026 MPO Board/Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gouldman and the motion passed 8-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) 2050 Multi-Modal Unfunded Needs Plan
Ms. Elwin presented the agenda item and staff recommendation, followed by the committee's review of a recorded presentation from Lori Kent, FDOT District 7 SIS Coordinator, regarding the SIS 2050 Multi-Modal Unfunded Needs Plan. There were no comments from the committees.
2. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY2027-FY2031)
Suzanne Ziegler of the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, delivered a presentation outlining programming strategies and the proposed FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY2027-FY2031. A flyer detailing the public hearing process, provided by FDOT, was included in the meeting packets and is also available on the MPO's website. Ms. Ziegler shared the web page for public comment, which is open from October 20, 2025, through November 3, 2025.

She noted that resurfacing projects are illustrated on a map within the presentation; however, she will provide a detailed list of these projects to MPO staff for distribution. Additionally, Ms. Ziegler addressed the Capacity project for SR 50/Cortez Boulevard from W of Buck Hope Road to W of Jefferson which has been deferred to FY2032. She emphasized that FDOT recognizes the need to rehabilitate this section prior to the lane addition project, and it is scheduled for resurfacing in FY2027 to maintain roadway conditions until the larger project begins.
3. Presentation by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY2027-FY2031)
Victoria Williams, Liaison Administrator, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), made a presentation on the proposed Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2027–FY2031. Her presentation included how projects are prioritized and funded.
4. Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, on the status of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and Complete Streets Update
Rob Cursey, the MPO's General Planning Consultant with Benesch & Associates delivered a presentation detailing the upcoming activities, strategies, and objectives for updating the Congestion Management Process (CMP). He shared that a stakeholder group, primarily composed of members from the Henando-Citrus MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), is being assembled and there will be a workshop to gather initial input, coordination, and collaboration with this group on November

20, 2025, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The workshop will be noticed, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager at Benesch & Associates, delivered a presentation outlining the goals, objectives, and current status of the Complete Streets update. During the discussion, Ms. Bechtel inquired about the source and reliability of the data being used. Mr. Keller explained that bicycle and pedestrian data is sourced from Signal4 Analytics. While acknowledging that the data may not be entirely accurate, he emphasized that it is actively reviewed and analyzed for trends to establish benchmarks and identify areas for improvement.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no further committee member comments.

MPO STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Elwin shared the following updates:

- Today's meeting presentations will be available on the MPO website.
- Following a review of upcoming agenda items, the CAC/BPAC meetings scheduled for November will likely be cancelled. However, the TAC meeting scheduled on November 20th will be used to conduct a Congestion Management & Complete Streets workshop with various TAC members and department representatives from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (2 hours) at the Hernando County Building Training Facility. Staff will update the current Outlook meeting notices accordingly. The meeting is open to the public and the meeting notice will be posted on the MPO website.
- The poles for the traffic signal are up at Gospel Island and SR44. Resurfacing is underway and estimated completion is spring of 2026 (FDOT Project #448040-1-52-01 & 443981-1-52-01).
- On July 29, 2025, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the installation of "No Thru Trucks-Local Delivery Only" signage along CR 48 at the Withlacoochee River Bridge (Citrus County side) and at the intersection of CR 48 and US 41. Sumter County has also implemented similar roadway signage. We extend our gratitude to our partners at FDOT, District 7, District 5, and Benesch & Associates for conducting this important study, and we appreciate Citrus County Commissioner Bays' support on this initiative.
- The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) formally kicked off the Suncoast Parkway at Centralia interchange study at the beginning of April. The study will go through the end of 2025. FTE is currently collecting preliminary information.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

Chair Eastmond adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2025, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) & JURISDICTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND THE COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE

Review and approval of the Minutes of the November 20, 2025, Stakeholder Public Workshop on the Congestion Management Process Update and the Complete Streets Update.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review and approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2025, Stakeholder Public Workshop on the Congestion Management Process Update and the Complete Streets Update.

Attachment: 11-20-25 TAC Workshop Minutes



**Stakeholder Public Workshop on
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND THE
COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) & Jurisdictional
Representatives of the
HERNANDO-CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

Thursday, November 20, 2025

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and various committee/departments representatives of Hernando and Citrus Counties held a public meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando-Citrus MPO websites.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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Carly Hanson, City of Crystal River
Valerie Pianta, Non-Voting Member, Hernando County Airport
Todd Regan, Non-Voting Member, Citrus County Aviation Section

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant
Rob Cursey, AICP, Transit and Transportation Group Manager, Benesch & Associates
Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager, Benesch & Associates
Ralph Leath, Director of Transportation, Hernando County School District
Karen Esty, Hernando-Citrus MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) member representing the City of Inverness

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Introductions of the Committee members and staff followed the Call to Order.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Presentation by the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Rob Cursey with Benesch & Associates on the Congestion Management Process Update**

Rob Cursey explained the purpose of the CMP, which aims to address safety and improve traffic operations through short-term projects that reduce travel demand or implement operational improvements. The committee reviewed the project schedule, which includes tasks such as identifying congested locations, evaluating causes of congestion, and developing mitigation strategies. The next steps involve quantifying congestion causes and discussing solution sets with the committee in the coming months.

2. **Presentation by the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Chris Keller with Benesch & Associates on the Complete Street Update**

Chris Keller delivered a presentation outlining Complete Streets initiatives, explaining that while there is not a strict definition of what constitutes a Complete Streets project, it generally refers to roadways designed to accommodate all users safely and efficiently. He detailed the evolution of Complete Streets policies at the state and federal levels, noting that while Florida is shifting away from using the term "Complete Streets," federal requirements still use it and mandate that 2.5% of PL funds be dedicated to Complete Streets planning activities. Mr. Keller also outlined various Complete Streets activities that qualify for federal funding, including the adoption of standards, prioritization plans, and regional planning efforts focused on non-capacity type projects.

NEXT STEPS

- Benesch & Associates: Pull and analyze congestion data for County Line Road to ensure it is included in the dataset, as requested by meeting participants.
- Review and consider emailed comments from Jim Reynold (CAC member) regarding Complete Streets policy, equestrian trail crossings, and performance measures, and address in the updated report.
- School District representatives (Hernando and Citrus County): Start compiling and providing data on student arrival modes (bus, private vehicle, walk, bike) to MPO staff for Congestion Management and Complete Streets analysis.
- Joy Turner will send presentation links to all attendees via email.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS - There were no further committee member comments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - There were no citizen comments.

Mr. Esposito thanked everyone for their participation in the workshop.

Chair Eastmond adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY THE CENTER FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH (CUTR) ON THE ANNUAL UPDATE FOR THE HERNANDO COUNTY FY2025-FY2034 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)

The Transit Development Plan (TDP) is a 10-year strategic plan required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to support the development of an effective, multi-modal transportation system and ensure local, regional, and state alignment. Public transit includes any system that transports people by land or water, locally or regionally, and is available for public use.

The TDP is updated every five years with annual progress reports completed in the interim years. It guides decisions about the types of projects and their priorities in the Hernando-Citrus MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The plan must align with:

- Local government comprehensive plans
- The MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Annual reports must include a progress report on the 10-year implementation program, accomplishments compared to the previous year, and updated financial plans.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the TAC review the presentation on the Annual Update for the Hernando County FY2025-FY2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP) and provide comments as desired.

Attachment: Annual Update for the Hernando County Transit FY2025-2034 Transit Development Plan



Hernando County Transit 2026-35 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update

February/March 2026



Hernando County 2026-35 TDP Annual Update

1. What is the Hernando County FY 2026-35 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update?
2. Hernando County Transit (TheBus) – Updates
3. Transit Projects Implemented in FY 2025
4. New Service and Capital Transit Priorities for FY 2026-35
5. Coordinating with the MPO and FDOT
6. Next Steps

What is the Hernando County Transit FY 2026-35 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update?

- The first of four Annual Updates to the Hernando County Transit 2025-34 TDP (which was adopted in late 2024).
- Ten-year plan that supports the development of an effective multimodal public transportation system.
- Required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), guaranteeing the County access to annual State Public Transit Block Grant operating funds.
- Basis for defining current and future public transportation needs in Hernando County.
- Transit provider's planning, development, and operational guidance document: a "strategic blueprint."
- Marketing tool for providing continual community outreach and awareness of public transportation.
- Detailed financial plan and strategies outlining paths to implementing priority service and capital projects in FY 2026-35.

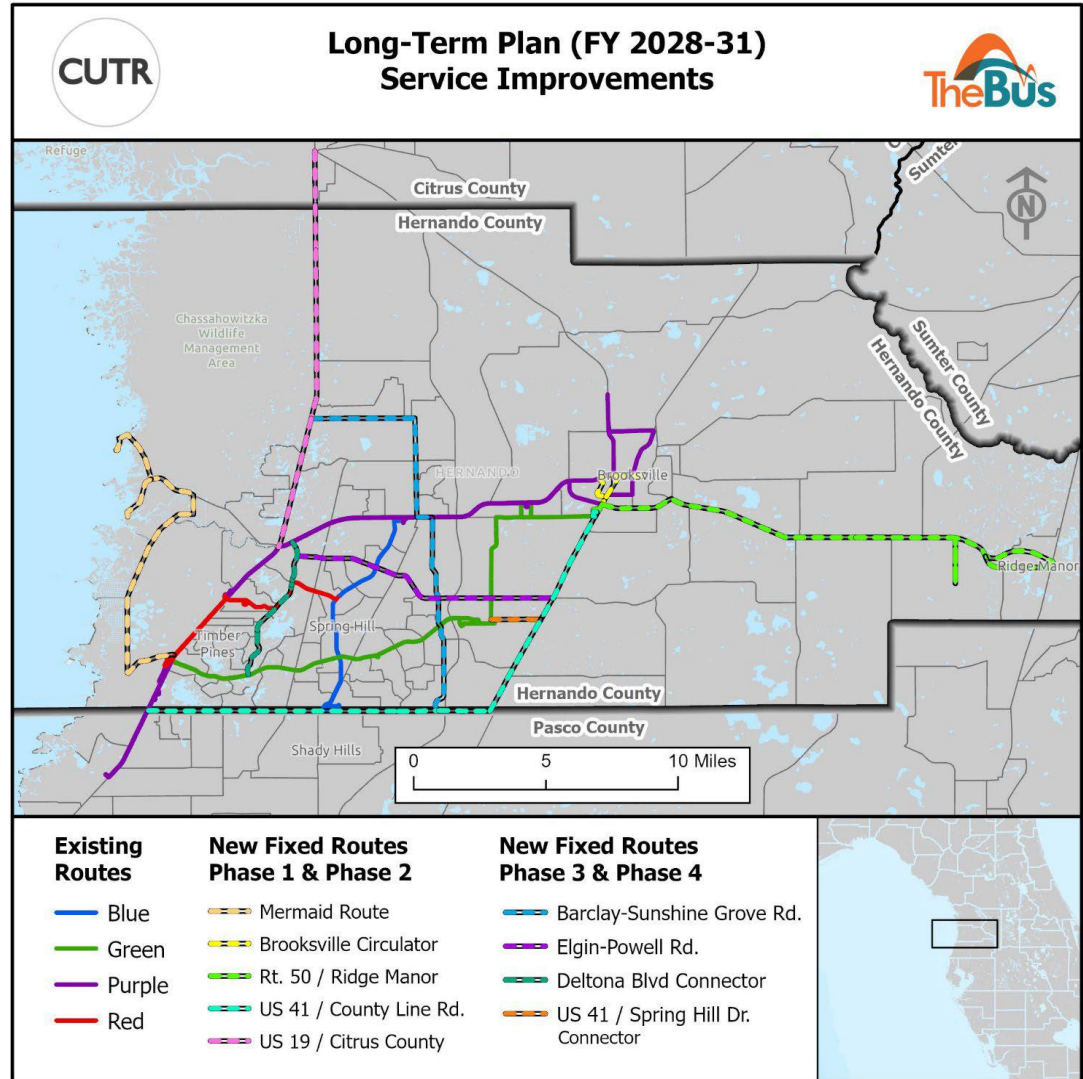
What will the Hernando County Transit FY 2026-35 (TDP) Annual Update Address?

<i>TDP Rule Minimum Requirement</i>	<i>Meets Minimum Requirement</i>	<i>FDOT Comments & Suggestions</i>
Included any updated modifications to the previous year's 10-Year Operating & Capital Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extended the current 10-Year Operating & Capital Program to a new tenth year	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Included tables presenting updated 10-year Schedule of Projects, Financial Plan, and List of Priority Projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Presented to the local MPO Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Submitted to FDOT by March 1st or a revised date as agreed by FDOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Documented progress and achievements on coordination efforts with local MPO, including coordination on UPWP, TIP, and Corridor Development Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Top Service Priorities from the 2025-34 TDP

- New fixed routes identified for a phased implementation.
- Priority corridors (Phase 1-2) for initial implementation included Rt. 50, US 41/County Line Rd, Brooksville area, and Spring Hill to Pine Island.
- Future fixed route corridors (Phase 3-4) to be implemented after Phase 1-2.



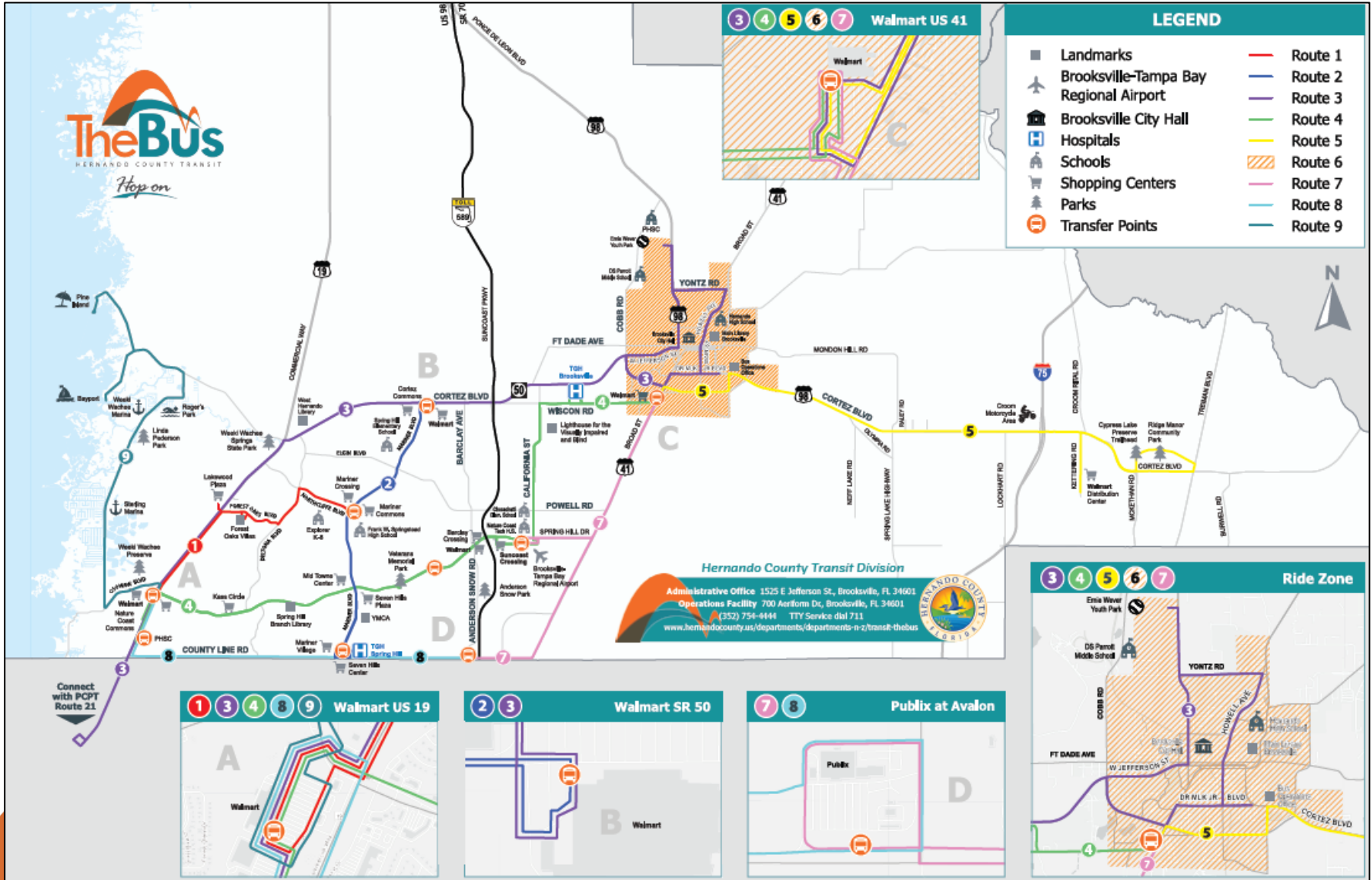
New Hernando County Transit Service Implemented in FY 2025

- Existing services maintained.
- Mermaid Route (Spring Hill to Pine Island)
- Brooksville Connector (zonal on-demand svc.)
- Rt. 50/Ridge Manor
- US 41/County Line Rd.
- Hourly service, M-Sat., Mermaid operates on Sundays.
- From four total routes to nine.

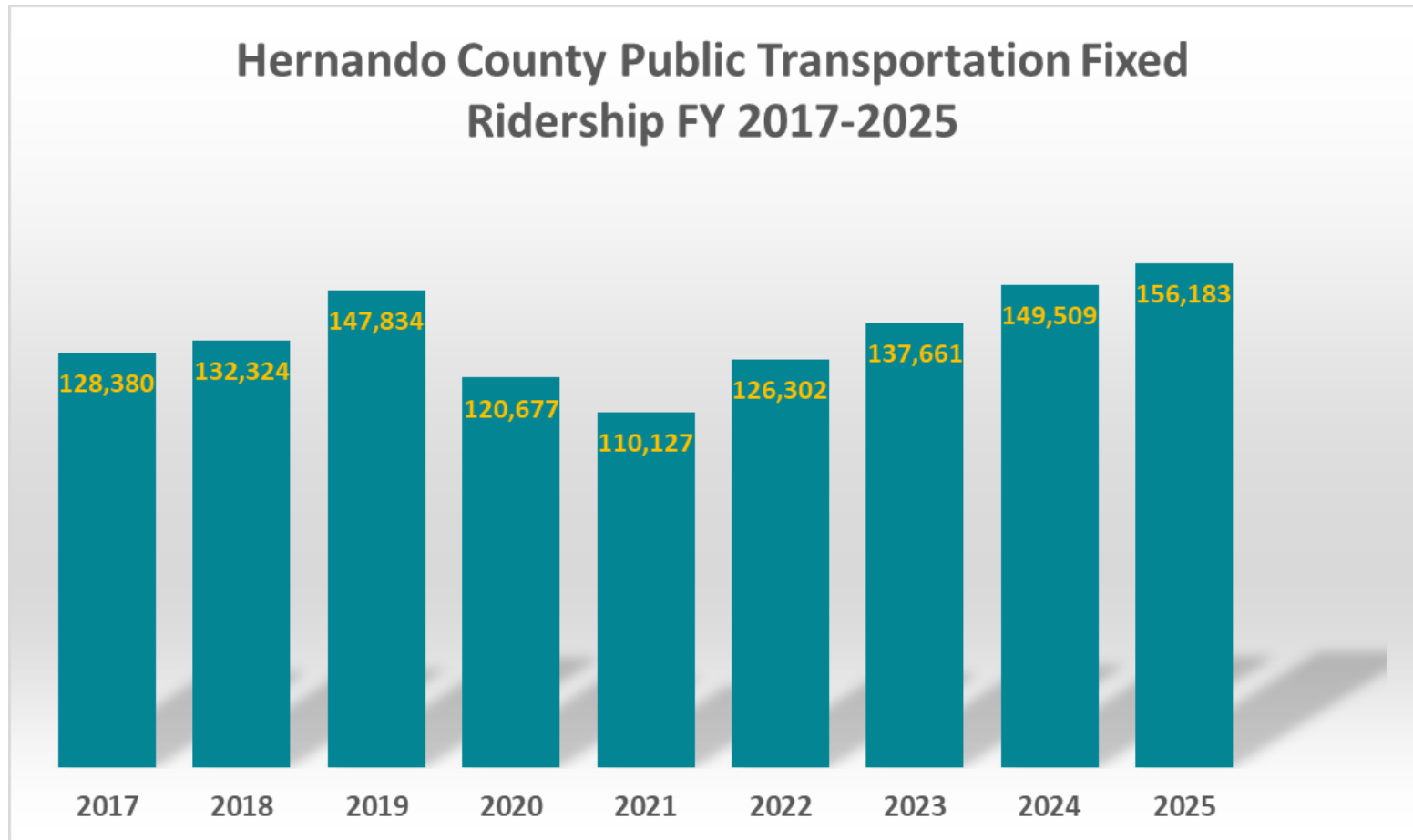
NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR										
		FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	FY 33	FY 34	
SERVICE	MAINTAIN EXISTING SYSTEM											
	Maintain Existing Fixed Route Service	☑										
	Maintain Existing ADA/Paratransit Service	☑										
	EXPAND EXISTING SYSTEM											
	Expand Weekday & Sat. Service on Existing Routes Until 9:00 pm		☑									
	New ADA/Paratransit Service for Existing System Expansion		☑			☑						
	Implement Sunday Service					☑						
	Increase Frequency - Purple Route							☑				
	Increase Frequency - Green Route								☑			
	Increase Frequency - Blue Route									☑		
	Increase Frequency - Red Route											☑
	NEW FIXED ROUTES											
	Mermaid Route	☑										
	Brooksville Connector	☑										
	Rt. 50/Ridge Manor	☑										
	US 41/County Line Rd.	☑										
	New ADA/Paratransit Service for New Fixed Routes	☑		☑	☑		☑	☑				
	US 19/Citrus County			☑								
	Barclay-Sunshine Grove Rd.				☑							
Elgin-Powell Rd.						☑						
Deltona Blvd./Spring Hill Dr. Connector								☑				



Hernando County Transit (TheBus) System FY 2026



Hernando County Transit (TheBus) Ridership



New Hernando County Transit Capital Implemented in FY 2025

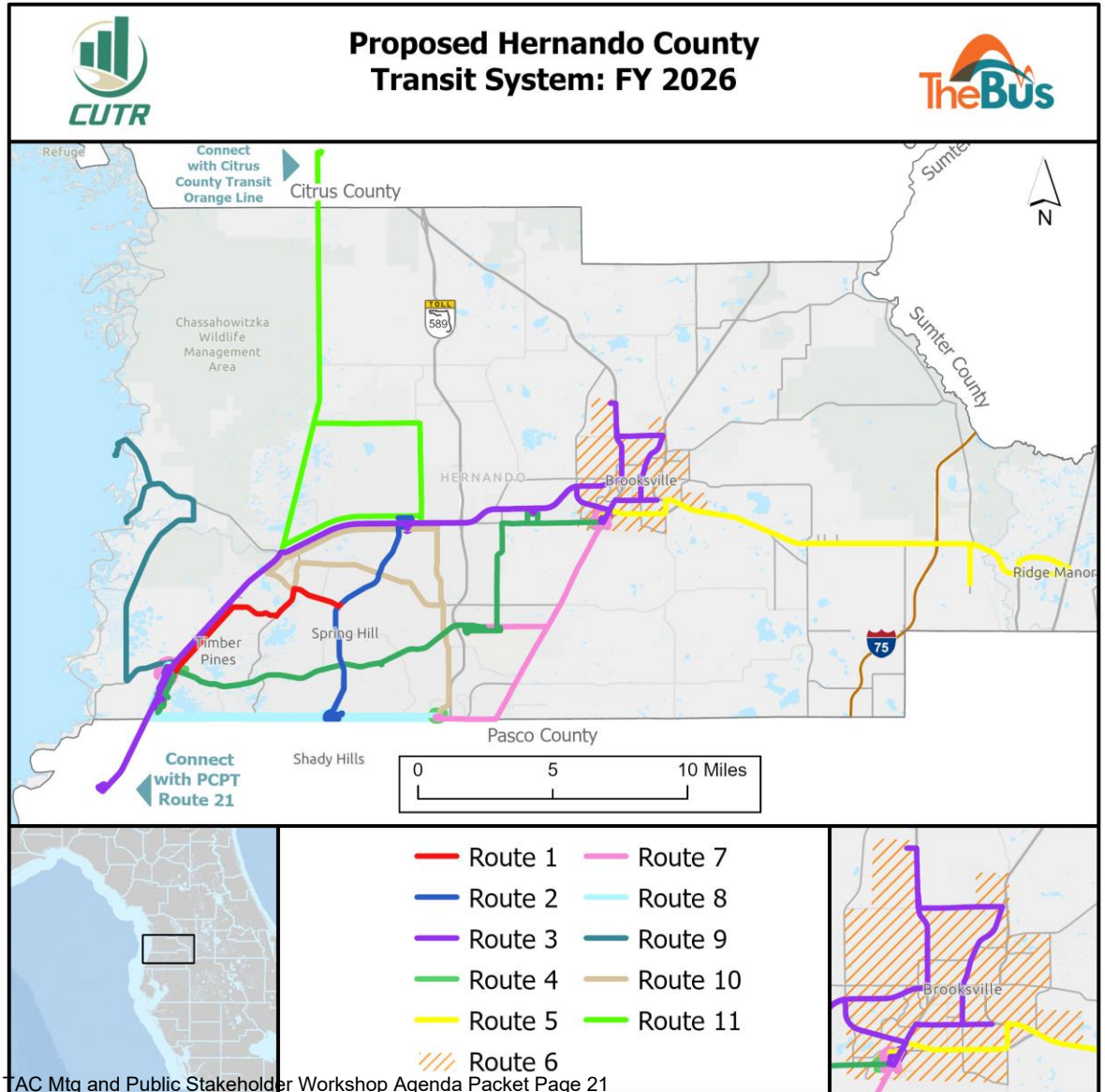
- Existing vehicles replaced on schedule.
- New vehicles purchased for new services.
- Paratransit and Fixed Route transit scheduling and bus tracking systems updated.
- Preliminary planning and design procurement processes started for bus stops/bus shelters, parking lot, and new garage/transfer facility projects.

NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR										
		FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	FY 33	FY 34	
CAPITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE	FLEET & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS											
	Replacement Vehicles - Existing Fixed Route Service	☑										
	Replacement Vehicles - Existing ADA/Paratransit Service	☑										
	Bus Stop ADA Improvements	⊘										
	Transit Shelters & Related Amenities	⊘										
	New Transfer Center/Garage/Admin. Facility	⊘										
	New Vehicles - New Fixed Routes & Frequency	☑		☑	☑		☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
	Parking Upgrades to Existing Operational Facility	☑										
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS										
Modernization and Update of Scheduling System		☑						☑				
Installation of on-board infotainment screens/system		☑										
Addition of Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs)			☑									
Same-Day Service Scheduling for Same-Day & On-Demand Service					☑							
Modernization/Update of Vehicle & Facility Security Systems								☑				



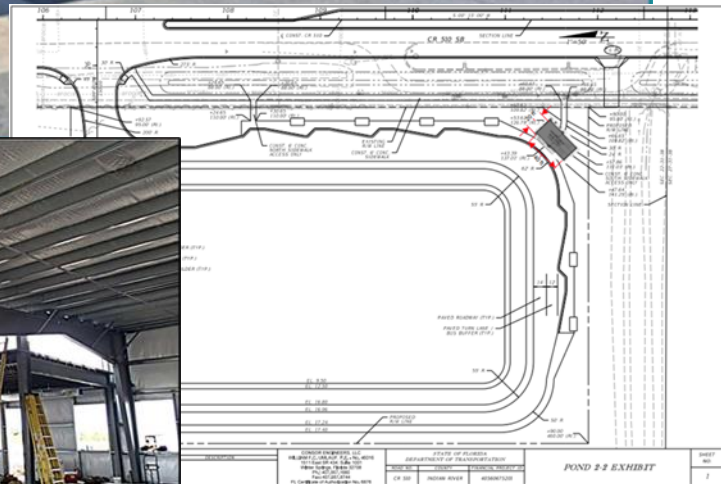
Top Service Priorities for FY 2026-35

- For FY 2026-27, update to the service plan so as to implement fixed routes along remaining corridors in FY 2026:
 - Route 10: Andersen Snow Blvd.-Barclay Ave.-Sunshine Grove Rd.
 - Rt. 11: Elgin-Powell-Deltona
- Additional zonal on-demand service in an area to be determined (FY 2029 or later)



Top Capital Priorities for FY 2026-35

- Continue improvements to existing maintenance and operations facilities.
- Procure design and engineering services to begin construct bus stops improvements and the addition of more bus shelters.
- Purchase additional new and replacement vehicles.
- Begin preliminary planning for new transfer and maintenance facilities.



Additional Initiatives for FY 2026-35

- Update route schedules and system maps.
- Update webpage.
- Increase marketing and public outreach.
- Support all planning, design, and engineering efforts for improved facilities.
- Start planning for a system redesign study that will be needed once new transfer facility site is identified and developed.

BUS FARES		
FIXED ROUTE	Regular	Reduced
1-Way Pass (Cash, Token, or Token App)	\$1.25	\$0.60
1-Day Pass (Token Transit App Only)	\$3.00	\$1.50
7-Day Pass (Token Transit App Only)	\$10.00	\$5.00
31-Day Pass	\$30.00	\$15.00
<i>(Paper Pass from Transit Office or Public Libraries and Token Transit App)</i>		
ADA Eligible		\$0.60
Children (age 6 and under)		Free
DEMAND RESPONSE		
1-Way Fare		\$2.50

REDUCED-FARE PHOTO ID
Riders must show their Reduced-Fare Photo ID to receive reduced fare privileges. The following are links to obtain a Reduced-Fare Photo ID.

RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

TheBus is concerned about the safety and security of its riders and bus operators. All riders are expected to follow the "Rider Protocol Guidelines" and become familiar with the "Rider Code of Conduct" which includes:

- Stand behind the standee line.
- Keep aisles clear at all times.
- Fold strollers and carts before boarding.
- Have no open containers, tobacco products, controlled substance, alcohol beverage or other intoxicants.
- Watch your step.
- Must signal bus operator at least one bus stop prior.
- Wait for the vehicle to come to a complete stop before exiting.
- Limit packages to what will fit in front of you and/or on your lap.
- Alert the bus operator immediately if you see a suspicious item or activity.
- Only bring service animals on board.
- No littering/graffiti on Bus Property.

Please visit our website to view the documents mentioned above.

Spanish: TheBus se preocupa por la seguridad de sus pasajeros y operadores. Se espera que todos los pasajeros sigan las "Guías de Protocolo de Pasajero" y se familiaricen con el "Código de Conducta del Pasajero".

ROUTE 3

BUS ROUTE SCHEDULE

Local Service Monday - Saturday
Effective Date: March 2025

Start-Middle-Finish:
Brooksville City Hall ▪ Cortez Blvd (Hwy 50) ▪ Commercial Way (US 19 Emerald Blvd. Pasco County)

All buses are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bike racks

Buy Passes

TheBus
Hernando County, FL

Rider: Regular

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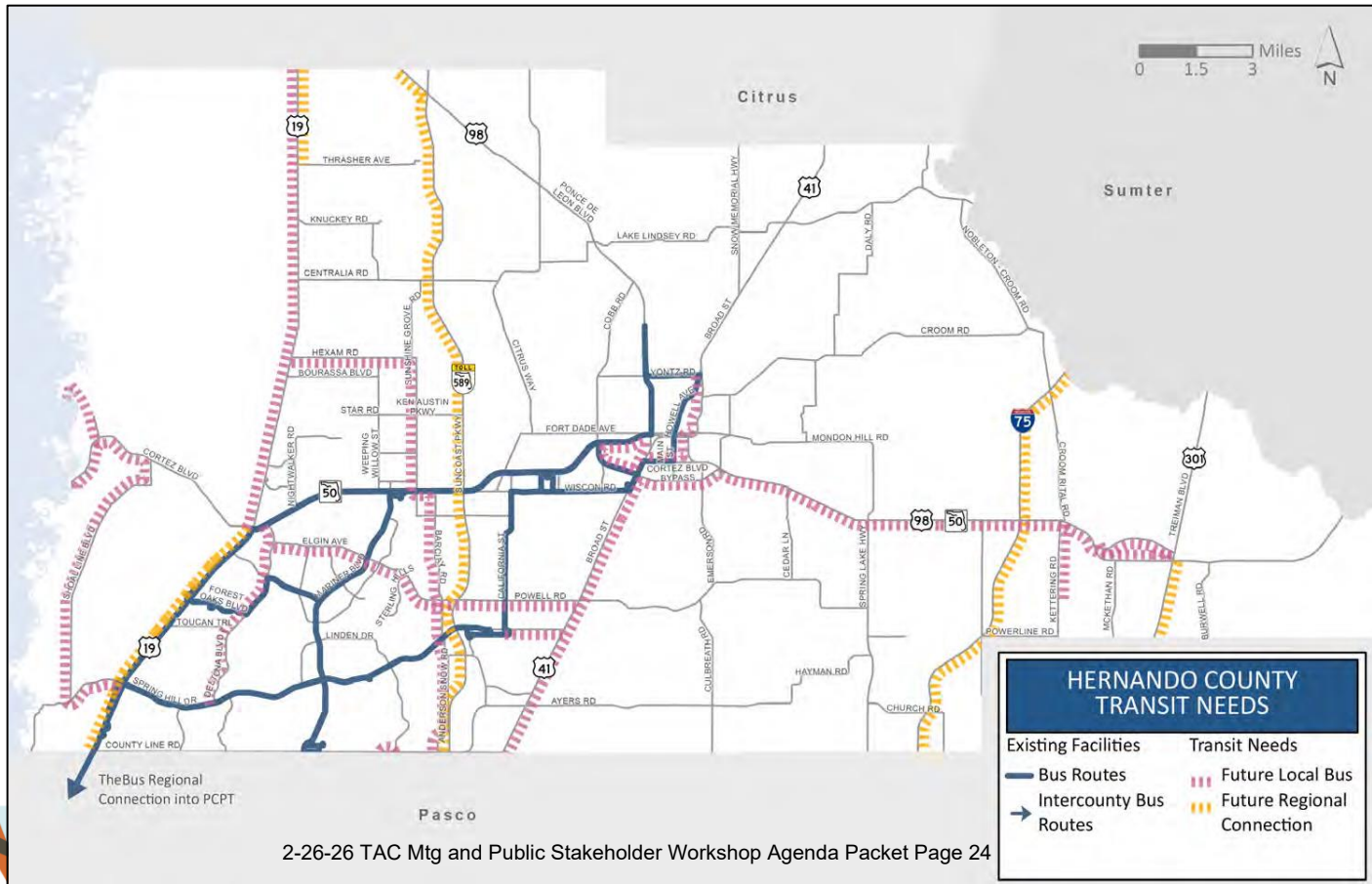
MONDAY - SATURDAY SERVICE
Brooksville City Hall ▪ Cortez Blvd (Hwy 50) ▪ Commercial Way (US 19 Emerald Blvd. Pasco County)

Outbound							Inbound								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	D	J	K	L	M	A	
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Emerald Blvd. (Pasco County)*	PHSC Spring Hill*	SR 50 & Deltona Blvd	Walmart SR 50*	Tampa General Hospital (TGH Bksville)	PHSC North	Howell Ave & Yontz Rd	Brooksville City Hall	Brooksville City Hall	Walmart US 41*	Walmart SR 50*	Oak Hill Hospital	Weekie Wachee Springs	Lakewood Plaza*	Walmart US 19*	Emerald Blvd. (Pasco County)*
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Coordinating with the Hernando/Citrus MPO

- Hernando County Transit will continue to coordinate with the MPO to implement the Cost Feasible and Aspirational transit elements of the 2050 LRTP, Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Continue coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7.



Next Steps

1. Present the Hernando County FY 2026-35 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update to the MPO Committees and Board in Feb.-Mar. 2026.
2. Present TDP Annual Update to Hernando County Board of County Commissioners on 3/10/26.
3. Submit final Hernando County FY 2026-35 TDP to FDOT District 7 on 3/10/26.
4. Obtain approval of TDP by FDOT District 7.



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REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE DRAFT 2026 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (LOPP)

Pursuant to Section 339.175(8), Florida Statutes, Florida MPOs are required to annually develop and submit a list of priority projects to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The List of Priority Projects (LOPP) is developed based upon the following:

- the approved Long-Range Transportation Plan (2050 LRTP for Hernando-Citrus)
- the Strategic Intermodal System Plan
- the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
- transportation management systems, and
- the MPO's public involvement procedures.

The MPO is proposing the following approach:

- Maintain the current list without expanding it, while identifying cost-feasible, smaller-scale improvements that can be advanced (e.g., turn signals, adding turn lanes, intersection improvements).
- Move some larger, locally focused projects to a secondary list to position them for potential advancement if local and state funding becomes available.
- Reduce the number of projects on the Transportation Alternative (TA) list by removing items that will unlikely be able to receive TA funding.

The Hernando-Citrus MPO's LOPP contains Major Improvement/Congestion Management Projects and Transportation Alternative Projects. The final LOPP and FY2027-FY2031 TIP is required to be adopted by the MPO Board on or before July 15, 2026.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the TAC review the adopted LOPP and provide input for the draft 2026 List of Priority Projects (LOPP). An updated draft will be presented to the MPO Board at a subsequent meeting and incorporated in the FY2027-FY2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Attachment: 5-1-25 Adopted FY2026-FY2030 LOPP

Hernando/Citrus MPO List of Priority Projects - Major Improvement & Congestion Management

MPO Board - Adopted May 1, 2025

PRIORITY	FDOT ITEM #	AGENCY	FACILITY	AREA	FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	PROJECT PHASE	YEAR	REASON FOR CHANGE
1	257165-2	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45) from E Arlington Street St to N of SR 200 (Divided into 257165-6, 257165-7, 257165-8) <i>Project is phased below in segments for funding purposes.</i>							
	257165-6	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	E Arlington St	E Louisiana Lane	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	Design 45% complete, ROW underway		
	257165-7	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	E Louisiana Lane	S of CR 486	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	Design 45% complete		
	257165-8	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	CR 486	N of SR 200	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	Design 45% complete		
2	257298	FDOT	CR 578 (County Line Road) from E of East Rd to W of Suncoast Parkway (Divided into 257298-3 and 257298-4)							
	257298 3		CR 578 (County Line Road)	Hern	East of East Rd	Springtime St	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
	257298 4		CR 578 (County Line Road)	Hern	East of Mariner Blvd	W of the Suncoast Parkway	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
3		FDOT	SR 200 (N Carl G. Rose Hwy)	Citrus	US 41	Marion County Line	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
4			US 41/SR 50A One Way Pairs	Hern	Mildred Avenue	May Avenue	Revert One-Way Pairs Back to Two-Way Traffic in Downtown Brooksville			
5			US 41 at Lake Lindsey Rd	Hern			Roundabout			
6		FDOT	US 41/SR 45 (Broad Street) at CR 576 (Ayers Rd)	Hern			Intersection Improvement/add a turn lane			
7		FDOT	CR 491 (N. Lecanto Hwy.)	Citrus	W. Pine Ridge Blvd.	SR 200	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
8		HERN	Barclay Avenue - Phase I	Hern	SR 50	Lucky Lane	Add 2 lanes (Construction)			
			Barclay Avenue - Phase II & III	Hern	Lucky Lane	Elgin Boulevard/Powell Road	Road Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utilities			
9		FDOT	US 41/SR 45 (Florida Avenue) at CR 491 (N Lecanto Highway)	Citrus	CR 491	Northbound US41 and Southbound US 41	Signal Improvement on Left Turn Lanes from CR491 to NB US41 & SB US41			
10		FDOT	Cardinal St	Citrus	US 19	CR 491	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
11		FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Hern	Spring Hill Dr.	Powell Rd.	Add 2 lanes (existing 4)			
12	405822 5	FDOT	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	Citrus	Cardinal Street	Green Acres	Add 2 lanes (existing 4)			
13	257299	FDOT	CR 485 (Cobb Rd)/SR 50 <i>(Project is phased below in segments for funding.)</i>	Hern	SR 50	N of Fort Dade	4-lane or 3-lane cross section			
	257299-3		CR 485 (Cobb Rd)	Hern	SR 50/50A/Cortez Blvd	Brooksville Water Reclamation Dr	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
			CR 485 (Cobb Rd)	Hern	Brooksville Water Reclamation Dr	Yontz Rd	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
			CR 485 (Cobb Rd)	Hern	Yontz Rd	US 98 (Ponce de Leon Blvd)	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
14		FDOT	US 41 @ North Citrus Springs Blvd.	Citrus	Intersection		Roundabout			
15		FDOT	CR 490 (Homosassa Trail)	Citrus	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	SR 44 (W. Gulf to Lake Hwy.)	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
16		FDOT	Rock Crusher Road	Citrus	CR 490	SR 44	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
17		FDOT	Venable St. / Crystal Oaks Dr.	Citrus	US 19	SR 44	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			
18		FDOT	CR 490A (W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.)	Citrus	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	CR 491 (S. Lecanto Hwy.)	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)			

Hernando/Citrus MPO List of Priority Projects In Production - Major Improvement & Congestion Management

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Line #	PRIORITY	FDOT ITEM #	AGENCY	FACILITY	AREA	FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	PROJECT PHASE	COST	YEAR
1	Production	405822 3	FDOT	US 19 (SR 55) / US 98	Citrus	W. Jump Ct.	W. Fort Island Trail	Add 2 lanes (existing 4)	CONST	\$37,962,912	UNDERWAY
2	Production	416733 2	FDOT	SR 50 Bypass	Hern	CR 485 (Cobb Rd.)	W. of Buck Hope Road	Design 45% complete, ROW underwav	CONST	\$11,192,916	UNDERWAY
3	Production	416735 1	FDOT	SR 50 Bypass	Hern	W. of Buck Hope Road	Jefferson Street (50A)	Add 2 lanes (existing 4)	CONST	\$41,323,243	UNDERWAY
4	Production	442835 1	FDOT	SR 50 (Cortez Blvd.)	Hern	US 301 / SR 35 (Treiman Blvd.)	Hernando/Sumter Co. Line	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	CONST	\$54,317,918	UNDERWAY
5	Production	257165-3	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	SR 44	S of Withlacoochee Trail Bridge	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	CONST	\$14,985,303	UNDERWAY
6	Production	257165-4	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	S. of Withlacoochee Trail Bridge	N of Sportsman Pt	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	CONST	\$21,511,308	Summer 2025
7	Production	447536 3	FDOT	US 301	Hern	Pasco County Line	SR 50/Cortez Blvd	PE to Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	CONST		UNDERWAY
8	Production	257165-5	FDOT	US 41 (SR 45)	Citrus	N of N Sportsman Pt	E of Arlington St	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)	CONST		Winter 2027
9	Production	452924-1	FDOT	US 98/US 41/SR 700/SR50A	Hern	North Broad Street	East of Jefferson Street	Intersection Improvement	CONST		Begin 2027

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Priority #	FPN / Resp.	Project/Corridor	From	To	Area	Project Type	Project Phase/Year
1		N Independence Hwy-PS/Sidewalk	E Gulf to Lake Hwy (SR 44)	N Florida Ave (US 41)	Citrus County	TA	Application Submitted
2		Sunshine Grove Rd. - Sidewalk	Ken Austin Pkwy.	Hexam Rd.	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
3		Three Sisters Springs Connector - Multi-Use Trail	US 19 / Kings Bay Drive	486 Trail	Citrus County (Crystal River)	TBD	Application Submitted
4		California St. / Powell Rd. - Sidewalk	Spring Hill Dr. / California St.	Powell Rd./Rowan Rd.	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
5		Cobblestone Dr. - Sidewalk	Pinehurst Dr.	County Line Rd.	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
6		Good Neighbor Trail (GNT) - Rehabilitation	Jefferson St.	Jasmine St.	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
7		W. Linden Dr. - Sidewalk	Spring Hill Dr.	Mariner Blvd.	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
8		Rock Crusher Sidewalk	W. Homosassa Trail (CR490)	W. Gulf to Bay Hwy (SR44)	Citrus County	TA	No Application
9		Amero Ln. - Sidewalk	Coronado Dr.	Anderson Snow Rd.	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
10		E. Vine St.& E. Gospel Is. Rd.- Sidewalk	N. Apopka Ave.	W. Gulf to Lake Hwy (SR 44)	Citrus County	TA	No Application
11		Nightwalker Rd. - Sidewalk	Cortez Blvd. (SR 50)	Madrid Rd.	Hernando County	TA	Add 2 lanes (existing 2)
12		W. Cardinal St.	US 19 (S. Suncoast Blvd.)	S. Lecanto Hwy (CR 491)	Citrus County	TA	No Application
13		Sugarmill Woods - Multi-Use Trail along US 98	Oak Village Blvd.	Trailhead / Parking lot near the Suncoast Parkway II	Citrus County	TA	No Application
14		US 19 Trailhead & Crossing	Crosstown Trail at US 19 - (In City of Crystal River)		Citrus County (Crystal River)	TA	No Application
15		Withlacoochee State Trail (WST) – Reconstruction	Pasco/Hernando County Line	Citrus/Hernando County Line	Hernando County	TBD	No Application
15a		Section a (3.15 Miles)	Pasco/Hernando Border	SR 50	Hernando County	TBD	No Application
15b		Section b (5.15 Miles)	SR 50	Croom Rd.	Hernando County	TBD	No Application
16		Section c (5.90 Miles)	Croom Rd.	Hernando/Citrus Border	Hernando County	TBD	No Application
17		South Apopka Connector - Phase I	Dampier St.	Highland Blvd.	Citrus County (City of Inverness)	TA	No Application
18		W. Halls River Rd. (CR 490A) - Sidewalk	S. Riverview Circle	US 19 (S. Suncoast Blvd.)	Citrus County	TA	No Application
19		Spring Hill Dr. - Sidewalk	US 19	Ken Lake Ave.	Hernando County	TA	No Application
20		Eden Dr. Connector/Sidewalk	WST	Martinis Dr.	Citrus County (City of Inverness)	TA	No Application
21		Spring Hill Dr. - Sidewalk	Spring Park Way	US 41	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted

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Priority #	FPN / Resp.	Project/Corridor	From	To	Area	Project Type	Project Phase/Year
22		Forest Dr. Sidewalk	W. Main St. (SR44)	Independence Hwy.	Citrus County	TA	No Application
23		Turner Camp Rd./Ella Ave. - PS/Sidewalk	US 41	Inverness MS	Citrus County	TA	No Application
24		Citrus Springs Blvd. - Bicycle Lane/PS	Dunklin Blvd.	W. Deltona Blvd.	Citrus County	TA	No Application
25		Suncoast Trail (SCT) – Rehabilitation	County Line Road	US 98	Hernando County	TA	Application Submitted
25a		Section a	County Line Road	Spring Hill Drive	Hernando County	TBD	Application Submitted
25b		Section b	Spring Hill Drive	SR 50	Hernando County	TBD	Application Submitted
25c		Section c	SR 50	US 98	Hernando County	TBD	Application Submitted
25d		Section d	Centralia Rd.	US 98	Hernando County	TBD	Application Submitted
26		Elkcam Blvd. - Bicycle Lane/PS	Pine Ridge Blvd	N Citrus Springs Blvd.	Citrus County	TA	No Application
27		Pine Ridge Blvd. - Multiuse Trail	CR 486	CR 491	Citrus County	TA	No Application
28		South Apopka Connector - Phase II	Highland Blvd.	E Anna Jo Dr.	Citrus County (City of Inverness)	TA	No Application
29		Mossy Oak Sidewalk	US 41 and Eden Dr.	WST	Citrus County	TA	No Application
30		Sugarmill Woods Bicycle Lane along the following sections:			Citrus County	TA	No Application
30a		Section a. W. Oak Park Blvd.	Shoppes at Sugarmill Woods	Corkwood Blvd.	Citrus County	TA	No Application
30b		Section b. Cypress Blvd. E	W. Oak Park Blvd.	Cypress Circle E	Citrus County	TA	No Application
31		W. Miss Maggie Dr. (CR 480) - Sidewalk/PS	Chassahowitzka River Campground	US 19 (S. Suncoast Blvd.)	Citrus County	TA	ROW issues
32		North Ave. - Sidewalk	Howell Ave.	Zoller St.	Hernando County (City of Brooksville)	TA	ROW issues
33		Kass Circle Improvements	Kass Circle		Hernando County	TA	Under Review
34a		Shelter/Restroom Amenities	Cardinal Boulevard Trailhead		Citrus County	TA	
34b		Shelter/Restroom Amenities	SR 44 @ Suncoast Parkway		Citrus County	TA	
35		Ft. Island Trail - Multi-Use Trail	Gulf of America	Three Sisters Trail	Citrus County (Crystal River)	TBD	Consultant Study Complete / ETDM

Note: Applications for projects are the responsibility of the jurisdictional entity.

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Line #	Status	FPN / Resp. Agency	Project/Corridor	From	To	Area	Project Type	Project Phase/Year	Disposition
1	Production	437484 1/FDOT	W. Landover Blvd.	Northcliffe Blvd.	Elgin Blvd.	Hernando County	TA	CST 2023	
2	Production	438651 1/FDOT	S Linden Dr. - Sidewalk	County Line Rd.	Spring Hill Dr.	Hernando County	TA	Design 45% complete, ROW	
3	Production	441107 1/FDOT	Eastside Elementary – Sidewalk, Raley Rd	US 98/SR 50/Cortez Blvd	Roper Road	Hernando County	SRTS	CST 2024	
4	Production	441103 1/FDOT	Freeport Dr	Deltona Blvd	Northcliffe Blvd	Hernando County	SRTS	CST 2024	
5	Production	441105-1	Forest Ridge Elementary Ph 2 Sidewalk	W Lake Beverly Dr	W Colbert Ct	Citrus County	SRTS	PE 2024, CST 2026	