



Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization

Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

August 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on August 1, 2024, at the Brooksville City Council Chambers, 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando/Citrus MPO websites.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Campbell, MPO Board Chair, Hernando County Commission
John Allocco, Hernando County Commission
Ruthie Schlabach, Citrus County Commission
Rebecca Bays, MPO Board Alternate Member, Citrus County Commission
Blake Bell, Mayor, City of Brooksville
Gene Davis, MPO Board Alternate Member, City of Inverness Councilman
Brian Hunter, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

MEMBERS ABSENT (ALTERNATES WERE AVAILABLE TO SERVE)

Steve Champion, Hernando County Commission
Beth Narverud, Hernando County Commission
Joe Meek, Mayor, City of Crystal River

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Victoria Anderson, Assistant County Attorney, Hernando County

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

MPO Board & Staff Introductions

The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of Board and staff followed the Invocation.

Enter Proof of Publication into the Record

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 (Limited to Board and Staff)

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Schlabach to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allocco and the motion passed 5-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ruthie Schlabach
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYES:	Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Narverud, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Bays to approve the June 6, 2024, meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allocco and the motion passed 5-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ruthie Schlabach
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYES:	Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Narverud, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

ACTION ITEMS

[It is noted for the record, Gene Davis, MPO Board Alternate Member, City of Inverness Councilman, arrived at the meeting.]

Review and Approval of the June 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

[14179](#)

Motion

14179 Review and Approval of the June 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ruthie Schlabach
SECONDER:	Blake Bell
AYES:	Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, Jerry Campbell, and Gene Davis
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Narverud, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Review and Approval of the Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule for the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board and Committees

[14327](#)

[Subsequent to the meeting, the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards for Hernando and Citrus County, voted on August 8, 2024, to move the August 14, 2025, meeting to September 11, 2024.]

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Allocco to approve the meeting schedule for 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schlabach and the motion passed 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Ruthie Schlabach
AYES:	Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, Jerry Campbell, and Gene Davis
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Narverud, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

PRESENTATION

Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, of the Needs Assessment for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Review of the 2050 LRTP Draft Cost Feasible Plan

[14365](#)

William Roll with Kimley-Horn, General Planning Consultant for the MPO, reviewed the Needs Assessment for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the draft Cost Feasible Plan. The MPO has identified the transportation capacity needs for the two counties and is identifying priority projects which will be considered for funding. Priority projects in the plan may include such improvements on portions of the following facilities:

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

MPO DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Esposito provided the following updates:

- There will be two public workshops for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on August 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in Brooksville and at 5:00 p.m. in Inverness. The workshops can be attended in person or virtually. An email invitation was sent earlier this week - please share with others who would benefit from this information. *[Subsequent to the meeting, the workshops were postponed due to tropical storm Debby and rescheduled for August 22, 2024.]*
- A 2055 Florida Transportation Plan development is also in progress. A flyer was distributed for the public and partners to engage in the process, and the website is

<https://www.floridaftp.com>.

- A Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Dignitary Panel Representative is needed for an October 9, 2024, meeting from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Port Tampa Bay Cruise Terminal-2, 651 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida. The Summit is an educational event that brings together community partners to elevate our efforts on how to design and implement safe and equitable transportation facilities for all modes of transportation. Each MPO/TPO is being asked to provide high level decision makers (appointed, elected, board member, county administrator, division director or community leader) to be part of a moderated dignitary panel. The moderator will ask questions to prompt a dialogue following Gil Penalosa’s presentation. It’s envisioned that panelists will respond and discuss doable change they now see possible.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Campbell thanked the City of Brooksville for hosting the 2024 MPO Board meetings and for the support and presence of Hernando County officials and law enforcement at the meeting today.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED OR PRESENTED DURING THE MEETING

[14619](#)

The attached was presented during the MPO Board meeting for informational purposes only:

1. 2050 Hernando/Citrus MPO Transportation Plan PowerPoint Presentation by the MPO’s General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, beginning at 1:30 pm, in the Brooksville City Council Chambers, 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Motion

A motion was made by Mayor Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schlabach and carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Blake Bell
SECONDER:	Ruthie Schlabach
AYES:	Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, Jerry Campbell, and Gene Davis
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Narverud, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Appointment of Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is to assist the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization in a review and advisory capacity relating to transportation planning and programming for Citrus and Hernando counties. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of eleven (11) citizen positions appointed by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. Six (6) of the eleven (11) positions are currently filled. CAC members serve a two-year term. James Reynold has submitted an application to fill the vacant Citrus County - Unincorporated position. The application is attached for review by the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

Pursuant to Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes, the MPO Board has the authority to take the recommended action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board appoint James Reynold to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee in the Citrus County - Unincorporated position for a period of two (2) years (August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2026).

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ruthie Schlabach
SECONDER:	Blake Bell
AYES:	Schlabach, Allocco, Bell, Bays, Campbell and Davis
ABSENT:	Narverud, Champion and Meek



**Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board & Committee Volunteer Application**
(Please type or print clearly)

Name: JAMES PALMER REYNOLD
(Your name must be listed as it appears on your driver's license)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR COUNTY RECORDS AND BECOMES PUBLIC RECORD UPON SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION, PURSUANT TO F.S. 119.07, PLEASE STATE THE BASIS OF YOUR EXEMPTION.

Are you a resident of Hernando County? _____ Citrus County? For how long? 2YR 8mos
 Do you reside within the city limits of Brooksville? No Crystal River? No Inverness? No
 Physical Address 4075 N PONY DR City BEVERLY HILLS Zip 34465
 Mailing Address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (home/cell) 239 850 1667 Business/Other _____ Email jpreynold@comcast.net
 Occupation RETIRED

These committees may require travel outside of our county of residence. Are you willing to travel to Hernando or Citrus Counties as necessary to participate in meetings and remain active? Yes No _____

Brief Resume of Education and Experience (Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.).

BS CIVIL ENGINEERING, U of FL 1975 FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LICENSE # 22401
40 YRS TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE W/ FDOT AND CONSULTING

Why are you interested in serving on this Board/Committee? CONTRIBUTE MY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

Please list three references, including address, phone numbers and email address.

- KURT STONE, PE 5497 W RIVERBEND RD DUNNELLON, FL 407 947 2580 stone67163@gmail.com
- ELAINE McLAUGHLIN 3912 N INDIAN HEAD RD HERNANDO, FL 239 292 0218 m+melaine@gmail.com
- JOSEPH CASOLA 4750 N PINK POPPY DR BEVERLY HILLS, FL 352 302 7600 joe314@embarqmail.com

Board/Committee Interested in Volunteering for:

- BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) – 2-year term, 11 members
 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) – 2-year term, 11 members
 HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB) – 3-year term, 17 members (some positions require agency participation.)
 CITRUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB) – 3-year term, 17 members (some positions require agency participation.)

Is there a specific Board/Committee position you are interested in applying for? If so, please list the position below:

CITRUS COUNTY - UNINCORPORATED

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor (or similar offense) by court martial or plead nolo contendere (no contest) to such an offense, or plead guilty to such an offense (including all instances of the foregoing, even if adjudication was withheld or if you were placed on probation)?

(Answering Yes does not automatically disqualify you for consideration) Yes _____ No

If yes, state the court, crime committed, disposition of case, and dates _____

Emergency Contact #1: ANN REYNOLD Relationship: SPOUSE Phone No. 954 258 4722

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No. _____

I hereby request consideration as a board/committee appointee. It is my intention to familiarize myself with the duties and responsibilities of the office to which I may be appointed, and to fulfill the appointment to the best of my ability, exercising good judgment, fairness, impartiality, and faithful attendance. I also agree to file a Financial Disclosure form as required by State law, if applicable, and abide by the provisions of the Government-in-the-Sunshine State Law.

I, the above-named applicant, agree to act as a volunteer for Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"). I acknowledge and agree that activities performed by me as a volunteer will be performed strictly on a volunteer basis, without any pay, compensation, or benefits. I agree to comply with the rules and regulations established by the MPO to include, but not limited to, accurate recording of volunteer hours. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in my immediate removal as a volunteer. If I am convicted of or plead no contest to a crime during my tenure as a volunteer, I agree to notify the Volunteer Coordinator immediately. I understand that during my volunteer activities, I may encounter individuals who have not received a background screening.

I agree I do NOT agree _____

I grant Hernando County full permission to use my photographs, videotapes, or any other manner of recording my participation in this Program for any purpose.

I hereby confirm that I have read and understand this application and that all information furnished by me is true and accurate. I understand that to be considered for this committee, I must be a resident of the county I am representing (either Hernando or Citrus County) and cannot be an elected official and/or a technical person involved in transportation planning in the county I am representing.

JAMES P. REYNOLD
(Printed Name)

James P Reynolds
(Signature)

5/15/24
(Date)

Please complete this form and return it to:

Hernando/Citrus MPO
789 Providence Boulevard
Brooksville, Florida 34601
Email: mpo@hernandocounty.us

*2-6-24 Updated address



Metropolitan Planning Organization

AGENDA ITEM

Meeting: 08/01/2024
Department: MPO
Prepared By: Joy Turner
Initiator: Robert Esposito
DOC ID: 14179
Legal Request Number:
Bid/Contract Number:

TITLE

Review and Approval of the June 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Attached for approval are the Minutes of the June 6, 2024, meeting of the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

Pursuant to Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes, the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board has the authority to take the recommended action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board review and approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2024, meeting.



Hernando/Citrus

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Regular Meeting

Minutes - Draft

June 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

MPO Chair, Jerry Campbell, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the Brooksville City Council Chambers, 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando/Citrus MPO websites.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Campbell, MPO Board Chair, Hernando County Commission
John Allocco, Hernando County Commission
Steve Champion, Hernando County Commission
Beth Narverud, Hernando County Commission
Ruthie Schlabach, Citrus County Commission
Rebecca Bays, MPO Board Alternate Member, Citrus County Commission
Blake Bell, Mayor, City of Brooksville
Joe Meek, Mayor, City of Crystal River
Cabot McBride, Councilman, City of Inverness
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

MEMBERS ABSENT (ALTERNATES WERE AVAILABLE TO SERVE)

Jeff Kinnard, MPO Board Vice Chair, Citrus County Commission

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Brian Hunter, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Victoria Anderson, Assistant County Attorney, Hernando County

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

MPO Board & Staff Introductions

The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of Board and staff followed the Invocation.

Enter Proof of Publication into the Record

A quorum was declared, and Ms. Elwin noted for the record that the public notice for the meeting was posted in accordance with the adopted policies.

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

Motion

A motion was made by Mayor Bell to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Meek and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Blake Bell
SECONDER:	Joe Meek
AYES:	Elizabeth Narverud, Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Cabot McBride, Steve Champion, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, Joe Meek, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Jeff Kinnard

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Bays to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schlabach and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Rebecca Bays
SECONDER:	Ruthie Schlabach
AYES:	Elizabeth Narverud, Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Cabot McBride, Steve Champion, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, Joe Meek, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Jeff Kinnard

Review and Approval of the May 2, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the [14057](#)
Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

Review and Approval of the Scope of Work for a Major Update to the Citrus [13941](#)
County Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY 2026-FY 2035

Review and Approval of Agreement to Transfer Trail Counters to the Florida [13262](#)
Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Review and Approval of an Amendment (Revision 3) to the FY 2023-FY 2024 [13769](#)
Unified Planning Work Program

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, on [14080](#)
the Goals and Objectives for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
and the 2050 Preliminary Needs Assessment

William Roll with Kimley-Horn, General Planning Consultant for the MPO, presented the status

of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), focusing on the goals and objectives and preliminary needs assessment. He explained the 2050 LRTP is a continuation of the 2045 LRTP and is in alignment with federal planning guidelines and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plan. A fifth goal, *Implementation*, has been added to the 2050 LRTP to identify the essentials needed to implement and complete projects.

Mr. Roll conveyed the 2050 LRTP will not be as robust as the 2045 LRTP as revenues are down, and costs are up dramatically. Albeit there are more vehicles using the road, fuel-tax revenue is flat due to alternative fuel and fuel-efficient vehicles. By 2035, Mr. Roll noted, fuel-tax revenue will decline and not sustain road improvement/maintenance needs. Mr. Roll also relayed that the cost of pavement has increased 55% in two years. Mr. Roll emphasized county roads are not the States responsibility; however, the State is more likely to partner with counties that are able to provide a funding source for projects.

Commissioner Allocco noted the need to add a second left-hand turn lane on the northbound lane at the SR589/Suncoast Parkway and US98/Cortez Boulevard exit. Depending on the time of day, it is not uncommon to have vehicles waiting through three or four cycles of lights to turn left (west) onto Cortez (SR 50). Commissioner Champion expressed his support for an interchange at SR589 and Centralia Road. Siaso Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, conveyed the cost of an interchange is approximately \$150 million dollars. To begin the request process, the local jurisdiction would need to submit an Interchange Access Request (IAR) form. Mr. Fine noted Commissioner Bays inquiry for a report on historical toll revenues and air quality ratings for SR589 and will report back to the MPO Board.

Councilman McBride expressed that the MPO Board should stay up to date on the technology surrounding automated/self-driving vehicles. Mr. Roll affirmed there will be an element in the 2050 LRTP addressing autonomous vehicles and encouraged MPO Board members to attend the Florida Autonomous Vehicle Summit, September 4-6, 2024, in Tampa (www.favsummit.com <<http://www.favsummit.com>>).

Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, on the Traffic Segment Studies in Citrus County (US 41 and SR 200) and Hernando County (US 41 and County Line Road) [14081](#)

Steve Infanti, Project Manager with the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, made a presentation on the results of the Traffic Segment Studies in Citrus and Hernando County requested by the MPO Board. The study objectives were to assess the existing traffic conditions for each of the corridors by determining the general level of service, the severity of congestion, and identifying growth trends and travel characteristics.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Schlabach to accept the Traffic Segment Study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Champion and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ruthie Schlabach
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Elizabeth Narverud, Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Cabot McBride, Steve Champion, Blake Bell, Rebecca Bays, Joe Meek, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Jeff Kinnard

Presentation by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) on the Hernando County FY 2025-FY 2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP)

[14082](#)

Jonathan Roberson, AICP, Research Associate for CUTR, made a presentation on the status of the Hernando County Transit Development Plan (Hernando TDP) for FY 2025-FY 2034. Commissioner Allocco asked if data was available on individuals that have no intention of driving for whatever reason. Mr. Roberson stated that data of this type is more difficult to obtain; however, it is a question that will be included on a future public outreach survey. Mr. Roberson informed the MPO Board that public outreach events will continue during the development of the Hernando TDP and encouraged Board members to recommend additional public events at which CUTR could make presentations. Commissioner Schlabach asked Mr. Roberson to email her with any findings that could be used to encourage bus usage. Mr. Roberson advised that updates on the TDP will be provided at the August and October MPO Board and County Commission meetings in preparation for TDP adoption in November and submittal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by December 1, 2024.

[It is noted for the record, Mayor Blake Bell, MPO Board Member, City of Brooksville, left the meeting.]

ACTION ITEMS

Review and Approval of the FY 2025-FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)-Draft

[13787](#)

Mr. Esposito reviewed the agenda item for the Hernando/Citrus FY 2025-FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for adoption. He noted that this is a Public Hearing and that a Roll-Call vote was required.

Chair Campbell asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak on this matter. No one from the audience came forward.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Champion to adopt the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for FY 2025-FY 2029 per the MPO staff 's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Narverud, and a Roll-Call vote carried the motion 8-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Narverud
AYES:	Elizabeth Narverud, Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Cabot McBride, Steve Champion, Rebecca Bays, Joe Meek, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell

Approval of Resolutions 2024-5 and 2024-6, and Authorization for MPO Executive Director to Execute Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Award Agreements for Citrus and Hernando Counties from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged [14083](#)

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Narverud to approve Resolutions 2024-5 and 2024-6, and Authorization for the MPO Executive Director to execute Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Award Agreements from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for Citrus and Hernando Counties. A copy of the agreements will be provided to the MPO Board once received, reviewed by the County Attorney, and executed. The motion was seconded by Councilman McBride and the motion passed 8-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Elizabeth Narverud
SECONDER:	Cabot McBride
AYES:	Elizabeth Narverud, Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Cabot McBride, Steve Champion, Rebecca Bays, Joe Meek, and Jerry Campbell
ABSENT:	Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Esposito summarized the Annual Evaluations of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC) for Citrus and Hernando counties noting that both CTCs appear to be operating consistent with the Florida Statutes Chapter 427, and Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative Code. The MPO Quarterly Financial Report was provided as informational, and no action was required by the MPO Board. There were no comments from the Board.

1. Annual Evaluations of the Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC) for Citrus and Hernando Counties.
2. MPO Quarterly Financial Report for the period of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024.

Items for the Information of the MPO Board [14084](#)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

MPO DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Esposito provided the following updates:

- The Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) will be conducting a statewide virtual seminar on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Esposito will email details to the MPO Board members.
- The July 11, 2024, meeting is canceled as the Hernando County Commission is scheduling a workshop that day. Necessary agenda items will be presented at the August meeting.
- The Good Neighbor Trail (GNT) ribbon cutting ceremony that was held on May 22, 2024, in Tom Varn Park in Brooksville and was well attended.
- The SCTPA's semi-annual meeting is June 14, 2024, in Bartow, Florida (FDOT District 1). Commissioner Narverud was not able to attend. Councilman McBride, Alternate Liaison to the SCTPA for the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board agreed to attend.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Commissioner Allocco asked if there were any updates on the concern raised during the May 2, 2024, MPO Board meeting on the lack of sidewalk access to Moton Elementary School. Mr. Scott Herring, Hernando County Public Works Director/County Engineer, informed the Board the matter is being researched and that Moton is a charter school and there are different transportation issues associated with that.
- Councilman McBride invited everyone to come enjoy Patriotic Evening, a free event including live music and fireworks, on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Liberty Park, 286 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida.
- Chair Campbell thanked the City of Brooksville for hosting the 2024 MPO Board meetings and for the support and presence of Hernando County officials and law enforcement at the meeting today. Chair Campbell encouraged everybody to honor the 80th anniversary of D-day and remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to show appreciation to those that continue to serve.

Items Distributed/Presented During the Meeting

14165

Presentations:

1. Goals and Objectives for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 2050 Preliminary Needs Assessment
2. Traffic Segment Studies in Citrus County (US41 & SR200) and Hernando County (US41 & County Line Rd.)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Schlabach to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman McBride and carried unanimously.

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Ruthie Schlabach
SECONDER: Cabot McBride
AYES: Elizabeth Narverud, Ruthie Schlabach, John Allocco, Cabot
 McBride, Steve Champion, Rebecca Bays, Joe Meek, and Jerry
 Campbell
ABSENT: Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell

The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024, beginning at 1:30 pm, in the Brooksville City Council Chambers, 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida. The July 11, 2024, MPO Board meeting has been cancelled.



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Review and Approval of the Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule for the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board and Committees

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Attached is a proposed schedule for calendar year 2025 for the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization Board and associated committees. Pursuant to the Bylaws, the meeting locations alternate between Hernando and Citrus counties. The meetings of the MPO Board alternate on an annual basis and for 2025 will be held in Citrus County at the Lecanto Government Building on the first Thursday of the month beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards for Citrus and Hernando meet in their respective counties.

The meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee are proposed for 2025 per the attached schedule. Upon a review of the meetings conducted the past few years, the schedule was developed in anticipation of when meetings are likely to occur based upon deadlines and deliverables and then alternated on that basis. This method appears to provide efficiency and equity to the many volunteers that serve on the committees from Citrus and Hernando counties and the incorporated cities represented.

It is not anticipated that all scheduled meetings will be necessary as they are dependent upon the local, state and federal deadlines and work processes. However, meeting space must be reserved well in advance for availability purposes. Cancellation of meetings may occur if there is no business to conduct that otherwise may be scheduled on a subsequent date.

On July 25, 2024, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) voted to recommend approval by the MPO Board of the schedule of meetings for 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

Pursuant to Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes, the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board has the authority to take the recommended action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board review and approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2025.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Ruthie Schlabach
AYES: Schlabach, Allocco, Bell, Bays, Campbell and Davis
ABSENT: Narverud, Champion and Meek

DRAFT

HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION 2025 BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE



Agendas are available approximately one week before the meeting.

<p>MPO Board Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Lecanto Government Bldg. 3600 W Sovereign Path Room 166 <u>Lecanto, Florida</u></p> <p>January 9, 2025 February 6, 2025 March 6, 2025 April 3, 2025 May 1, 2025 June 5, 2025 July 10, 2025 August 7, 2025 September 4, 2025 October 2, 2025 November 6, 2025 December 4, 2025</p>	<p>LCB (Citrus) Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Lecanto Government Bldg. 3600 W Sovereign Path Room 166 <u>Lecanto, Florida</u></p> <p>February 13, 2025(Annual Public Workshop) February 13, 2025(Regular Meeting/2:00 pm) May 8, 2025 August 14, 2025 November 13, 2025</p>	<p>TDLCB (Hernando) Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Hernando Co. Bldg. Training Facility 1661 Blaise Drive <u>Brooksville, Florida</u></p> <p>February 13, 2025(Annual Public Workshop) February 13, 2025(Regular Meeting/10:00 am) May 8, 2025 August 14, 2025 November 13, 2025</p>
<p>TAC Thursday, 9:00 a.m. (HC) Hernando Co. Bldg. Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida (CC) Lecanto Gov't Bldg, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166 Lecanto, Florida</p> <p>(HC) January 23, 2025 (HC) February 27, 2025 (CC) March 27, 2025 (HC) April 24, 2025 (HC) May 22, 2025 (CC) June 26, 2025 (CC) July 24, 2025 (HC) August 28, 2025 (HC) September 25, 2025 (CC) October 23, 2025 (HC) November 20, 2025</p>	<p>Joint Meeting of the CAC and BPAC Thursday, 10:30 a.m. (HC) Hernando Co. Bldg. Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida (CC) Lecanto Gov't Bldg, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166 Lecanto, Florida</p> <p>(HC) January 23, 2025 (HC) February 27, 2025 (CC) March 27, 2025 (HC) April 24, 2025 (HC) May 22, 2025 (CC) June 26, 2025 (CC) July 24, 2025 (HC) August 28, 2025 (HC) September 25, 2025 (CC) October 23, 2025 (HC) November 20, 2025</p>	

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AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, of the Needs Assessment for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Review of the 2050 LRTP Draft Cost Feasible Plan

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, will be making a presentation of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) Needs Assessment and the preliminary Cost Feasible Plan associated with the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Safety, traffic congestion, and travel time will continue to be concerns in the two counties as the areas continue to grow. The local region and Florida as a whole are experiencing unprecedented growth due to a 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 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 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.

The MPO has identified the transportation capacity needs for the two counties and is identifying priority projects which will be considered for funding. Priority projects in the plan may include such improvements on portions of the following facilities:

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

On July 25, 2024, the Technical Advisory Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and

the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviewed the maps for the High Priority Needs. The Citizens Advisory Committee and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommended that a bike lane connector from Whispering Pines Park to the SUNTrail (US 41) in Citrus County be added to the needs list.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

Pursuant to Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes, the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board has the authority to take the recommended action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board review the consultant's presentation and provide comments.



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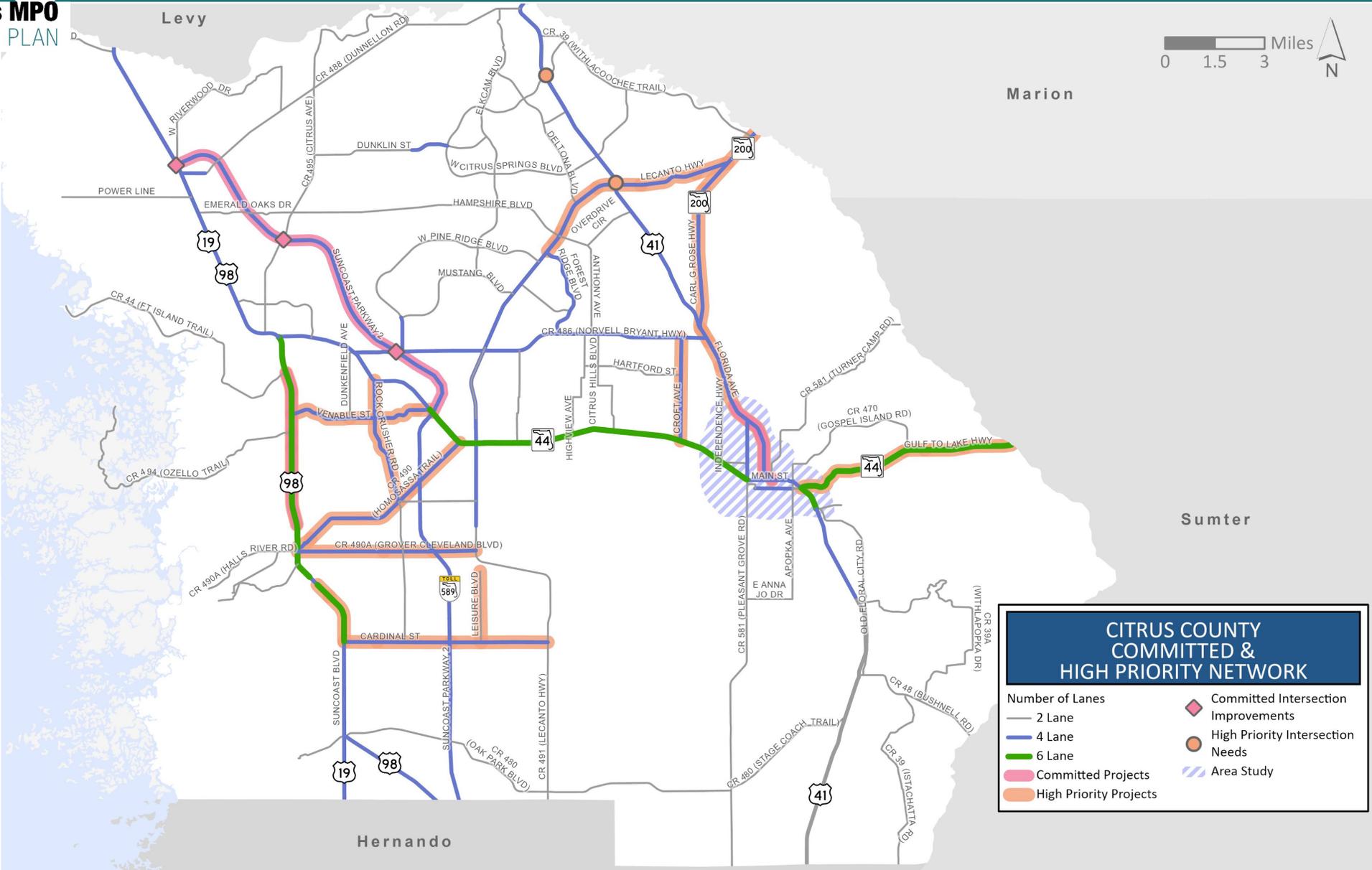


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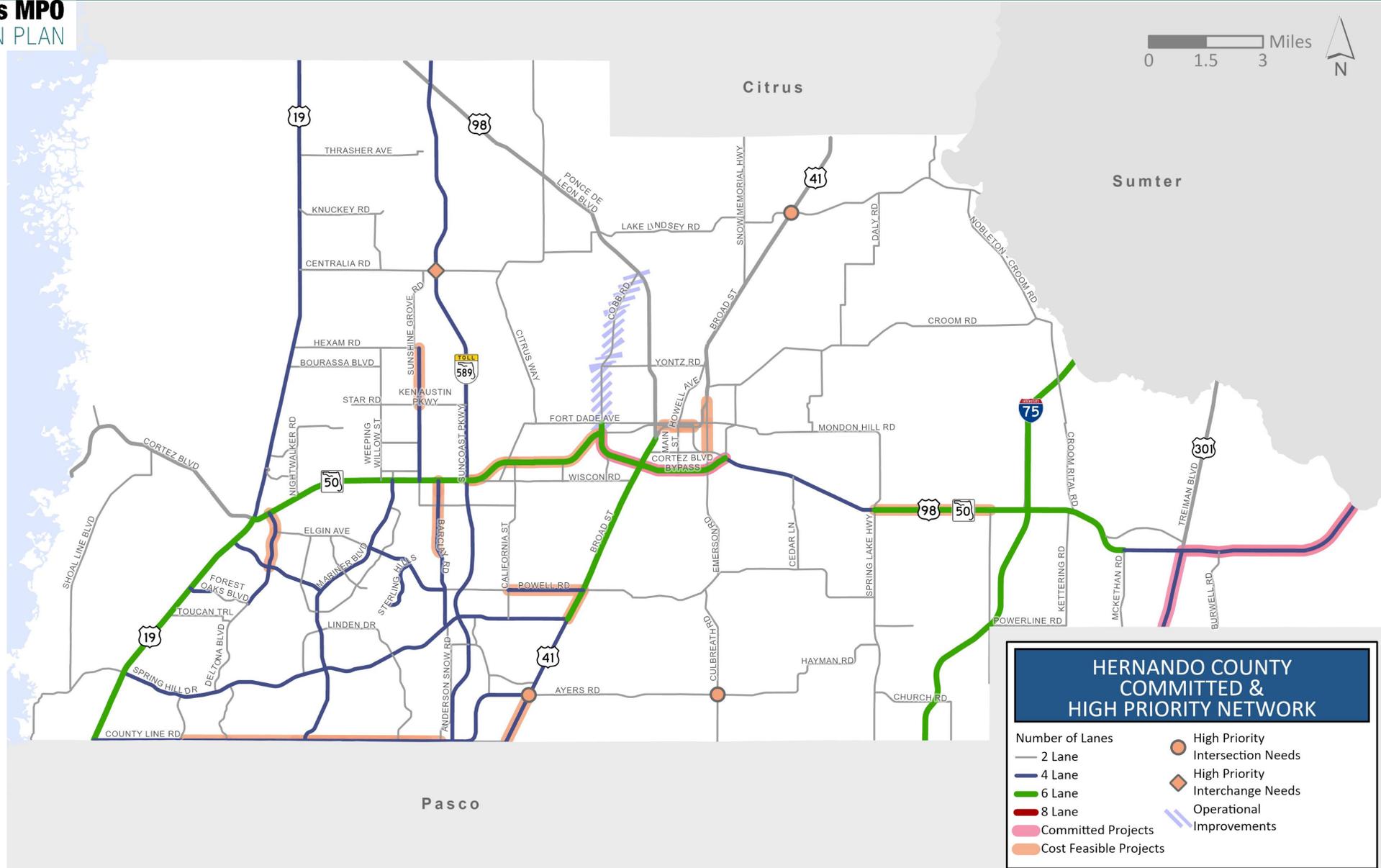


Citrus County High Priority Needs



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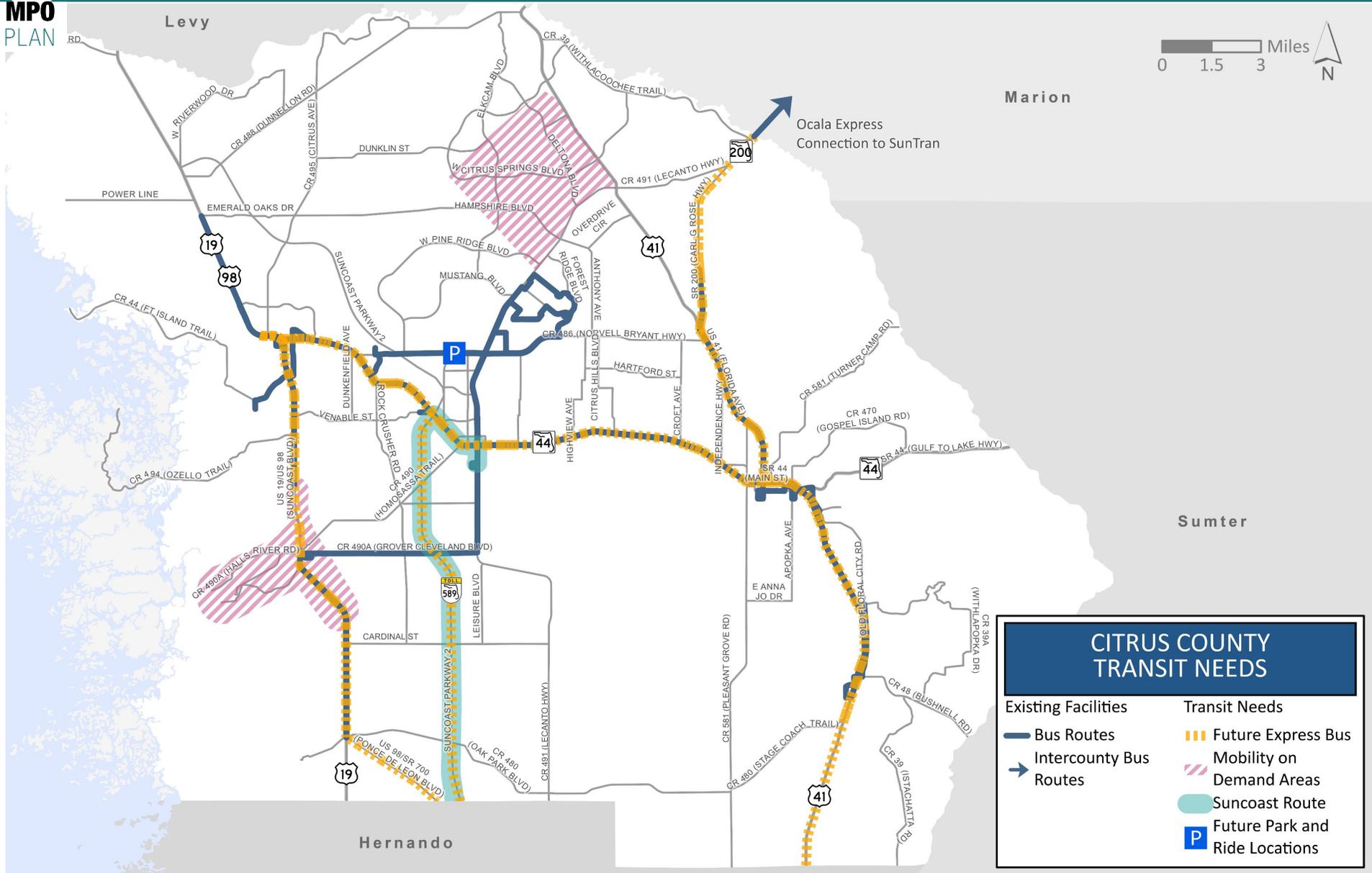
Hernando County High Priority Needs



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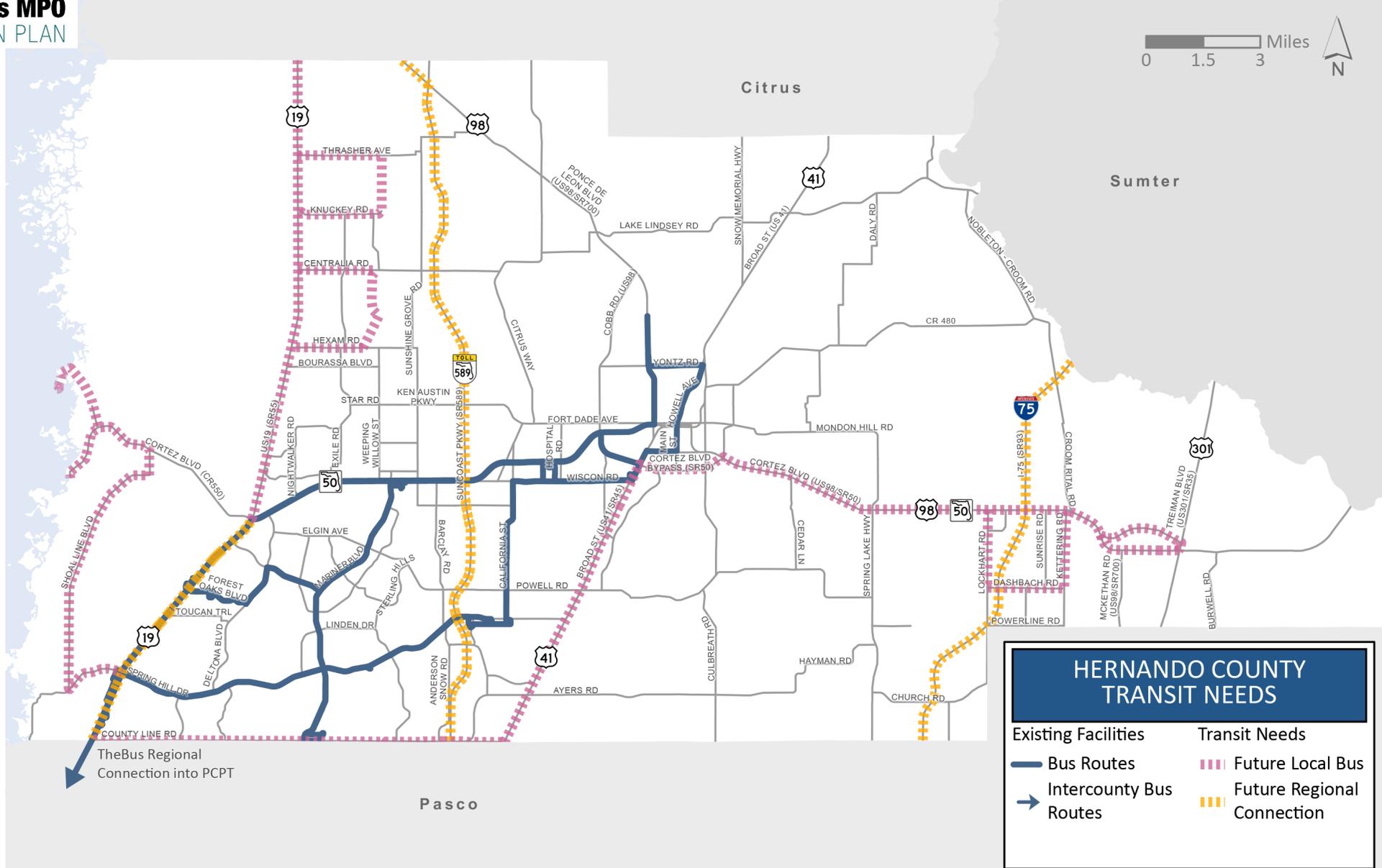
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Citrus County Transit Needs



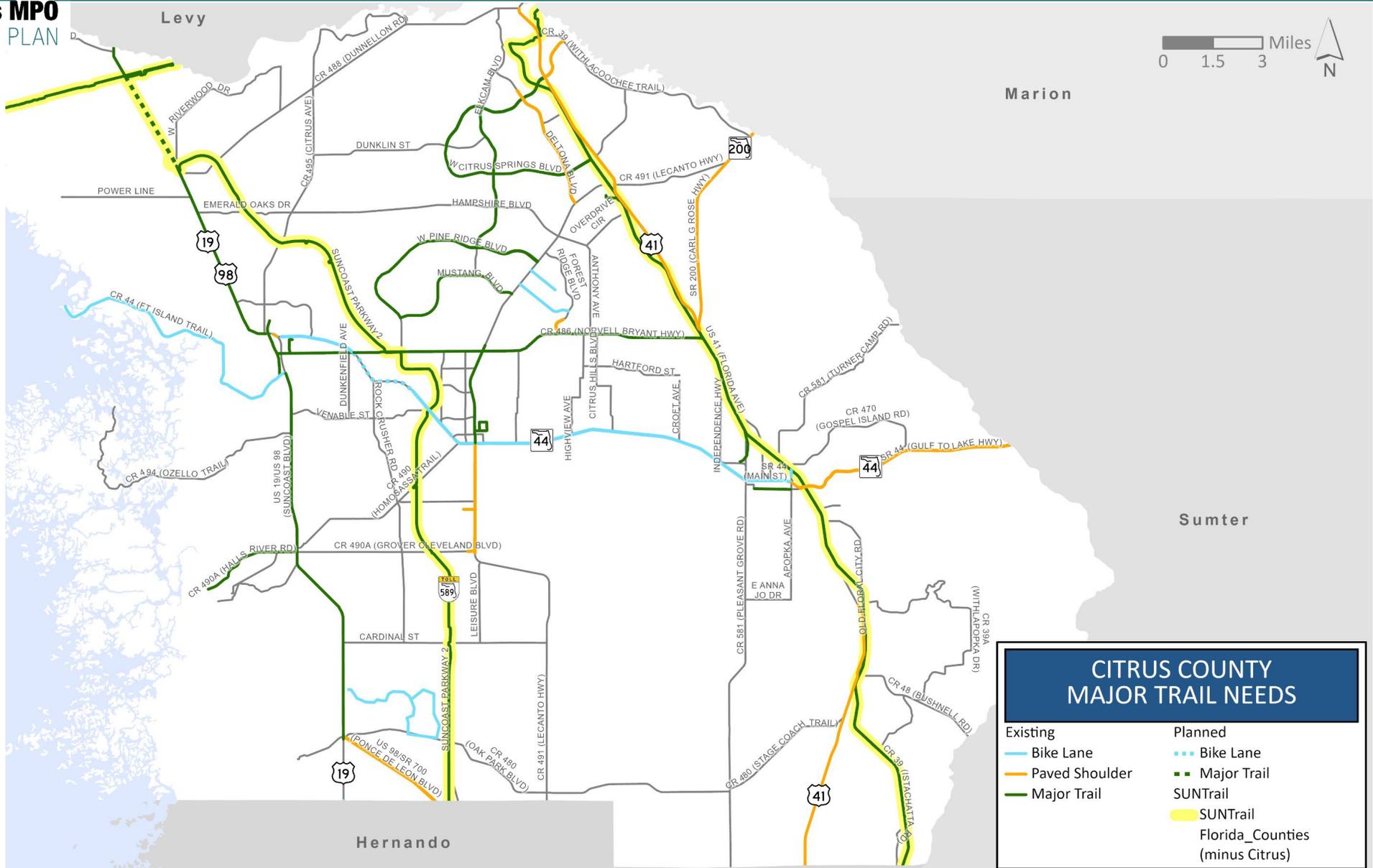
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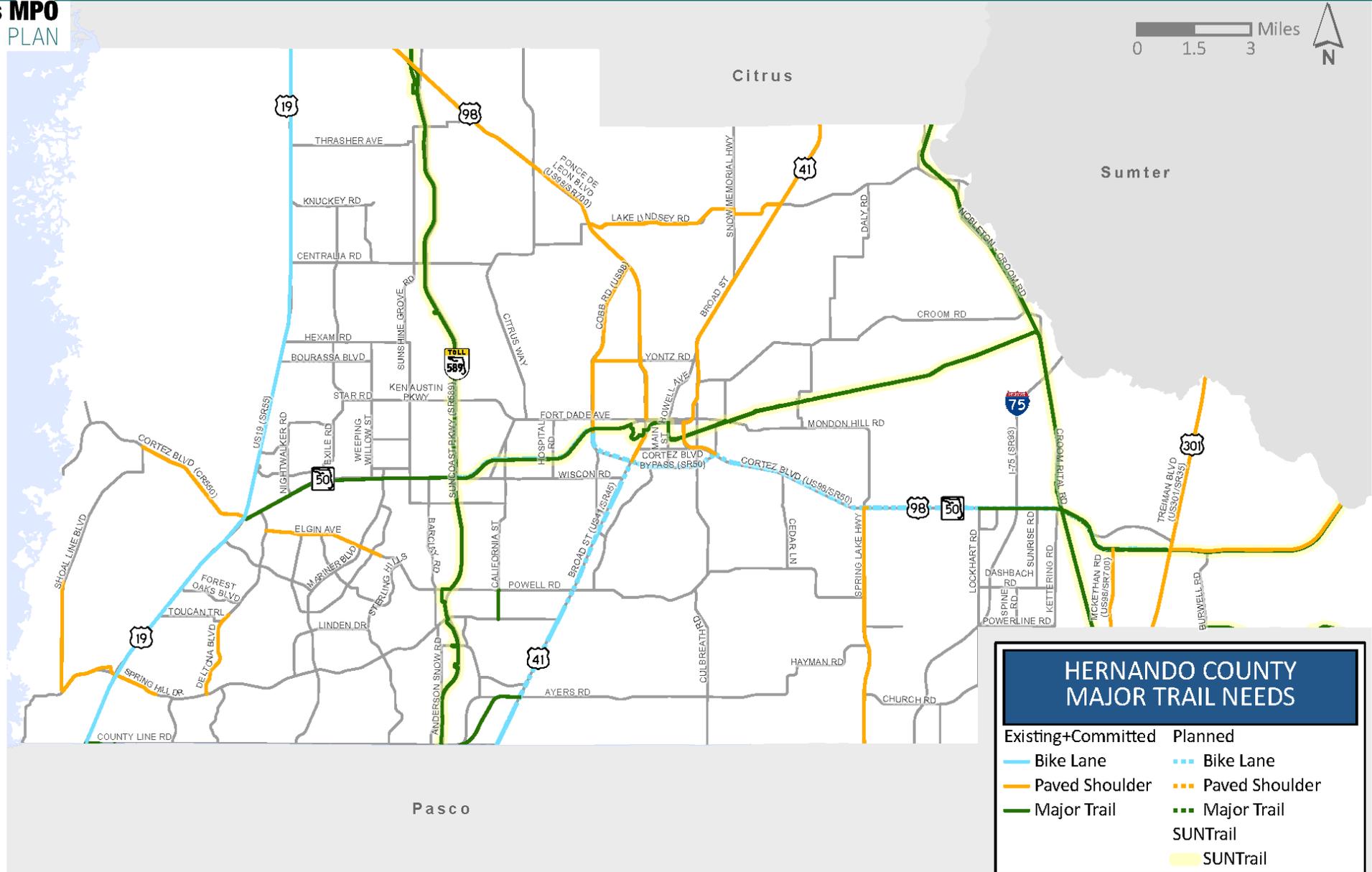
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Citrus County Major Bike/Ped/Trail Needs



Committed projects include all projects fully-funded within the next five years. Subject to change

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AGENDA ITEM

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Department: MPO
Prepared By: Joy Turner
Initiator: Robert Esposito
DOC ID: 14619
Legal Request Number:
Bid/Contract Number:

TITLE

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BRIEF OVERVIEW

The attached was presented during the MPO Board meeting for informational purposes only:

1. 2050 Hernando/Citrus MPO Transportation Plan PowerPoint Presentation by the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

For informational purposes only. No action occurred.

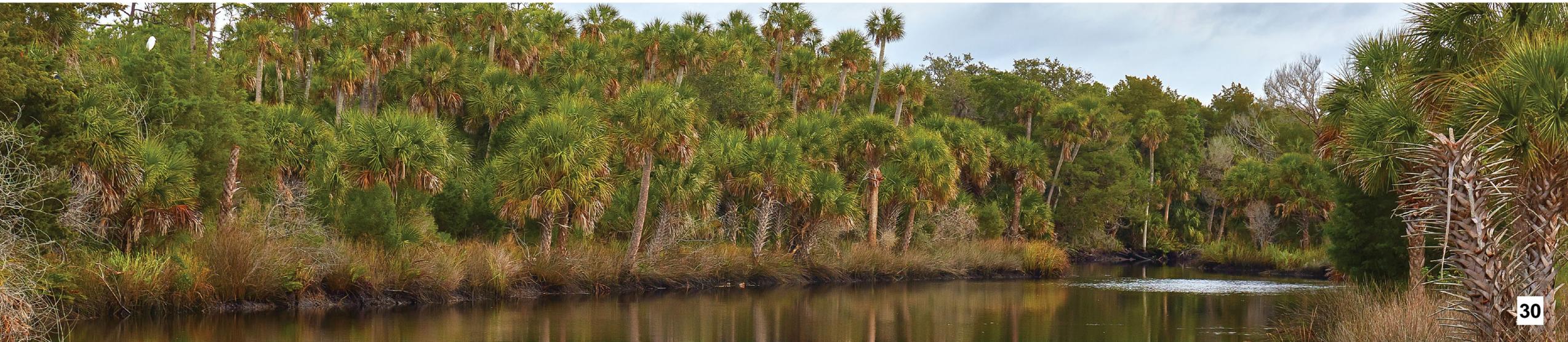


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- Today's Agenda
- Transportation Needs Plan
- Cost Feasible Plan (Update & Discussion)

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Citrus County High Priority Needs (SHS)



41 NORTH CITRUS SPRING BLVD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
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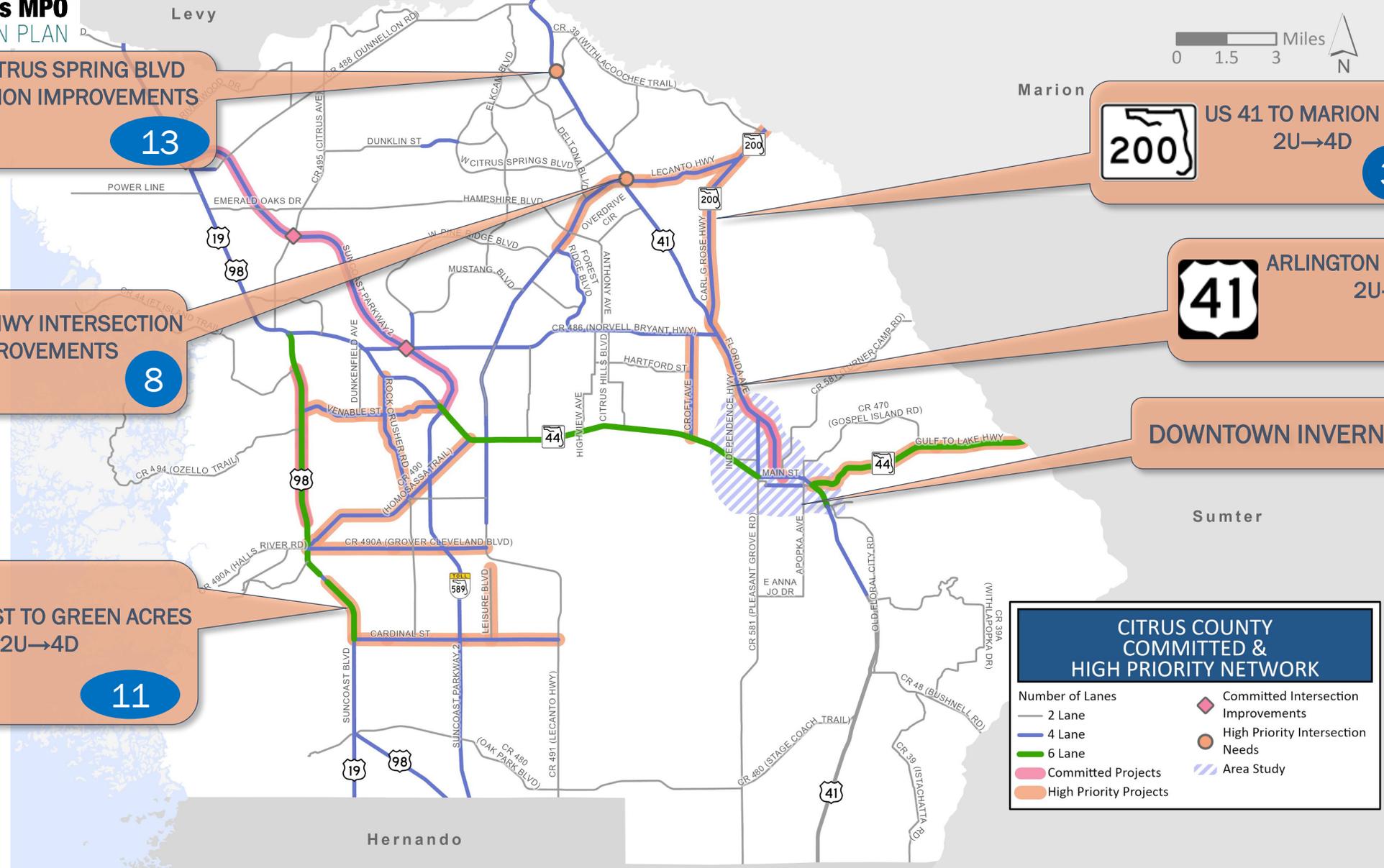
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2U→4D
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41 LECANTO HWY INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS
8

41 ARLINGTON ST TO SR 200
2U→4D
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19 CARDINAL ST TO GREEN ACRES
2U→4D
11

DOWNTOWN INVERNESS CORRIDOR

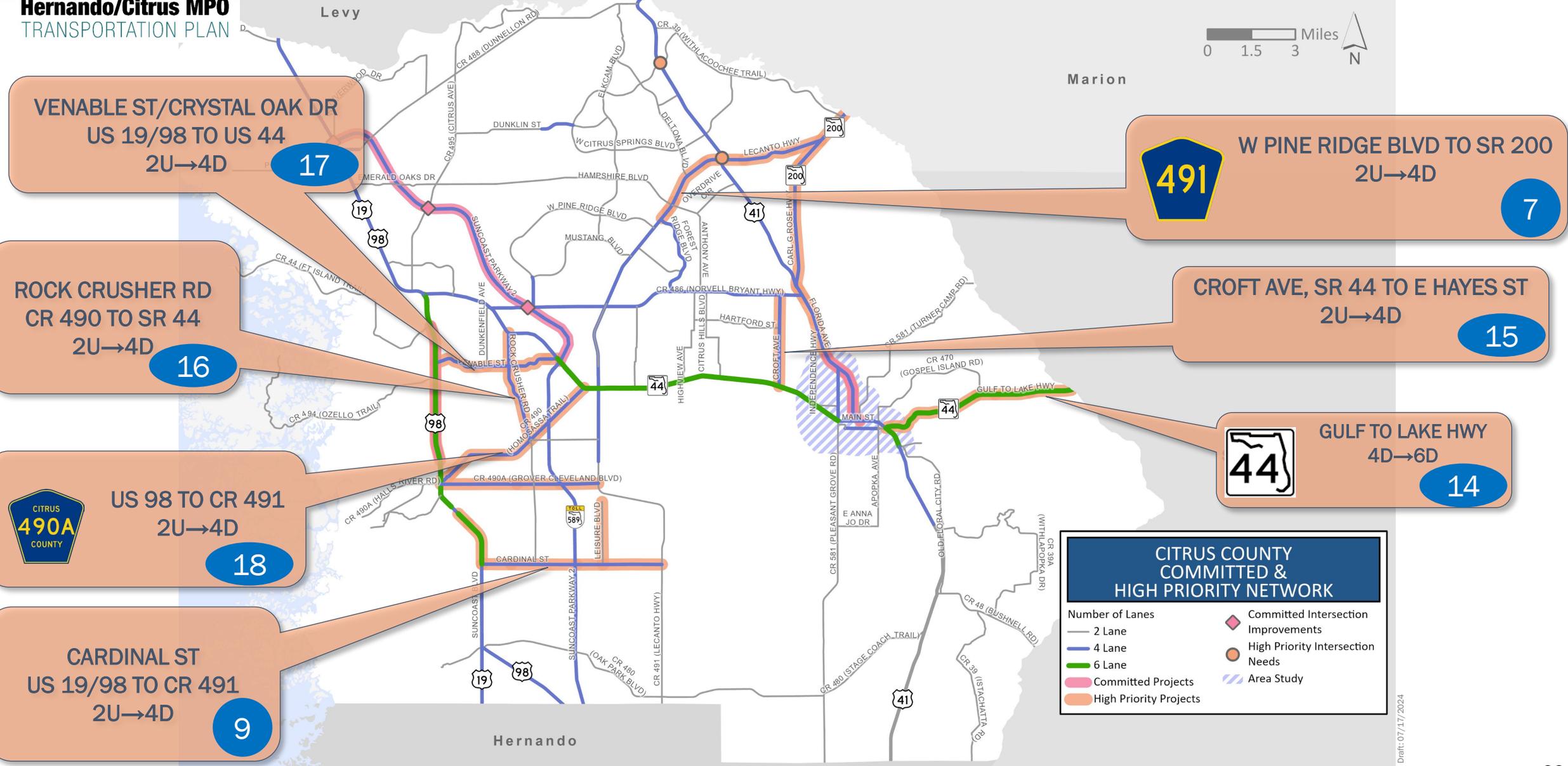


**CITRUS COUNTY
COMMITTED &
HIGH PRIORITY NETWORK**

Number of Lanes	Committed Intersection Improvements
— 2 Lane	◆
— 4 Lane	●
— 6 Lane	○
— Committed Projects	▨
— High Priority Projects	▨
	▨ Area Study

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Citrus County High Priority Needs (NSH)



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TOLL 589
SUNCOAST PKWY @ CENTRALIA RD
NEW INTERCHANGE

41
MILDRED AVE TO MAY AVE
ONE WAY CONVERSION
4

41
BROAD ST AT AYERS RD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
6

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LAKE LINDSEY RD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (RB)
5

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SPRING HILL RD TO POWELL RD
2U→4D
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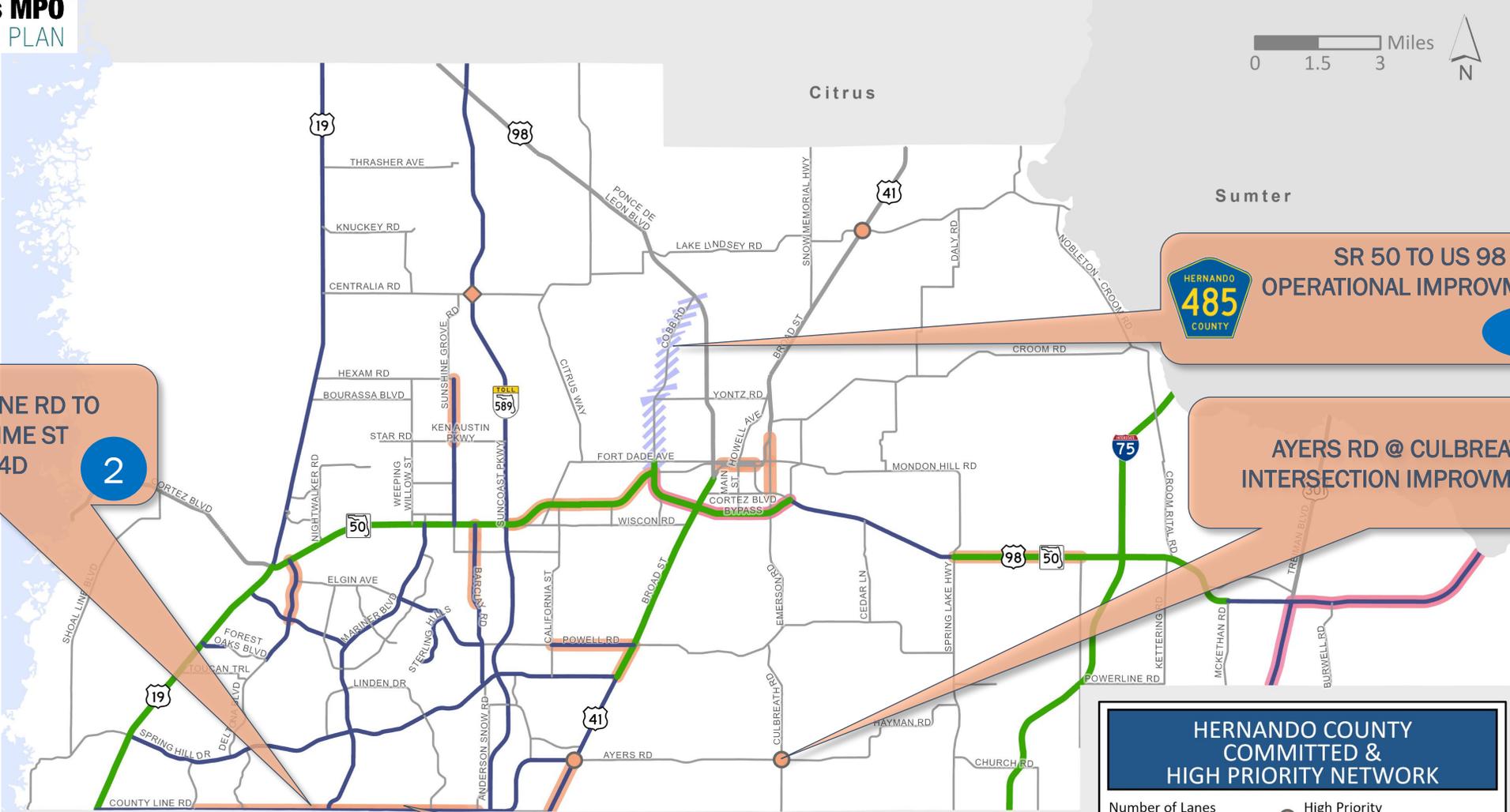


HERNANDO COUNTY COMMITTED & HIGH PRIORITY NETWORK

— 2 Lane	● High Priority Intersection Needs
— 4 Lane	◆ High Priority Interchange Needs
— 6 Lane	— Operational Improvements
— 8 Lane	— Committed Projects
— Committed Projects	— Cost Feasible Projects

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Hernando County High Priority Needs (NSH)



HERNANDO COUNTY 578
COBBLESTONE RD TO
SPRINGTIME ST
2U→4D **2**

HERNANDO COUNTY 485
SR 50 TO US 98
OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS **12**

AYERS RD @ CULBREATH
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

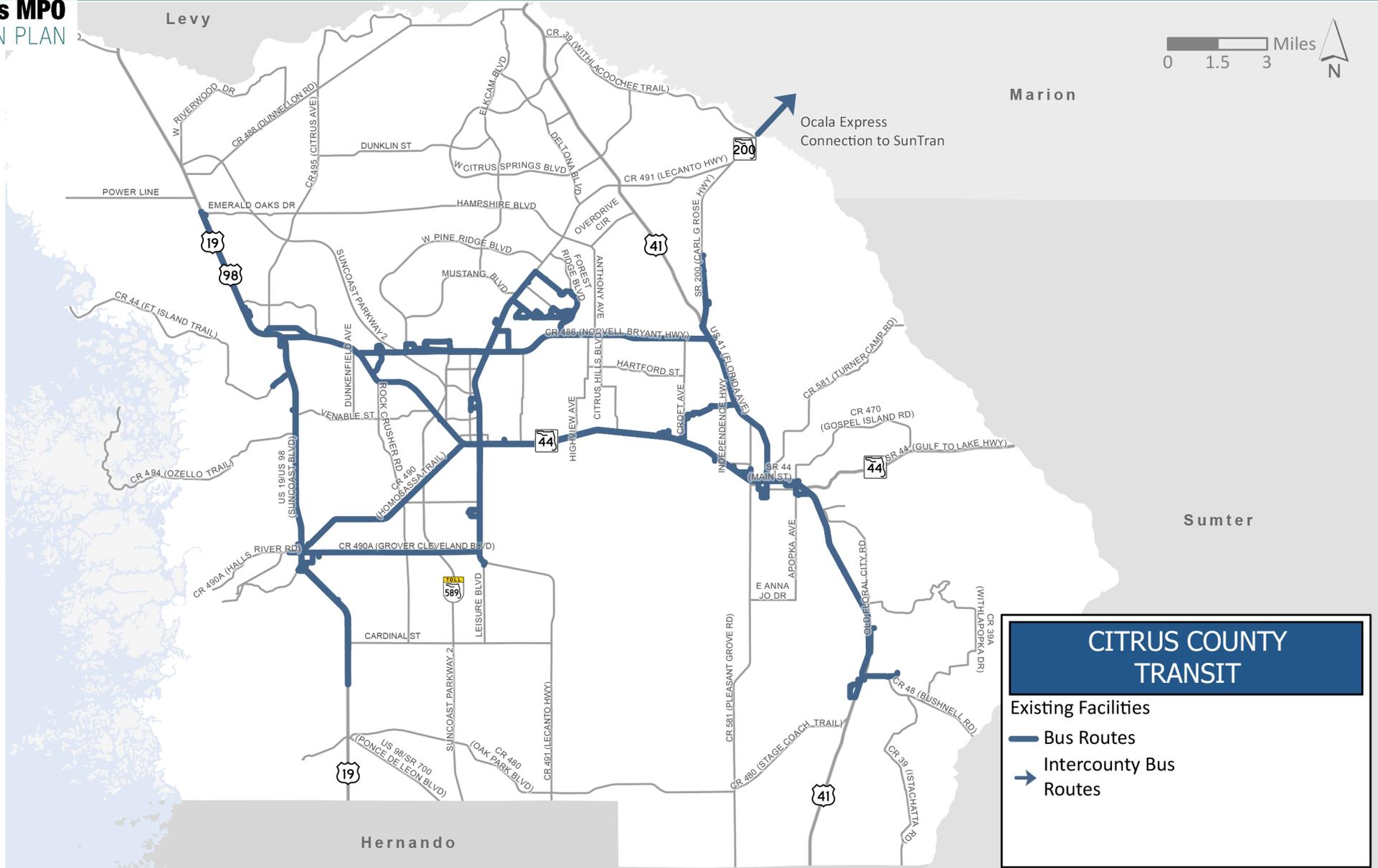
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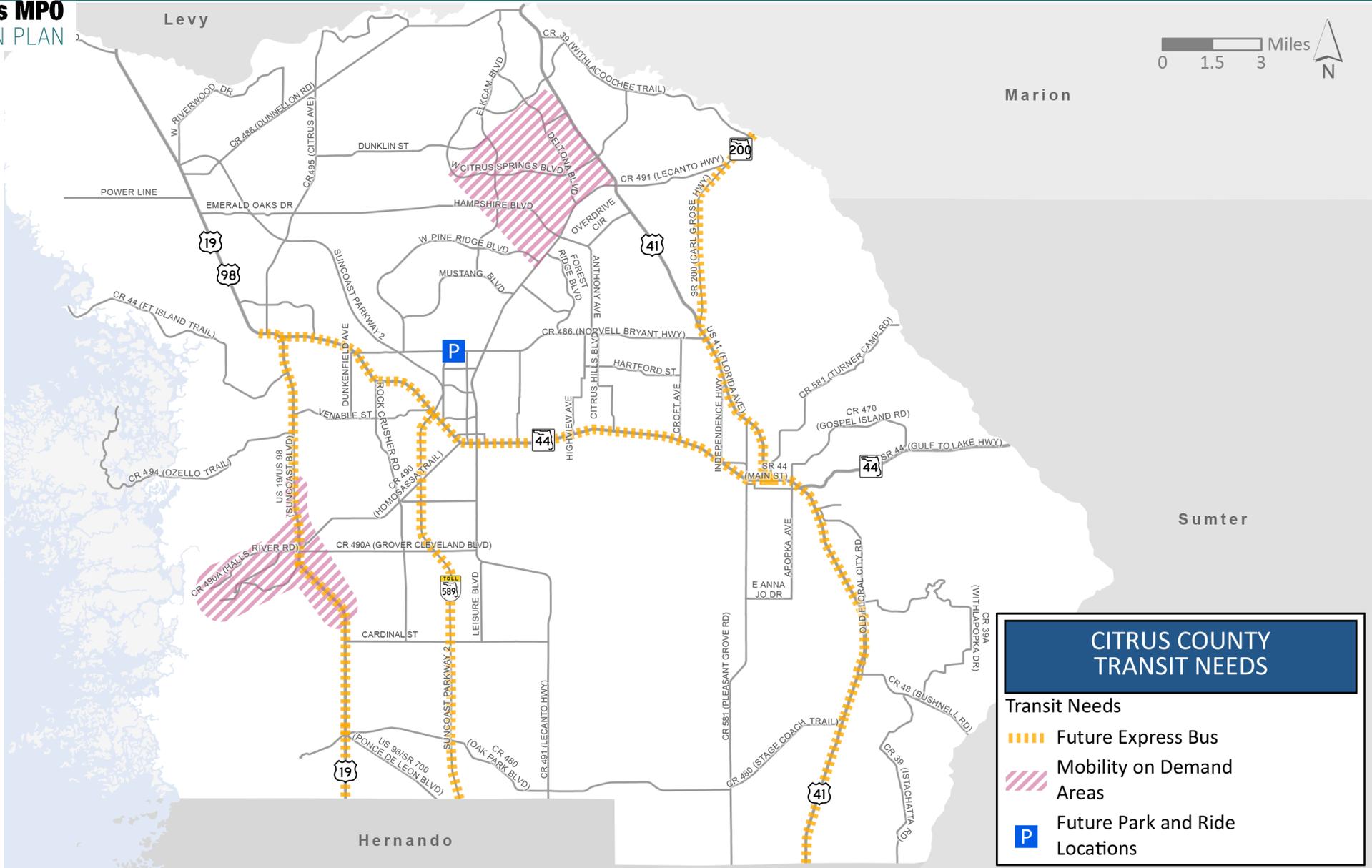
Citrus County Existing Transit



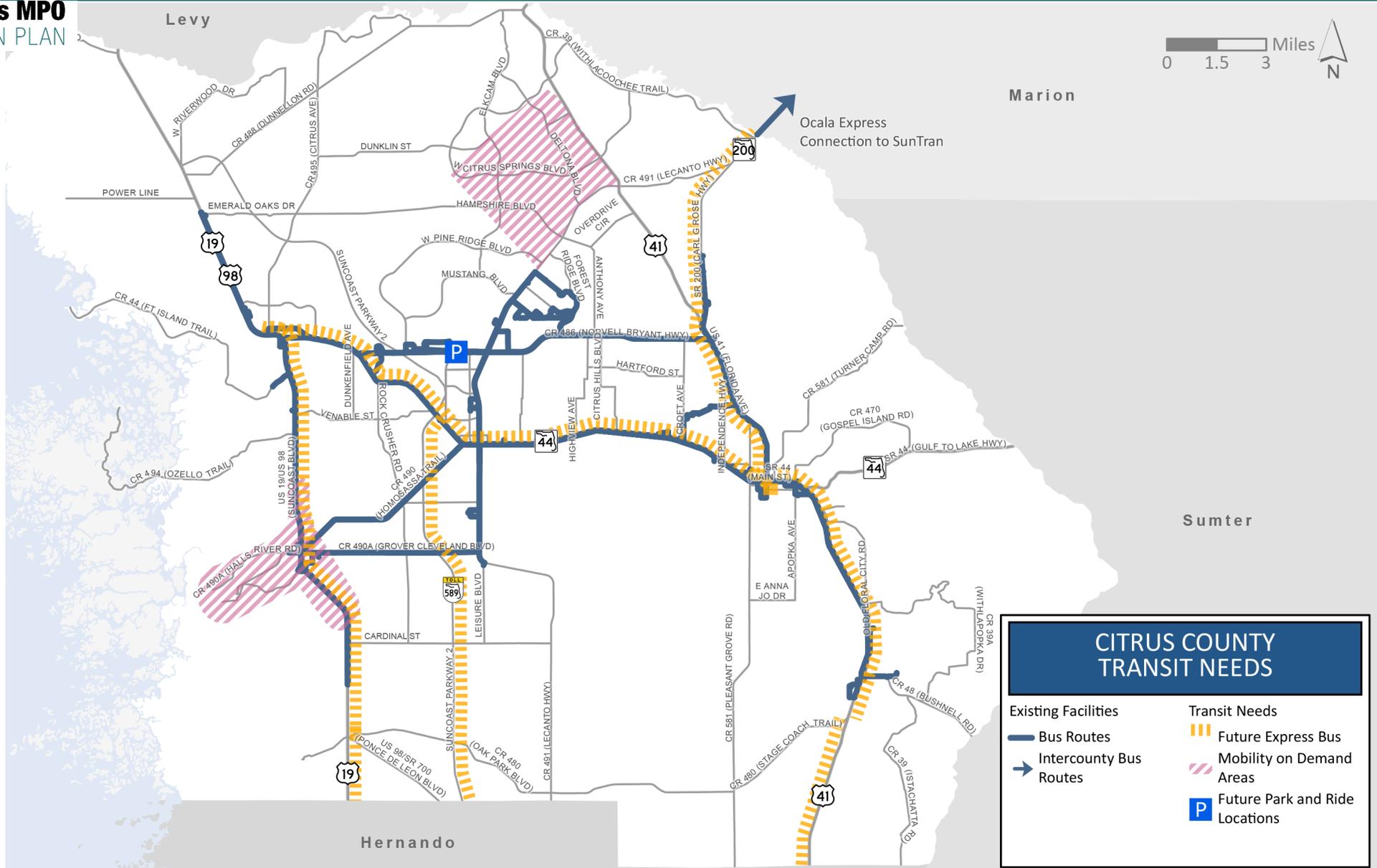
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Existing routes based on 2023 General Transit Feed Specification data

Citrus County Transit Needs

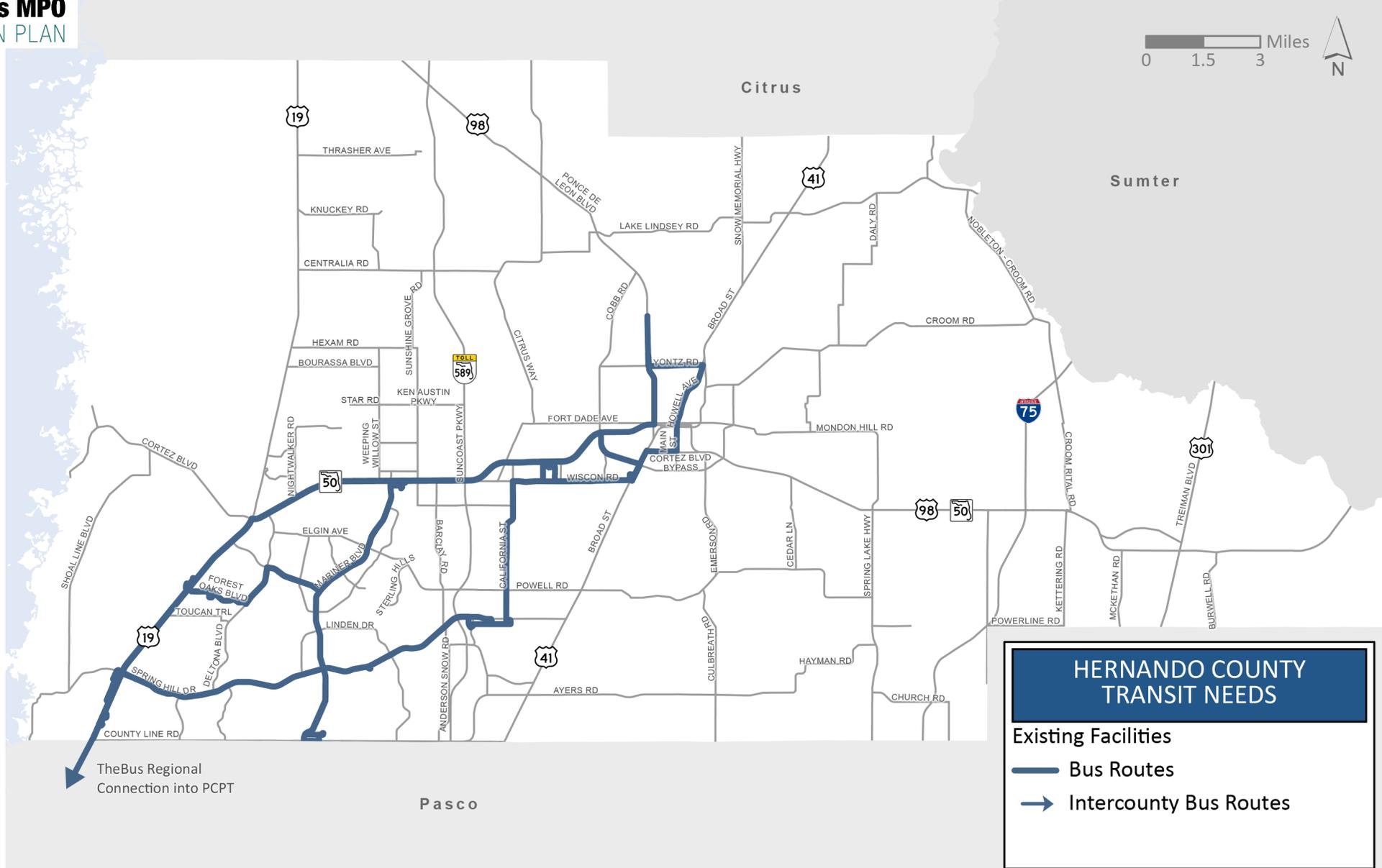


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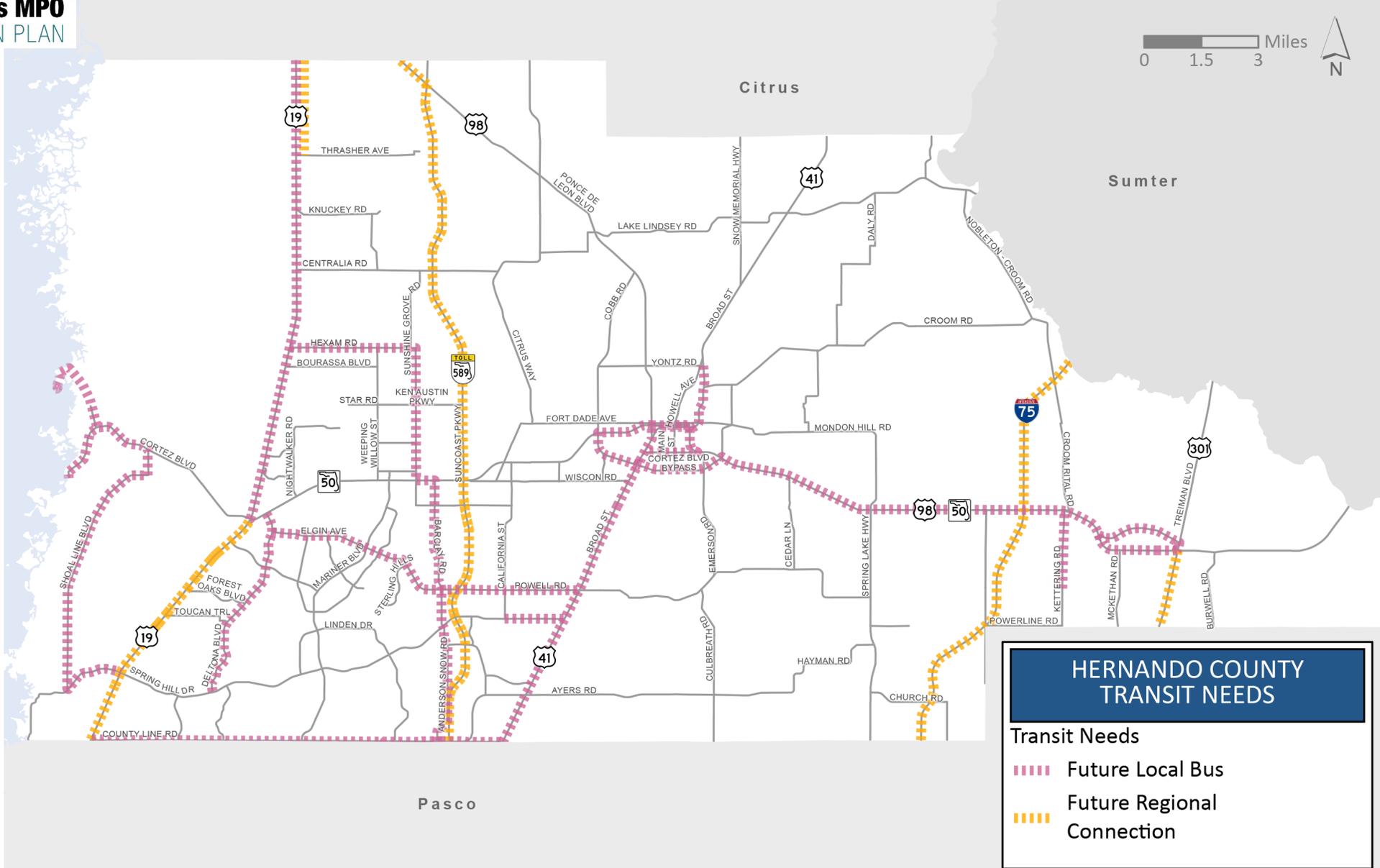


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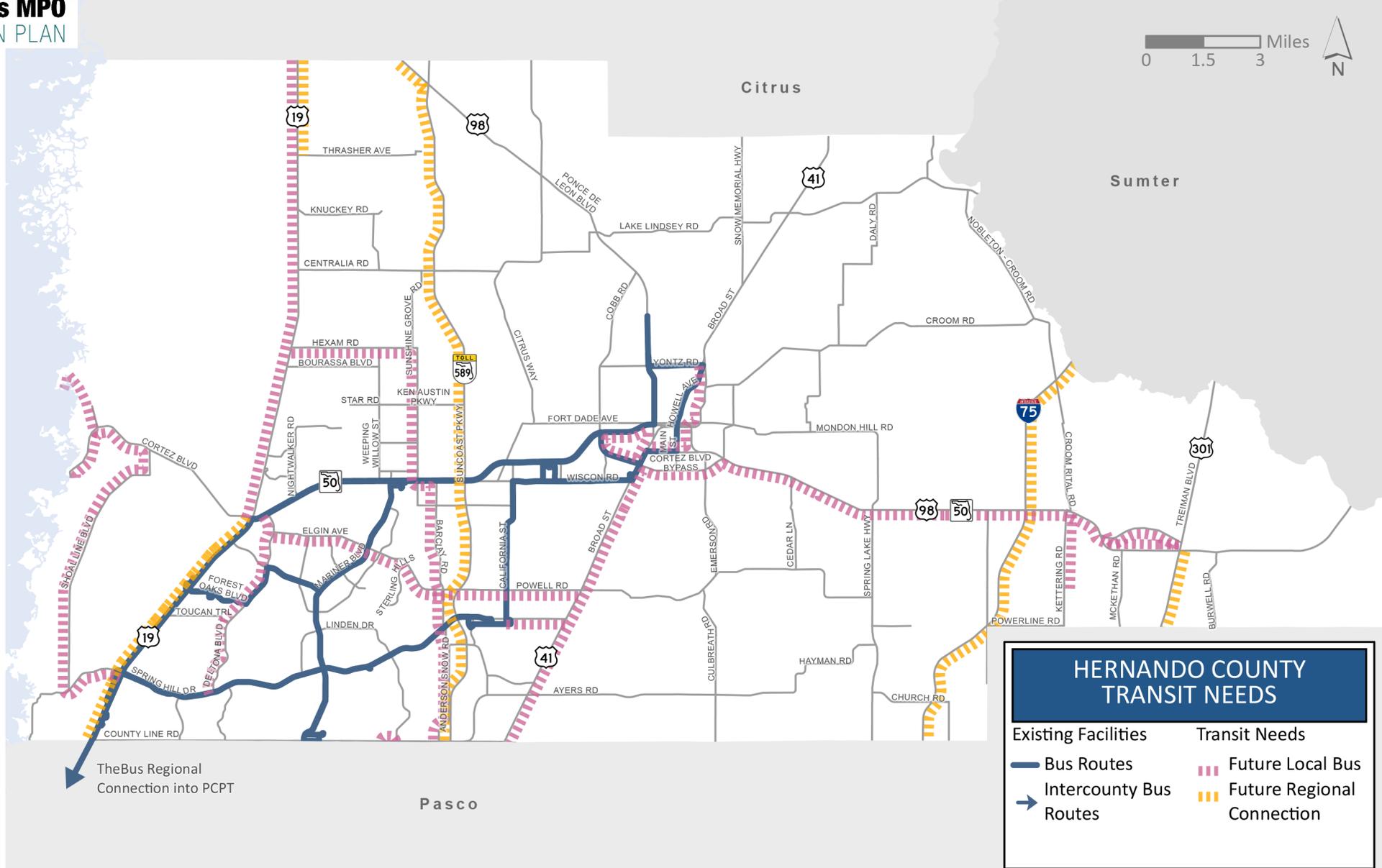


**HERNANDO COUNTY
TRANSIT NEEDS**

Transit Needs

- Future Local Bus
- Future Regional Connection

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Citrus County Tentative Cost Feasible

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CONSTRUCTION 8

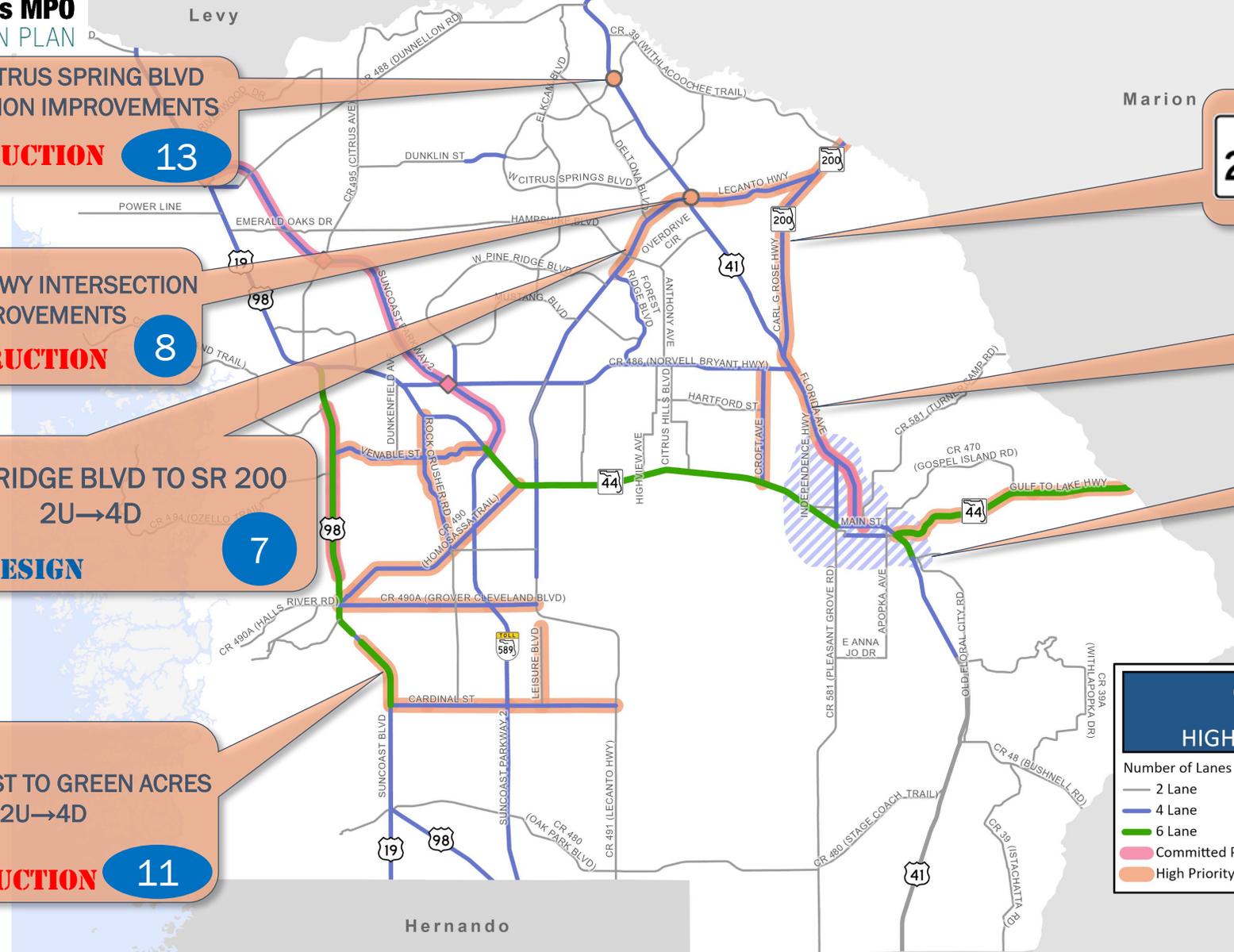
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2U→4D
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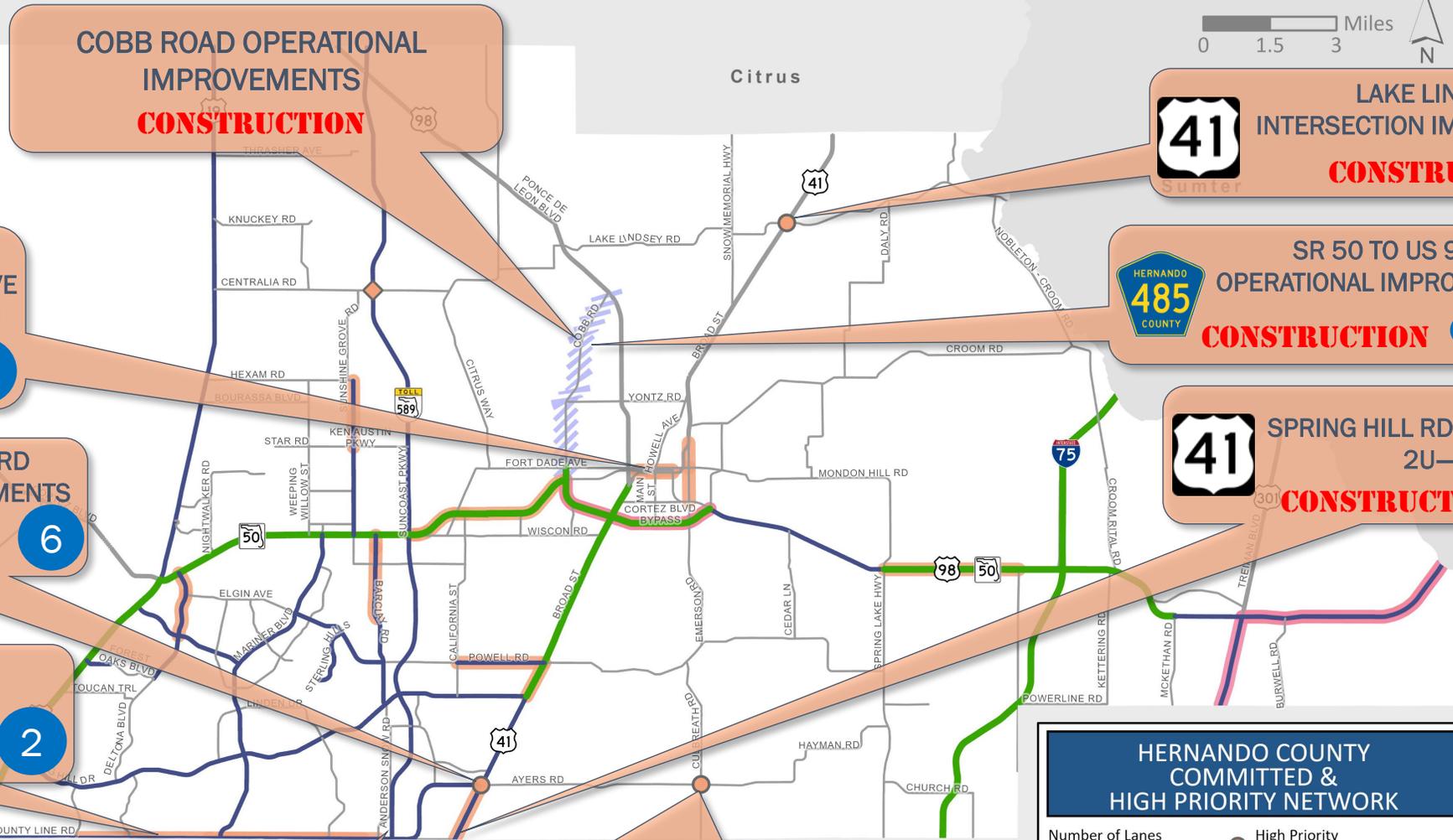
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STUDY



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COBB ROAD OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTION

LAKE LINDSEY RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (RB)
CONSTRUCTION 5

MILDRED AVE TO MAY AVE ONE WAY CONVERSION
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CONSTRUCTION 6

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CONSTRUCTION 10

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PART. CONSTRUCTION 2

E MARINER BLVD TO W SUNCOAST PKWY 2U→4D
PART. CONSTRUCTION 2

AYERS RD @ CULBREATH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTION

HERNANDO COUNTY COMMITTED & HIGH PRIORITY NETWORK

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- Update Hernando County Revenues
- Coordination with County Staff on Non-State Projects
- Complete Project Phasing (PD&E/Design/ROW/Construction)

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.)

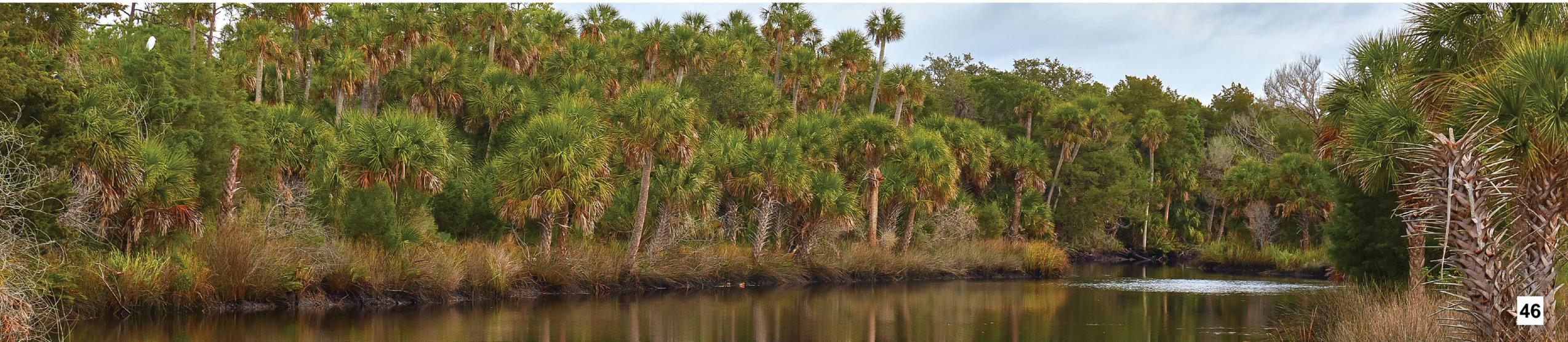


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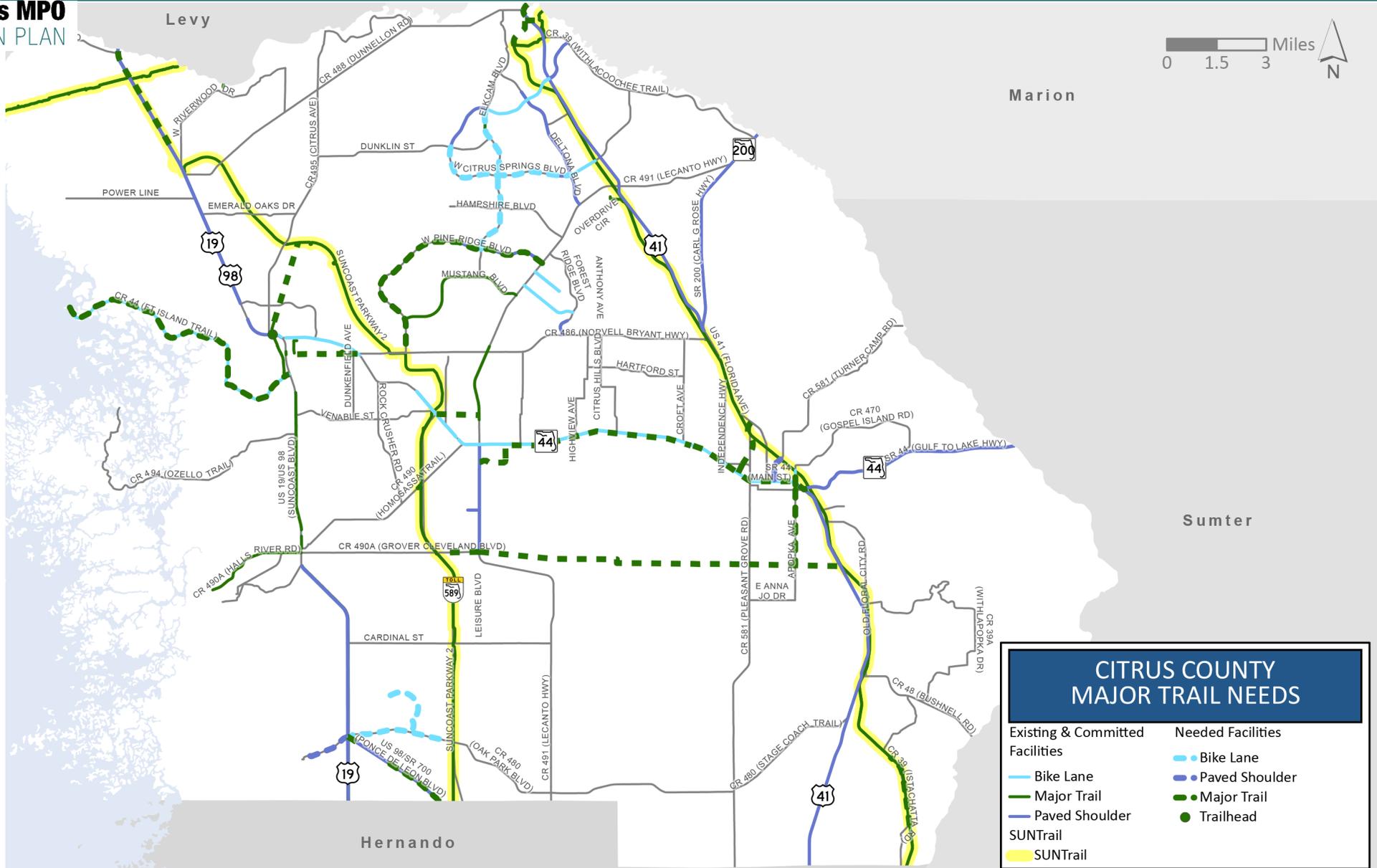
HCMPO High Priority Capacity Needs

LOPP #	COUNTY	FDOT	FACILITY	FROM	TO	ACTIVITY
1	CITRUS	Y	US 41 (FLORIDA AVE)	ARLINGTON ST, E	SR 200, N	2U -> 4D
2	HERNANDO	Y	CR 578 (COUNTY LINE RD)	E OF EAST RD	SPRINGTIME ST	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
2	HERNANDO	Y	CR 578 (COUNTY LINE RD)	E OF MARINER BLVD	W OF SUNCOAST PKWY	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
3	CITRUS	Y	SR 200 (N CARL G ROSE HWY)	US 41	MARION C/L	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
4	HERNANDO		US 41/SR 50A ONE WAY PAIRS	MILDRED AVE	MAY AVE	ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY
5	HERNANDO		US 41 @ LAKE LINDSEY RD			INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (ROUNDAABOUT)
6	HERNANDO	Y	US 41/SR 45 (BROAD ST) @ AYERS RD			INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
7	CITRUS	Y	CR 491 (N LECANTO HWY)	W PINE RIDGE BLVD	SR 200	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
8	CITRUS	Y	US 41/SR 45 (FLORIDA AVENUE) AT CR 491 (N LECANTO HIGHWAY)	CR 491	US 41	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
9	CITRUS	Y	CARDINAL ST	US 19	CR 491	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
10	HERNANDO	Y	US 41 (SR 45)	SPRING HILL DR	POWELL RD	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
11	CITRUS	Y	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	CARDINAL ST	GREEN ACRES	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
12	HERNANDO	Y	CR 485 (COBB RD)	SR 50	US 98 (PONCE DE LEON BLVD)	OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

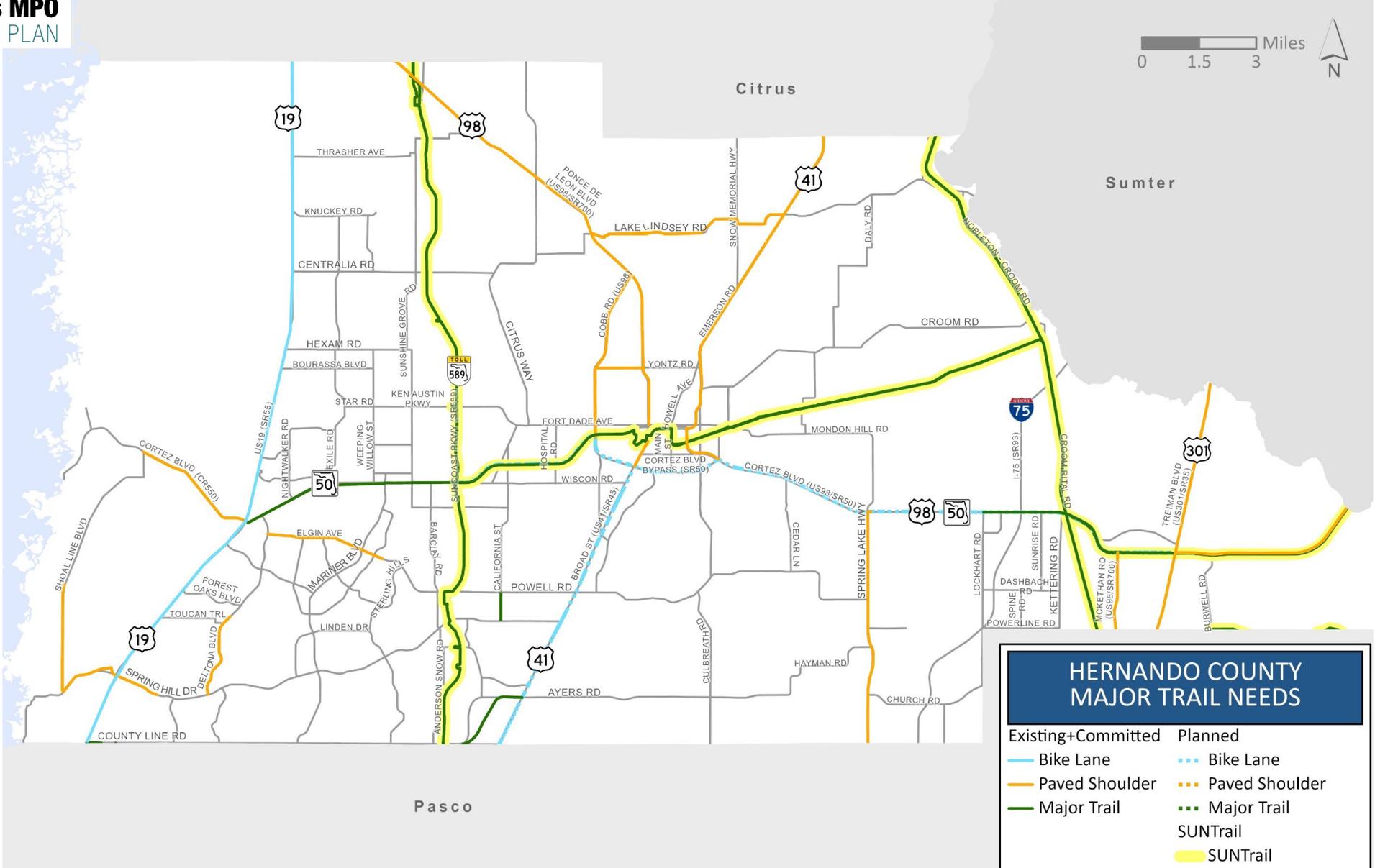
HCMPO Other Priority Capacity Needs

LOPP #	COUNTY	FDOT	FACILITY	FROM	TO	ACTIVITY
13	CITRUS	Y	US 41 @ NORTH CITRUS SPRINGS BLVD.			INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
14	CITRUS	Y	CR 490 (HOMOSASSA TRAIL)	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	SR 44 (W GULF TO LAKEHWY)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
15	CITRUS	Y	CROFT AVE	SR 44 (E GULF TO LAKE HWY)	E HAYES ST	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
16	CITRUS	Y	ROCK CRUSHER ROAD	CR 490	SR 44	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
17	CITRUS	Y	VENABLE ST. / CRYSTAL OAKS DR.	US 19	SR 44	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
18	CITRUS	Y	CR 490A (W. GROVER CLEVELAND BLVD.)	US 19 (SR 55)/US 98	CR 491 (S. LECANTO HWY.)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
	CITRUS		LEISURE BLVD	CARDINAL ST	WHIPPOORWILL ST, W	IMPROVED 2 LANES
	CITRUS	Y	SR 44 (GULF TO LAKE HWY)	US 41	SUMTER COUNTY LINE	WIDEN 4 TO 6 LANES
	CITRUS		DOWNTOWN INVERNESS STUDY			TRAFFIC/SAFTEY STYUDY
	HERNANDO		DELTONA BLVD	ELGIN BLVD	SR 50 (CORTEZ BLVD)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
	HERNANDO		BARCLAY RD	LUCKY LN	SR 50 (CORTEZ BLVD)	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
	HERNANDO		SUNSHINE GROVE RD	KEN AUSTIN PKWY	HEXAM RD	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
	HERNANDO		HOSPITAL RD	SR 50 (CORTEZ BLVD)	FORT DADE AVE	NEW 2 LANES
	HERNANDO		EMERSON RD EXT (DOWNTOWN BYPASS)	SR 50A (JEFFERSON ST)	BROAD ST	NEW 2 LANES
	HERNANDO		POWELL RD	CALIFORNIA ST	US 41	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANES
	HERNANDO	Y	SUNCOAST PKWY @ CENTRALIA RD			NEW INTERCHANGE
	HERNANDO		AYERS RD @ CULBREATH RD			INTERSECTION IMPROVMENTS

Citrus County Trail Needs



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