



Hernando/Citrus

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

February 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

MPO Board Chair for 2024, Jerry Campbell, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 6, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Campbell, Hernando County Commissioner
John Allocco, Hernando County Commissioner
Steve Champion, Hernando County Commissioner
Brian Hawkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Jeff Kinnard, Citrus County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Christa Tanner, Mayor, City of Brooksville
Joe Meek, Mayor, City of Crystal River
Gene Davis, Councilman, City of Inverness
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant
Melissa Tartaglia, Assistant County Attorney, Hernando County
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Elisa Joyner, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

MPO Board & Staff Introductions

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

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jeff Kinnard
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

ANNUAL ELECTION OF MPO OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Annual Election of the Hernando/County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board Officers and Appointments for 2025

[15386](#)

Hernando/Citrus MPO Board Chair for 2025

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Allocco to elect Commissioner Bays as Hernando/Citrus MPO Board Chair for 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Hernando/Citrus MPO Board Vice Chair for 2025

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Champion to elect Commissioner Hawkins as Hernando/Citrus MPO Board Vice Chair for 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinnard and the motion passed 9-0

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)
Representative and Alternate for 2025

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Allocco to maintain the same SCTPA CCC representatives the MPO Board named during the October 3, 2024, meeting which were Commissioner Kinnard as the SCTPA CCC Representative and Commissioner Champion as the alternate representative. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Champion and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group Representative for 2025

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Champion to elect Bob Esposito as representative for the TMA Leadership Group for 2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Meek and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Joe Meek
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Representative and Alternate for 2025

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Allocco to elect Commissioner Kinnard as representative and Commissioner Champion as alternate representative for MPOAC for 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Chair for 2025

The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners proffered John Allocco as Chair of the Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board for 2025.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Champion to ratify Commissioner Allocco as TDLCB Chair for 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Chair for 2025

The Citrus County Commission proffered Janet Barek as the Chair for the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board for 2025.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Champion to ratify Commissioner Barek as LCB Chair for 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Esposito provided an overview from the agenda packet of the four items on the Consent Agenda which were:

1. Review and Approval of the December 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board
2. Transportation Alternative Projects Interlocal Agreement Between Hernando County, the City of Brooksville, and Hernando/Citrus MPO for Coordination of Engineering Services
3. Adopt the Annual Safety Performance Measures Targets (Highway Safety, PM-1)
4. Adopt the Florida Department of Transportation's updated Performance Targets for System Preservation Pavement and Bridge Conditions (PM2) and System Preservation Travel Time Reliability (PM3)

Commissioner Allocco shared that he recently met with the Hernando County Sheriff's Department and Hernando County Fire Rescue to discuss opportunities to reduce accidents

that would not only minimize human risk, but to reduce the cost of auto insurance. He noted ways to reduce the risks when driving vehicles. He encouraged the Hernando/Citrus MPO, Hernando County Department of Public Works, Hernando County Sheriff's, Fire, and EMS collaborate on methods to educate the public on high-risk factors such as time of day, days of the week, and to further study high-risk intersections such as:

- Mariner Boulevard @ SR 50
- Mariner Boulevard @ Spring Hill Drive
- Ayers Road and Culbreath Road
- Barclay Avenue @ Powell Road
- Barclay @ Spring Hill Drive

Mr. Esposito noted that MPO staff is reviewing data to provide to the MPO Board as related to safety concerns involving vehicles as Commissioner Allocco requested this past week.

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

Review and Approval of the December 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board [15183](#)

Transportation Alternative Projects Interlocal Agreement Between Hernando County, the City of Brooksville, and the Hernando/Citrus MPO for Coordination of Engineering Services [15441](#)

Adopt the Annual Safety Performance Measures Targets (Highway Safety, PM-1) [15466](#)

Adopt the Florida Department of Transportation's Updated Targets for System Performance Pavement and Bridge Conditions (PM2) and System Performance Travel Time Reliability (PM3) [13346](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jeff Kinnard
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

ACTION ITEMS

Reappointment of Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) [15384](#)

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinnard to reappoint Scarlett Sharpe to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee as a representative in the Hernando County-Unincorporated position for a period of two (2) years (February 20, 2025, through February 19, 2027). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Champion and the motion passed 9-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

MPO DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Esposito shared the following updates:

- Mr. Esposito hosted a telephone call with State Senator Nick DiCeglie and Commissioner Bays on February 3, 2025, to advocate for rural arterial funds for Hernando and Citrus Counties. He encouraged the Board members to support similar efforts when meeting with State officials. At Commissioner Allocco's request, Mr. Esposito confirmed rural arterial funds are allocated from general revenue monies and not the Transportation Trust Fund.
- Bob hosted a Teams meeting with FDOT, Pasco County, and Hernando County staff members on January 27, 2025, to discuss County Line Road. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has agreed to include funding for the design portion between Mariner Boulevard/Shady Hills Road to the Suncoast Parkway in the FY2025 Work Program. The construction phase will be programmed in FY2033 at one-half with the counties sharing the other half. The next follow-up Teams meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2025.

Commissioner Hawkins expressed his appreciation to FDOT and is thankful to see movement *[on improvements]* on County Line Road between Mariner Boulevard and Anderson Snow Road, but he stated that the bigger problem on County Line Road is west of Mariner Boulevard to the waterfall area on US 19. He noted that the improvements were started at the intersection, widened County Line Road at the commercial area, and then County Line Road narrows in either direction. Mr. Esposito noted that it would be preferred to begin next segment planning during construction of the current segment to keep progress moving. Commissioner Hawkins asked if utilities are planned to continue to move from Mariner Boulevard to the waterfall at US 19. Mr. Esposito will investigate and provide an update to the MPO Board.

Commissioner Allocco noted that the projects are too large to fund by the local jurisdictions particularly at the \$100 million dollar level. He asked Mr. Esposito who was involved in the County Line Road discussions. Mr. Esposito responded that discussions involved Jeff Rogers, Hernando County's Administrator; the Assistant County Administrator for Pasco County *[Brandon Adumuah]*, Scott Herring and Todd Crosby from Hernando County Public Works, the Hernando County Planning Department, Nick Uhren (Pasco's Public Works Department), and Tania Gorman, MPO Executive Director for Pasco County.

Commissioner Bays asked if a letter of intent was in process to ensure that both counties are vested in the project. Mr. Esposito responded in the affirmative that it *[interlocal agreement]* was in process. Commissioner Bays asked if it is appropriate to have a worksheet summary of the funding priorities or needs for the County for the MPO Board members to have when communicating with lawmakers. Mr. Esposito indicated that he would provide the MPO Board with a summary of Hernando/Citrus MPO transportation funding priorities. *[Subsequent to the meeting, this information was emailed to the MPO Board members on Thursday, February 6, 2025.]*

- Mr. Esposito noted that the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) is working on the Regional 2050 LRTP. County Line Road was recently added to the Regional Priorities List and Mr. Esposito is going to ask to have SR200 (Citrus) added later this summer.
- Mr. Esposito attended the Pasco MPO Board meeting December 11, 2024, and he participated in a second radio interview (WWJB) *[on January 15, 2025]* to encourage the public on the importance and ways to get funding sources for local roads, especially for local county roads.
- The MPO Board has been provided with a copy of a few relevant slides from the Driving Florida's Future: Economic Trends and Transportation Insights webinar*[which was conducted on January 31, 2025]*. Mr. Esposito highlighted Florida's population growth and that 16 million of the 23 million people in Florida are located in the central part of the state.
- Mr. Esposito announced that as an efficiency goal to reduce the number of MPO Board meetings, Board meetings will be scheduled when it is necessary to meet state and federal deadlines.
- The October 9, 2024, Gulf Streets Safe Summit Dignitary Panel was rescheduled to February 13, 2025. Commissioner Bays (Citrus) and Todd Crosby, Assistant County Engineer for Hernando County, have agreed to attend as panelists. Meeting time and location: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Port Tampa Bay Cruise Terminal-2, 651 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Commissioner Champion recognized newly elected Hernando County Commissioner Ryan Amsler, who was in attendance to observe the MPO Board meeting and he also thanked the Citrus County sheriff's department for providing a deputy to attend and offer protection during the meeting.
- City of Crystal River, Mayor Meek, raised two items for the Board's consideration. The next phases of the Suncoast Parkway are scheduled for completion in the next three to four years and will include an exit at CR495/N Citrus Avenue. He asked the MPO Board to contemplate turn lane improvements on W Emerald Oaks Drive and CR495/N Citrus Avenue and intersection improvements at CR495/N Citrus Avenue and N Turkey Oak Drive to route traffic around the CR495/N Citrus Avenue and the US 19 historic district. Mr. Esposito acknowledged the mayor's request and affirmed the MPO will continue to monitor.
- Commissioner Allocco inquired if there were any legislative bills coming forward to address electric vehicles (EV) paying of any road taxes. . Mr. Esposito affirmed the MPO staff would investigate and report back to the MPO Board.

- City of Brooksville, Mayor Tanner, asked when the SR 50 Bypass project would be completed and if there were impacts to the schedule. Mr. Esposito acknowledged the mayor's request and will provide an update to the MPO Board. *[Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Esposito provided the following update: The construction project on SR 50 is anticipated to be completed in summer 2025. Weather delays and added drainage improvements have impacted the schedule. The project identified a drainage issue following significant rainfall events last year that resulted in erosion of a newly constructed drainage ditch. The designer revised the plans, adding a drainage structure, roadway widening, and curb and gutter. Therefore, additional time was added to the project for the added work and fabrication time for the drainage structure.]*
- Chair Bays acknowledged and thanked the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Turnpike Enterprises (FTE), and MPO staff, the state and local partners that attended the meeting, the presence of law enforcement, and the City of Brooksville for hosting the 2024 MPO Board meetings.

ITEM DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MEETING[15611](#)

Driving Florida's Future: Economic Trends & Transportation Insights (slides from the webinar which was conducted on January 31, 2025)

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025, but may be cancelled. If not cancelled, it will begin at 1:30 pm, in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. Brooksville, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT**Motion**

A motion was made by Commissioner Champion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and carried unanimously.

Chairman Bays adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Rebecca Bays, Christa Tanner, Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Gene Davis, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, Steve Champion, and Joe Meek



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Annual Election of the Hernando/County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board Officers and Appointments for 2025

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The MPO Board appointments required for the 2025 calendar year are as follows:

- Nomination and Election of MPO Chair (Citrus County Representative)
- Nomination and Election of MPO Vice Chair (Hernando County Representative)
- MPO Committee Appointments

The MPO Board Chair and Vice Chair rotate annually between the member government entities of Hernando and Citrus Counties. Any regular voting member may be nominated for office. Any voting member may nominate an officer. All elections shall be by a majority vote of the voting members of the MPO. The historical pattern has been for the MPO Chair to function as the representative on the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA).

Attached is a worksheet and brief description of the Committees for the Board's consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

Pursuant to Chapters 339.175 and 427.0157, Florida Statutes, the MPO Board has the authority to take the recommended action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the MPO Board make the required appointments for 2025 as follows:

- Nomination and Election of MPO Board Chair (Citrus County Representative)
- Nomination and Election of MPO Board Vice-Chair (Hernando County Representative)
- MPO Committee Appointments:
 - SCTPA Chairs Coordinating Committee
 - Representative (Citrus County)
 - Alternate (Hernando County) - Ratify the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners appointment of Commissioner Champion
 - TMA Leadership Group - Representative (Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director)
 - MPOAC: Representative (Citrus County), Alternate (Hernando County)
 - Ratify the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners appointment of Commissioner Allocco for TDLCB Chairman.
 - Ratify the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners appointment of Commissioner Barek for LCB Chairman.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF MPO OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2025

ORGANIZATION / COMMITTEE	HOW OFTEN	REPRESENTATIVE
Hernando/Citrus MPO Board	Monthly, 1 st Thursday, 1:30 p.m.	2024 Chair: Commissioner Campbell 2024 Vice Chair: Commissioner Kinnard 2025 Chair (Citrus County): 2025 Vice Chair (Hernando County):
Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA)	In person, 2x a year, in Tampa Friday, May 16, 2025 Friday, December 12, 2025	2024 Representative: Commissioner Narverud 2024 Alternate: Councilman McBride <i>[It is noted that Commissioners Kinnard and Champion were appointed by the MPO Board on October 3, 2024, as SCTPA Representative and Alternate, respectively.]</i> 2025 Representative (Citrus County): 2025 Alternate (Hernando County): Commissioner Champion as appointed by the Hernando BOCC
Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group	Quarterly	2024 Representative: Bob Esposito 2025 Representative: Bob Esposito
Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)	In person, 4x a year (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct), in Orlando 4 th Thursday	2024 Representative: Commissioner Champion 2024 Alternate: Commissioner Kinnard 2025 Representative (Citrus County): 2025 Alternate (Hernando County):
Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Chair	4x a year 2 nd Thursday, 1:30 p.m.	2024 Chair: Commissioner Allocco 2025 Chair (Hernando County): Commissioner Allocco as appointed by the Hernando BOCC
Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Chair	4x a year 2 nd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.	2024 Chair: Commissioner Schlabach 2025 Chair (Citrus County): Commissioner Barek as appointed by the Citrus BOCC

Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA)

The Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) works as a region to prepare plans, studies, and priorities for regionally significant projects, review the impact of significant land-use decisions, share current travel data and trends, and adopt regional transportation plans and priorities for highway, public transportation, and multi-use trail improvements. The (SCTPA), formerly known as the MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee, supports local, regional, and statewide projects that improve access to transportation opportunities in the West Central Florida region.

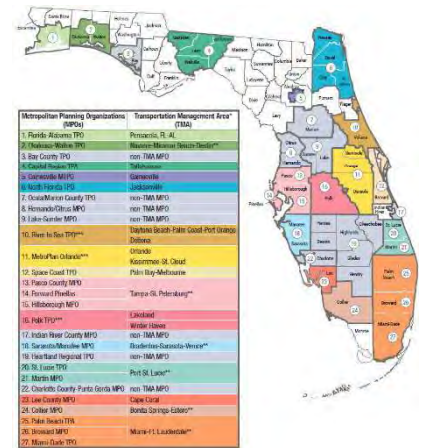
The SCTPA meets in person two times per year in Tampa (Friday, May 16, 2025, and Friday, December 12, 2025). The historical pattern has been for the MPO Chair to function as the MPO's SCTPA representative.



Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group

A subcommittee of the SCTPA, the TMA Leadership Group focuses on the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA), which is the tri-county urbanized core of the region. Comprised of three representatives each from the Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco County MPO boards, the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group meets regularly to develop consensus on regional transportation priorities for the Tampa Bay TMA.

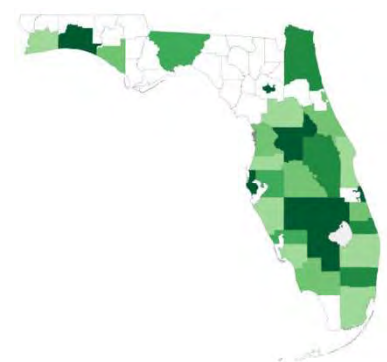
The historical pattern has been for the MPO Executive Director to function as the TMA representative.



Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council is a statewide transportation planning and policy organization created by the Florida Legislature under Section 339.175(11), Florida Statutes, to augment the role of individual MPOs in the cooperative transportation planning process. The MPOAC assists MPOs in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process by serving as the principal forum for collective policy discussion.

The MPOAC meets in person four times per year (4th Thursday, Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) in Orlando.



Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB/LCB)

The primary purpose of the Local Coordinating Board is to identify local service needs and provide information, advice, and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) regarding services for the Transportation Disadvantaged population.

The TDLCBs meet four times per year (2nd Thursday, Feb/May/Sep/Nov). The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for each county selects the commissioner that will represent the chair for their county's TDLCB.



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Review and Approval of the December 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Attached for approval are the Minutes of the December 5, 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 December 5, 2024, meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jeff Kinnard
AYES:	Bays, Tanner, Hawkins, Campbell, Davis, Allocco, Kinnard, Champion and Meek



Hernando/Citrus

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Regular Meeting

Minutes - Draft

December 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 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 Commissioner
Jeff Kinnard, MPO Board Vice Chair, Citrus County Commissioner
John Allocco, Hernando County Commissioner
Brian Hawkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Blake Bell, Mayor, City of Brooksville
Robert Holmes, MPO Board Alternate Member, City of Crystal River
Tom Craig, MPO Board Alternate Member, City of Inverness
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Brian Hunter, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Meek, Mayor, City of Crystal River
Gene Davis, City of Inverness Councilman
Steve Champion, Hernando County Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Melissa Tartaglia, Assistant County Attorney, Hernando County
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Katina Kavouklis, Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Alison Stettner, Transportation Development Director, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Jonathan Roberson, AICP, Research Associate for the Center for Urban Transportation (CUTR)

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 Commissioner Kinnard and the motion passed 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Blake Bell
SECONDER:	Jeff Kinnard
AYES:	Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Robert Holmes, Tom Craig, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell
ABSENT:	Steve Champion

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Allocco asked for more information on Consent Agenda Item 2. Mr. Esposito explained that the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is partnering with the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, on a grant application. The project (Adventure Coast Electric Transmission Line Improvements) proposes to replace obsolete transmission line infrastructure and increase electric resiliency, an estimated project cost of \$69.2 million.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinnard to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allocco and the motion passed 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYES:	Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Robert Holmes, Tom Craig, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell
ABSENT:	Steve Champion

Review and Approval of the October 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the
Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board

[14943](#)

Review and Approval of a Letter of Support to the Florida Division of Emergency
Management for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant
Application by Hernando County, Pasco County, the Tampa Bay Regional
Planning Council and the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative

[14934](#)

Review and Approval of the Annual Updates to the Bylaws of the
Hernando/Citrus MPO Board's Committees

[15002](#)

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2026-FY 2030)

[14940](#)

Suzanne Ziegler, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7 Government Liaison Manager, made a presentation on programming strategies and the proposed Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2026 - FY 2030. Commissioner Allocco asked if deferred projects would advance should funding become available. Ms. Ziegler confirmed that during the next cycle of the Five-Year Work Program if sky rocketing maintenance costs improve and money becomes available, projects could advance.

Ms. Ziegler agreed to provide a list of the identified sidewalk gaps in Hernando County at the request of Commissioner Allocco. Crystal River Councilman Holmes asked to receive further information on the resurfacing of US19, particularly the area coming out of Crystal River by the old Crystal River Mall to ensure subsurface concerns are inspected before resurfacing. Ms. Ziegler acknowledged his request. Commissioner Kinnard requested further information on the parcels being acquired for the Crystal River Airport for N of Runway 18. Ms. Ziegler agreed to follow-up.

A flyer provided by the Florida Department of Transportation for the public hearing process was included in the packets and is posted on the MPO's website. Ms. Ziegler provided the web page for public comment which will be open December 9, 2024, through December 30, 2024.

Presentation by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2026-FY 2030)

[14942](#)

Siaosi Fine from Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) made a presentation on the proposed Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2026 - FY 2030. His presentation included how projects are prioritized and funded.

Commissioner Allocco shared his experience of a new style of vehicle license plate that was not recognized by the camera system on the Suncoast Parkway and asked if the technology has been updated and is there any testing done on newly designed vehicle license plates. Alison Stettner, FTE Transportation Development Director, relayed that technology has been updated and testing occurs to verify speeds, camera imaging, new vehicles, new vehicle license plate designs, and ways to mitigate toll invasion. She encouraged Commissioner Allocco to reach out to Mr. Fine if he does not see improvement in the technology.

Commissioner Kinnard expressed there is a growing concern for traffic congestion on Citrus Avenue coming from the Suncoast Parkway. He inquired as to when the extension from SR 44 to CR 486 would be complete. He asked if FTE had considered opening the next two phases at the same time (SR 44 to CR 486 and CR 486 to CR 495). Ms. Stettner responded that she will take the comment to FTE and see what can be done to align the openings to minimize localized traffic impacts.

Mr. Fine confirmed that Scott Herring, Hernando County Department of Public Works Director,

submitted the application and supporting materials to conduct a feasibility study to determine if an interchange at Centralia Avenue in Hernando County could be added. The feasibility study will commence in 2025.

Presentation by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) on the Proposed Hernando County FY 2025-FY 2034 Transit Development Plan (TDP) [15130](#)

Jonathan Roberson, AICP, Research Associate for CUTR, under contract with the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners to do the major TDP update, made a final presentation on the Hernando County Transit Development Plan (Hernando TDP) for FY 2025-FY 2034 outlining a number of priorities, short-term and longer-term needs, and overall recommendations. In response to Commissioner Allocco's question, Mr. Roberson confirmed electric bicycles are not allowed on the racks attached to the front of the buses.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Board opted to make separate motions for the CAC reappointments for Citrus County and Hernando County.

Reappointment of Members to the Hernando/Citrus MPO's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) [15033](#)

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinnard to reappoint Karen Esty to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee as a representative of the City of Inverness. The term for shall be for a period of two (2) years (January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026). The motion was seconded by Councilman Craig and passed 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard
SECONDER:	Tom Craig
AYES:	Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Robert Holmes, Tom Craig, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell
ABSENT:	Steve Champion

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Allocco to reappoint Ron Lawson to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee as a representative of the City of Brooksville. The term for shall be for a period of two (2) years (January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and passed 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Robert Holmes, Tom Craig, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell
ABSENT:	Steve Champion

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

MPO DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Alison Stettner, FTE Transportation Development Director, was able to verify that the 13-mile extension of the Suncoast Parkway in Citrus County would be finished in just under 2 years.
- Walt Eastmond, County Engineer, Citrus County Public Works Department, confirmed preliminary maps and exhibits for the N. Independence Highway sidewalk were sent to Suzanne Ziegler, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 7 Government Liaison Manager. When the grant application portal opens in later in December, Mr. Eastmond will submit the application to FDOT.

Mr. Esposito shared the following updates:

- Similar to last year, MPO staff will be sending Outlook meeting notices for the 2025 meetings.
- County Line Road has been added to the Regional Priorities List that will be presented at the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance Meeting tomorrow at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Citrus County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard will be the chairing the meeting.
- Additionally, the Hernando/Citrus MPO has set up another meeting at the end of January with FDOT, Pasco County, and Hernando County staff members to discuss County Line Road.
- Improvements to the SR44/Turkey Oak intersection have been discussed with FDOT and will be added to the LOPP once a few of the current projects are completed.
- The FDOT Signals team will be coordinating with the local agency to develop the timing plan and gather available equipment to add an eastbound protected left turn phase on the US 41 and CR 491 in Citrus County.
- The MPO Board was provided a handout on the MPO's 2024 Major Accomplishments and 2025 Goals, and the Financial Quarterly Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2024. There were no comments.

Commissioner Allocco will follow up with Mr. Esposito with additional information on his inquiry for updates to enhancing crosswalks at schools.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mayor Bell announced that today was his last meeting as an MPO Board member and expressed his appreciation for being able to serve on the MPO Board.

- Commissioner Allocco wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.
- Chair Campbell thanked Mayor Bell for his service on the MPO Board, the City of Brooksville, and his work with Hernando County. Chair Campbell invited everyone to attend Christmas on Main Street in Brooksville which will start at 5:00 p.m. tonight.
- Chair Campbell thanked the MPO staff and consultant, the state and local partners that attended the meeting, the presence of law enforcement, and the City of Brooksville for hosting the 2024 MPO Board meetings.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MEETING

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1. Hernando/Citrus MPO's 2024 Major Accomplishments and 2025 Goals
2. Financial Quarterly Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2024

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board is tentatively for Thursday, January 9, 2025, beginning at 1:30 pm, in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. Brooksville, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT**Motion**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinnard to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allocco and carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYES:	Brian Hawkins, Jerry Campbell, Robert Holmes, Tom Craig, John Allocco, Jeff Kinnard, and Blake Bell
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AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Transportation Alternative Projects Interlocal Agreement Between Hernando County, the City of Brooksville, and the Hernando/Citrus MPO for Coordination of Engineering Services

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Hernando County, the City of Brooksville, and the Hernando/Citrus MPO are parties to an interlocal agreement relating to Transportation Alternative (TA) Projects. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provides certain grant funding to qualified Local Agency Programs (LAP) for projects which enhance alternative forms of transportation such as sidewalks, bike paths, trails, etc. The City of Brooksville is not a LAP-certified entity.

Pursuant to the current agreement, the Hernando County Department of Public Works serves as the implementing authority of LAP projects on behalf of the City of Brooksville. Without the assistance of the Hernando County Public Works Department, the City of Brooksville would not be able to construct otherwise eligible projects through FDOT.

The previous interlocal agreement was approved by the MPO Board on March 12, 2020, and expires March 12, 2025. A new five-year agreement is attached. There are no substantive changes in the proposed agreement from the current agreement. The Brooksville City Council approved the proposed interlocal agreement on January 6, 2025. Upon approval by the MPO Board, the agreement will then be presented by the County Engineer for review and approval by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the MPO Board approve the Transportation Alternative Projects Interlocal Agreement between Hernando County, the City of Brooksville, and the Hernando/Citrus MPO and authorize the MPO Board Chairman's signature thereon.

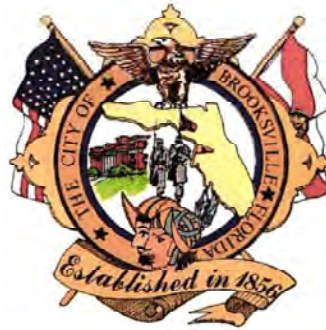
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MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jeff Kinnard
AYES:	Bays, Tanner, Hawkins, Campbell, Davis, Allocco, Kinnard, Champion and Meek

City of Brooksville

Office of the City Clerk

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January 8, 2025

Mr. Bob Esposito, Executive Director
Hernando/Citrus MPO
789 Providence Blvd.
Brooksville, Fl. 34601

Re: Transportation Alternative Projects Interlocal Agreement

Dear Mr. Esposito:

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Pc: Charlene Kuhn, City Manager
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**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS
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ATTEST:

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

By: Christa H. Tanner
Christa Tanner, Mayor

Date: 1/6/25

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Gretchen R. H. Vose
Gretchen R. H. Vose, City Attorney
Vose Law Firm

ATTEST:

**HERNANDO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY MISIONERS**

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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Victoria Anderson
County Attorney

ATTEST:

**HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By: _____
Hernando/Citrus MPO

Date: _____

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Victoria Anderson
MPO Attorney

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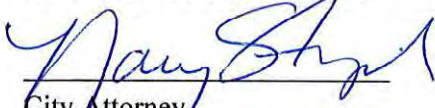
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Jennifer J. Battista, ~~CMB~~ CMC
Clerk & Custodian of Public Records

By: 
Joe Bernardini, Mayor

Date: 2/3/20

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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City Attorney

ATTEST:



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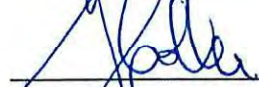
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John Mitten, Chairman

Date: 3-10-2020

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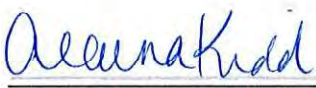
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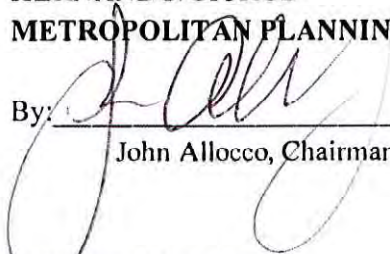
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ATTEST:



Alaina Kidd
Hernando/Citrus MPO

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By: 

John Allocco, Chairman

Date: March 12, 2020

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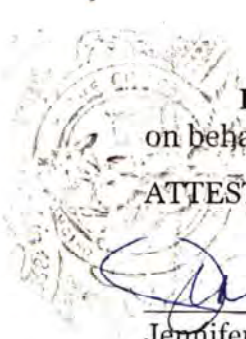
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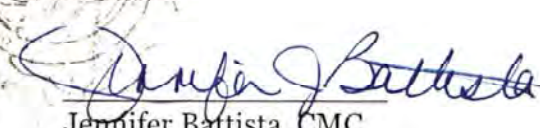
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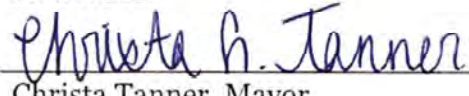
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Date:

1/6/25

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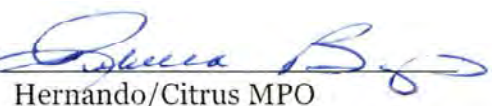
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ATTEST:

**HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN
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By:


Hernando/Citrus MPO

Date:

February 6, 2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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MPO Attorney

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B. The scope of project will be the role and responsibility of the COUNTY and/or MPO and the CITY with regard to their respective duties and obligations for the completion of LAP projects that fall within the respective jurisdictions of each entity.

SECTION 2-OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY

The parties agree that the COUNTY:

1. Serve as the Implementing Authority for LAP Program in conjunction with FDOT. The Implementing Authority shall complete or coordinate, as applicable, the required documentation (including project checklist, design, bid specs, award letter, etc.), with FDOT in order to complete enhancement projects for the COUNTY and the CITY. The Implementing Authority will forward to the MPO copies of all pertinent documents in the LAP process.

2. Apply for enhancement funds and/or other assistance from the Federal Government and/or State of Florida. Said grants or other assistance shall be used to carry out the purpose of this Agreement. All monies received through grants-in-aid or other federal, state or local assistance shall be transferred to the Implementing Authority.

3. Maintain the physical facilities (i.e. sidewalks, trails, etc.) that are built from enhancement funds that lie within its jurisdiction. As the COUNTY is the legal entity responsible for the maintenance of these facilities, it shall be authorized to enter into such contracts as necessary with private companies for any and/or all maintenance activities regarding enhancement projects and facilities. R.

4. Abide by the funding mechanism for the enhancement program as administered by FDOT through its Work Program. While the majority of these projects will be fully funded through FDOT at one-hundred (100) percent, additional funding or a local match may be required or submitted by the COUNTY. Local monies are defined as those necessary to match any state or federal grant programs.

SECTION 3 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY

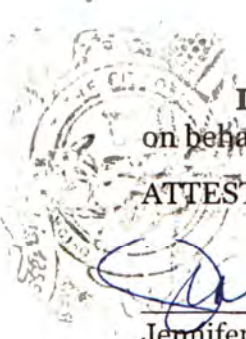
Under the terms of this Agreement, the CITY will:

1. Waive or obtain any necessary CITY permits which are required for the design and/or construction of these projects.
2. Acquire any necessary interests in land, easements and/or right-of-way as required for the design and completion of these projects, whenever said project lie within the jurisdiction of the CITY. However, any such acquisition in said interests in land, easements and/or right-of-way shall be subject to approval by City Council of the CITY and may be denied if the City Council reasonably determines such acquisitions are not in the best interest of the CITY.
3. Maintain the physical facilities (i.e. sidewalks, trails, etc.) that are built from enhancement funds that lie within its jurisdiction. As the CITY is the legal entity responsible for the maintenance of these facilities, it shall be authorized to enter into such contracts as necessary with private companies for any and/or all maintenance activities regarding enhancement projects and facilities.
4. Abide by the funding mechanism for the enhancement program as administered by FDOT through its Work Program. While the majority of these projects will be fully funded through FDOT at one-hundred (100) percent, additional funding or a local match may be required or submitted by CITY. Local monies are defined as those necessary to match any State or Federal grant programs.
5. Provide its proportionate fair share towards any local match or additional project costs prior to construction of the project commencing. Failure to provide this proportionate share shall cause the project to be delayed/deferred until City provides appropriate funding.

SECTION 4 – TERM, RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

This Interlocal Agreement shall be for a term of five (5) years, from date of execution. This Interlocal Agreement may be terminated by a simple majority vote of any party at least 60 days prior to the end of any fiscal year (October 1 – September 30). Notice of intent to terminate shall be given to the parties within two (2) weeks of said vote. The effective date of termination shall be the end of the then current fiscal year.

This Agreement may be amended from time-to-time, upon the concurrence and affirmative action of all Parties to this Agreement, acknowledging and approving said modification(s) by a majority vote of each entity.

 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Interlocal Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the City and the County on the date last executed below.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

By: Christa H. Tanner
Christa Tanner, Mayor

Date: 1/6/25

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Gretchen R. H. Vose
Gretchen R. H. Vose, City Attorney
Vose Law Firm

ATTEST:

**HERNANDO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Heidi Kuyper, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Brian Robbins, Chairman
Date: 2-25-2025



APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Victoria Anderson
County Attorney

ATTEST:

**HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Mary Elwin

By: Debra B.
Hernando/Citrus MPO

Date: February 6, 2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Victoria Anderson
MPO Attorney



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Adopt the Annual Safety Performance Measures Targets (Highway Safety, PM-1)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to establish safety performance targets for each of the measures identified in Chapter 490.207(a). [23 CFR 490.209(c)] on an annual basis. The required highway safety performance measures (PM-1) are as follows:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities p/100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries p/100 million VMT
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

The Hernando/Citrus MPO supports FDOT's long-term "Vision Zero" target for eliminating traffic related fatalities and serious injuries, and bicycle/pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries in the State of Florida; however, accepts the State's option of adopting its own targets.

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO Board) initially adopted the required safety performance measures on January 30, 2018, and have been updating them annually thereafter using a 5% reduction on the prior five-year rolling average. The safety data used to calculate the figures is derived from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The last full year of reporting is 2023; therefore, the data presented below encompasses years 2019-2023.

**Table 1: Hernando/Citrus MPO
Performance Measures 2019-2023 (5-Year Rolling Average) ***

Performance Measure	Average	% Change
Number of Annual Fatalities	68.6	1.50%
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT)	1.782	-0.30%
Number of Serious Injuries	482.8	-8.50%
Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT	12.586	-9.50%
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Non-Motorized Serious Injuries	52.4	6.50%

**Source: FDOT State Safety Office's Signal4Analytics Database; Data Retrieved 1-6-2025.*

**Table 2: Hernando/Citrus MPO
Annual Safety Performance Targets for 2025 ***

Performance Measure	Statewide **	MPO ***
Number of Annual Fatalities	0	67.9
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	0	1.764
Number of Serious Injuries	0	478
Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT	0	12.5
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries	0	47.1

**Source=FDOT Signal4Analytics/Sourcebook, Data Retrieved 1-6-2025)*

***Statewide Target = 0 "Vision Zero"*

**** MPO Annual Target is a 1% Reduction of Prior 5-Year Annual Rolling Avg.*

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 that the MPO Board review and approve the Annual Safety Performance Measures (PM1) and authorize MPO staff to forward the targets to the Florida Department of Transportation as required.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard

AYES: Bays, Tanner, Hawkins, Campbell, Davis, Allocco, Kinnard, Champion and Meek



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Adopt the Florida Department of Transportation's Updated Targets for System Performance Pavement and Bridge Conditions (PM2) and System Performance Travel Time Reliability (PM3)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to track performance measures, setting data-driven targets, and selecting projects to achieve those targets to implement performance-based planning and programming of roadway improvements.

Safety measures encompass all public roads; however, the measures for highway infrastructure condition and reliability/freight movement are specific to Florida's portion of the National Highway System (NHS). The Florida Department of Transportation's system-wide approach to programming and prioritizing pavements and bridges addresses risk, prevents gaps, and is built on financial planning and investment strategies to address applicable needs at the right time.

Target setting frequency for PM2 (bridge and pavement performance) and PM3 (system reliability performance) are four-year intervals with an optional target adjustment at midpoint. The State must establish the target by October 1 of each four-year period and the MPOs then have 180 days after the State sets the target to adopt targets for PM2 and PM3. This year's due date is March 30, 2025.

All MPOs adopted the statewide pavement targets. All MPOs adopted the bridge statewide targets except one, which set higher targets for pavement condition on the non-interstate portion of the NHS.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that Florida has met the 2023 targets and is on track to exceed the 2025 targets. In mid-2024, FDOT adjusted the target for the *Percent of NHS Bridges in Poor Condition* (PM2) from $\leq 10.0\%$ (2023 target) to $\leq 5.0\%$ (new 2025 target) as Florida's performance exceeded the targets. The State has set the following performance measure targets for 2025:

Federal Performance Measure	New Statewide 2025 Target
Percent of NHS Bridges in Good Condition (By Deck Area)	$\geq 50.0\%$
Percent of NHS Bridges in Poor Condition (By Deck Area)	$\leq 5.0\%$
Percent of Pavement on Interstate System in Good Condition	$\geq 60.0\%$
Percent of Pavement on Interstate System in Poor Condition	$\leq 5.0\%$
Percent of Pavement on Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition	$\geq 40.0\%$
Percent of Pavement on Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition	$\leq 5.0\%$

The third FHWA performance management rule establishes measures to assess the reliability

of passenger and truck freight travel on the NHS and the process for FDOT and Florida MPOs to establish and report their targets (PM3 System Reliability). System reliability measures the predictability of trips on the Interstate system and NHS roads. Reliability means being able to depend on the same trip, occurring at the same time each day, taking the expected amount of time.

The FDOT established targets for System Preservation Travel Time Reliability (PM3) 2023 and 2025 targets on December 16, 2022. FDOT has adjusted the targets for the *Percent of Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are Reliable* from greater than or equal to 70% to greater than or equal to 75%. Also adjusted was the *Percent of Person-Miles on the Non-Interstate NHS that are Reliable* from greater than or equal to 50% to greater than or equal to 60%. Florida's performance has continued to exceed the targets and FDOT indicates that the system reliability in Florida remains high. The State's system performance measures and associated targets for 2025 are shown below:

<u>System Performance Measure</u>	<u>New Statewide 2025 Target</u>
Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are Reliable	≥ 75.0%
Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are Reliable	≥ 60.0%
Truck Travel Time Reliability Index on the Interstate	≤ 2.00

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 that the MPO Board review and approve the updated performance measurement targets established by the State of Florida for System Performance Pavement and Bridge Conditions (PM2) and System Performance Travel Time Reliability (PM3) and authorize MPO staff to forward the MPO Board's approved targets to the Florida Department of Transportation as required.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jeff Kinnard
AYES:	Bays, Tanner, Hawkins, Campbell, Davis, Allocco, Kinnard, Champion and Meek



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Reappointment 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 Board 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.

Current member, Scarlett Sharpe, serves on the CAC and her term expires on February 19, 2025. Ms. Sharpe has applied for reappointment to the CAC representing Hernando County-Unincorporated. The application is attached for review by the Board. Ms. Sharpe has a very good attendance record at the CAC meetings.

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 reappoint Scarlett Sharpe to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee in the Hernando County-Unincorporated position for a period of two (2) years (February 20, 2025, through February 19, 2027).

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Bays, Tanner, Hawkins, Campbell, Davis, Allocco, Kinnard, Champion and Meek



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

Name: Scarlett Dee Sharpe

(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? 9 years
Do you reside within the city limits of Brooksville? ☐ Crystal River? ☐ Inverness? ☐
Physical Address 4344 Krupke Circle City Brooksville Zip 34604
Mailing Address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____
Telephone (home/cell) 678-595-9645 Business/Other 813-520-4444 Email scarlett.sharpe@wsp.com
Occupation Lead Transportation Planner

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.).

Masters Urban Planning from the University of Tennessee (GO VOLS!)

ENV-SP - Environmental specialist certification from the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure

Why are you interested in serving on this Board/Committee? To help Hernando County make informed transportation decisions that support growth and safety.

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

1. Emilio "Sonny" Vergara 5075 White Road, Brooksville, FL 34602 (352) 650-1237
2. Cliff Manuel c/o CEA 966 Candlelight Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601 (352) 796-9423
3. George Foster c/o CES 700 DeSoto Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601 (352) 796-3374

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, 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:

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: Tom Mitchell Relationship: Friend Phone No. (352) 623-6463

Emergency Contact #2: Vicki Smith Relationship: Mother Phone No. (352) 442-9113

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.

Scarlett Sharpe

(Printed Name)

Scarlett Sharpe

(Signature)

01/02/2025

(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

Print Form

Reset Form



Metropolitan Planning Organization

AGENDA ITEM

Meeting: 02/06/2025
Department: MPO
Prepared By: Joy Turner
Initiator: Robert Esposito
DOC ID: 15611
Legal Request Number:
Bid/Contract Number:

TITLE

ITEM DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MEETING

Driving Florida's Future: Economic Trends & Transportation Insights (slides from the webinar which was conducted on January 31, 2025)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Click or tap here to enter text.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

For information purposes only. No action occurred.

Driving Florida's Future: Economic Trends & Transportation Insights

Systems Forecasting
& Trends Office
 FDOT

Audience Participation Panel



Attendees are automatically muted throughout the webinar.



Submit questions to the moderator through the chat function.



Webinar is being recorded and will be available on the systems forecasting & trends office webpage.

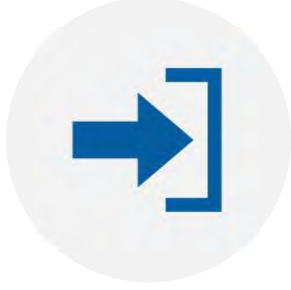
Professional Development Credits



Offered for planners and engineers that attend the live session.



Participants must attend the entire session to be eligible for 1 hour of credit.



FDOT employees can download certificates through learning curve.



All other participants will receive certificates via email.

Today's Speakers



Katie Yeutter

*Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial
Officer Florida Chamber of Commerce*



Kim Holland

*Assistant Secretary of Strategic Development
Florida Department of Transportation*



Florida's Economic Growth and Mobility: A Vision for Florida's Transportation Future

January 31, 2025



Presented By:
Katie Yeutter, COO & CFO, Florida Chamber of Commerce

The Florida 2030 Blueprint: Uniting Businesses For Good

As Florida's economy grows and evolves, the **Florida Chamber of Commerce** serves as a leader in uniting businesses, policymakers, and communities.

By focusing on strategic priorities outlined in the **Florida 2030 Blueprint**, the Chamber is helping secure a sustainable and prosperous future for the state. This includes fostering innovation, addressing challenges, and leveraging opportunities to ensure Florida's global competitiveness.

- Advocating for policies that secure Florida's long-term economic growth.
- Connecting businesses and government to solve state challenges.
- Developing forward-thinking solutions for sustainable growth.



The Florida 2030 Blueprint: Uniting Businesses For Good

16th to 10th



39 Goals

- +2.8 Million Net New Residents
- +1.45 Million Net New Jobs
- +40 Million More Annual Visitors
- +2.5 Million More Drivers



The Florida Scorecard Helps Leaders Lead

- 1.45 Million Net New Jobs Needed by 2030
- Open Jobs Decreased to 387,079
- Number of Unemployed Persons Increased to 377,000
- Unemployment Rate at 3.4% (Unchanged from November 2024)
- Housing Sales: 20,784, Housing Starts: 8,192

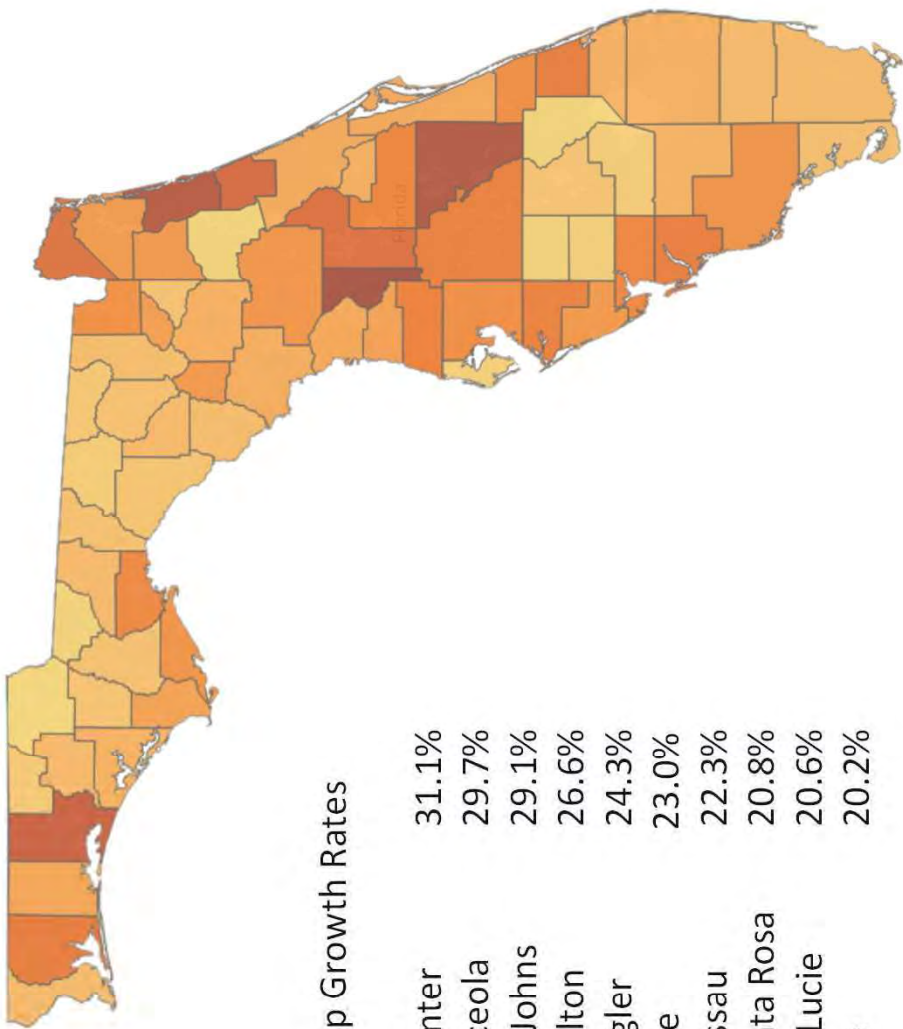


The Florida Scorecard Helps Leaders Lead

Infrastructure and Growth Leadership

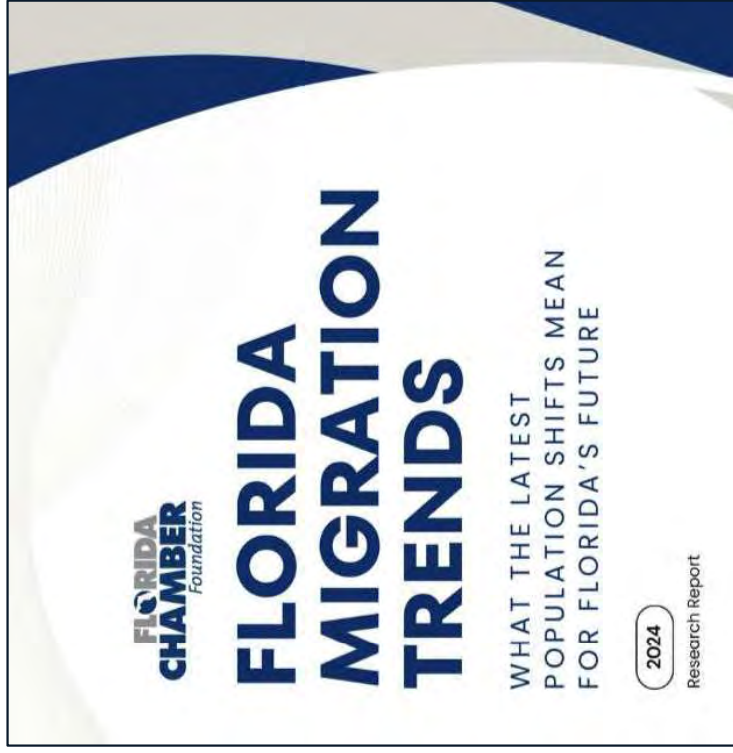


Florida's Demographics Are Changing *Florida's Next 2.8 Million People*

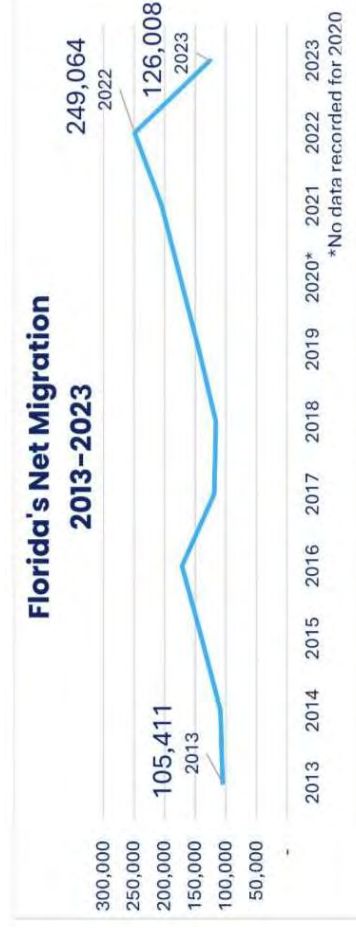


	Top Projected Increases	Top Growth Rates
Top 5:	1. Miami-Dade 368K	1. Sumter 31.1%
52.5%	2. Orange 330K	2. Osceola 29.7%
	3. Hillsborough 317K	3. St. Johns 29.1%
	4. Broward 261K	4. Walton 26.6%
	5. Palm Beach 231K	5. Flagler 24.3%
	6. Duval 196K	6. Lake 23.0%
	7. Lee 192K	7. Nassau 22.3%
	8. Polk 182K	8. Santa Rosa 20.8%
Top 10:	9. Osceola 151K	9. St. Lucie 20.6%
82.4%	10. Pasco 137K	10. Lee 20.2%

Migration Report



- Second highest net migration in the country: 126,000
 - Highest Inflow
 - Second Highest Outflow
- Ages 20-29 are leaving at a high rate
 - Top 2 reasons for leaving: housing costs, job opportunities



Access Report



Florida's Aging Population Contributes to Workforce Struggles

**Projected Population
Change 2023-2024**

Ages 20-65: +61,000
56.5% of Current Total Population

Ages 70+: +70,400
15.7% of Current Total Population

Population Decline for:
Ages 9 and Under

Ages 25-35





Ages 50-60

New Talent



**Top GDP
Contributors**

Who is Moving In and Out of Florida?

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Moving In</u>	<u>Moving Out</u>
 Median Age	35.4 Years	32.7 Years
 Home Ownership	55.20%	44.20%
 Most Prevalent Education Level	Bachelor's Degree	Some College or Associate's Degree
 Median Individual Income	\$41,150	\$36,554

Annual Job Changes by Industry

Industry	#	Rate
Construction	28,900	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	29,500	2.3%
Education & Health Services	30,900	2.1%
Total – All Industries	147,900	1.6%
Information	2,200	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	21,200	1.1%
Professional & Business Services	3,000	0.2%
Financial Activities	-4,900	-0.7%
Manufacturing	-6,300	-1.5%

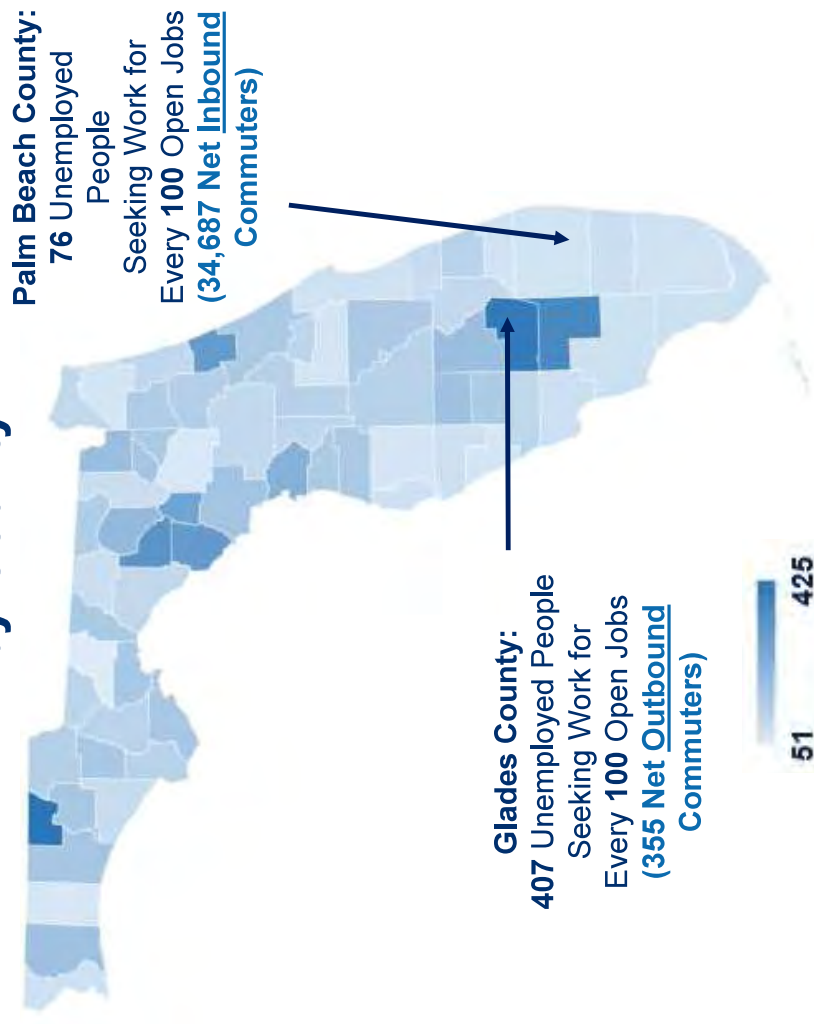
For Every 100 Open Jobs, 98 Floridians are Looking for Work



98 Unemployed Floridians
Seeking Work for
Every 100 Open Jobs



Workforce Needs Vary by County



www.TheFloridaScorecard.org

Housing Affordability

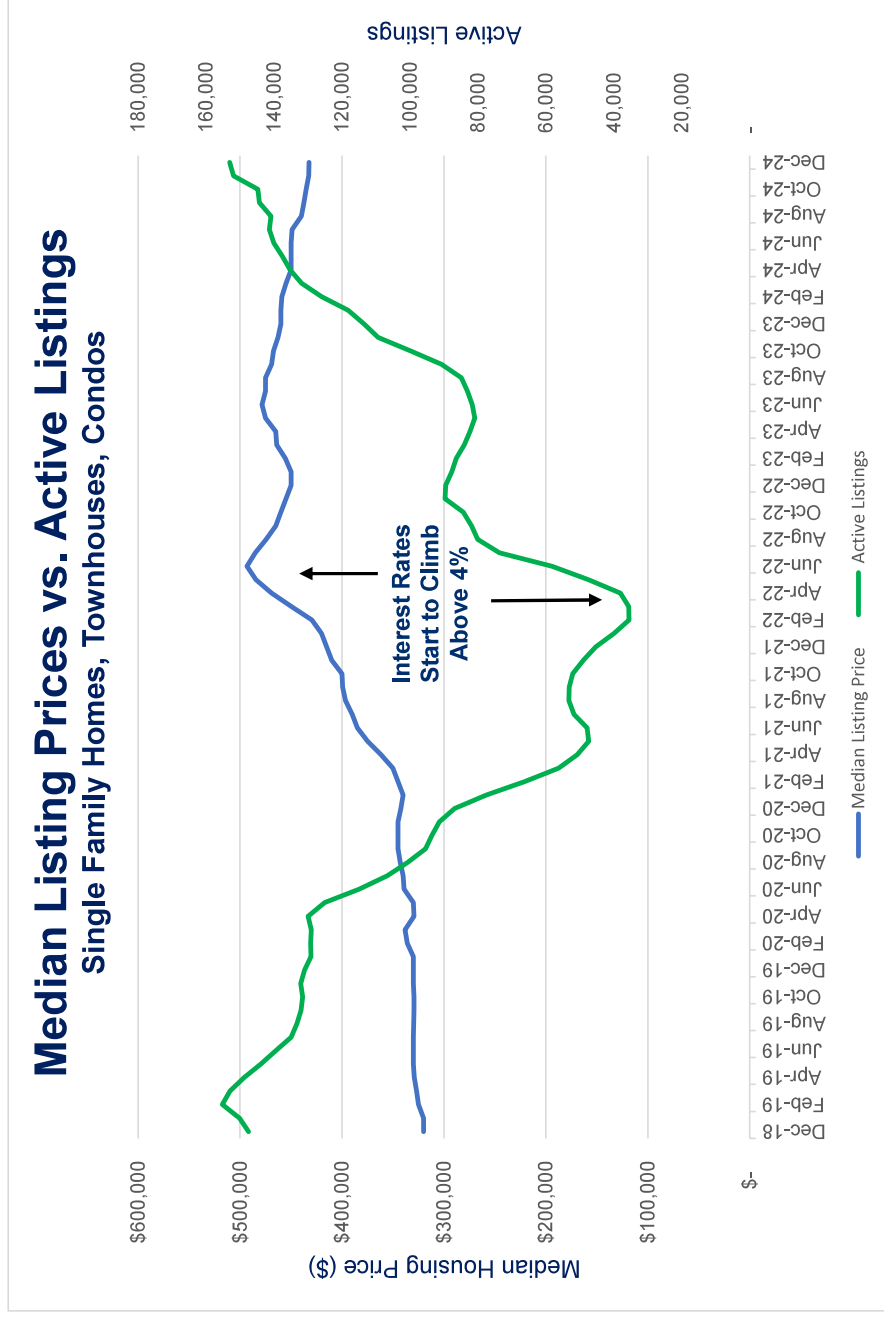
\$432.4K
Median Listing Price
Single Family Homes, Townhouses, Condos



\$1,525
Median Rent



54.9%
Housing Cost Burdened



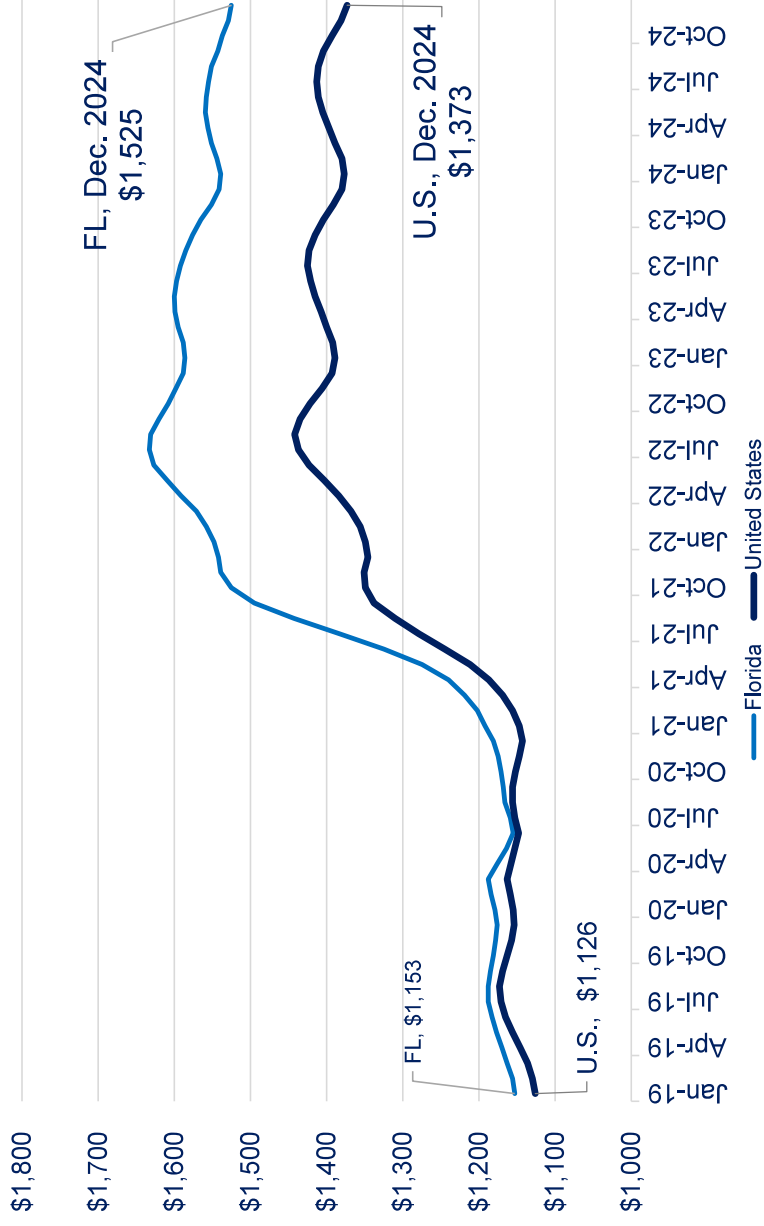
Florida's Median Rent Among the Highest in the Nation

\$1,525
Median Florida Rent

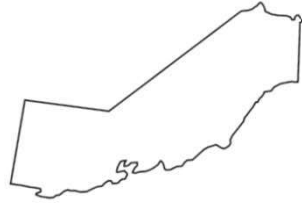


12th
Highest in
the Country

Median Rent



Florida Continues to Lead the Nation in Business Formations



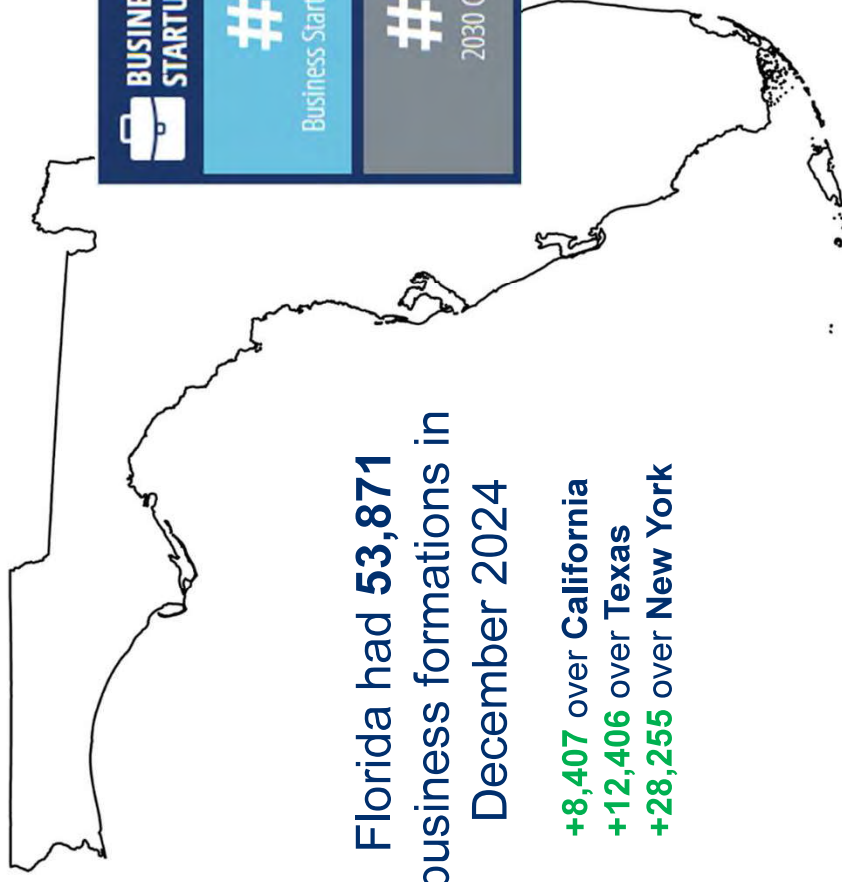
California – 45,464



Texas – 41,465



New York – 25,616



Florida's 2024 Economic Forecast: Key Takeaways

UPDATE:
4.6% Through
Q3



7%

Annual GDP Growth

UPDATE:
3 Interest
Rates Cut

September:
50 point
reduction
November:
25 point
reduction
December:
25 point
reduction



Small Interest Rate Cuts
in the Second Half of 2024

#1

State for
Net Income Migration



UPDATE:
We Remain #1,
with \$36.1B in
Net Income
Migration



225k-275k

Florida Net New Residents in 2024



\$415,000 – \$450,000

Median Sale Prices

UPDATE:
\$415,000

\$1,450 – \$1,650

Median Rental Estimate

UPDATE:
\$1,525



Increase in Listing / Availability,
However, Demand Will Still
Outpace Supply

UPDATE:
Active
Listings
Up 26.9%
YOY

1.0%-1.5%

Florida Annual Job Growth



UPDATE:
Slow, Steady
Job Growth
+1.6% through
December
2024

Insights from the Florida Trade & Logistics 2030



The **Florida Trade and Logistics Study** highlights the essential role of transportation in supporting Florida's trade and logistics industries. As a national leader in freight mobility and global trade connections, Florida's investments **in ports, railroads, and intermodal hubs** are essential for sustaining economic growth and competitiveness.

The study outlines a bold vision for 2030, aiming to achieve the following:

- **Job Creation:** **300,000** new trade, logistics, and manufacturing jobs by 2030.
- **Export Growth:** Doubling origin exports to **\$92 billion** and tripling service exports to **\$129 billion**.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** Prioritizing ports, railroads, and intermodal hubs to **strengthen freight mobility**.
- **Strategic Vision:** Aligning investments with Florida's economic goals to **reduce congestion and boost sustainability**.



The Florida Chamber's Infrastructure Coalition is focused on unifying the business community around long-term investments in Florida's energy, water, transportation, telecommunications, and agriculture infrastructure.

The Florida Chamber's Infrastructure Coalition is leading the discussion by focusing on the following areas:

- **Next Generation Mobility:** Creating a robust, safe, resilient, and modern transportation system that responds to the latest technological advancements and emerging trends.
- **Economic Connectivity:** Encouraging the development of rural infrastructure and future corridors that are cross-sector focused – addressing energy, digital and connectivity gaps.
- **Global Opportunity:** Promoting strategic infrastructure investments that support and expand global market access and position Florida as the hub for trade and logistics.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Supporting science-based policies for water, land use, and energy solutions that protect Florida's unique natural resources and promote sustainable economic growth.



Ananth Prasad, Former President, Florida Transportation Builders Association and Chair of the Infrastructure Coalition.

Upcoming Solution Summits & Events



2024 Florida Transportation, Growth & Infrastructure Solution Summit
Orlando, FL | December 3, 2024



Preparing Florida's infrastructure and transportation systems to cultivate the 10th largest global economy by 2030.



2024 Florida Chamber Annual Insurance Summit
Orlando, FL | December 4-5, 2024



Insuring Florida the right way.



2025 Florida Economic Outlook & Jobs Solution Summit
Virtual | January 30, 2025



Providing a glimpse into the opportunities and challenges Florida's businesses, residents and economy are facing on the road to 2030.



2025 Florida Chamber Legislative Fly-In
Tallahassee, FL | February 10-11, 2025
(Board of Trustees Meeting: February 11 | Board of Directors: February 12)



Florida leaders and elected officials unite to align on the Florida Business Agenda and legislative efforts to keep Florida.



Leadership Conference on Safety, Health + Sustainability
Orlando, FL | May 14-16, 2025
(Board of Directors Meeting | May 15, 2025)



Making Florida the safest, healthiest and most sustainable state in America.



2025 Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit
Daytona Beach, FL | May 29, 2025



Focusing on cutting Florida's childhood poverty in half by 2030 and ensuring 100% have a pathway out.



2025 Florida Learners to Earners Workforce Solution Summit
Tampa, FL | June 24, 2025
(Board of Trustees Meeting | June 23, 2025)



Aligning education systems with the needs of our modern workforce and preparing today's learners for tomorrow's career opportunities.



2025 Future of Florida Forum (F3) & Florida Chamber Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL | October 27-28, 2025
(Board of Trustees Meeting: October 28 | Board of Directors: October 29)



Measuring Florida's progress towards becoming the 10th largest economy through the lens of the Florida 2030 Blueprint's 39 goals.





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Florida's Transportation: The Backbone of Economic Growth

Kim Holland

Assistant Secretary of Strategic Development, FDOT

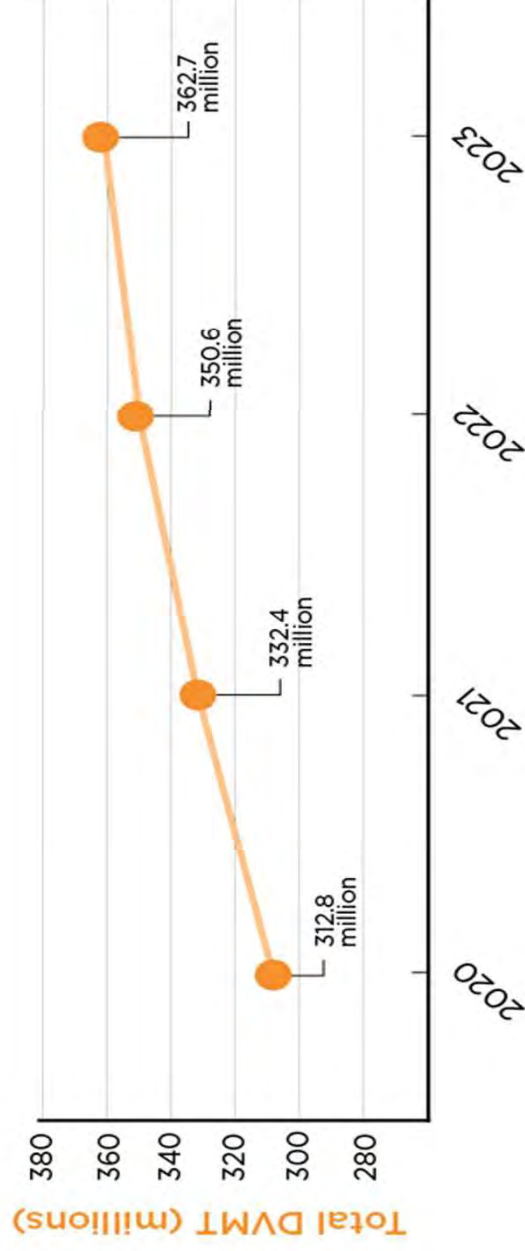
FDOT's Mission

“To provide a safe statewide transportation system that promotes the efficient movement of people and goods, supports the state’s **economic competitiveness**, prioritizes Florida’s environment and natural resources, and preserves the **quality of life and connectedness** of the state’s **communities**.”

Guiding Our Transportation Future



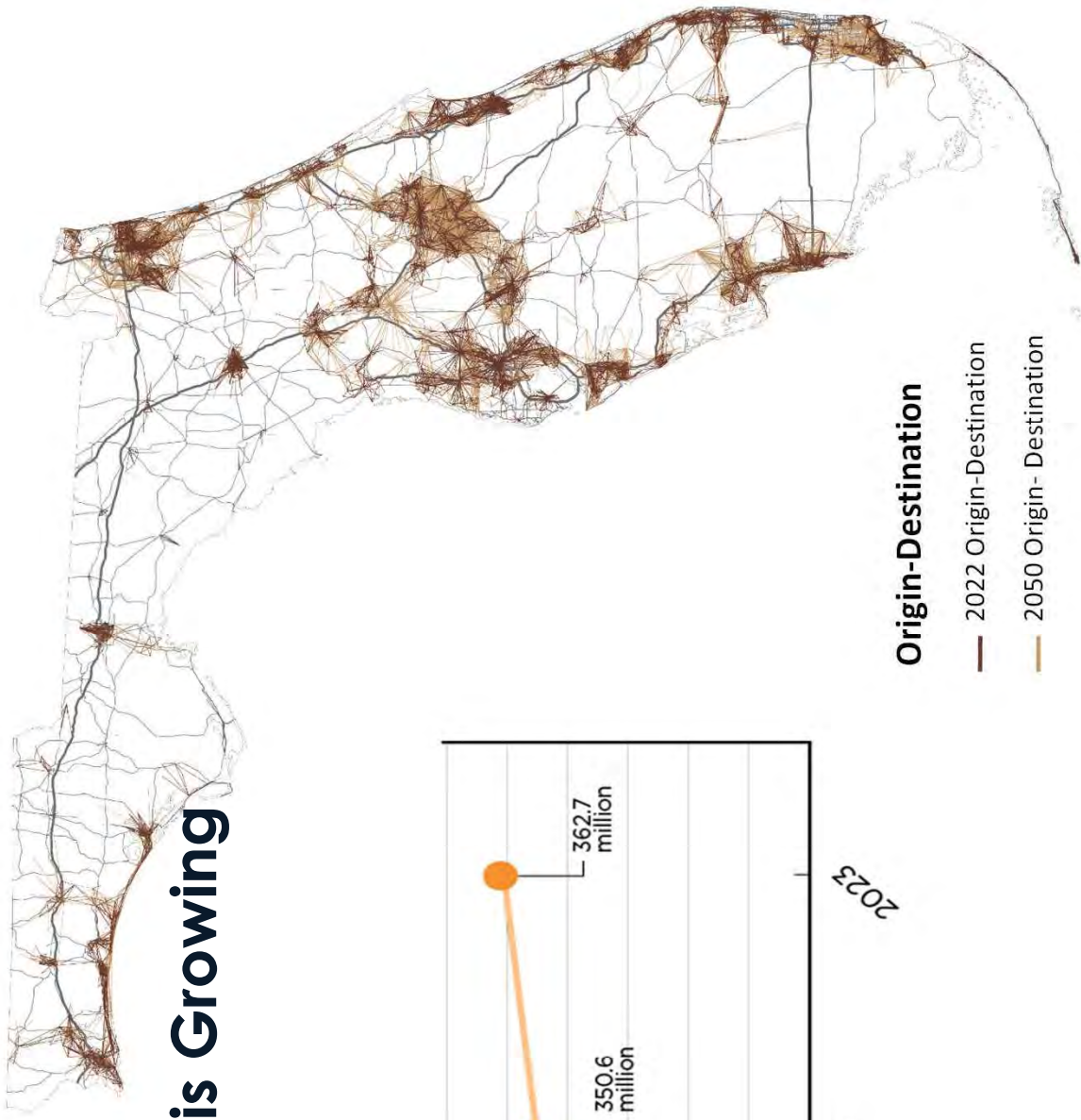
State is Growing, Transportation Demand is Growing



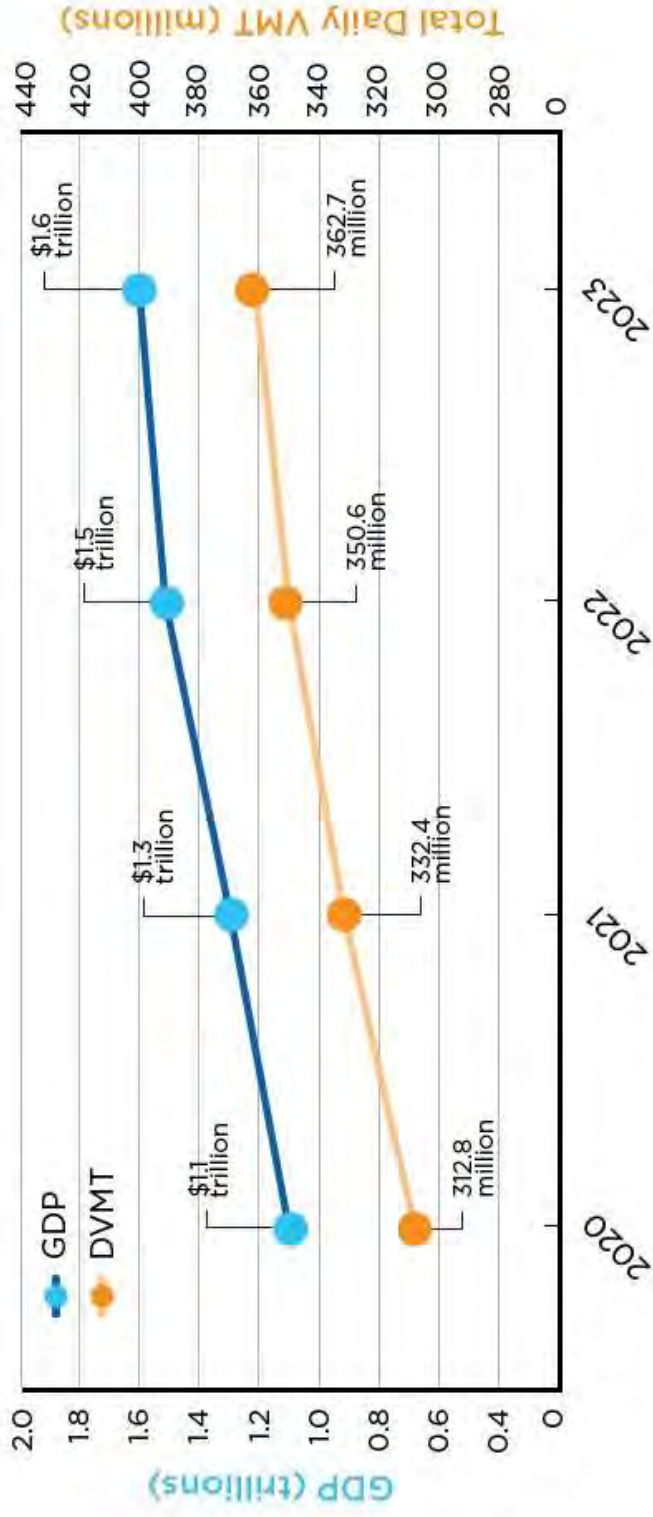
Systems Forecasting
& Trends Office
FDOT

Origin-Destination

- 2022 Origin-Destination
- 2050 Origin-Destination

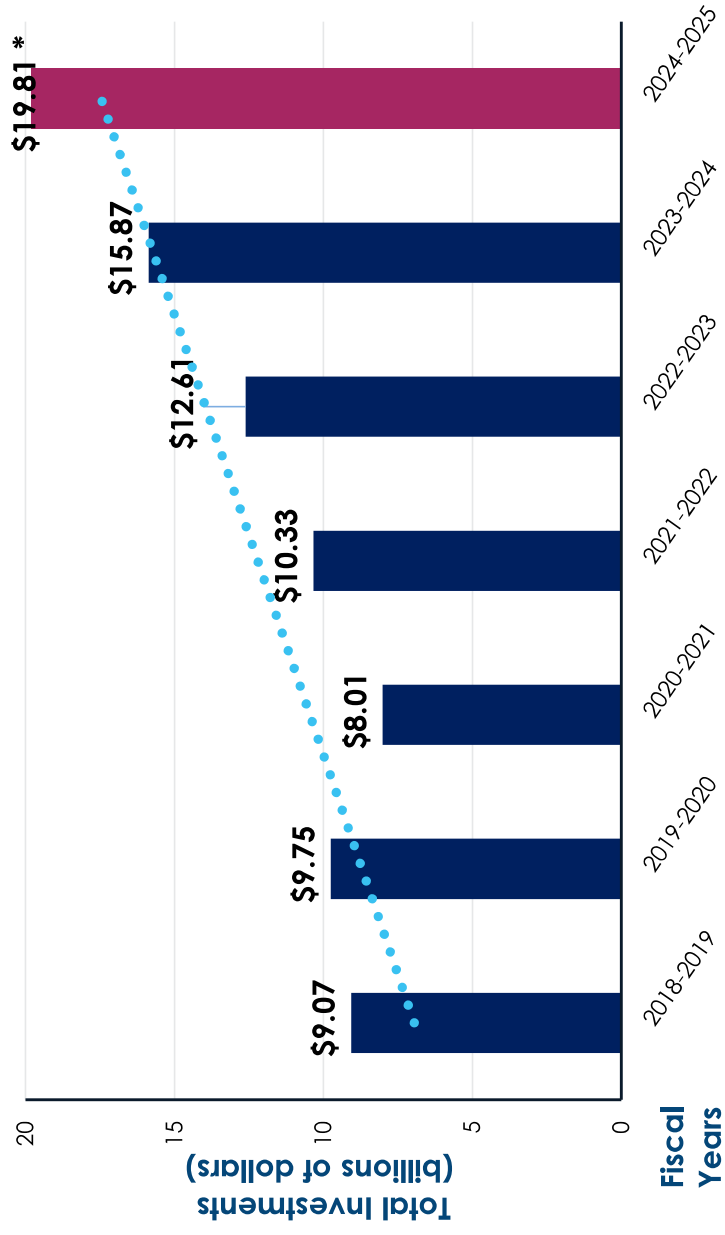


Transportation is linked to Economic Development




24%
 Transportation
 Sector's Share of
 the GDP

Florida's Transportation Investments



Transportation's Impact

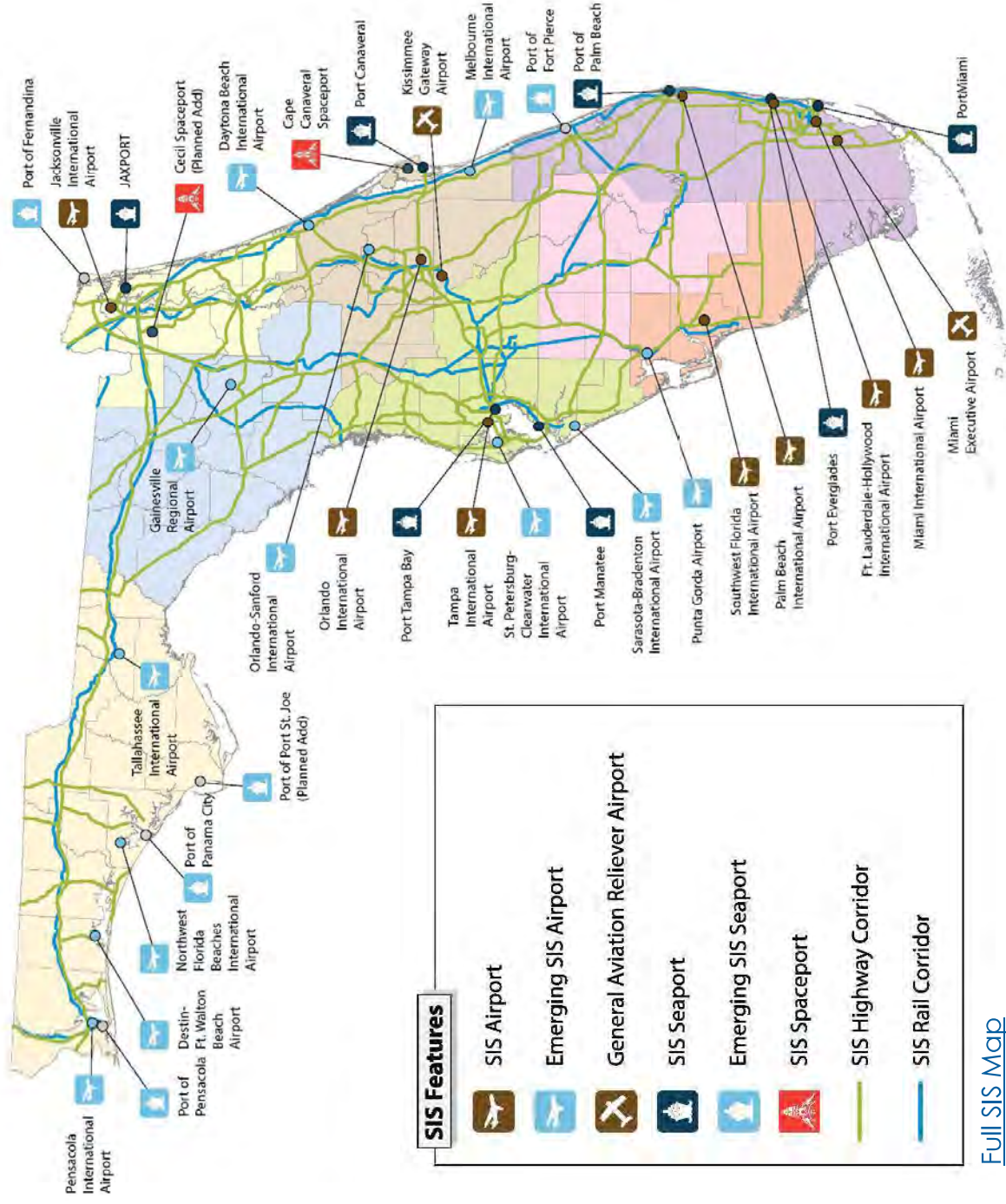


\$4.26

Impact of each dollar
spent on transportation
to the economy



SIS Facilities



Strategic Investments



Expand
airport
infrastructure



Improve
spaceport
access and
launch facilities



Increase
seaport
infrastructure
capacity



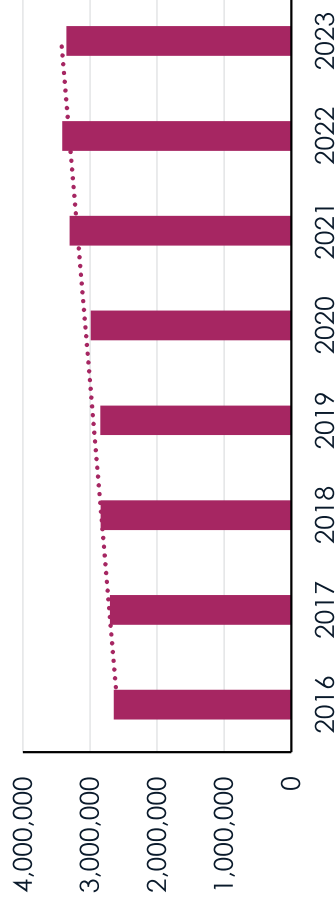
New
rail alignments
for increased
passenger and
freight
movements



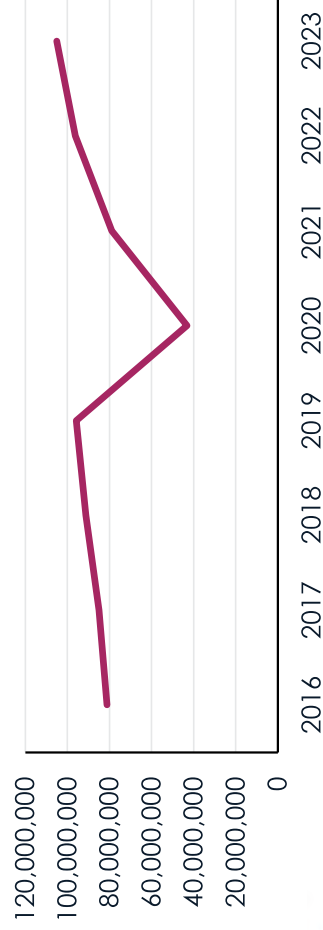
Enhance
trade and
tourism
corridors

Aviation

Aviation Tonnage



Aviation Passengers



\$171.6 Billion

Aviation Industry
Economic
Impact in 2022



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Orlando International Terminal C



Address rapid passenger growth



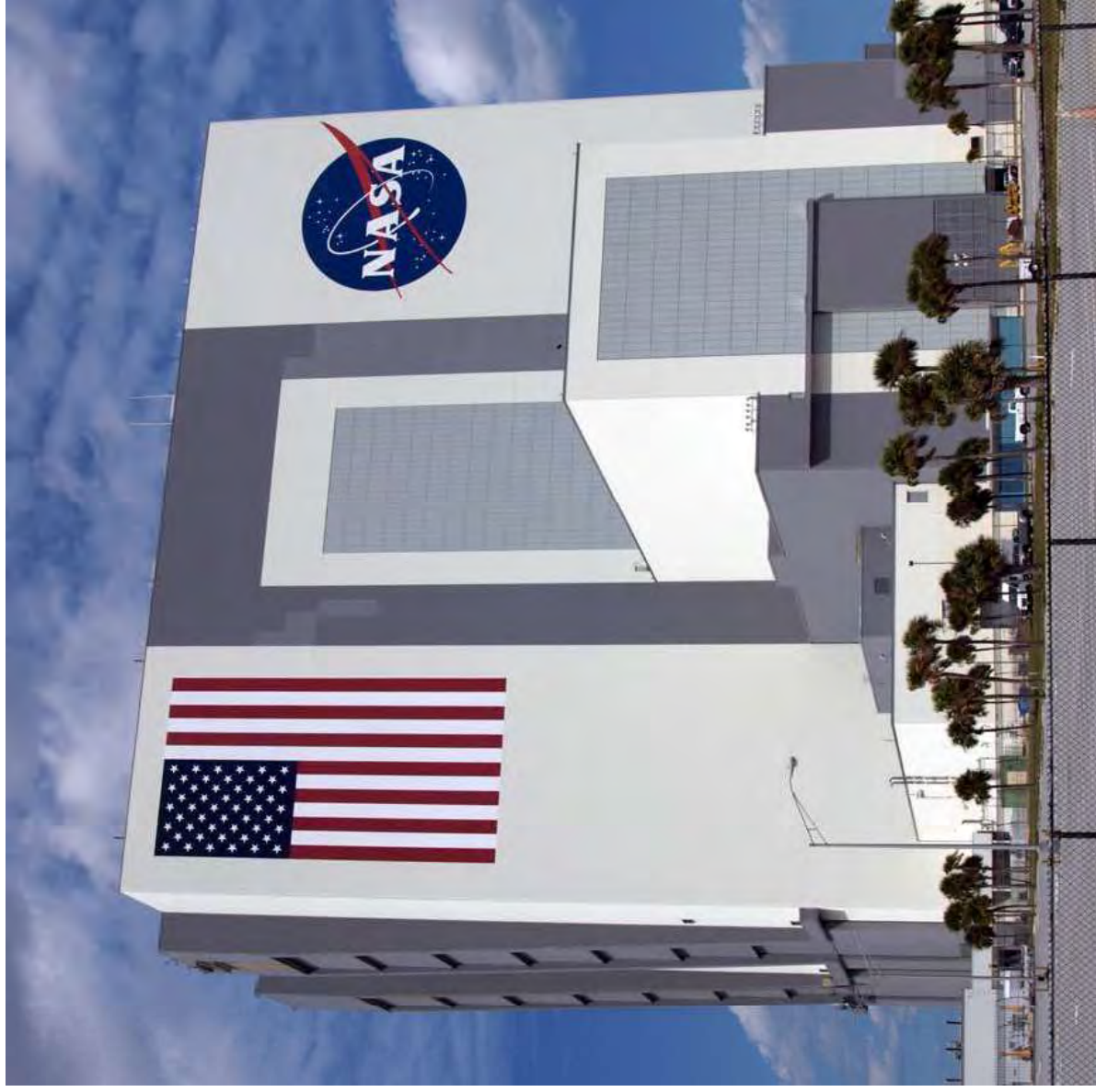
\$2.8 billion expansion



3-level facility with 19 gates



Spaceport



Spaceport Impact



Since 2007, total economic impact reached

\$5.9 billion



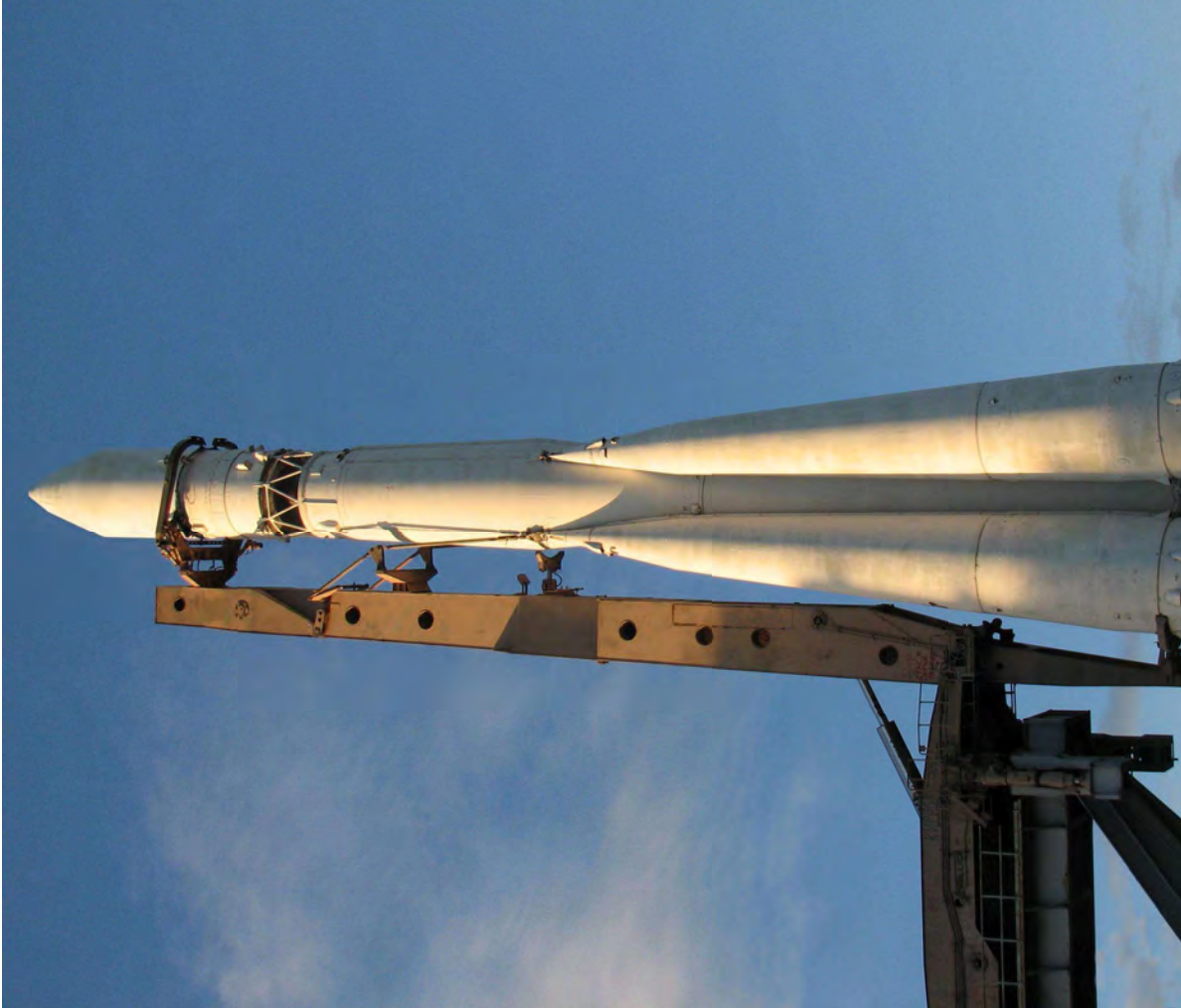
Over the next 5 years, expected impact is more than

\$5.3 billion

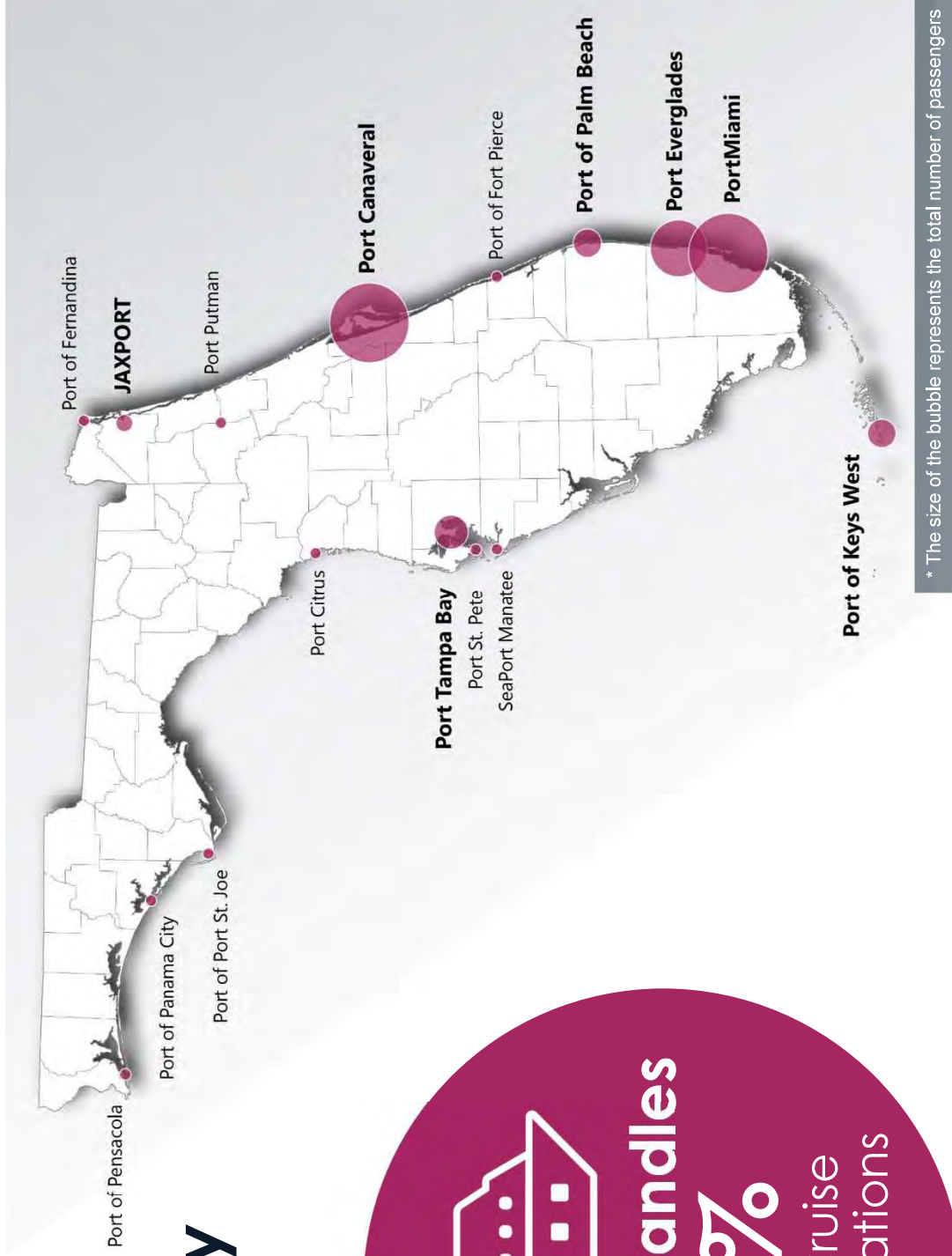


Average annual impact projected to be

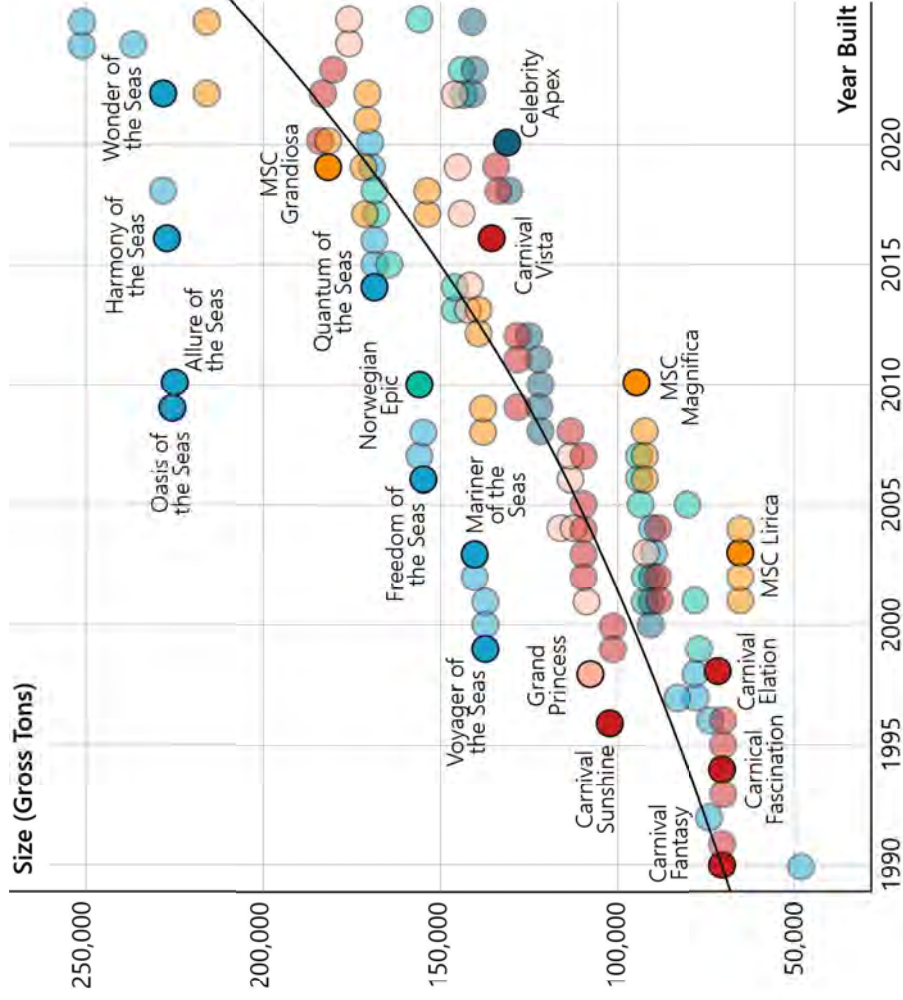
\$1.1 billion



Seaports - Cruise Industry



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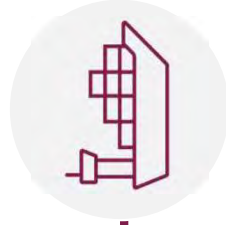


**Growing Cruise Ship Sizes
Requiring Port Expansions**



Source: Chart: See the Dramatic Rise in the Size
of Cruise Ships | [Cruzely.com](https://www.cruiseships.com)

Seaports - Cargo



114M

Tons of cargo shipped in 2023



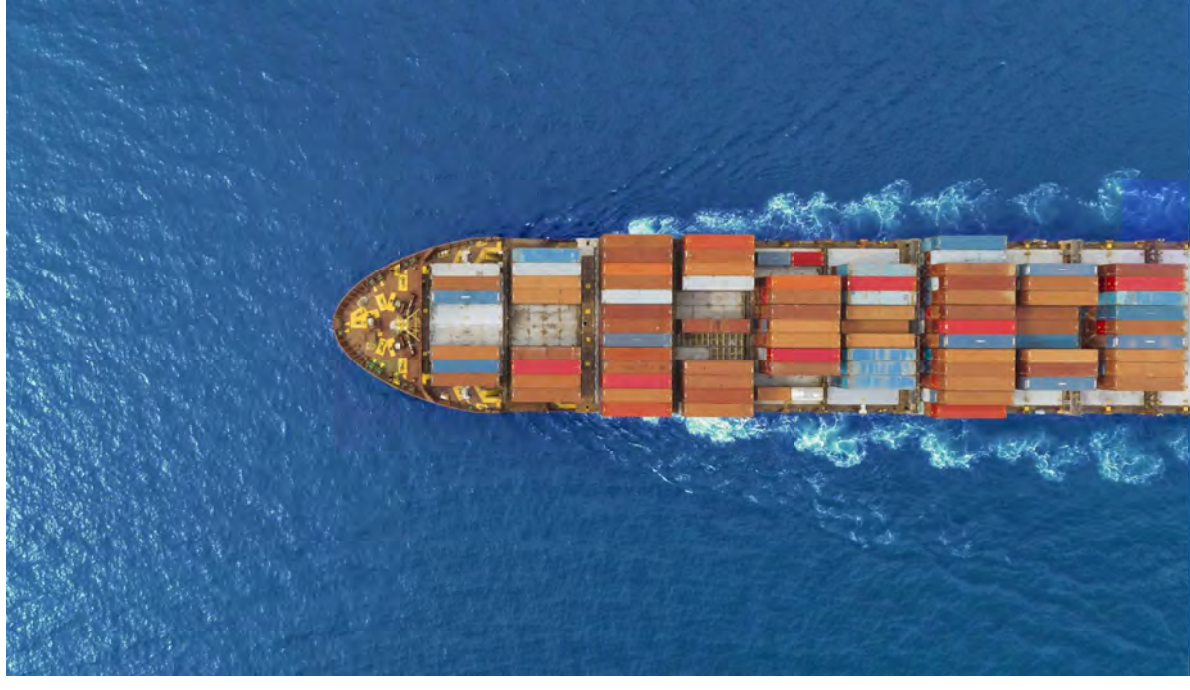
TOP 30 CONTAINERIZED
US CARGO SEAPORTS

#5 JAXPORT, #6 PortMiami



In trade, Florida Seaports handle

\$107B \$68B imports
\$41B exports



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

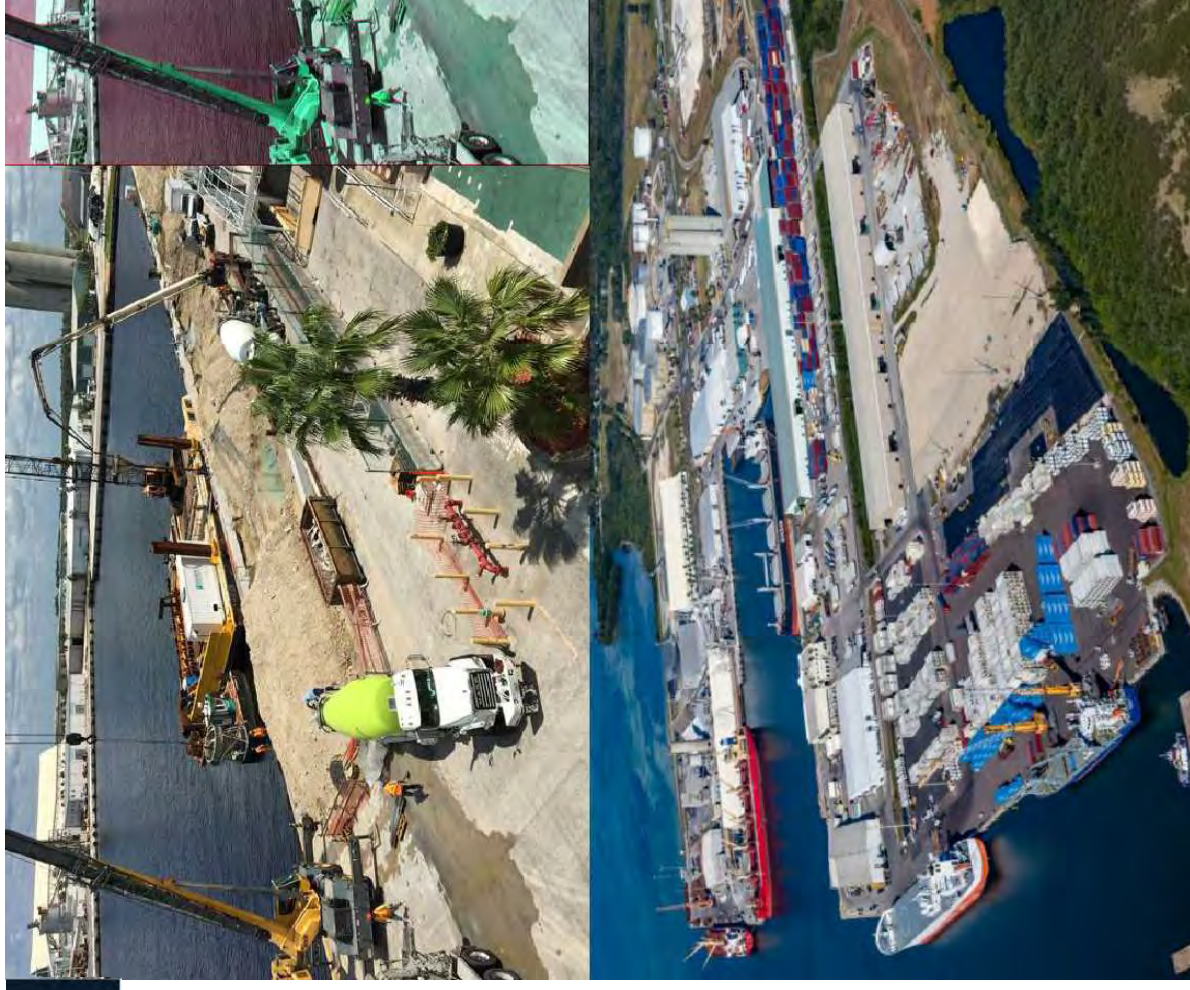
Port Manatee Berth 4 Upgrade & Reconstruction



\$39.6 million



Enhance operating
capacity



Rail



855 M tons of cargo moved on
rail & state highways
Valued at \$903 Billion



3,857 Miles
Railroad Tracks



5.8 Million
Commuter Rail Passenger Trips
(FY 2023)



\$84 B
Rail Economic
Impact

Commuter Rail

SUNRail

- DeLand Station opened in August 2024, extending service for 12.2 miles and now covering four counties
- Served more than 1 million trips in FY 2023



Tri-Rail

- Expanded service to Downtown Miami in January 2024
- Served almost 4 million trips in FY 2023



Corridors

- Focused on facilitating freight movements
- Expand capacity and address congestion



↑ 8%

Combination Truck
Miles Traveled
(2022-2023)

78%

Truck Share of
Freight Tonnage
(2022)



Source: [Florida DOT Regulations for Trucks](#)

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build



FDOT & MDX partnership



\$840 million rebuild



Realignment to improve functionality and safety



2027 completion

Systems Forecasting
& Trends Office
FDOT



Investments support job growth



27% growth
in the airline industry

60,000 jobs



20% growth in the
water transportation industry

18,000 jobs



23% growth
in the aerospace industry

31,000 jobs



27% growth in the
private transportation industry

400,000 jobs

Florida's Transportation Investments is Intrinsically Linked to the Economy



Population, jobs, and tourism growth drive Florida's transportation demand.



FDOT focuses on community- and economy-supporting infrastructure: airports, spaceports, highways, rail, seaports.

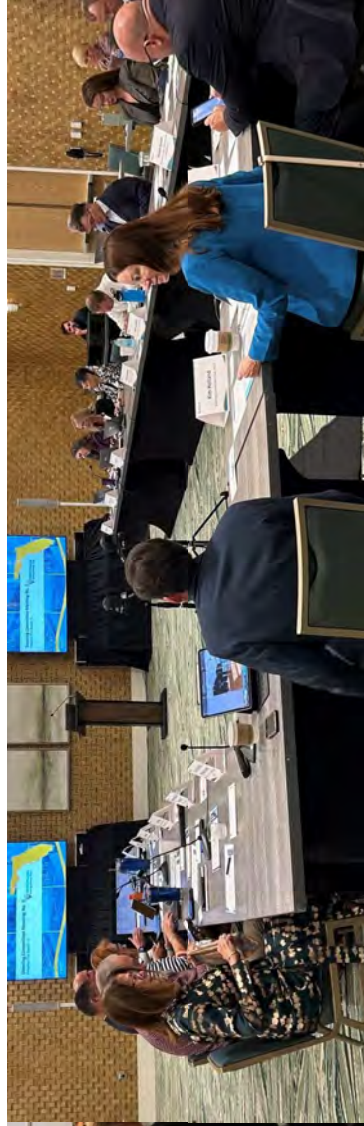


Partnership with local community and industry stakeholders is essential.

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



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Trend Resources

<https://www.fdot.gov/planning/fto/default.shtm>

Curate data, trends, performance monitoring, and system fast facts

Develop and maintains tools and information on traffic demand modeling

Support planning decisions

Focus on all modes, safety, and infrastructure conditions

