



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

May 2026



Hernando County 2026-35 TDP Annual Update

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

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

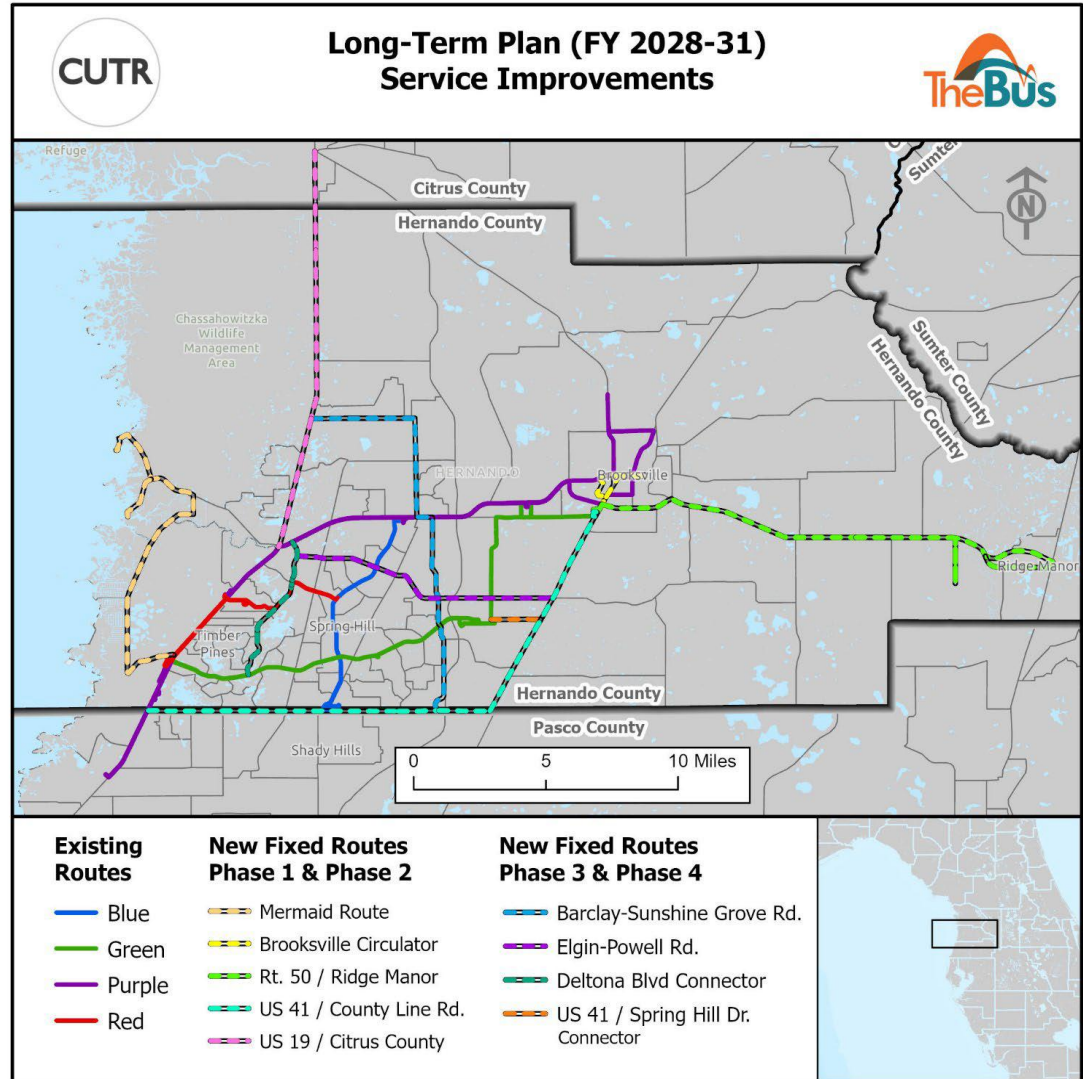
What will the Hernando County Transit FY 2026-35 (TDP) Annual Update Address?

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



Top Service Priorities from the 2025-34 TDP

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



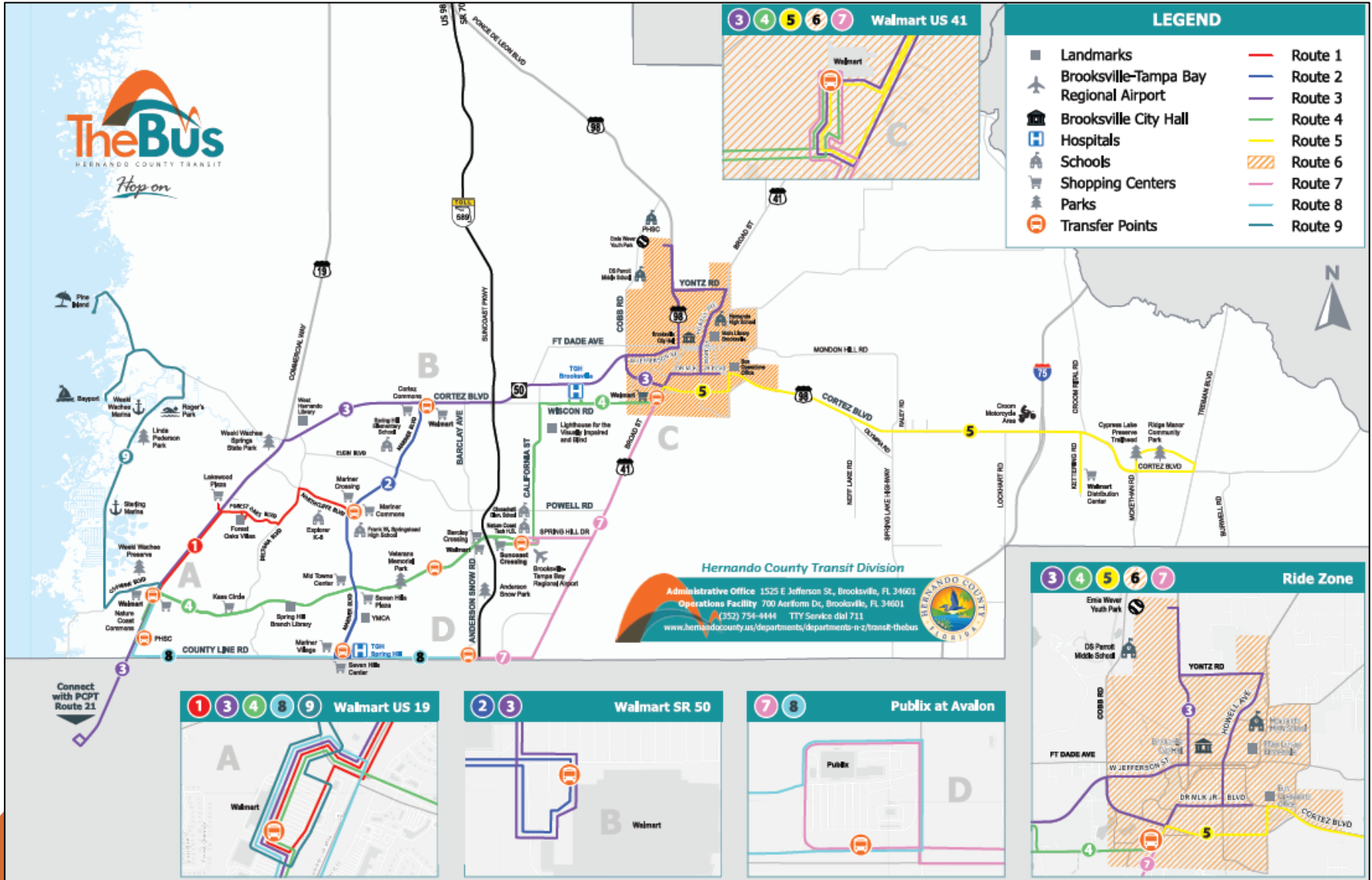
New Hernando County Transit Service Implemented in FY 2025

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

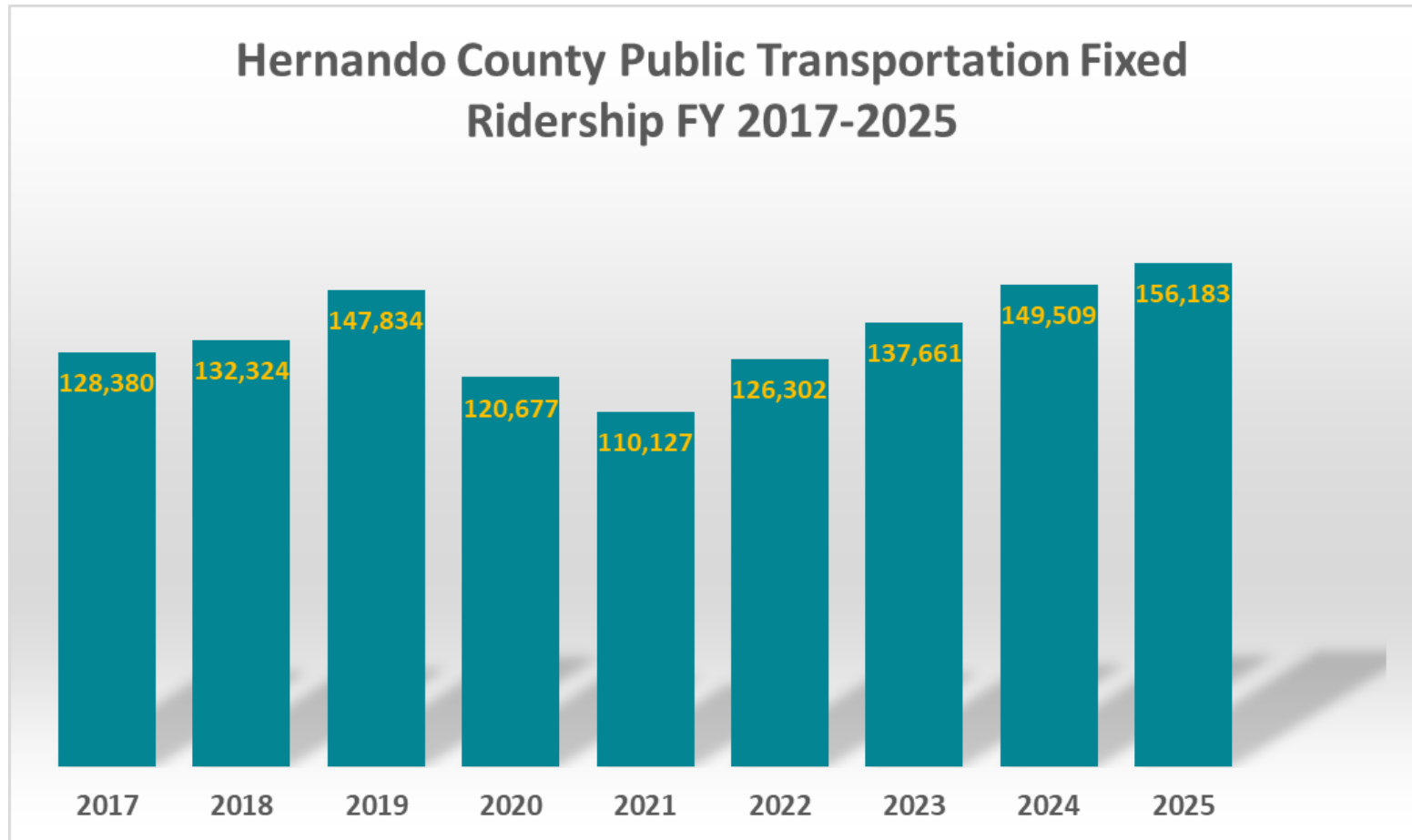
NEED	PLANNED IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR									
		FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	FY 33	FY 34
SERVICE	MAINTAIN EXISTING SYSTEM										
	Maintain Existing Fixed Route Service	☑									
	Maintain Existing ADA/Paratransit Service	☑									
	EXPAND EXISTING SYSTEM										
	Expand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



Hernando County Transit (TheBus) System FY 2026



Hernando County Transit (TheBus) Ridership



New Hernando County Transit Capital Implemented in FY 2025

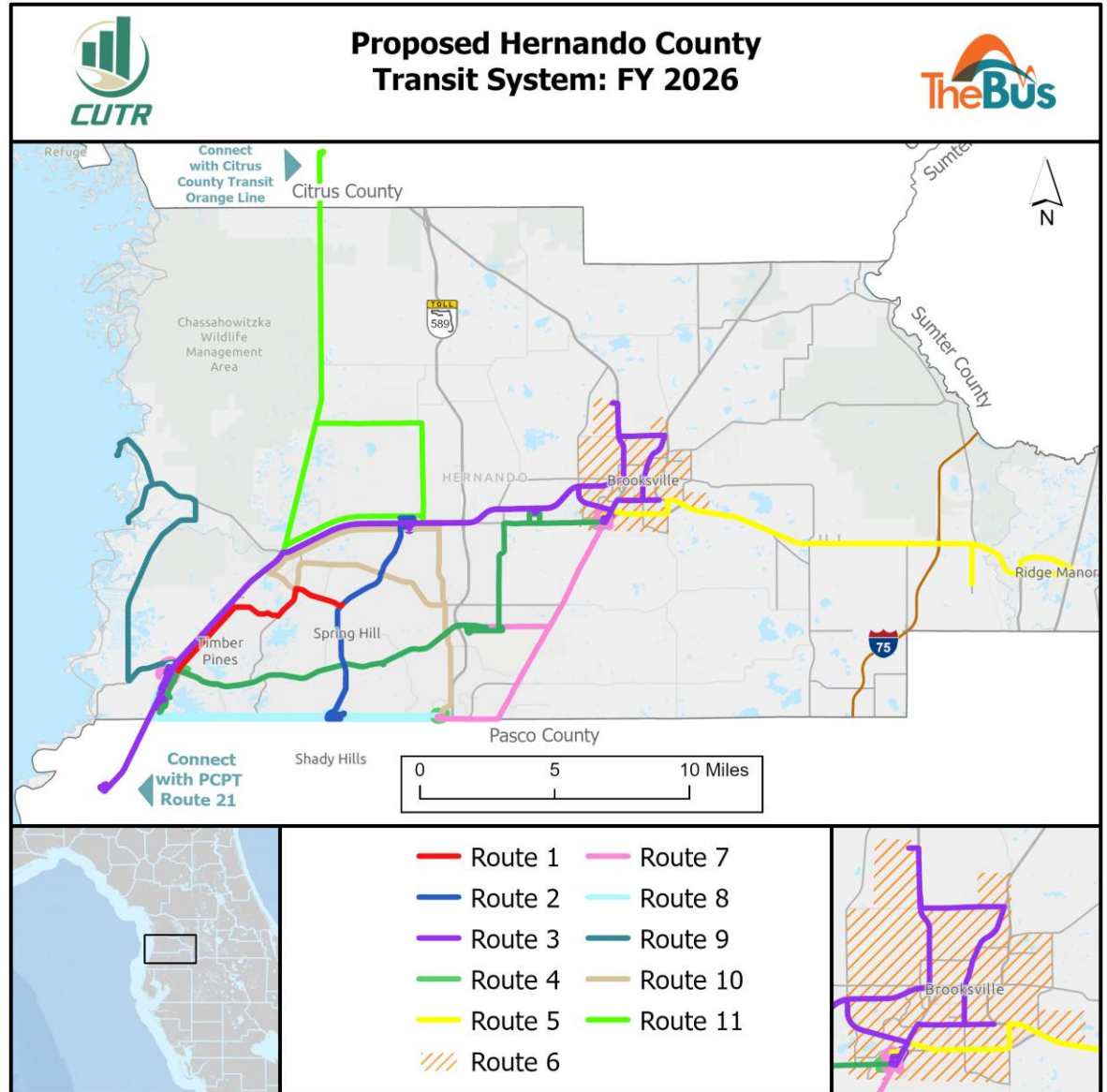
- Existing vehicles replaced on schedule.
- New vehicles purchased for new services.
- Paratransit and Fixed Route transit scheduling and bus tracking systems updated.
- Preliminary planning and design procurement processes started for bus stops/bus shelters, parking lot, and new garage/transfer facility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

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



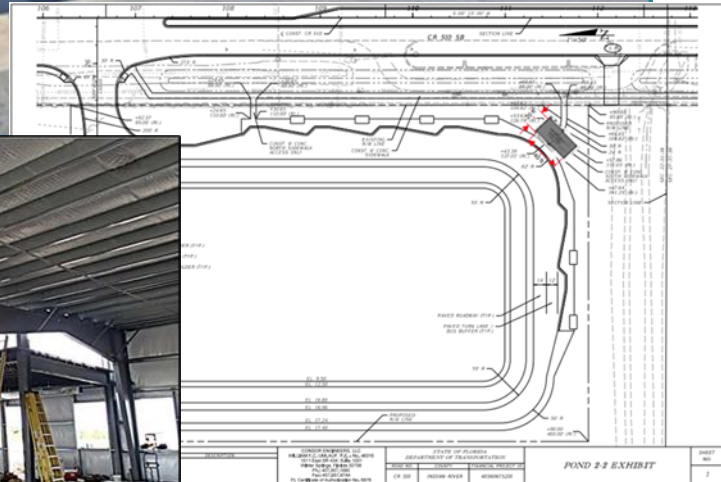
Top Service Priorities for FY 2026-35

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



Top Capital Priorities for FY 2026-35

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



Additional Initiatives for FY 2026-35

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

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

REDUCED-FARE PHOTO ID

Riders must show their Reduced-Fare Photo ID to receive reduced fare privileges. The following are links to obtain a Reduced-Fare Photo ID: [TheBus](#) [Hernando County](#)

RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

Please visit our website to view the documents mentioned above.

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


ROUTE 3

BUS ROUTE SCHEDULE

Local Service Monday - Saturday
Effective Date: March 2025

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

All buses are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bike racks



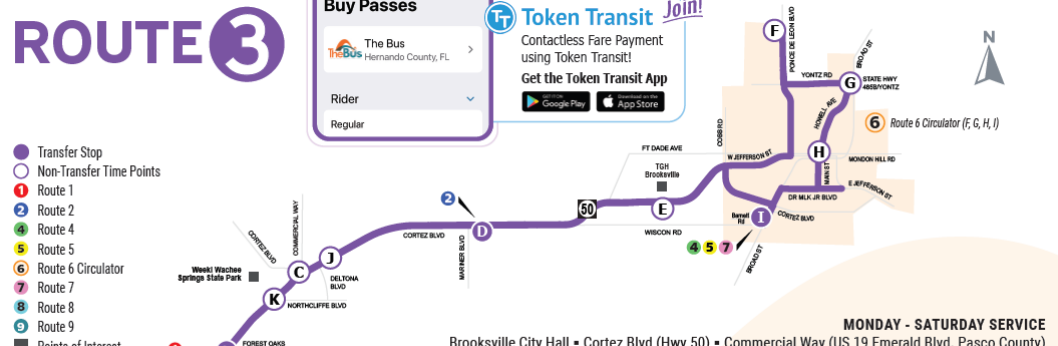
ROUTE 3

Buy Passes

TheBus
Hernando County, FL

Rider
Regular

Token Transit *Join!*
Contactless Fare Payment using Token Transit!
Get the Token Transit App
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MONDAY - SATURDAY SERVICE
Brooksville City Hall ▪ Cortez Blvd (Hwy 50) ▪ Commercial Way (US 19 Emerald Blvd. Pasco County)

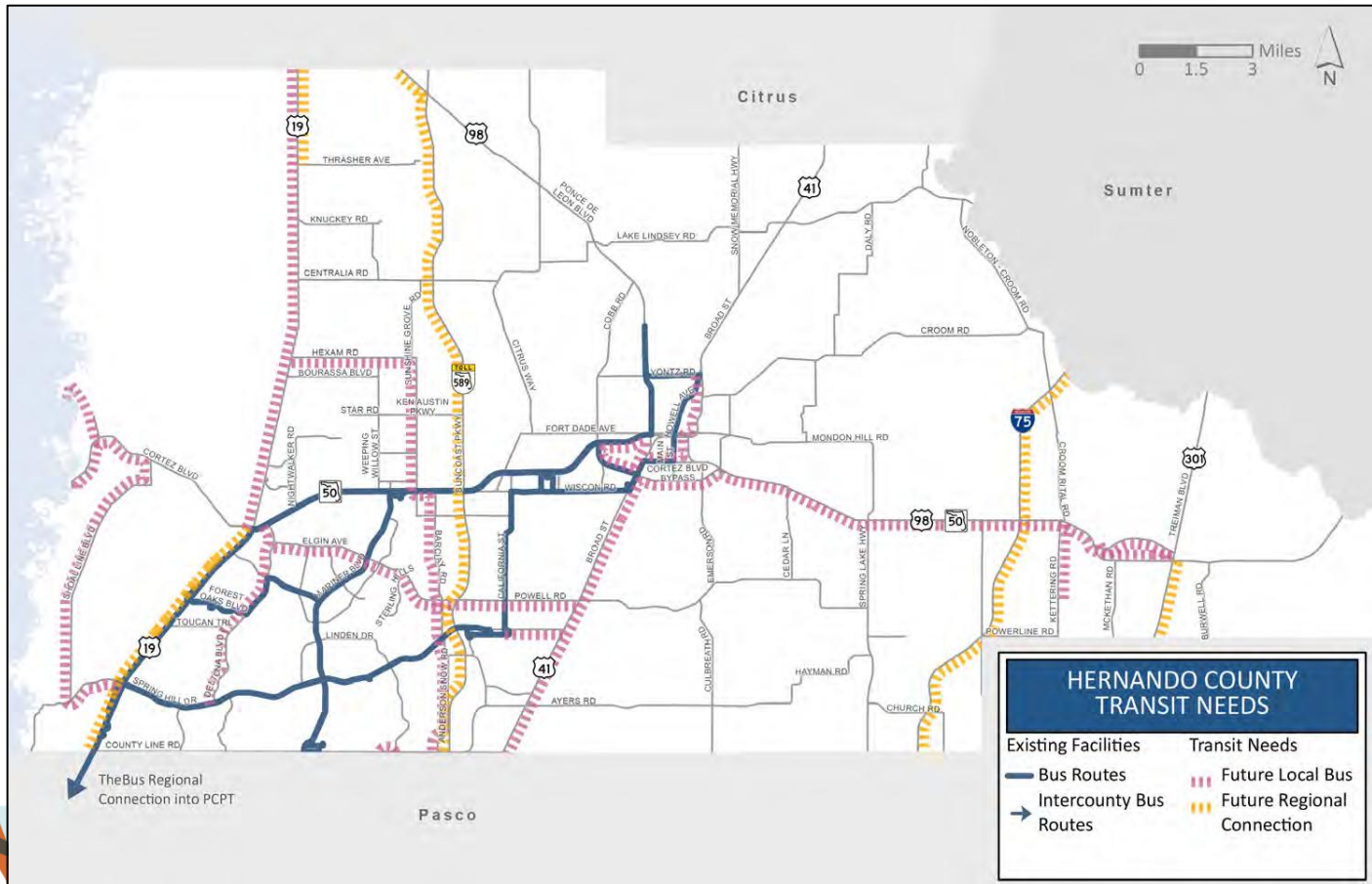
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Emerald Blvd. (Pasco County)*	PHSC Spring Hill*	SR 50 & Deltona Blvd	Walmart SR 50*	Tampa General Hospital (TGH Bksville)	PHSC North	Howell Ave & Yontz Rd	Brooksville City Hall	Brooksville City Hall	Walmart US 41*	Walmart SR 50*	Oak Hill Hospital	Weekie Wachee Springs	Lakewood Plaza*	Walmart US 19*	Emerald Blvd. (Pasco County)*
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* Denotes a transfer point with another route. SHADED area indicates Saturday Service Hours
TIMES SHOWN ARE SCHEDULED BUT MAY VARY DUE TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WEATHER OR UNFORESEEN EVENTS.



Coordinating with the Hernando/Citrus MPO

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



Next Steps

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



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