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JOINT MPO/FDOT CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Annual Joint FDOT/MPO Certification for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, review was conducted on February 11, 2025, as required by federal guidelines to assess the MPO's compliance with the federal transportation planning process and applicable state laws. **The Hernando-Citrus MPO was found to be in compliance with federal and state guidelines for metropolitan transportation planning.**

The following is a summary of the Department's findings:

Notable Achievements

- *Adopted the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*
- *Continued coordination on improvements to the Ayers/US41 intersection and adding planned signalization improvements on US 41 and CR 491*
- *Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Good Neighbor Trail*
- *Participated in meetings and collaborated with Pasco County MPO, Lake Sumter MPO, and Ocala-Marion TPO*
- *Continued to work with District 7, Ocala-Marion TPO, and District 5 on potential funding strategies on SR 200 in both Citrus and Marion Counties*
- *Finalized a Traffic Study for US 41 and County Line Road in Hernando County and for US 41 and SR 200 in Citrus County*
- *Completed the annual update of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the MPO. The Plan served as a guide during the Hernando County Cyber24 incident that began April 1, 2024 and the three major hurricanes (Debby, Helene, and Milton) that severely impacted Hernando and Citrus Counties and the State of Florida*

Recommended Actions

- The MPO should consider developing a methodology to assist with ranking projects on the MPO's Priority Lists.
- The MPO should communicate challenges, questions, and concerns to FDOT Liaison staff directly to facilitate appropriate resolution.
- The MPO should continue to coordinate with local governments to identify low-cost solutions to transportation challenges.

Corrective Actions

- None