



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

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

### **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

The MPO's General Planning Consultant, Kimley-Horn & Associates, will be making a presentation on the Hernando/Citrus MPO's goals and objectives and the preliminary needs assessment associated with the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

An analysis is required to address needs related to transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, intermodal facilities, and goods movement which sets the foundation for technical information that will be utilized to develop needed transportation projects. The Consultant will identify Context Classification designations for non-state roadways included in the MPO major roadway network. Resources for the assessment include: the 2045 LRTP, the Transportation Improvement Plans (current and proposed) and the current adopted bicycle/pedestrian plans.

Once the 2050 Multi-modal Needs Plan is completed, the MPO Prioritization Process will be reviewed and updated by the MPO to establish road widening/capacity project priorities for the final Needs Plan. The Consultant will work closely with MPO staff in the subsequent prioritization process. The results of the project prioritization process will be used subsequently in the development of the 2050 Multi-modal Cost Affordable Transportation Plan.

On May 23, 2024, the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviewed the presentation of the preliminary draft maps that were based on the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and made the following recommendations:

- Reflect more road/trail names/labels on the map and the utilization of varied or contrasting colors for two-lane and four-lane segments.
- Ensure priority projects contained in the Transportation Improvement Plan are reflected on the maps.
- Reflect current projects on the Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Needs map including such projects in Crystal River as the Jim LeGrone Memorial Park to Copeland Community Park along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a Multi-Use Trail (MUT) along W. Halls River Road from Riverhaven to US 19, and a connector trail from Three Sisters Springs to Jim LeGrone Memorial Park in Crystal River.
- Additional emphasis be reflected on CR491 (an evacuation route) in Citrus County.
- Include transit route updates for Citrus County including the re-establishment of the Homosassa Line route, and the proposed routes in Hernando County for *TheBus*.
- Reflection of an interchange desired by Hernando County at the Suncoast Parkway at

Centralia Road.

- Next drafts of the maps be accompanied by a list comparing the changes from the 2045 LRTP to the 2050 LRTP.

## **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 that the MPO Board review the presentation and provide commentary to the consultant as desired.