



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Marion County – Library Headquarters, Meeting Room B
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470

October 10, 2023

3:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **[September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)**
4. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. **[2023 Apportionment Plan](#)**
Staff will present the 2023 Apportionment Plan for approval
 - B. **[2023 List of Priority Projects \(LOPP\) Amendment](#)**
Staff will present an update to the Trails list of the LOPP for approval
5. **PRESENTATION ITEMS**
 - A. **[Congestion Management Plan Online Resources](#)**
A presentation by staff on the CMP online resources
6. **COMMENTS BY FDOT**
 - A. **FDOT Construction Report**
 - B. **[FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program](#)**
 - C. **[Moving Florida Forward I-75](#)**
7. **COMMENTS BY TPO STAFF**
 - A. **Mobility Week 2023 Updates**
 - B. **[CTST/TPO Safety Summit](#)**
 - C. **[SUN Trail Request for Funding](#)**
8. **COMMENTS BY TAC MEMBERS**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 2 minutes)**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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*The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on
November 14, 2023*



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
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3:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Ji Li
Dave Herlihy
Bob Titterington (*arrived at 3:54pm*)
Kenneth Odom
Mickey Thomason
Noel Cooper
Loretta Shaffer
Eric Smith
Rakinya Hinson
Chad Ward
Chris Ziegler (*alternate member for Elton Holland*)

Members Not Present:

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, Ocala Marion TPO
Shakayla Irby, Ocala Marion TPO
Jeff Shrum, City of Ocala

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Kenneth Odom called the meeting to order at 3:33pm and Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated the meeting had been published online to the TPO's website, as well as the City of Ocala, Belleview, Marion County, and Dunnellon's websites on September 5, 2023. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3. Consent Agenda

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Thomason seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

Two projects were proposed to be amended to the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FM# 435209-1: I-75 at NW 49th Street from end of NW 49th Street to end of NW 35th Street

- New Interchange at I-75
- Right-of-Way (ROW) phase
- Funds to be added or carried forward prior years to FY 2024, FY 2025
- Total: \$20,429,319
 - CIGP: \$100,000 (FY 24) – State Funds
 - DIH: \$19,189 (FY 24) – State Funds
 - LF: \$11,700,000 (FY 24) – Local Funds
 - DDR: \$3,737,100 (FY 25) – State Funds
 - SA: \$4,873,030 (FY 25) – Federal Funds

FM# 439331-4: Ocala/Marion Urban Area FY 2023-2024 UPWP

- TPO Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) (carry-forward, adjustment)
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$307,934

In addition, the annual Roll Forward TIP Amendment Report was proposed to be amended with the request. The following summarizes the proposed changes to the TIP. Mr. Balmes also provide a slideshow presentation to the committee showing project highlights.

TIP Roll Forward Report

- 39 total projects with carry-forward funding, prior year(s) to FY 2024
- \$59,297,220 total Roll Forward amount for FY 2024

Mr. Thomason made a motion to approve FY 2024 to 2028 TIP Amendment #1.

Mr. Herlihy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5a. Draft 2023 Apportionment Plan

Every ten years, after the decennial census, all MPO/TPO's must review the composition of board membership and the respective planning area boundary. An "Apportionment Plan" serves as the official document summarizing both the proposed membership and MPO/TPO planning area.

Federal law enables state and local governments to largely determine the composition of an MPO/TPO and the planning area. The Governor officially apportions the membership of the MPO/TPO in agreement with the affected local governments, based on the transmitted Apportionment Plan.

Apportionment Plans must contain a profile of the MPO/TPO, including the total planning area population; Census-designated urban area populations greater than 50,000 people; proposed board membership; and a planning area boundary map. A Resolution of support from the governing body of the MPO/TPO must also be part of the Plan.

A draft 2023 Apportionment Plan for the Ocala/Marion County TPO was provided to the committee in the agenda packet.

Current TPO Board membership is 12 Voting and 1 Non-Voting (FDOT) since 2003.

The TPO proposed: TPO Board Membership remaining the same 12 Voting and 1 Non-Voting (FDOT) with a total of 13 members.

The makeup of the TPO board: The City of Ocala (5 voting members), Marion County (5 voting members), City of Belleview (1 voting member), City of Dunnellon (1 voting member), and FDOT (1 non-voting member).

Adoption of the Apportionment Plan was anticipated in October. Submission of an Apportionment Plan, with a resolution of support, must be transmitted to the Florida Department of Transportation by November 14, 2023.

Mr. Herlihy inquired whether the TPO Director was responsible for the data and analysis of the Apportionment Plan.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) had brought up Reddick and McIntosh and asked if there had been any previous consideration.

Mr. Odom clarified that there was no discussion regarding Reddick or McIntosh. Instead, the discussion focused on the possibility of appointing a representative from Silver Springs Shores and Marion Oaks, but it did not progress further.

Mr. Herlihy inquired about the significance of having the entirety of Marion County represented and wanted to know if it would allow for the possibility of allocating funds for projects in areas like the northeast.

Mr. Odom responded that, regarding membership on a committee level, it was challenging to secure representation in certain areas, and that's precisely why the committees were established. Some areas have consistently posed difficulties in terms of representation.

Item 5b. Commitment to Zero Dashboard and Annual Report

As part of the Commitment to Zero Safety Action Plan, the TPO has been working with its consultant Kittelson and Associates to develop an online, interactive dashboard and annual report. Both tasks are part of the TPO's commitment to maintain education and awareness for transportation safety in Marion County.

Commitment to Zero Dashboard

The following URL address provides a direct link to the Commitment to Zero Dashboard, located on the TPO's ArcGIS online platform:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/efaf16b5991c420cb7f018d001c1d52c>

The Commitment to Zero Dashboard is meant to provide a public-friendly resource to review the most recent five years of crash data (2018-2022), with an emphasis on fatalities and serious injuries. The Dashboard has a number of features, such as changing the map display to an aerial background; selecting crashes by year and severity; viewing crashes by location; selecting weather conditions; reviewing vehicle types; among others. The Dashboard would be updated annually to include the most recent five-year period, along with any refinements and improvements.

Commitment to Zero Annual Report

The Annual Report provides an in-depth summary of crash statistics over the most recent five-year period (2018-2022) in Marion County. This includes key statistics like total crashes, crash types and crash severity by year, top frequency/severity locations, and detailed information about the users.

Mr. Balmes gave a brief overview on how to navigate the Commitment to Zero Dashboard and said that ongoing feedback would be most welcomed to ensure the Dashboard remained accessible and of value to the community.

Mr. Cooper asked about the source of the information in the dashboard, and Mr. Balmes responded that all the information came from Signal Four Analytics.

Ms. Shaffer inquired whether the data from the Congestion Management Plan, specifically the 2023 State of the System discussed at last month's meeting, had been overlaid with the data in the Commitment to Zero Dashboard for comparison.

Mr. Balmes replied, that overlay could be done in GIS.

Mr. Odom mentioned that when searching for patterns in fatalities, there are generally none. The only consistency that ever emerged was related to bike or pedestrian fatalities.

Mr. Jeff Shrum, City of Ocala Growth Management Director, inquired about the role of the Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) in the Commitment to Zero.

Mr. Balmes replied that the CTST was indeed a part of the working group for the Commitment to Zero. Additionally, the CTST and TPO were discussing the possibility of having a joint safety meeting.

Mr. Herlihy asked if any of the data on the dashboard was downloadable.

Mr. Balmes said that all of the information was provided by Signal Four Analytics and that GIS files were public information and could be brought into a map for analysis.

Item 6a. TAC Membership

Periodically, TPO staff review the TAC bylaws to ensure the most relevant guidance is in place. Annually, TPO staff were expected to provide a membership report to the TPO Board. The current TAC bylaws include an overview of membership as follows:

The TAC shall include local engineers, planners, and a variety of other professionals throughout the County. The following includes the voting members of the TAC:

- Two (2) representatives from Marion County
- Two (2) representatives from the City of Ocala
- One (1) representative from the City of Belleview
- One (1) representative from the City of Dunnellon
- One (1) representative from SunTran as assigned by the City of Ocala
- One (1) representative from the Marion County School District
- One (1) representative from Greenways and Trails
- One (1) representative from Marion County Tourism

A representative from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5, will serve as a non-voting advisor. Ocala Marion TPO will provide staff support for the meeting.

TPO staff were in the process of conducting a review of the current membership of the TAC, and seeking feedback from the members. No specific recommendations had been proposed at the time.

Mr. Ziegler said that he would be the TAC replacement for former County Engineer, Elton Holland and a new alternate would need to be named.

Mr. Balmes said the TPO would send a letter with current membership to the County for an official response of the TAC appointee and alternate member.

Mr. Herlihy asked if we had any spots for first responders on the TAC.

Mr. Odom replied that first responders were included in CTST.

Item 6b. Mobility Week

Ms. Irby provided the committee with a Save the Date flyer for Mobility Week, which was scheduled for October 27 through November 4. The TPO had been in the process of planning Mobility Week events and would provide information to the committee as it became available.

Mr. Herlihy asked if there were any back to school events during Mobility Week.

Mr. Odom replied that Walk Your Kids to School Day would be the first Wednesday in October and did not coincide with Mobility Week.

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Hinson provided an updated construction report and also let the committee know that cflroads.com was reference for project information.

Ms. Hinson provided a few comments on the I-75 Rest Area Construction. The Sumter Rest Area was opened on August 11, with over 30,000 square yards of pavement installed to accommodate 110 car parking spaces and 64 truck and RV spaces, including accommodations for handicap parking. The truck parking lot was equipped with Truck Parking Availability System (TPAS) which would automatically update rest area truck parking signs to let truck drivers know how many parking spaces were available in a rest area.

Ms. Hinson provided a couple of other updates. First, the S.R. 40 Resurfacing project from the Marion County Line to the Volusia County Line is now 100% complete from the Marion County Line to the St. Johns River. Second, the Resurfacing of U.S. 441 from NW 20th Street to the U.S. 301 Interchange in Spar was finished on August 7.

Another important update was that FDOT had 36 employees deployed to District 2 for hurricane cleanup and recovery efforts following Hurricane Idalia. The crews would remain there for as long as needed.

Ms. Shaffer inquired about the rest area in Marion County and whether FDOT collaborated with destinations on rest area amenities. Ms. Hinson wasn't sure but said she would find out.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes announced that the TPO would be adding a Transportation Planner named Sara Brown, and she would attend the next committee meeting.

Item 9. Comments by TAC Members

Chairman Odom welcomed Mr. Chad Ward from the City of Dunnellon to the TAC.

Item 10. Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Shrum, City of Ocala Growth Management Director, mentioned the discussion regarding the rail corridor, the train depot from Downtown to Silver Springs Shores, and suggested that it could be included as a discussion item in the Long-Range Transportation Plan

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Approved –

(LRTP). It was not currently a project and just wanted to put it on the radar of the TAC.

Item 11. Adjournment

Chairman Kenneth Odom adjourned the meeting at 4:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant



TO: Committee Members

FROM: Rob Balmes, Director

RE: 2023 Apportionment Plan

Summary

Attached to this memo is the 2023 Apportionment Plan for the Ocala/Marion County TPO. The Plan was reviewed by the TPO Board at the September 26 meeting. Approval of the Apportionment Plan will be requested at the October 10, 2023 meeting. Submission of an Apportionment Plan, with a resolution of support by the board chair, must be transmitted to the Florida Department of Transportation by November 14, 2023.

Attachment(s)

- Presentation
- 2023 Apportionment Plan

Recommendation(s)

TPO staff is requesting your approval of the 2023 Apportionment Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 438-2631.

Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) 2023 Apportionment Plan



**For
Approval**

**CAC and TAC
Meetings
October 10, 2023**

Apportionment 2023 Schedule

- ✓ **CAC/TAC Presentations – September 12**
- ✓ **TPO Board Presentation – September 26**
- **CAC and TAC Approvals – October 10**
- **TPO Board Adoption – October 24**
- **Submission to FDOT by November 14 for Governor Approval**

MPA Boundary

- **2020 MPA Boundary remain the entirety of Marion County**

MPA - Planning Area Population

MPA Area	2010 Population	2020 Population
Total	331,298	375,908

Increase of 44,610 residents or 13.5 percent

Membership

- **TPO Board Membership remains 12 Voting, 1 Non-Voting. 13 members.**
- **City of Ocala (5); Marion County (5), City of Belleview (1); City of Dunnellon (1) – Voting**
- **FDOT Secretary (1) – Non-Voting**

Membership

Jurisdiction/Agency	Current Membership			Proposed Membership		
	Number of Voting Members	Number of Non-Voting Members	Percent of Total Votes	Number of Voting Members	Number of Non-Voting Members	Percent of Total Votes
City of Belleview	1	0	8.3%	1	0	8.3%
City of Dunnellon	1	0	8.3%	1	0	8.3%
City of Ocala	5	0	41.7%	5	0	41.7%
Marion County	5	0	41.7%	5	0	41.7%
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5	0	1	0%	0	1	0%
Total	12	1	100%	12	1	100%

**Seeking Committee
Approval/Endorsement
2023 Apportionment Plan**



Website: Ocalamariontpo.org

Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) 2023 Apportionment Plan



Mission

To plan for a future transportation system that is safe and accessible for the residents and visitors of our community.

Vision

A transportation system that supports growth, mobility, and safety through leadership and planning.

Pending Board Adoption on October 24, 2023

This document was prepared with financial assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Florida Department of Transportation.

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Introduction

This Apportionment Plan documents the current and proposed Planning Area boundary map and Governing Board membership for the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), which includes the cities of Belleview, Dunnellon, Ocala and Marion County.

Federal laws require metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) to be designated for each urban area with a population greater than 50,000 people [23 CFR 450.310(a), 23 USC 134(d)]. This designation is accomplished by an agreement between the Governor and the affected units of local government. In Florida, Florida Statutes (Section 339.175) outline the requirements for MPO membership composition and apportionment of the voting membership.

Pursuant to these federal and state laws, the TPO was designated as an MPO in 1981, when the Ocala Urbanized Area Census population exceeded a threshold of 50,000 people (58,103). All planning activities of the TPO must follow a *Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive ('3C') transportation process.

Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

The boundaries of the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) are determined by agreement between the TPO and the Governor and, at minimum, encompass the entire existing urban area (as defined by the Census Bureau) plus the contiguous area expected to become urban within a 20-year forecast period (23 CFR 450.312). Due to significant population growth in the 1980's, the TPO Board approved the entirety of Marion County in 1992 as the MPA boundary, in agreement with the Governor. The proposed **2020 MPA boundary**, based on the Census, is to maintain the **entirety of Marion County**, as illustrated in **Figure 1** on the next page.

Metropolitan Planning Area Population

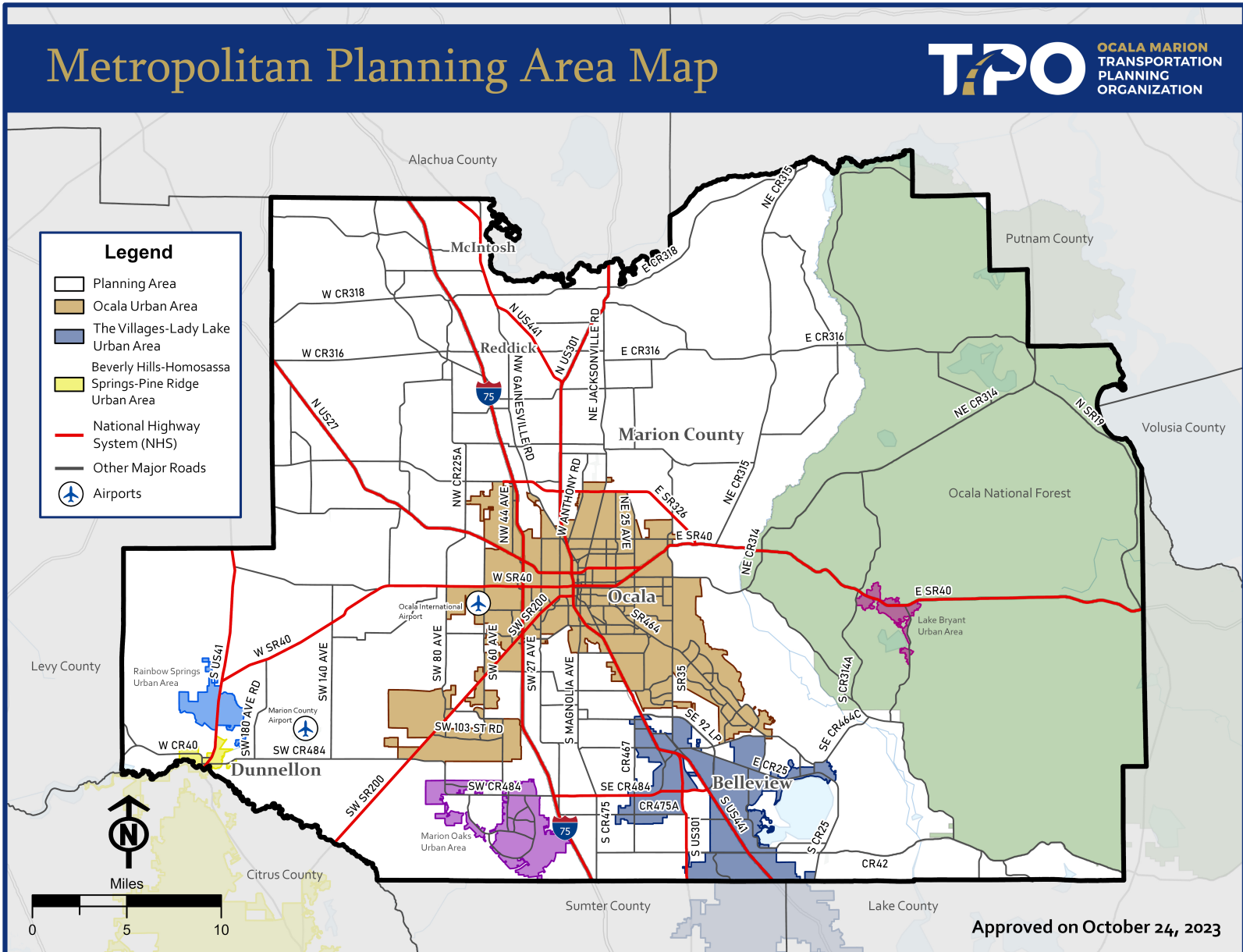
Based on the entirety of Marion County as the TPO's proposed MPA, **Table 1** displays the total population figures for the 2020 and 2010 Census. As displayed, from 2010 to 2020, the population of the MPA grew to 375,908, an increase of 44,610 residents or 13.5 percent.

Table 1: MPA (TPO Planning Area) Population

MPA Area	2010 Population	2020 Population
Total	331,298	375,908

*Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive (3C) transportation process. *Continuing*: Planning must be maintained as an ongoing activity and addresses both short-term needs and a long-term vision; *Cooperative*: The process must include the entire region and all partners through a public participation process; and *Comprehensive*: the process must cover all modes of transportation and consistent with local plans and priorities.

Figure 1: Proposed Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map, Ocala/Marion County TPO



TPO Membership

Federal and state laws allow states and units of local government to largely determine the specific composition of the MPOs. This process is undertaken every ten years, in alignment with the Census. The following summarizes current and proposed TPO Governing Board membership.

Current Membership

The Governing Board is currently comprised of twelve (12) voting members and one (1) non-voting member. The Board is represented by the City of Belleview Commission (1 vote); City of Dunnellon Council (1 vote); City of Ocala Mayor and Council (5 votes); and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (5 votes). The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5, serves as one non-voting member. This current composition was agreed upon by the Board members in 2003 and reflected in a membership Apportionment Plan, adopted on November 25, 2003. The 2013 Apportionment Plan and corresponding membership was re-affirmed by the Board on May 28, 2013. Both apportionment plans were finalized by approval of the Governor in 2003 and 2013 respectively.

Proposed Membership

No changes are proposed to the current TPO Governing Board Membership. The proposed Board membership remains 13 members, including 12 voting members from Belleview (1), Dunnellon (1), Ocala (5), Marion County (5), and 1 non-voting member from the FDOT District 5. Current and proposed memberships are displayed in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Current and Proposed TPO Board Membership

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Total	12	1	100%	12	1	100%

Apportionment Plan Board Resolution

DRAFT - Pending Board Adoption

RESOLUTION OF THE OCALA/MARION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF
THE 2023 APPORTIONMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Section 134 Title 23 of the United States Code requires the designation of Metropolitan Planning Organizations in urban areas, as defined by the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for conducting a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization reviewed the Metropolitan Planning Area, and agreed upon the boundary presented herein; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization reviewed the membership composition, and agreed upon the composition presented herein; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.175(4)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the Governor to review the composition of the Metropolitan Planning Organization membership in conjunction with the decennial census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization approves the submittal of the Apportionment Plan to the Governor's Office.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chair of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization held on this 24th day of October 2023.

By: _____

Craig Curry, Chair

Attest: _____

Rob Balmes, Director



TO: Committee Members

FROM: Rob Balmes, Director

**RE: Amendment of the 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP),
Trail Priorities List**

Summary

TPO staff are proposing to update the 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Trail Priorities list to include a Cross Florida Greenway-Pruitt Gap connection, across State Road (SR) 200. Based on the recent enactment of Senate Bill 106, which revitalized and increased funding for the SUN Trail network, the TPO with state and local partners are identifying future project opportunities in Marion County. A connection across SR 200 would provide a vital link to the Cross Florida Greenway and Heart of Florida Loop, while ensuring safety for all users.

Attachment(s)

- Proposed Amended 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP), Trail Priorities List

Recommendation(s)

TPO staff is requesting your review and approval. If you have any questions regarding the proposed LOPP amendment, please contact me at 438-2631.

2023 Trail Priorities

2023 Rank	FDOT Project Number	Project List(s)	Project Name/Limits	Description	Current TIP/Tentative Work Program Phase(s)	Current TIP/Tentative Work Program Funding	Proposed Phase(s)	Funding Requested
1	439238-2	Trails	Belleview to Greenway Trail	Shared Use Path on SE 102nd Place from SE 52nd Court to intersection at US 441; Trail connection from US 441 Shared Use path to Santos Trailhead	CST	\$3,972,004	DES, CST	TBD
2		Trails	Indian Lake Trail	New trail to provide direct access to Indian Lake State Forest			CST	\$2,850,000
3		Trails	Watula and NE 8th Road Trail	New trail from Tuscawilla Park to CR 200A			CST	TBD
4	435484-2	Trails	Pruitt Trail from SR 200 to Pruitt Trailhead	Construction of 12-foot trail south of CR 484	CST	\$2,158,000		
5		Trails	Pruitt Trail from Pruitt Trailhead to Bridges Road Trailhead	Construction of trail gap connection			CST	TBD
6		Trails	Santos to Baseline Trail	New trail connection			DES, CST	TBD
7	436756-1	Trails	Downtown Ocala to Silver Springs Trail	Shared use trail with on-road and separated trail from downtown Ocala to Silver Springs State Park	PE	\$253,001	CST	\$1,000,000
8	238651-1	Trails	Cross Florida Greenway - Pruitt Gap Connection	Bicycle/Pedestrian/Wildlife underpass/overpass connecting Cross Florida Greenway across SR 200			DES, CST	TBD
9		Trails	Black Bear Trail from Levy Hammock to US 17 along SR 40	27-mile trail segment along the SR 40 corridor			PD&E, DES, CST	TBD
10		Trails	Nature Coast Trail	Construction of Trail from Dunnellon to Levy County			PD&E, DES, CST	
11		Trails	Silver Springs to Hawthorne Trail	Construction of a trail connection			PD&E, DES, CST	TBD



TO: Committee Members

FROM: Sara Brown, Transportation Planner

RE: Congestion Management Plan Online Resources

Summary

At the August 8 CAC meeting, Kimley-Horn presented the Congestion Management Plan (CMP), 2023 State of the System Update. The presentation included the most recent information on congested roadways. As a result, the TPO updated the Congestion Management Plan interactive map on the Congested Roadway Locations in Marion County.

TPO staff will present a storymap with a brief introduction to the Congestion Management Plan and discuss the CMP network, Level of Service, and the interactive map on the Congested Roadway Locations.

To view the online interactive map, please visit the link below: <https://arcg.is/04eiv81>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 352-438-2632.



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WWW.FDOT.GOV/WPPH/DISTRICT_5



TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM ONLINE PUBLIC HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25
TO
FISCAL YEAR 2028/29

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 16, 2023 - OCTOBER 20, 2023**

Visit www.fdot.gov/WPPH/District5

**OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 17, 2023, FROM 3 PM TO 5:30 PM**

FDOT DISTRICT 5 OFFICE
719 SOUTH WOODLAND BOULEVARD
DELAND, FL 32720

Public comments due by **NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Melissa McKinney by email at Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us.

Para preguntas en Español: Valoramos la opinión del público sobre esta información e proyectos. Si usted tiene preguntas/comentarios, o desea más información en Español, por favor comuníquese con Katherine Alexander-Corbin al teléfono (386) 943-5168, o al correo electrónico D5-WPPH@dot.state.fl.us.



REGION

Central Florida

PROJECT LIMITS

Interstate 75 (I-75) from State Road (S.R.) 44 to S.R. 326

FUNDING

\$479 Million

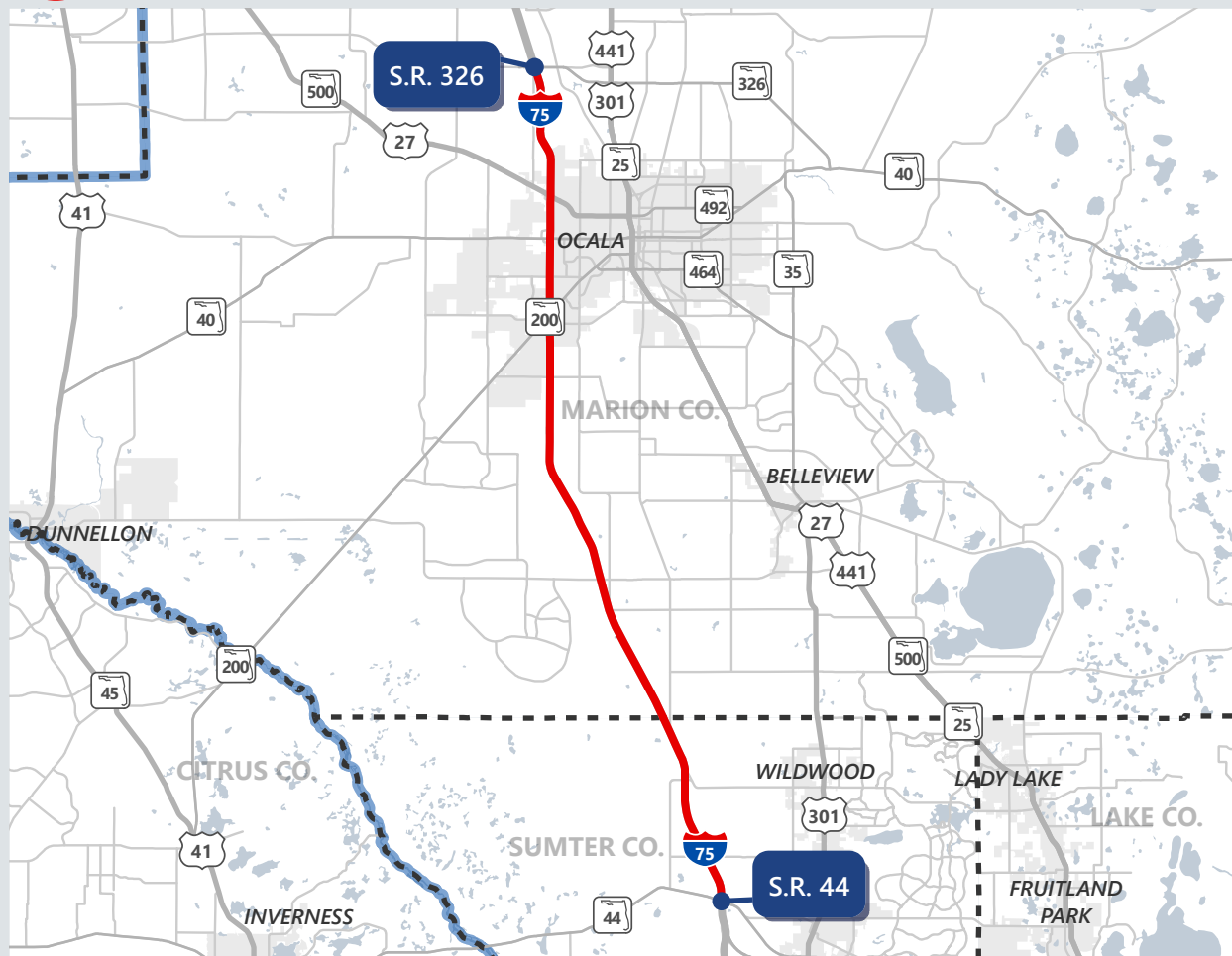
CONSTRUCTION START

Spring 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves adding auxiliary lanes to I-75 in each direction between S.R. 44 and S.R. 326. It will include interchange modifications and right-of-way acquisition for future widening.

10 I-75 Auxiliary Lanes from S.R. 44 to S.R. 326



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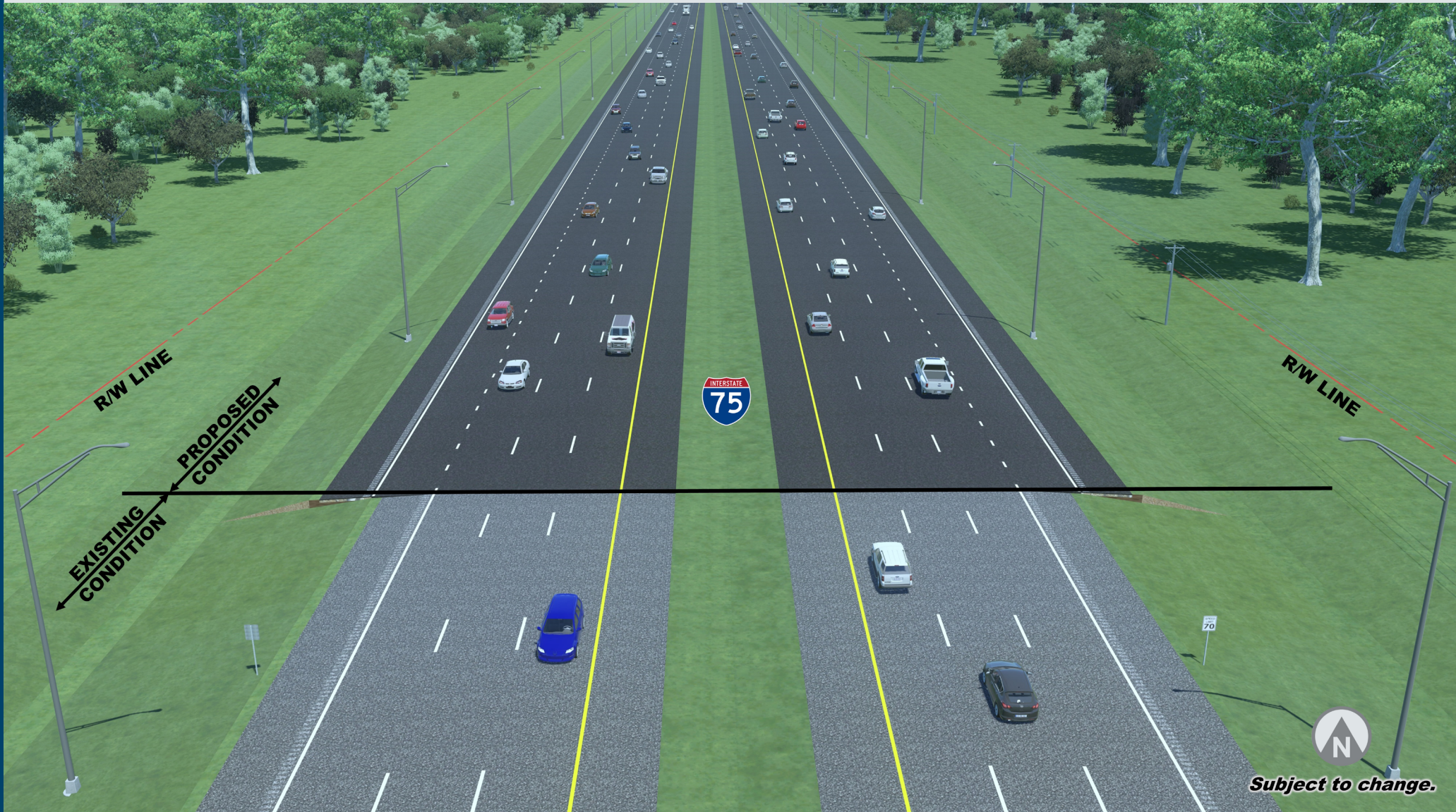


09/22/2023
Subject to change.
Listed alphabetically by county.



MOVING FLORIDA FORWARD

Infrastructure Initiative




Subject to change.



TO: Committee Members

FROM: Rob Balmes, Director

RE: CTST-TPO Transportation Safety Summit

Summary

In coordination with the Marion County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST), the TPO is planning to host a 2023 Transportation Safety Summit. The purpose for conducting the Summit is to continue emphasizing the importance of transportation safety across Marion County through our collective Commitment to Zero vision. The Summit will be held at the **Mary Sue Rich Community Center**, first floor, on **November 9, 2023** from **9:00 am** to **10:30 am**.

The TPO is working with the CTST to identify speakers and meeting format. The Summit will be open to the public, with an emphasis also on seeking feedback from citizens. Further information will be provided as the agenda is finalized.

Attachment(s)

- Community Traffic Safety Team/TPO Safety Summit Save the Date

If you have any questions about the Safety Summit, please contact me at 438-2631.

Save the Date



Community Traffic Safety Team
(CTST) –
Ocala Marion Transportation
Planning Organization (TPO)

2023 SAFETY SUMMIT

November 9, 2023

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Mary Sue Rich
Community Center at
Reed Place

1821 NW 21st Ave. Ocala,
Florida 34475

Agenda to follow



TO: TAC Members

FROM: Rob Balmes, Director

RE: SUN Trail Request for Funding

Summary

On September 27, 2023, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 SUN Trail Coordinator announced an open solicitation period for requests for funding applications. The application period is from September 27 to December 20, 2023. Attached to this memo is the application request for funding form.

Attachment(s)

- SUN Trail Request for Funding Application

If you have any questions, please contact me at 438-2631.

SUN Trail funding is limited to provisions of Section 339.81, F.S., Florida Department of Financial Services Catalog of State Financial Assistance Number 55.038, and FDOT Work Program Instructions. Projects will be developed as paved nonmotorized multi-use trail / two-directional Shared Use Path (SUP) within the SUN Trail network for bicyclists and pedestrians. FDOT Design Manual Topic 625-000-002 (FDM) [Chapter 224] defines on-system SUP. FDOT Office of Design Topic 625-000-015 – Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (Florida Greenbook) [Chapter 9] defines off-system SUP. Chapter 316, F.S. defines bicycles, pedestrians, and nonmotorized users.

PART I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Type of Applicant (select one):
 - Municipality/County Government
 - State Agency
 - Federal Agency
 - Recognized Tribal Government
 - Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization/Agency (MPO)
2. Name, job title and office of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
3. Agency of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
4. Email of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
5. Telephone number of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:

PART II – PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. Project Name:
2. Municipality where the project is located:
3. County where the project is located:
4. FDOT district number where the project is located:
5. Boundary of the project proposed for SUN Trail funding (give the address or nearest cross streets, municipality, and zip code):
 - a. Termini Begin:
 - b. Termini End:
6. Who is the landowner of the proposed project location?
 - The location of this project is entirely on FDOT right-of-way.
 - The location of this project is entirely on non-FDOT publicly-owned right-of-way.
 - The location of this project is on both FDOT and non-FDOT, publicly-owned right-of-way.
 - Parcels within this project boundary are privately owned, the acquisition of right-of-way must occur.
7. Total length of this project proposed for SUN Trail funding:

To be eligible for consideration applicants must APPLY during an open solicitation cycle online at: flgap.com by submitting a complete REQUEST FOR FUNDING with all applicable project information, including required signatures and documentation for each eligible unfunded project phase through the Grant Application Process online system (GAP) [FDOT Procedure 525-010-300 Chapter 4]. FDOT will not accept nor consider late proposals or any proposal not meeting and satisfying the provisions and SUN Trail Eligibility Criteria.

PART III – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Funding is limited to geographic areas within the SUN Trail network [which aligns with the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan’s Priority Land Trail network, overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection’s Office of Greenways and Trail (Chapter 260, F.S.) and includes connections to and through lands of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act (Section 259.1055, F.S.)] and will be developed as a paved nonmotorized multi-use trail / two directional Shared Use Path (SUP) for bicyclists and pedestrians. Will the project be developed as a paved nonmotorized multi-use trail / two-directional SUP within the SUN Trail network for bicyclists and pedestrians?
Yes No
 - a. **Provide an aerial location map illustrating the project boundary and project limits.**
 - b. **Provide a map illustrating the project location within the SUN Trail network.**
 - c. **Provide the project typical section** (this should be a pdf of the typical section schematic depicting existing and proposed features, dimensions, and right-of-way lines).

2. Funding is limited to projects prioritized by the applicable authority. If the project is within a boundary of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) priority, Section 339.175(8), Board of County Commissioners functions as MPO in nonmetropolitan areas, Section 339.135(4)(c)1, F.S.
Yes No
 - a. Indicate the priority number of the project:

 - b. **Provide the prioritization list.**
 - c. **Complete Part VII (CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT PRIORITIZATION).**

3. Has a non-FDOT governmental entity formally committed to operation and maintenance of the project (long-term trail manager)?
Yes No
 - a. **Complete Part VIII (CERTIFICATION OF WILLING MANAGER).**

4. Is the project consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), or the long-term management plan(s)?
Yes No
 - a. Indicate the type of plan(s), applicable page number(s) and date(s) of adoption:

 - b. **Provide documentation of applicable project concurrency information** [e.g. supporting resolution(s), excerpt from comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), unit management plans, etc.].

DO NOT PROCEED TO PART IV IF PROJECT RESULTED IN A “NO” RESPONSE IN PART III.

PART IV – PROJECT DETAILS

1. Project Tier:
 - a. Is the project within the Coast to Coast Trail (C2C)?
Yes No
 - b. Is the project within the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop (SJR2C)?
Yes No
 - c. Is the project an Individual Trail segment?
Yes No

2. Will the project be developed as a 12-foot-wide asphalt trail?
Yes No

3. Briefly describe the scope and proposed route of the project (1000-character limit):

4. Have earlier phase(s) of this project been completed? If not, select “no” and continue to Question 5.
Yes No
 - a. Select all project phases that were previously funded, indicate the funding year and completion date (or anticipated completion date for the funded phase).
Feasibility Study

Project Development & Environment (PDE)

Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE)

Acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW)

Construction (CON)* only select for reconstruction/maintenance projects
 - b. Have federal funds been used in the project boundary?
Yes No
 - c. As applicable, indicate the source of the federal allocation(s).
 - d. Have FDOT funds been used in the project boundary?
Yes No
 - e. As applicable, indicate FDOT financial management number(s).

5. Indicate the **proposed** method of performing and administering this project:
Project to be locally administered (non-FDOT administered).
Project to be administered by FDOT.

A responsible estimate of the project costs is required prior to adoption in the Department’s Five-Year Work Program. Use Present Day Cost values. Projects must follow appropriate design criteria and meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Fill out summary of proposed timeline and funding needs, then complete the SUN Trail Cost Estimate (Excel) and upload it to GAP.

PART V – PROJECT COSTS

1. Funding Phase(s) requested:

- Feasibility Study (FS) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 1x
- Project Development & Environment Study (PDE) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 2x
- Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 3x
- Acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 4x
- Construction (CON) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 5x
- Construction Engineering & Inspection Activities (CEI) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 6x

2. Summary of proposed timeline and funding needs:

PHASE	PROPOSED YEAR(S)	AMOUNT(S) REQUESTED	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS
FS					
PDE					
PE					
ROW					
CON					
CEI					
TOTAL					

3. Upload the SUN Trail Cost Estimate to GAP.

For more information refer to the Request for Funding Guidance.

Projects are not required to meet all of the following selection criteria. A numerical ranking will not be calculated, projects with the greatest strengths will advance more quickly.

PART VI – SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Does the project enhance the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists?
Yes No

If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

Project includes a safety element.

The location of the project is within a hazardous biking/walking zone or in an area with significant numbers of safety concerns.

Project implements a bicycle and pedestrian safety action plan. Give the name of the plan and date of adoption.

Other (list)

Briefly describe how the project enhances the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. (1000-character limit):

2. Is the project recognized as having regional, state, or national importance?
Yes No

If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

Project is a part of a Regional Trail System prioritized by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

Project is a part of a National Recreational Trail, East Coast Greenway or a trail that has other national importance.

Project implements an adopted regional bicycle, pedestrian, or trail master plan. Give the name of the regional plan(s).

Other (list)

Briefly describe how the project is recognized as having regional, state, or national importance (1000-character limit):

3. Is there a non-SUN Trail financial contribution (match dollars) committed to this specific project being proposed for SUN Trail funding (select the most appropriate response)?

Funds are leveraged by multiple public/private sources of investments dedicated to this specific project segment (e.g. federal, state, local, non-profit, private landowner contributions).
If yes, what is the total percentage of match?

What are the sources?

Funds are leveraged by at least one more public/private source of investment dedicated to this specific project segment.

If yes, what is the total percentage of match?

What is the source?

Funds are not leveraged by public/private sources of investments dedicated to this specific trail segment (matching funds are not available for this project).

4. Does the project blend transportation modes by completing, improving, or enhancing existing facilities?

Yes No

If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

Project implements Complete Streets goals and initiatives.

Project implements Safe Routes to Schools goals and initiatives.

Project provides a direct connection to regional transit systems (e.g. rail stations, express or local bus routes).

Project is in a designated multi-modal district.

Project has the potential to reduce vehicular congestion.

Project improves access in a Bicycle Friendly Community or Bicycle Friendly University, as designated by the League of American Bicyclists. If yes, indicate the name of the designated community or university:

Project improves access in a Walk Friendly Community, as designated by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center. If yes, indicate the name of the designated community:

Other (list)

Briefly describe how the project blends transportation modes (1000-character limit):

5. If proposing construction funding, select the most appropriate response:
- Project is ready for immediate construction and all pre-construction phases are complete.
 - Project is capable of near-term development; the design is nearly complete and permitting is underway.
 - The Project Development and Environment Study (PDE) is complete/nearly complete.
 - None of the above statements are true.

6. Does the project have documented public support?

Yes No

If yes, select from the following and briefly explain how the project meets the selection criteria.

The greater community supports the project as demonstrated by recently adopted proclamations or resolutions expressing commitment. Give the resolution number, adopted date and participating parties.

Demonstration of public support is consistent across multiple entities representing the greater community rather than a select few interest groups. Briefly explain. (100-character limit):

Recent community surveys indicate both need and support for the project. Briefly explain. (100-character limit):

An advertised public meeting for discussing the project occurred. Give the date and type of meeting.

Other (list)

7. Does the project have a significant immediate impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities and providing connectivity to destinations?

Yes No

If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

The project connects to or through federal, state, or local conservation/recreation areas. List public lands.

The project connects people to jobs, businesses, or civic resources.

The project is along or connects to a Florida Scenic Highway. List the Scenic Highway(s).

The project is within a Florida Trail Town as designated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The project is part of a public/private partnership where developers, linear corridor owners, small businesses, corporations, foundations, or private sector partners are directly supporting the project.

The project is within a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Community defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes. List the REDI area.

The project is within a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes. List the RAO Area.

Other (list)

8. Does the project enhance or preserve environmental resources?

Yes No

If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

The project's environmental impact assessment or statement did not identify specific issues.

The project's environmental approval and permitting process is complete.

The project restores or mitigates impacts of environmental degradation.

The project incorporates water quality or drainage improvements.

The project incorporates conservation initiatives to restore/maintain connectivity by reducing vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.

The project ensures the Florida Ecological Greenway Network (FEGN) maximizes protection of high priority linkages and maximizes the use of previously disturbed lands. This project is within a FEGN Priority Linkages 1 – 3 and is compatible with lands of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act (Section 259.1055, F.S.).

Briefly describe how the project enhances or preserves environmental resources. (1000-character limit):

9. Does the project facilitate a system of interconnected trails by closing a gap in the SUN Trail network?

Yes No

If yes, how many miles of connected trail, open to the public will be available once this specific project is complete?

List the trail names:

10. The project includes cost-saving elements.

Yes No

If yes, briefly describe the potential for overall cost savings for completing this project in conjunction with another project (e.g. new/resurfacing roadway, redevelopment/new development project, trail phase/extending trail project). Provide the other project(s) scope and schedule, the funding source, the funding year, and if funding is through FDOT, provide the Financial Management Number. (1000-character limit):

PART VII – CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

1. For projects within a MPO boundary, complete the following information. If the project is outside of a MPO boundary, continue to Part VII, question #2.

Name of Applicable MPO/TPO:

MPO/TPO Contact:

MPO Address:

Municipality, State and Zip:

Contact Email:

Contact Telephone Number:

Signature:

Print Name:

Title:

Date:

Your signature confirms the requested project is (1) consistent with MPO/TPO plans and documents; (2) it is an eligible priority of the MPO/TPO, (3) the MPO/TPO supports the project; and (4) you possess authorization to sign the certification of project prioritization.

2. For projects outside of a MPO boundary, complete the following information:

County Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Address:

Municipality, State and Zip:

Contact Email:

Contact Telephone Number:

Signature:

Print Name:

Title:

Date:

Your signature confirms the requested project is (1) consistent with applicable county, municipality, comprehensive plan(s) and/or the long-term management plan(s) and documents; (2) it is an eligible priority of the County (tribal government, federal or state managing agency); (3) the applicable entity supports the project; and (4) you possess authorization to sign the certification of project prioritization.

SUN Trail funded projects require a non-FDOT governmental entity formally committed to providing maintenance of the project (long-term trail manager). FDOT will enter into an agreement or other form of documented commitment with the entity to ensure that a local sponsor/agency is committed to long-term trail maintenance (long-term trail manager). The managing entity will be responsible for the day-to-day upkeep and daily operation; protection for the trail users; they will reduce safety hazards that occur; and they will ensure a quality level of service is maintained on the facility. Activities may consist of litter pick-up, trash removal, debris removal, soil and weed control, graffiti removal, mowing, sweeping, sign replacement, shrub trimming, maintenance of drainage, and other regularly scheduled maintenance activities. For trails constructed in the FDOT ROW, FDOT will provide remedial maintenance which involves repairing, replacing, or restoring major components that may have been damaged or destroyed. Minor repairs such as sealing asphalt pavement or repainting may occur every five to ten years, while major repairs may occur every 20 to 25 years. The area of responsibility will be the footprint of the trail within FDOT ROW as defined by the district. ALL other maintenance will be the responsibility of the non-FDOT governmental entity. **Submit the Certification of Willing Manager(s) for all proposed trail segments.**

PART VIII – CERTIFICATION OF WILLING MANAGER(S)

Name of Project:

FROM:

Name of Managing Entity:

Name of Contact and Job Title:

Address:

Municipality, State, and Zip Code:

Contact Email:

Contact Telephone Number:

Signature: _____

Print Name:

Title:

Date:

Your signature serves as certification of (1) a commitment from your agency to maintain the facility requested and that your agency will enter into a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Department for the Project prior to the completion of design, or at the time of programming funding for any project proposed for a later phase; (2) the information in this “Request for Funding” is true and accurate; (3) to comply with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (The Uniform Act) for any right-of-way actions required for the project; (4) to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; (5) lands developed with SUN Trail funds will be available for public use for the lifespan of the improvement; (6) support of other actions necessary to fully implement the proposed project; (7) and you possess authorization to sign the certification of the willing manager.