

TAC Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2023

Approved – March 14, 2023



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Marion County – Library Headquarters, Meeting Room B
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
3:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Ji Li
Bob Titterington
Kenneth Odom
Mickey Thomason
Noel Cooper
Troy Slattery
Eric Smith
Elton Holland
Anna Taylor

Members Not Present:

Dave Herlihy
Loretta Shaffer

Others Present:

Rob Balmes
Shakayla Irby
Jonathan (Jon) Scarfe, FDOT
David Serrado

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Kenneth Odom called the meeting to order at 3:32pm and Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll. There was a quorum 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 February 7, 2023. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3. Consent Agenda

Mr. Titterington made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thomason seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4

Mr. Balmes presented to the committee and said that per the request of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), one project had been proposed to be amended in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The project (FM#452364-2) would be receiving federal funding to implement the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI). The project would consist of deployment of direct current fast charges (DCFCS) along the I-75 corridor in Marion County.

FM# 452364-2: I-75 (SR 93) "GAP" 12 – EV DCFCS (Phase 1)

- Funding: \$1,100,000
- Federal: \$1,100,000
- FY 23 Capital (CAP) phase
- Total TIP Funding: \$1,100,000

Mr. Thomason made a motion to approve the FY 2023 to 2027 TIP Amendment #4. Mr. Cooper seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4b. Performance Management 2023 Safety Targets

Mr. Balmes presented and said that federal law required State DOTs and TPOs/MPOs to conduct performance-based planning by tracking performance measures and setting data-driven targets to improve those measures. The first of the performance measures that became effective in 2016 was assessing the conditions of roadway safety (PM1). In May 2018, all TPO/MPOs were required to establish safety targets and approve or update on an annual basis.

Specifically, the TPO was required to update and adopt Targets for five required Safety Performance Measures:

1. Fatalities- Total number of fatalities involving a motor vehicle crash
2. Fatalities (Rate)- Rate of fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Serious Injuries- Total number of serious injuries involving a motor vehicle crash
4. Serious Injuries (Rate)- Rate of serious injuries per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
5. Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries- Number of non-motorized fatalities and number non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle crash

Annually, the TPO may select one of two options regarding updating and submission of safety targets.

1. Adopt the state targets established by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);
- or**
2. Develop separate quantifiable safety performance targets.

If the TPO chose to adopt the FDOT safety targets, the requirement would be to annually adopt the same targets until changes were made by the state. Presently, the FDOT has annually adopted 0 for each of the five safety targets.

Mr. Balmes said that there were no direct implications to the TPO for not reaching adopted targets.

In 2018, when the process became a federal requirement, the TPO Board adopted its own safety performance targets to better track progress and reflect more accountability to the public. Over the past five years, the TPO Board has opted to follow the same approach of reviewing prior year target results and adopting revised targets tied to a specific methodology involving five-year rolling averages and projected vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Safety Performance Measure 2022 Targets and Results

Safety Performance Measure	2022 Results	2022 Targets	Met Target?
#1 - Fatalities	109	98	No
#2 - Fatalities per 100 Million VMT	2.35	2.08	No
#3 - Serious Injuries	491	378	No
#4 - Serious Injuries per 100 Million VMT	10.59	8.02	No
#5 - Number of Non-Motorized (bicycle, pedestrian) Fatalities and Serious Injuries	56	57	Yes

The proposed targets for 2023 were as follows:

1. Fatalities- **101**
2. Fatalities per 100 Million VMT- **2.14**
3. Serious Injuries- **417**
4. Serious Injuries per 100 Million VMT- **8.87**
5. Number of Non-Motorized (bicycle, pedestrian) Fatalities and Serious Injuries- **56**

Mr. Balmes provided to options to the committee and mentioned that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) had earlier voted to select Option A.

Option A would recommend to the TPO Board adoption of specific and measurable safety targets for 2023 based on the five-year rolling average methodology or Option B would adopt 0 for all five 2023 safety targets.

Mr. Slattery asked if there was any backlash on Ocala Marion for not meeting the safety targets

Mr. Balmes responded that there were no penalties for MPOS not reaching the targets.

Mr. Slattery asked if it would be a benefit to Marion County going after funding to resolve the problems that lead to the crashes.

Mr. Balmes said a justification can be made in application processes for projects and mentioned the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant.

Chairman Odom mentioned that the TPO board had tracked serious injuries and fatalities in areas for two decades. He said Option B was no realistic but at least Option A gave a standard data set to utilize for other purposes. There was no rhyme or reason to crashes.

Mr. Balmes said that through the Commitment to Zero Safety Plan that the three main causes were run off road, bike ped, and angle crashes (not location specific). A high injury network was created from the past 6 years and would look at it on a regular basis.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to accept Option A for the Performance Management 2023 Safety Targets. Mr. Li seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4c. 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Amendment

Mr. Balmes presented and said that it had been per the request of the TPO Board Chair, Commissioner Craig Curry, the 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) project list was proposed to be amended.

The amendment was proposed to ensure the six I-75 interchanges in Marion County are listed on the current 2022 LOPP SIS list including general project improvement descriptions. The six interchanges are part of the ongoing I-75 Master Plan Study being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

All proposed changes had been reflected in tracked changes mode and red font for ease of review and can be viewed on pages 8-9 of this set of minutes for reference.

The amended 2022 LOPP would support the development of the 2023 LOPP process and lists, which was underway.

The committee engaged in discussion about project priorities and project statuses.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Amendment. Mr. Holland seconded, and the motion passed with Chairwoman Shearer opposed.

Item 5. 2020 U.S. Census Update

As a follow up to the presentation on the 2020 Census Urban Area populations in Marion County in January Mr. Balmes provided an update.

The urban area map files had been made available by the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) on January 19, 2023.

A presentation of the maps was delivered to the TPO Board at the regularly scheduled January 24, 2023 meeting. Based strictly on the results of the Census, the TPO would not be designated as a TMA in 2023 by the U.S. DOT Secretary. The Ocala Urban Area population (182,657) fell short of the necessary threshold of over 200,000 persons.

In addition to a presentation on the maps, the TPO Board engaged in a general discussion about current and future Transportation Management Area (TMA) designation opportunities. Federal law (49 U.S.C. 5303(k)) permits an MPO/TPO and Governor to request TMA designation to the U.S. DOT Secretary. Therefore, the TPO Board asked for additional background information to be presented at the February 28, 2023 meeting regarding the roles, responsibilities and opportunities associated with TMA status. Action may be considered to pursue this opportunity at the meeting.

The TPO was also awaiting further insights from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Central Office and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Division that may help support further insights into the implications of the Census Urban areas, federal funding and TMA status.

Additionally, over the next two years several Census activities would involve the TPO and FDOT, including Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Anna Taylor provided a brief presentation on Moving Florida Forward.

Governor Ron DeSantis announced January 30 the *Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative*. The proposal would invest an additional \$7 billion to prioritize and accelerate the completion of 20 critical transportation infrastructure projects across the state.

The proposal combines \$4 billion of General Revenue funding with innovative transportation project financing strategies that will allow FDOT to leverage an additional \$3 billion over the next four years.

The presentation which includes the Congestion Relief Projects and funding is attached to pages 10-14 for reference.

A construction report was also provided in the committee meeting agenda packet.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes said the Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Element had been updated to include a clarifying footnote to ensure the six I-75 interchanges in Marion County are identified. The six interchanges are part of the ongoing I-75 PD&E/Master Plan Study being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and listed in the Cost Feasible Element.

Based on the status of the PD&E/Master Plan, development of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plans and Moving Florida Forward, this was the only change necessary at the time. As the plans and proposals progressed in 2023, an amendment to the LRTP would be necessary in the near future.

The footnote had been highlighted for ease of reference. The FDOT District 5 and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division had been consulted on the update.

2022 TPO Annual Report

Mr. Balmes said that the 2022 TPO Annual Report had been published and the Annual Report highlighted the TPO program accomplishments in Ocala/Marion County over the past year. The report had been developed with a new template, which the TPO had plans to use for future versions.

The 2022 Annual Report was included in the committee packet and could also be found on the TPO's website: <https://ocalamariontpo.org/about-us/annual-report>.

2023 Commitment to Zero Activities

Mr. Balmes said the Board adoption of Commitment to Zero was a major milestone and that long-term success would require ongoing work to keep building momentum in the community. Some of the next steps and activities specific to the TPO in 2023 would involve the following:

- Commitment to Zero fact sheets
- Coordination with local partners for safety projects in the 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)
- Commitment to Zero online public crash dashboard
- Social Media for community safety events, public awareness of safety
- Continued partnering for community safety events
- Exploration of public information and public relations opportunities
- Annual Commitment to Zero Workshop (Fall 2023, date to be determined)

Samples of the Commitment to Zero fact sheets were provided. The TPO had developed an initial listing of fact sheets to be release in 2023.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that the TPO was looking for feedback on topics and opportunities to develop additional fact sheets for relevant topics in the community.

Item 8. Comments by TAC Members

Mr. Slattery said the state was resurfacing and redesigning the intersection in Dunnellon on Williams Street. There would be a public hearing meeting March 2nd.

Mr. Slattery also said that it would be his last meeting with the TAC. He had a opportunity to move on to another work environment with more opportunities.

Mr. Cooper introduced David Serrado, Civil Engineer I for the City of Ocala.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Kenneth Odom adjourned the meeting at 4:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant



2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)

Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028

TPO Board Adoption - June 28, 2022

Amended February 28, 2023

Project Lists

Top Priority Projects

Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)

Non-Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Capacity

Safety and Operations

Trails

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Planning

Project Phases

CST	Construction
DES	Design
PE	Preliminary Engineering
PD&E	Project Development and Environment
ROW	Right-of-Way

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Ire Bethea Sr., TPO Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Rob Balmes'.

Rob Balmes, TPO Director

2022 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Priorities

Rank	FDOT Project Number	Project List	Project Name/Limits	Description	FY 23 to 27 TIP Programmed Phase(s)	FY 23 to 27 TIP Programmed Funding	Proposed Phase(s)	Funding Requested
1	435209-1	SIS	I-75 at NW 49th Street Interchange	Construction of a new interchange and roadway extension on from NW 49th Avenue from NW 44th Avenue to NW 35th Street Road	CST	\$42,379,864		
2	433652-1	SIS	SR 40 Intersections at SW 40th Avenue and SW 27th Avenue	Traffic operations, turn lanes at I-75 interchange and SW 40th and SW 27th intersections	ROW	\$1,399,654	CST	\$5,500,000
3		SIS	US 27/I-75 Interchange Operations, NW 44th to NW 35th	Safety and operational improvements at interchange area			PE, CST	\$29,341,000
4	237988-1	SIS	SR 40 at SR 35 intersection	Construction of a roundabout at the intersection			PE, ROW, CST	\$6,000,000
5		SIS	I-75 at SR 326 Interchange	Interchange operational improvements			PE, DES, ROW, CST	TBD
6	410674-2	SIS	SR 40 from End of four lanes to CR 314	Reconstruction, widening to four lanes, new bridges, medians			CST	\$110,100,000
7	443623 -1	SIS	I-75 from SR 200 to CR 234 Alachua County	Widening, Modernization, Interchanges Master Planning for I-75 and interchanges			Planning/PD&E PE, ROW, CST	TBD
8	443623-1	SIS	I-75 from SR 91 (Turnpike) to SR 200	Widening, Modernization, Interchanges Master Planning for I-75 and interchanges			Planning/PD&E PE, ROW, CST	TBD
9		SIS	I-75 at SW 20th Street	Construction of a new interchange at SW 20th			PD&E, DES, ROW, CST	TBD
10		SIS	SR 40 from CR 314A to Levy Hammock	Reconstruction and widening to four lanes, medians			ROW, CST	\$17,900,000
11		SIS	SR 40 from CR 314 to CR 314A	Reconstruction and widening to four lanes, medians			ROW, CST	\$98,500,000
12		SIS	SR 326 from US 301 to old US 301	Widening of roadway to four lanes			PD&E, DES, ROW, CST	TBD
13		SIS	SR 326 from CR 200A to NE 36th	Widening of roadway to four lanes			PD&E, DES, ROW, CST	TBD
*		SIS	I-75 at CR 484 Interchange	Interchange, capacity improvements to six lanes on CR 484 from SW 49th Ave to CR 475A			PD&E, DES, ROW, CST	TBD
*		SIS	I-75 at SR 200 Interchange	Interchange and capacity improvements			PD&E, DES, ROW, CST	TBD
*		SIS	I-75 at CR 318 Interchange	Interchange, capacity improvements at CR 318 from NW Highway 225 to NW 60th Avenue			PD&E, DES, ROW, CST	TBD

*LOPP Amended projects, February 28, 2023

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January 30, 2023

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ICYMI: Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative

Governor proposes a \$4 billion investment, which will be leveraged for a total of \$7 billion, to expedite projects that will alleviate congestion and prioritize safety

AUBURNDALE, Fla. — Today, Governor DeSantis announced the *Moving Florida Forward* initiative to expedite transportation projects over the next four years. If passed by the legislature, this proposal would invest \$4 billion of general revenue, redirect an average of \$131 million annually to the State Transportation Work Program, and leverage additional funding over the next four years for a total of \$7 billion to strengthen Florida's transportation infrastructure to accommodate the growing number of people that rely on Florida's roadways. Through this record investment, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would expedite 20 priority infrastructure projects into the existing Work Program to combat congestion, improve safety, and ensure a more resilient transportation system to bolster current transportation needs and set the stage for future growth. Projects included as part of the *Moving Florida Forward* Legislative Proposal are available at [FDOT.gov/MovingFloridaForward](https://fdot.gov/MovingFloridaForward).

"This proposal will break through bureaucracy that often slows down infrastructure projects and allow FDOT to target projects that will ease congestion across the state," **said Governor Ron DeSantis**. "Expediting these projects will bring them to completion more than a decade ahead of schedule."

"Governor DeSantis' *Moving Florida Forward* proposal is truly historic and the projects included will help relieve congestion while also focusing on safety, resiliency, the supply chain, and economic growth. These are important for Floridians' quality of life and to ensure we maintain a strong transportation system to keep Florida moving forward," **said FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** "The Department has worked closely with communities and our partners through the years to plan and prepare these projects for construction. Receiving this funding will allow the vision of each project to become a reality in the immediate future to better meet the growing demands in communities throughout the state. Our team is prepared and ready to work with the Legislature to deliver these critical projects and strengthen Florida's transportation infrastructure."

Florida is home to over 22 million residents, and in just the first three quarters of 2022, we had nearly 105 million visitors to our state. In 2022, Florida experienced the largest net migration in the country at 1.9%, meaning that Florida's infrastructure must accommodate more people than ever before. The 20 projects included in the proposal will build more resilient transportation infrastructure, which is important to the integrity of roadways and corridors especially during severe weather events such as hurricanes.

FDOT will continue working on projects currently planned in the existing FDOT Five-Year Work Program in addition to projects included in the *Moving Florida Forward* package.

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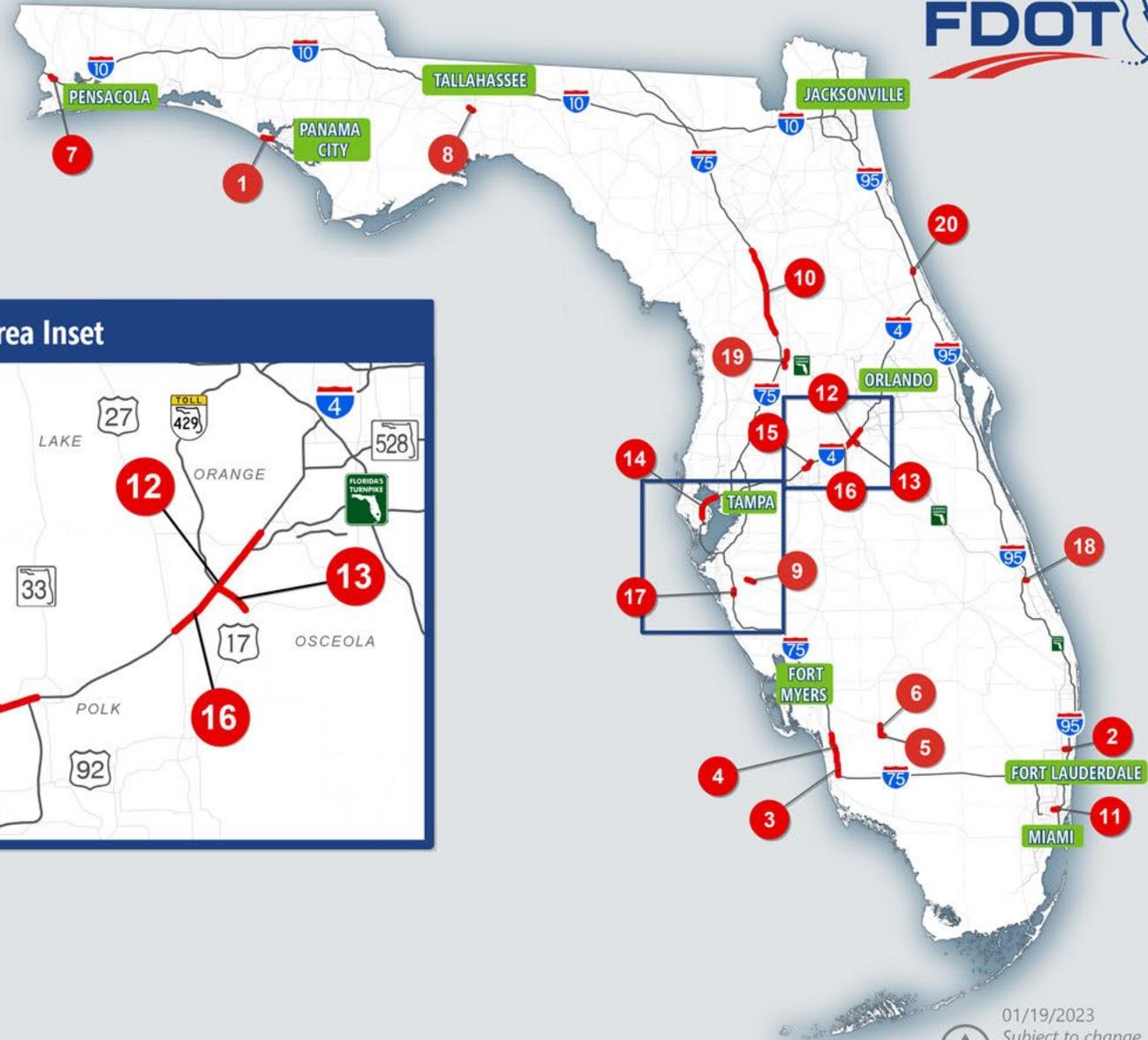
The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department's mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.

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REGION

Central Florida

PROJECT LIMITS

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

FUNDING

\$479 Million

CONSTRUCTION YEAR

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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REGION

Central Florida

PROJECT LIMITS

U.S. 301 from County Road (C.R.)
470 to Florida's Turnpike

FUNDING

\$26 Million

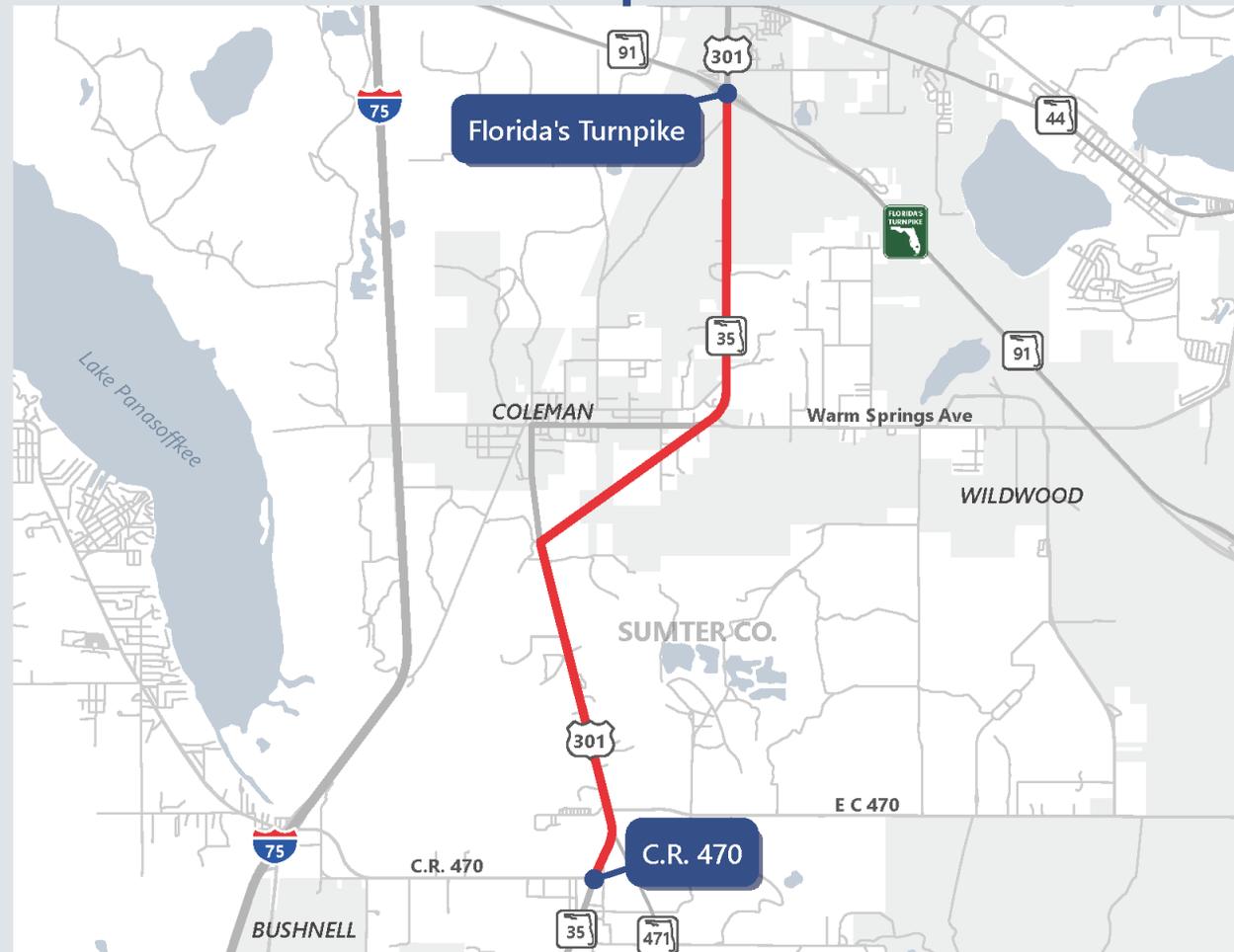
CONSTRUCTION YEAR

2025-26

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will reconstruct U.S. 301 from C.R. 470 to Florida's Turnpike between the cities of Sumterville and Wildwood to increase the roadway capacity, respond to future travel demand, improve overall safety, and accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The project includes realigning the roadway around the City of Coleman to avoid impacts to the City's downtown businesses. For additional project details, please visit <https://www.cflroads.com/project/430132-1>.

19 U.S. 301 Realignment from C.R.
470 to Florida's Turnpike



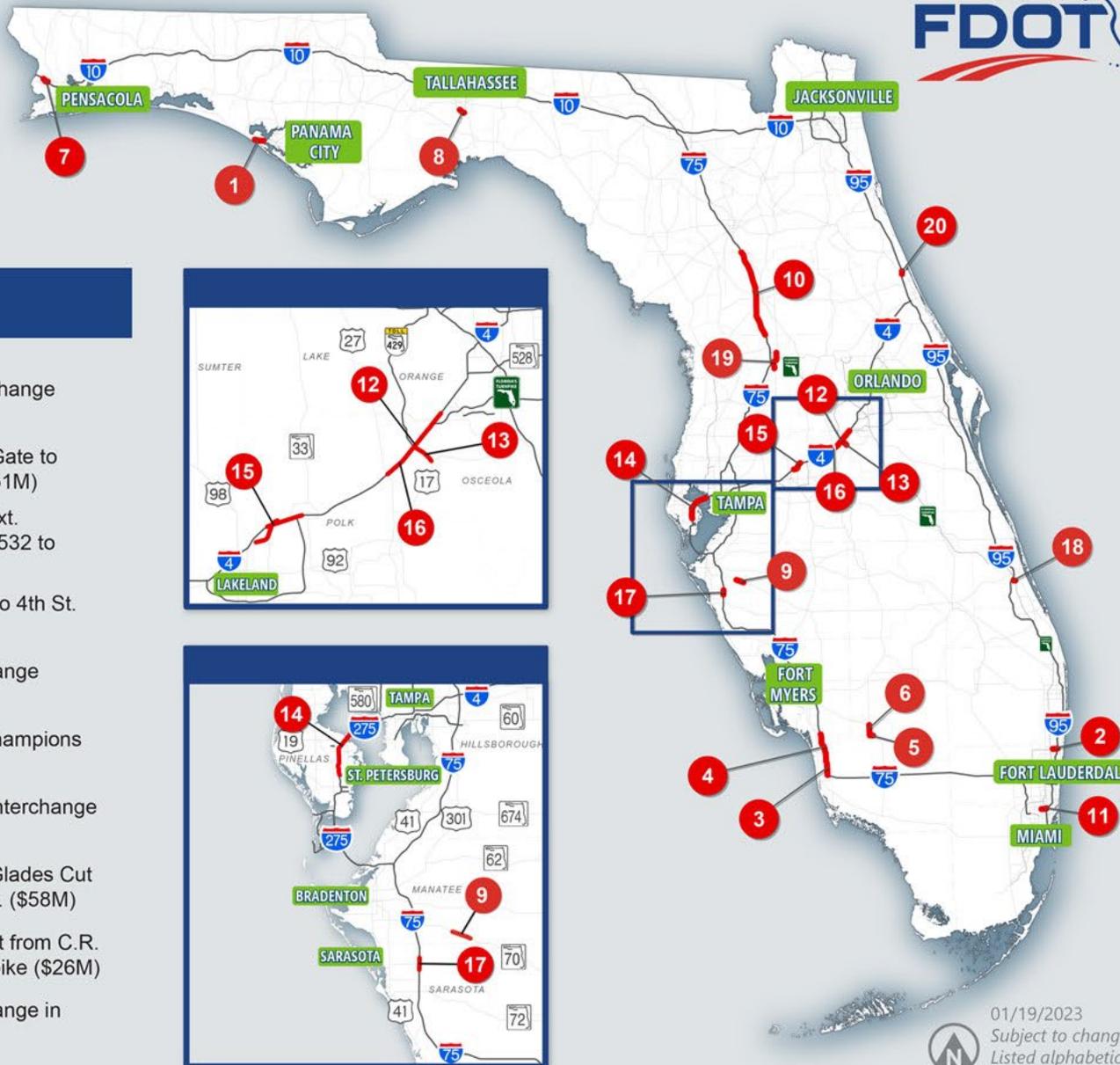
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CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECTS (FUNDING)

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| 1 U.S. 98 from R. Jackson Blvd. to Hathaway Bridge (\$98M) | 11 Golden Glades Interchange (\$150M) |
| 2 SW 10th St. (\$178M) | 12 I-4 from Champions Gate to Osceola Pkwy. (\$1,451M) |
| 3 I-75 at Pine Ridge Rd. Interchange (\$23M) | 13 Poinciana Parkway Ext. Connector from C.R. 532 to S.R. 429 (\$1,318M) |
| 4 I-75 from Golden Gate Pkwy. to Corkscrew Rd. (\$578M) | 14 I-275 from 38th Ave. to 4th St. (\$354M) |
| 5 S.R. 29 from C.R. 846 E to New Market Rd. (\$85M) | 15 I-4 at S.R. 33 Interchange (\$197M) |
| 6 S.R. 29 from New Market Rd. to S.R. 82 (\$44M) | 16 I-4 from U.S. 27 to Champions Gate (\$635M) |
| 7 I-10 from Eastbound weigh station to Nine Mile Rd. (\$162M) | 17 I-75 at Fruitville Rd. Interchange (\$192M) |
| 8 S.R. 263 from S.R. 61 to C.R. 2203 (\$90M) | 18 W Midway Rd. from Glades Cut Off Rd. to Jenkins Rd. (\$58M) |
| 9 S.R. 70 from Bourdsie Blvd. to Waterbury Rd. (\$53M) | 19 U.S. 301 Realignment from C.R. 470 to Florida's Turnpike (\$26M) |
| 10 I-75 Auxiliary Lanes from S.R. 44 to S.R. 326 (\$479M) | 20 I-95 at U.S. 1 Interchange in Volusia Co. (\$340M) |



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