



TPO Board Meeting

Marion County Commission Auditorium
601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471
November 28, 2023
4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Councilman Ire Bethea
Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Commissioner Craig Curry
Councilman James Hilty
Councilman Tim Inskeep
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak

Members Not Present:

Councilmember Kristen Dreyer
Commissioner Ray Dwyer
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilmember Barry Mansfield
Commissioner Matt McClain

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Sara Brown, TPO
Kia Powell, FDOT
Jim Wood, Kimley-Horn
William Roll, Kimley-Horn
Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala
Jeff Shrum, City of Ocala
Sara Shepherd, Quest
Darren Park, City of Ocala
Eric Smith, City of Ocala
Chris Zeigler, Marion County
Kellie Smith, FDOT
Kathy Alexander-Corbin, FDOT
Steven Buck, FDOT
Noel Cooper, City of Ocala

Joe Callahan, Quest

Douglas Shearer

Mark Zivojnovich

Other members of the public not signed in.

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Craig Curry called the meeting to order at 4:22pm and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. Roll Call

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 3. Proof of Publication

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant, stated that the meeting was published online on the TPO website and the City of Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon, and Marion County websites on November 21, 2023. Additionally, the meeting was shared on the TPO's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Stone seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5a. General Planning Consultant (GPC) Contracts

Mr. Balmes presented and told the board that since March 2023, the TPO had been coordinating with the Marion County Procurement Services Department regarding a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and selection committee process for new general planning consultant (GPC) contract(s). The TPO managed GPC contracts previously with three firms (Alfred Benesch and Company, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Kittelson and Associates) for assistance in various planning tasks. The tasks performed by the consultants for the TPO are based on activities outlined in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The three previous contracts expired on August 31, 2023.

At the June 27 meeting, the Board approved the GPC Selection Committee's recommendations to contract with Alfred Benesch and Company, Kimley-Horn and Associates and Kittelson and Associates. Based upon the approval, a contract and hourly fee negotiation process was facilitated by Procurement Services with the firms in July. This process has led to the development of GPC contracts between the TPO and the three respective firms, including corresponding hourly rates by job classification. The contracts were reviewed by the Marion County Attorney's Office. The contracts are proposed to be three years in length through December 26, 2026 and include two one-year renewal options.

Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the GPC Contracts. Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5b. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Contract

Mr. Balmes presented and said that since April 2023, the TPO had been receiving services from the Marion County Procurement Services Department regarding a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to hire a consultant team to help develop and complete the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The TPO Board is required to adopt the 2050 LRTP by November 24, 2025.

At the June 27 meeting, the Board approved the LRTP RFQ, including a scope of services and proposed budget. At the September 26 meeting, the Board approved the Selection Committee's recommendation, based on a consultant solicitation process, to contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates. The TPO and Procurement Services proceeded to negotiate with Kimley-Horn and Associates the completion of a final scope of services and corresponding fee sheet tied to the approved project budget. A contract was also developed by Procurement Services and included a review by the Marion County Attorney's Office.

Additionally, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Five conducted a review of the contract and procurement process.

Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the 2050 LRTP Contract. Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5c. Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2

Ms. Brown presented the five projects proposed to be amended to the FY 2024 to 2028 TIP. The following summarized the proposed changes to the TIP.

FM# 453464-1: City of Ocala Transit – SunTran FY 23 FTA Low-No-Award

- New electric buses and small cutaway vans
- Expanding the ITS maintenance facility
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$16,166,822

FM# 452229-3: Districtwide Rumble Stripes Bundle, Marion County

- Project length was decrease and a slight increase in funding
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$1,049,093
 - o ACSS: \$1,019,093
 - o DIH: \$30,000

FM# 452072-1: I-75 (SR 93) at SR 326 IOAR-Interchange Operational Analysis Report

- This project is part of the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative and will involve analysis and operational improvements of the interchange in Marion County.
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$1,990,000
 - o DIH: \$20,000
 - o MFF: \$1,970,000 (PE: \$1,456,000, RRU: \$514,000)

FM# 452074-1: I-75 Improvements Auxiliary Lanes North Portion

- This project is part of the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative and will involve the addition of auxiliary lanes on I-75 from SR 200 to SR 326 in Marion County.
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$50,188,000
 - o DIH: \$60,000 (PE: \$20,000, ROW: \$40,000)
 - o MFF: \$50,128,000 (PE: \$12,100,000, ROW: \$37,000,000, RRU: \$1,028,000)

FM# 452074-1: I-75 Improvements Auxiliary Lanes South Portion

- This project is part of the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative and will involve the addition of auxiliary lanes on I-75 from SR 44 in Sumter County to SR 200 in Marion County.
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$101,728,000
 - o DIH: \$400,000 (PE: \$250,000, ROW: \$150,000)
 - o MFF: \$101,328,000 (PE: \$25,300,000, ROW: \$75,000,000, RRU: \$1,028,000)

Mr. Bethea made a motion to approve the FY 2024 to 2028 TIP Amendment #2.

Ms. Bryant seconded, a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5d. Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

Mr. Jason Learned with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) gave a brief slideshow presentation.

The presentation is attached to pages 10-17 of this set of minutes for reference.

Every 10 years following the Census, the MPO/TPO's work with state and local government partners to review the urban area boundaries within each respective planning area. This process commenced in August 2023, facilitated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), with a goal of completion in the 2023 calendar year.

The process of adjustments or refinements to the U.S. Census-defined urban areas included key considerations, such as local knowledge, roadway functional classification, major activity centers, jurisdictional boundaries and boundary irregularities. This process ensured a more accurate urban boundary was defined for the respective TPO Planning Area. A roadway located within or on the adjusted urban area boundary is considered urban.

Approval of all TPO/MPO adjusted urban area boundary maps is ultimately made by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

The TPO coordinated with FDOT District 5 and local government staff members to ensure the completion of a proposed Adjusted Urban Boundary map for the TPO Planning Area. This included a formal presentation and discussion at the TPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on November 14. FDOT staff attended the Board meeting to present the proposed Urban Area Boundary, an included an overview presentation of the state/local coordination process.

Mr. Hilty made a motion to approve the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary. Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5e. Election of 2024 Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Stone made a motion to nominate Ms. Kristen Dreyer as Chair. Mr. Hilty, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Stone made a motion to nominate Mr. Carl Zalak as Vice-Chair. Mr. Hilty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5f. Appointments to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)

Mr. Bethea made a motion to nominate Mr. James Hilty as the member of the MPOAC. Ms. Bryant, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to nominate Ms. Michelle Stone as the alternate member of the MPOAC. Mr. Bethea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5g. Appointments to the Central Florida MPO Alliance

Ms. Bryant made a motion to keep the current appointments: Ms. Michelle Stone, Mr. Ire Bethea Sr., and Mr. Craig Curry. Mr. Hilty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5h. Proposed 2024 TPO Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Bryant inquired about moving the meeting time to 3 pm, and no other board members in attendance objected to the proposed change.

Ms. Bryant also suggested that some items on the agenda designated as action items could have been placed under consent. She recommended possible coordination with Marion County staff to facilitate the movement of agenda items if the board so chose.

Ms. Stone mentioned that anything not requiring a roll-call vote could have been placed under consent. Additionally, any item under consent could be pulled for discussion if necessary.

Ms. Bryant emphasized the importance of being efficient with everyone's time, stating that changes to the agenda would enhance effectiveness.

Chairman Curry noted that there was no meeting in December and that the November 2024 meeting would fall two days before Thanksgiving.

Ms. Bryant proposed moving the meeting day to Wednesday.

Chairman Curry stated that Tuesday was the established meeting day and expressed uncertainty about whether Wednesday would accommodate other schedules.

After discussion, the board decided to keep the meeting day as Tuesday but to change the start time to 3 pm.

No decision was made regarding the date of the November meeting, and the board agreed to decide on it at a later date.

Ms. Bryant motioned to accept the schedule as proposed, including changing the start time of the meetings to 3 pm. Mr. Bethea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5i. Citizens Advisory Committee Application

Per the Bylaws of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), all membership nominations require TPO Board review and approval. TPO staff recently received an application for CAC membership from Nick Mora. Mr. Mora is a resident of Marion County and currently works as a professional civil engineer in Ocala. He expressed an interest in being more involved in community and transportation issues in the Ocala/Marion County area, and serving on the CAC.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve Mr. Nick Mora's CAC application. Ms. Stone seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6a. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Fiscal Years (FY) 2025 to 2029 Tentative Work Program, Marion County

Ms. Katherine Alexander-Corbin, Program Management Administrator with FDOT provided a presentation covering the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for fiscal years (FY) 2025 through 2029 in Marion County. The FDOT District 5 Work Program Public Hearing Week took place from October 16 to October 20, including a Public Hearing Open House meeting held both virtually and at the District Headquarters in DeLand on October 17, 2023.

The presentation is attached to pages 18-34 of this set of minutes for reference.

Ms. Bryant inquired whether the project involving U.S. 41/SR 45, from north of the Citrus County Line to SW 110th Street, and SR 40, from U.S. 41 to south of SW 119th Avenue, entailed four-laning or strictly resurfacing.

Ms. Alexander-Corbin clarified that it specifically involved resurfacing with no additional capacity or lanes added to any of the Resurfacing Projects listed.

Ms. Stone inquired whether the Key Projects presented had been awarded to contractors.

Ms. Alexander-Corbin explained that the projects had not been awarded due to the timing and their current design status. They had not yet gone out to bid, and some projects had not commenced production.

Chairman Curry expressed gratitude to District Secretary Tyler and anyone else involved in the remedial repaving of 17th Street/464 from U.S. 301 to S.R. 35.

Mr. McCammon addressed the board, stating that they had addressed the worst spots and collaborated with the contractor to accelerate work on the spots completed in the last couple of weeks. However, they now had to wait until February for the contractor to return and complete the corridor.

Item 6b. I-75 Moving Florida Forward Update

Mr. Steven Buck, with FDOT Planning Environmental Management Office gave a presentation and provided an update on the I-75 Moving Florida Forward Initiative in Marion County.

The presentation is attached to pages 35-46 of this set of minutes for reference.

Mr. Zalak mentioned that there might be an opportunity for the County to collaborate with FDOT regarding the bridge at C.R. 484, which required significant work. He had asked the Secretary if there was a chance to partner with FDOT and contribute funding to facilitate these improvements.

Ms. Bryant added that she also had a separate conversation with the Secretary about this matter.

Item 6c. TPO Budget Status Update

On a quarterly basis, TPO staff updates the TPO Board to ensure they remain informed of funding status and the financial outlook throughout the year. Mr. Balmes informed the board that the latest budget status report had been included in the agenda.

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Kia Powell provided the most current construction report and encouraged the board to visit cflroads.com as a resource for specific information on FDOT projects.

Ms. Powell also gave two announcements:

1. As of November 27, 2023, there were seven lane closures reported.
2. Projects that had started in the month November 2023 were as follows:
 - a. U.S. 301 Resurfacing from South of Northeast 175th Street to the Alachua County Line
 - b. S.R. 492 Bridge Improvements Over the C.S.X. Railroad
3. The Silver Springs State Park Pedestrian Bridge project was planned to start of December 2023.
4. The U.S 41 South William Street Pedestrian Crossing was completed November 2023.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes gave the following comments:

- The MPOAC Annual Report was included in the agenda packet for the board to view.
- On November 9, 2023, there was a joint TPO and Community Traffic Safety Team Safety Summit (CTST) with many partners in attendance. Mr. Balmes also thanked Councilman Bethea for his full attendance and guidance during the Safety Summit.

Item 9. Comments by TPO Members

Ms. Bryant inquired with Mr. Inskeep about an update on the Pennsylvania Avenue Bike Project.

Mr. Inskeep expressed that the project had primarily received negative feedback, citing several concerns. Firstly, there was a high-risk situation regarding the 8-inch water main beneath the east side of the project area. With heavy traffic, including 12,000 vehicles and lumber trucks passing through the west side of town, the potential for water main ruptures was a significant concern. Additionally, the installation of the median would result in the loss of 120 parking spaces.

During the recent Dunnellon City Council meeting, Mr. Inskeep highlighted the concerns of lack of space for semi-truck deliveries, potentially leading to trucks obstructing traffic flow by stopping on sidewalks or between landscape islands. Numerous residents voiced their concerns about the project, particularly regarding traffic congestion. Although the pedestrian trail over the Rainbow River bridge seemed promising, the removal of parking spaces would exacerbate congestion issues. Overall, public sentiment towards the project was mixed, with many expressing discontents with its current implementation.

Mr. Inskeep suggested that while the project might have been a good idea initially, the increase in traffic volume and other issues necessitated a reevaluation. While there was consensus among most not to scrap the entire project, doing it in its entirety was also not favored. He proposed that a good compromise might involve dividing the project into segments. The focus would be on establishing a pedestrian trail over the bridge extending into the Blue Run Park. On the south side of the road, installation of islands or any changes should be avoided. Instead, parking spots for bikers could be designated by spraying markings. Since there is already an existing sidewalk, effective communication about the plans would be crucial. As the project nears the 90% completion mark, timely communication was essential to ensure everyone was aligned.

Lastly, Mr. Inskeep stated that lack of communication could lead to wasted resources and inefficiencies in efforts.

Ms. Bryant mentioned that Marion County Assistant County Administrator, Tracy Straub, would be available to speak with Mr. Inskeep about his concerns.

Mr. Zalak also stated that he shared some of the concerns raised by Mr. Inskeep.

Item 10. Public Comment

Mr. Douglas Shearer, residing at 2301 SE 85th Street, Ocala, FL, addressed the board, stating that the worst intersection in the county was at SE 80th Street and U.S. 441.

Despite paving and cross lights, he stated that none of it seemed to work, as it took him five light changes to get through the intersection just the other day. Mr. Shearer suggested that SE 80th Street should have been four-laned to allow for smoother traffic flow, especially for vehicles going straight across. He expressed concerns about the safety of having bikes crossing U.S. 441 amidst heavy traffic.

Ms. Bryant suggested that installing a roundabout at that location might work.

Mr. Shearer proposed having at least two lanes in the middle going both ways, allowing cars to go straight and get over instead of being held up by cars unable to turn due to heavy traffic volume. He emphasized that the intersection was a nightmare, and adding bikes crossing would only worsen the situation.

Secondly, Mr. Shearer mentioned the future potential four-laning of C.R. 475A and voiced concerns about making changes to raise the SW 66th Street Bridge while keeping it as a two-lane bridge, despite the eventual need for four lanes to accommodate increased traffic volume. He emphasized that this is certainly a conversation worth having. He expressed the need for thorough examination now if there are contemplations about a roundabout and other changes, considering the likelihood of having to rebuild the bridge again in a few years.

Item 11. Adjournment

Chairman Craig Curry adjourned the meeting at 5:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant



Approval of Marion County Adjusted Urban Boundaries

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- **Urban Areas** revised every 10 years based on updated Census populations
- **Urban Boundaries** are defined by Census Bureau and reviewed for adjustment by FHWA and FDOT

Urban Boundaries - The lines distinguishing defined urban areas from rural areas

- Census Bureau defines urban boundaries according to housing unit and development density.
- States have option of adjusting urban boundaries to be more consistent with transportation planning needs.

What the Urban Boundary is NOT

- Growth or Development boundary
- Zoning boundary
- Utility service boundary

It is simply a boundary used only by FHWA to differentiate urban roads from rural roads and used only for federal and state transportation funding.



Factors in defining and adjusting Urban Boundaries

Boundaries can consider transportation terminals, transit routes.

Boundary should follow municipal limits or physical features.

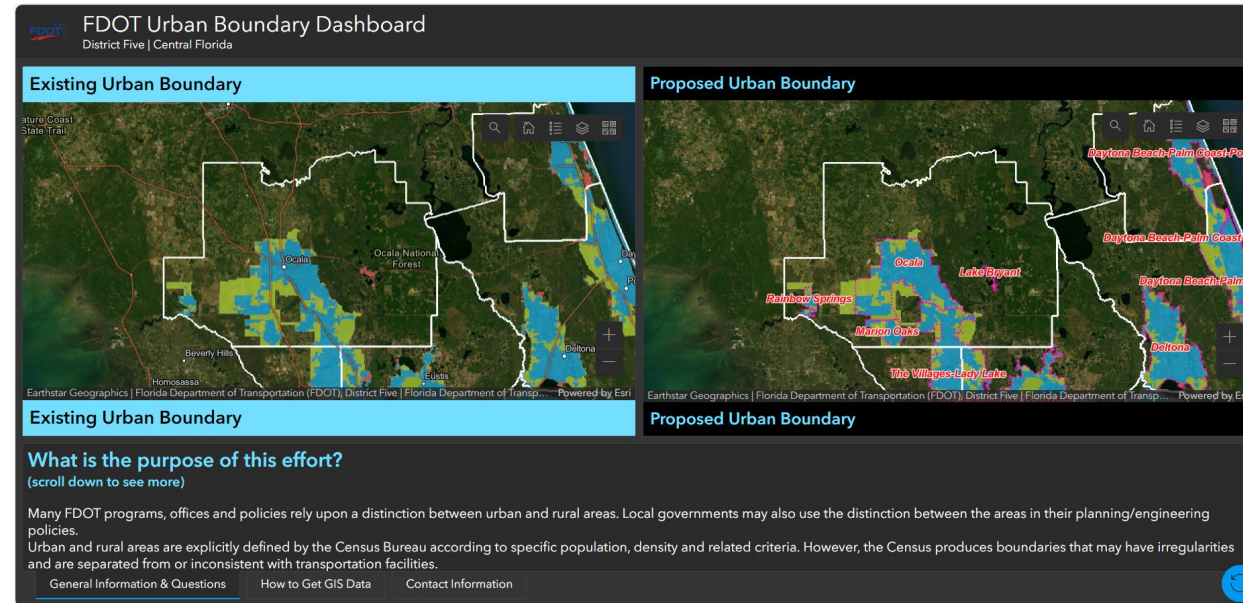
Boundary should be easy to discern.

Boundaries should be simple, without irregularities.

Boundaries should not split roadways or ramps.

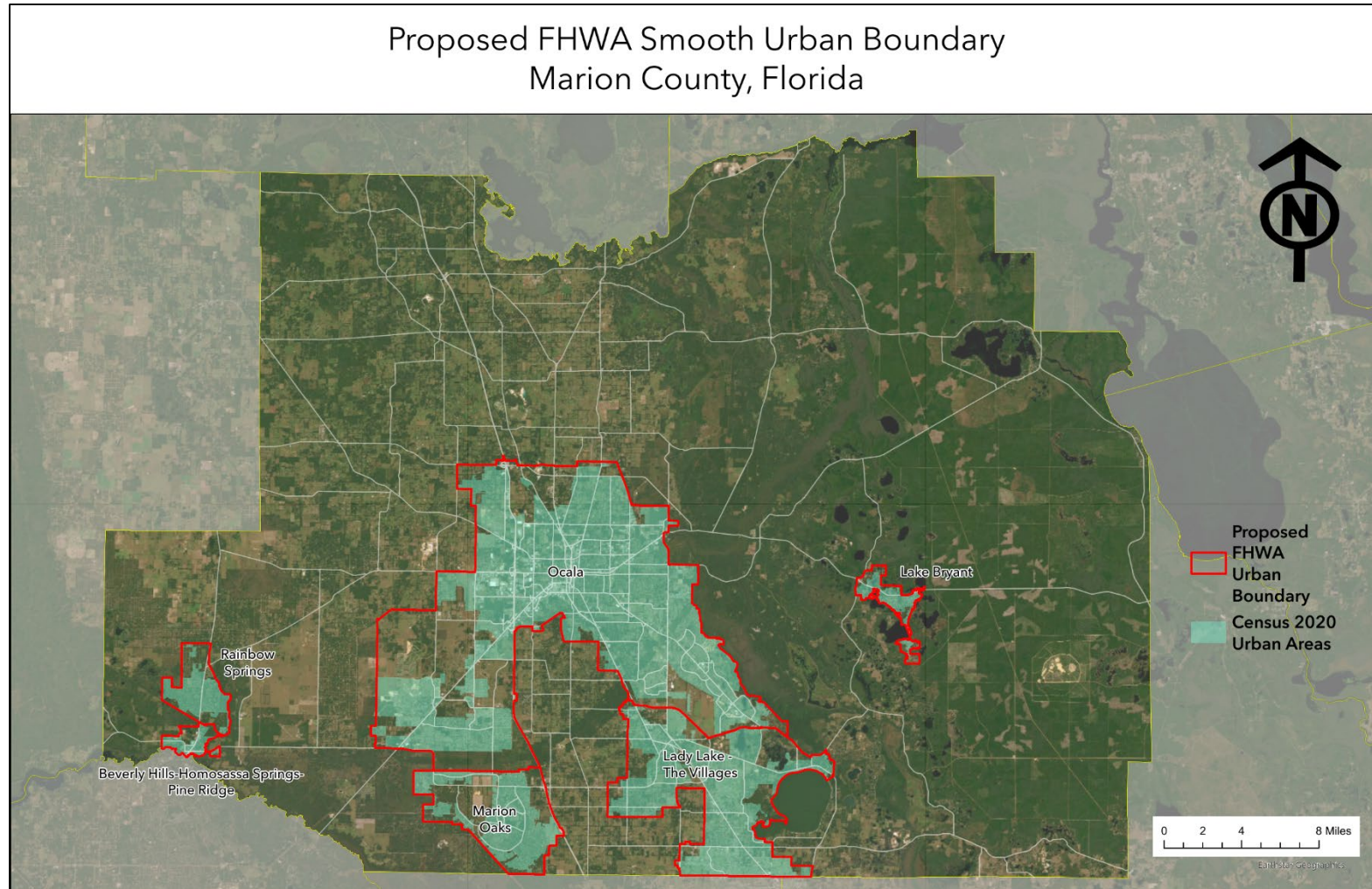


- FDOT developed proposed urban boundaries and provided dashboard for review



- TPO reviewed proposed urban boundaries in coordination with local agencies
- FDOT and TPO coordinated to define adjusted urban boundaries being reviewed today

Seeking Approval of Marion County Adjusted Urban Boundaries Map





Thank You



DISTRICT FIVE Work Program Public Hearing

FY 24/25 to FY 28/29

TPO Board Meeting
November 28, 2023



FDOT Work Program (FY 2024/25 - FY 2028/29)

Important Dates:

- District 5 Public Comment Deadline: **November 3, 2023**
- Central Office Submits Final Tentative Work Program to Executive Office of the Governor: **December 26, 2023**
- Florida Transportation Commission Public Hearing: **January 8, 2024**
- Florida State Legislation 2024 Session: **January 9 to March 15**
- Adoption: **July 1, 2024**

Work Program Key Influence Factors



	2021	2022	2023
Contract Price Adjustments	n/a	n/a	\$363.16M
Cost of Materials: New Construction Index	\$5M per Mile	\$6.5M per Mile	\$7.6M per Mile + 17%
Cost of Materials: Resurfacing Index	\$751K per Mile	\$869K per Mile	\$1.1M per Mile + 26.6%

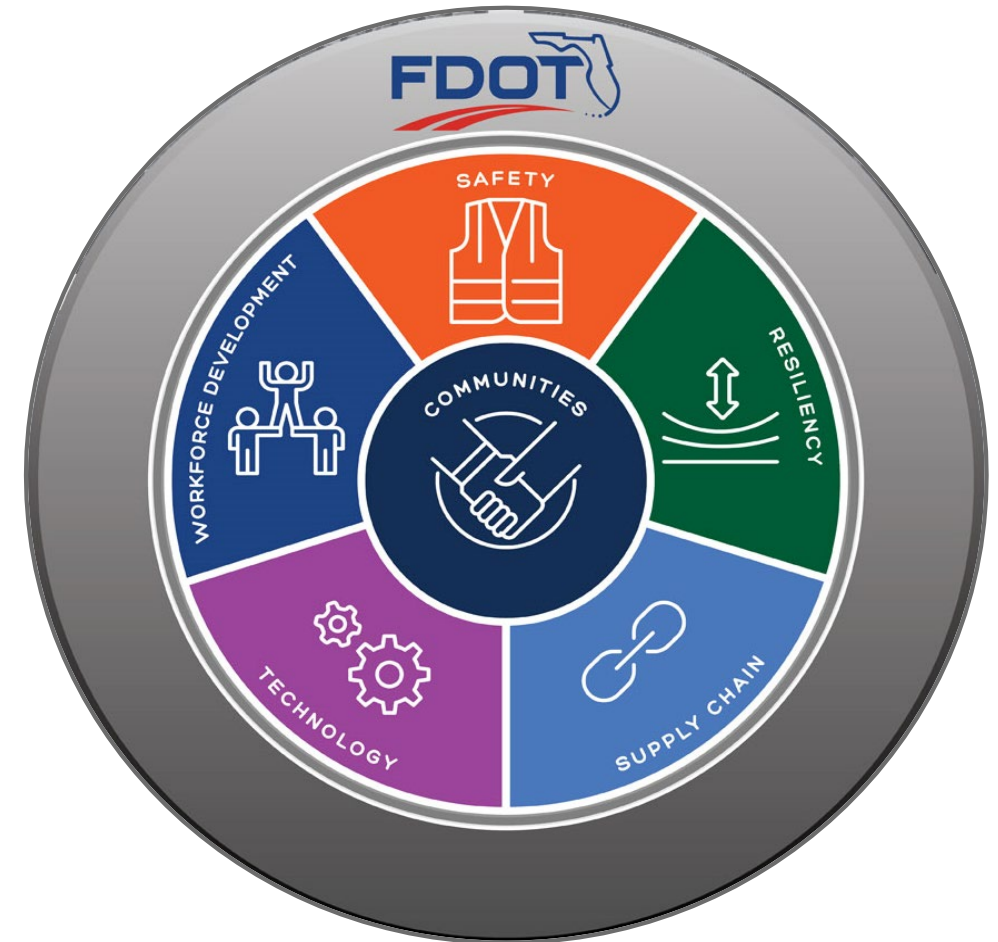
Tentative Work Program (FY 2024/25 - FY 2028/29)



Conservative Allocation
and Revenue growth

Resurfacing Program Adjustments

Responsible Contingency Levels



DEFERRALS

FM# 451440-1:

- Interstate-75, from S.R. 40 to S.R. 318
- Landscaping
- Construction and Construction Support deferred from FY 24/25 to FY 27/28 to accommodate the Moving Florida Forward project.

FM# 451440-2:

- Interstate 75, from S.R. 200 to south of Flyover
- Landscaping
- Construction and Construction Support deferred from FY 24/25 to FY 27/28 to accommodate the Moving Florida Forward project.

FM# 451440-3:

- Interstate 75 at S.R. 484
- Landscaping
- Construction and Construction Support deferred from FY 24/25 to FY 27/28 to accommodate the Moving Florida Forward project.

DELETIONS

FM# 451716-1:

- Interstate 75 in Marion County
- Structure Replacements
- Construction and Construction Support deleted from FY 24/25; replacements will be incorporated into Moving Florida Forward project.

MOVED OUT

FM# 238648-1:

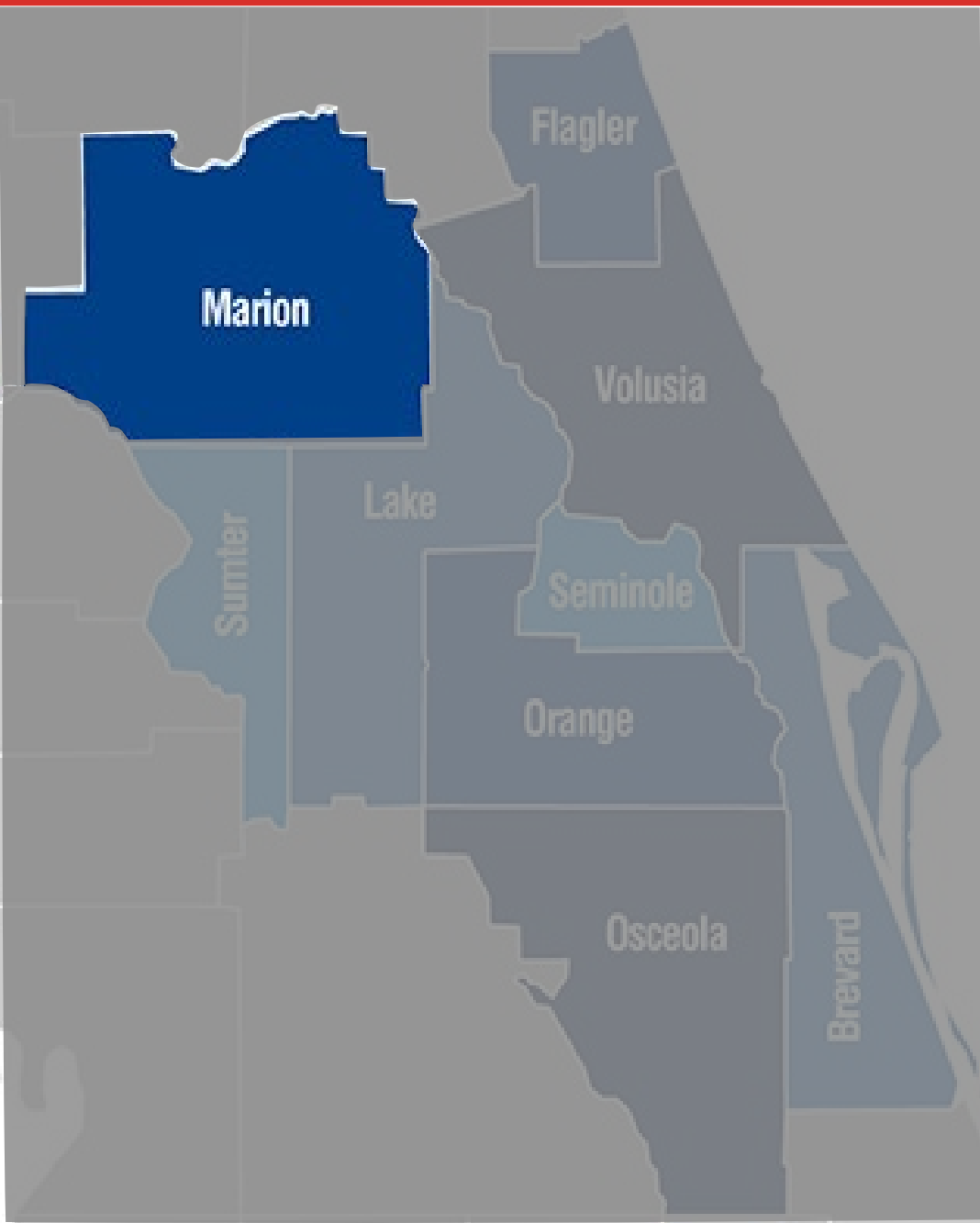
- S.R. 45 (U.S. 41), from SW 110th Street to North of S.R. 40
- Add Lanes and Reconstruct
- Construction and Construction Support moved out from FY 27/28 to FY 28/29 based on work program balancing.

The Five-Year Outlook

County	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	FY 2028/29	TOTAL
Marion	\$229,437,260	\$115,062,371	\$59,438,350	\$12,037,138	\$112,607,280	\$528,582,399

Ocala-Marion TPO Region – Funding Breakdown

Project Type	Five-Year Estimated (Marion)
Safety	\$7,932,153
Capacity	\$279,589,319
Preservation	\$131,415,397
Multi-modal	\$46,601,586
Operations	\$23,443,541
Bike/Ped	\$12,334,091
Misc.	\$27,266,312



Key Projects

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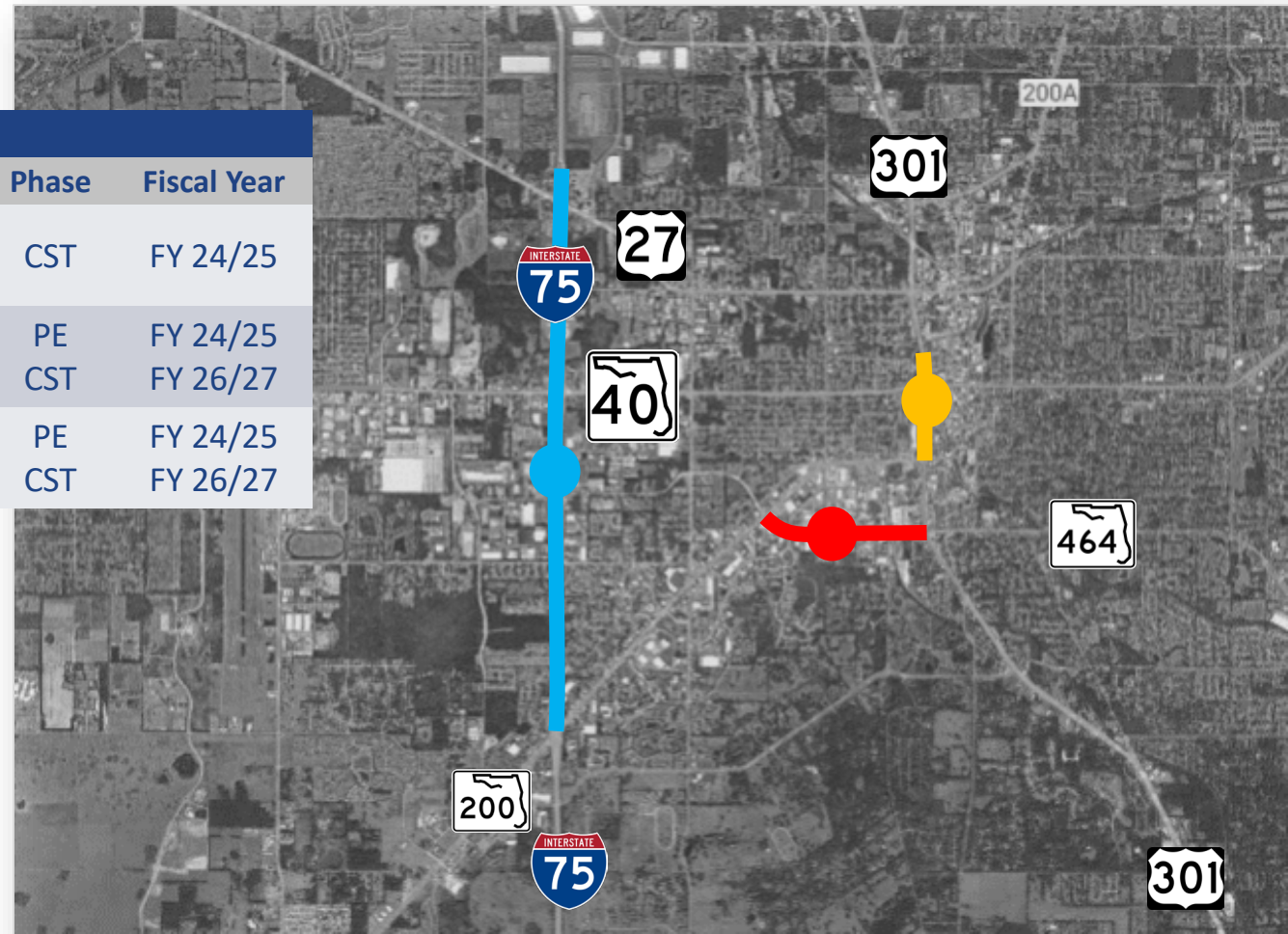
Key Projects – Resurfacing





Key Projects – Resurfacing

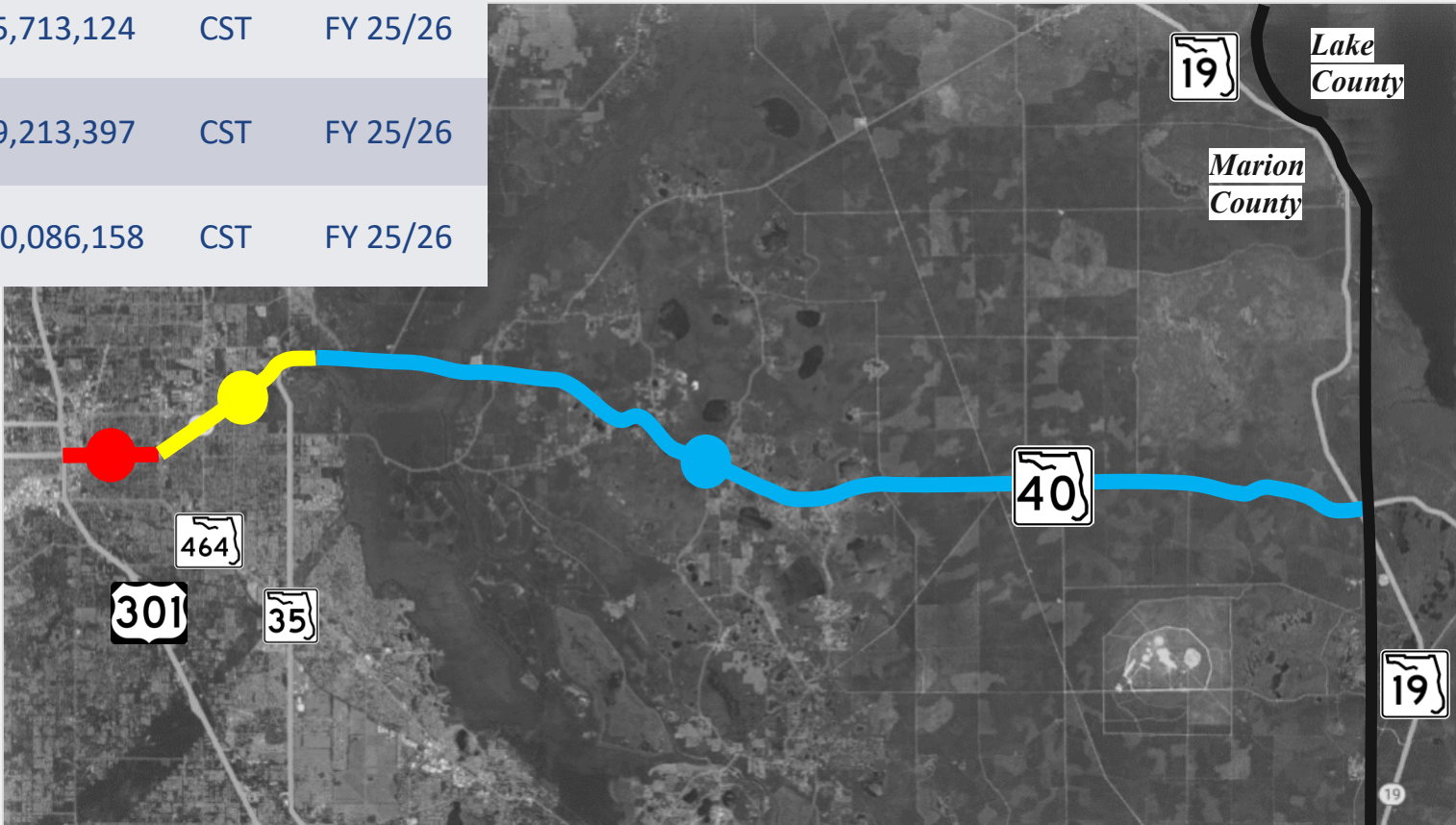
Marion County

FPID	Project Description	Total Cost	Phase	Fiscal Year
448376-1	I-75, from SR 200 to north of U.S. 27 (SR 500/U.S. 441)	\$15,606,462	CST	FY 24/25
452634-1	SR 464, from SR 200 to SR 25/500	\$3,619,177	PE CST	FY 24/25 FY 26/27
452635-1	SR 200 (U.S. 301), from SW 10TH Street to NW 4TH Street	\$1,291,903	PE CST	FY 24/25 FY 26/27



Key Projects – Resurfacing

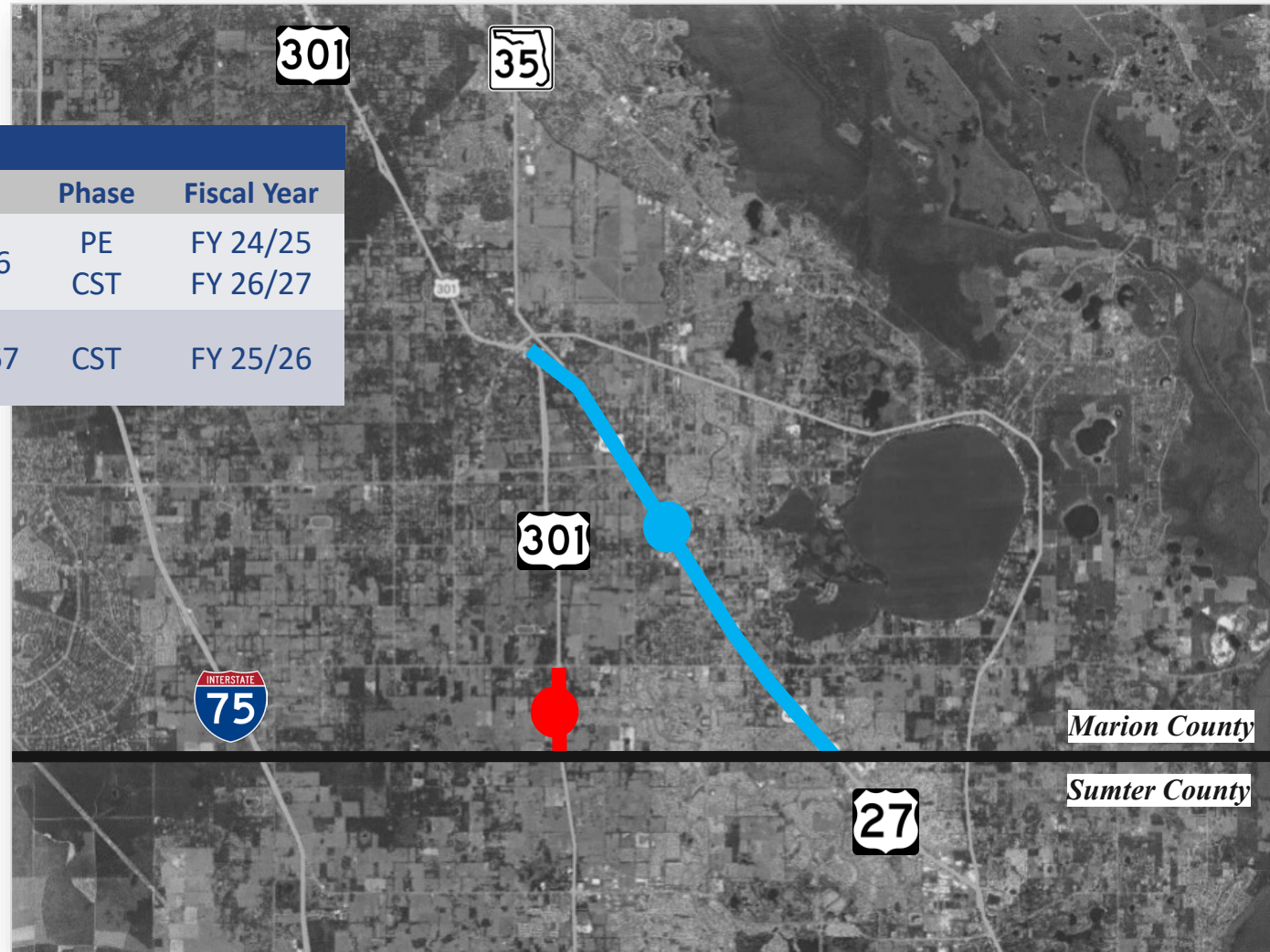
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FPID	Project Description	Total Cost	Phase	Fiscal Year	
 450952-1	SR 40, from U.S. 441 to 25 th Avenue	\$5,713,124	CST	FY 25/26	
 450951-1	SR 40, from 25 th Avenue to NE 64 th Avenue	\$9,213,397	CST	FY 25/26	
 450948-1	SR 40, from NE 64 th Avenue to Lake County Line	\$30,086,158	CST	FY 25/26	



Key Projects – Resurfacing

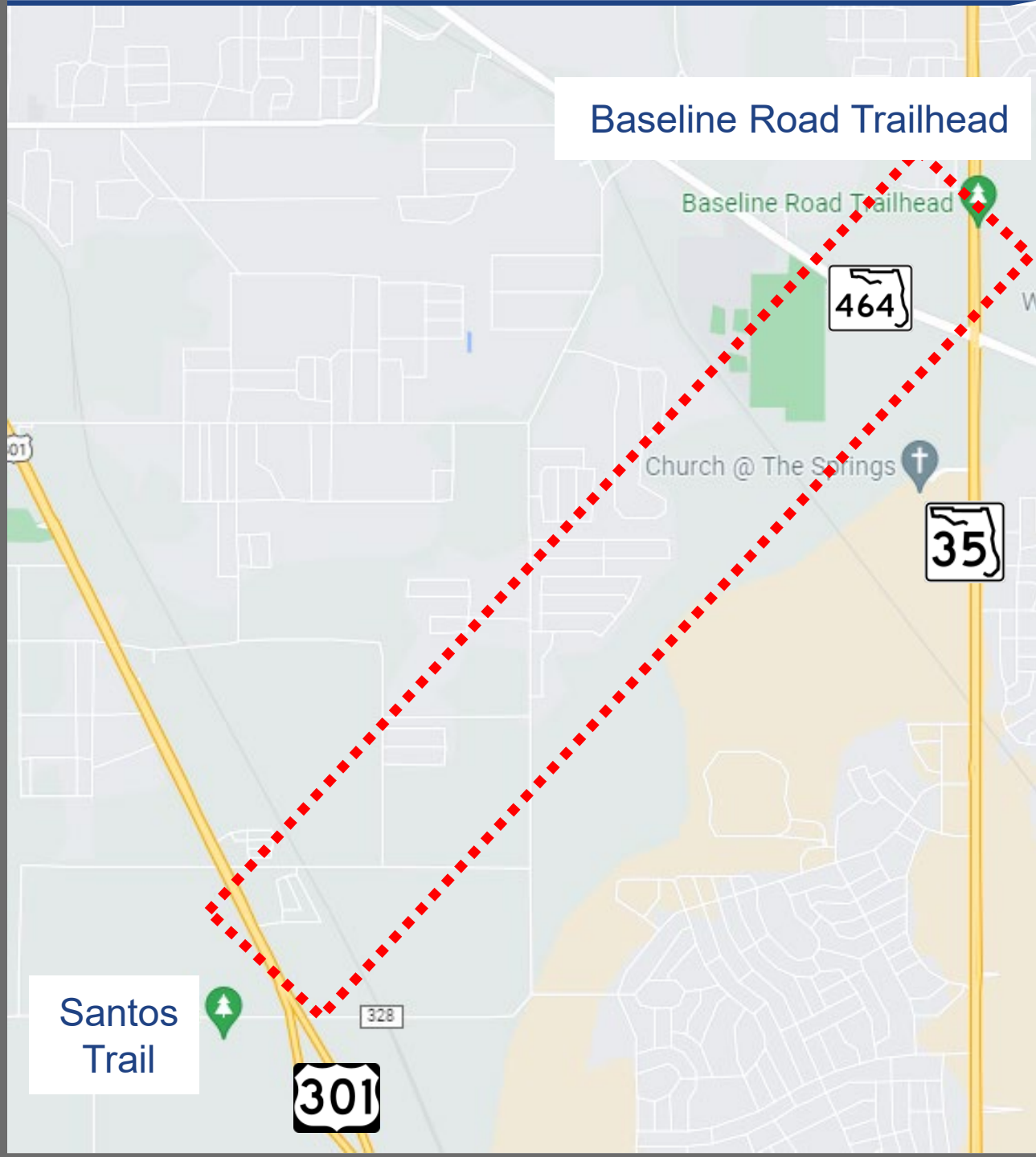
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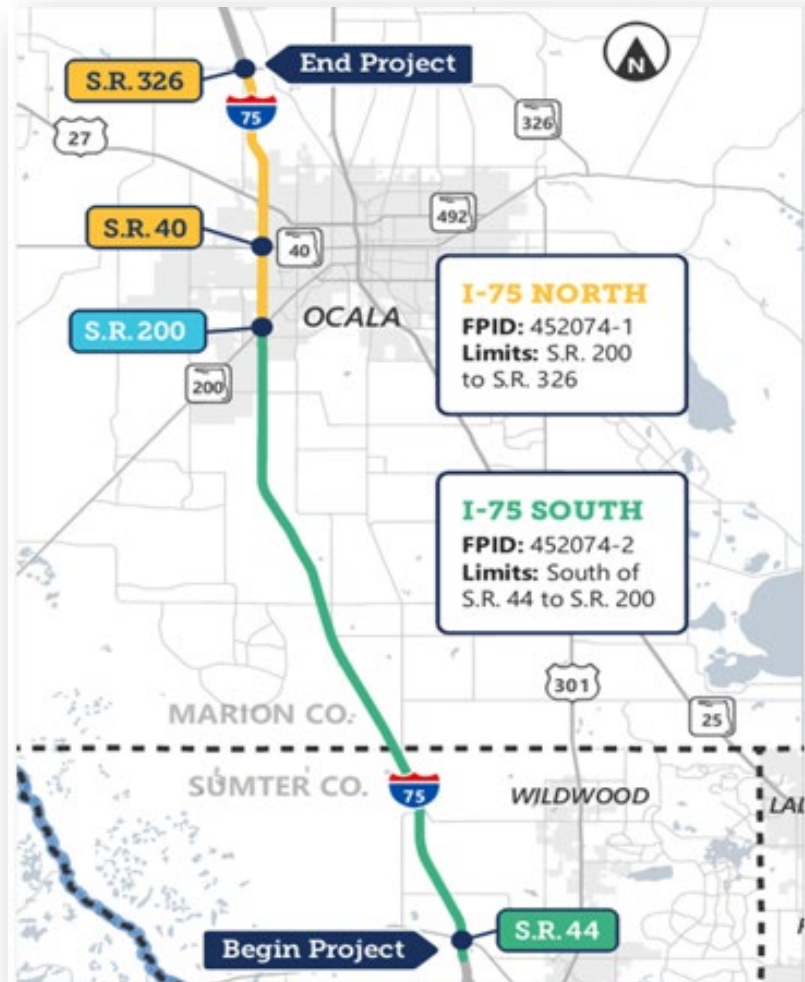
FPID	Project Description	Total Cost	Phase	Fiscal Year
452694-1	U.S. 301 (SR 35), from Sumter County Line to north of SE Highway 42	\$5,168,316	PE CST	FY 24/25 FY 26/27
450637-1	U.S. 27, from Sumter County Line to U.S. 301 / Abshier	\$20,934,167	CST	FY 25/26



Key Projects – Bike Path/Trail Projects

Marion County				
FPID	Project Description	Total Cost	Phase	Fiscal Year
422772-2	Cross Florida Greenway, from Baseline Road to Santos Paved Trail	\$5,600,000	CST	FY 25/26



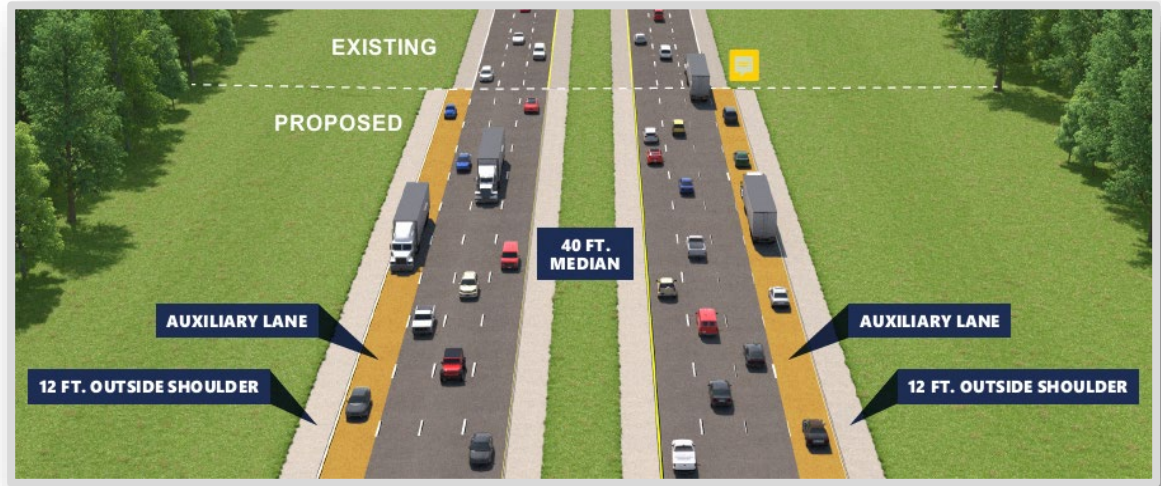


Central Florida Region: I-75 Focus

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

- **Interstate 75 – Auxiliary Lanes**
Construction start Spring 2025 (North)
- **Interstate 75 at S.R. 326**
Interchange Operational Analysis Report (IOAR)

Deliver projects over next 10 years.



TPO Summary

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Priority Projects Funded

\$161,003,702



Other Funding Opportunities

Grants:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA); i.e., PROTECT, MEGA, INFRA, SS4A, etc.
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants
- FDOT Letter of Consistency
- Contact: Alice Guiliani, D5 PLEMO;
[Email: Alice.Guiliani@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Alice.Guiliani@dot.state.fl.us)

Thank you!

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Program Management Administrator

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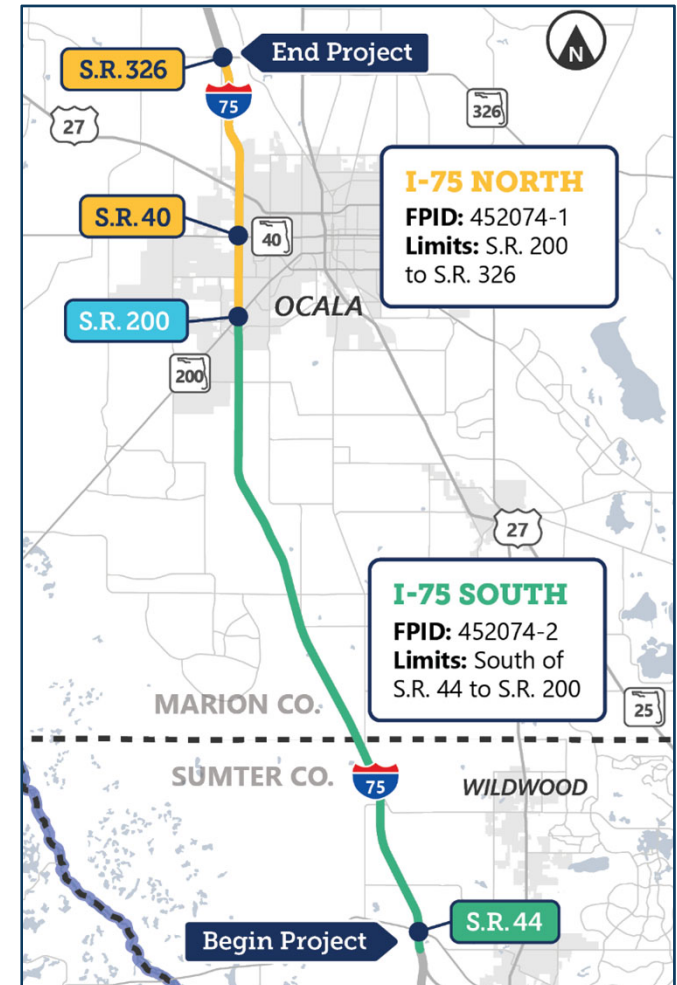
I-75 Improvements Status Update

October 2023



I-75 Overview

- Project Limits
 - South of S.R. 44 to S.R. 326
 - Approximately 30 miles
- Recommended Improvements
 - Auxiliary lanes
 - Interchange modifications at S.R. 40 and S.R. 326
- Two Separate Project Development & Environment Studies
 - I-75 South: South of S.R. 44 to S.R. 200
 - I-75 North: S.R. 200 to S.R. 326



Moving Florida Forward

Start Construction:

"Spring 2025"



**MOVING FLORIDA
FORWARD** 
Infrastructure Initiative

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.



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



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

Need for Improvements

Need for Better Reliability

Frequent congestion due to:

1. Seasonal, special event, holiday & weekend traffic
2. Road and lane blockages caused by weather and crashes

**44-68%
INCREASE
IN TRAFFIC**

During
Spring Break,
Thanksgiving
& Winter
Holidays

**1 out of 9
DAYS
ALL LANES
CLOSED**



**EVERY
13 HOURS**

an incident
closes at least
one lane



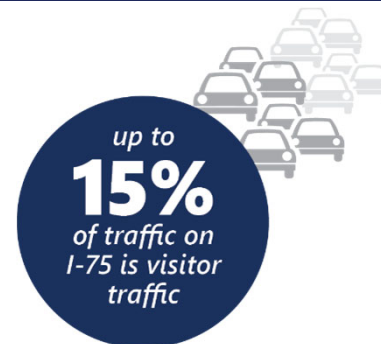
3 HOURS
Average total
**BLOCKAGE
DURATION**



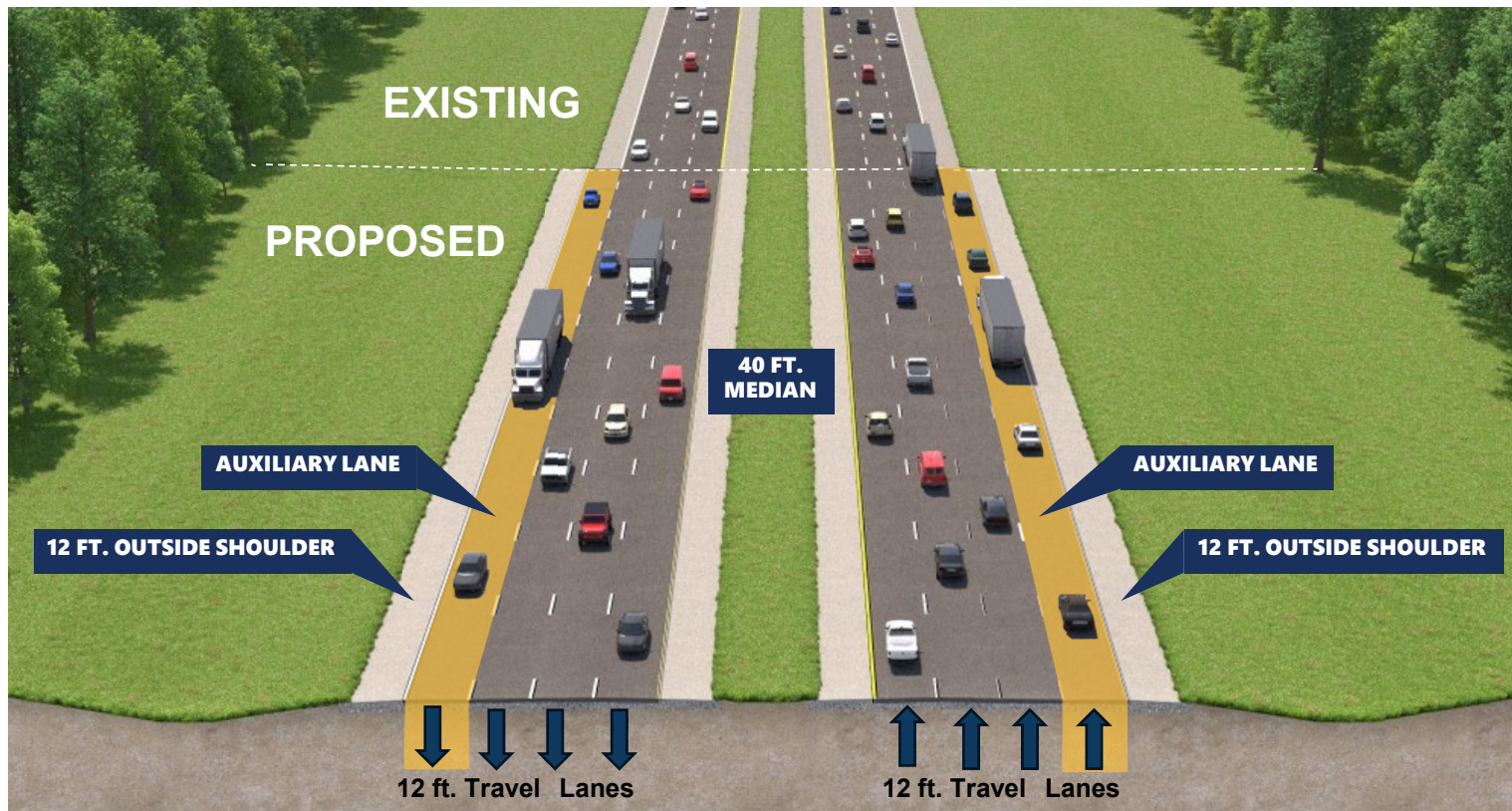
an estimated
160K vehicles
a day
are expected by 2050



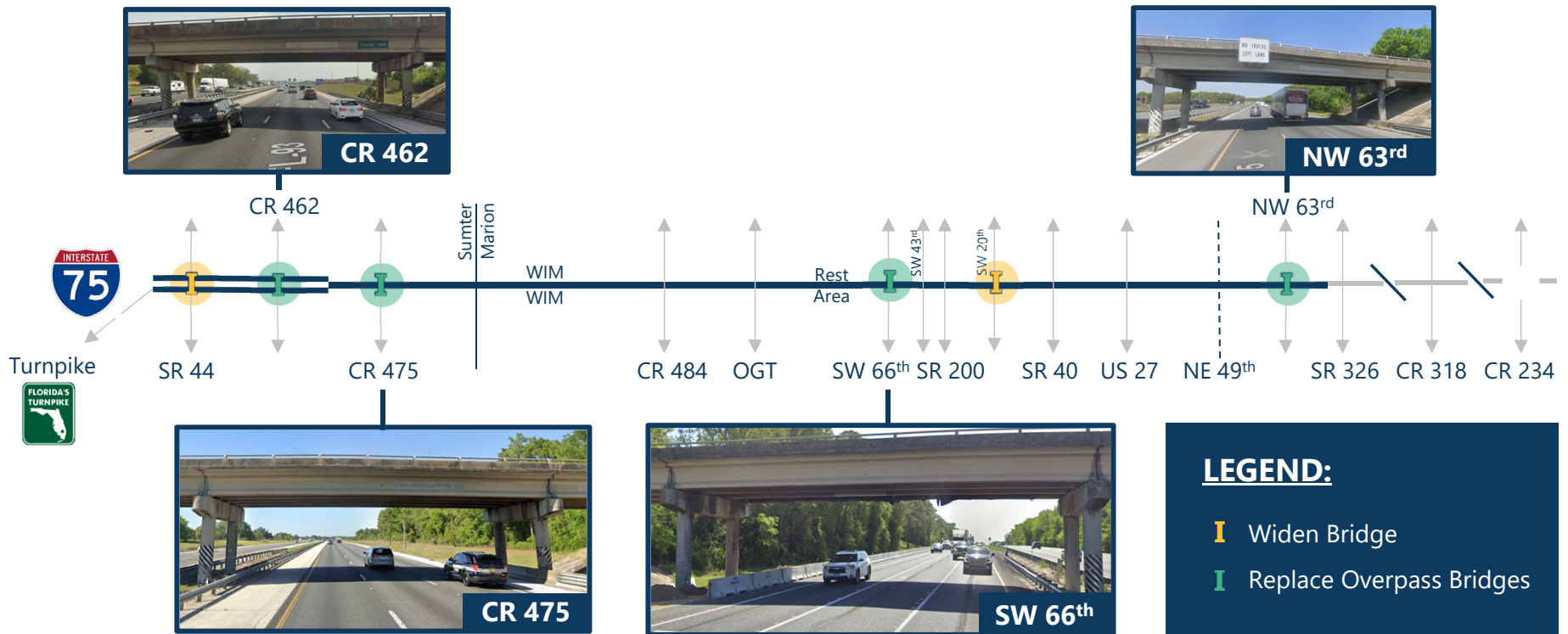
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I-75 Mainline Improvements

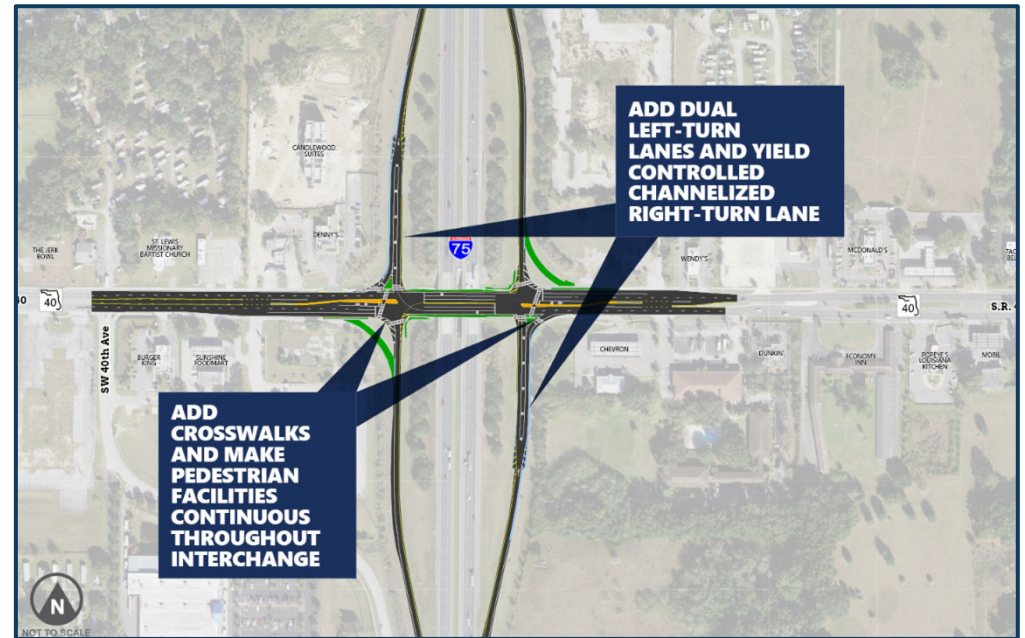


Bridge Widening & Replacements



I-75 @ SR 40

- Crosswalks for pedestrian safety;
- Additional storage for the on- and off-ramps; and
- Dual left-turn lanes and improved right-turn lanes at the off-ramps.

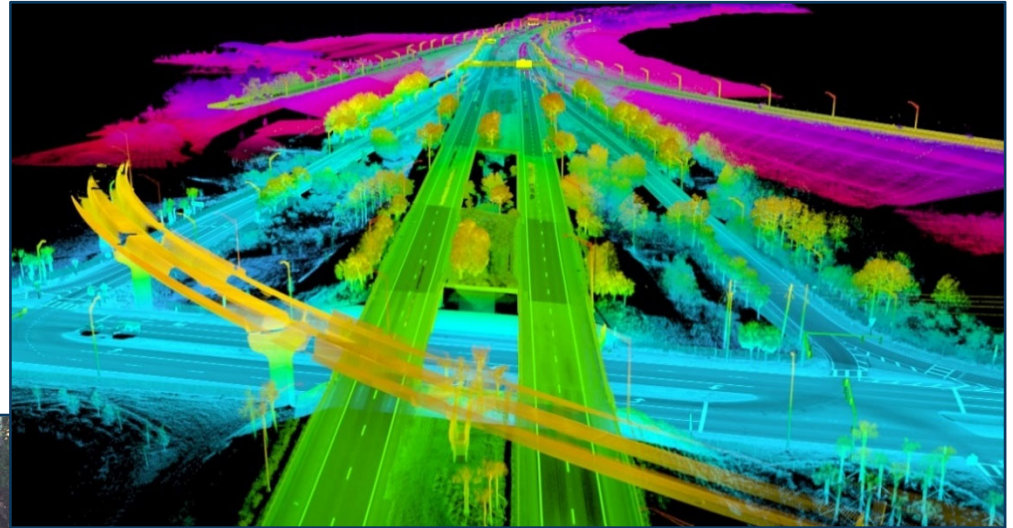


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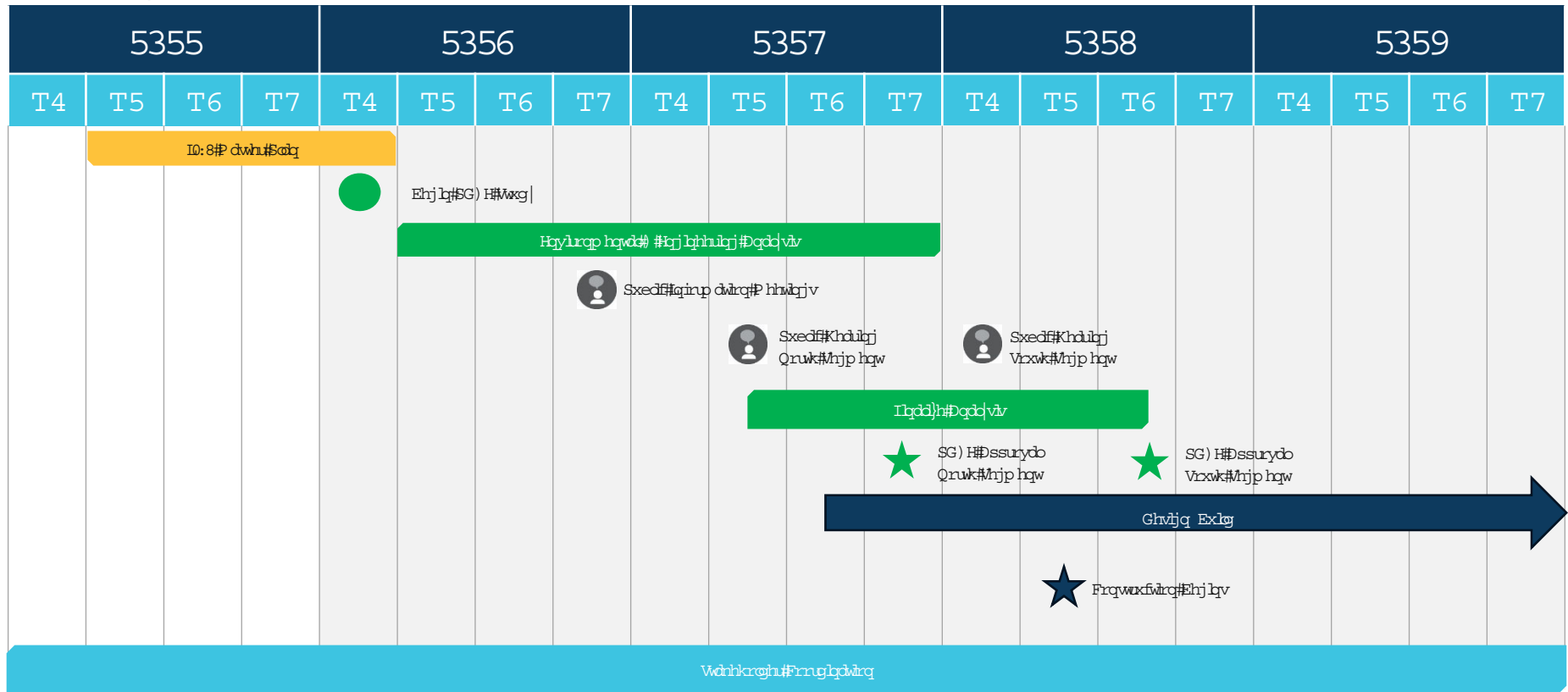


Upcoming Field Work

- Property Owner Letters
 - Geotech
 - Cultural Resources
 - Survey/Mapping



Project Schedule



Community Engagement

- Public Informational Meetings
 - Monday, December 11, 2023, In-Person at Savannah Center
 - Wednesday, December 13, 2023, In-Person at Hilton Ocala
 - Thursday, December 14, 2023, Virtual



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