

## What is the Congestion Management Plan?

The Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) **Congestion Management Plan (CMP)** is a management system and process to improve traffic operations and safety. This is performed through strategies that reduce travel demand and the implementation of improvements to specific locations on the transportation network in Marion County.

The **CMP** outlines policies and procedures to address federal and state requirements for conducting a step-by-step process to address congestion. The **CMP** also contains a **State of the System Report** to identify the current congested corridors and hot spot locations in Marion County.

The CMP is intended to provide benefits to the public by improving travel conditions with approaches that often may be implemented more quickly (within 5 to 10 years) or at a lower cost than many capacity improvements like adding travel lanes or new roadways.

In the CMP, roadways are identified as **Not Congested**, **Approaching Congestion**, **Congested** or **Extremely Congested**. To learn more about the CMP and view the current State of the System of congestion in Marion County, visit the TPO website under Plans and Programs and select the Congestion Management Process.

### What are the typical causes of **Congestion**?

**Bottlenecks:** Where roadways narrow or vehicles stack up at an intersection.

**Incidents:** Crashes or stalled vehicles.

**Weather:** Storms, natural disasters.

**Work Zones:** Construction and maintenance.

**Signal Timing:** Not timed to local traffic.

**Events:** Community, worship, sporting, etc.

