



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Rescheduled Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2023
10:30 am

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the Public
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Meeting Summary
 - *August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting*
6. Action Items
 - 6a. 2024 Meeting Dates: Approval of the proposed 2024 meeting dates for the St. Lucie TPO CAC.

Action: Approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates, approve with conditions, or do not approve.

- 6b. Amendments to the FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Review of TIP Amendments #2 - #7.

Action: Review and recommend adoption of the TIP Amendments, recommend adoption with conditions, or do not recommend adoption.

- 6c. St. Lucie Freight Network (SLFN) Update: Review of the Update to the SLFN.

Action: Review and recommend adoption of the SLFN Update, recommend adoption with conditions, or do not recommend adoption.

7. Discussion Items

- 7a. FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Call for Planning Projects: Initial discussion of the development of the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 UPWP for the St. Lucie TPO.

Action: Discuss and propose planning priorities and/or projects for potential inclusion in the FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 UPWP.

- 7b. Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Status Report: Presentation of a status report on the TDP Major Update.

Action: Discuss and provide comments to Staff.

8. Recommendations/Comments by Members

9. Staff Comments

10. Next Meeting: Subject to the approval of Agenda Item 6a, the next St. Lucie TPO CAC meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

11. Adjourn

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, August 22, 2023
TIME: 10:30 am
LOCATION: St. Lucie TPO
Coco Vista Centre
466 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Suite 111
Port St. Lucie, Florida

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Niemczyk called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

2. Roll Call

The roll was conducted via sign-in sheet, and the following members were present:

Members Present

Carolyn Niemczyk, Chairwoman
Bud Wild, Vice Chairman
Consuelo Cruz
George Saylor
Richard Silvestri
Dr. Ivan Somers

Representing

At Large
Unincorporated County
Minority Residents
Port St. Lucie
Unincorporated County
At Large

Others Present

Kyle Bowman
Peter Buchwald
Marceia Lathou

Representing

St. Lucie TPO
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St. Lucie TPO

Rachel Harrison
Mark Alvarez
James Brown
Ian Rairden

Recording Specialist
Corradino Group
Florida's Turnpike
Kimley-Horn

Mr. Buchwald welcomed Dr. Somers, who was attending the meeting as an alternate.

3. Comments from the Public – None.

4. Approval of Agenda

* MOTION by Ms. Cruz to approve the agenda.

** SECONDED by Mr. Silvestri Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Meeting Summary
• May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

* MOTION by Mr. Saylor to approve the Meeting Summary.

** SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wild Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6. Action Items

6a. East Midway Road Corridor Study: Presentation of the draft East Midway Road Corridor Study.

Mr. Buchwald explained that public and local agency input had identified several safety issues pertaining to the segment of Midway Road between U.S. Highway 1 and Indian River Drive, issues that could potentially be exacerbated by the future crossing of the East Coast Greenway/Florida Shared-Use Network (SUN) Trail. He indicated that Kimley-Horn had been engaged to conduct the evaluation of the corridor and introduced Mr. Rairden. Mr. Rairden clarified the boundaries of the segment under study as well as the Study's goals and objectives before presenting information regarding the corridor's traffic patterns, including 85th percentile speeds, crash data, and a capacity analysis. He summarized the features of the programmed SUN Trail project and then enumerated the safety issues that had been identified during the evaluation along with the improvements being

recommended to mitigate them. Mr. Rairden then provided an overview of two possible alternatives for the design of the roundabout recommended for the intersection of Midway and Weatherbee Roads.

In response to Mr. Silvestri's question, Mr. Rairden explained that the intersection of Midway and Weatherbee Roads was the most effective location for a roundabout along the corridor due to sight distances and the intersection's traffic volume.

Vice Chairman Wild questioned whether there were any plans to lower the speed limits along the East Midway Road corridor. Mr. Rairden replied in the negative, explaining that State regulations required a road's posted speed limit to be within eight miles per hour of its 85th percentile speeds, although the issue could be reconsidered after traffic calming strategies had been implemented. Vice Chairman Wild objected to the notion of rewarding speeders and asked if the corridor's designation as a wildlife crossing area could be used as support for speed control. Mr. Rairden indicated that the relevant Florida Statute did not include a wildlife crossing provision.

Chairwoman Niemczyk commended the presentation and inquired about the cost of speed feedback signs. Mr. Rairden reported the equipment expenses as ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 depending on whether the sign used solar or electrical energy, with installation expenses similarly contingent on the power source.

Responding to Vice Chairman Wild's question, Mr. Rairden explained that roundabouts typically reduced driver speeds to 10 miles per hour.

Mr. Saylor commented on the possibility of utilizing rumble strips along the corridor, and Mr. Rairden explained that they had not been recommended as a traffic-calming measure due to the noise they generated and the likelihood of disturbing residents. Mr. Saylor expressed his support for the northward, oval-shaped roundabout alignment, and Mr. Rairden indicated that it was the preferred alignment due to several beneficial features but noted that the design was only a recommendation at present.

Mr. Silvestri noted several typographical inconsistencies in the report, which Mr. Rairden acknowledged, and expressed his surprise at the frequency with which crashes were occurring on the corridor according to the data being presented. Mr. Silvestri echoed Vice Chairman Wild's concern over what amounted to a legal protection for speeders and noted that the speed limit on Indian River Drive had recently been reduced to 25 miles per hour. He then suggested that the condition of

the pavement near the intersection of Midway Road and Buchanan Drive be improved.

In response to Chairwoman Niemczyk's remark, Mr. Buchwald affirmed that the Study had originated with the members of the CAC. He explained that the Study provided an accurate and thorough depiction of the corridor's safety issues, thereby helping to justify future improvements.

Vice Chairman Wild commented on the possibility of reducing the corridor's speed in connection with the SUN Trail project, noting that the Indian River Drive's speed reduction had resulted in slower speeds and less traffic.

Mr. Silvestri commended the proposal to extend the bike lane to Indian River Drive and suggested that concrete barricades be installed at the railroad crossing so that vehicles could not attempt to go around the crossing arms. He further noted a significant pavement drop-off along the roadway west of the railroad tracks.

Vice Chairman Wild commented on a fatal crash that had recently occurred on Buchanan Drive. In response to his questions, Mr. Buchwald explained a number of considerations impacting how the County might proceed with implementing the Study's recommendations, including the prioritization process and the balancing of local and Federal funding.

Several members praised the comprehensiveness of the Study.

* MOTION by Vice Chairman Wild to recommend acceptance of the draft East Midway Road Corridor Study.

** SECONDED by Mr. Saylor Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6b. Sustainable Transportation Plan: Presentation of the draft Sustainable Transportation Plan.

Mr. Buchwald invited Ms. Lathou to present the agenda item. She identified the modes of transportation included in the Sustainable Transportation Plan, described how such modes were incorporated into the TPO's planning efforts, and explained how the SmartMoves 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan provided for the establishment of mobility hubs along I-95. Ms. Lathou then introduced Mr. Alvarez, who provided information on Automated, Connected, Electric, and Shared-Use (ACES) vehicles before describing the purpose and scope

of the Plan. Mr. Alvarez enumerated several components of the mobility hubs and then explained how suitable locations had been identified for the hubs in the TPO area, subsequently outlining the prioritization criteria used to rank the locations. He listed the top 10 locations in St. Lucie County, detailing the concepts for the top four, and concluded with considerations regarding implementation.

In response to Mr. Silvestri's question, Mr. Alvarez indicated that most public electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities included Level 2 chargers. Mr. Alvarez then outlined several considerations regarding the placement of Level 1, 2 and 3 chargers.

Mr. Saylor asked if the usage of the EV chargers at the Jobs Express Terminal (JET) was being tracked. Ms. Lathou indicated that the TPO staff knew the chargers were being used based on anecdotal evidence but that FPL had installed them.

* MOTION by Mr. Silvestri to recommend acceptance of the draft Plan.

** SECONDED by Mr. Saylor Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6c. 2024 Legislative Priorities: Review of the proposed Legislative Priorities for the St. Lucie TPO for 2024.

Mr. Buchwald explained that the TPO adopts legislative priorities each year based on the results of the current year's Florida Legislative Session and the legislative priorities of other transportation organizations. He then presented the legislative priorities being recommended for consideration for 2024, which included the Hands-Free Florida handheld device prohibition for drivers, the Moving Florida Forward Forever fuel tax replacement, and the Move Over for People protection for vulnerable road users.

* MOTION by Mr. Saylor to recommend adoption of the proposed priorities.

** SECONDED by Mr. Silvestri Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6d. Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Study Phase 2 Scope of Services: Review of the draft Scope of Services for Phase 2 of the AAM Study.

Mr. Buchwald introduced Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) as a topic and explained that the Study would comprise an AAM demand analysis, use cases evaluation, the identification of at least three suitable

destination locations within the TPO area for drone ports along with potential origin locations within the Treasure Coast International (TCI) Airport property, and a visual simulation of the AAM operation to assess its probable impact on the current transportation network in the TPO area. He described the approach to be taken in developing the Study's components, identified the consultant engaged to conduct it, and concluded with the Study's timeline and cost.

In answer to Dr. Somers' comments, Mr. Buchwald assured the members that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would be involved in the Study's development. Dr. Somers remarked on the evolving regulations surrounding AAM operations, and Mr. Buchwald commented on the benefits of being proactive with respect to land acquisition and the reservation of flight paths.

* MOTION by Mr. Silvestri to recommend approval of the draft Scope of Services.

** SECONDED by Mr. Saylor Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6e. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Major Update
Scope of Services: Review of the CMP Major Update draft
Scope of Services.

Mr. Buchwald defined the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and explained that it was required by Federal law for MPOs whose jurisdictions had populations greater than 200,000. He described the TPO's CMP, the last major update of which occurred in 2018, as involving the annual allocation of \$300,000 to \$400,000 toward CMP projects in the TPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP). Mr. Buchwald then enumerated the various tasks constituting the Major Update as well as the agency partners to be consulted for input, concluding with an identification of the Update's consultant, timeline, and cost.

In response to Chairwoman Niemczyk's question, Mr. Buchwald explained how consultants were selected to conduct studies for the TPO.

Vice Chairman Wild asked if fiber optic cable had been installed along Midway Road from U.S. 1 to Selvitz Road. Mr. Buchwald indicated that conduit and cable had been installed by the County between Selvitz Road and 25th Street, but that only conduit had been installed by FDOT for the segment between 25th Street and U.S. Highway 1. He noted the plan to extend the fiber optic cable on Midway Road to I-95 and then described the vision of eventually connecting the entire TPO

area to enable TPO areawide traffic signal coordination by a central transportation management center. In response to Vice Chairman Wild’s question, Mr. Buchwald reported the corridors where traffic signal management was already in operation and then explained the challenges arising when traffic volumes exceeded roadway capacity.

* MOTION by Mr. Saylor to recommend approval of the draft Scope of Services.

** SECONDED by Dr. Somers Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7. Recommendations/Comments by Members – None.

8. Staff Comments – Mr. Buchwald announced the upcoming Transit Development Plan Major Update, explaining what the Update would entail and providing details on the public workshops to be held as part of the Update’s outreach activities. He also provided a preview of the agenda for the Joint Advisory Committee meeting in October.

9. Next Meeting: The next St. Lucie TPO CAC meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee and the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee scheduled for 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

10. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Rachel Harrison
Recording Specialist

Carolyn Niemczyk
Chairwoman



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Date: November 28, 2024

Item Number: 6a

Item Title: 2024 Meeting Dates

Item Origination: Annual administrative business

UPWP Reference: Task 1.1 - Program Management

Requested Action: Approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates, approve with conditions, or do not approve.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the proposed 2024 meeting dates be approved.

Attachments

- CAC Proposed 2024 Meeting Dates

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) **PROPOSED** 2024 Meeting Dates (Approved: _____)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 10:30 am

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 10:30 am

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 10:30 am

Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 10:30 am

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 10:30 am

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 1:30 pm
(Joint Meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee
and the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee)

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee:	Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Date:	November 28, 2023
Item Number:	6b
Item Title:	Amendments to the FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Item Origination:	City of Port St. Lucie and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4
UPWP Reference:	Task 3.3 – TIP
Requested Action:	Review and recommend adoption of the TIP Amendments, recommend adoption with conditions, or do not recommend adoption.
Staff Recommendation:	Because the proposed TIP amendments are consistent with the SmartMoves 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and do not impact the fiscal constraint of the TIP, it is recommended that the proposed TIP amendments be recommended to the TPO Board for adoption.

Attachments

- Staff Report
- TIP Amendment Request Letters
- Village Green Drive Excerpt from RAISE 2023 Fact Sheets
- New/Revised TIP Project Pages



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

DATE: November 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Amendments to the FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 TIP was adopted by the TPO Board on June 7, 2023. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 recently added three (3) new carbon reduction projects to its Work Program and made changes to two (2) existing projects subsequent to the TPO's adoption of the TIP and requests amendments to reflect those changes in the TPO's TIP. In addition, the City of Port St. Lucie requests to add a project to the TPO's TIP to execute a recently-received grant.

ANALYSIS

As summarized in the attached requests from FDOT District 4, the funding source of the Construction phase of the Emerson Avenue Resurfacing Project changed and the total cost increased by almost \$700,000, and the length of the Jenkins Road project increased from 2.128 miles to 5.104 miles due to an initial error in the mile posts with the total cost of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase being increased by about \$2.5 million. The revised TIP pages to reflect this changes are attached.

The following three (3) projects that are included in the TPO's Carbon Reduction Program 2023/24 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) were added to the FDOT's Work Program:

- Installation of new 6-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Nebraska Avenue from South Lawnwood Circle to South 13th Street;

- Resurfacing the multi-use path along Green River Parkway from Walton Road to the Martin County Line; and,
- Improvement of the intersection of Gatlin Boulevard at Savona Boulevard.

The requests from FDOT District 4 and TIP pages to be added to reflect these new projects are attached.

Earlier this year, the City of Port St. Lucie received a \$2 million planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program to design improvements to the Village Green Drive corridor from SE Tiffany Avenue to US Highway 1 which was identified by the TPO as the top priority among 137 corridors in need of Complete Street improvements in the TPO area. The addition of the project to the TPO's TIP and FDOT's State TIP is required to execute the grant. The project fact sheet and the TIP page to be added to reflect the new project are attached.

Because new funding will be added to the TIP that equals the costs of the aforementioned projects, the projects will not impact the fiscal constraint of the TIP. The projects are consistent with the TPO's SmartMoves 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Therefore, the TIP amendments are consistent with the SmartMoves 2045 LRTP.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the proposed TIP amendments are consistent with the SmartMoves 2045 LRTP and do not impact the fiscal constraint of the TIP, it is recommended that the proposed TIP amendments be recommended to the TPO Board for adoption.



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November 7, 2023

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Executive Director
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**SUBJECT: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
TIP Amendment Request FY 2023/24 – 2027/28
447651-1 SR-607/EMERSON AVE FR NORTH OF SR-614/INDRIO RD TO SOUTH OF
25TH ST SW**

Dear Mr. Buchwald:

Pursuant to *Part IV – Chapter 5: Statewide and Local Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP and TIP) of the Work Program Instructions*, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests your processing and approval of the attached modification to the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program.

This modification is required because of funding reallocation and/or cost changes and needs to be reflected in the TIP. The project funding is being revised from District Dedicated Revenue (DDR) state funds to STP, Any Area (SA) and ACPR (Protect Grant PGM) federal funds for FY25.

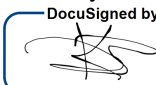
This project is consistent with the goals of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization’s Long-Range Transportation Plan. The TIP remains financially constrained. A State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Modification is required.

The TIP modification is as follows:

	FM#	Project Name	Project Description
EXISTING	447651-1	SR-607/EMERSON AVE FR NORTH OF SR-614/INDRIO RD TO SOUTH OF 25TH ST SW	RESURFACING
	Project length		2.236 MI

	Phase	Fund	FY 2025	
	CST	DDR	\$4,634,038	
	CST	DIH	\$62,248	
	CST	DS	\$677,181	
	TOTAL		\$5,373,467	
PROPOSED	FM#	Project Name		Project Description
	447651-1	SR-607/EMERSON AVE FR NORTH OF SR-614/INDRIO RD TO SOUTH OF 25TH ST SW		RESURFACING
	Project Length			2.236 MI
	Phase	Fund	FY 2025	
	CST	ACPR	\$1,008,420	
	CST	DDR	\$2,185,414	
	CST	DS	\$658,619	
	CST	SA	\$2,184,187	
	TOTAL		\$6,041,141	
	Justification for changes: Change in funding type.			

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me on (954) 777-4365.

Sincerely,
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 Kelly Budhu
 MPO Liaison
 FDOT – District 4



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November 16, 2023

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**SUBJECT: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
TIP Amendment Request FY 2023/24 – 2027/28
JENKINS ROAD FROM CR-712/MIDWAY ROAD TO SR-68/ORANGE AVENUE**

Dear Mr. Buchwald:

Pursuant to *Part IV – Chapter 5: Statewide and Local Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP and TIP) of the Work Program Instructions*, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests your processing and approval of the attached amendment to the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program.

This amendment is required because the project cost has increased by more than 20% AND \$2 million, and the project length has increased by more than ½ mile and needs to be reflected in the TIP. Advance Construction SU (ACSU) funds have been added to FY24. Also, the project length will be increasing from 2.128 miles to 5.104 miles due to an initial error in the mile posts.

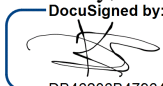
This project is consistent with the goals of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization’s Long-Range Transportation Plan. The TIP remains financially constrained. A State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment is required.

The TIP modification is as follows:

	FM#	Project Name	Project Description
EXISTING	446331-1	JENKINS ROAD FROM CR-712/MIDWAY ROAD TO SR-68/ORANGE AVENUE	2024 TPO PRIORITY #6 LFA WITH ST. LUCIE COUNTY R/W IS NEEDED
	Project length		2.128

	Phase	Fund	FY 2024	
	PDE	LFP	\$1,000,000	
	PDE	SU	\$20,000	
	PDE	TRIP	\$794,758	
	PDE	TRWR	\$205,242	
	TOTAL		\$2,020,000	
PROPOSED	FM#	Project Name		Project Description
	446331-1	JENKINS ROAD FROM CR-712/MIDWAY ROAD TO SR-68/ORANGE AVENUE		2024 TPO PRIORITY #6 LFA WITH ST. LUCIE COUNTY R/W IS NEEDED
	Project Length			5.104 MI
	Phase	Fund	FY 2024	
	PDE	ACSU	\$2,380,000	
	PDE	LFP	\$1,000,000	
	PDE	SU	\$118,019	
	PDE	TRIP	\$794,758	
	PDE	TRWR	\$205,242	
	TOTAL		\$4,498,019	
Justification for changes: Additional fund type for FY 24 and more than 1/2 mile increase.				

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me on (954) 777-4365.

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**SUBJECT: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
TIP Amendment Request FY 2023/24 – 2027/28
NEBRASKA AVENUE FROM SOUTH LAWNWOOD CIRCLE TO SOUTH 13TH STREET**

Dear Mr. Buchwald:

Pursuant to *Part IV – Chapter 5: Statewide and Local Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP and TIP) of the Work Program Instructions*, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests your processing and approval of the attached amendment to the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program.

This amendment is required because a new project has been added to the work program and needs to be reflected in the TIP.

This project is consistent with the goals of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization’s Long-Range Transportation Plan. The TIP remains financially constrained. A State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment is required. The TIP amendment is as follows:

PROPOSED	FM#	Project Name		Project Description
	453492-1	NEBRASKA AVENUE FROM SOUTH LAWNWOOD CIRCLE TO SOUTH 13TH STREET		2024 TPO CARBON REDUCTION PRIORITY #5 SIDEWALKS, 6 FEET IN WIDTH, 1 MILE IN LENGTH, ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET
	Phase	Fund	FY 2024	
	PE	TALU	\$5,000	
	TOTAL		\$5,000	

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**SUBJECT: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
TIP Amendment Request FY 2023/24 – 2027/28
GREEN RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL FROM WALTON ROAD TO MARTIN COUNTY LINE**

Dear Mr. Buchwald:

Pursuant to *Part IV – Chapter 5: Statewide and Local Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP and TIP) of the Work Program Instructions*, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests your processing and approval of the attached amendment to the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program.

This amendment is required because a new project has been added to the work program and needs to be reflected in the TIP.

This project is consistent with the goals of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization’s Long-Range Transportation Plan. The TIP remains financially constrained. A State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment is required.

The TIP modification is as follows:

PROPOSED	FM#	Project Name		Project Description
	453493-1	GREEN RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL FROM WALTON ROAD TO MARTIN COUNTY LINE		2024 TPA CARBON REDUCTION PRIORITY #3 RESURFACING OF MULTI-USE PATH
	Phase	Fund	FY 2024	
	PE	CARU	\$5,000	
	TOTAL		\$5,000	

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me on (954) 777-4365.

Sincerely,
DocuSigned by:

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Kelly Budhu
MPO Liaison
FDOT – District 4



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SECRETARY

November 7, 2023

Mr. Peter Buchwald, AICP
Executive Director
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
466 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd, Suite 111
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**SUBJECT: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
TIP Amendment Request FY 2023/24 – 2027/28
GATLIN BLVD @ SAVONA BLVD**

Dear Mr. Buchwald:

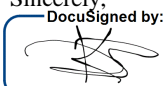
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PROPOSED	FM#	Project Name		Project Description
	453495-1	GATLIN BLVD @ SAVONA BLVD		2024 TPO PRIORITY 2 CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM 2024 TPA CARBON REDUCTION PRIORITY #2 EXTEND EASTBOUND & WESTBOUND LEFT-TURN LANES ON GATLIN BLVD & INSTALL DEDICATED NORTHBOUND & SOUTHBOUND RIGHT-TURN LANES ON SAVONA BLVD.
	Phase	Fund	FY 2024	
	PE	CARU	\$5,000	
	TOTAL		\$5,000	

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VILLAGE GREEN DRIVE CORRIDOR PLANNING PROJECT

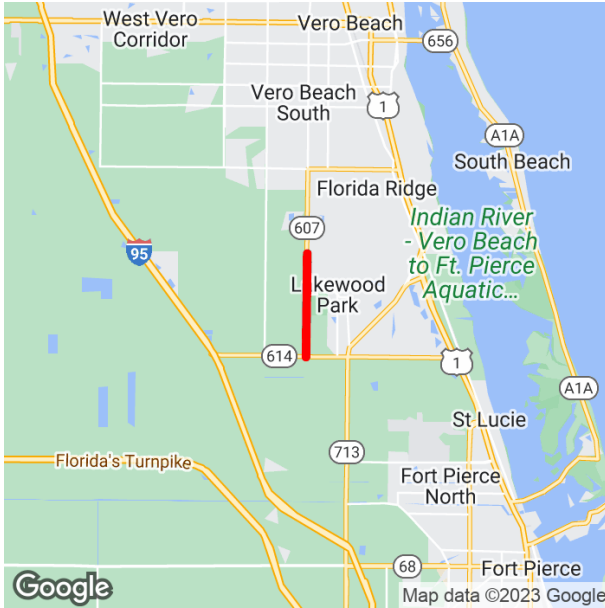
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
 CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FL: FLORIDA
PLANNING
URBAN
 HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY
 RAISE GRANT FUNDING: \$2,000,000

Project Description: The project will plan, design, and conduct community outreach for improvements to approximately 1.65 miles of the Village Green Drive corridor, to include roundabouts, intersection improvements, traffic calming features, 5-foot separated bike lanes, 6- to 10-foot sidewalks, the addition of a median between SE Walton Road and SE Tiffany Avenue, and an enhanced/relocated Wood Stork Trail.

Project Benefits: The project is strong in mobility and community connectivity, quality of life, safety, environmental sustainability, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. The Village Green Drive corridor was identified as the top priority among 137 corridors in need of Complete Street improvements by the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization. The City has conducted significant public outreach and formed partnerships with community-based organizations, including neighborhood associations, Treasure Coast Black Chamber of Commerce, and Latin American Chamber of Commerce, among multiple others. The project will improve accessibility from the Sandhill Crossing neighborhood to the planned City Center community hub, for which there are currently inadequate sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit service. The green infrastructure improvements will address stormwater runoff polluting the St. Lucie River and the urban heat island effect.



**EMERSON AVE FROM NORTH OF INDRIIO RD TO SOUTH OF 25TH ST SW
4476511 Non-SIS**



Project Description: RESURFACING

Lead Agency: MANAGED BY FDOT

County: ST. LUCIE

Length: 2.236

Phase Group: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, ENVIRONMENTAL

From: INDRIIO RD

To: 25TH ST

Phase	Fund Code	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
CST	ACPR	0	1,008,420	0	0	0	1,008,420
CST	DDR	0	2,18,414	0	0	0	2,18,414
CST	DS	0	658,619	0	0	0	658,619
CST	SA	0	2,184,187	0	0	0	2,184,187
		6,041,141			6,041,141		

Prior Year Cost: 667,494

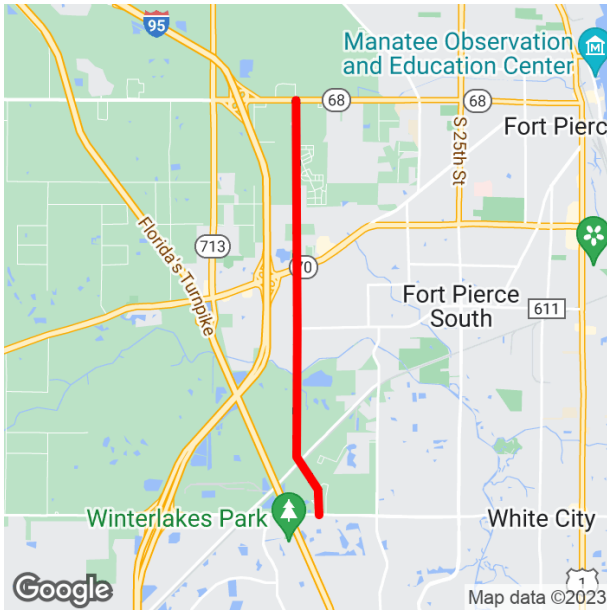
Future Year Cost: 0

Total Project Cost: 6,040,961

LRTP: Page 3-9

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JENKINS RD FROM MIDWAY RD TO ORANGE AVE
4463311 Non-SIS



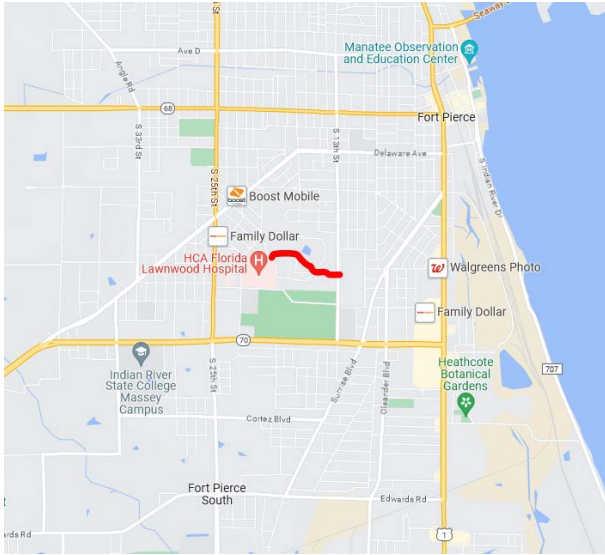
Project Description: PD&E/EMO STUDY
Extra Description: 2022 TPO PRIORITY #7 LFA WITH ST. LUCIE COUNTY R/W IS NEEDED
Lead Agency: MANAGED BY FDOT **From:** MIDWAY RD
County: ST. LUCIE **To:** ORANGE AVE
Length: 5.104 MILE
Phase Group: P D & E

Phase	Fund Code	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
PDE	ACSU	2,380,000	0	0	0	0	2,380,000
PDE	LFP	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
PDE	SU	118,019	0	0	0	0	118,019
PDE	TRIP	794,758	0	0	0	0	794,758
PDE	TRWR	205,242	0	0	0	0	205,242
		4,498,019					4,498,019

Prior Year Cost: 792,825
Future Year Cost: 0
Total Project Cost: 2,812,825
LRTP: Page 8-3

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**NEBRASKA AVENUE FROM SOUTH LAWNWOOD CIRCLE TO SOUTH 13TH STREET
4534921 Non-SIS**



Project Description: SIDEWALK
Extra Description: 2024 CARBON REDUCTION PRIORITY #5. INSTALL 6 FT WIDE SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET
Lead Agency: MANAGED BY FDOT
County: ST. LUCIE
Length: 1
Phase Group: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

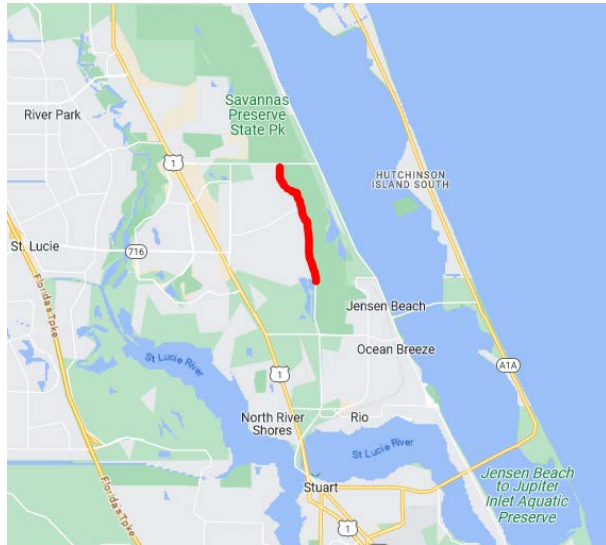
From: SOUTH LAWNWOOD CIRCLE
To: SOUTH 13TH STREET

Phase	Fund Code	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
PE	TALU	5,000					5,000
		5,000					5,000

Prior Year Cost: 0
Future Year Cost: 0
Total Project Cost: 5,000
LRTP: Page 3-9

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GREEN RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL FROM WALTON ROAD TO MARTIN COUNTY LINE
4534931 Non-SIS



Project Description: SHARED-USE PATH
Extra Description: 2024 CARBON REDUCTION PRIORITY #3. RESURFACING OF MULTI-USE PATH
Lead Agency: MANAGED BY FDOT
County: ST. LUCIE
Length: 2.7 MILES
Phase Group: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

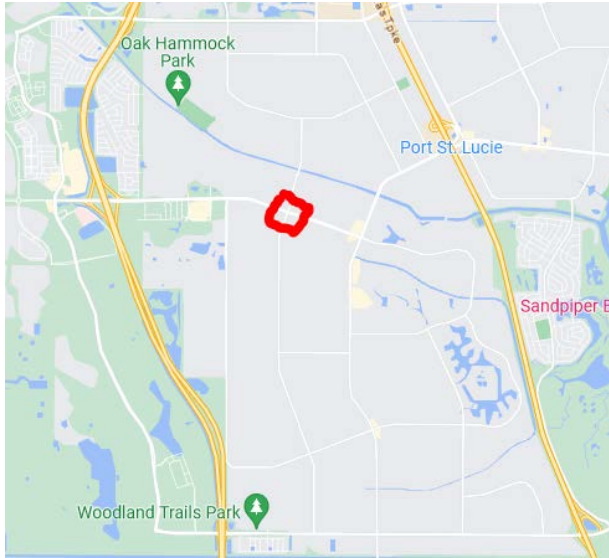
From: WALTON ROAD
To: MARTIN COUNTY LINE

Phase	Fund Code	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
PE	CARU	5,000					5,000
		5,000					5,000

Prior Year Cost: 0
Future Year Cost: 0
Total Project Cost: 5,000
LRTP: Page 8-11

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GATLIN BLVD @ SAVONA BLVD
4534951 Non-SIS



Project Description: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT **Extra Description:** 2024 CARBON REDUCTION PRIORITY #2. EXTEND EASTBOUND & WESTBOUND LEFT-TURN LANES ON GATLIN BLVD & INSTALL DEDICATED NORTHBOUND & SOUTHBOUND RIGHT-TURN LANES ON SAVONA BLVD.

Lead Agency: MANAGED BY FDOT

County: ST. LUCIE

Length:

Phase Group: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

From: GATLIN BLVD

To: SAVONA BLVD

Phase	Fund Code	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
PE	CARU	5,000					5,000
		5,000					5,000

Prior Year Cost: 0

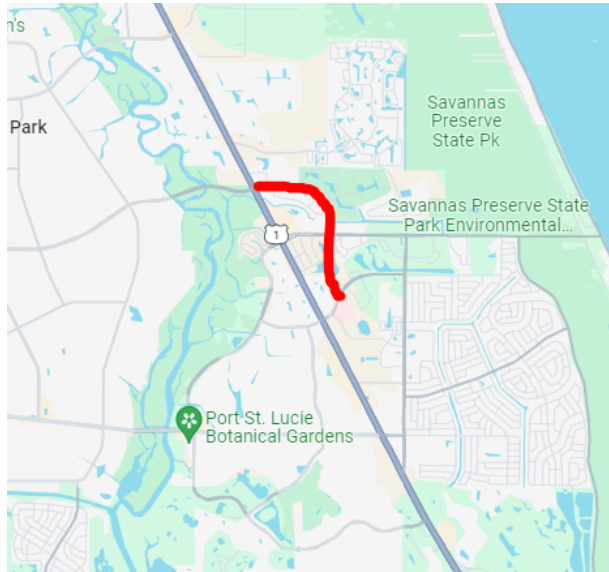
Future Year Cost: 0

Total Project Cost: 5,000

LRTP: Page 8-11

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**VILLAGE GREEN DRIVE CORRIDOR PLANNING FROM SE TIFFANY AVE TO US-1
XXXXXXX Non-SIS**



Project Description: CORRIDOR PLANNING
Extra Description: PLAN DESIGN AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO INCLUDE ROUNDABOUT, INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURES, 5-FT SEPARATED BIKE LANES, 6-10 FT SIDEWALKS, MEDIANS AND AN ENHANCED/RELOCATED WOOD STORK TRAIL

Lead Agency: PORT ST. LUCIE

County: ST. LUCIE

Length: 1.65 MILES

Phase Group: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

From: SE TIFFANY AVE

To: US-1

Phase	Fund Code	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
PE	RAISE	2,000,000					2,000,000
	LF	500,000					500,000
		2,500,000					2,500,000

Prior Year Cost: 0

Future Year Cost: 0 Total

Project Cost: 2,500,000

L RTP: Page 3-9

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

Item Number: 6c

Item Title: St. Lucie Freight Network (SLFN) Update

Item Origination: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP Reference: Task 3.6 – Freight Planning

Requested Action: Review and recommend adoption of the SLFN Update, recommend adoption with conditions, or do not recommend adoption.

Staff Recommendation: Since the Update to the SLFN reflects the current major roadway network and the most suitable segments of the network for freight movement in the TPO area, it is recommended that the SLFN Update be recommended for adoption by the TPO Board.

Attachments

- Staff Report
- Draft Updated SLFN Map



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

FROM: Yi Ding
Transportation Systems Manager

DATE: November 21, 2023

SUBJECT: St. Lucie Freight Network (SLFN) Update

BACKGROUND

One of the tasks of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the St. Lucie TPO is Task 3.6 – *Freight Planning*. As part of the TPO's freight planning efforts, the St. Lucie Freight Network (SLFN) was designated in 2015. The FY 2022/23-FY2023/24 UPWP includes an update of the SLFN.

ANALYSIS

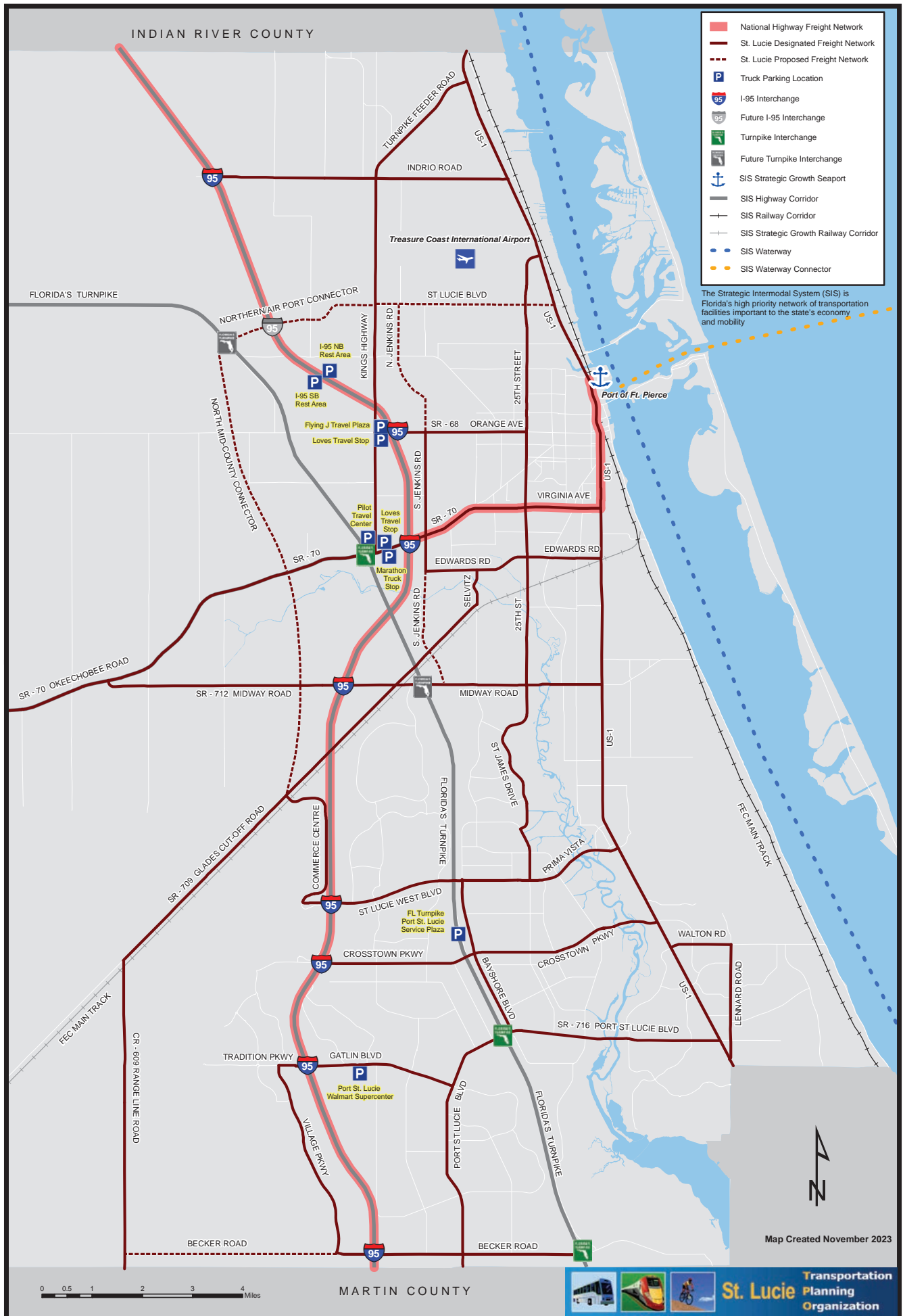
The most significant change to the major roadway network in the TPO area since the initial SLFN designation is the addition of the Crosstown Parkway Bridge. The following improvements also are included in the draft updated SLFN Map which is attached:

- FDOT Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) for highways, railways, and waterways;
- National Highway Freight Network;
- Truck parking lot locations; and,
- Refreshed map design.

RECOMMENDATION

Since the Update to the SLFN reflects the current major roadway network and the most suitable segments of the network for freight movement in the TPO area, it is recommended that the SLFN Update be recommended for adoption by the TPO Board.

St. Lucie Freight Network Update





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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

Item Number: 7a

Item Title: FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Call for Planning Projects

Item Origination: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP Reference: Task 1.2 – UPWP Development

Requested Action: Discuss and provide comments to Staff.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the draft UPWP planning priorities are discussed, and planning projects and/or revisions to the planning priorities are proposed to Staff.

Attachment

- Staff Report



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

FROM: Marceia Lathou
Transit/ACES Program Manager

DATE: November 8, 2023

SUBJECT: FY 2024/25 - 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Call for Planning Projects

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the two-year program supported by State and Federal funds of transportation planning activities undertaken by the TPO. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completion, costs, and funding sources. The UPWP serves as the foundational document for carrying out the 3C (continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive) transportation planning process within the TPO area.

The UPWP enables the TPO to receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Planning projects are included in the UPWP based on TPO priorities, the need to satisfy State/Federal requirements, and funding constraints. The projects may involve any aspect of surface transportation including roads, transit, bicycle/pedestrian, and the needs of the transportation disadvantaged.

The current UPWP for FY 2022/23 – FY 2023/24 ends on June 30, 2024. Therefore, it is necessary to initiate the development of the UPWP for FY 2024/25 – FY 2025/26 which is for the period from July 2024 through June 2026.

ANALYSIS

An initial discussion of the proposed FY 2024/25 – FY 2025/26 UPWP is requested at this time. The discussion should include the review and/or identification of the planning priorities, tasks, projects, and activities that should comprise the proposed UPWP. The Call for Planning Projects also is being announced to the public through the TPO website/social media and discussions at public meetings.

Through the tasks and activities represented in the UPWP, the TPO continues to apply its priorities in a 3C manner to assist in addressing local needs. The planning priorities proposed to be addressed during FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 are substantially the same as the planning priorities of the current UPWP and consist of the following:

- Project Advancement: Support the local agencies in advancing the implementation of projects in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), 2045 Regional LRTP, and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Previous Planning Efforts: Build upon and/or implement the results of previous UPWP planning efforts.
- Safety and Security: Provide for the consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that increase the safety and security of the transportation system.
- Performance-Based Multimodal Planning and Programming: Continue to conduct performance-based multimodal planning which increases mobility options and ensures the most efficient investment of local, State, and Federal transportation funds by linking investment priorities to the achievement of adopted targets.
- Alternative Transportation Facilities: Support the development and implementation of alternative transportation facilities including sidewalks, bike paths/lanes, and transit, port, airport and ACES (Automated/Connected/Electric/Shared-Use) infrastructure.
- Regional Efforts: Build upon previous efforts and identify new opportunities for regional coordination and collaboration.
- Public Involvement and Education: Continue to enhance public involvement and education.

- Livability and Sustainability: Enhance the livability and sustainability of the local communities.
- Transportation Demand Management: Support efficient travel behaviors.

To address the proposed planning priorities, the following project ideas are proposed to be included in the draft FY 2024/25 – FY 2025/26 UPWP:

- Public Participation Plan Update – an update of the TPO’s goals, objectives, and strategies regarding public participation. This plan would identify new opportunities to enhance the public’s role in transportation decision-making and would help implement the TPO’s Title VI Program.
- 2050 LRTP – the LRTP describes how the St. Lucie TPO area's multimodal transportation system will evolve over the next 25 years. The meeting of transportation goals will be applied to the prioritization of projects. The LRTP is updated every five years and amended as needed.
- Mobility Data - procurement of data, such as travel speeds, times, and reliability and vehicle volumes, from mobile device sources. In addition to supplementing the TPO's Traffic Count Data Management System, the data would assist in implementing recommendations in the TPO’s Sustainable Transportation Plan, Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plans, Transportation Connectivity Study, etc.
- Vehicle Sharing Study – analysis of methods to provide residents and visitors with short-term access to automobiles. Vehicle sharing, a common first-last mile option at mobility hubs, would support recommendations in the TPO’s Sustainable Transportation Plan. A Cornell University study revealed a reduction of 15 personal vehicles for every sharing vehicle; therefore, vehicle sharing also could support recommendations in the TPO’s Carbon Reduction Strategy and Congestion Management Process (CMP).
- Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Study Update – a status report on self-driving vehicle trends. Because the nationwide focus has shifted to robo-taxis and autonomous freight movement, this study could support recommendations in the TPO’s Sustainable Transportation Plan, Advanced Air Mobility Study Phase 2, CMP, etc.
- Electric Bicycle Study - electric bicycles compete with pedestrians and traditional bicycles for limited roadway space. As ebikes become

more affordable and popular, these conflicts will increase. This study could result in enhancements to the TPO's Walk-Bike Network to make it safer for all users.

In addition to its review by the TPO Advisory Committees, the draft UPWP will be submitted to FDOT and various Federal agencies for their review and comment, and a formal public comment period will be initiated. The TPO Board will consider the draft UPWP for adoption no later than at its April 2024 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the draft UPWP planning priorities are discussed, and planning projects and/or revisions to the planning priorities are proposed to Staff.



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

Item Number: 7b

Item Title: Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Status Report

Item Origination: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP Reference: Task 3.2 – Transit Planning

Requested Action: Discuss and provide comments to Staff

Staff Recommendation: Because the preparation of a TDP Major Update is necessary for the future growth of the transit system, it is recommended that the TDP Major Update Status Report be discussed, and comments be provided to Staff.

Attachment

- Staff Report



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

FROM: Marceia Lathou
Transit/ACES Program Manager

DATE: November 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Status Report

BACKGROUND

A Transit Development Plan (TDP) is required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the receipt of funding through the Public Transit Block Grant Program. A TDP is the public transportation provider's planning, development, and operational guidance document and is based on a 10-year planning horizon. A Major Update is required every five years. Annual updates in the form of progress reports on the 10-Year Implementation Program of the TDP are also required.

In St. Lucie County, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) contracts with MV Transportation for public transportation services. A TDP Major Update is adopted by the BOCC after endorsement by the TPO Board.

Task 3.2 of the St. Lucie TPO FY 2022/23 - 2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes activities related to the provision of technical and planning assistance to the BOCC to maintain the BOCC's eligibility for the continued receipt of federal and state transit funds. These activities include supporting the TDP Major Update and Annual Progress Reports.

ANALYSIS

As the intent of the TDP Major Update is to reimagine the current transit system in the TPO area, the County Transit Department and consultants embarked on extensive public outreach and data collection efforts. The results of these efforts will be presented.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the preparation of a TDP Major Update is necessary for the future growth of the transit system, it is recommended that the TDP Major Update Status Report be discussed, and comments be provided to Staff.