Regular Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
OF THE HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions of Committee Members and MPO Staff
4. Please Silence Electronic Devices
5. Declaration of Quorum
6. Public Notice Affirmation

B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (Limited to Board and Staff)

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2026, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY2028-FY2032)
2. Presentation by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY2028-FY2032)

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

G. MPO STAFF UPDATES

H. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING - The next joint meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2027, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online at http://www.hernandocitrusmpo.us.

AGENDA ITEM C

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2026, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Review and approval of the Minutes of the Thursday, August 27, 2026, Regular Public Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review and approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2026, Regular Public Meeting.

Attachment: 8-27-26

Regular Public Meeting of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) OF THE HERNANDO-CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Thursday, August 27, 2026

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a public meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando-Citrus MPO websites.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Herring, Chair, Public Works Director, Hernando County
Walt Eastmond, Vice Chair, Technical Services Division Director, Citrus County
Eric Landon, AICP, Growth Management Director, Citrus County
James Lipsey, AICP-C, School Planner, Hernando County School District
David Peters, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, City of Brooksville
Carly Hanson, Growth Management Director, City of Crystal River
Darlene Lollie, Transit Administrator, Hernando County
Joanne Granger, Director, Citrus County Transit
Holly Kowalczyk, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Lashaundra Ellison, Hernando County Planning Department
Chuck Dixon, Director of Planning & Growth Management, Citrus County School District
Jeff Wells, Interim Community Development Director, City of Inverness
John Walsh, Non-Voting Member, Economic Development Manager, Hernando County Airport
Todd Regan, Non-Voting Member, Aviation Project Manager, Citrus County Aviation Section

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant
Suzanne Ziegler, Government Liaison Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Chair Herring called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and led the Moment of Silence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of the Committee members and staff followed the Moment of Silence.
- A quorum was declared, and Ms. Turner noted for the record that the public notice for the meeting was posted in accordance with the adopted policies.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landon and the motion passed 8-0.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – MAY 28, 2026

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting held on May 28, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landon and the motion passed 8-0.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and Recommendation of Revision 1, an amendment, to the FY 2027-FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Amend Task 7 (Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance Support and Shared Task)

   Mr. Esposito reviewed the agenda item and staff recommendation.

   Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to recommend the MPO Board approve Revision 1, an amendment, to the FY 2027-FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Mr. Landon and the motion passed 8-0.

2. Review and Recommendation of the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP)

   Mr. Esposito reviewed the agenda item and staff recommendation.

   Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Eastmond to recommend the MPO Board adopt the update of the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The motion was seconded by Mr. Landon and the motion passed 8-0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Ms. Ziegler stated that she would look into obtaining a copy of the Ayers Road Feasibility Study for Mr. Herring, contingent upon the study's completion.
- Mr. Lipsey reported that a few parents have raised concerns about student safety when traveling to and from school. He requested a meeting with Mr. Esposito and Mr. Herring to better understand the Safe Routes to School program and how the district can participate, noting that the district does not own the property where sidewalks may be built.

  Mr. Esposito agreed a meeting would be helpful and said he would likely reach out to FDOT. He explained that pursuing a sidewalk project requires letters of support from the superintendent and affected principals, securing all right-of-way beforehand, conducting student interviews, and obtaining letters from parents. He added that schools must fund drainage improvements, as the state's Safe Routes to School program covers only sidewalk construction, while terrain or drainage work is the responsibility of the county or city.

MPO STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Esposito shared the following updates:

- MPO staff participated in the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP) meeting, Wednesday, July 29, 2026, in Orlando.
- Mr. Esposito attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2026, in Orlando.
- The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) has indicated that the Interchange Study at Suncoast Parkway & Centralia Road in Hernando County is currently being finalized and is expected to conclude in the third quarter (by September 30, 2026). Upon completion of the study, the FTE team will prepare a presentation for the MPO.
- The Hernando County Procurement Department exercised the option to extend the General Planning Consultant Contracts for Benesch & Associates and Kimley-Horn & Associates for the eligible additional two years. They will expire in December of 2028.
- Work continues on advancing small projects, and the MPO Staff is currently coordinating with FDOT and Hernando County to secure funding for the US 41/Lake Lindsay roundabout. Hernando County has indicated they can contribute approximately one million dollars, which would help expedite this much needed project. In addition, efforts continue on the list of Citrus County projects.
- The County Line Road Letter of Understanding (LOU) will be presented to the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners on October 22, 2026.

- Mr. Esposito reminded the committee that local municipalities should receive email notifications from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as projects enter the design phase, which is the appropriate time for departments to request additional improvements, rather than waiting until the project nears completion to ask for new design elements.
- At the request of the FDOT D7 office and in lieu of the October 22nd TAC meeting, FDOT D7 and the MPO will host a Safety Roundtable Event. The event will include introductions, an overview of updates to the FDOT D7 Safety team, and an opportunity for attendees to present Safety Project presentations. Time will also be provided for open discussion, and participants are encouraged to bring forward safety concerns from their areas for collaborative review and potential solutions.

  Intended attendees include City and County staff, planners, and engineers. A formal invitation will be distributed within the next few days. Joy will send out an updated meeting notice, and please feel free to forward it to anyone who may benefit from attending and who may wish to share safety concerns.

  This session will be held at the Hernando County Building Division Training Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

  [Subsequent to the meeting, FDOT D7 requested that the Safety Roundtable be rescheduled to early 2027.]

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online approximately one week before the meeting at http://www.hernandocitrusmpo.us.

Chair Herring adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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AGENDA ITEM D1

PRESENTATION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (FY 2028-FY 2032)

The District 7 Office of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will present the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2028-FY 2032. The Tentative Work Program (TWP) includes planning activities, preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for public transportation projects within the Hernando-Citrus MPO planning area. Additional information on the public comment availability options will be provided at the meeting by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review the presentation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2028–FY 2032) by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and provide comments as desired.

Attachment: FY 2028-FY 2032 Five-Year Work Program Flyer

FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR 2028 TO FISCAL YEAR 2032













Participate in District 7's **Five-Year Work Program On-Line Public Hearing** that begins December 14, 2026

www.FDOT.gov/WPPH/District7 to view proposed FDOT projects

Or join us at our **Open House**

December 15, 2026 | 3 pm to 7 pm

FDOT District 7 Office
11201 N. McKinley Dr.
Tampa, FL 33612

www.FDOT.gov/WPPH/

Comments are due by **December 28, 2026**

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Jensen Hackett, at (813) 975-6283, (800) 226-7220 or email: jensen.hackett@dot.state.fl.us.

Si usted tiene preguntas o commentarios o si simplemente desea mas informacion sobre este proyecto, favor de ponerse en contacto con la señora Cristina Suarez, al teléfono (813) 975-6147 o correo electrónico cristina.suarez@dot.state.fl.us.

AGENDA ITEM D2

PRESENTATION BY THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE ON THE TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (FY 2028-FY 2032)

The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) will present the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2028-FY 2032. The Tentative Work Program (TWP) includes planning activities, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and public transportation projects within the Hernando/Citrus MPO planning area. Additional information on the public comment availability options will be provided at the meeting by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the TAC review the presentation on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2028 – FY 2032) by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) and provide comments as desired.

Attachment**:** 2026 FTD Work Program Summary

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Tentative Five-Year Work Program
FY 2028 through FY 2032
Summary of Projects

FDOT District 7

Overview

Since FY 2023, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise continued and/or initiated funding construction of various transportation infrastructure improvements in FDOT District Seven, with a total value of over $658 million[1]. Major projects include:

Project Category		Facility	Location	FPID
N	New Road Construction	Suncoast Parkway 2 / SR 589	SR 44 to CR 486	442764-1
N	New Road Construction	Suncoast Parkway 2 / SR 589	CR 486 to CR 495	442764-2
N	New Road Construction	Suncoast Parkway 2 / SR 589	CR 495 to US 19	442764-3
S I	TSM&O | Interchange	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	Van Dyke Road / CR 685A (MP 14)	451366-2
I	Interchange	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	SR 54 (MP 19)	444486-1
S I	TSM&O | Interchange			456151-1
R	Resurfacing	Veterans Expressway Spur / SR 568	MP 0 to MP 3	445885-1,-2
R	Resurfacing	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	MP 14.3 to MP 17.5	451366-1
R	Resurfacing	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	MP 17.5 to MP 28.5	447702-1,-2
R	Resurfacing	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	MP 28.5 to MP 37.3	451365-1,-2
R	Resurfacing	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	MP 37.3 to MP 44.5	447701-1,-2
R	Resurfacing	Suncoast Parkway / SR 589	MP 44.5 to MP 55.2	445913-1

[1] This value does not include projects that cross into other districts.

TSM&O = Transportation Systems Management and Operations Project

The Enterprise continues to make project investments in FDOT District Seven. In FY 2028 through FY 2032, over $325 million in Enterprise funding is programmed for construction within Citrus and Hillsborough counties. This amount includes the phases referenced below:

Phase		Funding Code
ENV	Environmental	C2, C8
PE	Preliminary Engineering	32
RRU	Railroad and Utilities	36
CST	Construction	52, 53, 61, 62

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Major Project Categories

Major projects that are located in FDOT District Seven consist of the categories shown below:

- N — New Road Construction Project
- W — Other Widening Project
- I — Interchange Project
- R — Resurfacing Project
- S — Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Project

Summary of Major Project Funding by Category

The table below summarizes the Enterprise funding programmed for the major projects in the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2028 through FY 2032) that are located in FDOT District Seven, by category.

Project Category	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
New Road Construction	$15,352,700	$4,970,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$20,323,400**
Other Widening	$390,000	$4,450,000	$10,900	$218,126,100	$ -	**$222,976,900**
Interchange	$2,697,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$2,697,700**
Resurfacing	$3,623,100	$40,893,000	$28,160,100	$ -	$ -	**$72,676,100**
Total	**$22,063,500**	**$50,313,700**	**$28,171,000**	**$218,126,100**	**$ -**	**$318,674,100**

Summary of Major Project Funding by County

The table below summarizes the Enterprise funding programmed for the major projects in the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2028 through FY 2032) that are located in FDOT District Seven, by county.

County	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Citrus	$15,352,700	$4,970,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$20,323,400**
Hillsborough	$6,710,800	$45,343,000	$28,171,000	$218,126,100	$ -	**$298,350,700**
Total	**$22,063,500**	**$50,313,700**	**$28,171,000**	**$218,126,100**	**$ -**	**$318,674,100**

Citrus County Projects

Construct Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from CR 486 to CR 495
FPID: 442764-2

This over $246 million project constructs the segment of Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from CR 486 to CR 495. The five-mile-long roadway will be a four-lane, divided, limited-access facility. The project also includes extending the Suncoast Trail from CR 486 to CR 495. The goal of Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 is to serve the future traffic needs of Citrus County as well as the public traveling to and from the Tampa area through Citrus County. It will also assist with evacuation and recovery in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. Construction began in FY 2025, and the remaining expenditure to complete the project is funded in FY 2028.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
CST	$4,752,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$4,752,700**
Total	**$4,752,700**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$4,752,700**

Construct Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from CR 495 to US 19
FPID: 442764-3

This over $219 million project constructs the segment of Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from CR 495 to US 19. The five-mile-long roadway will be a four-lane, divided, limited-access facility. The project will complete the Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 corridor per the State Environmental Impact Report. The project also includes extending the Suncoast Trail from CR 495 to US 19. The goal of Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 is to serve the future traffic needs of Citrus County as well as the public traveling to and from the Tampa area through Citrus County. It will also assist with evacuation and recovery in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. Construction began in FY 2026, and the remaining expenditures to complete the project are funded in FY 2028 and FY 2029.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
CST	$10,600,000	$4,970,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$15,570,700**
Total	**$10,600,000**	**$4,970,700**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$15,570,700**

Hillsborough County Projects

Improve Interchange on Veterans Expressway / SR 589 at Hillsborough Avenue / SR 580 (MP 4)
FPID: 458771-1

The project adds a signalized right-turn lane and a shared left-thru lane on the southbound off-ramp from Veterans Expressway / SR 589 to Hillsborough Avenue / SR 580. Work also includes milling and resurfacing, and signing and pavement marking improvements.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
CST	$2,697,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$2,697,700**
Total	**$2,697,700**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$2,697,700**

Note: Construction funding has been added to the Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

Resurface Veterans Expressway / SR 589 from MP 2.3 to MP 9.3
FPID: 453567-1,-2

The project resurfaces a segment of Veterans Expressway / SR 589 from MP 2.3 to MP 9.3. Work includes milling and resurfacing, signing and pavement marking improvements, and other safety improvements.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
PE	$3,623,100	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$3,623,100**
CST	$ -	$38,099,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$38,099,700**
Total	**$3,623,100**	**$38,099,700**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$41,722,800**

Note: Construction funding has been added to the Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

Resurface Veterans Expressway / SR 589 from MP 9.3 to MP 13.2
FPID: 453568-1,-2

The project resurfaces a segment of Veterans Expressway / SR 589 from MP 9.3 to MP 13.2. Work includes milling and resurfacing, signing and pavement marking improvements, and other safety improvements.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
PE	$ -	$2,450,100	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$2,450,100**
CST	$ -	$343,200	$28,160,100	$ -	$ -	**$28,503,200**
Total	**$ -**	**$2,793,300**	**$28,160,100**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$30,953,300**

Note: Construction funding has been added to the Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

Widen Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from South of Van Dyke Road / CR 685A (MP 13.2) to North of Lutz Lake Fern Road / CR 582 (MP 16.5)
FPID: 442665-1

The project widens a segment of Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from south of Van Dyke Road / CR 685A to north of Lutz Lake Fern Road. The widening will increase the number of travel lanes from four to eight. Work includes pavement widening, reconstruction, milling and resurfacing, and interchange improvements at Van Dyke Road / CR 685A (MP 14) and Lutz Lake Fern Road (MP 16). The project also provides improvements to signing and pavement markings, bridges, lighting, and intelligent transportation systems. The primary objectives include enhancing safety, increasing capacity to meet traffic demand, and improving emergency evacuation times.

Phase	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
ENV	$10,000	$450,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$460,000**
PE	$330,000	$4,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$4,330,000**
RRU	$50,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$50,000**
CST	$ -	$ -	$10,900	$218,126,100	$ -	**$218,136,900**
Total	**$390,000**	**$4,450,000**	**$10,900**	**$218,126,100**	**$ -**	**$222,976,900**

Summary of Minor Project Funding

Minor projects may include bridge paintings/rehabilitations, intelligent transportation systems (ITS) upgrades, signing/pavement markings, guardrail/safety improvements, landscaping, and other miscellaneous types. The table below summarizes the Enterprise funding programmed for a minor project in the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2028 through FY 2032) that is located in FDOT District Seven.

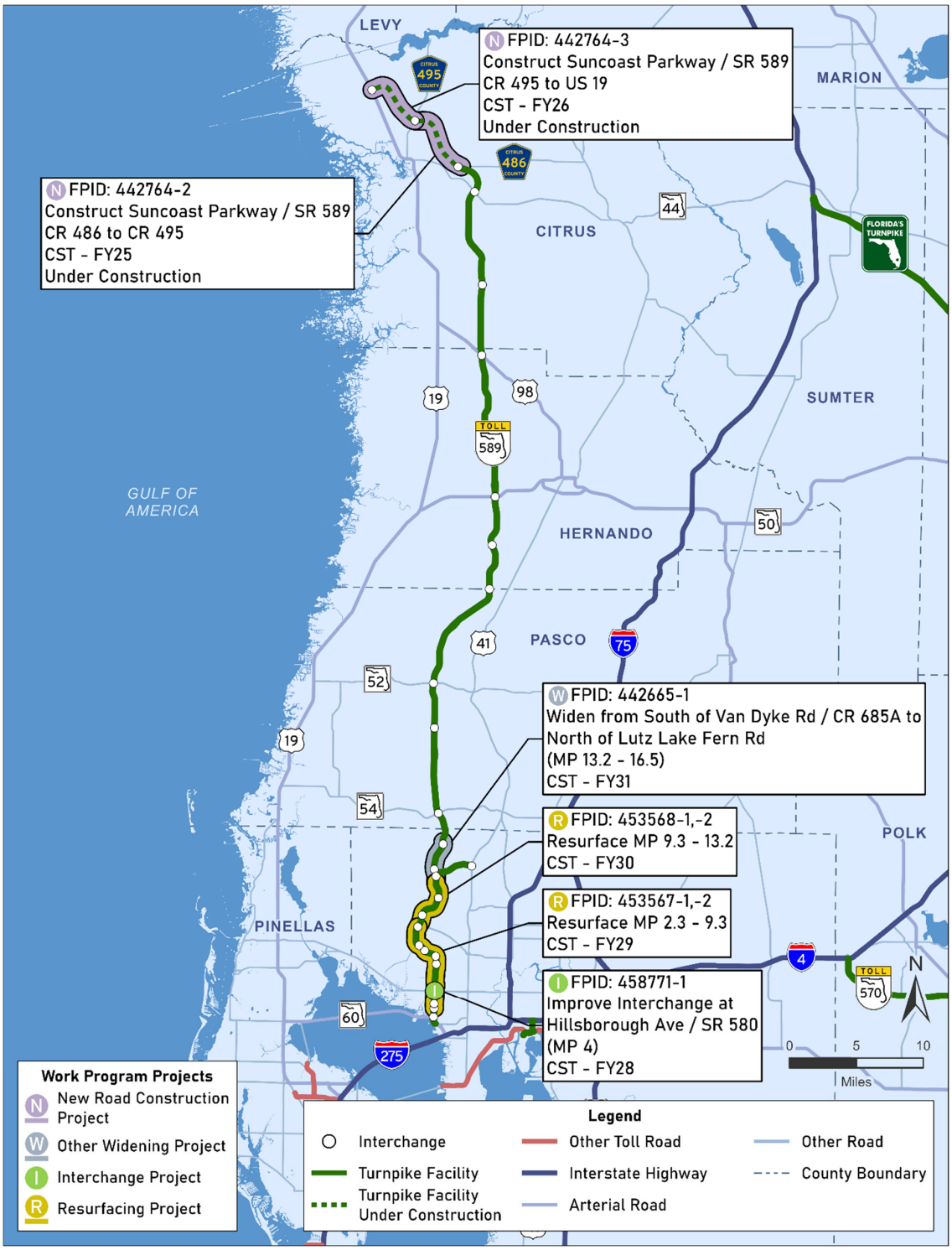
Category	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Lighting	$6,328,400	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$6,328,400**
Total	**$6,328,400**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$6,328,400**

Summary of All Project Funding with Construction in the Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Classification	Fiscal Year					5 Year Total
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Minor Projects	$6,328,400	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$6,328,400**
Major Projects	$22,063,500	$50,313,700	$28,171,000	$218,126,100	$ -	**$318,674,100**
Total	**$28,391,900**	**$50,313,700**	**$28,171,000**	**$218,126,100**	**$ -**	**$325,002,500**

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Project Development and Environment (PDE), Preliminary Engineering (PE), and/or Right of Way (ROW) Projects

This section provides a summary of the projects in FDOT District Seven that have funding for Project Development and Environment (PDE – Phase 22), Preliminary Engineering (PE – Phase 32), and/or Right of Way (ROW – Phase 43), but which are not currently funded for construction in the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY 2028 through FY 2032). The projects listed below are not included in the previous funding tables or map.

FPID	County	Project Category	Description	Phase	FY	Funding
442665-3	Hills-borough	W Other Widening	Widen Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from North of Lutz Lake Fern Road / CR 582 (MP 16.5) to Hillsborough/Pasco County Line (MP 17.5)	*PE	2029 – 2030	$858,500
442665-2	Pasco	W Other Widening	Widen Suncoast Parkway / SR 589 from Hillsborough/Pasco County Line (MP 17.5) to SR 54 (MP 19)	*PE	2029	$3,184,000

* = Phase underway and the remaining expenditure shown is to complete the phase.