

Instructions for Submission of Transportation Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Please submit Transportation Project Applications for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) for transmittal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for consideration of programming and funding by FDOT using the following timeline:

Important Dates and Action Items		
By December 3, 2018	Project Applications, supplemental forms, and list of currently programed projects will be provided by the HRTPO to each local government in the region.	
Project Applications & Priorities Workshop December 6, 2018 10 AM - Noon	Project Applications & Priorities Workshop Location: Hardee County Health Department, 115 K D Revell Rd, Wauchula, FL 33873 This workshop is to provide information on the available project categories and funding, application process, and priority setting schedule for fiscal year 2024/2025.	
Submit Project Applications to the HRTPO by January 28, 2019	 For each project, please submit: FDOT Project Priority Information Packet HRTPO Supplemental Information Form FDOT TRIP Supplemental Form (if applicable) For each SCOP and SCRAP project, please submit: FDOT SCOP or SCRAP Application Completed packets may be submitted to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization by email to: info@heartlandregionaltpo.org OR submitted using the HRTPO FTP Site (Instructions available upon request) 	
Next Steps	 HRTPO staff will provide a sufficiency review of project application packages received and transmit application packages to FDOT FDOT will conduct site reviews, review estimates, etc. on top priority projects and provide feedback HRTPO Board and committees will evaluate projects based on adopted ranking criteria and adopt priority project lists 	
July 1, 2019	A ranked package of final adopted/approved priority projects must be transmitted to FDOT by July 1, 2019, at which time further consideration for programming and funding will be evaluated as the Tentative Five-Year Work Program is developed over the summer/fall time frame.	

Please note: Although all project applications and priority list are to be submitted to the HRTPO for transmittal to FDOT, the HRTPO will not provide ranking criteria or prioritize CIGP, SCOP and SCRAP projects. Priorities for these submitted applications are requested from each board of county commissioners by March 15, 2019.

For questions regarding the workshop or HRTPO and committee meetings, please contact Marybeth Soderstrom at msoderstrom@cfrpc.org. For questions regarding the project applications, please contact Lori Carlton, Florida Department of Transportation, District One at Lori.Carlton@dot.state.fl.us.

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Programs Overview

Transportation project applications and respective required supplemental documents (enclosed) must be fully completed for each project submitted.

The HRTPO is expected to submit an adopted/approved prioritized project list to FDOT for the following programs:

- Highway capacity
- Transit (priorities submitted by transit agencies)
- Transportation Alternatives
- Transportation Regional Incentive Program

Congestion Management

On behalf of FDOT, the HTRPO has agreed to collect the CIGP, SCOP and SCRAP project applications from the member counties. The prioritization of projects for these programs are the sole responsibility of the individual Boards of County Commissioners and no prioritization is necessary on the part of the HRTPO. Municipalities are encouraged to coordinate with their county transportation staff on applications and prioritization. Priorities for these applications submitted are requested from each Board of County Commissioners by March 15, 2019

Below are the programs for which applications may be submitted:

Congestion Management (CM)

Congestion management projects improve traffic operations and safety through the use of either strategies that reduce travel demand or the implementation of operational improvements. Congestion management projects typically improve travel conditions through the use of low cost improvements or strategies, which can be implemented in a relatively short timeframe (within 5 - 10 years) compared to more traditional capacity improvements, such as adding travel lanes.

Some examples of congestion management projects may include, but not be limited to:

- Intersection improvements
- Traffic signal coordination
- Bottleneck removal
- Passing lanes
- Improved signage

- Lighting improvements
- Highway information systems
- Access management policies, frontage roads, etc.
- Incident management

Congestion Management Projects should be submitted using the FDOT Project Priority Information Packet and HRTPO Supplemental Information Form.

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

Projects in this category are funded through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. A Transportation Alternative (TA) project is a project related to transportation improvements or features which are considered enhancements since they are not typically included as part of the transportation system. TA projects must meet the requirements of eligible activities listed in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Policy for Transportation Alternatives Projects.

Projects in this category include:

- Safety improvements including traffic calming and pavement marking
- Multi-modal safety enhancements including bicycle and pedestrian and transit enhancements
- Off-road/off system trails

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects should be submitted using the FDOT Project Priority Information Package and HRTPO Supplemental Information Form.

Transportation Regional Incentive Program Projects (TRIP)

This program was created to improve regionally significant transportation facilities and incentivize regional planning efforts. Use of these funds is intended to generate additional capacity through growth in the transportation system/program and leverage investments for regionally significant transportation facilities (roads and public transportation) while linking investments to growth management objectives.

All candidate TRIP projects must be submitted using the FDOT Project Priority Information Package and TRIP Supplemental Information Form. Applications must also include a detailed scope and cost estimate. There is a minimum 50% local match requirement. For counties included in Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) the local match requirement may be waived and a waiver must accompany your application. If a waiver is granted, the project must be scaled accordingly to account for the required 50% local match. Transportation Regional Incentive Program Projects should be submitted using the Project Priority Information Package and TRIP Supplemental Information Form.

Other available programs not ranked by the HRTPO:

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County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)

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The Program allows the Department of Transportation to provide grants to counties for the improvements of transportation facilities on the State Highway System. CIGP may also be used for local transportation facilities that relieve congestion on the State Highway System. Local municipalities may apply for grants through their respective counties. To be eligible for CIGP funding, candidate projects must be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan, Local Government Comprehensive Plan, and the Long Range Transportation Plan. A minimum 50% local match is required for projects funded through CIGP, however, counties designated as Rural Areas of Opportunity are eligible for a local match waiver.

County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) Projects should be submitted using the Project Priority Information Package. Applications should also include a letter of application.

Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)

The Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) authorized under Florida Statute 339.2818 provides funding to assist small county governments in repairing or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or reconstructing county roads, or constructing capacity or safety improvements to county roads. Available funds are allocated to the districts based on the number of eligible counties.

Examples of candidate SCOP projects:

- Resurfacing of existing pavement
- Bridge repair projects

Safety Improvements

• Paving of unpaved roads

It should be noted that the paving of unpaved roads will be considered last for funding unless there is a major safety issue or economic benefit detailed in the application package.

SCOP projects should be submitted using the SCOP Application Form. For more information on the SCRAP program contact Lisa Brinson, FDOT District 1 Local Project Administrator, at 863-519-2836 or by email at lisa.brinson@dot.state.fl.us.

Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) *Not Scored or Ranked by the HRTPO

The Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) authorized under Florida Statute (F.S.) 339.2816 is to assist small county governments in resurfacing and reconstructing county roads. Small counties shall be eligible to compete for funds that have been designated for the SCRAP for resurfacing or reconstruction projects on county roads that were part of the county road system on June 10, 1995. Capacity improvements on county roads are not eligible for funding under the program. Funds are available to counties that have a population of 75,000 or less.

At a minimum, small counties are eligible only if the county has enacted the maximum rate of the local option fuel tax authorized by Section 336.025(1)(a)., F.S.

The primary selection criteria used by FDOT for the SCRAP program as follows:

- The primary selection criteria is the physical condition of the road.
- Secondary criteria can also be considered, which may include the following:
 - \circ $\;$ Whether a road is used as an evacuation route, and
 - o Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel, and
 - o Whether a road is considered a major arterial route, and
 - Whether a road is located in a fiscally constrained county, as defined in Section 218.67(1), F.S., and
 - Other criteria related to the impact of a project on the public road system or on the state or local economy.

SCRAP projects should be submitted using the FDOT Application Form. For more information on the SCRAP program contact Lisa Brinson, FDOT District 1 Local Project Administrator, at 863-519-2836 or by email at lisa.brinson@dot.state.fl.us.



Currently Programmed Projects

If a project has been previously prioritized by the HRTPO and was selected for at least one phase of funding by FDOT, a new application does **NOT** need to be resubmitted for that project. The list below includes HRTPO prioritized projects that will be carried forward as ongoing priorities of the HRTPO, as well as other projects submitted to FDOT by local jurisdictions and are currently in the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program through FY 2024. For project details or to view all projects included in the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program, please visit <u>http://www.swflroads.com/</u>.

DeSoto County	Project	FPID
AMERICAN LEGION DR OVER PEACE RIVER BRIDGE #049001	BRIDGE- REPAIR/REHABILITATION	441475-1
SR 70 OVER JOSHUA CREEK	BRIDGE- REPAIR/REHABILITATION	440023-1
SR 31 EXTENSION FROM SR 70 TO US 17	NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION	431298-1
CR 769 (KINGS HWY) FROM CHARLOTTE COUNTY LINE TO PEACE RIVER STREET	PRELIM ENG FOR FUTURE CAPACITY	440342-1
EAST MAPLE STREET FROM N MILLS AVE TO NORTH LA SOLONA AVE	SIDEWALK	438259-1
ROBERTS AVENUE EAST GIBSON STREET NURSING HOME DRIVE	SIDEWALK	437099-1
CR 760A FROM SW WELLES AVENUE TO CARLTON AVENUE	SIDEWALK	438103-1
SW WELLES AVENUE SIDEWALKS FROM CR 760A TO US 17	SIDEWALK	438105-1
CR 760A FROM SR 17 TO SW SHORES	SIDEWALK	442022-1
12TH AVENUE FROM HICKORY ST TO MAPLE ST	WIDEN/RESURFACE EXISTING LANES	444115-1
SE REYNOLDS RD FROM SE AIRPORT RD TO CR 763	RESURFACE	445074-1
CR 760 FROM US 17 TO SW ASTER AVENUE	SIDEWALK	444206-1
SE WEST AVENUE FROM SE MAPLE DR. TO SE ESMERALDA DR.	SIDEWALK	444207-1
SW KINGSWAY CIRCLE FROM SW EGRET CIRCLE TO SW EGRET CIRCLE	SIDEWALK	444324-1

Glades County	Project	FPID
LOST TRAIL OVER HARNEY POND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE	BIKE PATH/TRAIL	435103-1
US 27 AT SR 78	INTERSECTION	441977-1
CR 74 FROM 2.5 MI E OF FIRETOWER TO SR 29	WIDEN/RESURFACE EXIST LANES	436657-1

Hardee County	Project	FPID
HEARD BRIDGE ROAD AT BRIDGE #060017	BRIDGE	441921-1
CR 664 AT BRIDGE #060034 OVER LITTLE PAYNE CREEK	BRIDGE	435830-1
GRIFFIN ROAD BRIDGE NUMBER 060030 OVER PEACE RIVER	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	433192-1
SR 64 AT GRIFFIN ROAD	INTERSECTION IMPROVE.	441920-1

SR 636 FROM US 17 TO SR 64	PRELIM ENG FOR FUTURE CAPACITY	441518-1
SR 64 FROM MAIN STREET TO BRANTWOOD DRIVE	RESURFACING	441511-1
JONES STREET FROM BRYAN AVE TO STARKE AVE	WIDEN/RESURFACE	442234-1
BERTHA FULSE STREET FROM MYRICK AVE TO MLK AVE	WIDEN/RESURFACE	442236-1
FAIR AVENUE FROM GROVE ST TO MAIN ST	WIDEN/RESURFACE	442237-1
CHURCH STREET FROM JONES ST TO GRAPE ST	WIDEN/RESURFACE	442346-1
TOWNSEND STREET FROM FLORIDA AVE TO HEARD BIDGE RD	WIDEN/RESURFACE	442240-1
AVON STREET AT STARKE AVENUE	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	444110-1
CR 663 FROM GOOSE POND ROAD TO SR 64	RESURFACE	445065-1
TEN MILE GRADE FROM BRIDGE #064120 TO MARGUERITE RD	RECONSTRUCTION	445066-1
CR 663 FROM CR 665 TO GOOSE POND ROAD	RESURFACING	445068-1
CR 663 FROM DESOTO COUNTY LINE TO CR 655	RESURFACING	445070-1
TEN MILE GRADE SCARBOROGH RD TO BRIDGE #064112	RECONSTRUCTION	445076-1
JONES STREET FROM DOYLE PARKER AVE. TO CHESTER AVE.	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	444102-1
PINEAPPLE STREET FROM SOUTH AVENUE TO DIXION AVENUE	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	444101-1
SR 636 (E MAIN ST) FROM FIRST AVE TO GRIFFIN RD (CITY OF WAUCHULA)	SIDEWALK	444949-1
SR 636 (E MAIN ST) FROM GRIFFIN RD TO RIVERSIDE DR (CITY OF WAUCHULA)	SIDEWALK	444952-1
WEST MAIN STREET FROM HANCHEY ROAD TO W OF FLORIDA AVE	RESURFACING	444883-1

Hendry County	Project	FPID
SR 80 LEE COUNTY LINE TO GRANDMAS GROVE RV RESORT	RESURFACING	439431-1
FORT DENAUD ROAD FROM FORT DENAUD BRIDGE WAY TO SR80	RESURFACING	442468-1
CLEWISTON - ROYAL PALM AVE AND PONCE DE LEON AVE	SIDEWALK	438068-1
COLLINGSWOOD PARKWAY FROM NE EUCALYPTUS BLVD TO SR 80	SIDEWALK	442021-1
SONORA AVE FROM CLEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL TO WC OWEN AVE	SIDEWALK	442020-1
NW RAINTREE BLVD FROM CEDARWOOD PKWY TO E COWBOY WAY	SIDEWALK	442024-1
NE RAINTREE BLVD FROM CEDARWOOD PARKWAY TO EAST COWBOY WAY	SIDEWALK	444322-1
CR 835 FROM CR 833 TO S OF US 27	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	445064-1
CR 720 FROM US 27 TO GLADES COUNTY LINE	RESURFACING	445069-1
CR 835 FROM 27.8 M S OF US 27 TO 26.8 M S OF US 27	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	445072-1

Highlands County	Project	FPID
US 98 FROM US 27 TO AIRPORT ROAD	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	414511-2
US 98 AT ARBUCKLE CREEK RD	ADD TURN LANE	436502-1
US 27 AT SUN-N-LAKE BOULEVARD	CONSTRUCT DUAL LEFT TURN LANES	442403-1
US 27 AT SR 66	INTERSECTION IMPROVE.	439750-1
US 27 AT SR 70	INTERSECTION IMPROVE.	439827-1
US 27 AT LAKE MIRROR	INTERSECTION IMPROVE.	422122-1
US 27 AT NORTHWOOD	INTERSECTION IMPROVE.	422124-1
NORTH RIDGEWOOD DRIVE	LIGHTING / SAFETY PROJECT	441055-1

US 27 GLADES COUNTY LINE TO S OF HORN RD	RESURFACING	441519-1
CR 64 EAST SOUTH ANGELO LAKE RD NE TO EAST BUTLER RD	RESURFACING	442469-1
MEMORIAL DRIVE FROM POMPINO DR TO SEBRING PARKWAY	SIDEWALK	435067-1
SR 17/CORNELL ST FROM CR 17A TRUCK ROUTE TO MEMORIAL DR	SIDEWALK	438054-1
SR 17 FROM WOODLAWN DR TO RIALTO AVE	SIDEWALK	438055-1
SUN-N-LAKE BOULEVARD W. OF COLUMBUS BLVD TO E. OF COLUMBUS BLVD	SIDEWALK	441739-1
W INTERLAKE BLVD CATFISH CREEK RD TO S TANGERINE DR	SIDEWALK	441923-1
ARBUCKLE CREEK RD FROM ARBUCKLE CREEK BRIDGE TO RIVERDALE RD	RESURFACE	445063-1
CR 635 FROM SR 66 TO SELAH ROAD	RESURFACE	445067-1
LAKE JOSEPHINE DRIVE FROM ORANGE BLOSSOM BLVD TO E OF SENTINEL POINT	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	445073-1
MANATEE DR SR 17 TO SEBRING PKWY. PHASE III	WIDEN AND RESURFACE	445071-1
SEBRING PKWY FROM US 27 (SR 25) TO SCENIC HWY.	RESURFACE	445042-1

Okeechobee County	Project	FPID
US 98 N OF NW 80TH AVE TO US 98	RESURFACING	441513-1
SW 5TH AVENUE PARK ST TO S OF CENTRAL ELEMENTARY	RESURFACING	442242-1
US 98 AT SE 18TH TERRACE	ROUNDABOUT	438902-1
LOFTON RD FROM KISSIMMEE RIVER TO US98	WIDEN/RESURFACE EXIST LANES	440446-1
SR 710 FROM US 98 TO US 441	PD&E/EMO STUDY	444323-1
SEMINOLE ELEMENTARY (SRTS)	SIDEWALKS	444307-1
US 98 FROM AT NW 9TH STREET	ADD TURN LANES	444639-1
US 441 (SR 15) AT POTTER RD (NE 144TH ST)	ADD TURN LANES	444886-1
US 441 (SR 15) AT CR 68 (NE 160TH ST)	ADD TURN LANES	444958-1

Projects shown above are included in the FDOT District One Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for fiscal years 2020-2024 and are not yet adopted. The HRTPO will monitor the draft program and coordinate with a local jurisdiction if a previously prioritized project is deleted from the work program.