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Transportation Planning Organization



PROJECT PRIORITIES

FY 2029



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HRTPO Project Priorities For FDOT Tentative Work Program Fiscal Years 2024/25 to 2028/29

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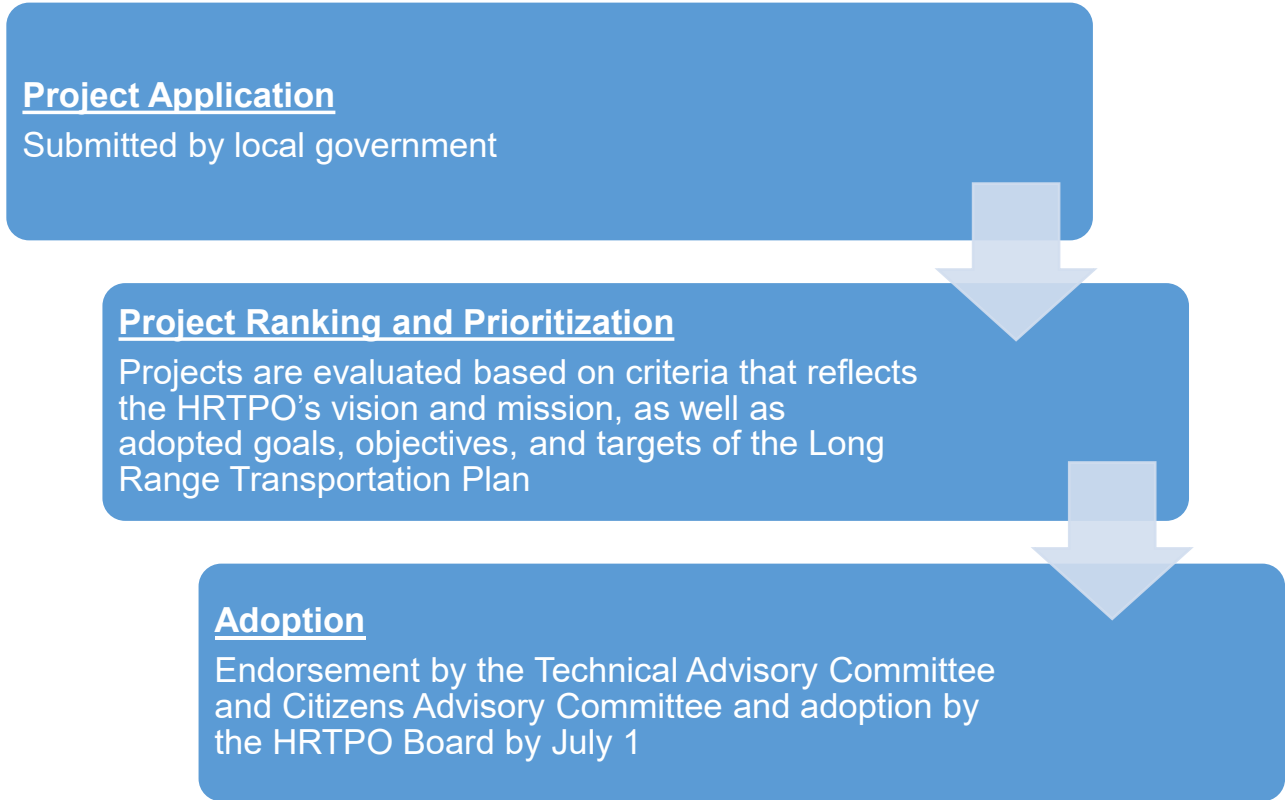
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Introduction

As the lead transportation planning agency in the Heartland region, the HRTPO is responsible for developing a list of priority projects and submitting the list to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for consideration during development of FDOT's Five Year Work Program. It is critical to the project prioritization process that projects being considered for funding are evaluated based on criteria that reflects the HRTPO's vision and mission, as well as adopted goals, objectives, and targets of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Each year, member governments of the HRTPO are invited to submit Transportation Project Applications and Priorities to the HRTPO for transmittal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for consideration of programming and funding by FDOT. Project applications are scored based on criteria developed by the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee and adopted by the HRTPO Board, and ranked in order of priority.

Projects that are funded in the FDOT Five Year Work Program are then identified as part of the Transportation Improvement Program for the next year.



evaluation **CRITERIA FOR CAPACITY**

L RTP Goals	Evaluation Criteria for Capacity Projects	Criteria Scoring
Improve Safety	Safety	
	Roadway with no serious injuries/fatal crashes in past 5 years (depending on data availability)	0
	Roadway with 1 or more serious injuries/fatal crashes in past 5 years (depending on data availability)	15
	Emergency Evacuation Routes*	
	Not a designated evacuation route	0
	Is a designated evacuation route	15
Provide Reliable and Efficient Options	Project Status	
	Not programmed for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	0
	Preliminary Engineering or Project Development & Environment and/or alignment study phase programmed in TIP	8
	Right-of-Way acquisition and/or construction programmed in TIP	15
	Provide reliable and efficient options	
	No reuse of existing investment	0
	Preserves existing investment	3
	Optimizes reuse of existing investment	5
	Existing Congestion Level	
	0.0 to 0.7 Volume / Capacity ratio (V/C)	0
0.71 to 0.99 V/C	10	
1.0 and above V/C	20	
Create Quality Places	Sociocultural effects/Environmental Justice/Environmental Impact	
	Potential negative impact on environment or environmental justice area	0
	No impact to environment or environmental justice area	3
	Potential positive impact on environmental justice area and no environmental impact	5
Support Economic Development	Regional Freight Corridor**	
	Not on HRTPO Regional Roadway Network or Regional freight corridor	0
	Is on HRTPO Regional Roadway Network	5
	Is a Regional freight corridor	10
	Access to Major Activity or Employment Centers	
	No direct access to activity or employment center	0
Improves access to activity or employment center	5	
	Provides access to a new activity or employment center	10
Connect Local Areas and Provide Choices	Multimodal Connectivity	
	No multimodal improvement	0
	Bicycle and/or sidewalk improvement	3
	Access to transit improvement	5

*Evacuation routes are from the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES)

**Regional freight corridor as designated in the FDOT District One Freight Mobility and Trade Study, October 2015

L RTP Goals	Evaluation Criteria for Congestion Management Projects	Criteria Scoring
Improve Safety	Safety	
	Road/intersection has experienced 1 or more fatal or serious accidents in previous 5 years	20
	Pedestrian Safety	
Provide Reliable and Efficient Options	Road/intersection has 1 or more car/pedestrian incidents past 5 years	20
	Project Status/Funding Availability	
	Local funding is available to advance or contribute to project	10
	Level of Service (LOS)	
	Segment of road or intersection does not meet FDOT LOS Standards	10
	Truck Factor	
	Truck factor on segment of road or intersection managed by FDOT is greater than 10%	10
Create Quality Places	Non Interstate Reliability	
	Person miles traveled on Non Interstate NHS segment of road managed by FDOT reported as not reliable or below 50% on FDOT scale	20
	Community and/or Environmental Impact	
	Potential negative impact on community or environment	0
	No impact to community or environment	5
	Potential positive impact on community or environment	10

L RTP Goals	Evaluation Criteria for Transportation Alternative Projects	Criteria Scoring
Improve Safety	Safety	
	Adjacent road has 1 or more car/pedestrian incidents past 5 years	15
	School Zone Safety	
	Project is within 1-2 miles from a K-12 school	4
	Project is 1/2 mile to 1 mile from a K-12 school	10
	Project is within 1/2 mile of a K-12 school	16
	Project is within 1/4 mile of a K-12 school	18
	Project is within 1/8 mile of a K-12 school	20
Provide Reliable and Efficient Options	Safety Plan	
	Project is identified in the adopted HRTPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan	15
	Project Linkage	
	Isolated improvement	0
	Connects to network	20
	Completes connection/closes gap	25
Provide Reliable and Efficient Options	Project Status/Funding Availability	
	Additional phase or connects to project in Five-Year Work Program or funded Local Capital Improvement Program	25

Instructions for Submission of Transportation Priorities for Fiscal Year 2028/2029

Please submit Transportation Project Applications (*except for SCOP and SCRAP*) for Fiscal Year 2028/2029 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

March 31, 2023	All projects due to FDOT GAP
April 2023	Preliminary score review by local jurisdiction of TA and CM projects
May 2023	Ranking endorsement by TAC and CAC
June 21, 2023	Priority List Adoption by HRTPO
July 1, 2023	A ranked package of final adopted/approved priority projects must be transmitted to FDOT by July 1, 2023, 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 projects.

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

Related Policies of the HRTPO

- **Prioritization Policy in Case of Ranking Tie | *Adopted May 25, 2016***

Total project cost will be used as additional criteria to prioritize projects that have the same ranking. Lower cost projects will be given higher priority and higher cost projects will be given lower priority.

Ranking of Capacity Projects

Highway Capacity projects are often associated with major construction projects, such as building a new highway where none existed before, bypassing an existing route, or adding one or more lanes to an existing facility. These projects are most often initiated by FDOT, in the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan of the region, and do not require local government applications.

Other Arterials (OA) Funded Projects (Now known as Other Roads Construction & ROW)

Rank	Jurisdiction	Facility	Description	To	From
1					Airport Road
2	DeSoto	Kings Highway	2 to 4	Charlotte C/L	Peace River Street
4	Okeechobee	SR 710 Extension	New Road	US 98	US 441
5	Okeechobee	SR 710 Extension	New Road	SR 70	US 98
6	DeSoto	SR 31 Extension	New Road	SR 70	US 17

Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Projects

Jurisdiction	Facility	Description	To	From
Hendry	SR 29	2 To 4	Cowboy Way	Whidden Rd
Okeechobee	SR 710	New Road	US 441	L-63 Canal
		2 To 4	E Of L-63 Canal	Sherman Woods Ranches
		2 To 4	Sherman Woods Ranches	Okeechobee/Martin CL
Highlands	SR 70	2 To 4	Jefferson Ave	US 27
		2 To 4*	US 27	CR 29
		2 To 4*	CR 29	Lonesome Island Rd
		Safety Improvements*	E Of Lonesome Island	NW 38th Terrace

*Identified for OA Funding in the 2045 HRTPO LRTP

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

Ongoing Priorities of the HRTPO for Transportation Alternative Funding

The list below includes HRTPO prioritized projects that will be carried forward as ongoing priorities of the HRTPO, and are currently in the FDOT Work Program through FY 2028.

Jurisdiction	Facility	Design Funded	Construction Funded	FDOT Project Number
DeSoto				4381031
DeSoto	SW Welles Ave From CR 760A To US HIGHWAY 17/SR 35	Complete	2024	4381051
DeSoto	CR 760A From SR 35 (US 17) To SW Shores Ave	2023	2025	4420221
DeSoto	CR 760 From US 17 To SW Aster Ave	2024	2026	4442061
DeSoto	SE West Avenue From SE Maple Drive To SE Esmeralda Drive	2024	2026	4442071
DeSoto	SW KingSWay Circle From SW Egret Circle To SW Egret Circle	2024	2026	4443241
DeSoto	SE Maple Dr From N Hillsborough To SE West Ave	2025	2027	4463081
DeSoto	SW Kingsway Circle From East Egret Circle To CR 769	2025	2027	4463951
Hardee	West Main Street From Hanchey Road To W Of Florida Ave	2024	2026	4447731
Hardee	SR 636 (E Main St) From First Ave To Griffin Rd	2024	2026	4449491
Hardee	SR 636 (E Main St) From Griffin Rd To Riverside Dr	2024	2028	4449521
Hardee	MLK JR AVE FROM SNELL ST TO CARLTON ST	2028		452176-1
Hendry	FT Thompson Ave From SR 29/Bridge St To SR 80/Hickopochee Ave	2024	2027	4380671
Hendry	Sonora Ave From Wc Owen Ave To Clewiston High School	Complete	2025	4420201

Hendry				4420211
Hendry	NW Raintree Blvd From E Cowboy Way(CR 80a) To Cedarwood Parkway	Complete	2025	4420241
Hendry	NE Raintree Blvd From Cedarwood Parkway To East Cowboy Way	2024	2026	4443221
Hendry	Cowboy Way From SR 80 To East Of Amanda St	2025	2027	4463071
Hendry	11th St From Mississippi Ave To Harlem Academy Blvd	2026	2028	4484181
Hendry	Forrey Dr From Cowboy Way To SR 80	2026	2028	4484191
Hendry	Harlem Academy Blvd From 12th St To 13th St	2026	2028	4484201
Hendry	CR 835 From Hookers Point Rd To Davidson Rd	2026	2028	4484251
Hendry	Port Labelle At Various Locations	2027		4495431
Hendry	Birchwood Pkwy From Cowboy Way To SR 80	2027		4495491
Hendry	Carolina Ave From 10th ST to 10th Terr	2027		4495421
Hendry	Lewis Boulevard	2027		4496981
Highlands	SR 17/Cornell St From CR 17A Truck Route To Memorial Drive	Complete	ENV in 24	4380541
Highlands	SR 17 From Evangeline Avenue To Rialto Avenue	Complete	ENV in 23	4380551
Highlands	Sun-N-Lake Blvd From W Of Columbus Blvd To E Of Columbus Blvd	Complete	2023	4417391
Highlands	E O Douglas Ave from MLK Jr Blvd to School Street	2025	2027	4463061
Highlands	W Interlake Blvd From Catfish Creek Road To S Tangerine Drive	Complete	2025	4419231
Highlands	Catfish Creek Rd From Tuomey Ct To West Interlake Blvd	2026	2028	4484211

Highlands				4484221
Highlands	Desoto Rd From Phil Lane To Desoto City Rd	2026	2028	4484231
Highlands	School St From EO Douglas Ave To Cemetery Rd	2026	2028	4484241
Highlands	W Stryker Rd Phase I From Morningside Rd To Us 27	2027		4495441
Highlands	W Stryker Rd Phase II From Hartman Rd To Morningside Rd	2027		4495441
Highlands	Home Ave From Sebring Pkwy To Sage Crest Dr	2027		4495501
Highlands	Scenic Highway Sidewalk From Lakeview Dr To Sebring Pkwy	2027		4495821
Highlands	Scenic Highway Sidewalk From Summit Rd to Panther Pkwy	2027		449579-2
Highlands	Catfish Creek Rd From Tuomey Ct To Catfish Creek Rd Bridge	2027		4496471
Highlands	S Sun 'N Lakes Blvd From Us 27 To Moon Glow Ave	2027		4496721
Highlands	SR 17 From Home Ave To Arbuckle Creek Rd	2027		4496741

Ranking of Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects Submitted for FY 2029

Projects in this category are funded through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or "FAST Act". Transportation Alternative (TA) projects encompass a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

Rank	Facility	Limits	Description/Project Type	Phase	Local Cost Estimate	Jurisdiction
1			- -			Hardee County Not LAP Cert.
2	SE Raintree Blvd	Cowboy Way to Cedarwood Parkway	5 ft wide Sidewalk - would connect to already programmed sidewalks FPN: 449543-1 & 444322-1	PE CST CEI	\$186,400 \$931,861 \$186,400	Henry County is LAP Certified
3	SW Raintree Blvd	Cedarwood Parkway to Cowboy Way	5 ft wide Sidewalk - would connect to already programmed sidewalk FPN: 442024-1	PE CST CEI	\$212,000 \$1,059,717 \$212,000	Henry County is LAP Certified
4	Catfish Creek Road	Placid Lakes Blvd to Catfish Creek Bridge #094026	5 ft wide Sidewalk - would link to already programmed sidewalks FPN: 441923-1, 448421-1 and 446394-1	PE CST CEI	\$45,000 \$348,429 \$80,000	Highlands County is LAP Certified
5	Cedarwood Parkway	Raintree Blvd to Cowboy Way	5 ft wide Sidewalk - would connect to an already programmed sidewalk FPN: 449543-1	PE CST CEI	\$128,499 \$641,530 \$128,400	Henry County is LAP Certified
6 - A	CR 835	Hookers Point Road to Matthew Loop	5 ft wide Sidewalk - would connect to already programmed sidewalk FPN: 4484251	PE CST CEI	\$100,759 \$503,793 \$100,759	Henry County is LAP Certified
6 - B	N Olivia Dr Phase I & II	W Stryker Rd to N Larrimore Rd to Nautilus Rd	5 ft wide sidewalk would connect to 449544-1 and 449544-2 sidewalks and link to 43664-2 W Stryker Rd improvement	PE CST CEI PE CST CEI	\$80,000 \$320,013 \$90,000 \$85,000 \$429,373 \$90,000	Highlands County is LAP Certified
6 - C	Hookers Point	CR 835 to East of Lawrence Road	5 ft wide Sidewalk - would connect to already programmed sidewalk FPN: 448425-1	PE CST CEI	\$226,658 \$1,133,288 \$226,658	Henry County is LAP Certified
7	Florida Avenue	North Wauchula Elementary South Entrance to REA Rd	5 ft wide Sidewalk - East Side of Florida Ave. N. & S. from from US 17 to SR 64	PE CST CEI	\$35,642 \$287,615 \$23,761	Hardee County Not LAP Cert.

8	N Heron Street Sidewalk Phase I-IV	Eagle Ave to Sparrow Ave to Hammock Rd	5 ft wide Sidewalk would provide connection to existing Hammock Rd MUP and enhance FPN: 436641 N Heron St reconstruction by providing pedestrians a safer alternative	PE	\$65,000	Highlands County is LAP Certified
				CST	\$462,394	
				CEI	\$90,000	
				PE	\$65,000	
				CST	\$497,052	
				CEI	\$90,000	
				PE	\$65,000	
				CST	\$688,618.50	
				CEI	\$95,000	
				PE	\$65,000	
				CST	\$768,375	
				CEI	\$90,000	

Congestion Management (CM) Projects

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. Capacity improvements can take more than 10 years to implement and cost significantly more.

Rank	Jurisdiction	Project Location	Project Type
1A	Hardee	State Road 62 and County Road 663	Intersection Improvement
1B	Highlands	Hammock Rd and US 27	Intersection Improvement
2	Highlands	US 27 and Ryant Blvd	Intersection Improvement
3	Highlands	SR 66 and Burkett Ave	Intersection Improvement