



Lake-Sumter MPO Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date | Time: February 7, 2024 | 1:30 PM

Lake-Sumter MPO - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting – February 2024

Feb 7, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00 PM (America/New York)

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I. OPENING

- A. Call to Order
- B. Proper Noticing
- C. Determination of Quorum
- D. Motion to allow virtual member voting if requested

II. AGENDA UPDATE

Proposed revisions to today’s Agenda

III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

At this point in the meeting, the Committee will hear questions, comments, and concerns from the citizens. If the issue raised is not on today’s Agenda, action will not be taken by the Committee at this meeting. Questions may be answered by staff or referred for appropriate staff action. If further action is necessary, the item may be placed on a future Committee agenda. Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per person.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation for approval is requested for Agenda Items.

A. Approval of [November 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)

B. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2023-24 Amendment #10

De obligate funds in FY 2023-2024 UPWP and move to the FY 2025-2026 UPWP, funds available July 1, 2024.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2024-2028 Amendment

Florida Department of Transportation requests Lake-Sumter MPO amend the FY 2023/24-2027/28 TIP.

- Funding for the construction phase of project **#445297-1** has been increased and requires an amendment to the TIP to receive authorization of funds for the project. This is a resurfacing project along SR 19 in Lake County.
- Project **#452229-4** is added to the TIP in FY 2024. This is a safety project to add rumble stripes on highways throughout Lake and Sumter Counties.
- Project **#450898-1** will construct a new Green Mountain overlook tower. Lake County was the recipient of a National Scenic Highways and Byways grant for this project and to authorize use of the funds for the project it must be added to the TIP.

ATTACHMENT: [Request for Amendment to FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Letter](#)

Staff recommends approval of the requested TIP Amendment as presented.

B. Lake~Sumter MPO - Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary

The Lake~Sumter MPO staff introduced the Urbanized Area Boundary (UAB) Adjustment (or smoothing) process to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in September of 2023. The general purpose behind the Adjusted UAB is to include known or pending urban developments to create and define if a project is eligible for urban or rural federal transportation funding. The Lake~Sumter MPO and the Florida Department of Transportation used the criteria and developed a draft Adjusted UABs for the members to use as reference and ArcGIS online tools for viewing ([LSMPO Urban Area - Comment App \(arcgis.com\)](#)).

The review period closed on January 23, 2024, with a total of twenty-four comments received, Other edits have been complied and with MetroPlan response summarized below in the memo attached.

ATTACHMENTS: [Summary of Agency Feedback: 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary Adjustment](#)
[Adjusted Urban Area Boundary Presentation](#)

Staff recommends approval of the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary as presented.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2024 List of Priority Projects – Timeline for Adoption

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The LOPP represents the unfunded transportation improvements that were not programmed for the following five-year period, in order of priority. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) uses each MPO's LOPP to aid in their decisions as to which projects should be added to their Work Program each year. The Lake~Sumter MPO approves its LOPP annually.

ATTACHMENTS: [2024 LOPP Schedule](#)

B. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Update and Schedule

C. Federal Grant MPO Project Eligibility Review

MPO staff and consultants will review the adopted TIP and high priority projects from the List of Priority Projects (LOPP) to identify a list of potential projects that could be considered for IJIA Discretionary Grants. The Consultant will screen the projects against the criteria for each grant and the Federal Planning Emphasis Areas to prepare a short list of candidate projects for discussions with local government partners (project sponsors). The projects will be reviewed for readiness based on mobility improvement potential, safety, resilience, preliminary engineering complete or ongoing, ROW needs and share of nonfederal funding.

D. Wekiva Parkway Grand Opening – Community Festival February 24, 2024

The Wekiva Parkway Community Festival is now confirmed for **Saturday, February 24** at the Neighborhood Lakes Trailhead.

E. FDOT District Five Safety Summit - February 26, 2024, Town of Lady Lake Library

PRESENTATIONS, STATUS REPORTS

- A. FDOT Report** – Chuck Koppernolle
- B. FTE Report** – Siao Si Fine
- C. County, City Updates, Committee Member Comments**

VII. ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING: APRIL 10, 2024 @ 1:30

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the above named board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact (352) 315- 0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**Minutes
Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

**1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175
Leesburg, Florida 34748
Phone (352) 315-0170**

OPENING

Chair George Marek, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.; and confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present. (5 voting members in person)

Members Present

Melving Isaac	Lake County
Helen LaValley	Lake County Schools
Deborah Snyder	Sumter County
Jill Brown	Lake County/Transit
John Kruse	City of Clermont
Rebecca Higgins	Town of Lady Lake
Cliff Kelsey	City of Leesburg
Joyce Heffington	City of Minneola
George Marek - Chair	City of Mount Dora

Members Absent

Stephen Cross	Town of Astatula
Mike Eastburn	City of Bushnell
Rick Gierok	City of Eustis
Rob Dicus	City of Fruitland Park
David Ausherman	City of Groveland
Max Spann	City of Mascotte
Antonio Fabre	City of Tavares
Aaron Mercer	City of Umatilla
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood

Staff Present

Mike Woods	Executive Director
Doris LeMay	Financial Coordinator

I. AGENDA UPDATE

Add Item D TIP Amendment to ACTION Items. Motion was made by Rebecca Higgins, seconded by Deborah Snyder to add Item D – motion passed 5-0

II. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of October 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates

Motion was made by Deborah Snyder to approve Items A-B on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Rebecca Higgins – **motion passed 5-0.**

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Resolution 2023-17 Adopting the new MPO Adjusted Urban Area Boundary – Final Review and Approval. Michael Woods bringing item back in February due to more comments coming in. Tabled Item
- B. Approval of Resolution 2023-18 Amending the Lake~Sumter 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mike Vaudo Kimley Horn & Associates provided a brief overview Of the 2045 LRTP Amendment.

Motion was made by Deborah Snyder to approve Resolution 2023-18 Amending the Lake~Sumter 2045 LRTP, seconded by John Kruse – **motion passed 5-0.**

- C. Election of Officers 2024

Motion was made by Deborah Snyder to nominate George Marek as Chair, seconded by Rebecca Higgins – **motion passed 5-0.**

- D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
Michael Woods provided a brief overview.

Motion was made by John Kruse to approve the TIP Amendment, seconded by Deborah Snyder – **motion passed 5-0.**

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2023 Congestion Management Program (CMP) – State of the System Report
Amber Gartner, Kimley Horn & Associates provided a brief overview.
- B. 2024 List of Priority Projects – 2024 LOPP Schedule – Michael Woods

VI. PRESENTATIONS, STATUS REPORTS

- A. FDOT Tentative Work Program – Jonathan Scarfe FDOT Report – Chuck Koppernolle
- B. FTE Tentative Work Program – Siao Si Fine
- C. County, City Updates, Committee Member Comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, **motion** was made by Deborah Snyder, seconded by Cliff Kelsy – **motion passed 5-0**, meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

ACTION ITEM A



Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

January 31, 2024

Lake-Sumter MPO
ATTN: Michael Woods, Executive Director
1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite #175
Leesburg, FL 34748

RE: Request for Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

REVISED

Dear Mr. Woods:

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Please use the information in the table below to revise the TIP accordingly:

FM#	Project Description	Project Limits	Length	Phase	Fund Source	Amount	FY
445297-1	SR 19	North of Stevens Ave to CR 452	2.860 miles	CST	ACNR ACSA ACSL DDR DIH LF SA SL TOTAL	\$ 2,999,349 \$ 170,359 \$ 3,230,200 \$ 1,258,902 \$ 10,280 \$ 112,840 \$ 1,234,911 <u>\$ 750,000</u> \$ 9,766,841	2024
452229-4	SWRS – Districtwide Rumble Stripes Bundle 5D	Sumter & Lake	137.104 miles	PE CST	DIH ACSS DIH DS TOTAL	\$ 18,000 \$ 1,054,728 \$ 27,000 \$ 115,803 \$ 1,215,531	2024
450898-1	Green Mountain Scenic Overlook 40' Tower Addition	N/A	1.720 miles	CST	SB DIOH TOTAL	\$ 650,000 <u>\$ 20,800</u> \$ 670,800	2024

As always, feel free to contact the Liaison Group at D5-MPOLiaisons@dot.state.fl.us if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Jonathan Scarfe

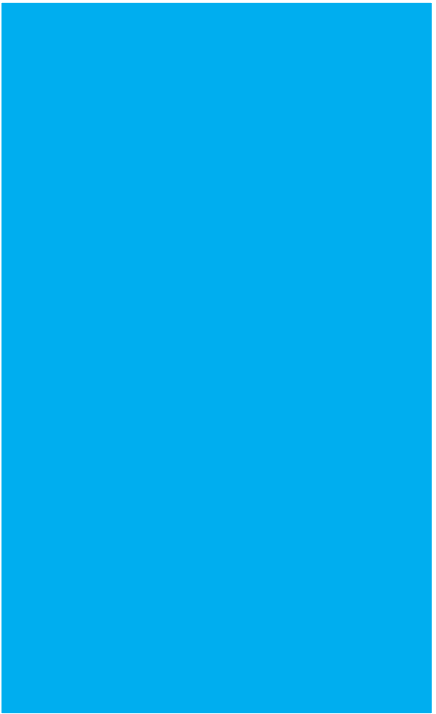
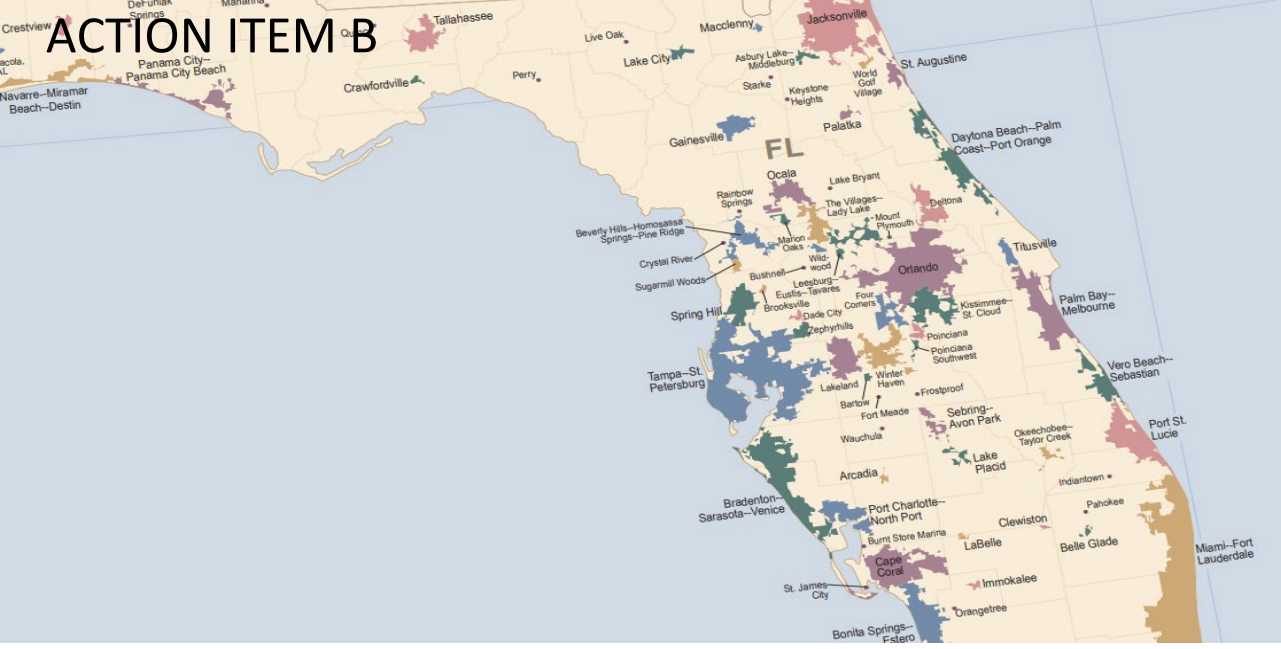
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Jonathan Scarfe

MPO Liaison Administrator
FDOT District Five

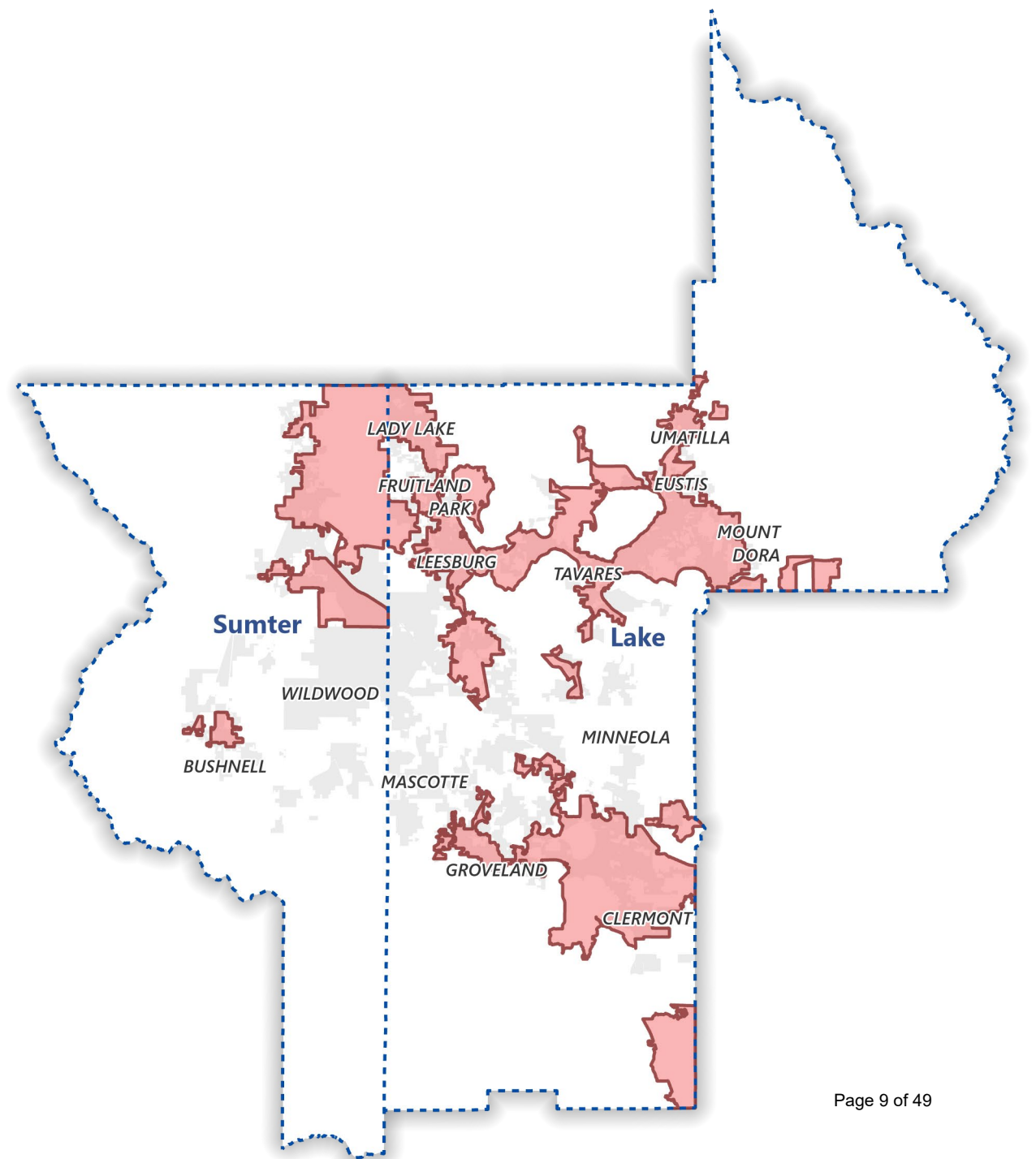
c: Melissa McKinney, FDOT
Charles Koppennolle, FDOT
Alice Guiliani, FDOT
FDOT D5 Local Programs
FDOT D5 Work Program

ACTION ITEM B



Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

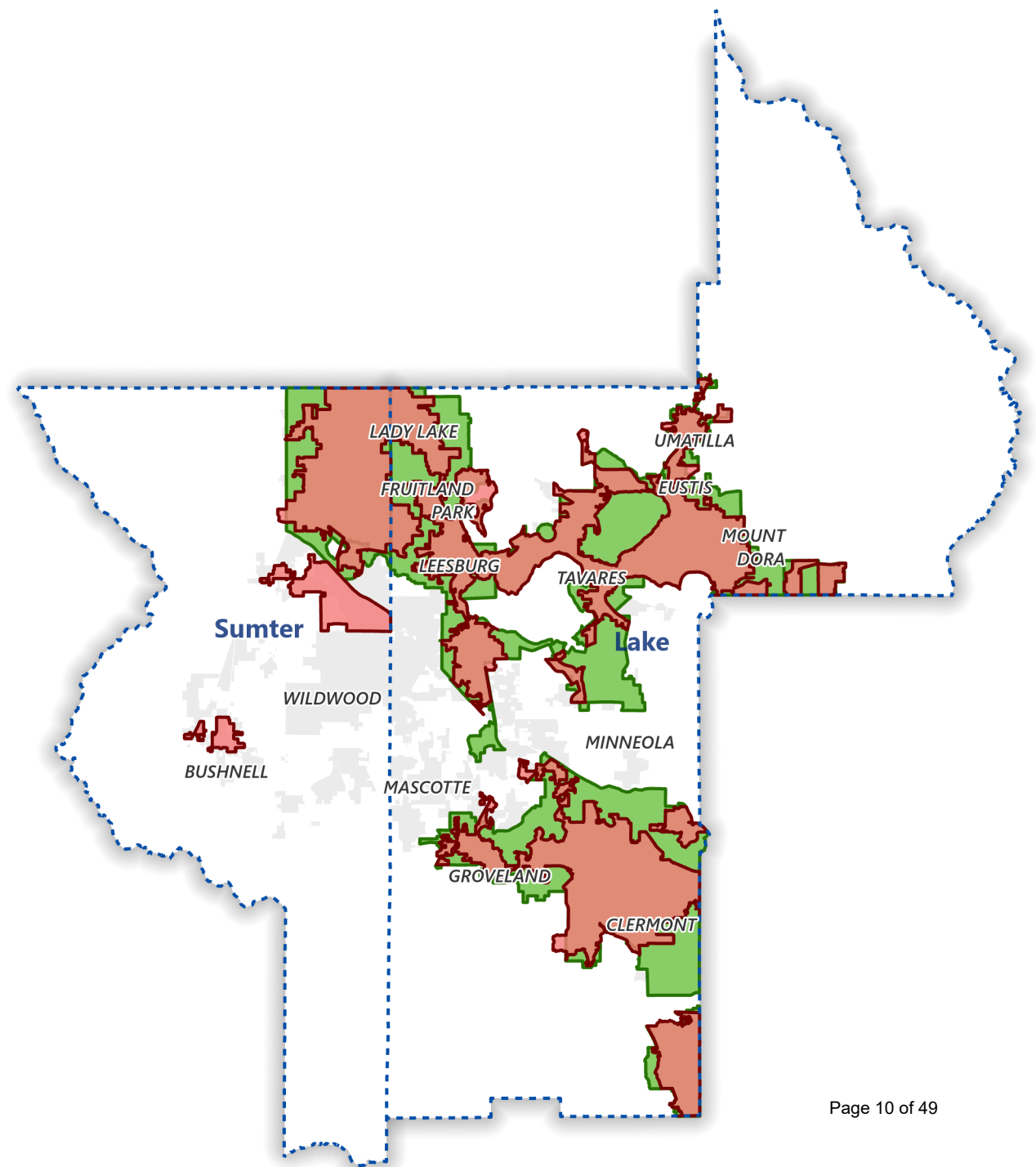
- Boundaries can consider transportation terminals, transit routes
- Boundary should follow municipal limits or physical features
- Boundary should be easy to discern
- Boundaries should be simple, without irregularities
- Boundaries should not split roadways or ramps








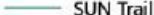



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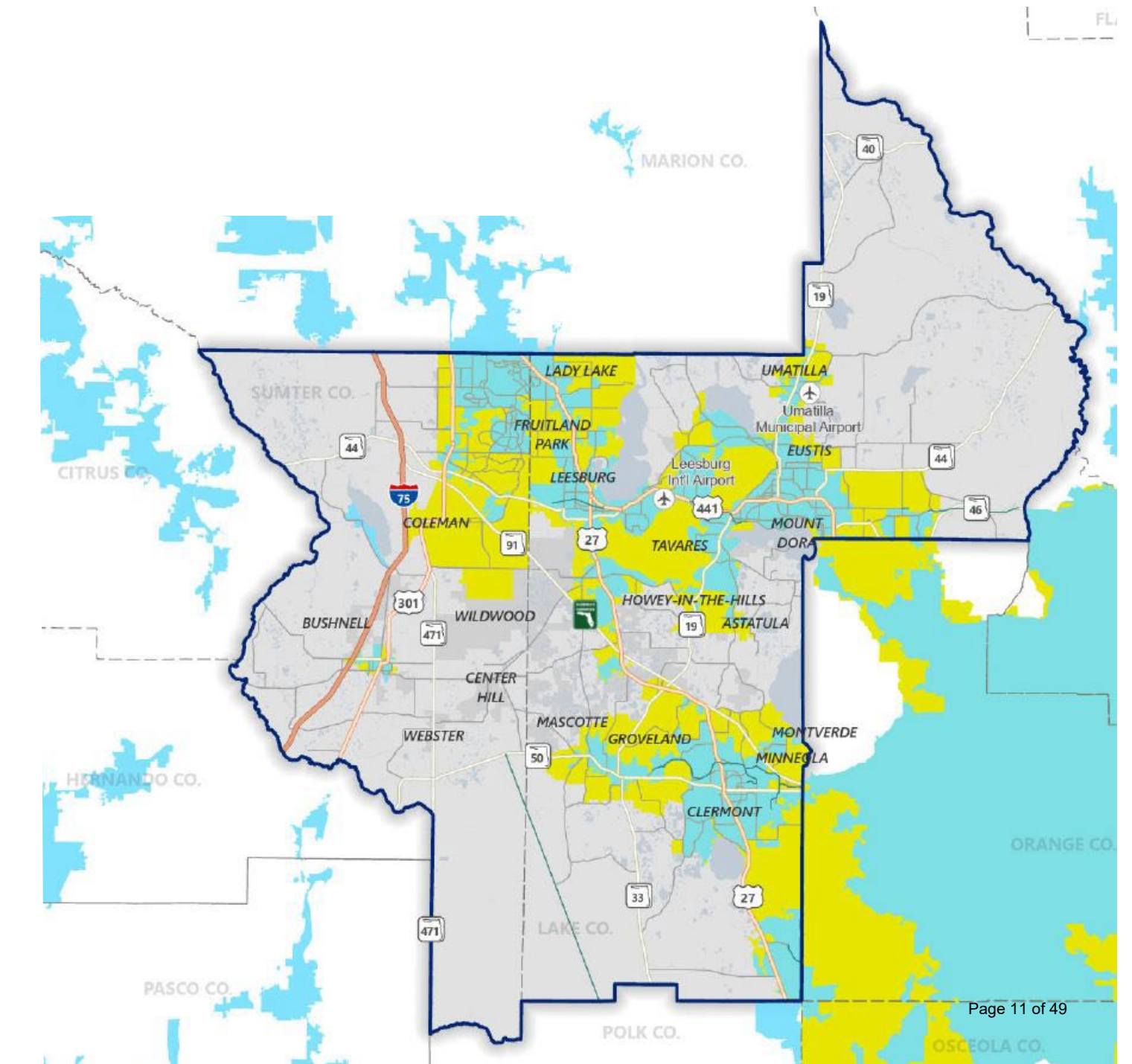
Methodology for Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary (Smoothing)

- Includes all of 2020 Census Urbanized Area
- Includes almost all of 2010 Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary
- Considered Municipal & Joint Planning Areas
- Delineated by Census Block or Parcel lines
- Local Government Partner review with 25 recommendations



Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

-  Airports
-  Interstates
-  US Highways
-  State Highways
-  Local Roads
-  SUN Trail
-  LSMPO Planning Area Boundary
-  Proposed Urban Boundary
-  2010 Census



Questions?





MEMORANDUM

Date:

February 1, 2024

Subject:

Summary of Agency Feedback: 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary Adjustment

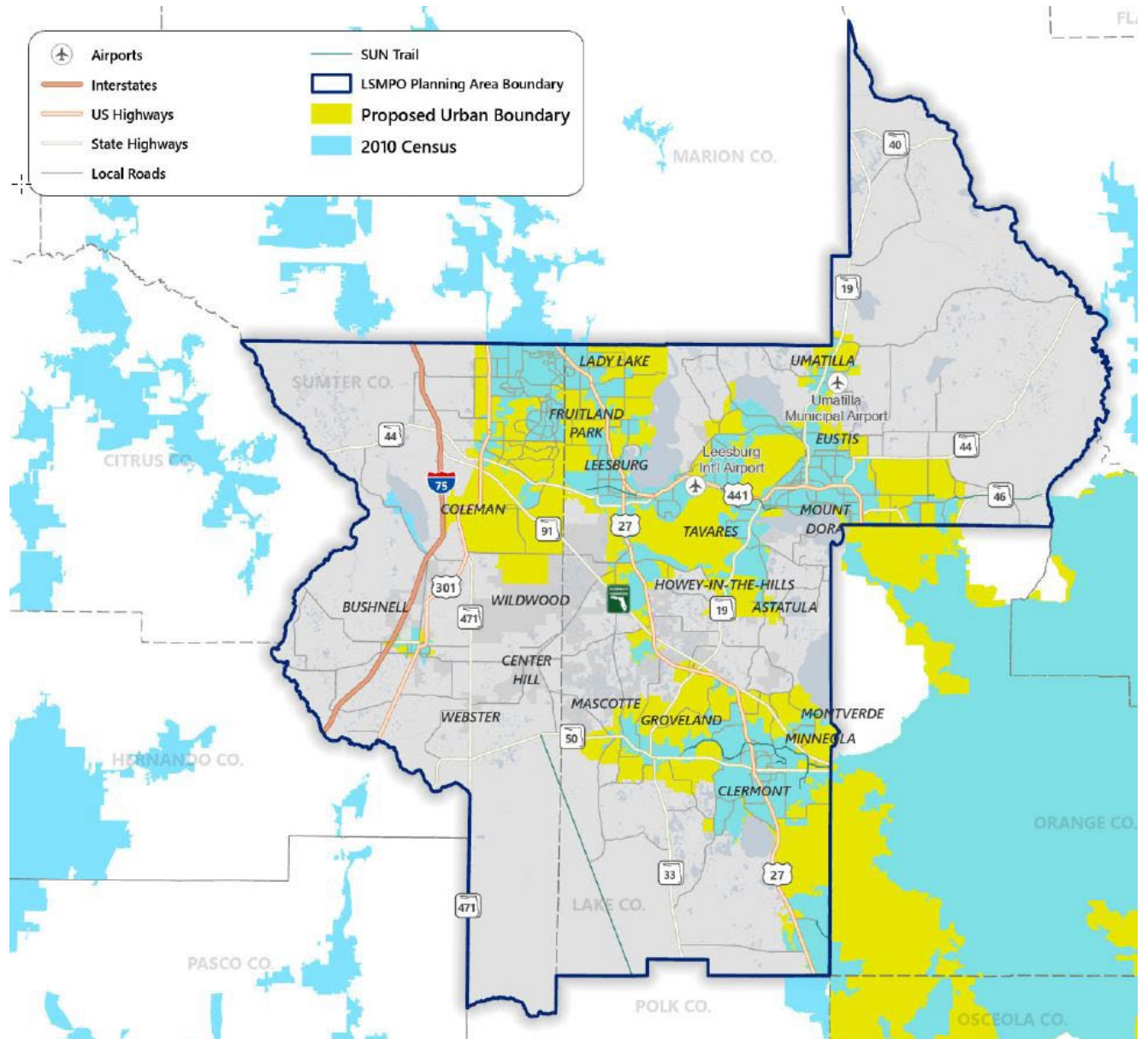
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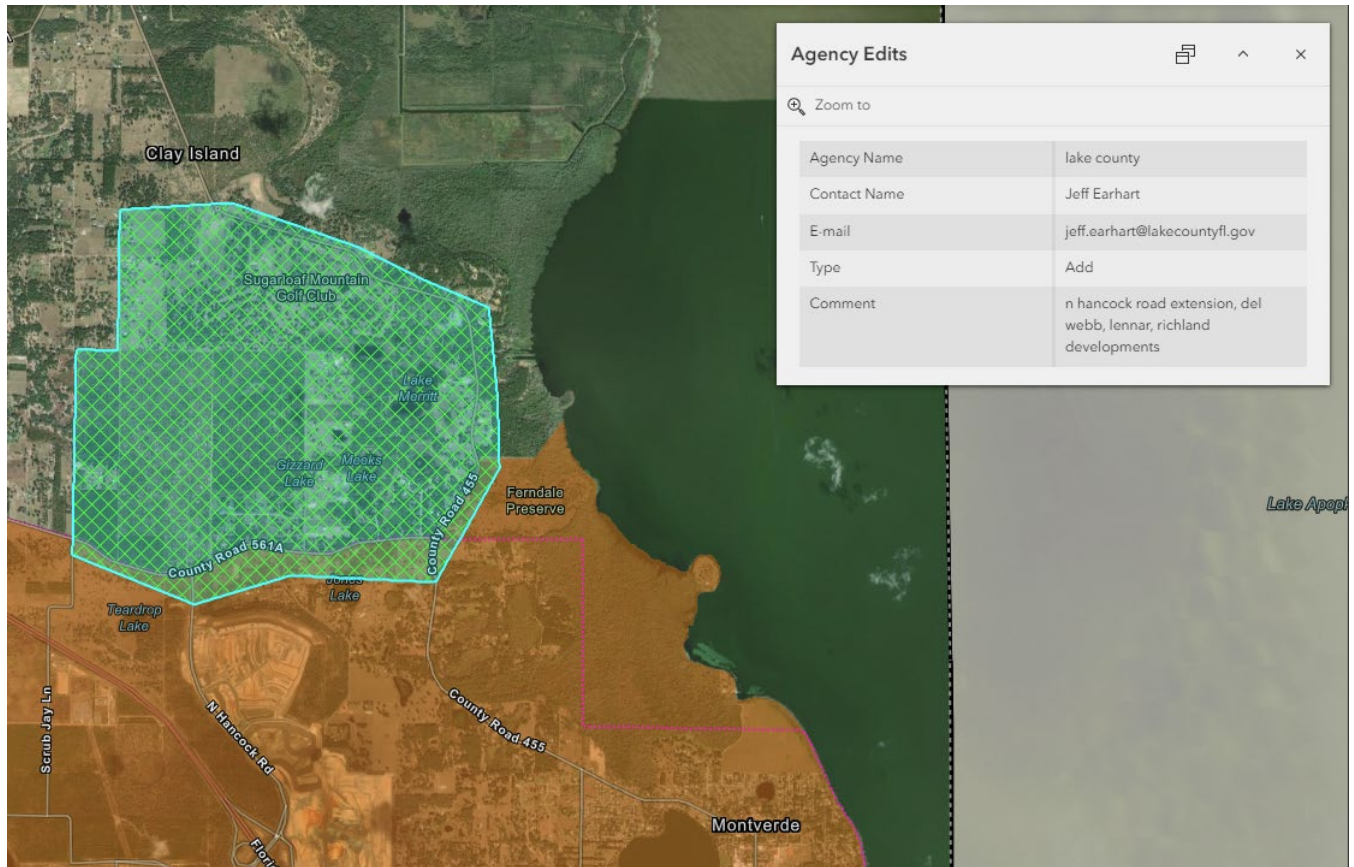
The Adjustment / Smoothing process added approximately 216 square miles (77%) more land area to the 2020 Census defined Urbanized Areas for Orlando, Four Corners, Mount Plymouth, The Villages – Lady Lake, Wildwood, Bushnell and Leesburg-Eustis-Tavaris urbanized areas withing the Lake~Sumter MPO Planning Area, and can be seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1 -



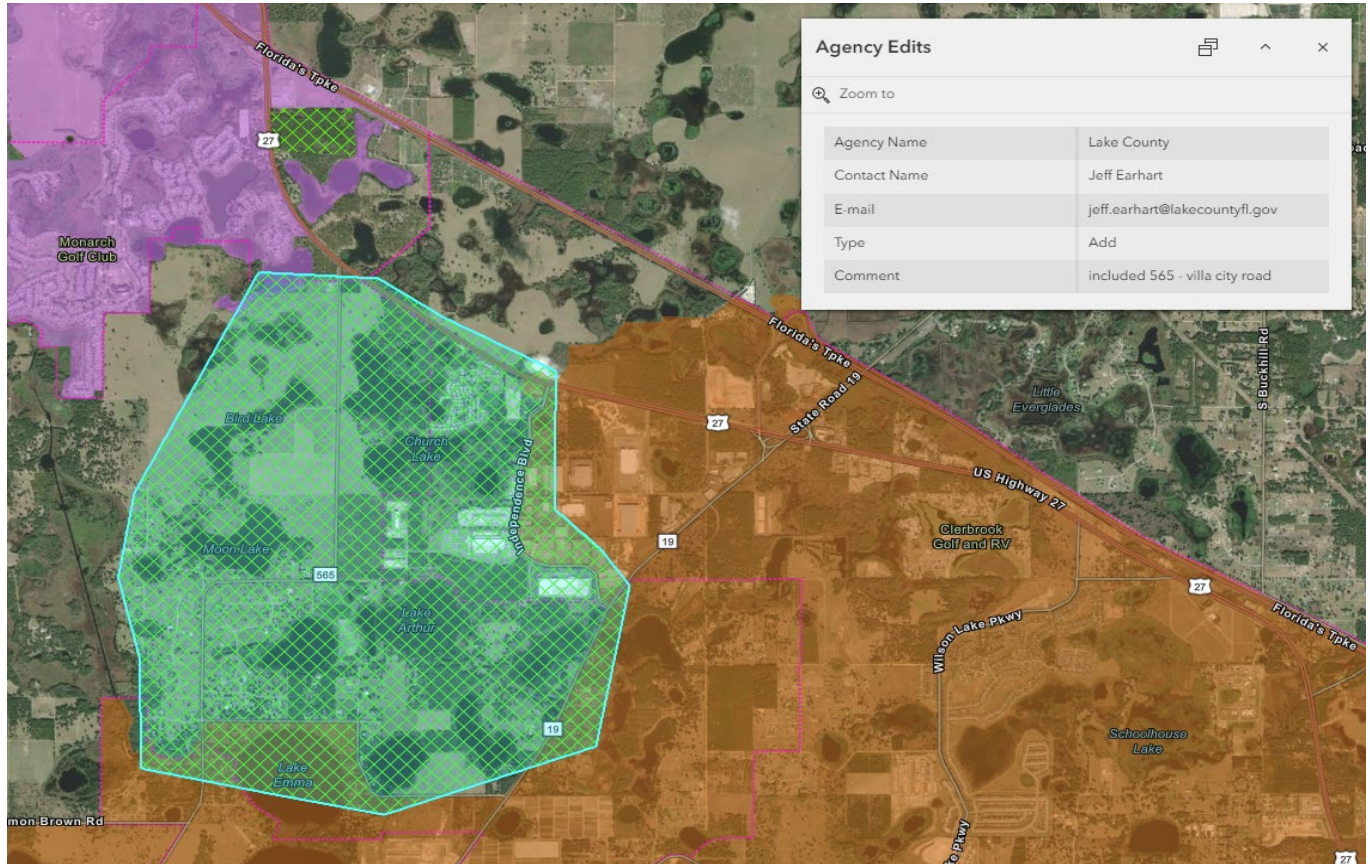
Local Agency Comment #1 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - North Hancock Road extension, Del Webb, Lennar, Richland developments
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



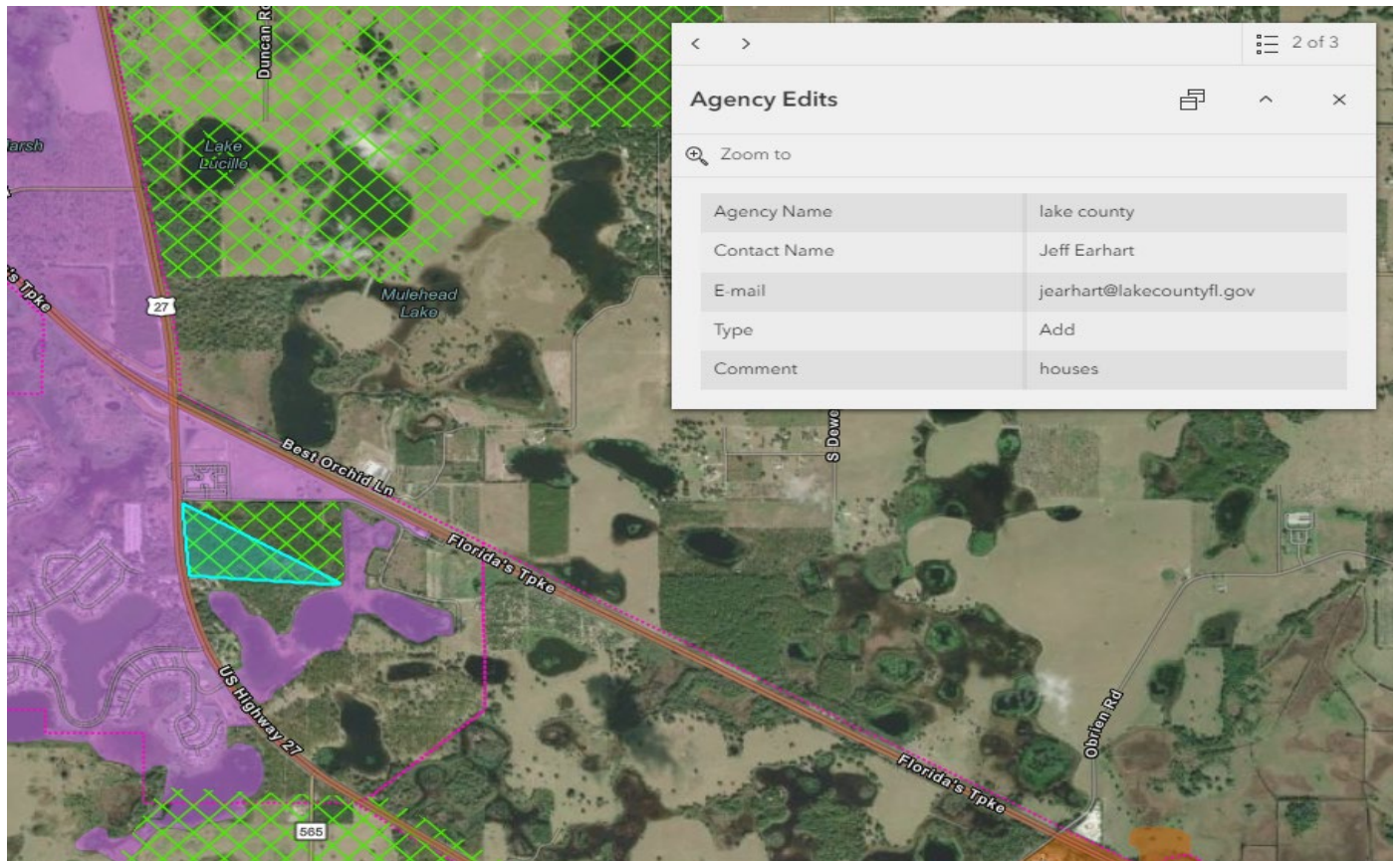
Local Agency Comment #2 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Included 565 - Villa City Road
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



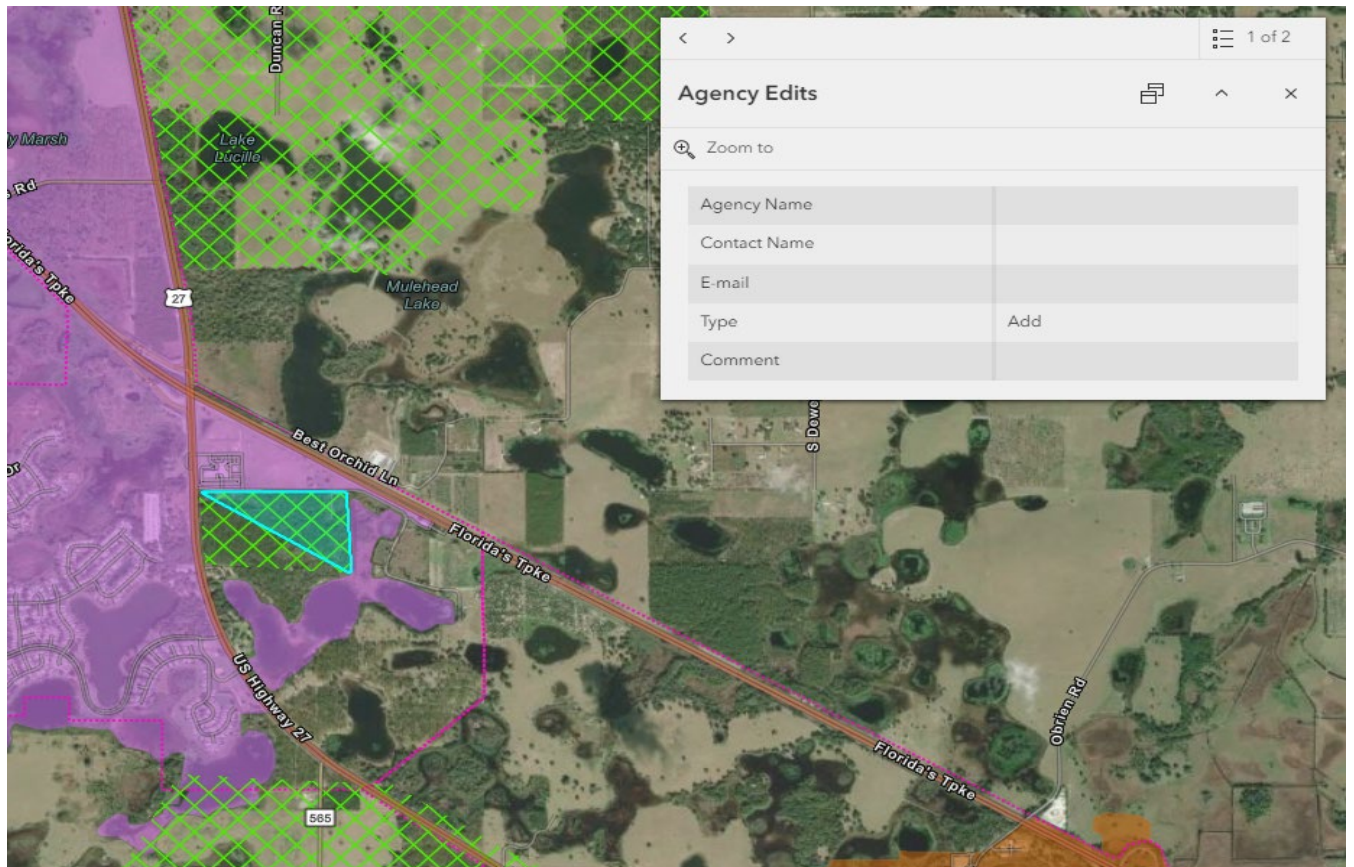
Local Agency Comment #3 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - houses
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



Local Agency Comment #4 –

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



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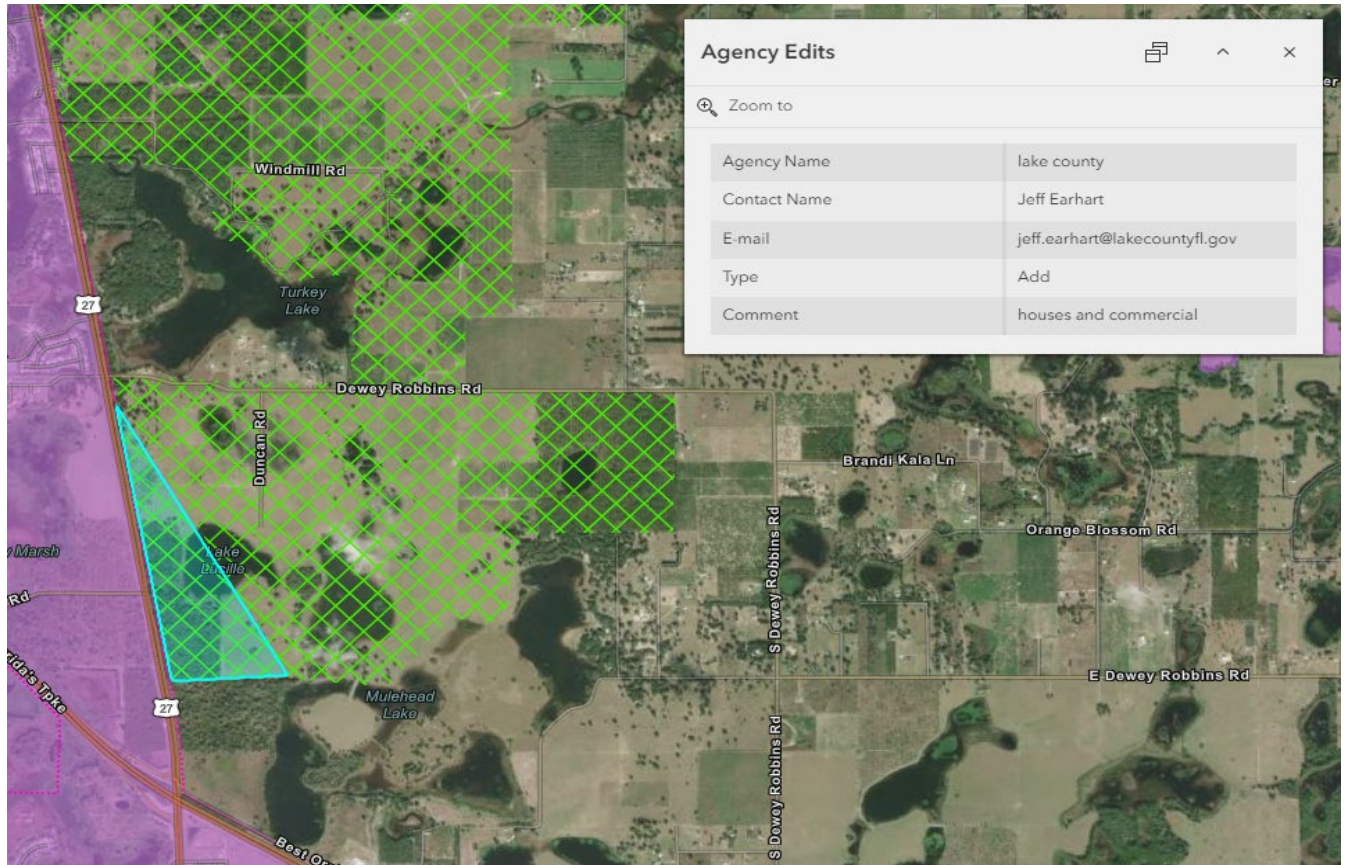
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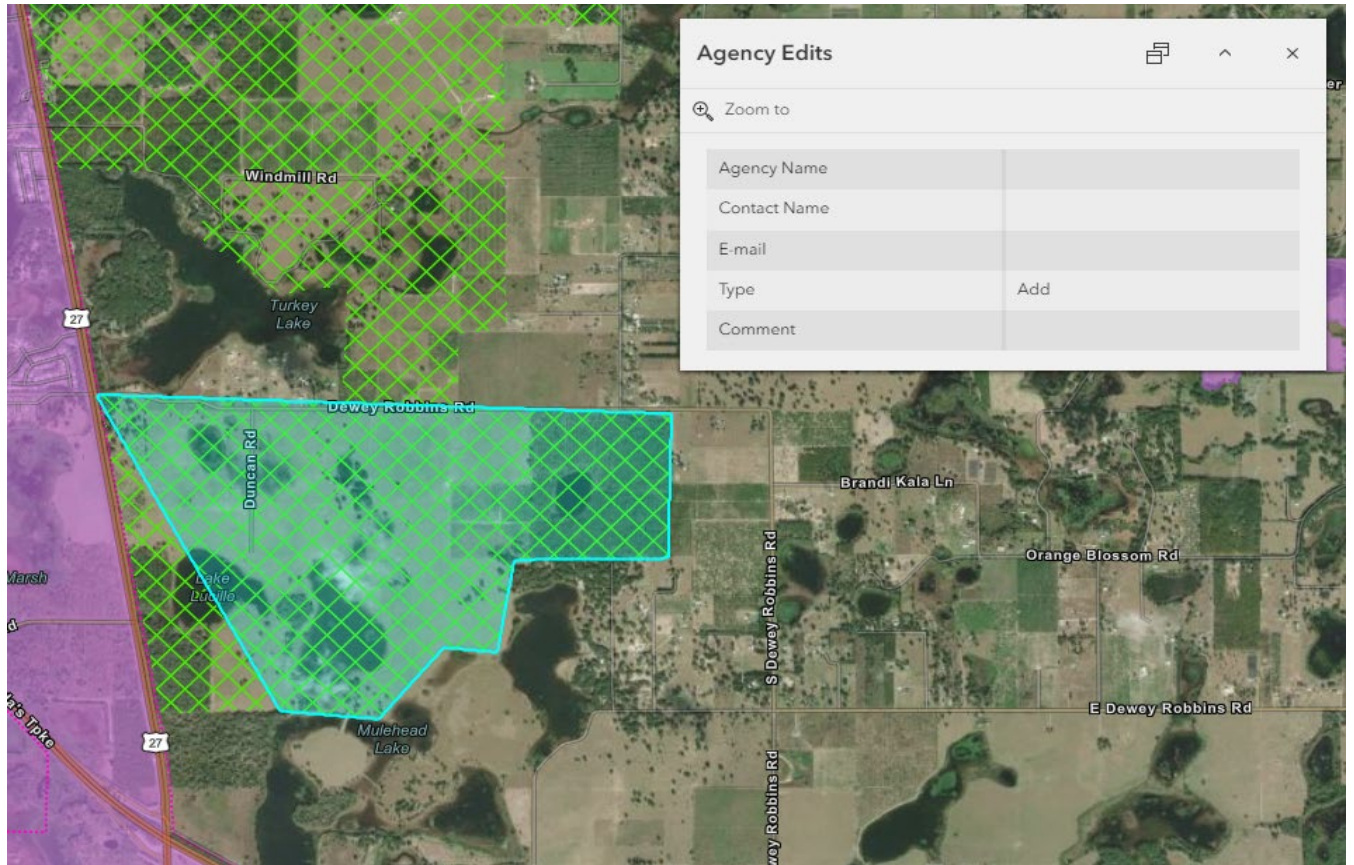
Local Agency Comment #5 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Houses and Commercial
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



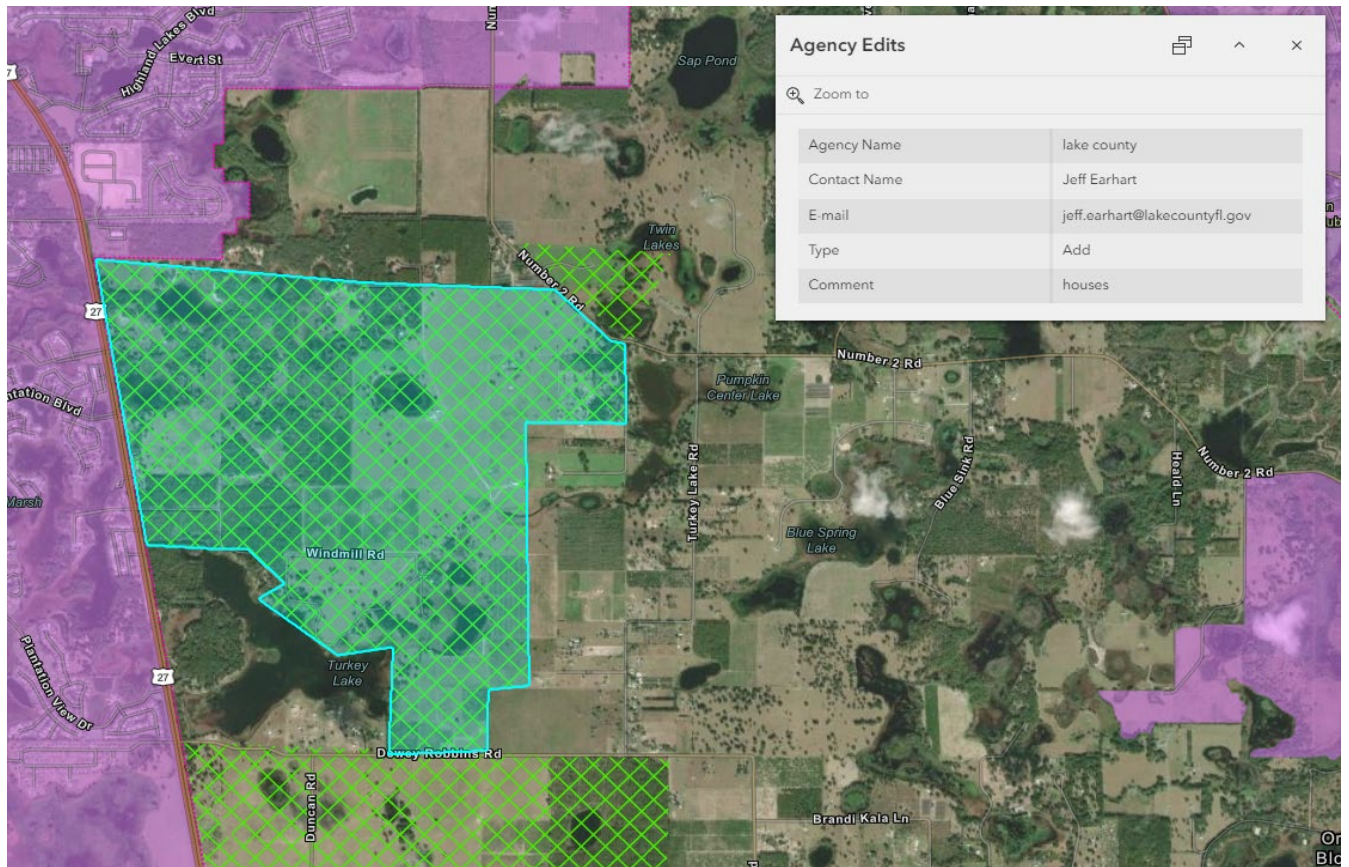
Local Agency Comment #6 –

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



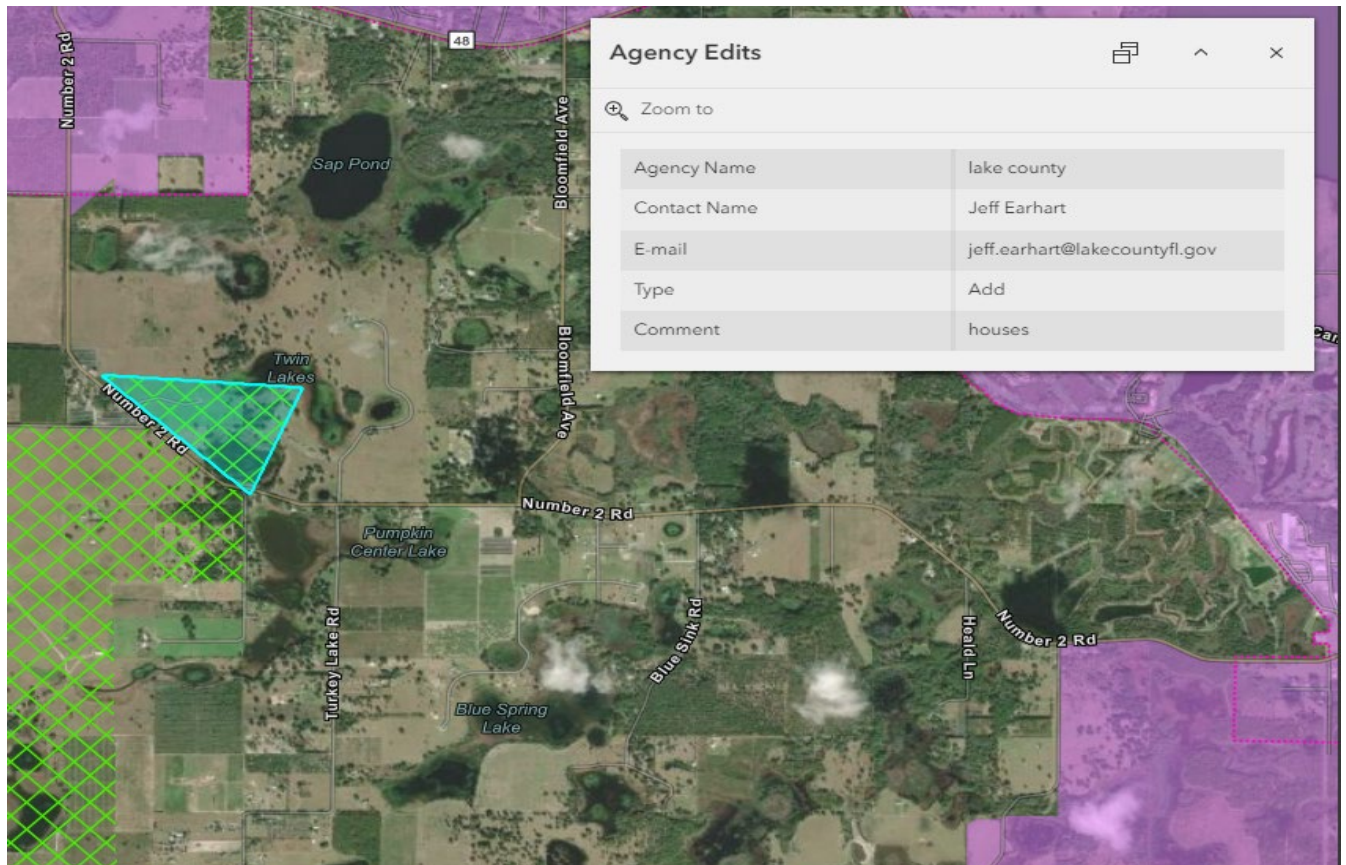
Local Agency Comment #7 -

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Agency Comment:	Add - houses
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



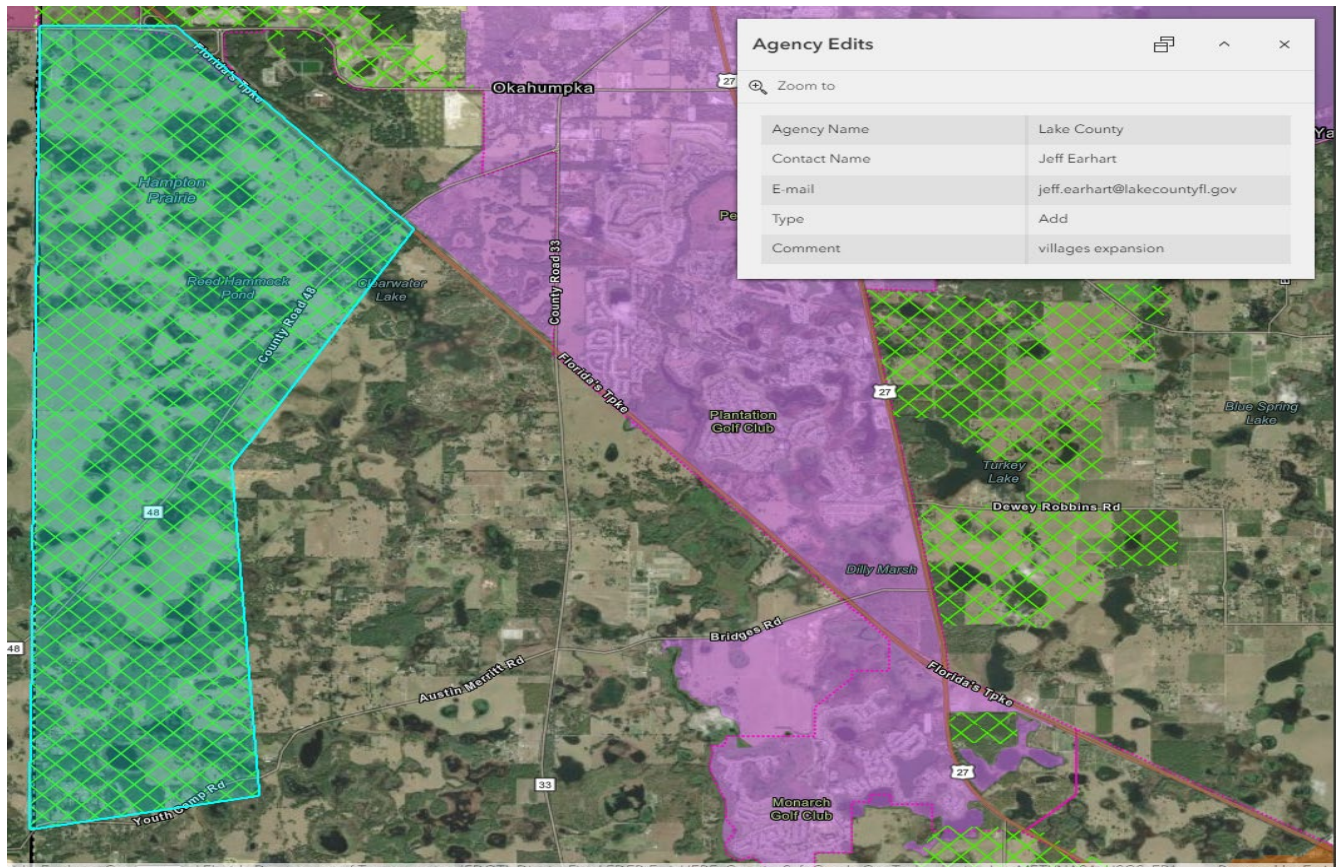
Local Agency Comment #8 -

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Agency Comment:	Add- houses
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



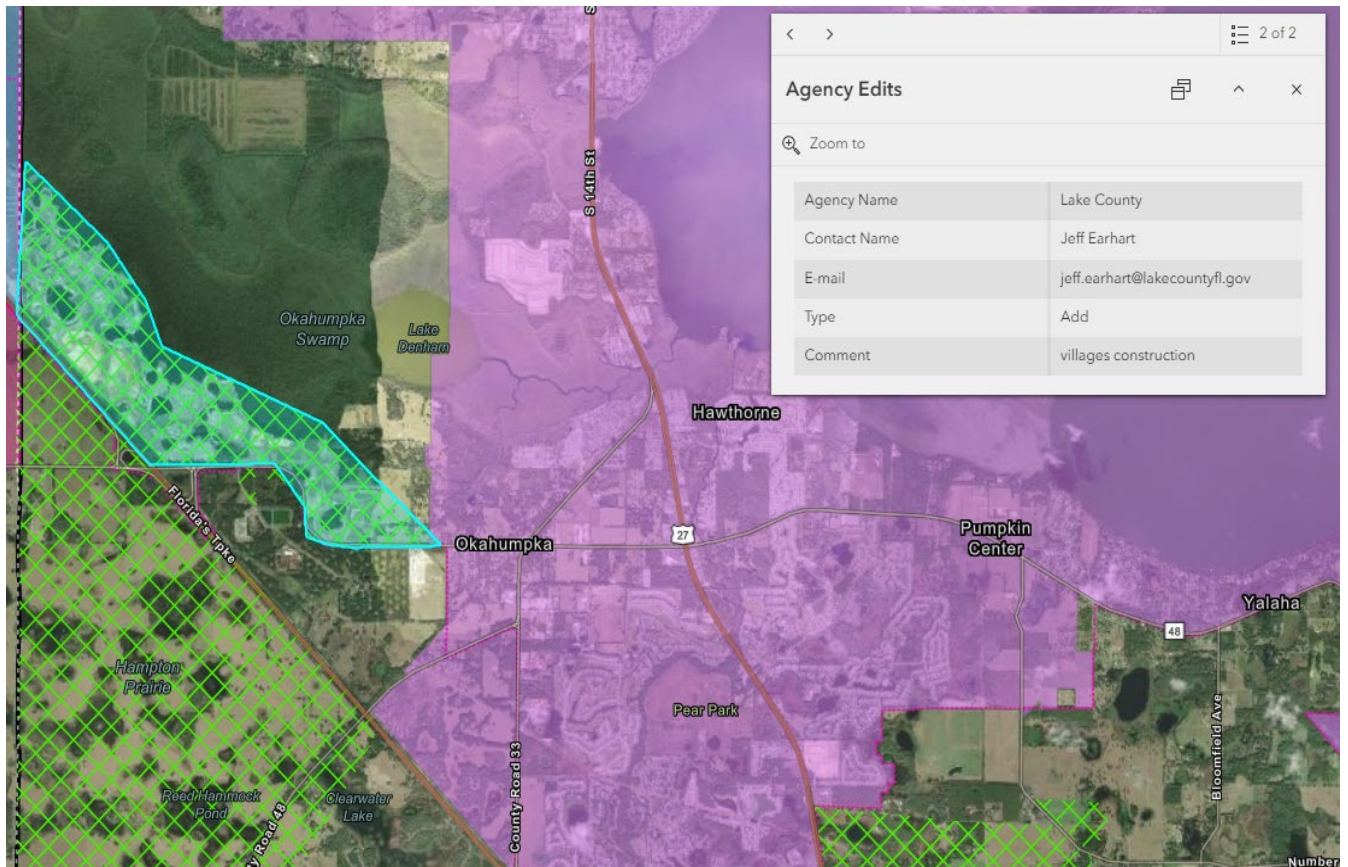
Local Agency Comment #9 -

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Agency Comment:	Add - Villages Expansion
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



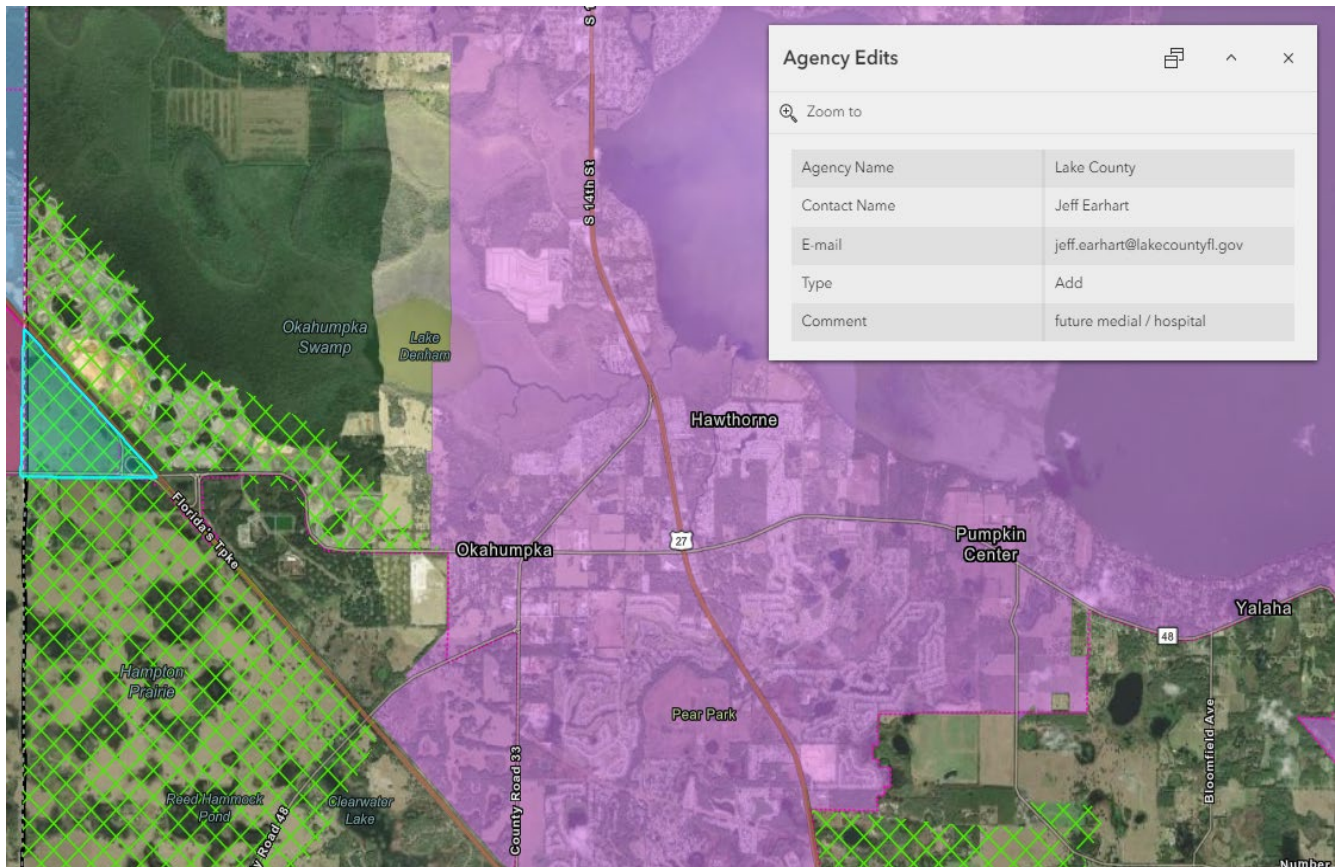
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Agency Comment:	Add - Villages Construction
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



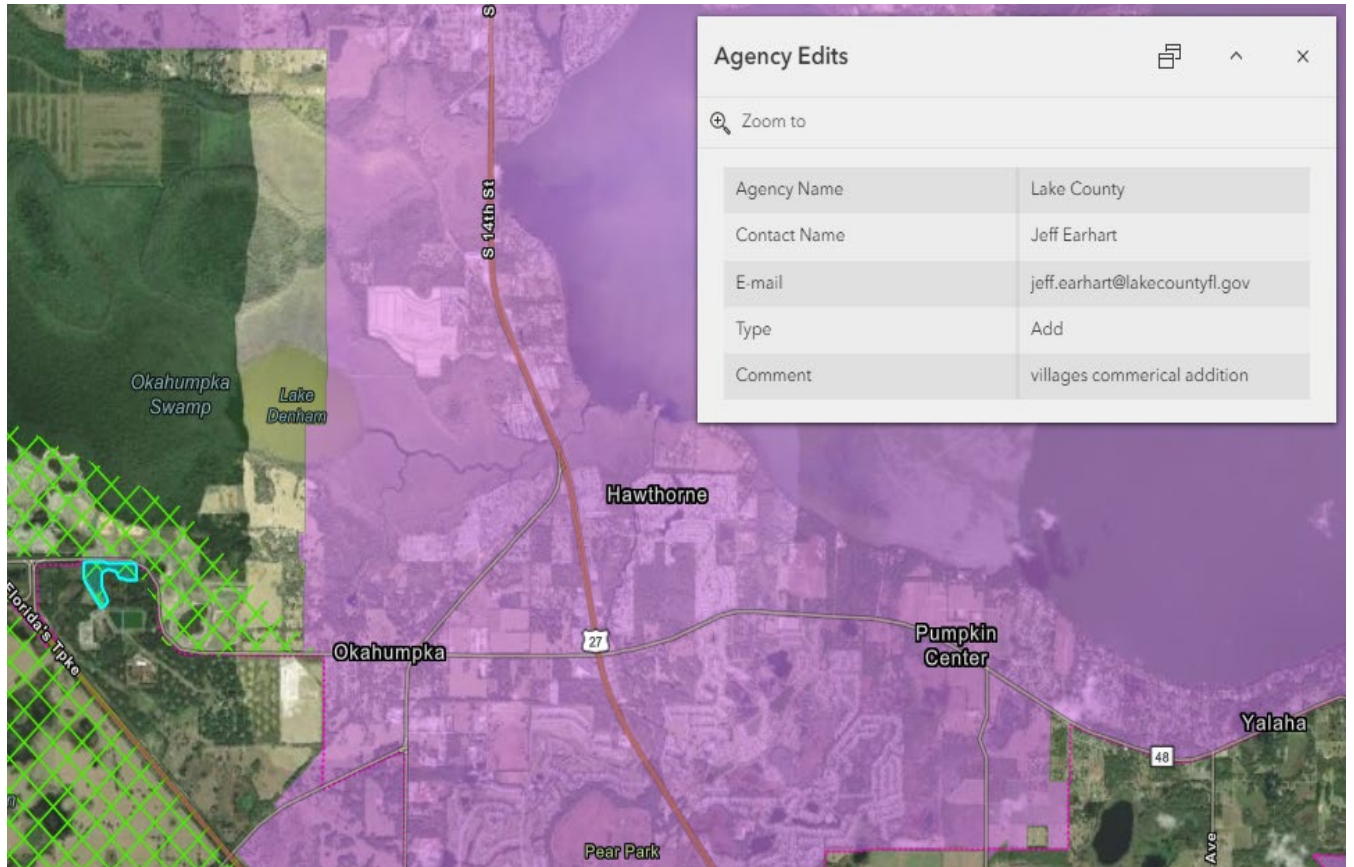
Local Agency Comment #11 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Future Medial / Hospital
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



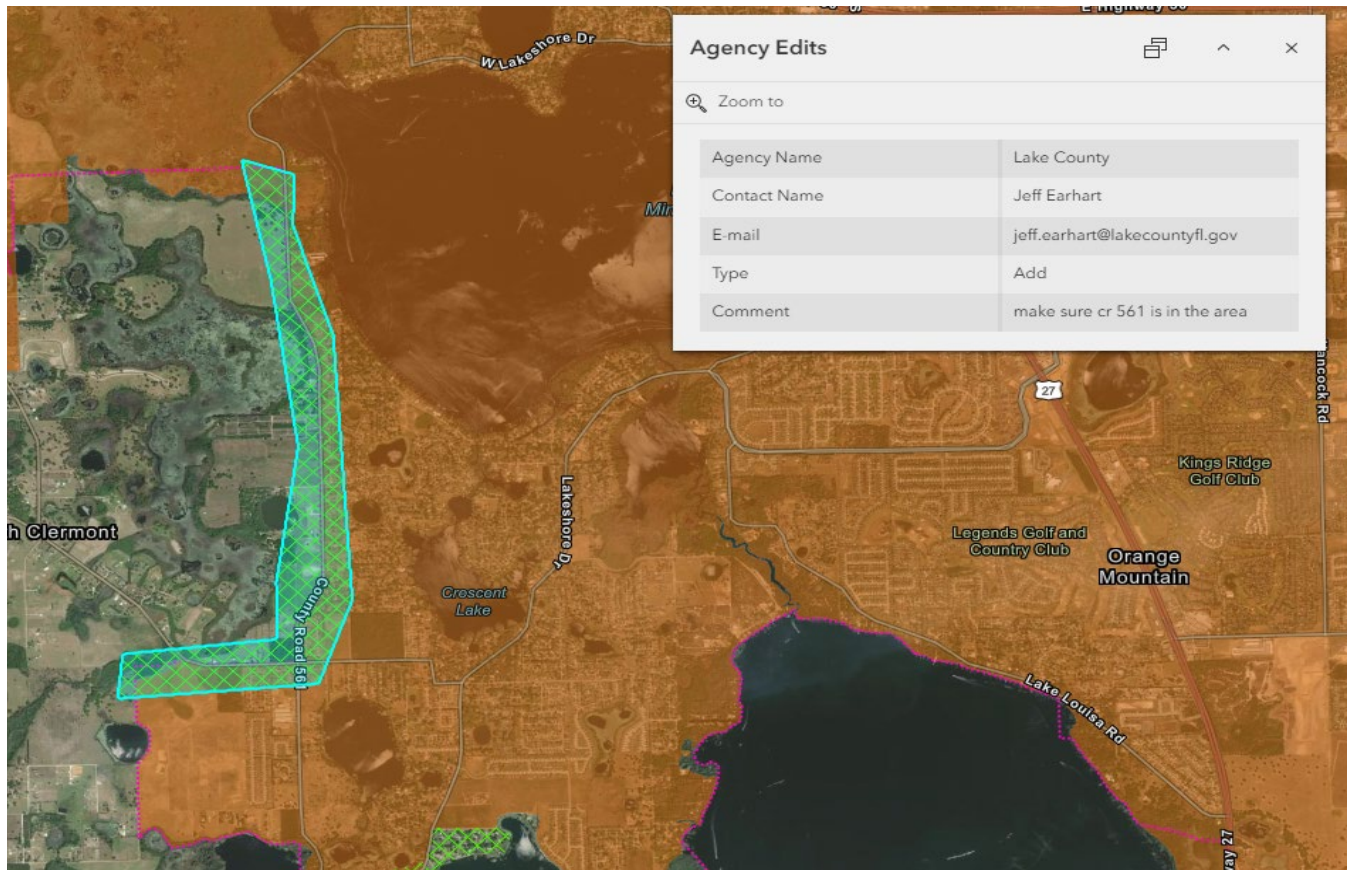
Local Agency Comment #12 -

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Agency Comment:	Add - Villages Commercial Addition
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



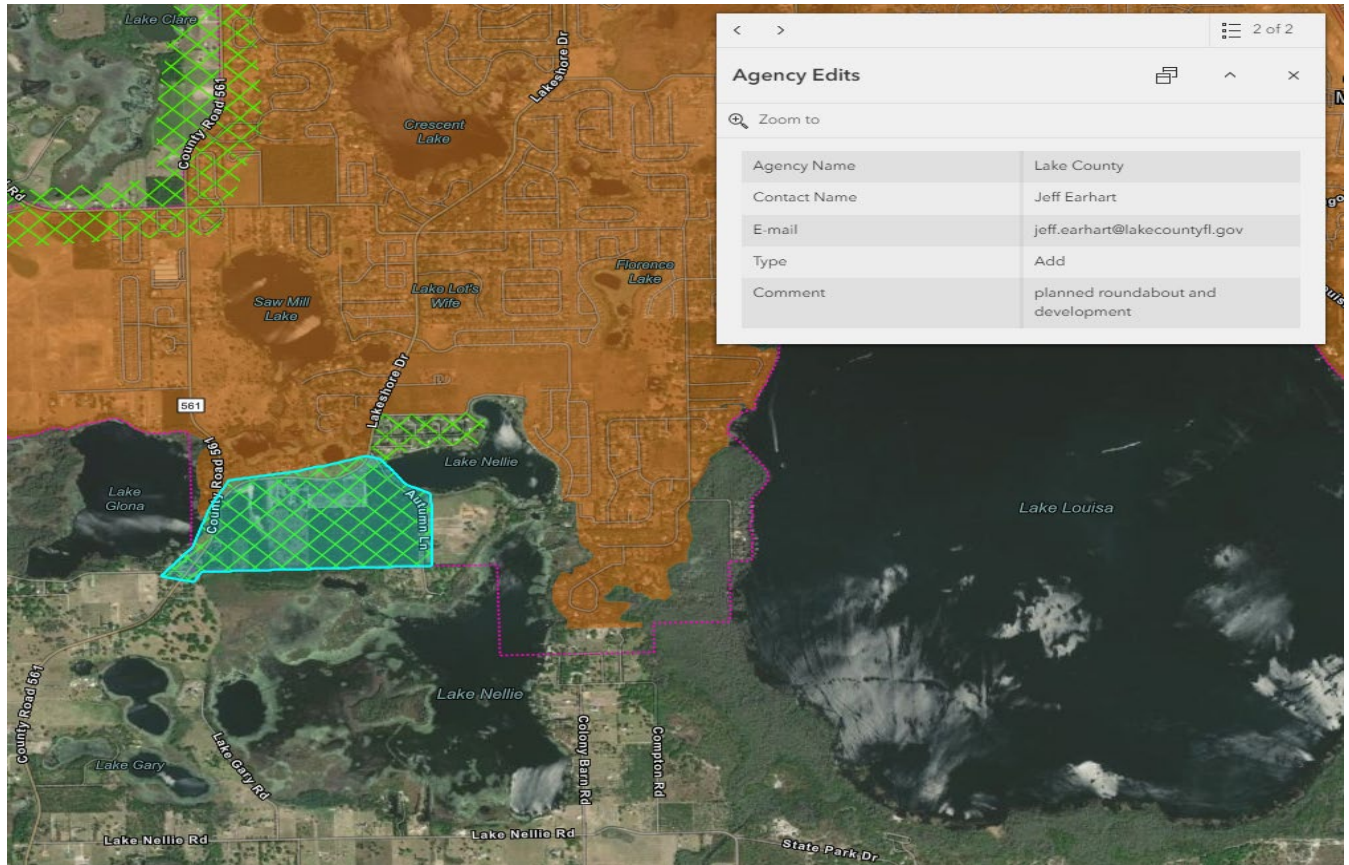
Local Agency Comment #13 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Make sure CR 561 is in the area
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



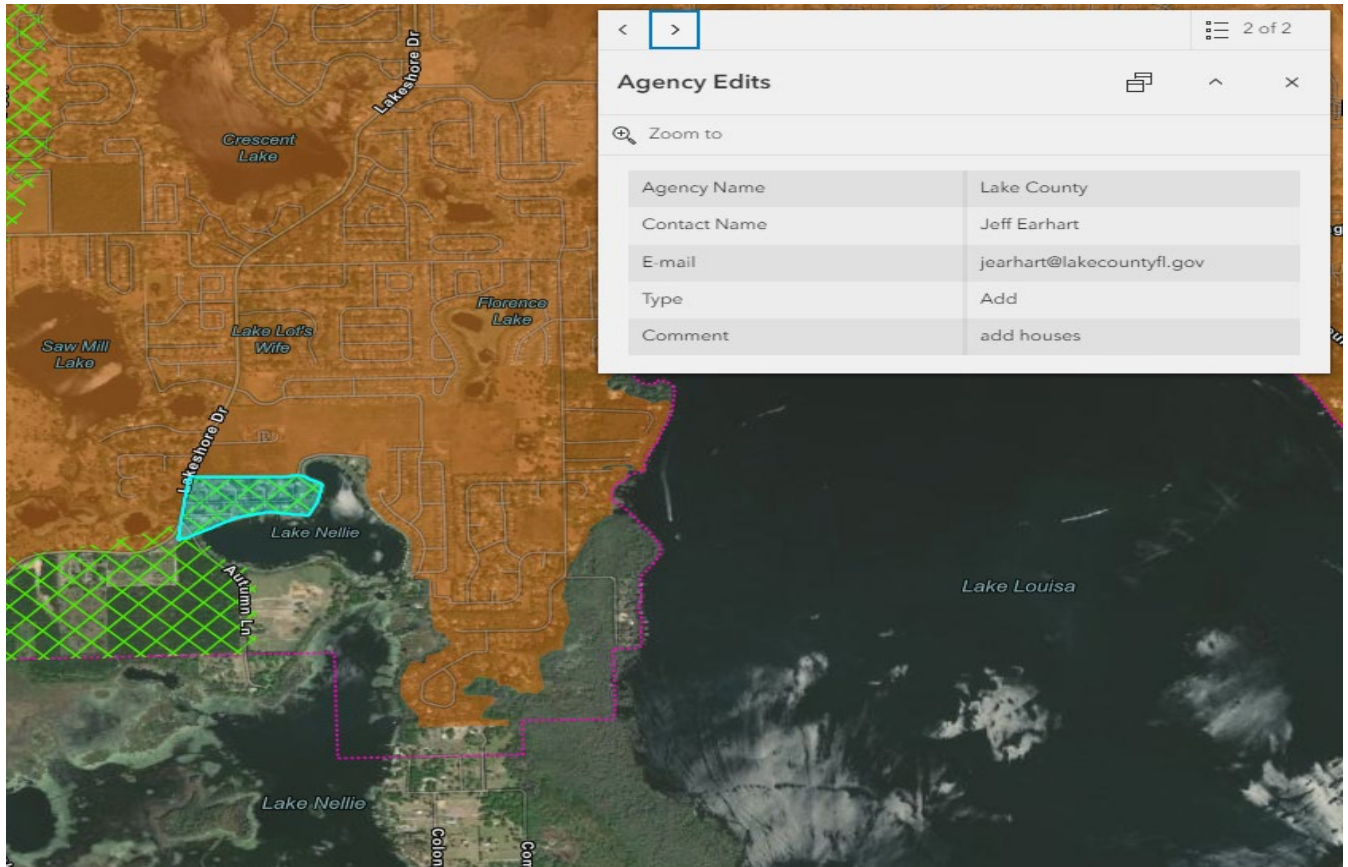
Local Agency Comment #14 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Planned roundabout and development
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



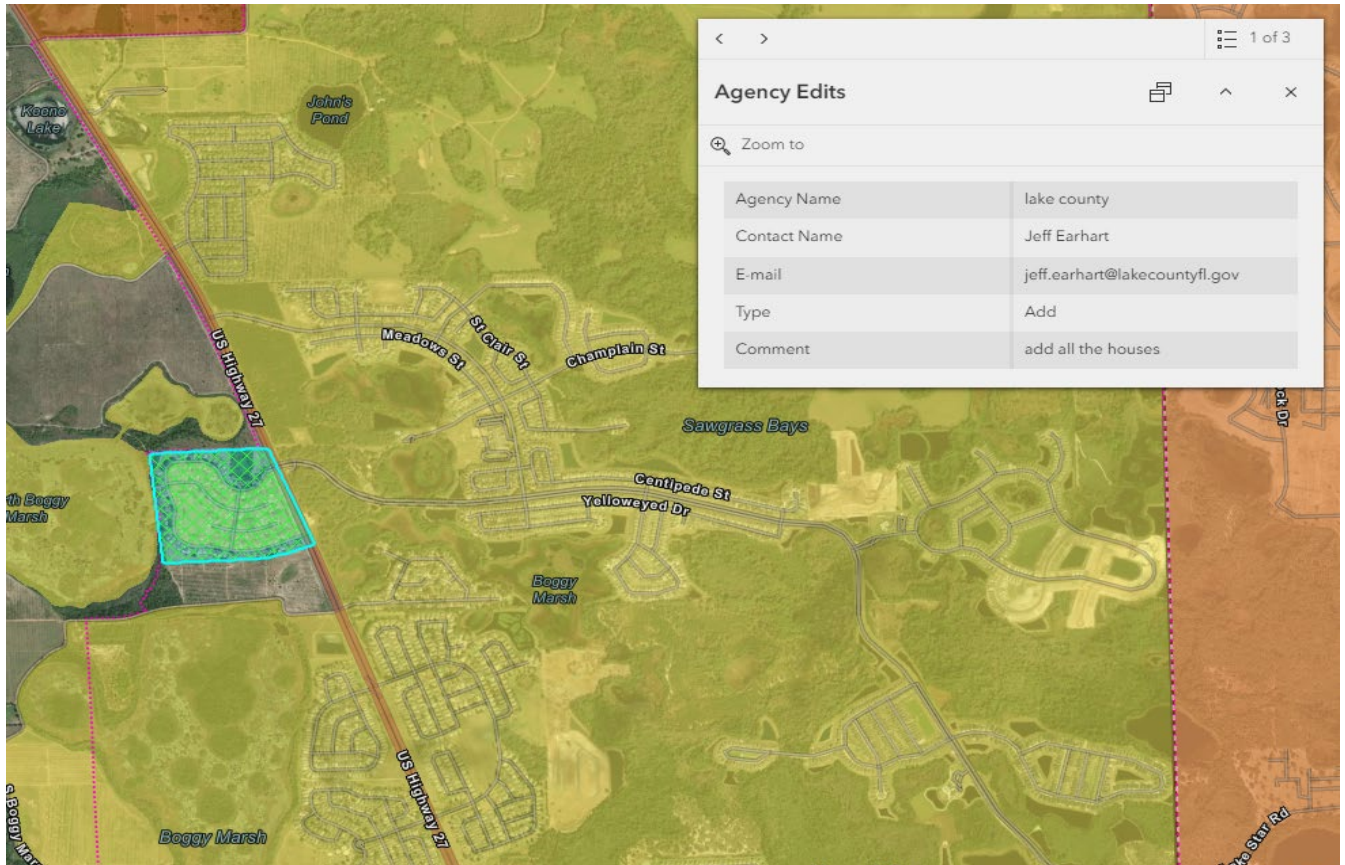
Local Agency Comment #15 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Houses
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



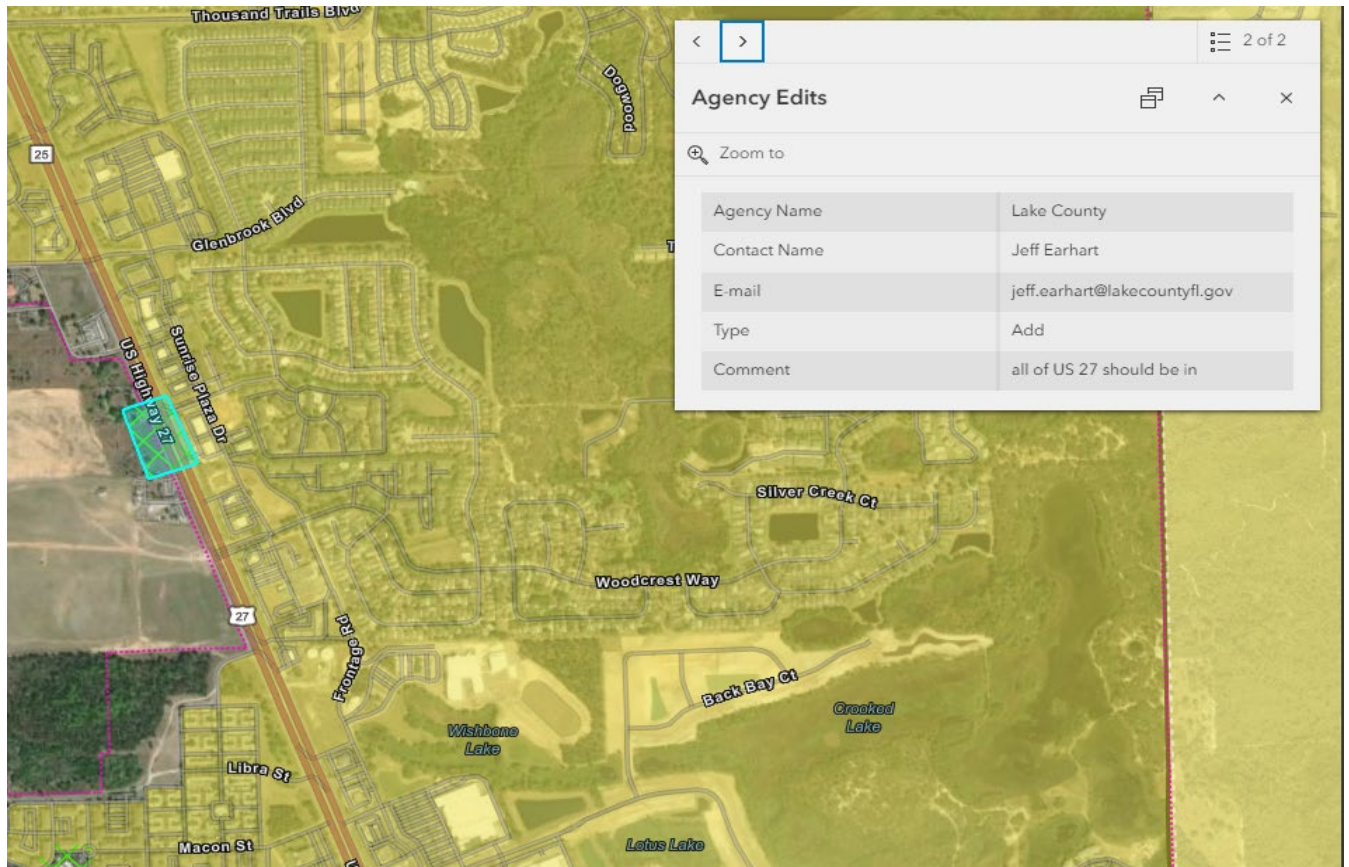
Local Agency Comment #16 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Add all the houses
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



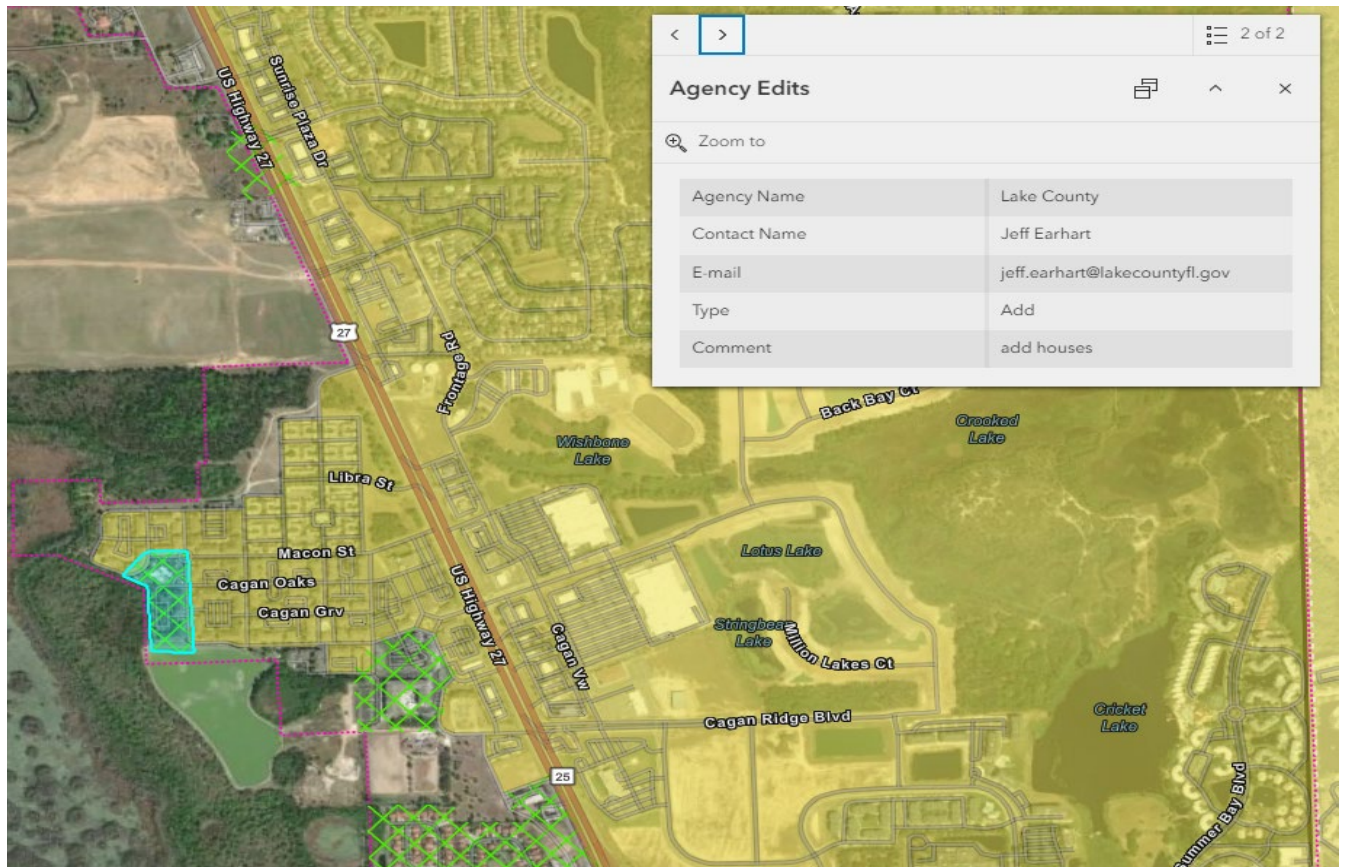
Local Agency Comment #17 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - all of US 27 should be included
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



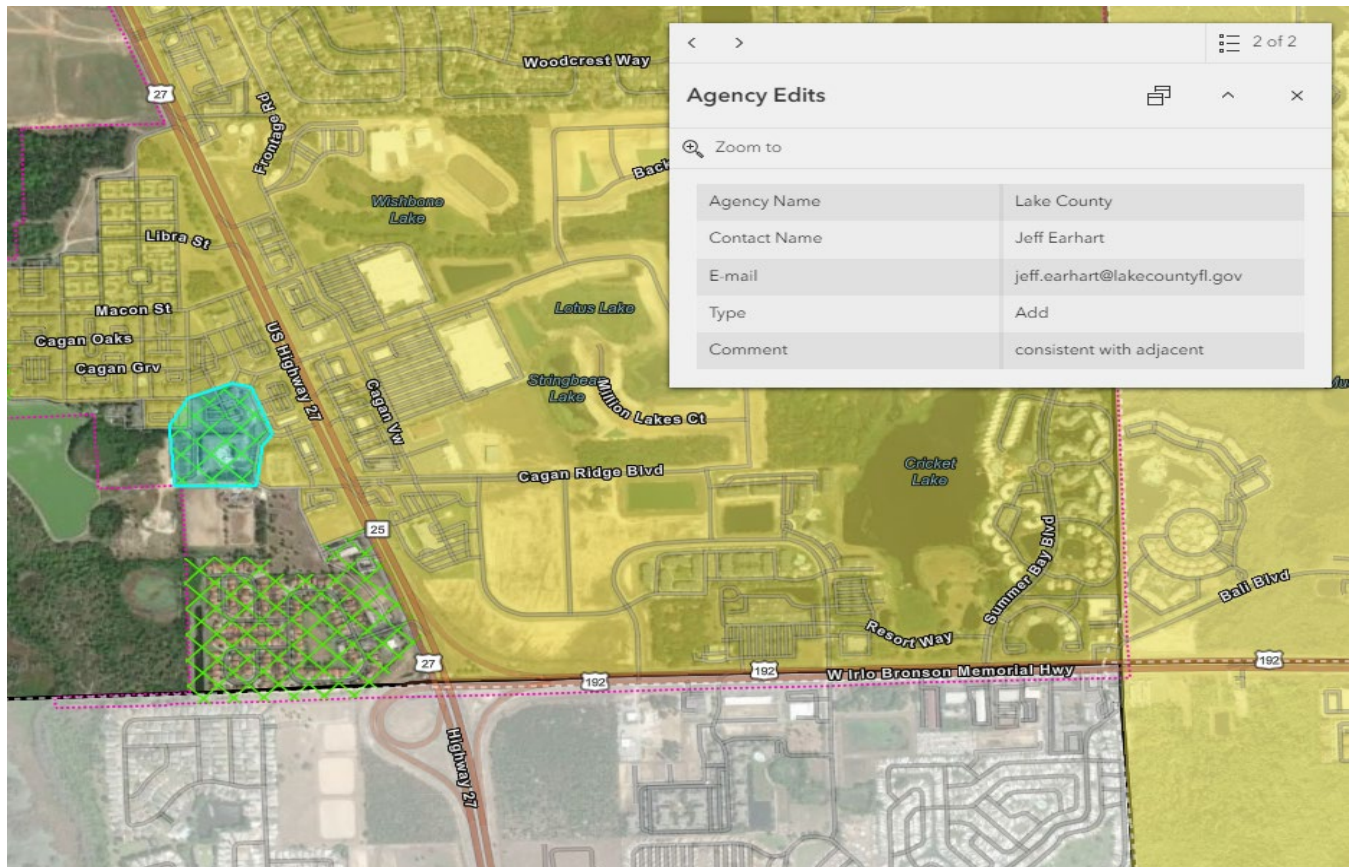
Local Agency Comment #18 -

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Agency Comment:	Add - Add houses
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



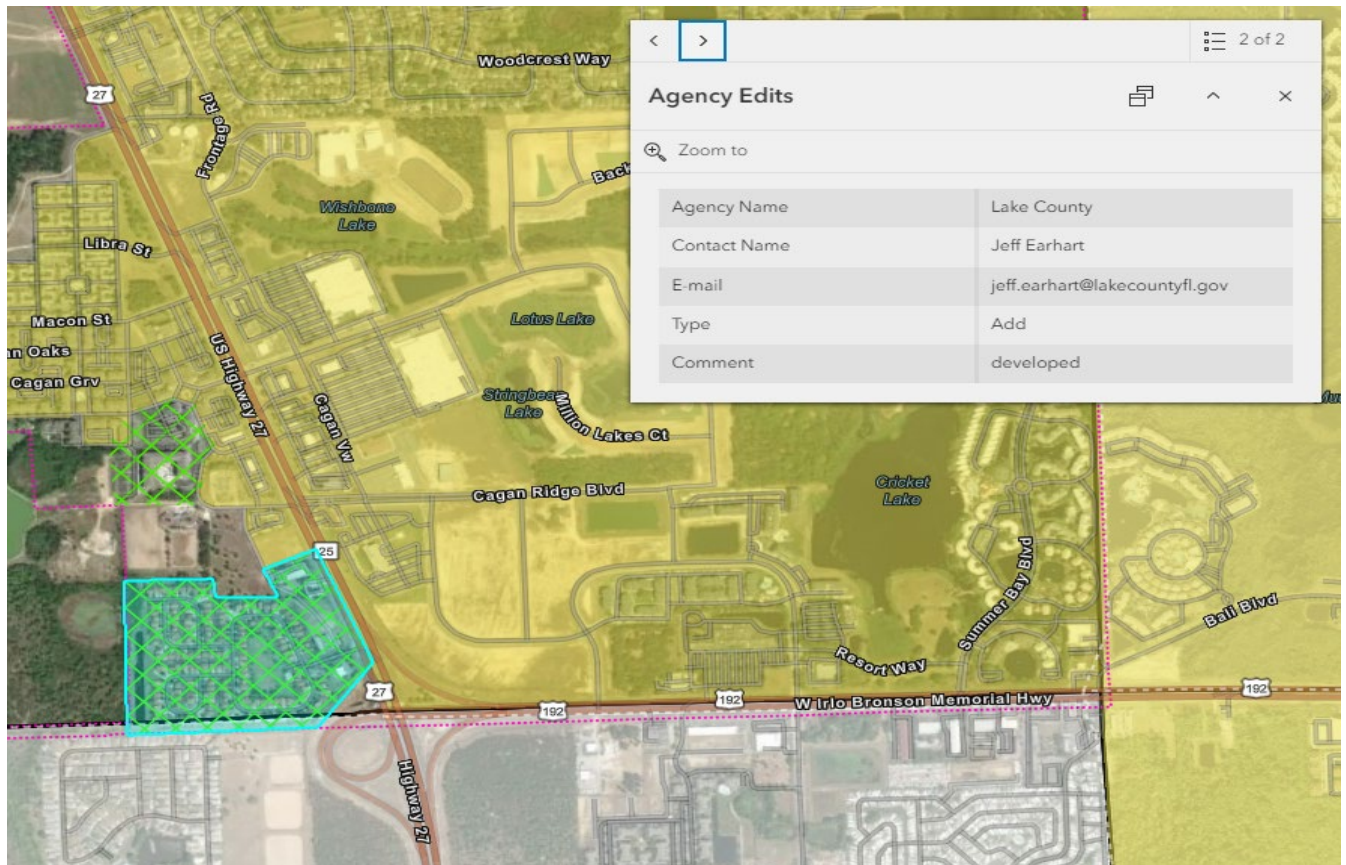
Local Agency Comment #19 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Consistent with Adjacent
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



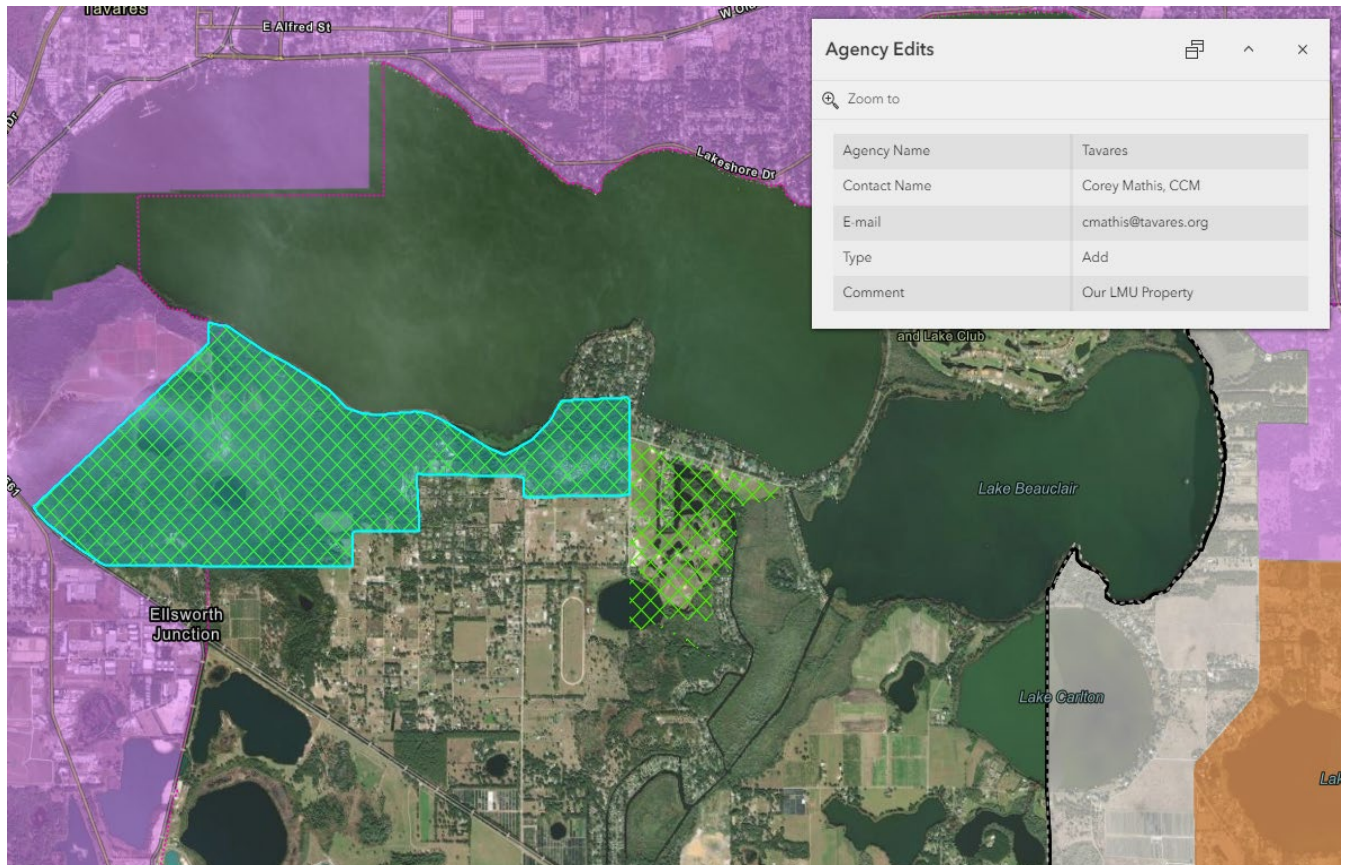
Local Agency Comment #20 -

Agency Name:	Lake County
Agency Comment:	Add - Developed
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with Lake County comprehensive plan.



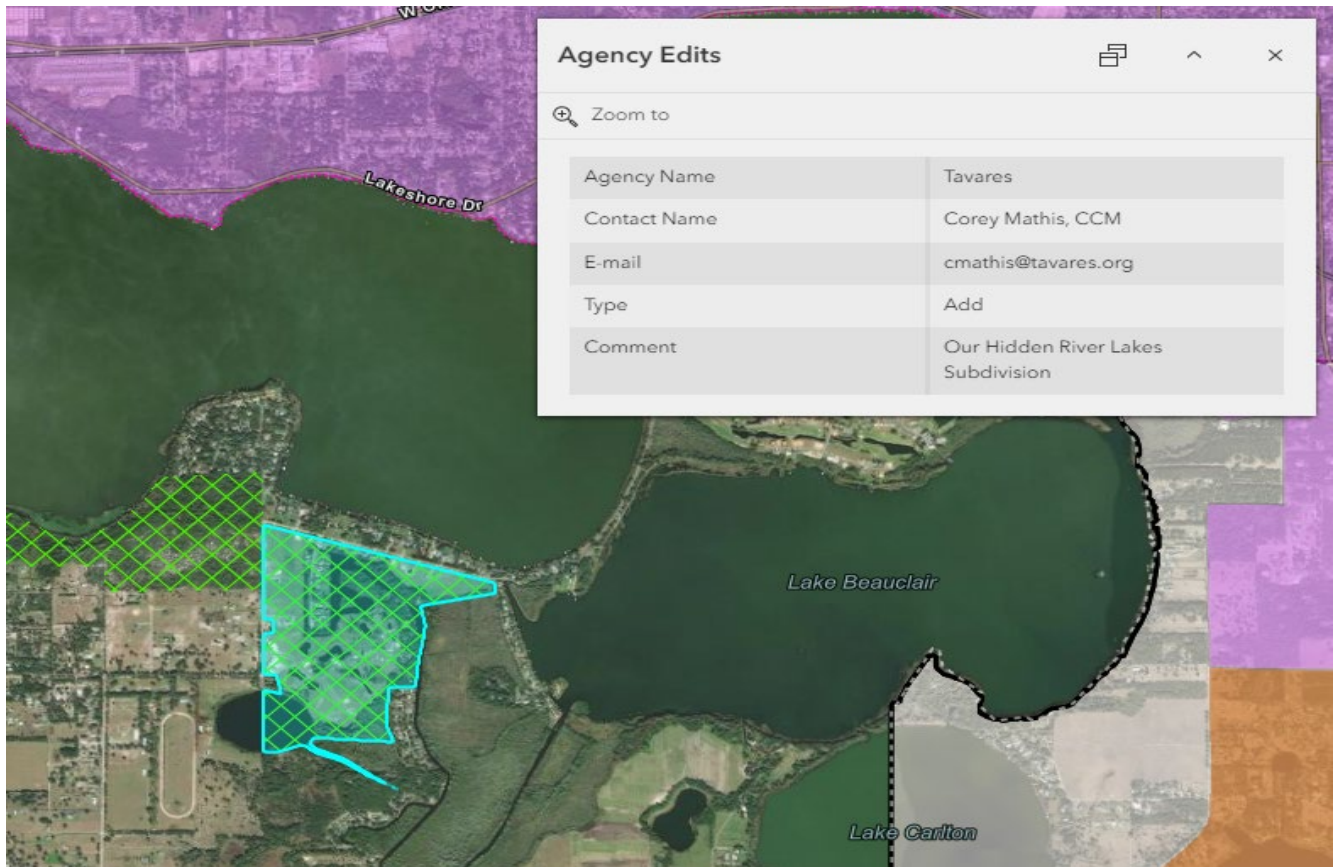
Local Agency Comment #21 -

Agency Name:	City of Tavares
Agency Comment:	Add - Our LMU Property
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with City of Tavares comprehensive plan.



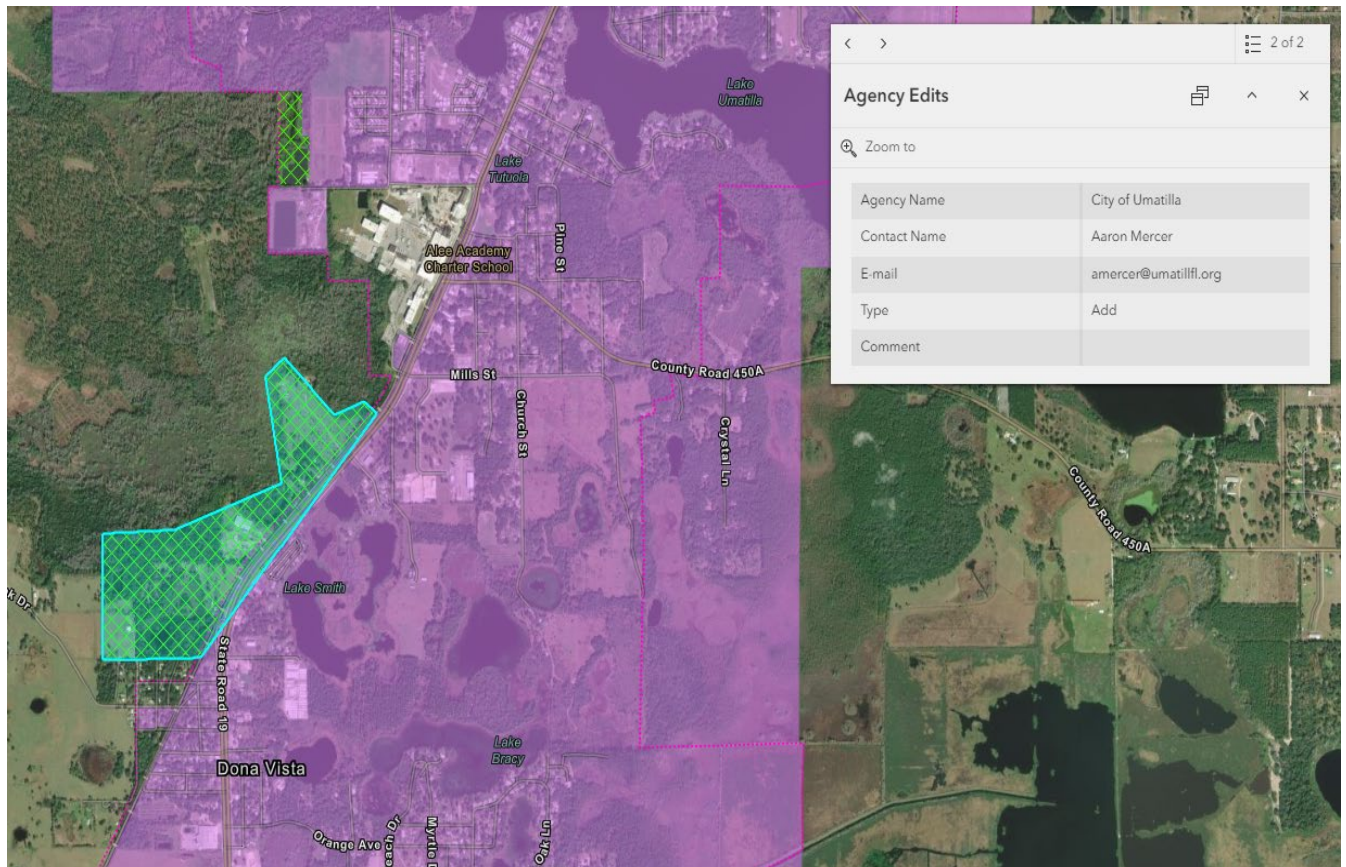
Local Agency Comment #22 -

Agency Name:	City of Tavares
Agency Comment:	Add - Our Hidden River Lakes Subdivision
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with the recommendations from Local Government Partner



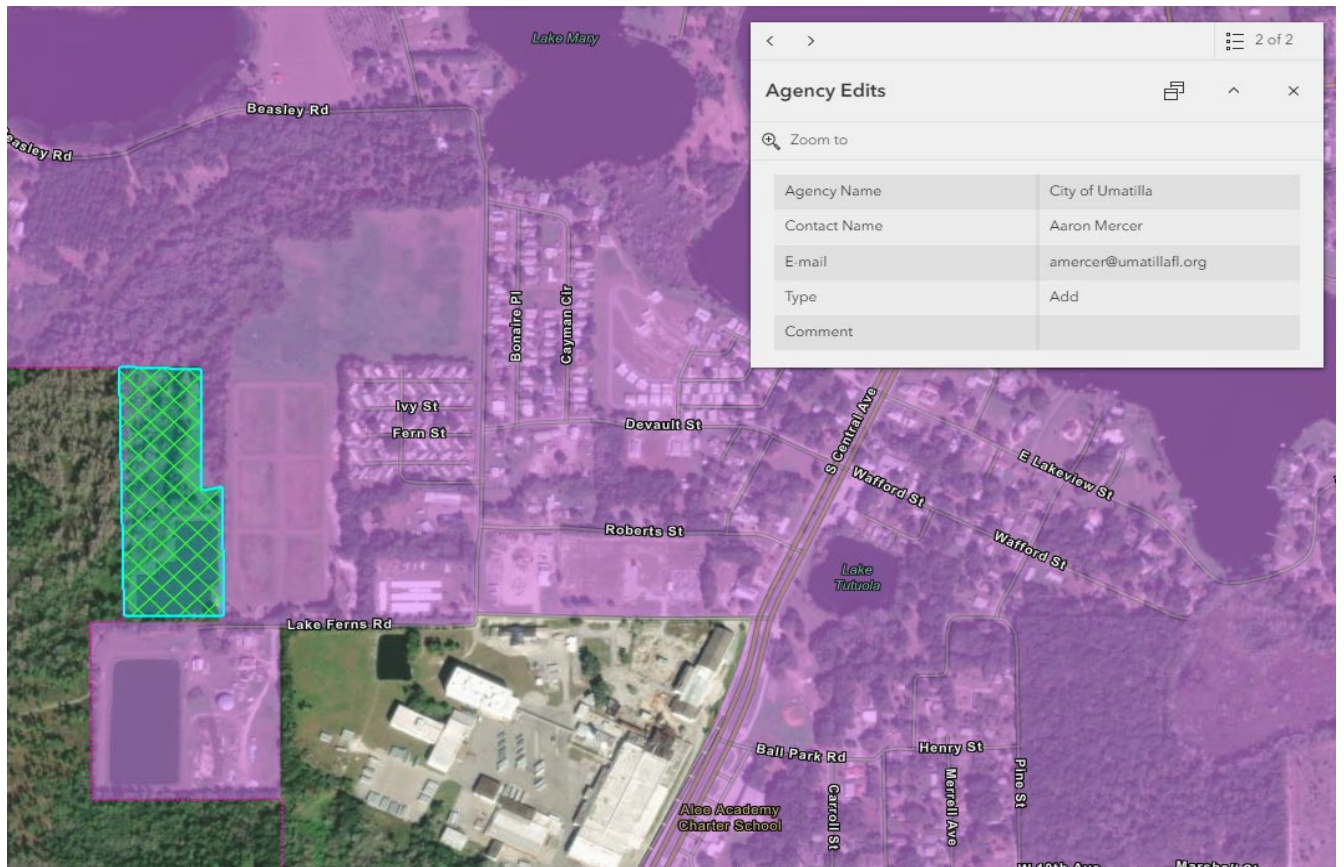
Local Agency Comment #23 -

Agency Name:	City of Umatilla
Agency Comment:	Add
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with the recommendations from Local Government Partner



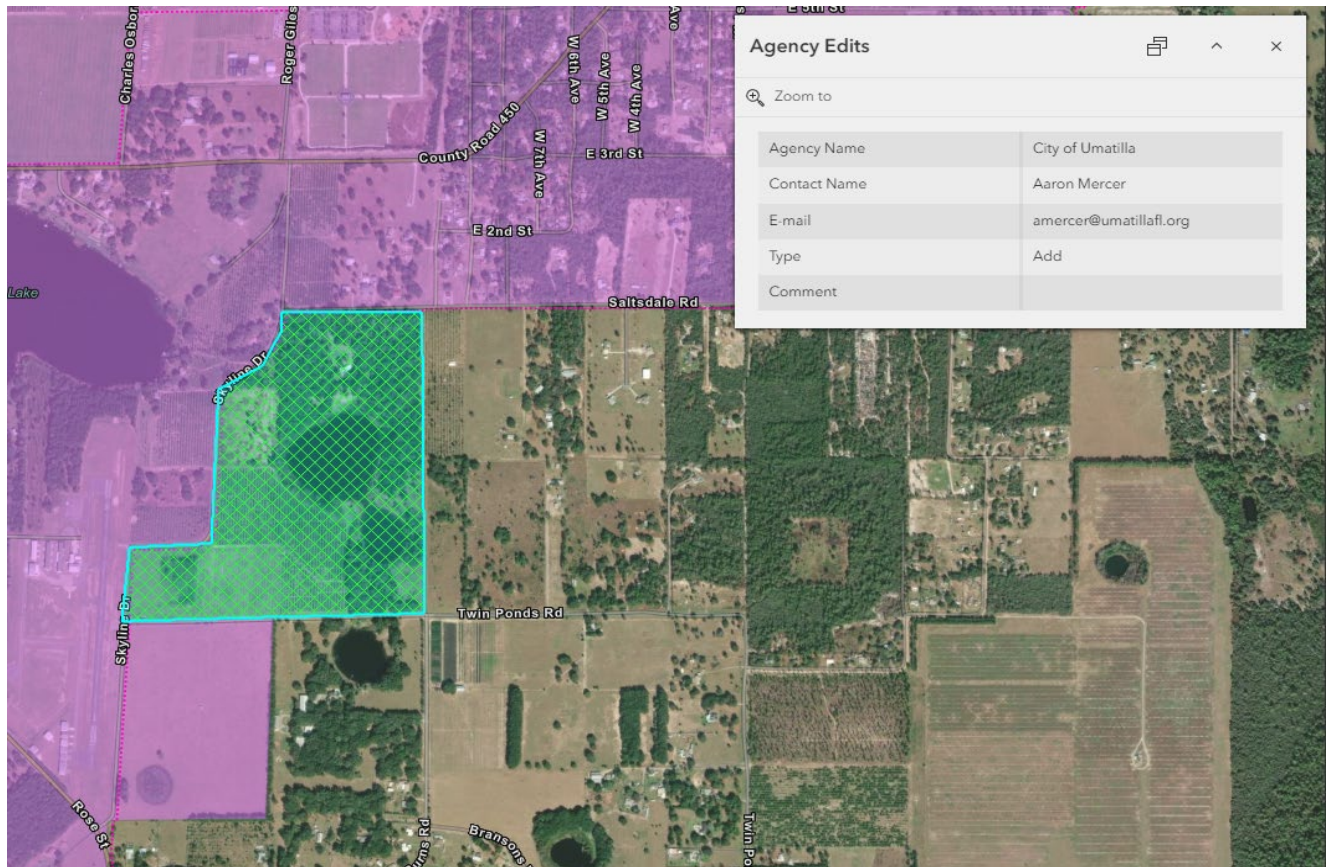
Local Agency Comment #24 -

Agency Name:	City of Umatilla
Agency Comment:	Add
MPO Response:	Will be made consistent with the recommendations from Local Government Partner



Local Agency Comment #25 -

Agency Name:	City of Umatilla
Agency Comment:	Add
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Proposed LOPP Development Schedule

Call for New Projects / Review List of Resubmittals	By October 27, 2023 – January 12, 2024
Technical Assistance Meetings with Sponsors	Early December
PIA Sufficiency Review	January 16 – March 16, 2024
Complete New Project Information Applications (PIA) and Updates for Resubmittals	March 15, 2024
Prioritization Process and Draft Rankings Complete	March 29, 2024
Draft LOPP Reviewed by Board/Committees	April 10 & April 24, 2024
Final LOPP Reviewed by Board/Committees	June 12 & June 26, 2024
MPO Submits Adopted LOPP to FDOT	By June 30, 2024



Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

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DeLand, Florida 32720-6834

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

Lake and Sumter Counties Project Status Update as of December 31, 2023

The following is a brief status update on major FDOT road construction projects in Lake and Sumter counties as of the December cutoff. The next cutoff date is January 31, 2024. Information is also available on www.cflroads.com. For questions, please contact Jonathan Scarfe at 386-943-5791 or via email at D5-MPOLiaisons@dot.state.fl.us.

LAKE COUNTY

Current projects:

445304-1 | U.S. 27/U.S. 441 (S.R. 25/500) Milling & Resurfacing from Morse Boulevard to North of Southeast 178th Place

- Contract: E50B9
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc
- Start Date: February 11, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$8.2 million
- Description: The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the asphalt pavement to extend the service life of the existing roadway, including necessary roadside improvements.
- Update: Paving is mostly complete save for minor corrections. Light pole installation continues. The project team is considering solutions for how to address the drainage issue at U.S. 441/C.R. 109.

437056-1 | S.R. 25 / U.S. 27 Roadway Lighting from U.S. 192 to Greater Groves/Golden Eagle

- Contract: E54B8
- Contractor: Traffic Control Devices, LLC
- Start Date: July 5, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$2 million
- Description: This project will enhance safety along the corridor by installing new roadway lighting on S.R. 25/U.S. 27 from U.S. 192 to Golden Eagle Boulevard/Greater Groves Boulevard. Improvements to pedestrian lighting at signalized intersections will also be constructed.

- Update: The contractor continues to install light pole bases.

439142-1 | S.R. 44 Resurfacing from Orange Avenue to East of Green Forest Drive

- Contract: E55B1
- Contractor: P&S Paving
- Start Date: March 9, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Early 2024
- Construction Cost: \$6.2 million
- Description: This project will resurface State Road (S.R.) 44 from Orange Avenue to 500 feet east of Green Forest Drive. The project includes providing bicycle keyhole lanes at several intersections and making necessary roadside improvements.
- Update: The contractor completed paving toward the end of December. Thermoplastic striping is expected to occur after the New Year.

238395-5 | U.S. 441 Widening from Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central in Lady Lake

- Contract: T5650
- Contractor: Southland Construction, Inc.
- Start Date: July 27, 2020
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$45 million
- Description: This is a project to widen U.S. 441/U.S. 27/State Road (S.R.) 500 from four to six lanes between Lake Ella Road and Avenida Central. Both northbound and southbound U.S. 441 will be expanded from two to three lanes, and bicycle lanes and sidewalks will be added along the length of the project. The FDOT will also do drainage work, add signage, make lighting upgrades, make median access changes, and improve the aesthetics of the roadway with new landscaping. A key aspect of the project will be the removal of U.S. 441 bridges over County Road (C.R.) 25, and the creation of a new, at-grade intersection at that location. C.R. 25 will connect with U.S. 441 on the east side of the highway via a signalized intersection but will end as a cul-de-sac on the west side of U.S. 441.
- Update: The contractor is focusing on the installation of median curb and gutter. Signalization improvements are ongoing. Drainage improvements are being addressed in the middle of the project. The noise wall just south of U.S. 441/C.R. 25 was erected. Widening, curb and gutter, and driveway tie ins are expected to start after the New Year in the southbound direction between Griffin View Drive and Hermosa Street. Paving started in the middle of December and is anticipated to continue throughout January 2024.

Upcoming projects:

447098-1 | U.S. 27 (S.R. 25) Resurfacing from Lake Louisa Road to Cluster Oak Drive

- Contract: T5806
- Contractor: Superior Asphalt, Inc.
- Estimated Start Date: January 2024
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Construction Cost: \$9.8 million

- Description: The intent of this project is to resurface the segment of U.S. 27 (State Road (S.R.) 25) from north of Lake Louisa Road to north of Cluster Oak Drive in Clermont. To enhance bicycle safety, the travel lanes will be restriped to create 7-foot-wide buffered bicycle lanes on each side of the road. Pedestrian enhancements include upgrading pedestrian curb ramps to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and constructing sidewalk along the southwest corner of Brogden Drive. This project will also require minor drainage and signal improvements to satisfy the needs of the project.

432332-1 | S.R. 19 Resurfacing from north of S.R. 50 to West Orleander Avenue

448876-1 | S.R. 19 Sidewalk Construction from Florida Avenue to east of Laurel Avenue

- Contract: T5811
- Contractor: CWR Contracting, Inc.
- Estimated Start Date: February 2024
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Construction Cost: \$15.3 million
- Description: The intent of this project is to rehabilitate the asphalt pavement and improve operations and safety along State Road (S.R.) 19. Sidewalk improvements are also planned from Florida Avenue to East Laurel Avenue. In addition to repaving this 12-mile segment of S.R. 19, the project proposes to widen S.R. 19 in the area of County Road (C.R.) 478 to provide a new southbound left turn lane. Other roadside improvements such as reducing side slopes and adjusting driveway connections are planned. Bridge safety improvements will be made at the U.S. 27 and Florida's Turnpike overpasses.
- Update: The estimated start date was extended because the contractor decided to use utilize all of their acquisition days.

SUMTER COUNTY

Current projects:

449764-1 | I-75 ITS Deployment from Mile Marker 322 in Sumter County to Mile Marker 349 in Marion County

- Contract: T5790
- Contractor: Chinchor Electric, Inc.
- Start Date: November 18, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$750,000
- Description: The improvements under this project will deploy Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Advanced Incident (queue and stopped vehicle) Warning System along I-75 in Marion and Sumter counties. Deployment seeks to provide early detection of traffic incidents so as to provide travelers with vital notifications of unsafe traffic conditions ahead as a way to reduce secondary crashes.
- Update: The contractor continues to install conduit and pull boxes.

450506-1 and 450507-1 | Deployment of Five Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) on I-75 in Marion County and Sumter County

- Contract: E58B9
- Contractor: Traffic Control Devices, Inc.
- Start Date: September 30, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$2.4 million
- Description: This project will install five Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) on I-75—three between milepost 0 and milepost 29 in Sumter County and two between milepost 0 and milepost 38 in Marion County.
- Update: The contractor continues to install conduit and pull boxes.

435859-3 | Widening of S.R. 50 from Hernando/Sumter County Line to East of C.R. 478A

- Contract: E56A6
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
- Start Date: November 2, 2021
- Estimated Completion: Early 2024
- Construction Cost: \$26.3 million
- Description: The purpose of this project is to widen State Road (S.R.) 50 from two to four lanes. This will provide increased capacity and improved safety. The project begins at the Hernando/Sumter County line and ends just east of County Road (C.R.) 478A.
- Update: Grading for sod, curb work, and drainage improvements continue throughout the project.

442875-1 | S.R. 44 Milling & Resurfacing from east of S.R. 35 (Main Street) to Lake County Line

- Contract: T5721
- Contractor: Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.
- Start Date: June 15, 2022
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$16.4 million
- Description: The purpose of this project is to resurface State Road (S.R.) 44 from east of S.R. 35 / U.S. 301 (Main Street) to the Lake County line. This project also will make safety enhancements at the intersection of S.R. 44 and U.S. 301, including adding a second left turn lane from westbound S.R. 44 to southbound U.S. 301, and extend the northbound U.S. 301 left turn lane to westbound S.R. 44. Also included in the project are drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, and adding new unmarked bicycle lanes.
- Update: Nighttime paving has been suspended until weather permits. The contractor is constructing the left turn lane extension on S.R. 44 westbound at U.S. 301. Sidewalk corrections are taking place along with other pre-punch list items.

435471-2 | S.R. 471 South Sumter Trail (Bike Path/Trail) from S.R. 50 to C.R. 478

- Contract: T5789
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
- Start Date: September 8, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Construction Cost: \$8.4 million
- Description: This project will construct a 10-foot-wide shared-use path as part of the proposed South Sumter Trail along the west side of State Road (S.R.) 471 from S.R. 50 to County Road (C.R.) 478. The project will include paving the trail and adding drainage improvements, lighting, and new signs and pavement markings. A new pedestrian crossing south of Central Avenue will also be constructed.
- Update: Drainage and curb work continue throughout the project. Tree removal will soon occur in select areas to accommodate pipe runs.

445190-1 | S.R. 35/U.S. 301 Milling & Resurfacing from C.R. 521 to S.R. 44

451222-1 | U.S. 301 Traffic Signal Installation

- Contract: E50B7
- Contractor: CWR Contracting
- Start Date: September 21, 2023
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2024
- Construction Cost: \$5.6 million
- Description: The project will repave U.S. 301 from County Road (C.R.) 521 to State Road (S.R.) 44 between the cities of Coleman and Wildwood to extend the life of the existing roadway. Safety enhancements include adding asphalt to help prevent depressions or grooves in the road at several locations where the side road or driveway is unpaved. The project also will widen the asphalt shoulder through the interchange with Florida's Turnpike to increase the separation between the travel lanes and barrier wall.
- Update: The contractor is demolishing existing driveways in preparation for reconstruction. The Turnpike off-ramp to northbound U.S. 301 is being reconstructed. Shoulder reconstruction is underway in select areas.

Upcoming projects:

[None]



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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE LAKE/SUMTER MPO CONSTRUCTION UPDATE REPORT

PROJECT: NORTHERN TURNPIKE MAINLINE/SR 91 WIDENING PROJECT FROM SR 50/CLERMONT TO HANCOCK ROAD/MINNEOLA (MILEPOSTS 273 TO 279)

DETAILS: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is widening Florida's Turnpike/State Road (SR) 91 from four to eight lanes from Clermont/SR 50 to Minneola/ Hancock Road, in Lake and Orange counties.

DESCRIPTION: This project includes constructing a new Fosgate Road bridge over the Turnpike. The bridges at County Road (CR) 438 and CR 455 will also be replaced, as well as the Turnpike bridges over Jones Road, Old Highway 50, and Blackstill Lake Road. The West Orange Trail bridge over the Turnpike will be replaced with a prefabricated structure. New electronic tolling gantries and buildings will be installed, and the existing toll booths and canopies at the SR 50/Clermont entrance and exit ramps will be demolished. Safety improvements for this project include a new Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), new signage, new pavement markings, new signalization, new lighting, and new drainage systems.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$162.3M. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-2026.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Throughout the month of February, the contractor is continuing to prepare for the shifting of the southern end of project traffic to the new northbound lanes by the end of February 2024. Median construction at the northern end of the project includes installing drainage, subgrade, base, and asphalt and will continue through April 2024. Fosgate Road bridge construction activities are ongoing and scheduled for completion in late 2024.

Other work within the project limits includes pond construction, temporary and permanent lighting, box culvert extensions, embankment, subgrade and base placement, temporary asphalt, fencing, temporary and permanent retaining wall construction along with temporary, permanent drainage and demolition of existing bridge/culverts. The toll building at the northbound exit ramp to SR 50 (milepost 272) is scheduled for completion in mid-2024. The toll building foundation at the southbound entrance ramp from SR 50 has begun and is scheduled for late 2024 completion.

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CONTRACTOR: Jr. Davis Construction Company

PROJECT: NORTHERN TURNPIKE MAINLINE/SR 91 WIDENING PROJECT FROM MINNEOLA TO O'BRIEN ROAD (MILEPOSTS 279 TO 286)

DETAILS: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is widening Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from four to eight lanes from Minneola/Hancock Road to O'Brien Road, in Lake County.

DESCRIPTION: This project will widen Florida's Turnpike from two to four lanes in each direction, for a total of eight lanes within the project limits. It also includes reconstruction of all bridges within the project limits, interchange improvements at US 27 South, and installation of new continuous LED lighting from the Minneola interchange to the US 27 South interchange and under Turnpike bridges over CR 561 and SR 19. This project also includes the installation of taller guardrails, highly reflective signage, Closed Circuit Television devices, ITS, and pavement markings.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$233M. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-2028.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Throughout the month of February, the contractor will continue clearing and grubbing operations for the upcoming phase of the project. Phase 1 of sub-soil excavation has been completed. Earthwork continues shaping material to form slopes along the new roadway and in the ponds. The contractor is constructing a lime rock base and structural asphalt on the northbound outside lanes.

Temporary pavement is being constructed at the southbound off ramp at Exit 279 to allow for the upcoming asphalt resurfacing. Work continues for the new storm water drainage system throughout the project with the construction of box culverts to extend the existing structures. MSE walls will be constructed at the SR 19 and CR 561 overpass, and bridge substructure work will follow.

Other work within the project limits includes installation of temporary ITS and conduits for the new fiber optic lines. Additionally, the phase 1 portion of the US 27 bridge is now open to traffic via the new northbound Exit 285 ramp and demolition of the existing US 27 bridge is starting.

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CONTRACTOR: The Lane Construction Corporation

PROJECT: FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE/SR 91 AND CLAUDE PEPPER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY/US 27 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MILEPOST 289)

DETAILS: Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise is improving traffic operations at the interchange of Florida’s Turnpike/SR 91 and Claude Pepper Memorial Highway/US 27 at milepost 289 in Lake County.

DESCRIPTION: This project will add a new left turn lane at the exit from Florida’s Turnpike to Claude Pepper Memorial Highway. Additional improvements include installing mast arm signals, new drainage structures, and wrong way driving counter measures.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$2.6M. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-2024.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Throughout the month of February, the contractor will continue constructing the drill shafts and installing conduit for the upcoming traffic signals. The local utility power service will be installing power transformers for traffic signals and performing relocations throughout the construction area. The off-site construction of the signal mast arms is complete, and the contractor is preparing to have them installed.

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CONTRACTOR: C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

LANE CLOSURE INFORMATION:

Lane closures will generally take place during off-peak hours to minimize traffic congestion and delays for most drivers. Closures will be announced in advance in the Central and West Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory. <https://floridasturnpike.com/traveler-resources/construction-updates/>.

COMPLETED PROJECT

PROJECT: SOUTHBOUND NORTHERN TURNPIKE MAINLINE/SR 91 RECONSTRUCT AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FROM MILEPOST 289 TO MILEPOST 297

DETAILS: Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise resurfaced the southbound lanes of Florida’s Turnpike/SR 91 from Milepost 289 to Milepost 297 in Lake County. This project also included rehabilitating culverts, replacing existing guardrails, installing signage, and adding new pavement markings. Bridge deck expansion joints were replaced at the Palatlahaha Creek and CR 48 bridges.

Construction was completed in November 2023.

CONTRACTOR: C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.