PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

- 1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) FOR THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
- 3. ADOPTION OF THE 2022 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (LOPP)

Lake~Sumter MPO Technical Advisory Committee – June 8, 2022, at 1:30 P.M. Lake~Sumter MPO Community Advisory Committee – June 8, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. Lake~Sumter MPO Governing Board - June 22, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comments and input on a proposed amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The 2045 LRTP identifies various strategies for alleviating congestion, improving safety, and promoting increased system efficiency through systems management techniques and coordination with land use planning and development activity. Additionally, the 2045 LRTP considered multimodal and intermodal opportunities to serve the mobility of people and goods throughout Lake and Sumter Counties and adjacent counties. This multi-modal plan includes highway, public transportation, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements, rail and transportation planning activities over a 20-year horizon.

The Lake~Sumter MPO Board will take action on a request submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation to amend the Florida Turnpike into the Cost Feasible portions of the 2045 LRTP. The aforementioned project is designed to support economic development by improving goods movement access and connections to transportation facilities and major activity centers and improving safety by reducing fatal and serious crashes. The current adopted 2045 LRTP can be viewed at 2045 LRTP. The proposed LRTP Amendment for the Florida Turnpike may be viewed at the 2045 LRTP Amendment Packet

The public is encouraged to participate in the adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program process. The Board will be approving the MPO's Draft FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2022 List of Priority Projects and the public review period, which will close upon the Adoption Hearing on June 22, 2022. The TIP is a federally-required document that all Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to develop annually. It represents the transportation improvements that have been programmed for five years. This TIP includes the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Program of Projects (POP) for Section 5307 Funding used to provide Fixed Route Transit service for Lake County. The development of the TIP satisfies the federal public participation requirements for the POP.

In accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan and compliance with Federal law and applicable Florida Statutes, a public meeting notice is being provided to allow the public to provide comments and feedback on the proposed LRTP amendment, TIP adoption, and the 2022 LOPP adoption above that ends on June 22, 2022.

The LRTP amendment, TIP Adoption, 2022 LOPP adoption is scheduled for adoption at a public meeting on June 22, 2022, at the regularly scheduled MPO Board meeting that begins at 2:00 P.M. held at the following location:

Lake~Sumter MPO 1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175 Leesburg, FL 34748 MPO Office Map

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Persons wishing further information or needing a copy of the proposed draft amendment to the 2045 LRTP, the 2023 -2027 TIP, or the 2022 LOPP should call the MPO office at (352) 315-0170 or access www.LakeSumterMPO.com. Written comments regarding the draft amendment to the 2045 LRTP are welcome. Email comments can be sent to mwoods@lakesumterMPO.com or through United States Postal Service to Lake~Sumter MPO 1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175, Leesburg, FL 34748.

The MPO Board room in Leesburg is served by Lake County Public Transportation (LakeXpress). For bus schedules or further information, contact LakeXpress at 352-742-1940 or Lake County Connection (LCC) at 352-742-2612 or go online at www.ridelakexpress.com. Individuals unable to access a LakeXpress bus to attend the meeting may contact LCC at least seven days before the public hearing to find out if they qualify for alternative transportation service.

If you are a person who needs translation services, Lake~Sumter MPO will take reasonable steps at no cost to you to allow participation in this proceeding. At least seven days before the meeting, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Lake~Sumter MPO, 1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175, Leesburg, FL 34748, 352-315-0170, or email at mwoods@LakeSumterMPO.com

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. At least five business days before the meeting, please contact the Lake~Sumter MPO 1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175, Leesburg, FL 34748, 352-31-0170 or email at mwoods@lakesumtermpo.com.

One or more MPO Governing Board members or one or more Lake County Board of County Commissioners or Sumter County Board of County Commissioners, and one or more members of different committees or boards may be in attendance and may participate in discussions on any of the committee or board meetings noticed in this monthly schedule. The list of meetings is not all-inclusive and may not contain special meetings or meetings that may not have been scheduled as of this posting. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. 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 the MPO at 352-315-0170 at least seven days prior to the scheduled meeting. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statute, Section 286.0105, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by an above named committee with respect to any matter considered during any meeting of such committee, he or she may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which may include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. LAKE-SUMTER MPO.