



Lake-Sumter MPO
**Technical Advisory
Committee Agenda**

Date | Time: February 12, 2025 | 1:30 PM

**Lake-Sumter MPO - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting – February 2025
Feb 12, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00 PM (America/New York)**

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- I.
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Proper Noticing
 - C. Determination of Quorum
 - D. Motion to allow virtual member voting if requested.
 - E. Proposed revisions to today's Agenda

II. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

At this point in the meeting, the Committee will hear questions, 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. Question 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.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Approval of [June 12, 2024](#), and [November 6, 2024](#), Meeting Minutes**
- B. **Approval of TAC 2025 Meeting Dates**

Regular monthly meetings of the TAC shall be held on a day and time agreed upon annually by the Committee. Regular meeting dates and times may be changed by action of the Committee (TAC) to accommodate holidays and/or other reasons. MPO staff recommends the following dates and times for fiscal year 2025. These dates and time follow the MPO Board calendar for FY 2025. Meetings are scheduled for the second

Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM. All meetings are held at the MPO office located at 1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175, Leesburg FL, 34748.

- i. *February 12, 2025 @ 1:30 PM*
- ii. *April 9, 2025 @ 1:30 PM*
- iii. *May 14, 2025, Tentative 2050 LRTP Workshop time TBD*
- iv. *June 11, 2025 @ 1:30 PM*
- v. *August 13, 2025, Tentative 2050 LRTP Workshop time TBD*
- vi. *October 8, 2025 @ 1:30 PM*
- vii. *November 12, 2025 @ 1:30 PM*

C. Election of TAC Officers for 2025

Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected at the last meeting of each year and shall serve a term of one year, starting with the first meeting of the new year. George Marek, City of Mount Dora is the current Chair; the Vice-Chair position is vacant.

Bill Hearndon volunteered for Chair and Rebecca Higgins as the Vice-Chair for 2025.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. District 5 Tentative Five-Year Work Program Presentation

The Five-Year Work Program is our plan for transportation system improvements programmed during the next five years. The Five-Year Work Program includes planning activities, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction and public transportation projects within Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties planned by FDOT and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise.

The Tentative Five-Year Work Program includes projects scheduled for Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2029/30 (projects to be programmed July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030). After the public comment period ends, the Tentative Work Program is reviewed by the Florida Legislature and the Governor and is then adopted by the State Secretary of Transportation on July 1, 2025.

[FDOT D5 Tentative Work Program Website](#)

[FDOT D5 Tentative Work Program Interactive Map](#)

[Lake County Summary 2026-2030](#)

Sumter County Summary 2026-2030

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative Work Program

B. 2025 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) – Timeline to Adoption June 2025

The Lake~Sumter MPO develops and approves its LOPP annually. Projects in the LOPP represent the highest-priority unfunded transportation improvements in the MPO's planning area that were not programmed during the following five-year period. 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. MPO staff and consultants will brief committee members on the LOPP development process and schedule, as well as provide a summary of the funding status of projects included on the 2024 LOPP.

2025 LOPP Development Schedule

MPO LOPP Webpage

C. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - DRAFT Public Involvement Plan

The LRTP identifies transportation improvements necessary to maintain adequate mobility and to accommodate growth forecasted over the next twenty (25) years. The current LRTP (Transportation 2045) includes projects through the year 2045. The process includes innovative technical modeling and collaborative public engagement. Public involvement during development of the LRTP is guided by an independent and focused PPP, though strategies and tactics are coordinated with this document to ensure overall continuity. As required by federal law, a formal public comment period is held prior to Board adoption, providing a structured avenue for public input. The official twenty-one (21) day public comment period for the LRTP follows the same timeline as the advisory committee review. The deadline to submit a comment is included in and notifications associated with the public comment period. This deadline is generally seven (7) days prior to the date Board action is scheduled.

DRAFT 2050 LRTP Public Involvement Plan

PRESENTATIONS, STATUS REPORTS

- D. FDOT Report** – Chuck Koppernolle
- E. FTE Report** – Siasoi Fine
- F. Transit Report** – Bill Herndon, Lake County Transit
- G. County, City Updates, Committee Member Comments**

V. ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING: APRIL 9, 2025 @ 1:30



Lake-Sumter MPO Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date | Time: February 12, 2025 | 1:30 PM

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, June 12, 2024
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

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

I. OPENING

Deborah Snyder, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.; and confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present. (3 voting members in person)

Members Present

Melving Isaac	Lake County
Helen LaValley	Lake County Schools
Deborah Snyder	Sumter County
Jim Maiworm	City of Clermont
Cliff Kelsey	City of Leesburg
Joyce Heffington	City of Minneola
Melanie Strickland	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Jill Brown	Lake County/Transit
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
Rebecca Higgins	Town of Lady Lake
Max Spann	City of Mascotte
George Marek - Chair	City of Mount Dora
Antonio Fabre	City of Tavares
Aaron Mercer	City of Umatilla

Staff Present

Mike Woods	Executive Director
Doris LeMay	Financial Coordinator

II. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of April 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Jim Maiworm to approve April 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Cliff Kelsey – **motion passed 3-0.**

B. Approval of Resolution 2024-5 Adopting the 2024 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)
Mike Vaudo Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc. presented a brief overview.

Motion was made by Cliff Kelsey to approve Resolution 2024-5 Adopting the LOPP, seconded by Jim Maiworm – **motion passed 3-0.**

C. Approval of the Resolution 2024-6 Adopting the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan. Nathan Hicks HDR Engineering Inc., provided a brief overview.

Motion was made by Jim Maiworm to approve Resolution 2024-6 Adopting the 2025-2029 TIP, seconded by Cliff Kelsey – **motion passed 3-0.**

D. Approval Resolution 2024-4 Adopting the 2024 Public Participation Plan Update. Murriah Dekle, WSP Inc. provided a brief overview.

Motion was made by Cliff Kelsey to approve Resolution 2024-4 Adopting the 2024 PPP Update, seconded by Jim Maiworm – **motion passed 3-0.**

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DRAFT Technical Memo- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Freight & Goods Movement – Jim Wood Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc.

B. Federal Discretionary Grant Funding Strategy – Nathan Hicks HDR Engineering Inc.

V. PRESENTATIONS, STATUS REPORTS

A. FDOT – Chuck Kippernolle

B. FTE – Siaosi Fine

C. Transit Report – Jill Brown

D. County, City Updates, Committee Member Comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

George Marek, Chair

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

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

I. OPENING

George Marek, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.; and confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was not present. (2 voting members in person)

Members Present

Melving Isaac	Lake County
Helen LaValley	Lake County Schools
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

Deborah Snyder	Sumter County
Jill Brown	Lake County/Transit
Stephen Cross	Town of Astatula
Mike Eastburn	City of Bushnell
Jim Maiworm	City of Clermont
Rick Gierok	City of Eustis
Rob Dicus	City of Fruitland Park
David Ausherman	City of Groveland
Max Spann	City of Mascotte
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Melanie Strickland	City of Wildwood

Staff Present

Mike Woods	Executive Director
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III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of June 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Table until Next Meeting – No Quorum

B. FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments:

TIP Amendment #1 – Emergency Resolution 2024-9 Amending the 2025-2029 TIP

TIP Amendment #2 – Resolution 2024-10 Amending the 2025-2029 TIP.

TIP Amendment #3 – Recommendation of Approval for Resolution 2024-11 Amending the FY 2025-2029 TIP.

Nick Lepp, HDR provided a brief update on the TIP Amendments

Motion or voting did not occur due to not meeting Quorum requirements

C. Recommendation of Approval for the FY 2025 – 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1.

Michael Woods provided a brief overview of the Amendment.

Motion or voting did not occur due to not meeting Quorum requirements

D. Approval of TAC 2025 Meeting Dates – Michael Woods provided a brief overview of Dates

Motion or voting did not occur due to not meeting Quorum requirements

E. TAC Election of Officers for 2025

Bill Hearndon volunteered for Chair and Rebecca Higgins as the Vice-Chair for 2025

Motion or voting did not occur due to not meeting Quorum requirements

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Nick Lepp, HDR- William Roll, Kimley Horn

B. 2055 Florida Transportation Plan- Chuck Koppennolle

V. PRESENTATIONS, STATUS REPORTS

A. FDOT – Chuck Kippennolle

B. FTE – Siasosi Fine

C. Transit Report – Jill Brown

D. County, City Updates, Committee Member Comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

George Marek, Chair



2025 LOPP Proposed Development Schedule

Call for New Projects / Identify List of Resubmittals	November 6, 2024 – January 17, 2025
Technical Assistance Meetings with Sponsors	December 2025
PIA Sufficiency Review	January 20 – March 14, 2025
Complete New Project Information Applications (PIA) and Updates for Resubmittals	March 14, 2025
Prioritization Process and Draft Rankings Complete	March 28, 2025
Draft LOPP Reviewed by Board/Committees	April 9 & April 23, 2025
Final LOPP Reviewed by Board/Committees	June 11 & June 18, 2025
MPO Submits Adopted LOPP to FDOT	By June 30, 2025



LSMPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Public Involvement Plan - DRAFT

*RFP # 22-5384A
Lake and Sumter Counties, FL*

February 2025



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Overview

A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) outlines a regions future transportation needs for the next 20 years. The plan guides decisions on infrastructure, project priorities, and funding allocation. Federal code 23 CFR Parts 450 and 771 and State Statute 339.175 F.S. both require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to prepare a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that has at least a 20-year planning horizon every five years.

The Lake-Sumter MPO's (LSMPOs) mission is to provide local governments, agencies, and residents of Lake Sumter counties with accessible, multi-modal transportation that's in-line with our community members' and partners' vision for the region. This Public Involvement Plan (PIP) outlines the roadmap for community and stakeholder engagement for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Public Involvement Plan's Purpose

When building a regions transportation vision for the future, public participation and engagement provides essential input into community wants and needs. The Public Involvement Plan's (PIP's) purpose is to engage with the public and gather information in a manner consistent with the LSMPO's overall Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Title IV Program: Nondiscrimination and Language Plan.

This plan adds specific emphasis on the following areas:

Underserved Communities: Apply innovative strategies and accessible engagement options to reach populations that may have inadequate access to transportation and public services, including, but not limited to, minorities, low-income individuals, persons with disabilities, elderly, and youth.

Innovation and Technology: Integrate modern technology and tactics that support in-person and virtual public engagement to foster two-way conversations with LSMPO and community members.

Meaningful Outreach Schedule: Develop an organized and thoughtful outreach schedule that maximizes time and resources, while enhancing and encouraging public participation at key phases in the LRTP development process.

Focusing on the above emphasized elements, the Lake-Sumter MPO's Public Involvement Plan will encourage and gain input about transportation from community members and stakeholders across Lake and Sumter Counties.

Partners and Stakeholders

The LSMPO 2050 LRTP project team maintains a database of stakeholders and includes representation from agencies, including but not limited to, local city governments, transportation and modal partner agencies, community organizations, and environmental agencies. This project will connect with stakeholders outlined below to ensure consistent engagement and collaboration, as well as compliance with local jurisdiction requirements.

Counties and Cities

Lake County

Lake County BoCC
Clermont
Eustis
Fruitland Park
Groveland
Howey-in-the-Hills
Lady Lake

Leesburg
Mascotte
Minneola
Montverde
Mount Dora
Tavares
Umatilla

Sumter County

Sumter County BoCC
Bushnell
Center Hill
Coleman
Webster
Wildwood

Transportation and Modal Partners

Carroll Fulmer Trucking
Central Florida Regional
Planning Council (CFRPC)
Florida Department of
Transportation (FDOT) District 5
Hernando/Citrus MPO
Lake County Connection (LCC)
Lake County Public Transit
Advisory Committee
Lake County Public Works
LakeXpress
Leesburg International Airport
LYNX

MetroPlan Orlando
Mid Florida Air Service Airport
(X55)
Ocala/Marion County
Transportation Planning
Organization (TPO)
Pasco County MPO
Polk TPO
River to Sea TPO
Sumter County Public Works
Sumter County Transit (SCT)
The Villages
Umatilla Municipal Airport (X23)

Community Partners

Center for Independent Living
Central Florida
Deaf and Hearing Services of
Lake and Sumter County
Lake County Economic
Development and Tourism Office
Lake County Elder Affairs
Coordinating Council
Lake County Schools
Lake-Sumter State College

Sumter County Elder Affairs
Advisory Committee
Sumter District Schools
The Villages Community
Development Districts
The Villages Homeowners
Association
United Way of Lake and Sumter
Counties

Environmental Agencies

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Department of Historical Resources
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Forest Service
Friends of Lake Apopka
Lake County Water Authority
St. Johns River Water Management Districts (SJRWMD)
US Fish and Wildlife
USDA Forest Service (Ocala National Forest)

Public Engagement Tools & Tactics

2050 Long Range Plan Webpage

The Lake-Sumter MPO's website will host a webpage specific to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan including general information and upcoming opportunities for the public to engage and offer their input. Community members and stakeholders will have easy access to the webpage and a link will be shared to local partners and via social media platforms.

Media & Press Release

Throughout the 2050 LRTP, LSMPO will release press releases and communicate with local media to provide the latest updates and inform the public about upcoming engagement opportunities.

Online ArcGIS Maps & Online Surveys

Online ArcGIS mapping tools and digital surveys will allow individuals to provide their input online about the 2050 LRTP. The LSMPO will link these tools on the webpage

and distribute them through email, QR code flyers, and other means to gauge opinions and feedback.

These tools will gather public opinions on transportation needs, including, but not limited to, congestion, safety, multi-modal, transit, and resiliency to help inform the development of the 2050 LRTP. These tools will coincide with the project's timeline for public input and will target Lake and Sumter Counties' residents before and during the Needs Assessments.

E-Newsletters & E-Blasts

The Lake-Sumter MPO will distribute new updates and information about the project through e-newsletters and e-blasts. These materials will align with the Lake-Sumter MPO's brand and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

The e-newsletter and e-blasts will include kickoff updates, virtual and in-person public engagement opportunities, and visual updates (videos, pictures, graphics). E-newsletters and e-blasts are sent to all those on the Lake-Sumter MPO's email list. Lake and Sumter County residents can sign up to receive these e-newsletters and e-blasts on the LSMPO's webpage.

Social Media & Audio Advertising

Organic posts and paid advertising will be used on social media with the goal of encouraging public participation. The Lake-Sumter MPO uses Facebook to connect with the communities they serve. To increase reach, posts including project videos, interactive elements, and important updates should also be considered for paid advertising.

Social media posts can include project updates, in-person and virtual engagement opportunities, surveys, etc. Messaging on social media platforms will encourage participation and 2050 LRTP branding.

Other online advertising opportunities for the 2050 LRTP, including radio advertising and website banner ads, will target Lake and Sumter Counties' residents and align with the project's timeline for public input, including during the Needs Assessments and in preparation for the Cost Feasible Plan development.

Public Engagement

Throughout the 2050 LRTP process, LSMPO will hold both in-person and virtual opportunities for engagement. The LSMPO utilizes accessible and innovative technologies to capture community feedback and avoid overextending resources that may cause fatigue amongst the public and key stakeholders.

In compliance with LSMPO’s Title VI, Section 4.7 policy on the strategies for engaging Title IV protected groups, meetings will be held in locations accessible by public transit and during times that consider riders.

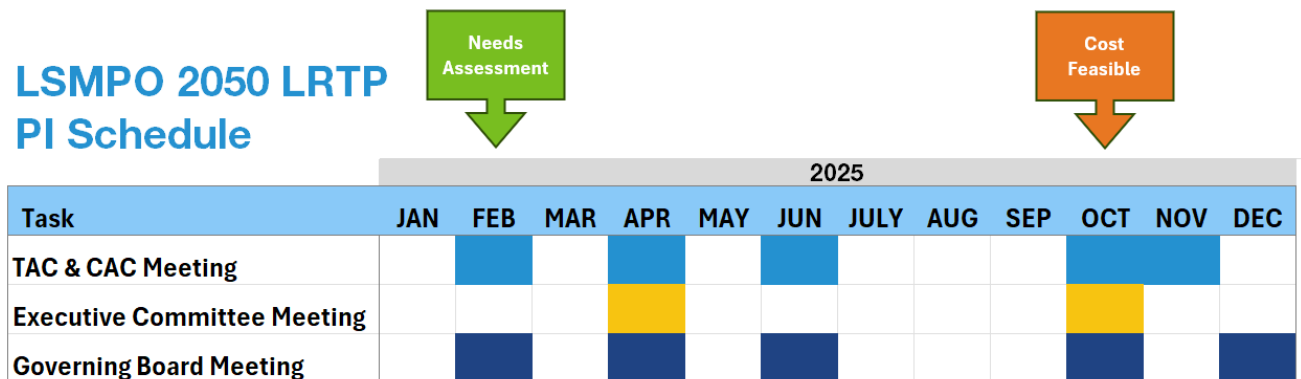
2050 LRTP Governing Board, TAC & CAC Presentations

The Lake-Sumter MPO gathers in-depth information and feedback from the community and its stakeholders through its Governing Board and various committees. The Governing Board consists of 29 board members representing communities in the Lake-Sumter region.

During the 2050 LRTP process, the Project Team will present updates to the current Governing Board, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). These presentations will provide direction and oversight into the development of the 2050 LRTP. The governing board will adopt 2050 LRTP updates and approve the final report adoption in compliance with Federal guidance.

Presentations can include, but is not limited to, the Needs Assessment, updates for the Active Transportation Plan and Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Master Plan, the Financial Resources and Cost Feasible Plan and more. **Figure 1** represents the timeline for the 2050 LRTP Update throughout the project duration.

Figure 1 | TPO Governing Board & Committee Meetings



Stakeholder Meetings

Meetings with key stakeholders and communities in Lake and Sumter County will offer insight into the 2050 LRTP and gather input on multimodal needs, accessible mobility, safety and resiliency, capacity, transit, technology, bicycle/pedestrian/trails, and other elements in the plan.

Public & Community Meetings

In-person workshops and events will also be held during key stages of the LRTP process. These events will occur to gather input on the community's transportation needs and present information about the 2050 LRTP. Additionally, the LRTP project team will look at community hosted events for potential to sign up and attend to meet the public where they are already at – this can include local markets, shows, and festivals.

Before these events, the LSMPO will post location, time, and event details on social media, website, and other areas that may reach community members. These events will comply with the PPP, Title IV policies, and the ADA. Social media boosting is an important strategy to reach community members in specific geographic areas. LSMPO may also use other technologies and interactive tools to help identify feedback through project development.

Community members will have various comment methods available to them and can submit them via email, online surveys, and verbally at specific events. A response will be made directly to the individual via telephone call, e-mail, or letter within fourteen (14) business days of receiving the question or comment.

Virtual options may be made available to accommodate those unable to participate in or attend in-person events due to transportation limitations, childcare responsibilities, or other challenges. Information about virtual opportunities will be housed on the LSMPO website and disseminated on social media and e-blasts. Recordings of the virtual event will be available upon request.

Public and community meetings will be summarized following the event and incorporated into final 2050 LRTP documentation.

Communications Tools

Equitable Communications & Outreach

The LSMPO's 2050 LRTP encourages feedback and engagement with the public and its stakeholders through accessible and innovative strategies, including online surveys, in-person events, and online mapping tools. By using various data collection methods, the LSMPO will gain insight into the entire community's transportation needs and wants. The plan stays consistent with the PPP (2024) and Title IV Program to ensure an equitable and cohesive plan for the region's future mobility.

Project Branding

A cohesive brand plays a role in the 2050 LRTP's recognition and engagement with the community. Common collateral, media, and advertisements for the 2050 LRTP will have a unique look and feel compared to other campaigns and brands for The Lake-Sumter MPO while still aligning with the overall MPO's branding. Proposed LSMPO 2050 LRTP logos are included in Appendix A.

Technology & Interactive Presentations

During virtual and in-person events or online engagement, the LSMPO will utilize technology and interactive elements to garner feedback from the public. Platforms like Mentimeter or Survey123 can conduct live polling and questions, which can simulate an in-person activity for those online.

Documentation

The final report will include a technical memorandum documenting the public engagement outcomes and findings and will be added to the appendices.

Appendix A. LSMPO LRTP 2050 Logo Exploration

LSMPO LRTP 2050 Logo Exploration

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Lake County Project Status Update as of December 31, 2024

The following is a brief status update on major FDOT road construction projects in Lake County as of the December cutoff. The next cutoff date is January 31, 2025. 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

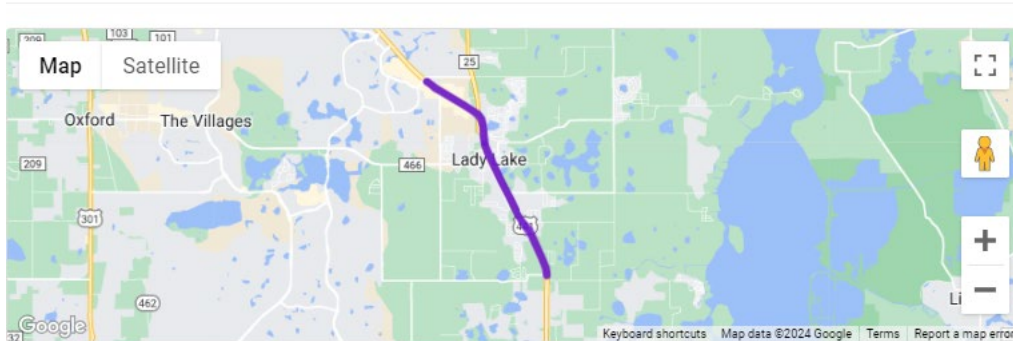
UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- No new projects at this time.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

[238395-5](#) | U.S. 441 Widening from Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central in Lady Lake

238395-5 US 441 Widening from Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central



- Contract: T5650
- Contractor: Southland Construction, Inc.
- Start Date: July 27, 2020
- Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2025
- 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

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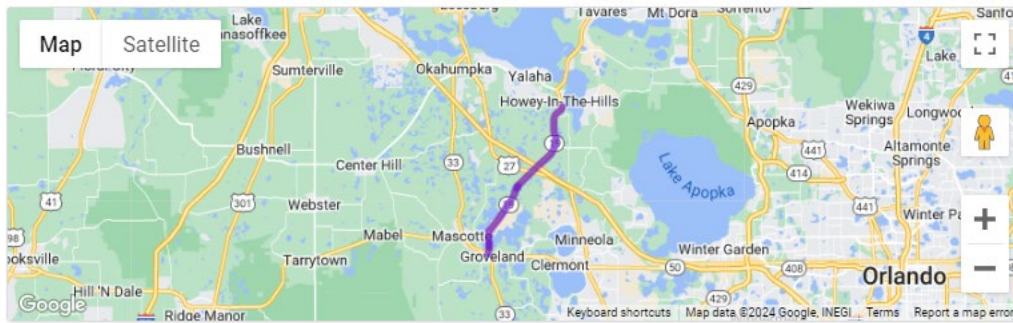
the project. The FDOT will also do drainage work, add signage, make lighting upgrades, make median access changes, and improve the aesthetics of the roadway with new landscaping. A key aspect of the project will be the removal of U.S. 441 bridges over County Road (C.R.) 25, and the creation of a new, 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: Contractor is still working on punch-list items, including milling and paving corrections.

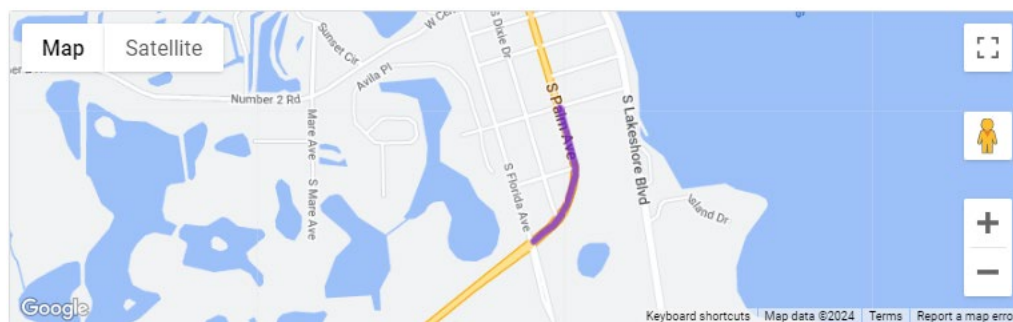
[432332-1](#) | **S.R. 19 Resurfacing from north of S.R. 50 to West Oleander Avenue**

[448876-1](#) | **S.R. 19 Sidewalk Construction from Florida Avenue to East Lakeview Avenue**

432332-1 SR 19 from N. of SR 50 to West Oleander Avenue



448876-1 SR 19 from Florida Ave to Lakeview Ave

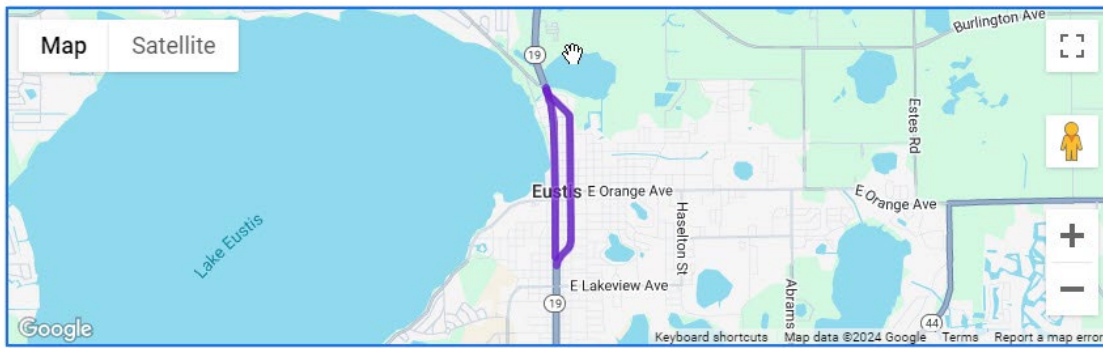


- Contract: T5811
- Contractor: C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.
- Start Date: February 11, 2024
- Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2025
- Construction Cost: \$15.3 million
- **Description:** The intent of this project is to rehabilitate the asphalt pavement and improve operations and safety along State Road (S.R.) 19. Sidewalk improvements are also planned from South Florida Avenue to East Lakeview Avenue. In addition to repaving this 12-mile segment of S.R. 19, the project proposes widening S.R. 19 around County Road 478 to provide a new southbound left turn lane. Other roadside improvements such as reducing the 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 contractor working on widening southbound State Road 19 at Cherry Lake Road and Wynn Road. Contractor is also paving U.S. 27 ramps on S.R. 19 and working on pavement marking corrections.

[445297-1](#) | Resurfacing of S.R. 19 from north of Stevens Avenue to C.R. 452
[445686-1](#) | S.R. 19 Intersection Improvements

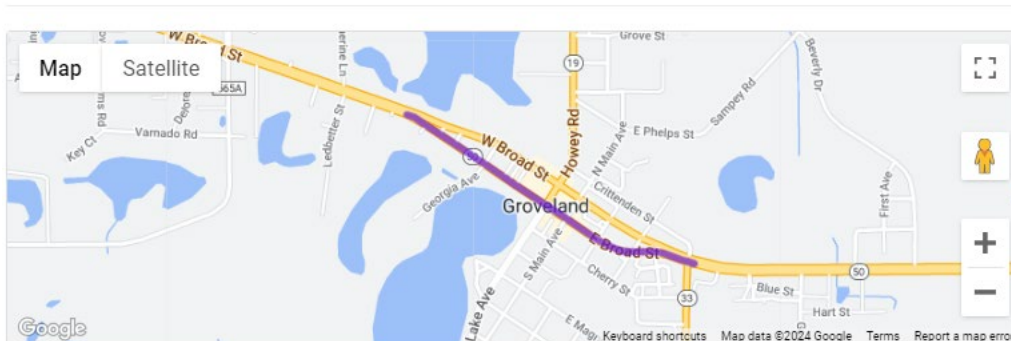
445297-1 SR 19 from north of Stevens Ave to CR 452



- Contract: T5813
- Contractor: Southland Construction, Inc.
- Start Date: September 3, 2024
- Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2025
- Construction Cost: \$12.4 million
- **Description:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will enhance safety and operations on State Road (S.R.) 19 from north of Stevens Avenue to County Road (C.R.) 452 in Eustis. S.R. 19 splits through the City of Eustis, with northbound lanes known as Grove Street and southbound lanes known as Bay Street. Both sides of the roadway will be resurfaced. Raised crosswalks will be added on Grove Street at Magnolia and Gottsche Avenues, and on Bay Street at Magnolia, McDonald, and Clifford Avenues to reduce vehicle speeds. Curb extensions will improve pedestrian visibility and reduce crossing distances. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) will be installed on Grove Street at Norton, Lemon, McDonald, Gottsche, and Eustis Streets, as well as on Bay Street at Magnolia and McDonald Avenues. Shared lane markers, or “sharrows,” will denote shared lanes for cyclists and motorists on both streets. The project will also include upgraded lighting, drainage, traffic and pedestrian signals, landscaping, signs, striping, and pavement markings.
- **Update:** The contractor is working on cutting bulb outs and pouring curbs and driveways.

[447093-1](#) | Resurfacing of S.R. 33/S.R. 50 from West of Groveland Bifurcation to Crittenden Street

447093-1 SR 33 / SR 50 from west of Groveland bifurcation to Crittenden St

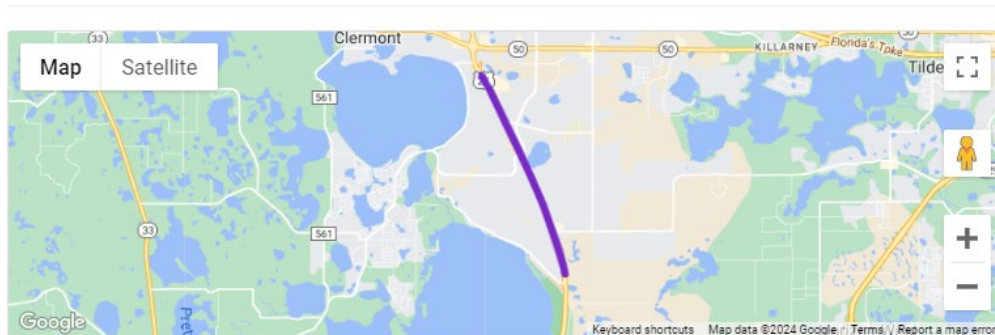


- Contract: E51F4
- Contractor: Blacktip Services Inc.

- Start Date: July 15, 2024
 - Estimated Completion Date: Early 2025
 - Construction Cost: \$3 million
 - **Description:** This Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project will extend the life of the existing roadway by milling and resurfacing the eastbound travel lanes of State Road (S.R.) 33/S.R. 50 (Orange Street) from east of Ivey Street—where the road diverges from the westbound lanes—to Crittenden Street. To enhance pedestrian safety, this project will construct a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) west of Alabama Avenue, and two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)—one east of Georgia Avenue and the other west of Indiana Avenue. Other improvements include the construction of curbed islands, reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways, installation of signs and pavement markings, and signal modification at North Lake Avenue and South Main Avenue.
- Update:** Contractor continues the installation of pedestrian signal boxes and signalization. Contractor has started some paving operations.

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

447098-1 US 27 (SR 25) from Lake Louisa Rd to Cluster Oak Drive



- Contract: T5806
 - Contractor: Superior Asphalt, Inc.
 - Start Date: January 26, 2024
 - Estimated Completion Date: Early 2025
 - Construction Cost: \$9.8 million
 - **Description:** The intent of this project is to resurface the segment of U.S. 27 (State Road 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.
- Update:** Contractor in final stages. The project team conducted a walk-through.

[452229-4](#) | Districtwide Rumble Stripes in Sumter & Lake Counties

- Contract: T5827
- Contractor: AKCA, LLC
- Estimated Start Date: Summer 2024
- Estimated Completion Date: Early 2025
- Construction Cost: \$841,000
- **Description:** This project aims to enhance safety along select segments of state roadways in Sumter and Lake counties by installing rumble striping along the center and outside travel lane lines. The rumble stripes help to alert drivers if the vehicle moves outside the travel lane by creating vibration and noise. Please visit the CFLRoads page for more information about the project locations.

Update: This moving operation through Lake County has no lane closures. The project is nearly complete.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- No new projects at this time.

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UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- No new projects at this time.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

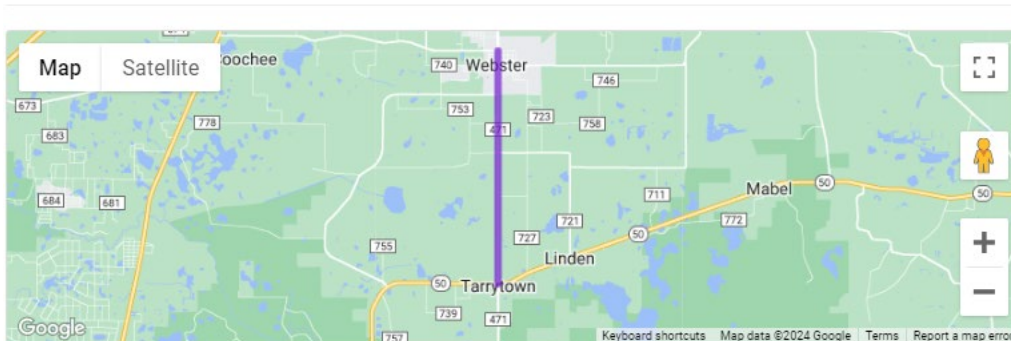
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COMPLETED PROJECTS:

[435471-2](#) | S.R. 471 South Sumter Trail from S.R. 50 to C.R. 478

435471-2 South Sumter Trail SR 471 from SR 50 to CR 478



- Contract: T5789
- Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
- Start Date: September 8, 2023
- Estimated Completion Date: 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: Final acceptance letter issued on Dec. 17, 2024.

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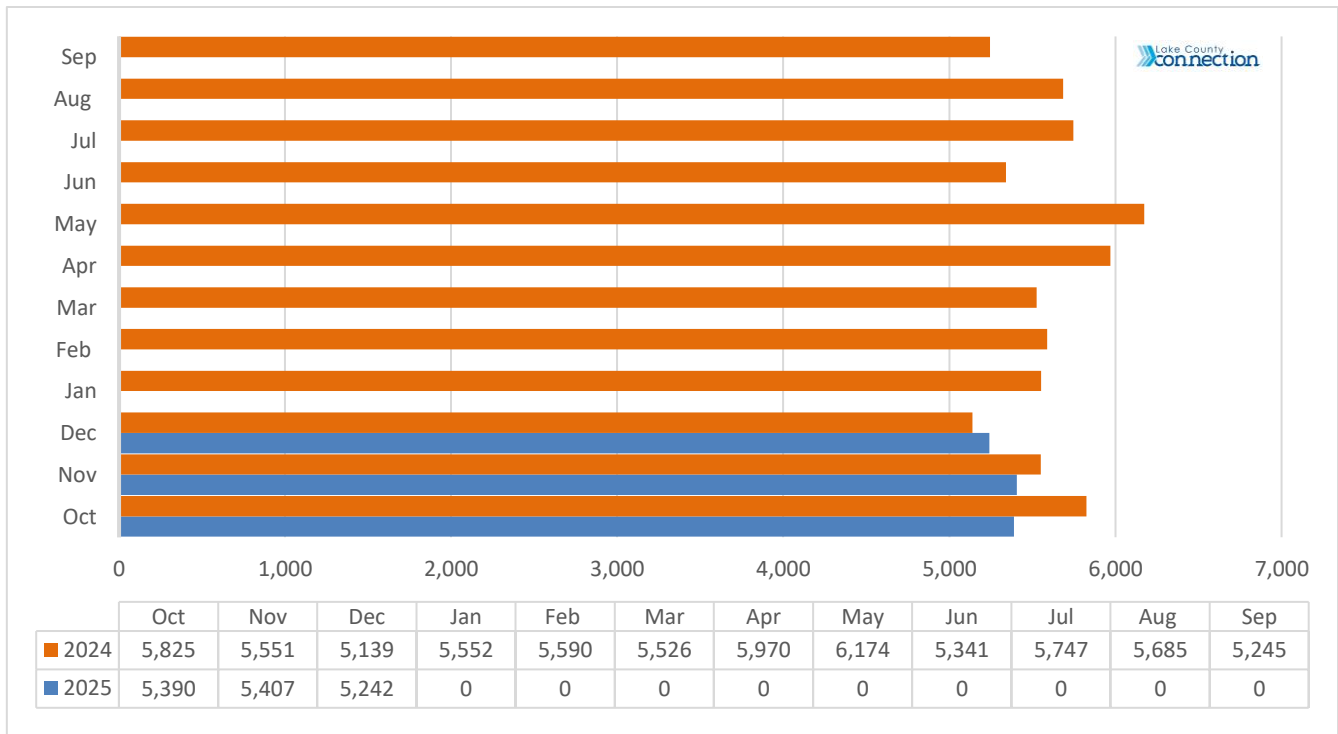
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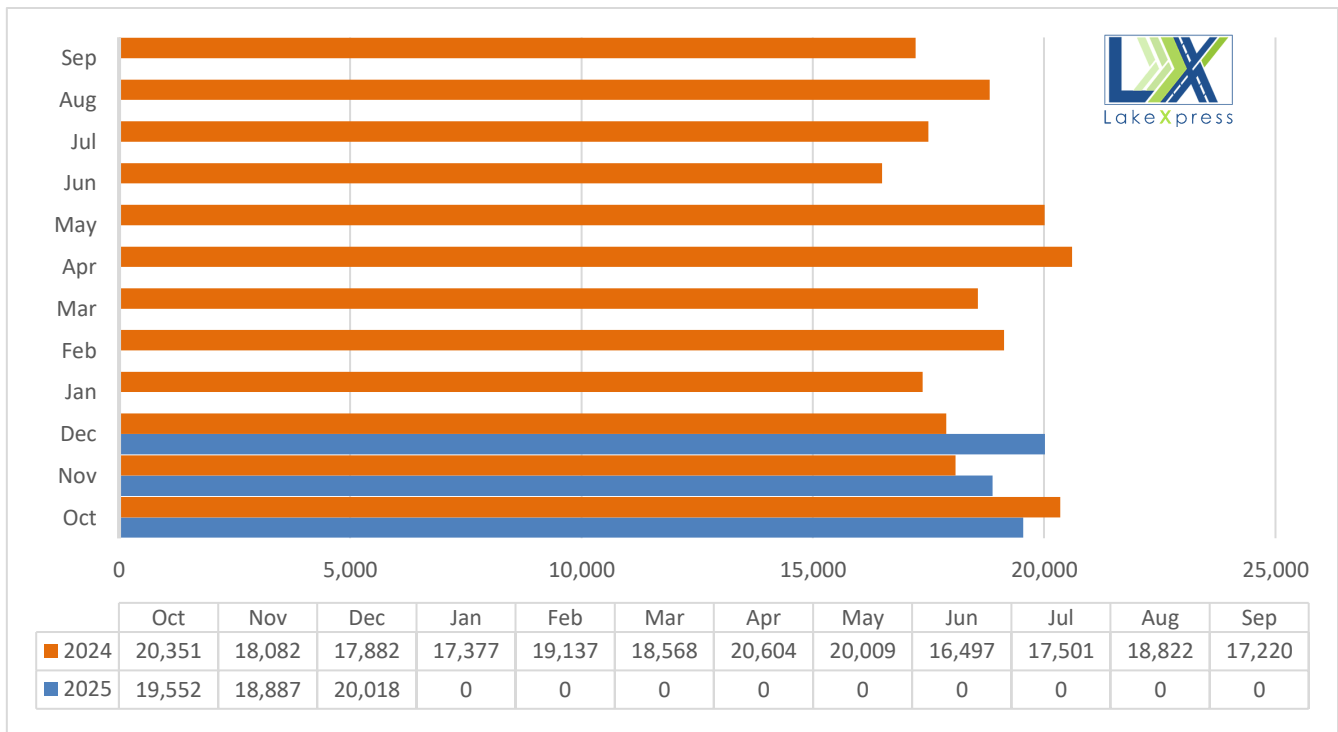


LAKE COUNTY CONNECTION RIDERSHIP FISCAL YEAR COMPARISON



Fiscal Year 2025 ridership YTD is 16,039. This is a 2.88% decrease from the same period last year.

LAKEXPRESS RIDERSHIP FISCAL YEAR COMPARISON



Fiscal Year 2025 ridership YTD is 58,457. Overall, 3.80% increase from the same period last year.

Transportation Projects

- **ADA Accessible Bus Stop Pads**

In the past two Fiscal Years, 75 ADA-accessible LakeXpress bus stop pads were installed throughout the system. In Fiscal Year 2025, 40 additional accessible bus stop pads are planned for installation.

- **2024 Hurricane Season**

During the 2024 Hurricane Season, three hurricanes affected Lake County. Transit Services staffed the Emergency Operations Center for a total of 123.75 hours and provided 51 passenger trips to/from Lake County Emergency Management's hurricane shelters.

- **"Stuff The Bus!"**

During the Office of Transit Service's annual "Stuff The Bus!" event, we raised cash (used for the purchase of meats) and non-perishable food donation that equate to 1,078 pounds of food for Lake Cares Food Pantry!

- **Mobility Week**

For FDOT's Mobility Week 2024, staff hosted three customer appreciation events where they distributed more than 1,200 LakeXpress branded promotional items.

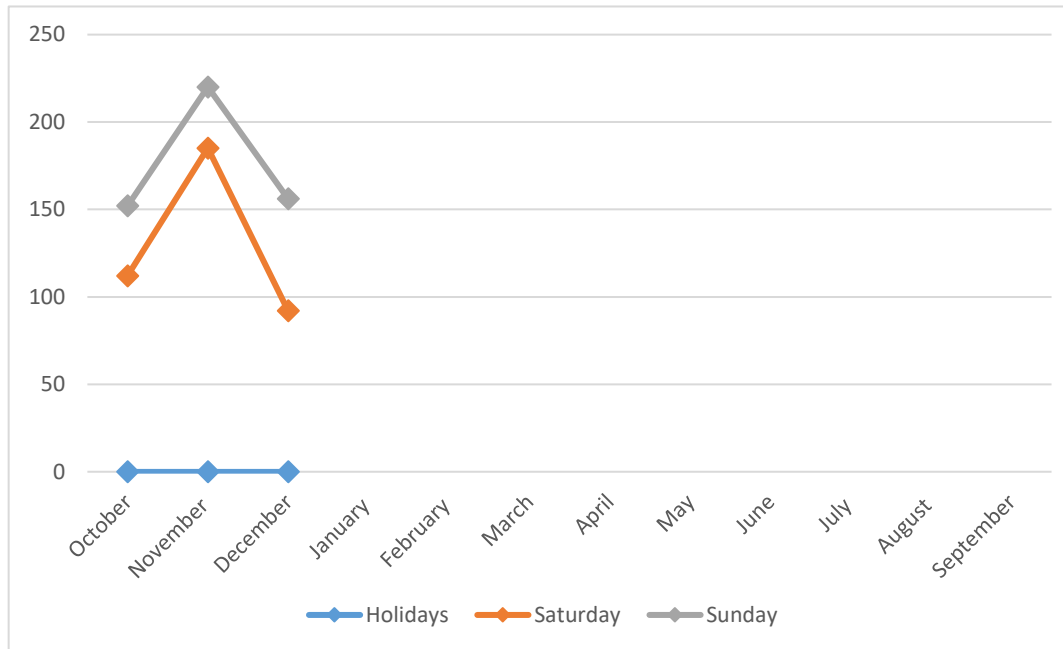
- **FDOT Triennial Review**

After completing a Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review in August 2024, staff also participated in an Florida Department of Transportation Triennial Review in November 2024. Both reviews found minimal deficiencies that were quickly corrected. We are now preparing for a Florida Commission Biennial Review this Spring.

- **Cold Weather Shelter Shuttle**

Since December 2024, the Office of Transit Services provided 109 trips to/from Lake County Office of Emergency Management's 11 nights of Cold Weather Shelters.

LYNX ROUTE 55 AVERAGE RIDERSHIP FOR LAKE COUNTY



*Weekday service provided by LakeXpress.

The average daily weekend ridership from October 2024 to December 2024 is 33 trips.

VAN POOL UPDATE

Enterprise continues to operate two vans in Lake County, while VRide utilizes one van.