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Thanks for the update Tiffany, and sorry for not catching it sooner.

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Thank you for bringing this to our attention, Daniel. Jason indicated he will take care of getting the UAB map updated and resigned by the locals.

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Hi Jason and Tiffany,

We realized after the email exchange with Ocala-Marion TPO that the pdf maps showed Lake Bryant and Rainbow Springs in Marion Co and Bushnell in Sumter Co as urban areas. These areas should be removed, and the roads changed to rural because they don't meet FHWA's population threshold of 5,000 (or more) to qualify as urban:

According to 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(35), areas with a population of 5,000 or more can qualify as urban. According to 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(36), areas with a population of 50,000 or more qualify as urbanized. Furthermore, FHWA refers to the urban areas with populations between 5,000 and 49,999 as *Small Urban Areas*¹³. These differences are presented in **Table 6-1** and **Table 6-2**.

Table 6-1: US Census Bureau Urban Area Types Defined by Population range

Census Bureau Area Definition	Population Range
Urban Area	At least 5,000 persons or 2,000 housing units

Table 6-2: FHWA Urban Area Types Defined by Population Range

FHWA Area Definition	Population Range	Allowed Urban Area Boundary Adjustments
Urban Area	5,000+	Yes
Small Urban Area	5,000-49,999	Yes
Urbanized Area	50,000+	Yes

Federal transportation legislation allows for the outward adjustment of Census Bureau defined urban boundaries (of population 5,000 and above) as the basis for development of adjusted urban area boundaries for transportation planning purposes, through the cooperative efforts of State and local officials. By Federal rule, these adjusted urban area boundaries must encompass the entire census-designated urban area (of population 5,000 and above) and are subject to approval by the Secretary of Transportation (23 USC 101(a) (35) - (36) and 49 USC 5302(23) - (24)).

For the purposes of the boundary adjustment process, the term “adjusted urban area boundaries” refers to the FHWA boundary adjustment process in all areas of 5,000 population and above.

We ran this by FHWA, and they are OK with us re-doing the maps for these two counties. We have already removed these areas from our GIS layer and the F121 RCI data are all coded rural. Getting these maps fixed will remove any confusion between the data sets and the signed maps.

Thank you,

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