

LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2025-05

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE 2025 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF THE NEW FUNDING PRIORITIES TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Lake~Sumter Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, 23 U.S.C. §134, and 49 U.S.C. §5303 require that the urbanized area, as a condition for the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, has a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.175(8)(a), Florida Statutes, states that the MPO is responsible for developing, annually, a list of project priorities ranking the transportation needs of the MPO area; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing principles that must be considered by the MPO when developing the List of Priority Projects are preserving the existing transportation infrastructure, enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness, and improving travel choices to ensure mobility; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 List of Priority Projects is based upon project selection criteria that consider, in part, transportation needs and priorities identified by the MPO, local governments, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the goals and objectives of the MPO long-range transportation plan; the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System Plan; criteria consistent with projects eligible to receive funding from the Transportation Regional Incentive Program outlined in Section 339.2819(4), Florida Statutes; the results of the transportation management systems; the MPO public involvement plan; goals, objectives, and policies of the local government's comprehensive plan, projects that lend support for economic vitality, community development, business functionality, and the creation or retention of employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 List of Priority Projects must be used by FDOT in developing the district work program and must be used by the MPO in developing its transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has established a deadline of July 1, 2025, for the submittal of new project priorities, pursuant to Section 339.175(8)(b), Florida Statutes, with said priorities serving as a basis upon which FDOT District 5 makes funding decisions relative to the FDOT five-year Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Lake~Sumter MPO, serving the role of prioritizing all federal-aid roadways, including certain county roadways, has prioritized county transportation projects to address regional county transportation needs within the MPO Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake~Sumter MPO:

1. The 2025 List of Priority Projects was developed with consideration given to preserving the existing transportation infrastructure, enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness, and improving travel choices to ensure mobility; and
2. The 2025 List of Priority Projects is consistent with the MPO's adopted long-range transportation plan, *TRANSPORTATION 2045*, which was adopted on December 9, 2020; and
3. The 2025 List of Priority Projects is consistent with FDOT Strategic Intermodal System Plan; and
4. The 2025 List of Priority Projects was developed in consideration of criteria consistent with projects eligible to receive funding from the Transportation Regional Incentive Program outlined in Florida Statutes 339.2819(4); and
5. The 2025 List of Priority Projects was developed using the procedures of the MPO public involvement plan; and
6. The 2025 List of Priority Projects is hereby endorsed and adopted; and
7. The Chair of the MPO is authorized and directed to submit the 2025 List of Priority Projects to FDOT, the Chair of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, and the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning
Organization

Sean Parks, Chairman

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Melanie Marsh, MPO Attorney