

Discussion Item C

Route 4- Zellwood to Altoona begins service July, 1, 2009

The Lake County and the Lake~Sumter MPO identified a need for service between Altoona and Zellwood in Orange County via SR 19 and US 441. This service would link the major population centers of Umatilla, Eustis and Mount Dora to Zellwood with connections to LYNX in Orange County. A large transit-dependent population lives along this corridor, with the potential to migrate over to fixed-route and/or vanpool/carpool support.

Major Activity centers include Downtown Eustis, Lake County Rotech Center, Lake County Health Department in Umatilla, and connections to the LakeXpress Cross County Connector and the Mount Dora Circulator, as well as LYNX bus service to Orlando and the International Airport.

TAZs with transit supportive household densities along the corridor that are currently not served by transit include the northwest and southwest corners of CR 44 and SR 19. In this same area, 10 to 20 percent of the households have no access to a vehicle or fixed-route bus service. Residents over the age of 59 comprise 51 to 75 percent of the population along the corridor north of Eustis and around Umatilla that is not currently served by transit. Additionally, 20 to 30 percent of the residents along this unserved corridor are under the age of 16. While the segment of the corridor north of Eustis to Altoona does not have high employment densities, service along this corridor would support the 24.6 percent of Lake County residents who travel to Orange County to work, thus promoting regional connections to LakeXpress routes.

