

Lake-Sumter
Metropolitan Planning Organization

2025 Long Range Transportation Plan
Environmental Justice Workshops
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Summary of Environmental Justice Conclusions

Roadways

- The SR 408 connector is going to be vital in relieving traffic woes in the US 27/SR 50 corridor in Clermont.
- An alternative to US 27 needs to be sought to improve safety and resolve traffic issues.
- Maintenance needs to be improved along many county roads to prevent costly repairs in the future.

Public Transportation

- Fixed route public transportation is needed in the south portion of the county for commuters and low income and elderly populations.
- In the north of the county, fixed route transit service should link the major urban areas with an emphasis on the transportation disadvantaged.
- Commuter traffic to other counties, especially Orange County, could be reduced by providing of public transportation.
- Transit stops need to accommodate the specialized needs of the elderly and disabled as well as cater to commuters. Stops should also be provided for government buildings, restaurants, shopping districts, and large developments.

Sidewalks and Bike Facilities

- Bike and sidewalk facilities need to be improved in urban areas, as well as low income and elderly neighborhoods.
- Trails and related facilities are needed in Clermont.

Session 1 – 9:00 AM, Minneola City Hall

Summary of Roadway Comments

- The SR 408 connector must be as close as possible to SR 50 to effectively relieve traffic in Clermont on SR 50.
- Another north/south arterial is needed to alleviate traffic on US 27 through Clermont
- Lakeshore Dr. in Clermont is in need of resurfacing and better maintenance procedures need to be enacted to counteract washouts.
- CR 561 and Boys Lake Ranch intersection is in bad shape.
- The intersection created by Wal-Mart at the intersection of Anderson Rd and US 27 is very dangerous, sight distances must be addressed.
- Intersection of Lakeshore and Lake Louisa needs a traffic signal.

Summary of Public Transportation Comments

- Clermont and Minneola are being swamped by traffic headed to Orange County. Fixed route public transportation along SR 50 to Orange County could help relieve commuter traffic.
- Groveland and Mascotte have large low income and elderly populations needing fixed route public transportation.
- Possible routes to include: US 27, US 441, Leesburg, hospital, shopping destinations.
- Transit stops are needed at King's Ridge, Cagan's Crossing, and Ridge Crest Loop
- The home-bound elderly need access to shops along US 27 via fixed route transit service.
- Alternatively, churches are providing necessary transportation to the elderly and disadvantaged.

Summary of Pedestrian/Bicycle Comments

- There are a large number of bicyclists in the Lakeshore/Hook St. area of Clermont, justifying further attention to bike facilities there.
- Sidewalks are needed in Lost Lake, Groveland, Mascotte, and Ridgecrest Loop.

Session 2 – 2:00 PM, Leesburg Community Center

Summary of Roadway Comments

- CR 42 is a very dangerous road and is in need of improvements.
- Water on the frontage road on Lake Catherine in Paisley is hazardous.
- Unpaved roads create unsafe conditions for low income rural population.

Summary of Public Transit Comments

- Public transportation is needed along CR 42, along with a Leesburg, Golden Triangle, Eustis, Tavares route.
- Transit stops should include government buildings in order to help with court appearances and governmental requirements, as well as restaurant districts, voting precincts, and major residential developments. Service needs to be provided to Sumter County public facilities (courts, offices etc.)
- Materials concerning public transit should be disseminated at Lake County Public Libraries.
- Waiting times for current Transportation Disabled service (demand responsive) are too long, but hopefully the new service provider will improve the situation.
- Demand responsive service does not operate late enough.

Summary of Pedestrian/Bicycle Comments

- Sidewalks and bike facilities are needed along fixed transit routes, as well as in school zones.
- Bike trail needed from Lake Norris to Wekiva.