

Lake-Sumter
Metropolitan Planning Organization

2025 Long Range Transportation Plan
Consensus Building Workshop
June 15, 2005

Group Consensus Summary

1.) Where are the most congested corridors and intersections located today?

Each of the groups listed several congested corridors and intersections. Locations that were identified most often included:

Corridors:

- SR 44
- US 441
- SR 50
- US 27
- SR 19

Intersections:

- 44 @ 27
- SR 50 @ SR 19
- US 441 @ CR 44/473
- Hancock @ SR 50

2) What roads need expansion and/or new corridors and bridges built in order to accommodate future growth in Lake and Sumter Metropolitan Area over the next 25 years?

Each of the groups listed several roads, corridors, and bridges that they recommended for expansion or construction. Locations that were identified most often included:

- Eagles Nest to SR 429 (Northern east-west route)
- East-west routes in the southern part of the counties
- SR 408 extension to US 27

3) Are current roadways being maintained properly? If not, where are locations that are in need of maintenance?

Three of the four groups said that paved roads were being adequately maintained, but that the dirt roads needed attention and regrading. The other group claimed just the opposite, citing sections of CR 561 north of Clermont as needing maintenance.

4) Should current roadway corridors be enhanced? Should new corridors be built as enhanced corridors?

All groups but one agreed with the first statement, provided that cost/benefit analyses would be undertaken. One group mentioned the need for aesthetic water retention areas. The second question was a unanimous yes, again pending cost/benefit analysis of the concepts.

5) Is there a need for a new east/west corridor that provides access parallel to US 441? If yes, where and when do you think such a road will be needed?

All of the groups agreed that there is definitely a need for an alternative east/west corridor parallel to US 441. The groups recommended that such a corridor be constructed north of US 441 to minimize impact in the region. One group recommended that the route not cross Lake Griffin due to potential environmental impacts.

6) Is there a need for a new east/west corridor that provides access parallel to SR 50? If yes, where and when do you think such a road will be needed?

All four groups also agreed on the immediate need for a new corridor parallel to SR 50.

7) What corridors are most important for truck and goods movement?

The most important corridors for truck and goods movement are:

- All state roads
- SR 19
- SR 50
- SR 44
- US 27

8) Should Lake and Sumter Counties implement a Corridor Preservation/Advanced Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Program? What other roads would be suitable candidates should such a program be implemented?

All groups agreed that an advanced ROW acquisition program should be put into place for all roads currently planned for improvements, especially:

- CR 439 Extension
- Leesburg Truck Bypass
- SR 44
- Wekiva Parkway

9) Should future bicycle facilities be built at the same time as road widening projects? Should future pedestrian facilities be built at the same time as road widening projects?

Each group agreed that appropriate bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be concurrent with roadway construction.

10) Please rank the following by general benefit and order of importance to the community.

Facility	Yellow Group	Orange Group	Green Group	Pink Group
Bicycle Facility-Paved Shoulder	4	5	5	3
Bicycle Facility-Bike Lane	5	2	4	4
Bicycle Facility-Path or Trail	3	3	1	1
Sidewalk Facility-One Side	1	4	3	5
Sidewalk Facility-Both Sides	2	1	2	2

The results from this question were somewhat ambiguous due to the variation in the rankings, but generally, the groups placed sidewalk facilities on both sides and bike paths/trails as highest in importance. The trails and paths were determined to be best in rural areas with low traffic volumes, paved shoulders most useful in rural areas and bike lanes to be used in urban areas. A consensus was reached determining that sidewalks on both sides were necessary for high volume areas while sidewalks on a single side were acceptable for low volume roadways in specific cases.

11) Should public transportation be a social service or a viable form of transportation?

All groups agreed that public transportation could readily serve both purposes and that the TDP will serve as a starting point for future public transportation development

12) Are there geographic areas in Lake or Sumter Counties where public transportation service should be initiated? If yes, identify the general geographic area and when you feel service should be initiated over the next 25 years.

The consensus was that yes, public transportation would be useful in linking urban areas like Leesburg, Clermont, and the Golden Triangle together. Also, there was a call from one group to investigate the feasibility of adding rail travel to the LRTP, utilizing existing rail lines.

13) Is there a need for regional public transportation service from Lake/Sumter Counties to Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Volusia, Polk, or Marion Counties? If yes, identify areas and when service should be initiated over the next 25 years.

The groups indicated that public transportation services should be investigated for travel to and from Orange and Seminole counties. One group brought up the possibility of a commuter rail system to Orange County utilizing existing rail facilities.

14) How should transportation needs, both capital projects and maintenance, be funded?

The four groups unanimously agreed that such needs should be supported through local gas taxes, impact fees for new development, expansion of the toll system into Lake-Sumter, as well as MSTU's and MSTB's.

15) What is the single most important transportation issue facing Lake - Sumter County over the next 20 years? What is your proposed strategy or plan to respond to this issue?

Among the issues mentioned as most important to the groups were keeping up with growth (concurrency), education about transportation options, managing gridlock, and planning wisely for future transportation needs.

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Detailed Group Summary

1) **Where are the most congested corridors and intersections located today?**

Yellow

- SR 44 at US 27
- Dixie at US 441
- US 441
- US 27
- SR 50
- SR 50 at US 27
- SR50 at Hancock Rd
- Hartwood Marsh Rd

Orange

- US 441 (Leesburg)
- SR 50
- SR 44 east of Eustis
- US 27
- SR/CR 44 to CR 466
- SR 44 at US 27
- SR 50 at SR 19
- US 441 at CR 44/473

Green

- SR 50, US 27, US 441
- US 441 at SR 44
- US 27 at SR 44
- SR 50 at US 27
- US 441 at SR 44B
- Hancock Rd at SR 50

Pink

- US 441 in Tavares
- US 27 and US 441 Leesburg, Lady Lake
- SR 50 east of US 27
- US 27 south of Minneola to US 192
- SR 46 just west of Orange County line
- CR 44

2) What roads need expansion and/or new corridors and bridges built in order to accommodate future growth in Lake and Sumter Metropolitan Area over the next 25 years?

Yellow

- Eagles Nest Rd, Bridge over Lake Griffin
- CR 470
- SR 44
- SR 50 into Orange County
- Hartwood Marsh Rd to SR 429
- US 27 connection to SR 408

Orange

- Eagles Nest to SR 44 back to CR 429
- CR 48 to SR 429
- Extension of SR 429 to I-75

Green

- Eagles Nest Bridge over Lake Griffin
- Wekiva Parkway
- 4-lane SR/CR 44
- 6-lane CR 48
- SR 408 connector
- 6-lane CR 466

Pink

- US 301 in Sumter County
- SR 50 between US 27 and Orange County line
- US 441/US 27 bridge
- 4 lane Hartwood Marsh Rd.

3) **Are current roadways being maintained properly? If not, where are locations that are in need of maintenance?**

Yellow - Dirt roads are in need of maintenance.

Orange - Paved roads are being adequately maintained

Green - All county roadways, older bridges need testing for loading

Pink - 44B in Mt Dora, Hartwood Marsh Rd.

4) **Should current roadway corridors be enhanced? Should new corridors be built as enhanced corridors?**

Yellow - Yes, Yes, provided there are cost/benefit analyses conducted. Retention areas should look more natural.

Orange - It would be more cost effective to enhance new corridors, with an emphasis on balancing aesthetics w/ function and cost.

Green - See #2

Pink - Yes, yes, based on bicycle traffic, pedestrian traffic and shoulder condition.

5) **Is there a need for a new east/west corridor that provides access parallel to US 441? If yes, where and when do you think such a road will be needed?**

Yellow - Yes, Eagles Nest / CR 44 / CR 44A / CR 439, possibly a toll road.

Orange - Yes

Green - Yes, immediately.

Pink - Yes, 44 (Eagles Nest Rd.) and CR 48/CR 448

6) Is there a need for a new east/west corridor that provides access parallel to SR 50? If yes, where and when do you think such a road will be needed?

Yellow - Yes, Hartwood Marsh Rd./SR 429 and the US 27/SR 408 extension.

Orange - Yes

Green - Yes, immediately. Possibly Hook St., SR 408 extension

Pink - Yes, SR 408 connector and Hartwood Marsh Rd

7) What corridors are most important for truck and goods movement?

Yellow

- Turnpike
- SR 50
- SR 44
- US 441
- US 27

Orange - All state roadways are important to truck traffic.

Green

- CR 44
- CR 561
- Hancock north to new turnpike interchange
- CR 466

Pink

- Turnpike
- US 27/US 441
- SR 50
- Wekiva Parkway

8) Should Lake and Sumter Counties implement a Corridor Preservation/Advanced Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Program? What other roads would be suitable candidates should such a program be implemented?

Yellow - Yes, CR 439 extension, Minneola Turnpike exit, all major projects currently in plan.

Orange - Yes

Green - Yes. Possibly SR/CR 44, connection to parkway, bridges, Rolling Acres and Cherry Lk. Rd. Policy statement: Set aside for advance land acquisition aside from construction cost.

Pink - This question must be answered on a case by case basis.

9) Should future bicycle facilities be built at the same time as road widening projects? Should future pedestrian facilities be built at the same time as road widening projects?

Yellow - Yes to both as long as water plans are included when appropriate.

Orange - Yes, especially in suburban areas. Pedestrian facilities should be built only in urban areas w/ destinations within a 1 mile radius.

Green - Yes.

Pink - Yes

- 10) Please rank the following by general benefit and order of importance to the community.

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- 11) Should public transportation be a social service or a viable form of transportation?

Yellow - Both

Orange - Public transit should be a viable form of transportation.

Green - Preferably both, realistically both.

Pink - Public transit should be a viable form of transportation

- 12) **Are there geographic areas in Lake or Sumter Counties where public transportation service should be initiated? If yes, identify the general geographic area and when you feel service should be initiated over the next 25 years.**

Yellow - Refer to TDP/Lake County Transit Study

Orange - Transit should link main corridors, e.g. US 441, CR 561, CR 48, US 27, SR 50, SR 44 and urban areas.

Green - Agreed with overall consensus above.

Pink - Clermont

- 13) **Is there a need for regional public transportation service from Lake/Sumter Counties to Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Volusia, Polk, or Marion Counties? If yes, identify areas and when service should be initiated over the next 25 years.**

Yellow - Yes, to Orange County

Orange - Yes, w/ routes to Seminole, Orange, Osceola, and Disney

Green - Yes, bus and rail to Orange county

Pink - No answer

- 14) **How should transportation needs, both capital projects and maintenance, be funded?**

Yellow - State, County, Local, Federal funds, impact fees

Orange - Gas taxes, impact fees, tolls, MSTU, MSBU

Green - Impact fees, optional gas taxes, bridge tolls (esp. on Eagles Nest)

Pink - No answer

15) What is the single most important transportation issue facing Lake - Sumter County over the next 20 years? What is your proposed strategy or plan to respond to this issue?

Yellow - Keeping up with growth and concurrency

Orange - Funding – creating transportation options/educating/marketing

Green - Advanced ROW acquisition

Pink - No answer