# Investing in Transportation to Spark Economic Development

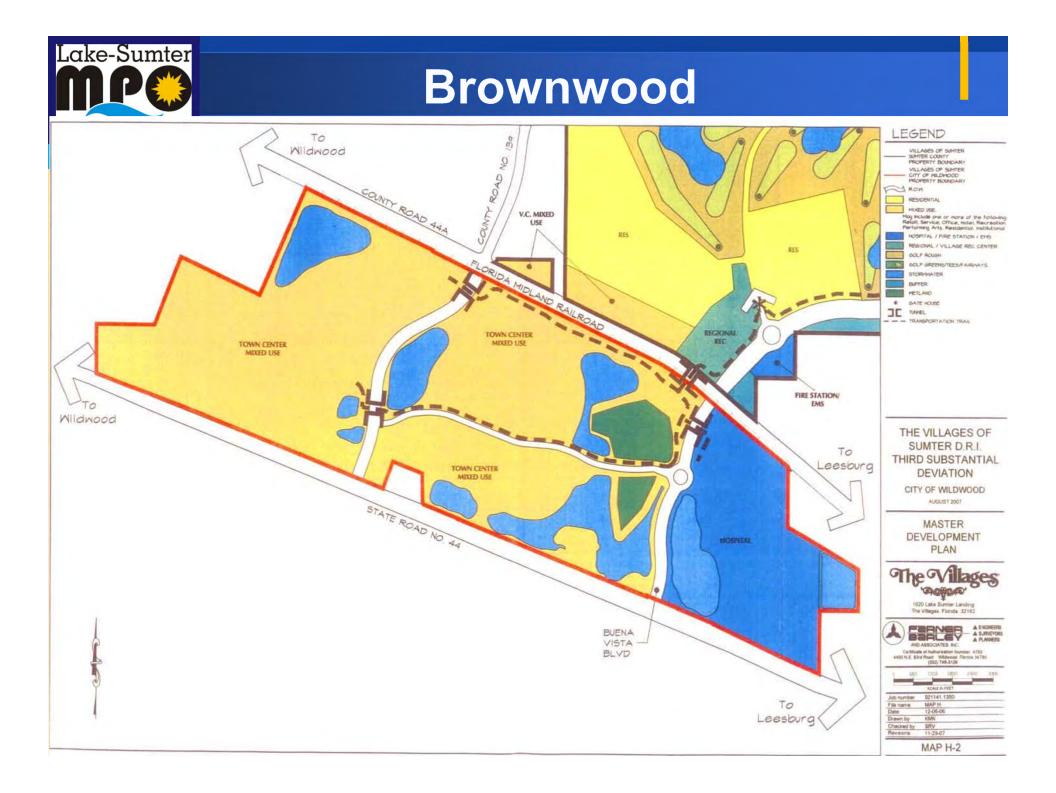
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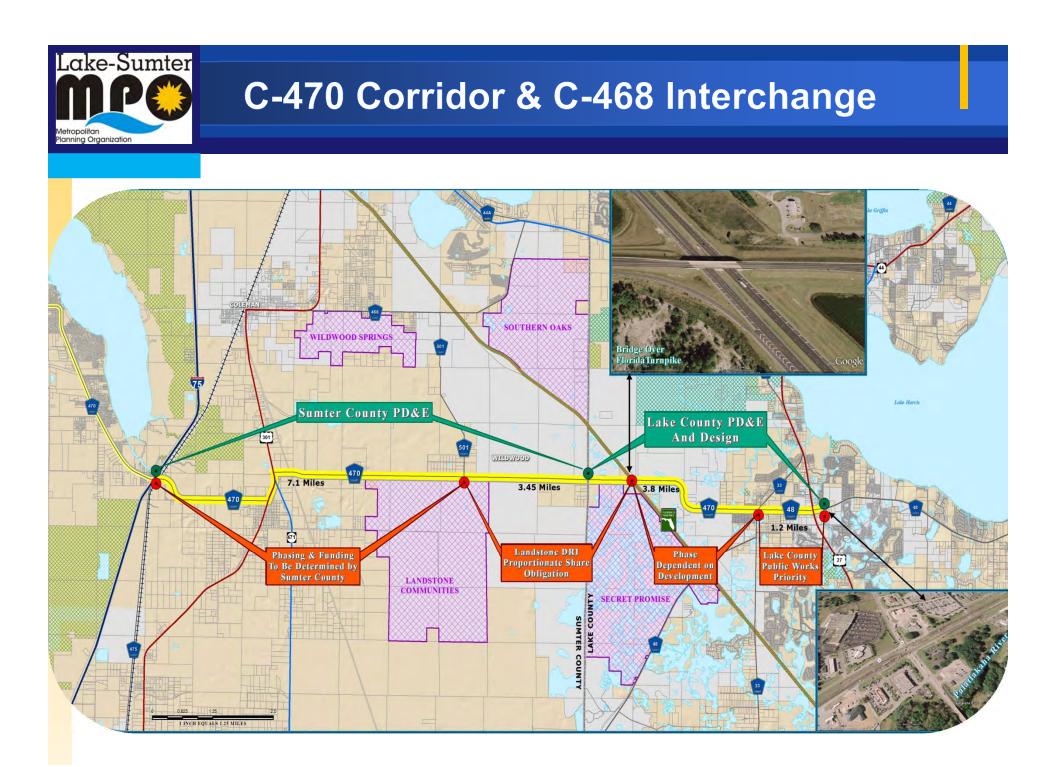
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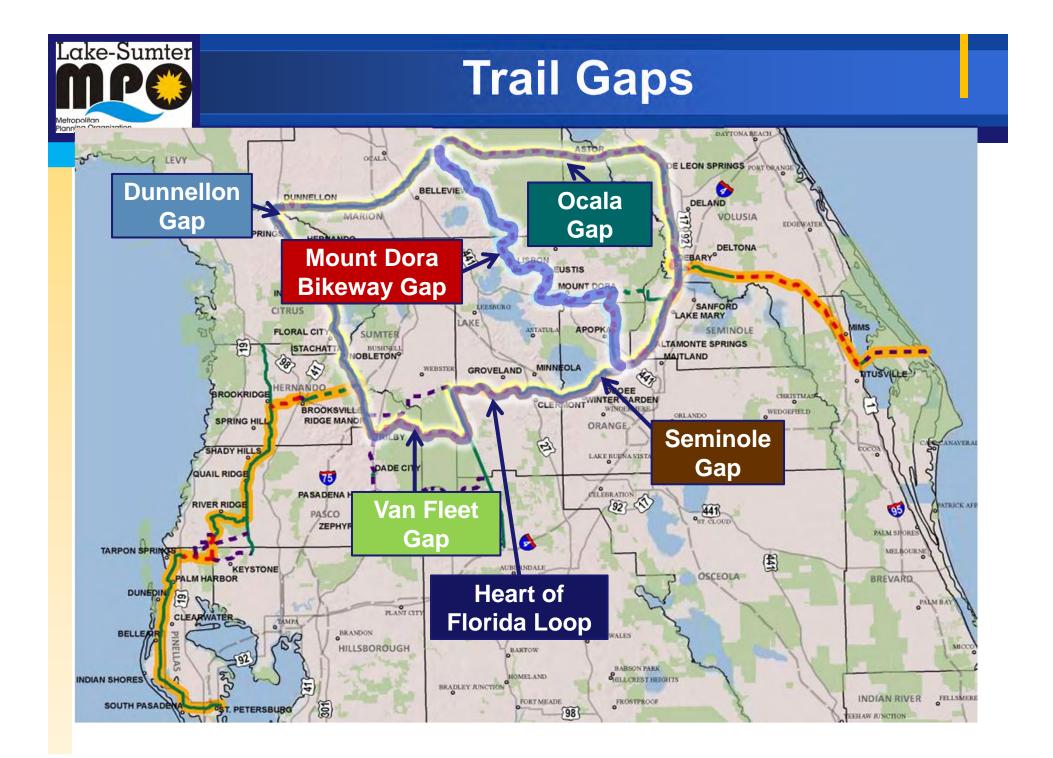




#### **T.J. Fish, AICP Executive Director**







## LakeXpress and Job Access



Lake-Sumter

LakeXpress provides access to over 14,000 job locations

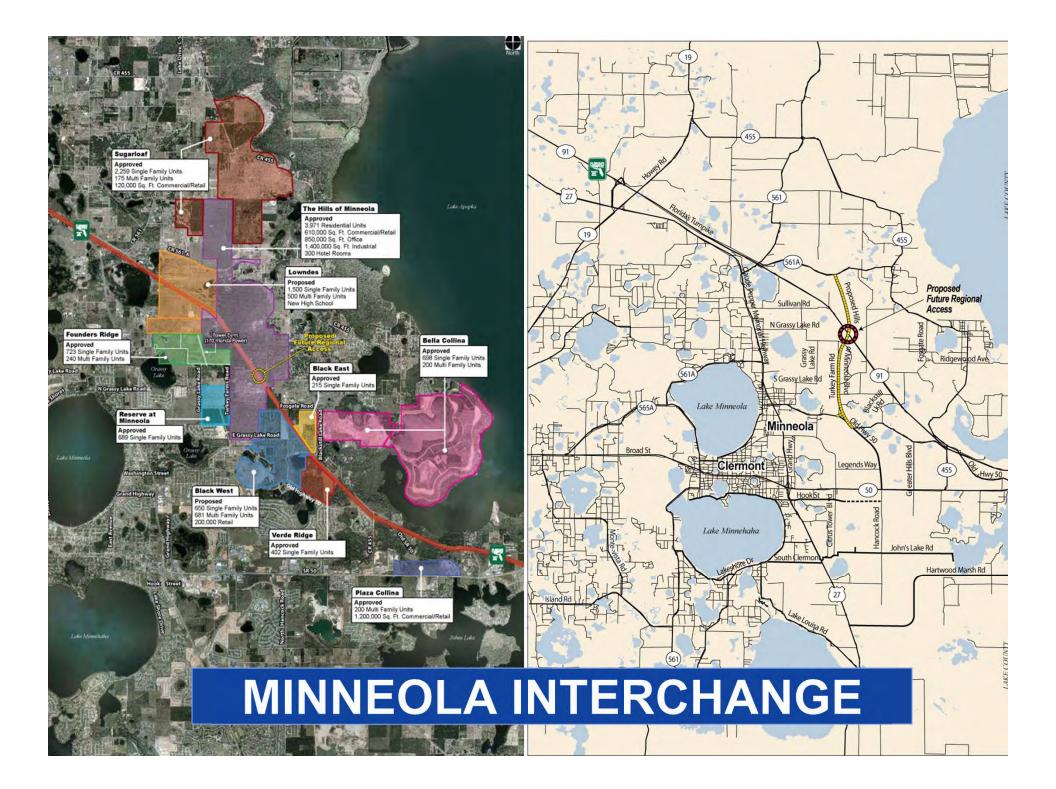
## LEESBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

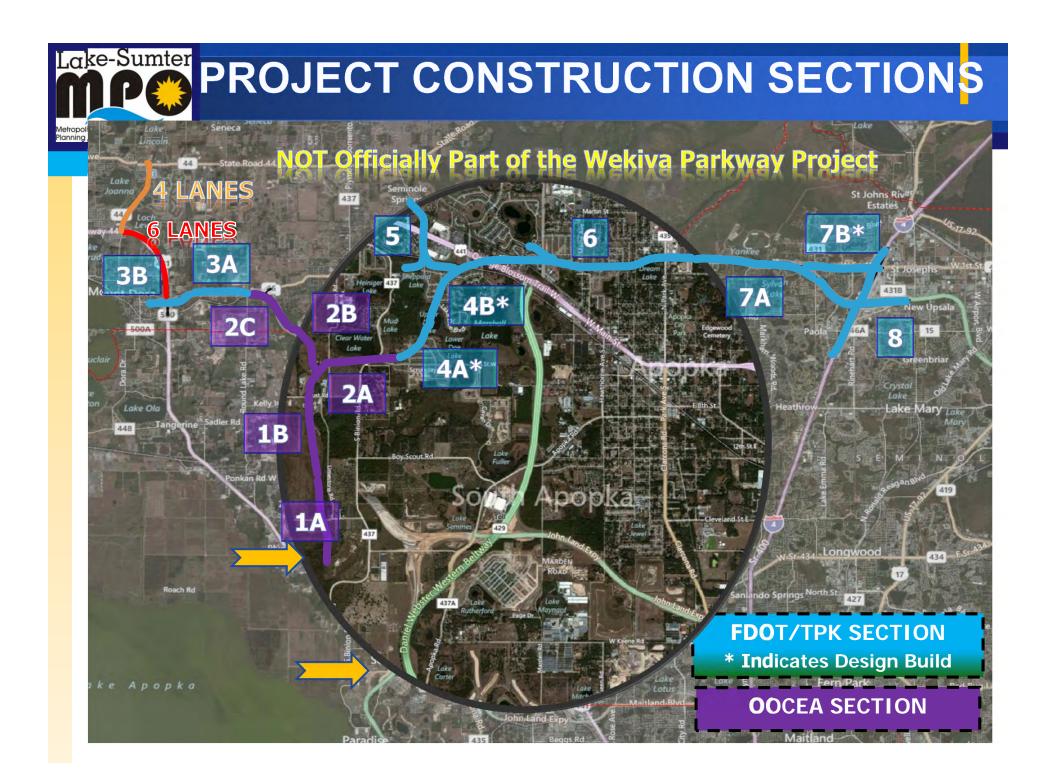
## **Umatilla Municipal Airport**



Lake-Sumter

Metropolitan Planning Organization















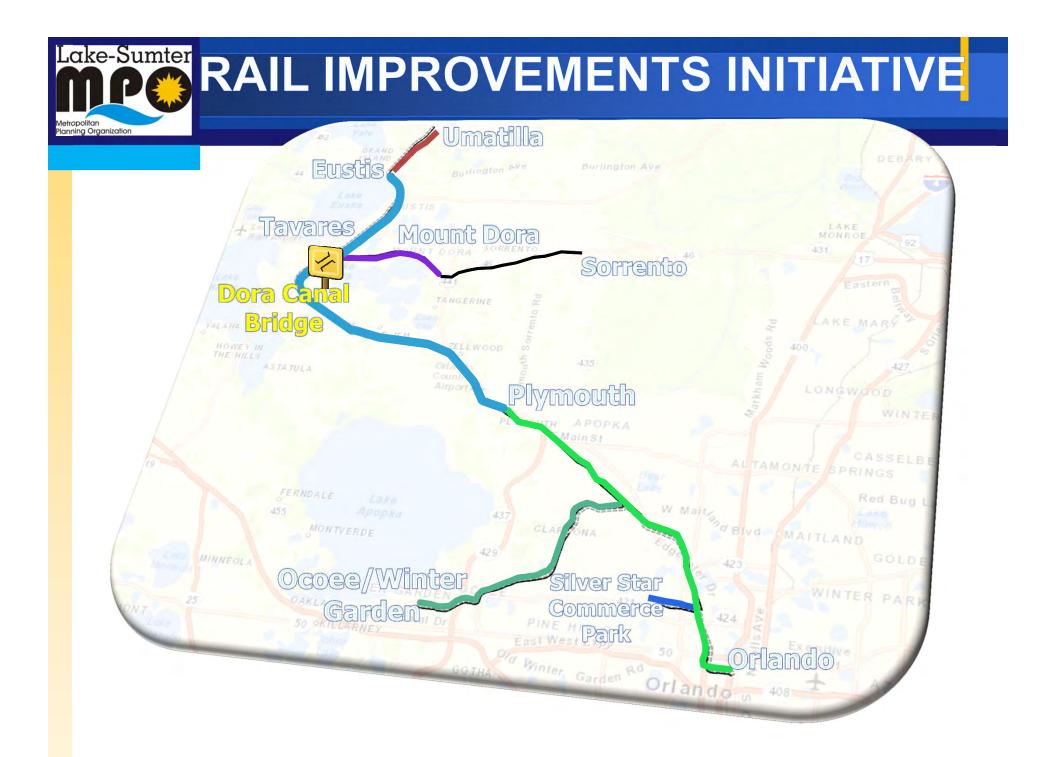












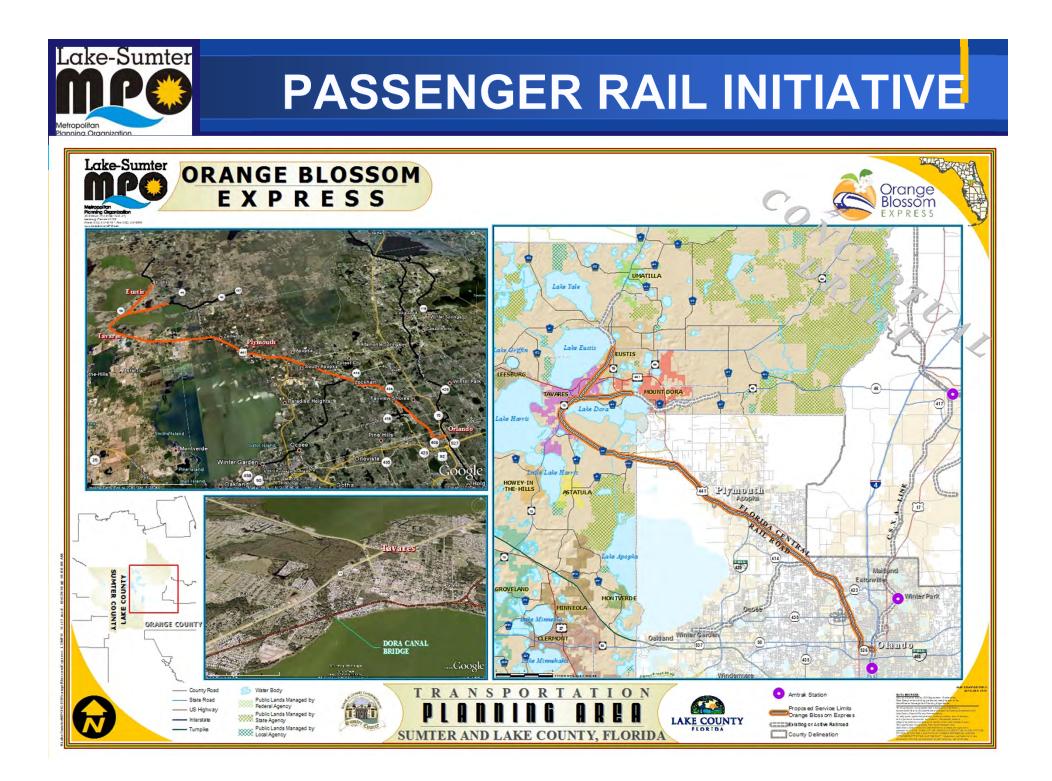


### Excursion Train – Tourism Development

**Requires** improvements to **Tavares-Mount Dora tracks Opportunities for** excursions to **Orlando**, Winter Garden.







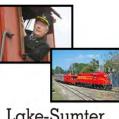


## PASSENGER RAIL INITIATIVE

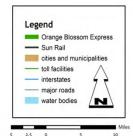


Orange Blossom Express

#### (US 441 Corridor)



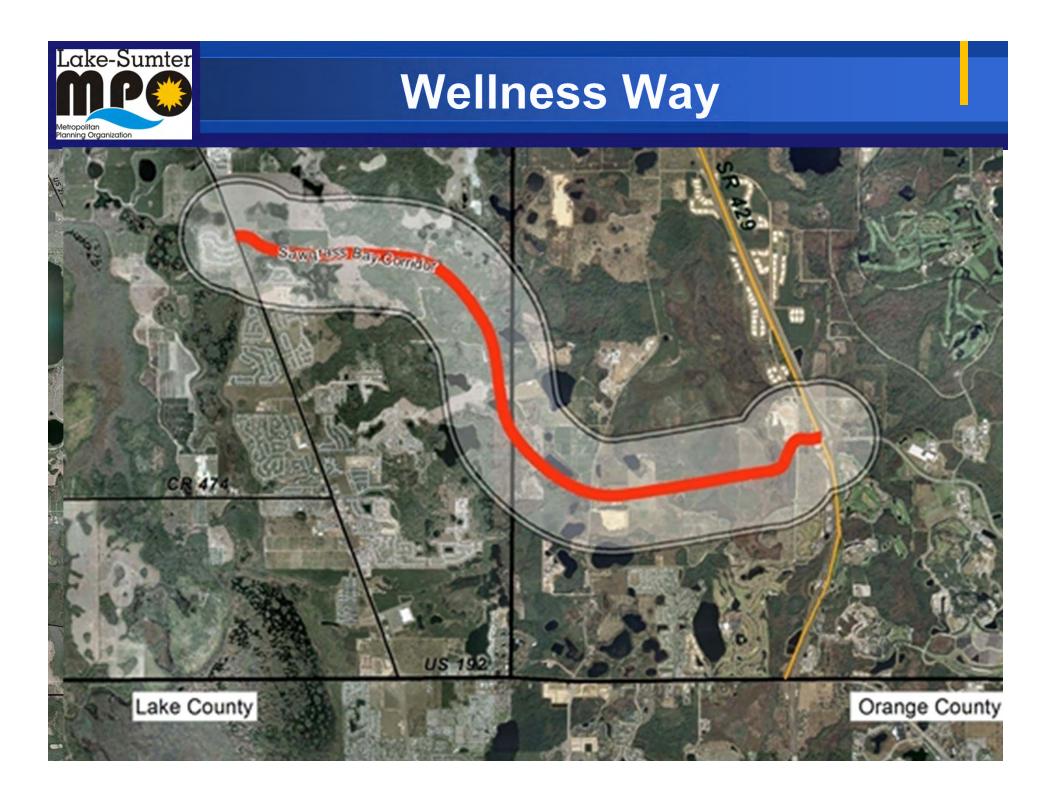




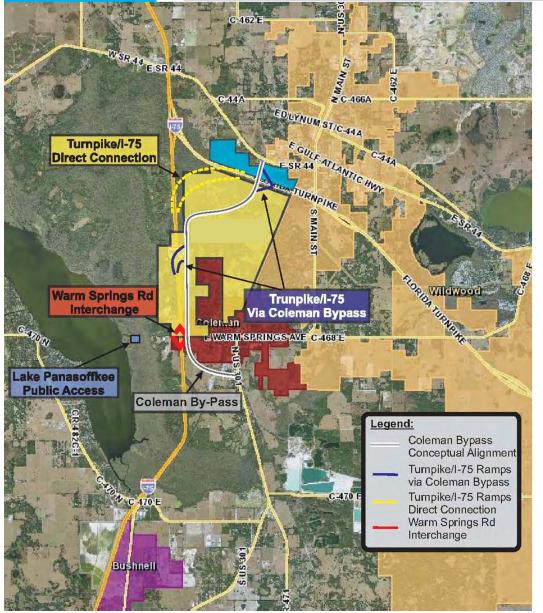
The Lake~Sumter MPO and MetroPlan Orlando have both identified this project as an LRTP transit priority

#### Passenger Rail

- The Orange Blossom
  Express is a proposed
  35.5-mile Commuter Rail
- Lake County to downtown Orlando
- Existing Florida Central Railroad (FCEN) line
- Rail line is owned by CSX and leased to FCEN, a freight rail operator
- This project would feed the Sun Rail project.
- FDOT committed to funding 75% of Alternatives Analysis



#### Florida Crossroads Industrial Lake-Sumter **Activity Center**



nning Organization

- Major industrial activity center \* strategically located at the convergence of I-75, Turnpike, and CSX-S Line
- Planned new interchange on Florida's Turnpike
- Potential to generate 20,000 new, permanent jobs over the next 20 years
- ••• Identified in the **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as a** Vital Project
- Approved by U.S. Dept. of **Commerce**, Economic **Development Administration,** making Federal funding available for needed infrastructure

# PROMOTING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS



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