

Lake-Sumter MPO – February 2026 MPO Governing Board Meeting

Please register for Lake-Sumter MPO - February 2026 MPO Governing Board Meeting on Feb 25, 2026, 2:00 PM

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

2 p.m. Call to Order by the Chair

- A. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Proper Noticing
- C. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum
- D. Chair’s Announcements
- E. Proposed revisions to today’s Agenda

I. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda or general comments)*

At this point in the meeting the Board will hear questions, comments, and concerns from the citizens. If the issue raised is not on today’s agenda, action will not be taken by the Board at this meeting. Questions may be answered by staff or referred for appropriate staff action. If further action is necessary, the item may be placed on a future Governing Board agenda. Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per person.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent approval is requested of the following items:

- A. **Approval of December 3, 2025, MPO Governing Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. **Authorization for the Chair to sign the Executive Director’s timesheets and mileage reports for October – December 2025**
- C. **Approval of Commissioner Timothy Morris to serve as the Lake County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair.**
- D. **Approval of the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #5 –**
 - *De-obligating funds (\$257,138) in FY 2025-2026 UPWP and moving the funds into FY 2026-2027 UPWP. SR 50 Corridor Study Funding*
 - *Approval of the Amended Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agreement. This UPWP amendment requires an amendment to the current MPO Agreement updating the funding amounts to remove the de-obligated funds (\$257,138).*
 - *Adding the wording for required Lake County Transit studies using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funding. Comprehensive Operating Analysis (COA), Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update, Transit Administration and Maintenance Facility Design, ADA Transition Plan Update*
 - *Moving unspent funds to Task 4 (Special Studies)*

Task 1 move \$32,500 from Consultants to Task 4 Consultants
Task 2 move \$32,500 from Consultants to Task 4 Consultants
Task 3 move \$7,000 from Consultants to Task 4 Consultants
Task 3 move \$25,000 from SL Funds to Task 4 SL Funds
Task 5 move \$7,500 from Consultants to Task 4 Consultants

- E. **Approval of Resolution 2026-02.** Adopting the statewide performance measure targets for Safety PM1. Approval of the PM1 Safety targets as set by FDOT on August 31, 2025. As in prior years the statewide target for all five measures was set at zero.
FDOT Safety Performance Measure PM1
- F. **Approval of the Lake County Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2026 Progress Report** 2026 TDP Annual Progress Report serves as the annual update requirements established by the Florida Department of Transportation. The purpose of the Annual Report is to document implementation progress, identify material issues affecting service delivery, and outline near-term priorities.
- G. **Approval of the Lake County Transit Productivity and Performance Measures Report** as required by Section 341.071, Florida Statute. This new provision requires public transit providers to disclose certain information and documentation relating to their budgeted and general administrative costs.
- H. **Approval of the Contract Amendment to Milestone Professional Services, Inc.** for financial analysis and grant compliance services.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Consider Acceptance of the FY 2024/25 Independent Financial Audit and Financial Statement.**
MSL, CPA Advisors for Auditing Services, will present the independent audit results performed for the fiscal year from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. After review and approval, the audit documentation will be posted on the MPO website. The audit is required as a condition of receiving federal funds. Joel Knopp, MSL, will present the Independent Audit and Financial Statement for review and approval.
MPO Financials FY2025
Forvis Mazars Report to the Governing Board
FY2025 Audit Presentation to the Governing Board
- B. **Approval of Resolution 2026-01 – Emergency TIP Amendment # 4.**
Recommendation for Approval of Emergency Resolution 2026-01, Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. The Executive Director of the Lake~Sumter MPO is authorized to sign and transmit this resolution to the appropriate agencies as set forth in Section 1.8 of the Bylaws, entitled Emergency Revisions and Amendments. The resolution will come before the Governing Board for ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
A project was added to the STIP for repairs of a broken rail within the railroad crossing (622027C, RRMP 816.450) on CR 44 in the City of Eustis, Lake County. This is an emergency repair due to cars being trapped because of the damage. This project will be added to the STIP/TIP, requiring an Amendment to the Lake-Sumter MPO TIP.

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution 2026-01 - Emergency TIP Amendment, Roll Call Vote Required

C. Approval of Resolution 2026-03 Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2026-2030.

Recommendation for Approval of Resolution 2026-3. Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Two FTA funding sources for the Lake-Sumter MPO, which were not included in the current TIP, have now been added to the STIP. To stay consistent with federal requirements, a TIP amendment is needed to incorporate these funding sources into the TIP. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests Lake-Sumter MPO amend the FY 2026-2030 TIP to add funding for the SR 50 project as described below. [Exhibit A](#)

Project 435859-4 will widen SR 50 from east of CR 757 to east of CR 711.

Projects 452508-3 and 456116-3 are FTA Grant Funding Allocations.

[FY26-30TIP LSMPOBoardPresentation_2026-02-25.pdf](#)

[TIP Dashboard](#)

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution 2026-03 - TIP Amendment, Roll Call Vote Required

D. City of Wildwood requests permanent voting Board Member status

Federal law and regulation allow the state and local governments to largely determine the composition of the MPO. [23 USC 134(d) and 23 CFR 450.310] Florida Statute refers to this process as apportionment. [s.339.175(4), FS] The Governor and affected local governments must agree to the composition of the MPO. [s.339.175(4)(a), FS] Each MPO must review the composition of its membership in conjunction with each decennial census. Each existing, merging, and emerging MPO must submit a Membership Apportionment Plan that meets the requirements of s.339.175(3), FS, s.339.175(4), FS, and 23 CFR 450.310. The justification for a change in the apportionment plan could be tied to the State of Florida redistricting plan currently underway.

There are three main options to consider:

1. No Change,
2. Remove the Sumter at Large vote, replacing it with the City of Wildwood, this option will require a change to the Bylaws,
3. Adding the City of Wildwood, keep the Sumter at large vote with the four remaining Sumter municipalities, this option requires approval of the Governor.

[Lake-Sumter MPO Apportionment Plan Presentation October 2023](#)

[2026 Proposed Apportionment Plan Update](#)

[FDOT Apportionment Plan Guidance](#)

[Florida Statute 339.175 Metropolitan Planning Organization](#)

Staff recommend option 2 adding the City of Wildwood as a permanent voting member, replacing the Sumter at Large rotating vote, including the required amendment to the MPO bylaws.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2026 List of Priority Projects. Call for projects.

The List of Project Priorities (LOPP) is updated annually to identify LSMPO's top unfunded priority projects for inclusion in the TIP and FDOT Five-Year Work Program. The 2026 LOPP is more streamlined with the adoption of the 2050 LRTP – Cost Feasible Plan.

[2026 List of Priority Projects Presentation](#)

[LOPP Project Screening Form 2026](#)

[FDOT Transportation Alternatives Website](#)

[Transportation Alternatives Project Dashboard](#)

B. Downtown Clermont SR 50 Corridor Study

This study to address safety and traffic operational issues on State Road (SR) 50 between 12th Street (CR 561) and US 27 within the City of Clermont ("Study Area"). This study will precede a resurfacing project on SR 50 (FM# 454198-1) to be completed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) from 12th Street to Bloxam Avenue within the Study project limits.

[SR 50 Clermont Operational Improvements Study Presentation](#)

C. FDOT SR 19 Groveland Presentation

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is announcing the funding of the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to assess transportation needs and potential improvement strategies along State Road (S.R.) 19 between S.R. 50 and County Road (C.R.) 455 in Lake County, spanning approximately 9.4 miles. The effort aims to support future needs and enhance safety. Potential roadway improvements under consideration include widening from two to four lanes.

[SR 19 Project Information Handout](#)

[SR 19 Groveland Project Webpage](#)

D. MPO Committee Appointments

The MPO committees are lacking full representation from our MPO partners, please review the committee member status for your organization.

The **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** evaluates the technical aspects of proposed plans and provides expert advice to the Lake~Sumter MPO Board. The committee is composed of technical staff, primarily engineers and planners, from various local governments and transportation operating agencies.

The **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** ensures the public can review and evaluate all proposed transportation plans and programs. About half the Community Advisory Committee members are appointed by local governments, and the other half by the Lake~Sumter MPO Board. The committee membership includes multimodal transportation advocates, as well as representatives from underserved communities and business interests.

Here are the current rosters for the Lake~Sumter MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Community Advisory Committee:

[TAC Membership](#)

[CAC Membership](#)

[Sumter County Boards and Committees Application](#)

[Lake County Boards and Committees Application](#)

V. REPORTS

1. ***FDOT Report*** – Chuck Koppernolle.
2. ***Florida Turnpike Enterprise Report (FTE)*** -Loren Hughes
3. ***Central Florida Expressway (CFX)***
4. ***Lake County Transit Report***
5. ***Lake County Transportation Disadvantaged Report*** (information only)
6. ***Sumter County Transportation Disadvantaged Report*** (information only)
7. ***MPOAC Legislative Newsletter February 16, 2026*** (information only)
8. ***MPOAC Institute – Save the Date – May 1, 2026.***
9. ***Lake~Sumter MPO Vision Zero Safety Action Plan Update*** (Presentation from the February 11, 2026, Committee Meeting – information only)

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

VII. ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING: APRIL 22, 2026

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the above named board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. People with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact (352) 315- 0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.