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**Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning  
Organization**

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**Membership Apportionment Plan**



**APPROVED APRIL 22, 2026  
LAKE~SUMTER MPO  
1300 Citizens Blvd., Suite 175,  
Leesburg, FL 34748**

## Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary - Planning/Urbanized Area

The Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization was established in February 2004, after the 2000 US Census determined the Leesburg-Eustis-Lady Lake area had exceeded a population of 50,000. The MPO is a designated transportation planning agency for the urbanized area, providing a forum of cooperative decision-making among Lake and Sumter Counties, municipalities, and state transportation partners. Established during a period of rapid growth, the MPO plays a critical role in guiding investments, as daily vehicle miles (DVM) traveled on the regional roadway network are projected to nearly double over the next 20 years. The Lake~Sumter MPO planning area is shown in Figure 1. The planning area is made up of Lake and Sumter County, however there is a shared urbanized area established by the 2020 Census that includes Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole County. Lake~Sumter MPO coordinates regularly with MetroPlan Orlando on metropolitan planning activities.

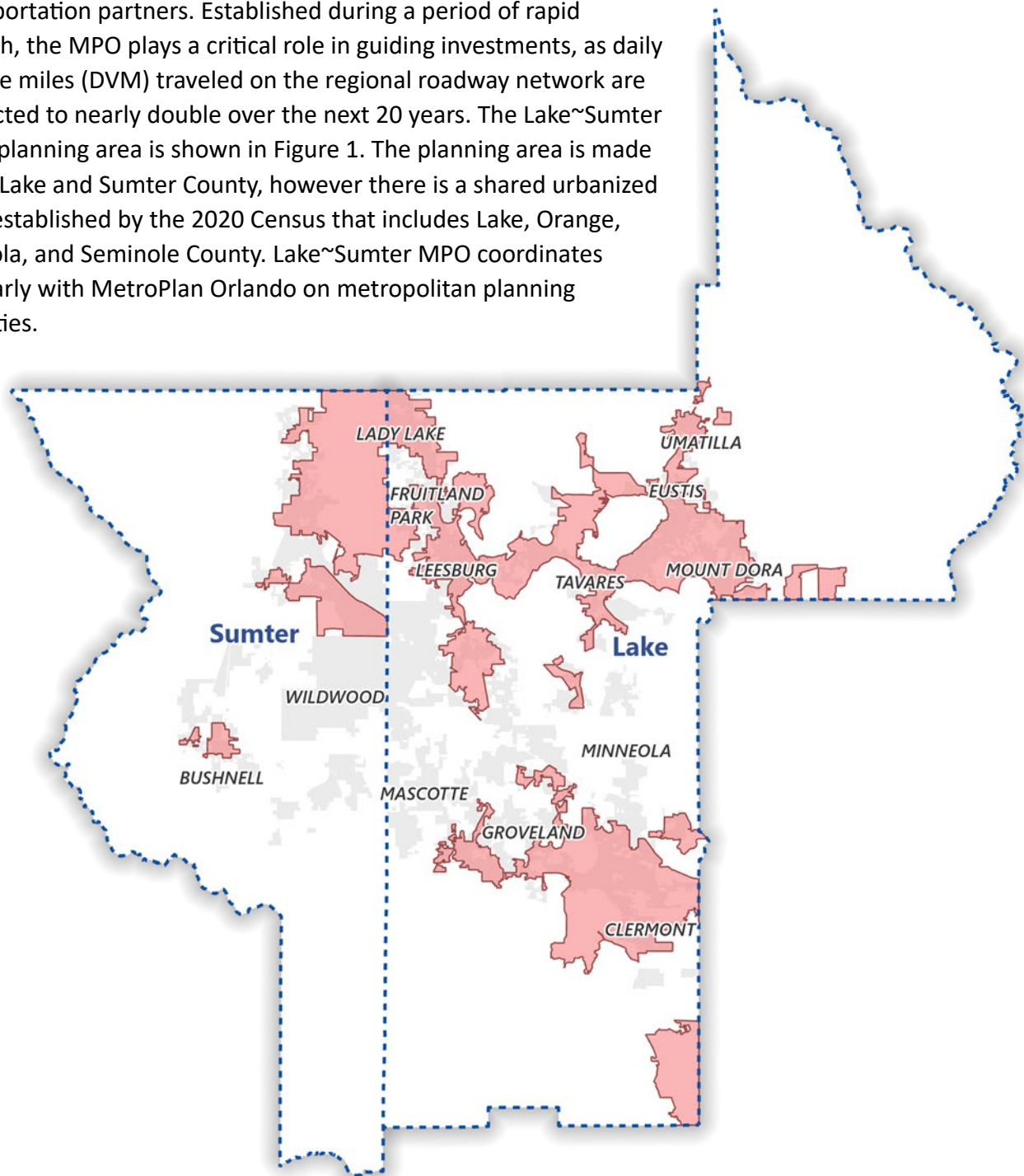


Figure 1

## Introduction

Federal laws and regulations require metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to be designated for each urban area with a population greater than 50,000 people [23 CFR 450.310(a), 23 USC 134(d)]. This designation is accomplished by agreement between the Governor and the affected units of local government. The federal rules allow the states and units of local government to largely determine the specific composition of the MPOs. In Florida, Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, provides the requirements for MPO membership composition and apportionment of the voting membership. Pursuant to these state and federal rules, the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization was created in 2004.

## Membership

The Lake-Sumter MPO Governing Board consists of 29 board members (16 voting and 13 non-voting) representing the communities of the Lake-Sumter region. Each member government appoints elected representatives to the MPO Governing Board, along with an alternate representative.

The apportionment of membership on the Lake-Sumter MPO Governing Board includes one voting representative from each of the seven most populated cities in Lake County, including Clermont, Eustis, Lady Lake, Leesburg, Groveland, Mount Dora and Tavares. The seven (7) least populated cities of Lake County (Astatula, Minneola, Fruitland Park, Mascotte, Montverde, Umatilla, Howey-in-the-Hills), share one at-large vote that rotates alphabetically each year. An At- Large Representative voting position rotates annually among the five (5) Sumter County municipalities of Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Webster and Wildwood. In addition, the five members of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners and two designated County Commissioners from the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners are each voting members. During 2012, Astatula and Bushnell hold the rotating votes. Ex-officio board members from Lake County Schools, Sumter District Schools and the Florida Central Railroad round out the membership of the Lake-Sumter MPO Governing Board.

## Proposed Membership

The Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization is required under federal and state law to maintain a voting membership structure that reflects an equitable geographic-population ratio. Following recent population changes in Lake and Sumter Counties, staff conducted a mid-decade review of MPO Board composition.

At its meeting on February 25, 2026, the MPO Board reviewed its current voting structure and reached consensus on a revised membership apportionment consistent with statutory requirements. As stated in the resolution text, “this mid-decade Apportionment Plan aims to resolve the equitable geographic-population ratio based on changes in the local population.”

The 2025 BEBR population data shows that the City of Wildwood now has a population of 36,783 which is 23% of the population of Sumter County and the third largest city in the MPO Planning area. The Board voted to add the City of Wildwood as a permanent Voting member and keep the Sumter County at-Large Vote with the four (4) remaining cities in Sumter County, (Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, and Webster). This change in the apportionment increased our coverage of the MPO Planning population to 91%.

## 2020 Census

## Lake~Sumter MPO Board Approtationment -2020

	2020 Population		2020 Voting Membership	
Jurisdiction	Number	Distribution	Number	Distribution
<b>Lake County</b>				
UNINCORPORATED	183,278	48%	5	31%
Clermont	43,021	11%	1	6%
Leesburg	27,000	7%	1	6%
Eustis	23,189	6%	1	6%
Tavares	19,003	5%	1	6%
Mount Dora	16,341	4%	1	6%
Lady Lake	15,970	4%	1	6%
Groveland	18,505	5%	1	6%
Lake Co. - At Large			1	6%
	<b>346,307</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Sumter County</b>				
UNINCORPORATED	108,709	84%	2	13%
Sumter Co. - At Large			1	6%
	<b>108,709</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
Lake County Total Population	383,956	75%	13	81%
Sumter County Total Poulation	129,752	25%	3	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>513,708</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Maitain existing MPA  
boundary and preserve  
existing Board  
Members/Seats

\*\* No City with >50k  
population

**2025 BEBR Estimate**

**Lake~Sumter MPO Board Apportionment -2025 (Proposed)**

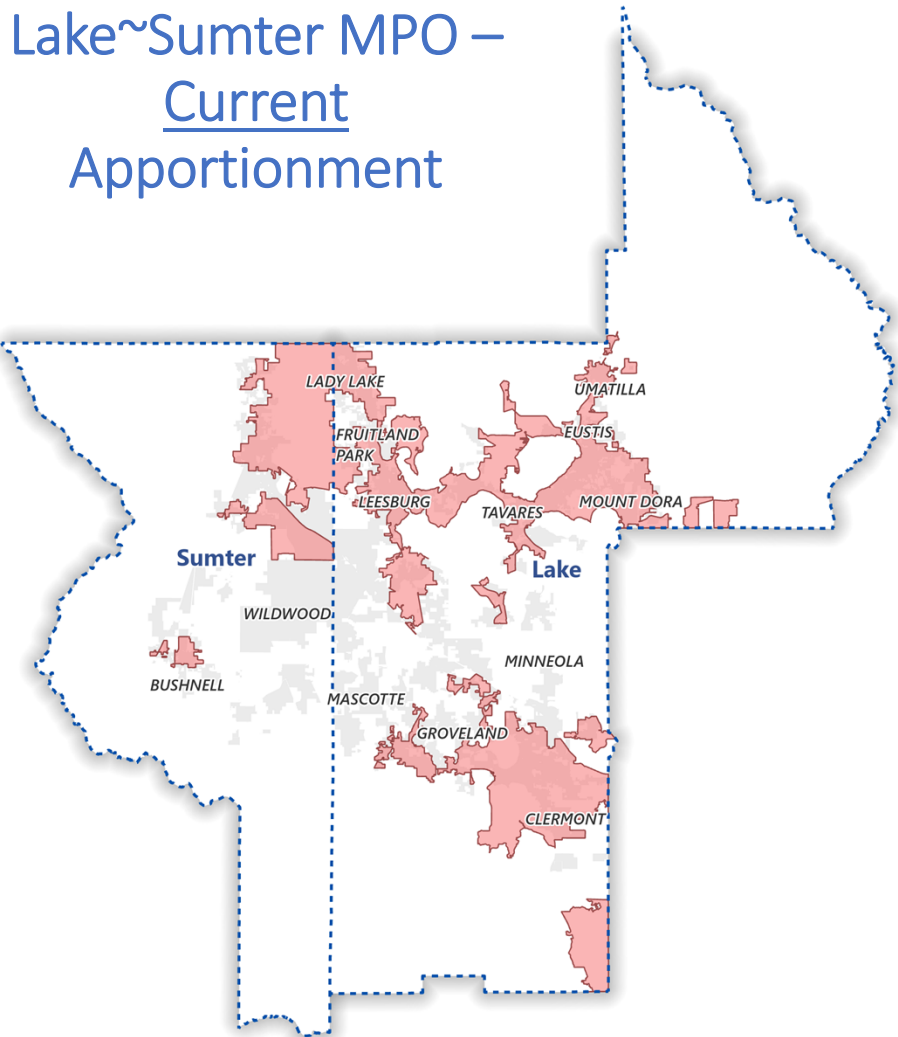
	2025 Population			2025 Voting Membership (Proposed)	
Jurisdiction	Number	% of County	Distribution	Number	Distribution
<b>Lake County</b>					
UNINCORPORATED	200,310	45%	33%	5	31%
Clermont	51,042	11%	8%	1	6%
Leesburg	37,541	8%	6%	1	6%
Eustis	24,477	5%	4%	1	6%
Tavares	21,869	5%	4%	1	6%
Mount Dora	18,896	4%	3%	1	6%
Lady Lake	16,978	4%	3%	1	6%
Groveland	23,827	5%	4%	1	6%
Lake Co. - At Large				1	6%
	<b>394,940</b>		<b>65%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Sumter County</b>					
UNINCORPORATED	119,221	73%	20%	2	13%
***Wildwood	36,783	23%	6%	1	6%
	<b>156,004</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
Lake County Total Population	445,324	73%	65%	13	81%
Sumter County Total Population	162,493	27%	26%	3	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>607,817</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Maitain existing MPA boundary and preserve existing Board Members/Seats

\*\* City of Clermont >50k population

\*\*\* Wildwood is largest City with remaining incorporated areas representing 4% of Sumber County

# Lake~Sumter MPO – Current Apportionment



Lake County

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City of Clermont

City of Leesburg

City of Eustis

City of Tavares

City of Mt. Dora

City of Lady Lake

City of Groveland

Lake At -Large

Astatula, Fruitland Park, Minneola,  
Howey-in-the-Hills, Mascotte,  
Montverde & Umatilla –annual  
rotation of the vote

Sumter County

Sumter County

Sumter At -Large

Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman,  
Webster & Wildwood – annual  
rotation of the vote

14 permanent Voting  
Members  
2 At-Large Rotating  
Voting Members  
14 Non-Voting  
Members

## Lake~Sumter MPO – Recommended Apportionment

### Apportionment Rules:

- ✓ • local government representing at least 75%, including the largest incorporated city by population
- ✓ • consist of at least 5 but not more than 25 apportioned members
- 1 representative voting member for each city above 50,000 - **Not Applicable**
- ✓ • MPO governing board, county commissioners shall compose at least one-third of the MPO governing board membership

Lake County

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City of Clermont

City of Leesburg

City of Eustis

City of Tavares

City of Mt. Dora

City of Lady Lake

City of Groveland

Lake At -Large

Astatula, Fruitland Park,  
Minneola, Howey-in-the-Hills,  
Mascotte, Montverde &  
Umatilla

Sumter County

Sumter County

City of Wildwood

Sumter At -Large

Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman,  
Webster

15 Permanent Voting  
Members  
2 At-Large Rotating  
Voting Members  
14 Non-Voting  
Members

**LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE MPO MEMBERSHIP APPORTIONMENT PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake~Sumter MPO is the agency designated to conduct a continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive transportation planning process in Lake and Sumter Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 134 Title 23 of the United States Code requires the designation of MPOs in urban areas, as defined by the United Census Bureau of the Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO voting membership, as reflected in the Membership Apportionment Plan, must consist of between 5 and 25 apportioned members; the exact number is to be determined on an equitable geographic-population ratio basis by the Governor, based on an agreement among the affected units of general purpose local government, as required by Federal rules and regulations. [s.339.175(3)(a), F.S.]: and

**WHEREAS**, Section 339.175(4)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the Governor to review the composition of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations membership in conjunction with the decennial census and

**WHEREAS**, this mid-decade Apportionment Plan is necessary to address changes in local population and ensure that the MPO’s membership continues to reflect an equitable geographic-population ratio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake~Sumter MPO met on February 25, 2026, to review its voting composition and agreed on the composition presented herein; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization that: Section 1 - The MPO hereby approves the Membership Apportionment Plan and authorizes its submittal to the Governor of the State of Florida for review and approval.

Section 2- This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

**PASSED and DULY ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Sandy Gamble, Chair

Approved as to Form and Legality:

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Melissa Martinez, MPO Attorney