



WHAT IS THE CHARLOTTE TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

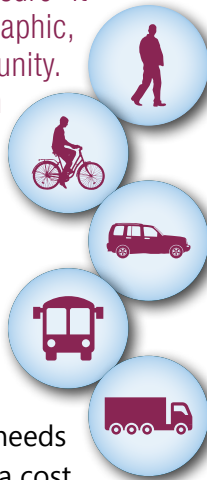
The Charlotte Transportation Plan (CTP) is the Long Range Transportation Plan for Charlotte County through 2040. It is a 25-year vision of how to meet our community's transportation needs and expectations. The plan will incorporate all types of travel including driving, biking, walking, public transportation, and freight movement.



The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) updates its Long Range Transportation Plan every five years to ensure it evolves with changes in the social, demographic, and economic characteristics of our community. The CTP will also account for changes in population and employment growth trends.

WHY DO WE NEED A LRTP?

Safe, efficient, and reliable travel options are important building blocks for creating a thriving community with a strong economy that is also a desirable place to live, work, and play. The CTP will identify future transportation needs and prioritize projects that meet those needs in a cost effective way. The CTP is also required to be eligible for important federal and state funding for these projects.



HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT PROJECTS ARE BEST FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY?

To identify the projects that will best serve Charlotte County, the MPO needs a clear understanding of how people and goods move around the county now and how they are expected to move in the future. The MPO is engaging in an effort to identify the best projects by answering the following questions:

- Where are **people traveling** to and from within the county?
- What **transportation projects** are needed?
- How will **growth** impact **transportation** in the future?
- Where do we expect **congestion** in the future?
- How can we **identify** the most **effective** transportation projects?

DECISION-MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC WILL HELP THE MPO IDENTIFY:

- **Transportation** and **mobility** improvements
- **Funding** options
- A plan that will **meet goals** and **improve conditions** for **all travel modes**

Help the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO create a vision for a **prosperous, safe, and comfortable** future!





HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Your thoughts and opinions are critical for creating a successful plan. Public meetings, workshops, and surveys will give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and add your voice to the discussion of transportation needs in the community. What you want and need from the transportation system in Charlotte County will be vital components in developing the CTP.

Please visit www.ccmpto.com to learn more and get involved.



CHARLOTTE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

2,676 Miles of roadways

135 Miles of sidewalks

125 Miles of bike lanes and trails

156,600 Residents in 2010

50,600 New residents by 2040 (an increase of 32%)

207,200 Residents in 2040

64,800 Jobs in 2010

19,600 New Jobs in 2040 (an increase of 30%)

84,400 Jobs in 2040

96,800 Homes in 2010

28,800 New Homes in 2040 (an increase of 30%)

125,700 Homes in 2040

Population and employment numbers are approximate; based on US Census data for 2010 and Bureau of Economic and Business Research projections for 2040

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CTP?

2014



Collect data and estimate future how many people will live and work in Charlotte County in 2040

Identify goals of the Plan and key transportation issues

Newsletter #1 – Introduction to the Charlotte Transportation Plan



Analyze future travel patterns and highlight focus areas and problem spots

Identify projects to improve mobility and problem areas

Newsletter #2 and Community Workshop Series #1 – Defining Transportation Needs



Calculate anticipated future revenues to fund projects

Estimate costs of projects in identified in Needs Assessment

Assess the benefits, cost, and impacts to prioritize projects

Newsletter #3 and Community Workshop Series #2 – Prioritizing Cost Feasible Plan Projects



Develop a Plan that aligns with the community's needs and is fundable

Present the draft Cost Feasible Plan and request comments

Public Hearing to adopt the Charlotte Transportation Plan



Incorporate comments on the draft Charlotte Transportation Plan into the documentation

Post final documentation on Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO's website

2015

