

Agenda

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 10 a.m.

Location: UF IFAS Extension Office DeSoto County
2150 NE Roan Street Arcadia, Florida 34266

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Invocation** - Pastor Bill Frank – First Baptist Church of Punta Gorda
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Chairs' Comments**
5. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
6. [SR 31 Improvements](#)
7. [Kings Highway Project Status](#)
8. [Joint Transportation Regional Incentive Program \(TRIP\) Project Priority List](#)
9. [Bermont Road Status \(CR 74\)](#)
10. [US 17 Improvements](#)
11. **Next Meeting Date**
12. **Staff Comments**
13. **Public Comments**
14. **Member Comments**
15. **Adjournment**

Following the conclusion of the joint meeting, there will be a separate, brief meeting of the HRTPO Board

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard on each of the above items. Written comments filed with the MPO will be considered. Copies of all proposed documents are available by calling the Heartland TPO Office at **863-534-7130** or the Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPO Office at **941-883-3535**.

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Agenda Item 6 | SR 31 Improvements

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Attachment:

[SR 31 Project Map](#)

Discussion Item:

SR 31 Corridor Improvements Status

Background

SR 31 is a north/south two-lane undivided rural roadway that runs from SR 80 in Lee County to SR 70 in DeSoto County. The roadway currently carries 19,800 vehicles daily of which approximately 19% are trucks.

Current projects in Lee County:

- **SR 31 (SR 80 to SR 78):** Design for the bridge replacement and widening from 2 to 6 lanes is underway, with completion expected in mid-2028; construction is programmed for FY 2029 at \$299.7 million.
- **SR 31 (SR 78 to Horseshoe Rd/Lake Babcock Dr):** Construction of the new 4-lane alignment east of the existing roadway is ongoing, funded by the Babcock Ranch ISD, with completion planned for spring 2027.

Current Projects in Charlotte County

- **SR 31 at CR 74 Roundabout** – Construction is underway and expected to complete in the summer of 2026. These improvements will include constructing a roundabout, milling and resurfacing, upgrading drainage, installing new lighting, adding landscaping, signing, and pavement marking. The current Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) and construction schedule is listed below:
 - No lane closures are planned at this time.
 - Motorists expect to see crews performing work during the daytime hours, beginning Monday, February 16, through Friday, February 20, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Crews will be grading ponds and ditches, installing permanent lighting and hookup, placing sod, and preparing for final friction paving.

The 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies a major capacity improvement on SR 31: upgrading the existing two-lane segment from Lake Babcock Dr to CR 74 to a four-lane divided roadway. The project is an unfunded need. The total estimated cost for this long-range improvement is broken by phase as follows:

Phase	Estimated Cost (PDV)
PD&E	\$6,763,949
Design (PE)	\$13,527,899
Right-of-Way (ROW)	\$108,223,191
Construction (CST)	\$135,278,989
Total	\$263,000,000

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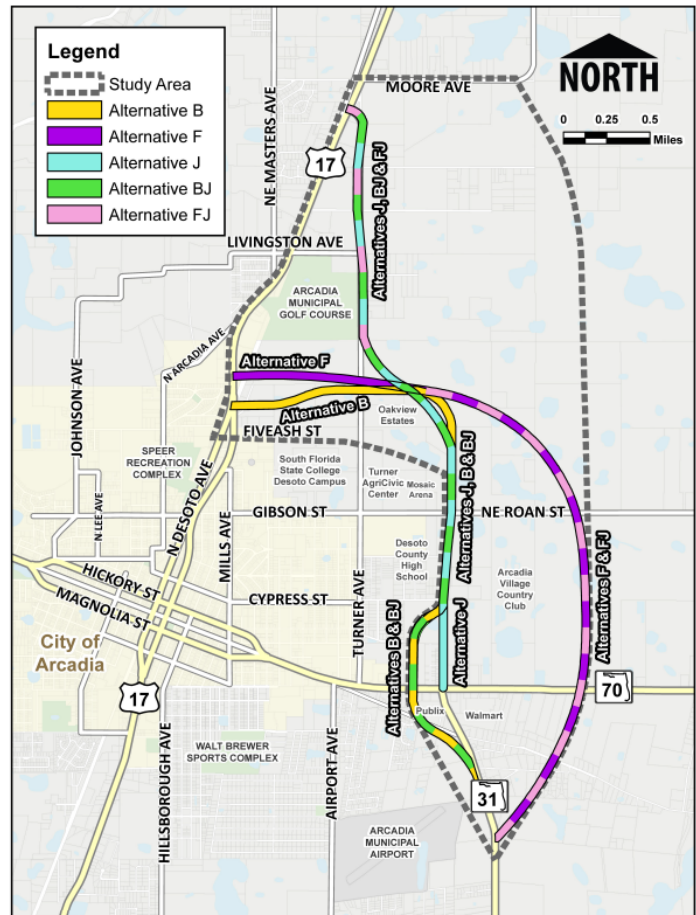


Current Projects in DeSoto County

- **SR 31 from North of Southeast Apache Drive to SR 70** – Pavement only resurfacing of 7.2 miles. Design is complete and construction is programed for FY 2028.
- **SR 31 Extension from SR 70 to US 17** – Project limits are on SR 31 from SR 70 to approximately five miles north to US 17, depending on the alternative, northeast of downtown Arcadia, in DeSoto County. The proposed extension of SR 31 will result in the creation of a new corridor.
 - The 2050 HRTPO LRTP identifies future SIS ROW funding for this project in the amount of 10,504,000 in the years 2045-2050. Construction is currently unfunded.

Phase	Status	Estimated Cost (PDV)
PD&E	Complete	\$3,200,000
Design (PE)	2027	\$6,510,000
Right-of-Way (ROW)	SIS Cost Feasible 2040-45	\$10,500,000
Construction (CST)	Unfunded	\$75,000,000 - \$98,000,000
Total		\$95,210,000 - \$118,210,000

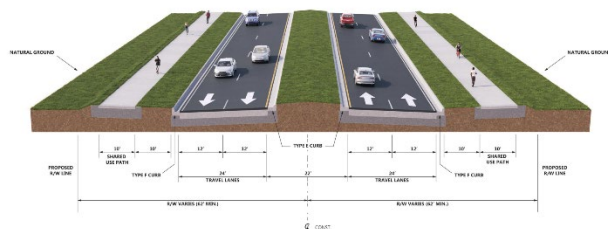
Project Location Map

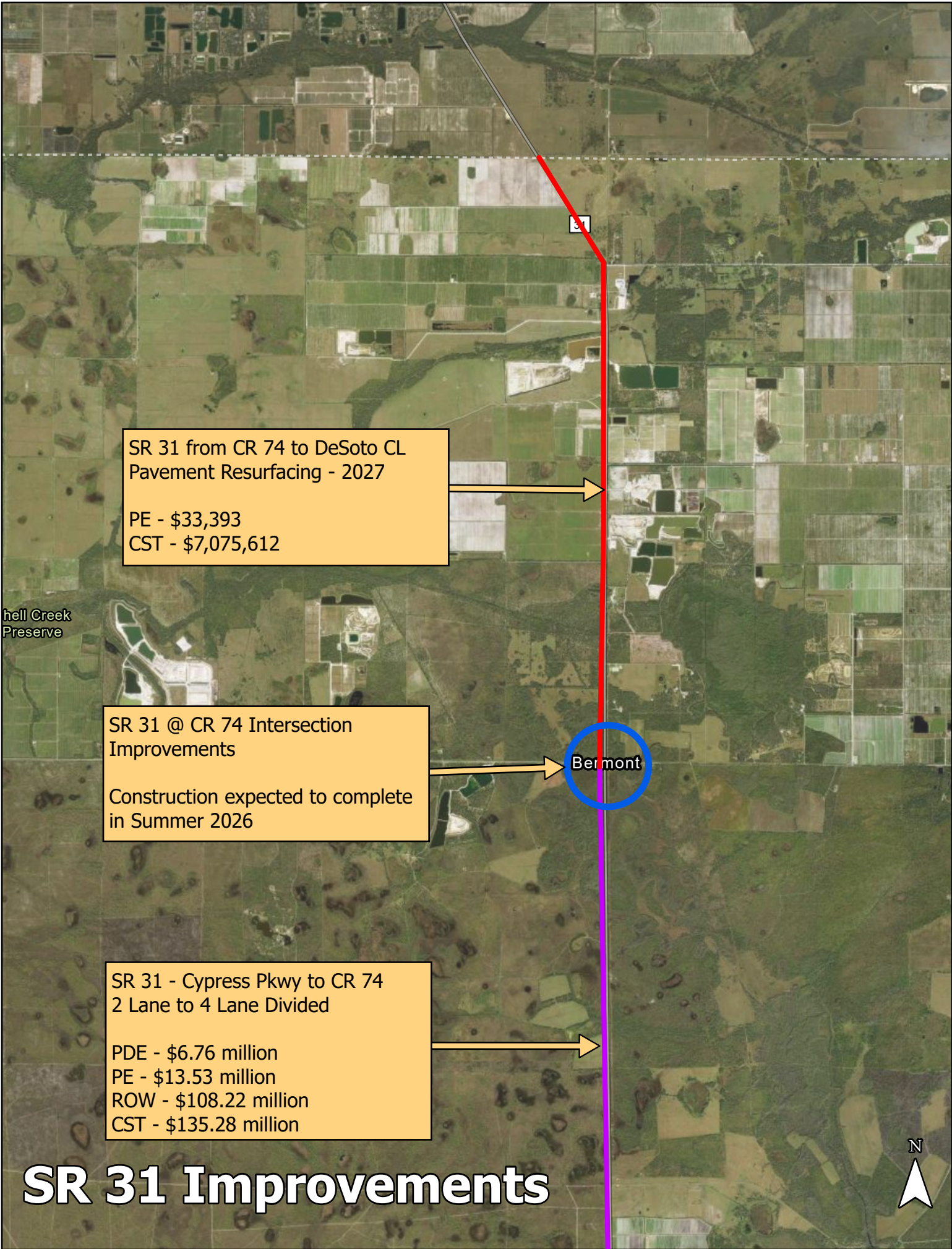


Typical Section



Ultimate Typical Section





SR 31 from CR 74 to DeSoto CL
Pavement Resurfacing - 2027
PE - \$33,393
CST - \$7,075,612

SR 31 @ CR 74 Intersection
Improvements
Construction expected to complete
in Summer 2026

SR 31 - Cypress Pkwy to CR 74
2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided
PDE - \$6.76 million
PE - \$13.53 million
ROW - \$108.22 million
CST - \$135.28 million

hell Creek
Preserve

Bermont

SR 31 Improvements



Agenda Item 7 | Kings Highway

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Attachments:

[Kings Hwy Project Map](#)

Discussion Item:

Kings Highway Project Status

Background

Kings Highway is a North–South corridor consisting of two distinct segments. From US 41 to Sandhill Boulevard, it functions as a four-lane divided urban roadway. North of Sandhill Boulevard, extending through Charlotte County to SR 72 in DeSoto County, it transitions into a two-lane undivided rural roadway. The roadway currently carries approximately 17,400 vehicles per day up to CR 761, reflecting its role as a key regional connector between Charlotte and DeSoto Counties

Current Project Status in Charlotte County

- **The Kings Highway Widening Project** – This project will expand the existing corridor from Sandhill Boulevard to the DeSoto County line, converting the current two-lane undivided rural roadway into a modern four-lane divided roadway. This improvement is designed to enhance regional mobility, reduce congestion, and improve safety along one of the primary north–south connectors between Charlotte and DeSoto Counties.
 - The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the construction contract on February 10, 2026. A pre-construction meeting was held on February 17, 2026, initiating the transition into the construction phase.
 - The Notice to Proceed (NTP) has been issued for April 27, 2026, marking the official start of construction activities.

Phase	Estimated Start Date	Forecast Completion	Actual Completion
Design Development	02/23/2023	01/31/2025	09/30/2025
Construction	04/27/2026	10/19/2027	

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Current Project Status in DeSoto County

- **The Kings Highway Widening Project** – The Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with DeSoto County, is completing the widening of Kings Highway (CR 769) from the Charlotte County Line to Peace River Street in DeSoto County.
 - Kings Highway in DeSoto County indicate a need for added through-lane capacity (widening from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, A2-4) to address projected deficiencies. Due to constraints in funding availability, the segment identified as SW Glenadine to Peace River Street has been split into two segments.
- Segment one from Charlotte County Line to Glenadine is funded for Construction in 2027.

Segment	Phase	Status	Estimated Cost (PDV)
Charlotte C/L to Peace River Street	PD&E	Complete	\$5,276,184
	Design (PE)	Complete	\$4,11,352
Charlotte C/L to SW Glenadine	Right-of-Way (ROW)	Complete	\$9,890,000
	Construction (CST)	FY 2027	\$33,395,381
SW Glenadine to Agnes Street	Right-of-Way (ROW)	2031 – 2035	\$2,950,000
	Construction (CST)	2031 – 2035	\$9,250,000
Agens St to Peace River Street	Right-of-Way (ROW)	2036 - 2050	\$1,000,000
	Construction (CST)	2036 - 2050	\$4,500,000
Charlotte C/L to Peace River Street		Total	\$66,261,565

Kings Highway Projects in Charlotte County

I-75 Operational Study
Kings Hwy - Veterans Blvd

PDE Funded

Sandhill Blvd to DeSoto CL
Widen to 4 Lane Divided

Design - \$868,115 (2025)
CST - \$9.7 Million (2027)

**Sandhill Blvd from Kings
to Deep Creek**

Widen and Intersection Imp.

Design - \$1.66 Million (2026)
CST - \$15.67 Million (2027)

Kings Hwy
Existing 4 Lane Divided

Kings Hwy @ Harborview Rd
Intersection Improvements

PE - \$148,214
CST - \$1.44 Million (2026)

Charlotte
Harbor

Kings Highway Widening Project

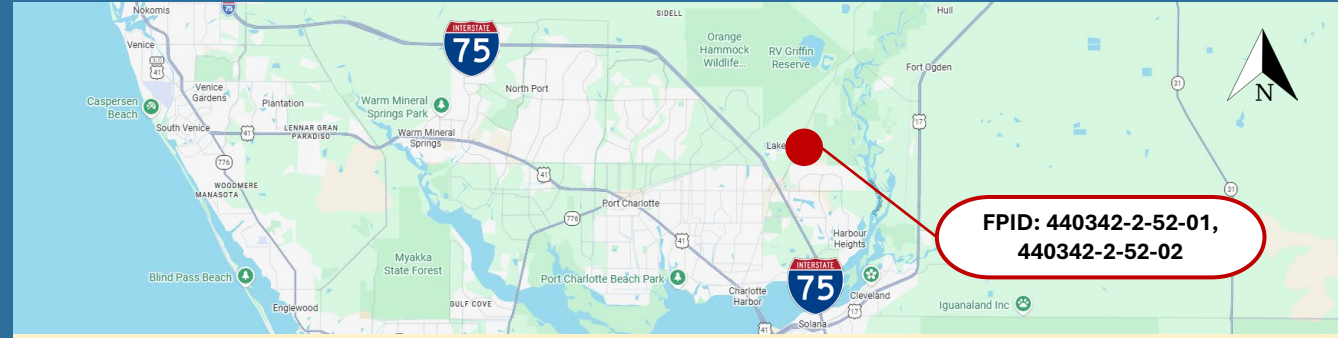
Charlotte County Line to Peace River Street

Agnes Street to Peace River Street
Right of Way - \$1,000,000 (2030 - 2050)
Construction - \$4,500,000 (2030 - 2050)

SW Glenadine Street to Agnes Street
Right of Way - \$2,950,000 (2031 - 2035)
Construction - \$9,250,000 (2031 - 2035)

Charlotte County Line to SW Glenadine Street
Right of Way - \$9,890,000 (Complete)
Construction - \$33,395,381 (FY 2027)

Project Location



Kings Highway (CR 769) From Charlotte County Line to SW Glenadine Avenue



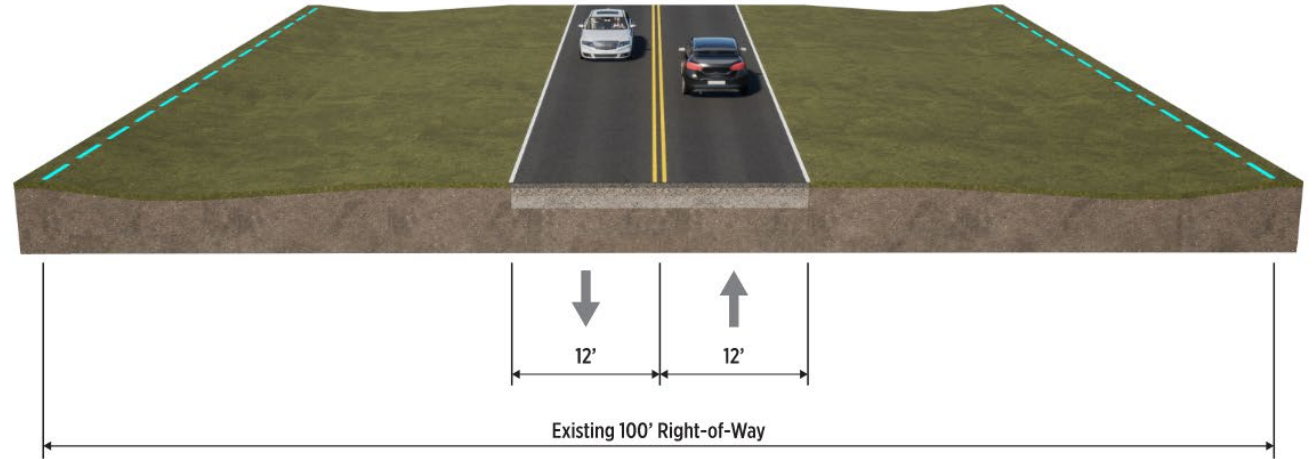
- LEGEND**
- EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
 - POTENTIAL PD&E NOISE BARRIER
 - PROPOSED PAVEMENT
 - PROPOSED SOD
 - PROPOSED TRAFFIC SEPARATOR
 - SHARED USE PATH UNDER CONSTRUCTION (BY CHARLOTTE COUNTY)
 - PROPOSED POND
 - ★ ACCESS CHANGE FROM PD&E

FPID: 410342-2-52-01, 440342-2-52-02: Kings Highway (CR 769) From Charlotte County Line to SW Glenadine Avenue



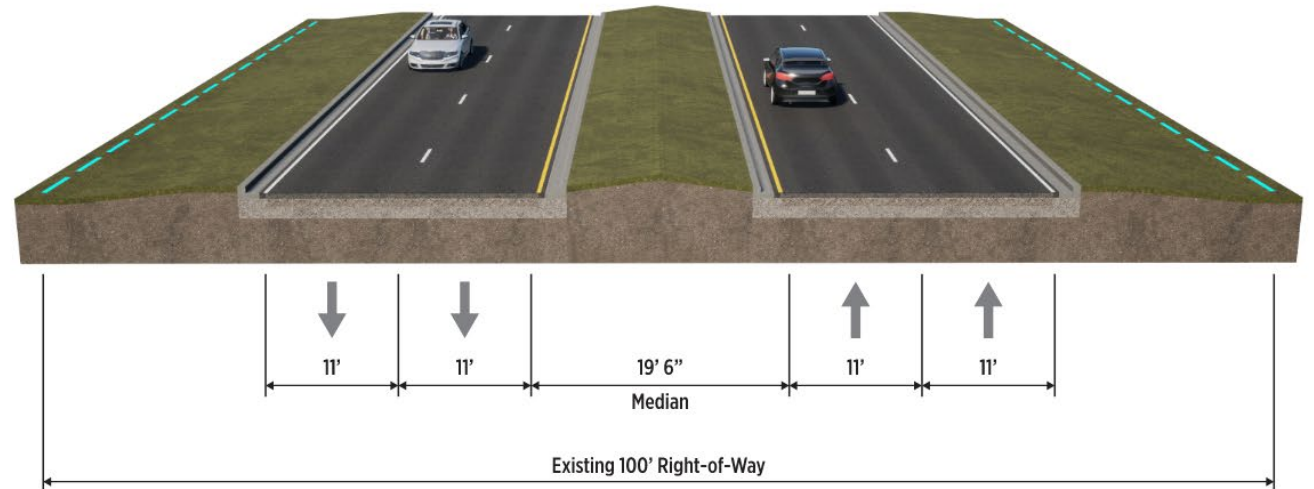
Typical Sections

Existing Typical Section



Proposed Typical Section

Posted Speed:
45 mph



Project Schedule

FPID: 410342-2-52-01 and 440342-2-52-02

Design	Phase III (90% Plans) – June 2026
Design Phase Complete	November 2026
Right of Way	N/A
Construction	\$20.6 Million (PDC) - Funded

Agenda Item 8 | Joint TRIP Project Priorities

Joint Heartland Regional TPO/Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
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Attachment:

[Joint Heartland and Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO TRIP List](#)

Discussion Item:

Regional Network and Joint TRIP Project Priority List

Background

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) is a state funding program that supports regionally significant roadway and transit projects that improve mobility, enhance connectivity, and promote regional coordination.

To qualify for TRIP funding, a project must:

- Provide a minimum 50% local match
- Be located on the adopted regional roadway network
- Be jointly prioritized by adjacent MPOs
- Be included in each jurisdiction's Capital Improvement Element (CIE)

The Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPO and the Heartland Regional TPO entered into an Interlocal Agreement on May 19, 2025, to support joint regional transportation planning and coordination. Consistent with this agreement, staff from both agencies have collaborated on the development of a joint TRIP Project Priority List.

This effort advances the establishment of a Joint Regional Multimodal Transportation System and identifies projects within that network for coordinated regional prioritization.

Staff will provide an overview of the previously adopted regional roadway networks, including those developed in coordination with the Lee MPO and the Sarasota/Manatee MPO, and discuss options and opportunities for establishing a joint TRIP Priority List.

Recommendation

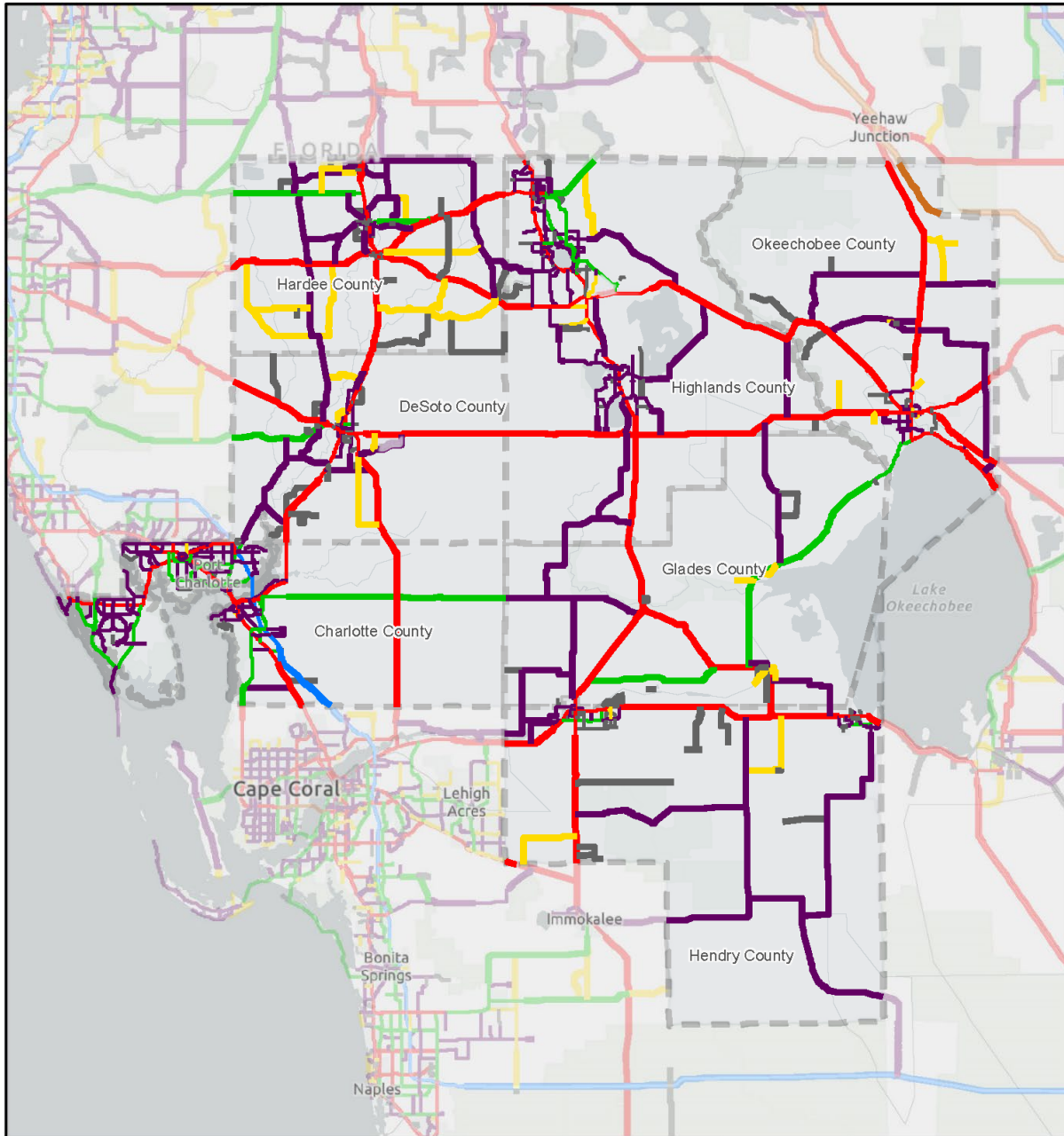
- Establish a Joint Regional Multimodal Transportation System
- Identifying Projects Within That Network for Coordinated TRIP Prioritization

Staff will provide an overview of the previously adopted regional networks that the Charlotte County–Punta Gorda MPO previously developed with Lee MPO and the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and discuss the options and opportunities in developing a Joint Priority list.

As this is the first joint Priority List developed by the CC-PGMPO and the HRTPO, staff recommend that each MPO Board formally establish the joint list and consider the unfunded capacity improvements identified in the attached materials as top priorities for annual TRIP funding, until such improvements are completed.

Roadways by Functional Classification

Charlotte County and Heartland Region

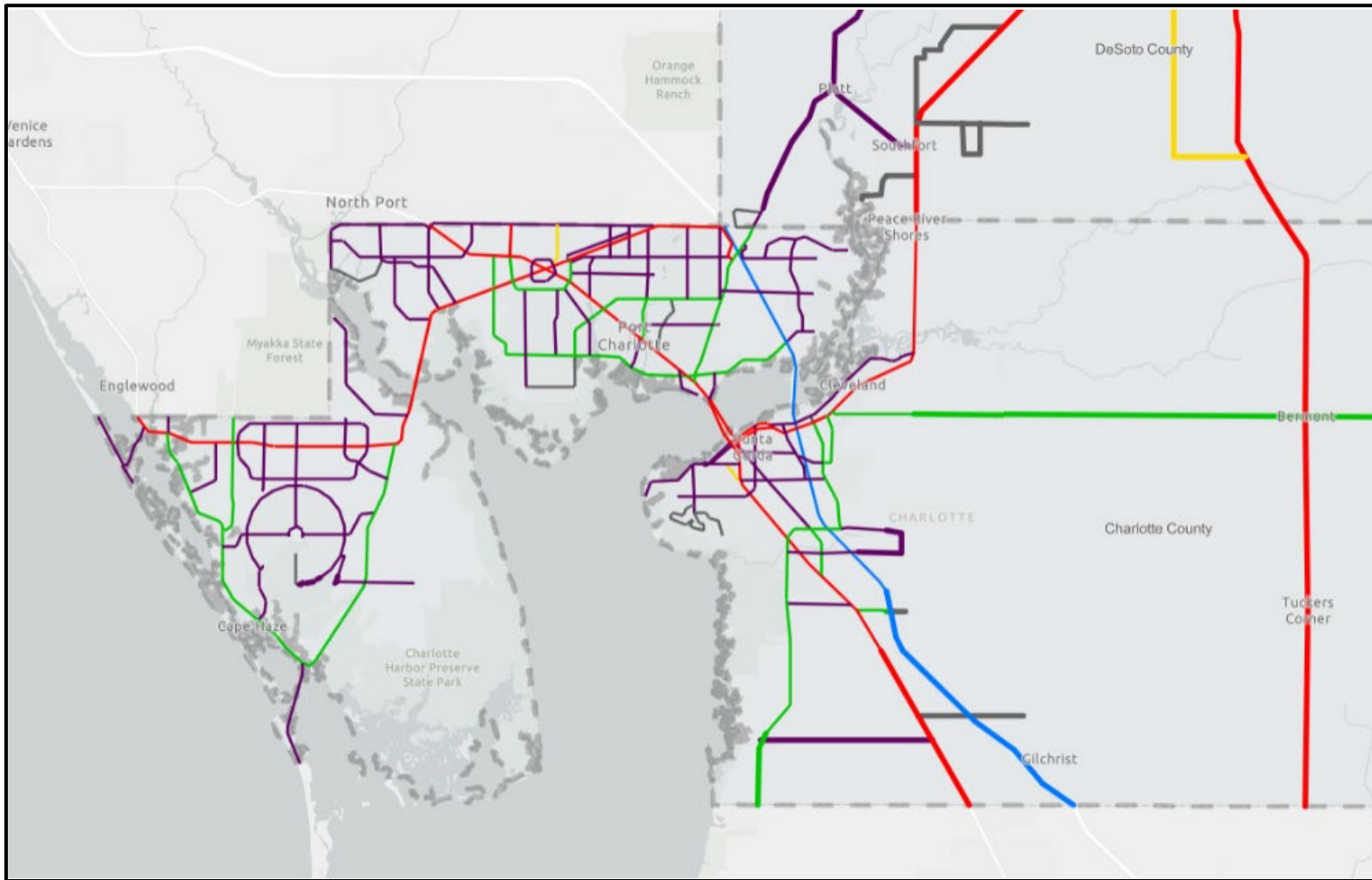


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- 01 - Principal Arterial-Interstate RURAL
 - 02 - Principal Arterial-Expressway RURAL
 - 04 - Principal Arterial-Other RURAL
 - 06 - Minor Arterial RURAL
 - 07 - Major Collector RURAL
 - 08 - Minor Collector RURAL
 - 09 - Local RURAL
 - 11 - Principal Arterial-Interstate URBAN
 - 12 - Principal Arterial-Freeway and Expressway URBAN
 - 14 - Principal Arterial-Other URBAN
 - 16 - Minor Arterial URBAN
 - 17 - Major Collector URBAN
 - 18 - Minor Collector (Fed Aid) URBAN
 - 19 - Local URBAN
 - Florida County Boundaries

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Roadways by Functional Classification

Charlotte County | DeSoto County



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| 01 - Principal Arterial-Interstate RURAL | 12 - Principal Arterial-Freeway and Expressway URBAN |
| 02 - Principal Arterial-Expressway RURAL | 14 - Principal Arterial-Other URBAN |
| 04 - Principal Arterial-Other RURAL | 16 - Minor Arterial URBAN |
| 06 - Minor Arterial RURAL | 17 - Major Collector URBAN |
| 07 - Major Collector RURAL | 18 - Minor Collector (Fed Aid) URBAN |
| 08 - Minor Collector RURAL | 19 - Local URBAN |
| 09 - Local RURAL | Florida County Boundaries |

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**2026 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
 TRIP Project Priority List
 Heartland Regional TPO**

Rank	County	Project	From	To	Total Cost	Funds Requested
1	DeSoto	Kings Highway	Charlotte C/L	Peace River Street	\$66,261,565	\$25,763,867

**2026 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
 TRIP Project Priority List
 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO**

Rank	County	Project	From	To	Total Cost	Funds Requested
1	Charlotte	Harborview Rd	Melbourne St	I-75	\$150,000,000	\$9,000,000
2	Charlotte	Edgewater Dr/Flamingo Blvd Ext	Midway Blvd	SR 776	\$148,000,000	\$2,200,000
3	Charlotte	Jones Loop Rd	Burnt Store Rd	Piper Rd	\$29,000,000	\$5,000,000
4	Charlotte	Tuckers Grade Ext.	Burnt Store Rd	US 41	\$44,000,000	\$5,000,000
5	Charlotte	Burnt Store Rd	Lee County line	Wallaby Lane	\$7,200,000	\$5,000,000

Agenda Item 9 | Bermont Road Status (CR 74)

Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO

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Attachment:

[Bermont Rd \(CR 74\) Map](#)

Discussion Item:

Bermont Rd Corridor Status

Background

CR 74 is an east-west, two-lane undivided rural roadway extending from US 17 in Charlotte County to SR 29 in Glades County. The segment from US 17 to SR 31 currently carries approximately 9,200 vehicles per day, of which about 30% are trucks. The segment from SR 31 to SR 29 carries approximately 6,200 vehicles per day, with trucks representing about 11% of the traffic.

Current Projects in Charlotte County

Charlotte County Public Works recently implemented safety enhancements along Bermont Road (CR 74) from US 17 to Happy Hollow Road, including:

- Reduced speed limits
- New no-passing zones

From Happy Hollow Road to SR 31, the posted speed limit remains 55 mph.

In the 2050 LRTP, Bermont Road widening project from 2 lane to 4 lane is an unfunded need and broken down into 2 segments

Segment 1 from US 17 to Happy Hollow Rd, (PDV)		
PD&E	2036 – 2040	\$ 3,165,215
PE	2036 – 2040	\$ 6,330,430
ROW	2036 – 2040	\$ 55,107,204
CST	2050 Need	\$ 83,188,342
Segment 2 from Happy Hollow Rd to SR 31		
PD&E	2050 Need	\$6,981,197
PE		\$13,962,394
ROW		\$97,736,760
CST		\$139,623,942

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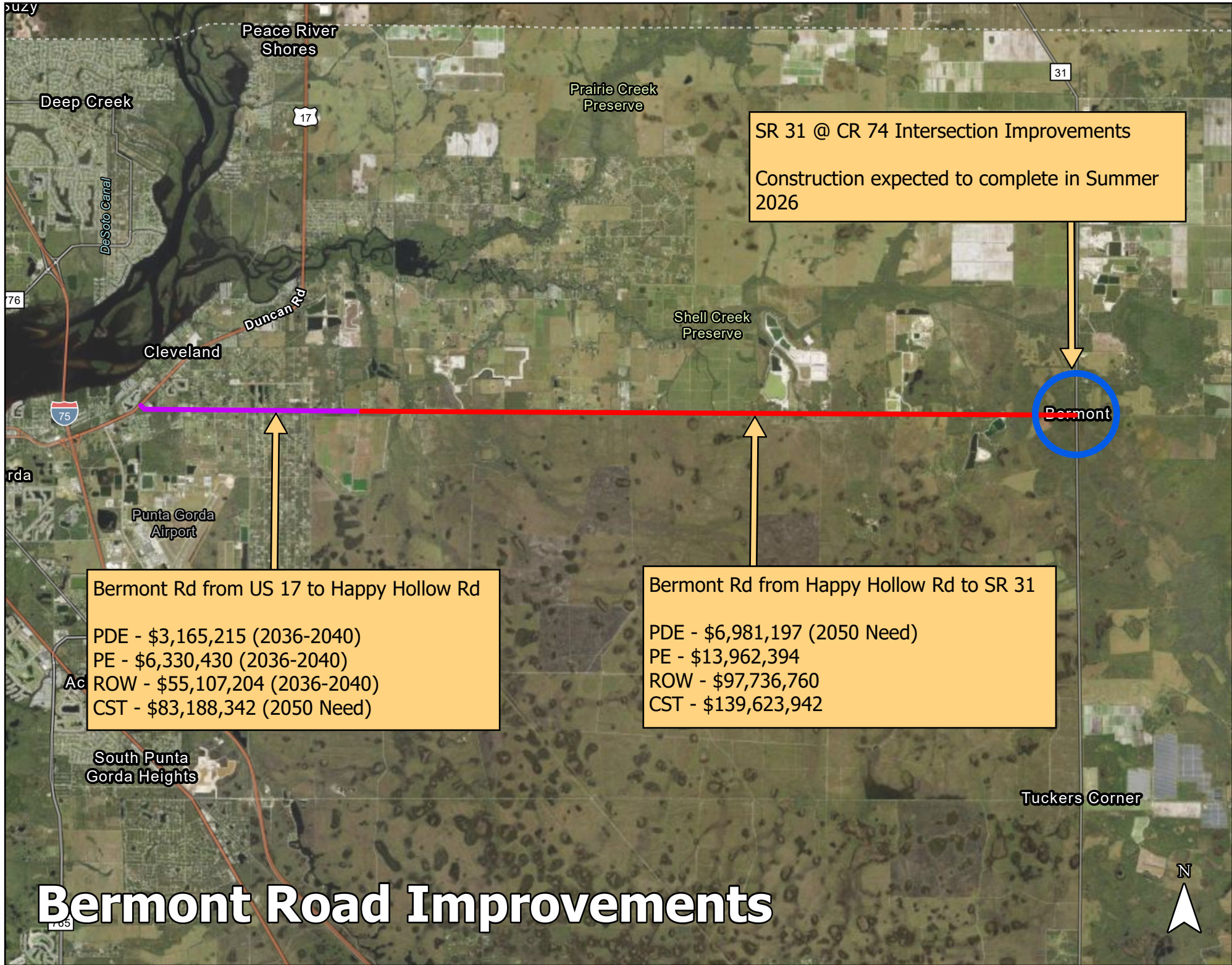


Current Projects in Glades County

The CR 74 Resurfacing Project (FM #457671-1) in Glades County involves the resurfacing of approximately 4.6 miles of County Road 74, extending from US 27 (SR 731) west to the Charlotte County line. The project is currently in the Draft Tentative Work program for construction in 2031.

The project is fully funded with 100% State funds through multiple Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)-related sources:

Funding Source	Amount
Growth Management for SCOP (GRSC)	\$5,970,063
Small County Outreach (SCED)	\$1,578,947
Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)	\$1,524,862
Small County Outreach (SCWR)	\$1,548,421
State Indirect/Overhead (FDOT - DIOH)	\$338,851
Total Project Cost	\$10,961,144



SR 31 @ CR 74 Intersection Improvements
 Construction expected to complete in Summer 2026

Bermont Rd from US 17 to Happy Hollow Rd
 PDE - \$3,165,215 (2036-2040)
 PE - \$6,330,430 (2036-2040)
 ROW - \$55,107,204 (2036-2040)
 CST - \$83,188,342 (2050 Need)

Bermont Rd from Happy Hollow Rd to SR 31
 PDE - \$6,981,197 (2050 Need)
 PE - \$13,962,394
 ROW - \$97,736,760
 CST - \$139,623,942

Bermont Road Improvements



Agenda Item 10 | US 17 Improvements

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Attachment:

[US 17 Map in Charlotte](#)

Discussion Item:

US 17 Corridor Status

Background

US 17 is a north-south, four-lane divided roadway extending from US 41 in Charlotte County and continuing into DeSoto County. Within Charlotte County, the roadway segment is classified into different categories based on the FDOT Context Classification system, which reflects the surrounding land use and the functional characteristics of the roadway.

Traffic volumes along US 17 vary by segment:

- From US 41 to I-75, the roadway carries approximately 16,500 vehicles per day.
- From I-75 to Bermont Road, the volume increases to approximately 29,500 vehicles per day.
- From Bermont Road to the DeSoto County Line, the roadway carries approximately 18,000 vehicles per day.

Current Projects in Charlotte County

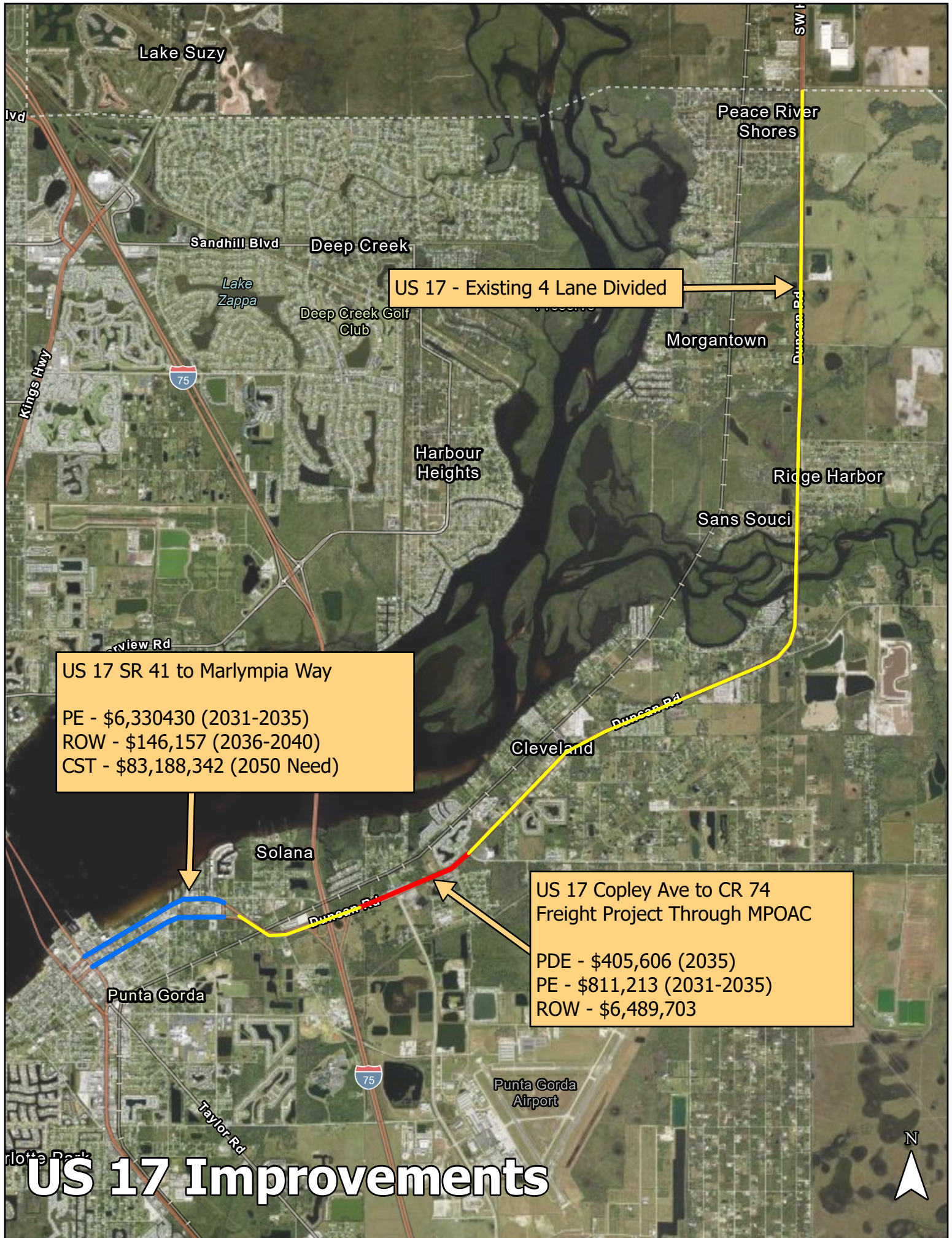
Following updates in the current 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) are listed below

US 17 WB AND EB from US 41 to E Marlympia Way		
PD&E	2036 – 2040	(Committed)
PE	2031 – 2035	\$ 6,330,430
ROW	2036 – 2040	\$ 146,157
CST	2050 Need	\$ 83,188,342
US 17 from Copley Ave to Bermont Rd (CR 74)		
PD&E	2035-2035	\$405,606
PE	2031-2035	\$811,213
ROW	Unfunded	\$6,489,703
CST	unfunded	\$8,112,129

FDOT - Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan

Within the SIS Cost Feasible Plan, the I-75 at US 17 Interchange Modification is programmed for:

- PD&E (2041–2050): \$1.8 million
- PE (2041–2050): \$3.0 million



US 17 - Existing 4 Lane Divided

US 17 SR 41 to Marlympia Way
 PE - \$6,330,430 (2031-2035)
 ROW - \$146,157 (2036-2040)
 CST - \$83,188,342 (2050 Need)

US 17 Copley Ave to CR 74
 Freight Project Through MPOAC
 PDE - \$405,606 (2035)
 PE - \$811,213 (2031-2035)
 ROW - \$6,489,703

US 17 Improvements

