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# Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

Coordinating Regional Transportation Planning for Citrus,  
Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas,  
Polk and Sarasota Counties



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# Priorities for the Regional Transportation Plan

Travel Markets serve as the basis for identifying regional and/or freight activity centers.

The Regional LRTP's 11 travel markets:

- Reflect regional travel patterns and flows along major regional corridors
- Identify a range of needed corridor improvements that include parallel networks for non-regional roads, transit service and multi-use trails that serve regional activity centers, and
- Focus on Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and the TBARTA passenger rail network as the backbone of the regional highway and transit networks.

For example, SR 60, the Selmon Expressway and I-4 all provide travel options between Tampa and Lakeland, and the addition of premium transit service, such as express bus or commuter rail, along those corridors would complement enhancements to those facilities.

Priority projects identified in the Regional LRTP include widening I-4 in Polk County to 10 lanes, local passenger rail service connecting downtown Tampa to Pasco County, and a network of express bus and Bus Rapid Transit lines.



*CR 486 in Citrus County provides regional connection between SR-44 and US-41 as well as providing trail and pedestrian facilities. In order to meet future travel demand, additional lanes can be accommodated in the center median.*



*Expanding the capacity of I-75 in Hernando County is an important regional priority and will provide enhanced connectivity with other regional markets.*



*U.S. Highway 19 is the backbone of Pinellas County's regional transportation network and one of the CCC's top priorities. Interchanges such as this at Drew Street in Clearwater are a key strategy in meeting mobility needs in the corridor.*



*Among the highest regional transportation priorities of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO is a joint Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) that will provide real-time traffic information to improve mobility and emergency response within the two counties.*

## The Cost Affordable Plan

\$23.5 billion is the amount of funding projected to be available to fund the Regional Cost Affordable Plan from combined federal, state and local funding sources.

The CCC has defined regional corridors throughout the 8-county region. These corridors were prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Support of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
- Emergency evacuation
- Connectivity to regional and/or freight activity centers
- Solutions to regional traffic congestion, and
- Safety improvements in high crash areas.

These priorities include the interstate network like I-4, I-75, and I-275, as well as regional roadways like Gandy Blvd and US 19. Demonstrating the CCC's clear commitment to a balanced transportation network, the Cost Affordable Plan allocates 51 percent of the anticipated revenues to roadway projects and 49 percent to transit projects over the 25-year life of the Plan.

