



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization

For the Gainesville Urbanized Area

January 27, 2025

## MEETING MEMORANDUM

To: Metropolitan Transportation  
Planning Organization Board

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From: Brad Thoburn

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Subject: **Draft List of Priority Projects for Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the draft Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31 List of Priority Projects.**

### BACKGROUND

Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization provides recommendations for prioritizing transportation projects with needs that are not currently funded (or fully-funded). This information is used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

The draft List of Priority Projects includes the following tables:

Table 1 - Transportation System Priorities;

Table 2 - Transit Priorities;

Table 3 - Strategic Intermodal System Priorities;

Table 4 - Multimodal (Bicycle/Pedestrian) Discretionary Priorities; and

Table 5 - Transportation System Supplemental/Discretionary Priorities.

Attachment

# List of Priority Projects

Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31

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# List of Priority Projects

## Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31

### ENDORSEMENT

This List of Priority Projects has been developed consistent with federal and state requirements and approved/mended on September 16, 2024 by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area  
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Marihelen Wheeler, Chair

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Approved by the

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## Chapter II: Project Priorities

This chapter includes the project priorities for several funding categories which are described in the tables. These project priority categories include:

- Transportation System Priorities;
- Transit Priorities;
- Strategic Intermodal System Priorities;
- Multimodal [Bicycle/Pedestrian] Discretionary Grant Priorities; and
- Transportation System Supplemental/Discretionary Priorities.

Road construction project priorities identified in the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan are addressed in Appendix C. In addition, supplemental long-range transportation planning priorities, transit priorities and safety fund priorities are addressed in Appendix D.

Bicycle/Pedestrian projects are eligible for:

- Federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds;
- Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds;
- Federal and State Highway Safety funds;
- State Safe Routes to School;
- State Highway System;
- State Shared-Use Network Trail Program funds; and
- Local funds.

Local roadways are eligible for:

- Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant flex funds;
- State County Incentive Grant Program funds, which requires a local fund match;
- State Transportation Regional Incentive Program funds, which requires a local fund match and regionally significant facility criteria; and
- Local funds.

Transit projects are eligible for:

- Federal Transit Administration funds;
- Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant flex funds;
- State funds; and
- Local funds.

Projects regarding regionally significant transportation facilities are eligible for state Transportation Regional Incentive Program funds.

Strategic Intermodal System projects are eligible for federal and state funding in accordance with state legislation.

## A. Transportation System Priorities

**Table 1**  
**Transportation System Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Local Funds Available	Funding Source	Project	Location	Description
1			Newberry Road [SR 26]	FM: NW 43 Street TO: NW 38 Terrace	Install Offstreet Bicycle/Pedestrian facilities per modified design
2			Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications	AT: Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide	Modifications to Deficient Sidewalks, Ramps and Transit Stops
3	YES	TAP	NE 27 Avenue	FM: State Road 222 TO: State Road 26	Construct 8-Foot Multiuse Path on North Side of Roadway
4			University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: W 34 Street [SR 121] TO: NW 22 Street	2-Lane Divided with Center Turnlanes with Pedestrian Crossing [Raised Medians Study]
				FM: NW 22 Street TO: NE 31 Street	Upgrade Streetlighting; Widen Sidewalks; Add Protected Bikelanes; Additional Landscaping and Raised Medians; Narrow General Purpose Lanes
5			W 13 Street [U.S. HWY 441]	FM: SW 9 Avenue TO: NW 5 Avenue	More Areas with Medians; Widen Medians Narrower Vehicle Lanes
6	YES		NW 143 Street	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Complete Sidewalk Network
7		SS SR2S SUNTrail TAP	Waldo Road [SR 24]- Williston Road [SR 331]-	AT: NE 3 Avenue	Intersection Modifications
				FM: University Avenue [SR 26] TO: NE 39 Avenue [SR 222] FM: SE 4 Street TO: University Avenue [SR 26]	Provide Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements
8	YES		SW 47th Avenue Extension	FM: SW 34 Street TO: Williston Road/SW 27 Street	Extend 2-Lane Facility
9			Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 34 Street [SR 121] TO: SW 16 Avenue [SR 226]	Add Midblock Pedestrian-Actuated Crossings and evaluation of Existing Traffic Signals for Pedestrian Safety

**Table 1 (Continued)**  
**Transportation System Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Local Funds Available	Funding Source	Project	Location	Description
<b>10</b>			Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 122 Street TO: SW 91 Street	Construct 4-Lane Divided Facility with Paved Shoulders/Bicycle Lanes
				FM: SW 91 Street TO: SW 75 Street	Reconstruct 4-Lane Divided Facility to Accommodate Dedicated Transit in the Median per Mobility Plan*

\* Does not include local funding for right-of-way and dedicated transit lane construction

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic; E = East; FM = From; HWY = Highway; NW = Northwest; RTS = Regional Transit System; SR2S = Safe Routes to School; SUNTrail = Shared-Use Network Trail; SR = State Road; SS = Surface Transportation Block Grant Safety Program Funds; SW = Southwest; TDP = Transit Development Plan; TAP = Transportation Alternatives Program; UF = University of Florida; U.S. = United States; W = West

## B. Transit Priorities

**Table 2**  
**Transit Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Project	Location	Description
1	Capital Equipment-purchase of rolling stock	RTS Systemwide	Replace and expand bus fleet as needed to preserve fleet age and support existing and planned service improvement as identified in the RTS ten-year TDP
2	Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications	RTS Systemwide	Implement TDP Financial Plan Americans with Disabilities Act modifications
3	Recurring Facilities Upgrades	RTS Systemwide	Implement TDP Financial Plan to address Federal state-of-good-repair requirements
4	Technology Projects – Recurring	RTS Systemwide	Implement TDP Financial Plan to maintain/upgrade technology
5	RTS Bus Stop Amenities	RTS Systemwide	Purchase and install bus shelters bicycle racks, etc.
6	Capital Infrastructure and Technology Modifications-Queue Jumps; Transit Signal Priority and Technology Projects	RTS Systemwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queue Jumps and Transit Signal Priority to facilitate reliable travel times for proposed Bus Rapid Transit-Lite Route as well as University of Florida services and local bus routes</li> <li>• Technology Projects for fare collection, enhancing real time service information, cell phone app based systems to support mobility-on-demand and more robust data collection, and scheduling systems</li> </ul>
7	Transit Route Restoration Plan	RTS Systemwide	Implement Transit Route Restoration Plan recommendations
8	Transit Development Plan	RTS Systemwide	Implement Transit Development Plan recommendations

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## C. Strategic Intermodal System Priorities

**Table 3  
Strategic Intermodal System Priorities  
Gainesville Metropolitan Area  
Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Project	Location	Description
<b>Interstate / Interchange Facilities</b>			
<b>1</b>	Interstate 75	FM: South of County Road 234 TO: South of Williston Road [SR 121]	Add Lanes and Reconstruct for a 10-Lane Facility
<b>2<sup>^</sup></b>	Interstate 75	FM: South of Williston Road [SR 121] TO: north of NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Add Lanes and Reconstruct for an 8-Lane Facility
<b>3<sup>`</sup></b>	Interstate 75	AT: Williston Road [SR 121]	Interchange Modification - Add Lanes
<b>Non-Interstate Facilities</b>			
<b>1</b>	State Road 26	FM: Gilchrist Countyline TO: County Road 26A East of Newberry	Add Lanes and Reconstruct for a 4-Lane Facility

<sup>^</sup>Project, Development and Environment Study and Right-of-Way funding programmed

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\* Right-of-Way and Construction funding programmed

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## D. Multimodal [Bicycle/Pedestrian] Discretionary Grant Priorities

**Table 4**  
**Multimodal [Bicycle/Pedestrian] Discretionary Grant Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Local Funds Available	Funding Source	Project	Location	Description
1		TAP	Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications	AT: Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide	Modifications to Deficient Sidewalks, Ramps and Transit Stops
2		TAP	W University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: Gale Lemerand Drive TO: W 13 Street [US 441]	Construct Multiuse Path
3		TAP	SW 13 Street [U.S. HWY 441]	AT: Archer Road [SR 24]	Removal of Sliplanes
				FM: Depot Avenue Trail TO: W University Avenue	Construct Offstreet Multiuse Path h
4	YES	TAP	NE 27 Avenue	FM: State Road 222 TO: State Road 26	Construct 8-Foot Multiuse Path on North Side of Roadway
5	YES	TAP	NW 143 Street	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Complete Sidewalk Network
6		SR2S TAP	Glen Springs Braid	FM: Gainesville High School TO: NW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Multiuse Path
7	YES	SR2S TAP	NW 23 Avenue	FM: NW 88 Street TO: Interstate 75 Bridge	Construct sidewalk to Fill Sidewalk Gap on South Side
8		TAP	SW 35 Place	FM: SW 32 Terrace TO: SW 23 Terrace	Construct Sidewalk
9		TAP	NW 6 Street Rail/Trail Extension	FM: NW 16 Avenue TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Extend the Multiuse Path North to NW 39 Avenue
10		SR2S TAP	SE 43 Street	FM: Hawthorne Road TO: University Avenue	Pedestrian Modifications

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## E. Transportation System Supplemental/Discretionary Priorities

**Table 5**  
**Transportation System Supplemental/Discretionary Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Local Funds Available	Funding Source	Project	Location	Description
1	YES		NW 98 Street	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: NW 39 Avenue	New construction 4 lanes/ replace a 2 lane rural section
2			SW 62 Boulevard Corridor	FM: SW 20 Avenue TO: Clark Butler Boulevard	Widen to 4 lanes, with bridge with dedicated transit lanes; median included*
3^			SW 62 Boulevard Corridor	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: SW 20 Avenue	Widen to 4 lanes, with dedicated transit lanes; median included
4	YES		Ft. Clark Boulevard	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: NW 23 Avenue	Widen to 4 lanes plus 2 dedicated transit lanes*
5	YES		NW 23 Avenue	FM: NW 83 Street TO: Ft. Clark Boulevard	New construction 4 lanes/ replace a 2 lane rural section, including bridge over I-75 + Transit Pre-emption Provisions
6			NW 34 Street [SR 121]	AT: NW 30 Place	Install left turnlanes at Rock Creek entrance
7			Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail	FM: La Chua Trail Entrance TO: Depot Park	Resurface Trail
8			SW 20 Avenue	FM: SW 61 Street TO: SW 34th Street	New construction 4 lanes/ replace a 2 lane rural section with replacement of current bridge due to deficiency with bridge that spans over SW 38 Terrace and I-75
9*	YES		NW 83 Street	FM: NW 23 Avenue TO: NW 39 Avenue	Widen to 4 lanes/2 dedicated transit lanes
10		TAP	Hull Road	AT: SW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Grade-Separated Crossing
11		SR2S	NW 45 Avenue	FM: NW 34 Street TO: NW 24 Boulevard	Construct Multi-Use Path
12		SR2S TAP	Williston Road [SR 331]	FM: Sweetwater Wetlands Park TO: SE 1 Terrace	Construct Multiuse Path along the South Side

**Table 5 (Continued)**  
**Transportation System Supplemental/Discretionary Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2026-27 to 2030-31**

Number	Local Funds Available	Funding Source	Project	Location	Description
13		SR2S TAP	Glen Springs Braid	FM: Gainesville High School TO: NW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Multiuse Path
14		SR2S TAP	NW 6 Street Rail/Trail Extension	FM: NW 16 Avenue TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Extend the Multiuse Path North to NW 39 Avenue
15		SR2S TAP	SE 43 Street	FM: Hawthorne Road TO: University Avenue	Pedestrian Modifications
16		SUNTrail TAP	Downtown Connector Rail-Trail Crossing	AT: Williston Road [SR 331]	Construct Grade-Separated Crossing
17		ATIIP	Sweetwater Greenway Multi-Use Trail	FM: Downtown Connector TO: NW 6th Street Trail	Planning and Design for Trail
18			Depot/Waldo Greenway Trail Rehabilitation	FM: SE 7 Street TO: NE 16 Avenue	Rehabilitate Trail Where Widening, Resurfacing and Crossing Improvements Are Needed.

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^ 2-Lane Interim Project programmed

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These priorities are included for the purpose of participating in various state and federal grant program applications.



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