

# REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Enhancing the Quality of Life and Transportation in the Gainesville, FL Community

## TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)

ANNUAL UPDATE  
**2026**

MTPO Board  
– Feb 2, 2026

## Purpose Of Meeting

- Meet FDOT Requirements
- Provide Plan Achievements/Challenges
- Present Updated Projects and Programs

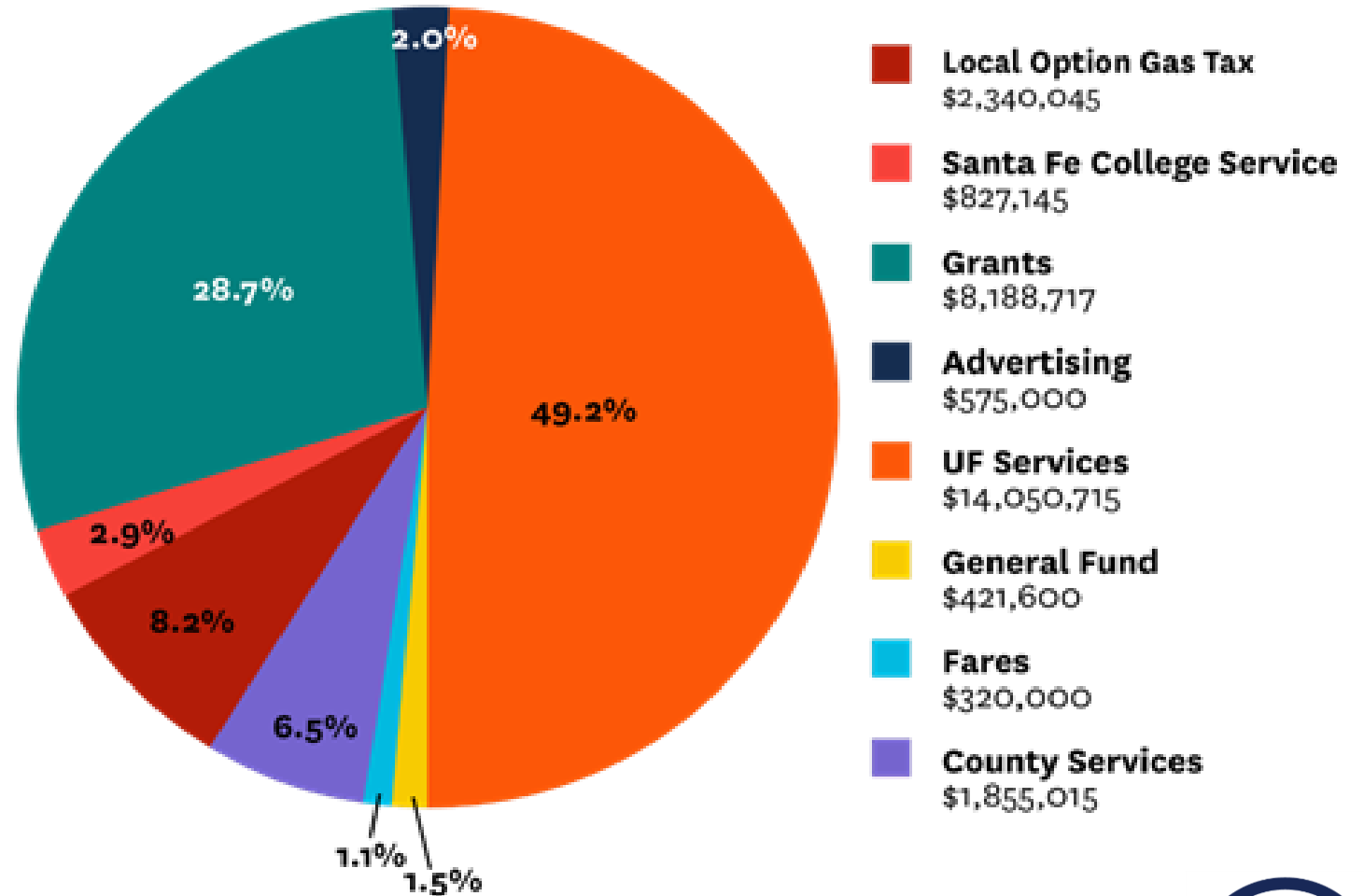


# The State Of RTS Operation

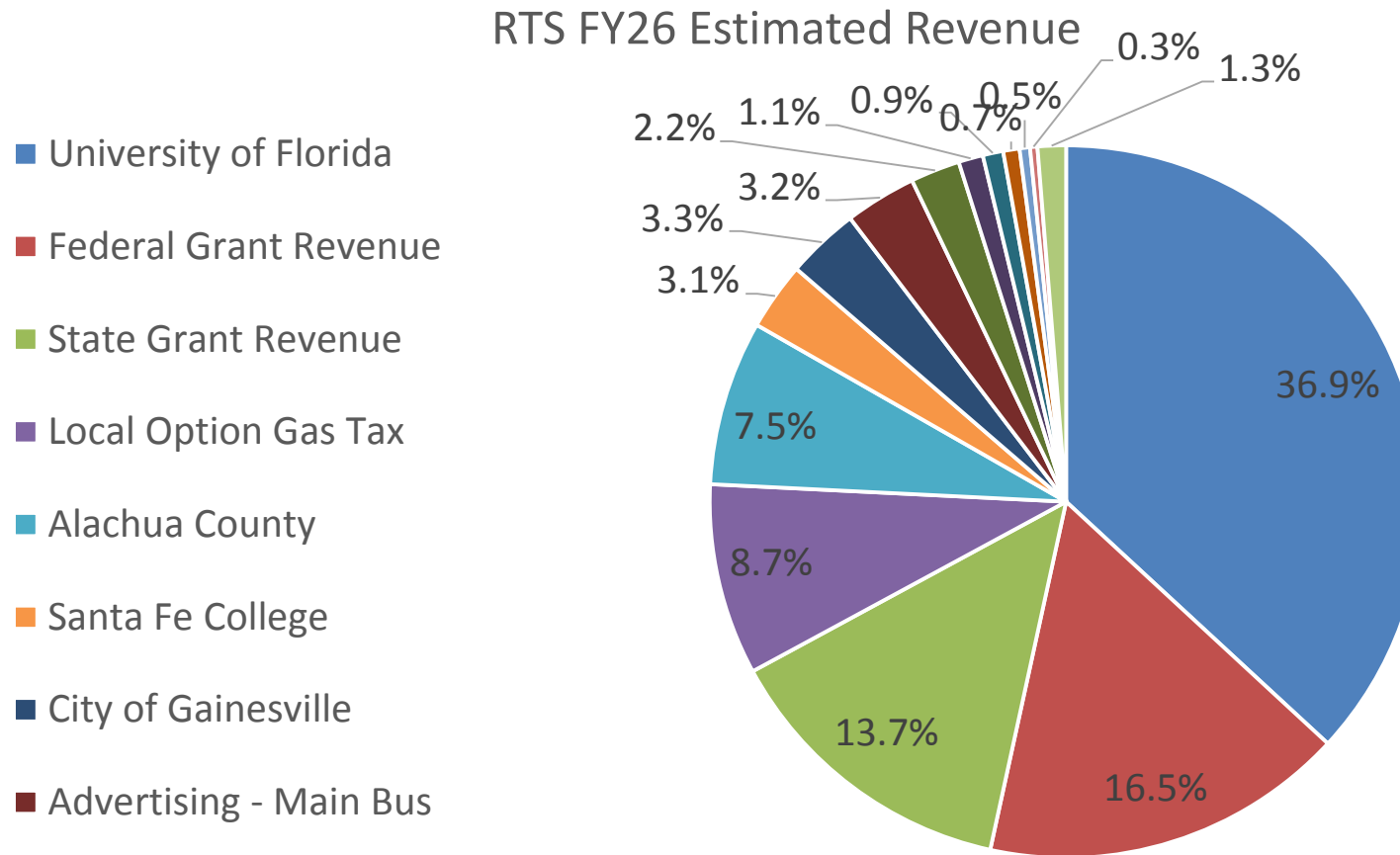
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
# of Routes	45	39	39*
Ridership	5,106,608	5,481,555	4,987,991
Pea-Hr Ridership (Av)	152,702	157,000	120,490
Service Headway (Av)	15	16	22
Number of Bus Stops	1,191	1,031	952
Veh. Households (0-1)	30,871	30,875	30,622
<i>*System presently operates 28 Routes</i>			
Hours of Service	250,777	243,170	213,684

# The State of RTS Services FY24

## RTS Funding Sources FY24 (\$28,578,237)



# The State of RTS Services – FY 26



# Service Changes Fall 2024-Fall 2025

<b>Service Changes from FALL 2024 through Fall 2025</b>	
Eliminated Routes	16, 21, 25, 28, 34, 35, 46, 711, 122, 125, 127
Modified Alignments	1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 17, 20, 23, 33, 52, 75
Modified Frequency	1, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 33, 37, 38, 43, 75, 118, 126
Reproposed Routes	12, 13, 17, 126,

## Brief Overview of TDP Process

- TDP Annual Update Checklist

Checklist Item	Page Number
Brief overview of the TDP process	4
Updated 10-Year Schedule of Projects	5
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Updated List of Priority Projects	9
Documents progress and achievements on coordination efforts with MTPO	10
Draft report presented to MTPO Board as informational item	Feb 2, 2026
Submit to FDOT by March 1, or a revised date agreed by FDOT	Yes

**Updated 10-Year Implementation Plan  
Service Improvements – Services**

Improvements	Implementation Year	Comments
Short term network	2026-2028	Manages on-going LOS
Duck Pond/UF Express	2028	No changes. These are new services that could be implemented if funding becomes available
Tower/UF Express	2028	
Rapid Express	2028	
Route 9	2030	
Route 20	2030	No changes. These routes, when improved, will be scheduled to operate on 15-minute headways during weekdays
Route 37	2030	
Route 43	2030	
Route 43	2032	No change. This is a realignment project
Route 43	2032	No change. Subsequently, will be scheduled to operate on a 20-minute headway during the weekday
Route 6	2033	
Route 75	2033	No changes. Proposed to operate on 30-minute headway during the weekday, following improvement
Route 3		
Route 6		No changes. These routes are proposed to provide Saturday services at 30-45-minute frequency
Route 8		
Route 10		
Route 52		
Route 75	Unfunded	
Route 76		
Route 1		
Route 20		
Route 33		No changes. These would provide 5:00 AM early service

# Service Improvements – Capital/Technology/Policy Improvements

Improvements	Implementation Year	Comments
Eastside Transfer Center	2026-2027	Was scheduled for completion in 2025
Solar Canopy Project	2026	No changes
Farebox Contactless Payment device Upgrade	2027	No changes
Bus Stop Amenity and Prioritization Study	2028	No changes
ADA Bus Stop Improvements	2026-2027	Funding support
Fixed route scheduling software	2027-27	Contingent on funding availability
Northwest Transfer Center	2027-2028	Changes due to funding
Miscellaneous Capital Purchases	2026-2035	This is an on-going project
Expand Transit Marketing Education Efforts	2028-2034	No changes
TSP/Queue Jumps	2031-2034	No changes
CAD/AVL for Transit	2026-2027	Scheduled for bid in 2027
TSP/Queue Jumps Study	Unfunded	
Newberry Rd/Forte Clarke Blvd Park & Ride	Unfunded	

# Updated 10-Year Financial Plan - Operating

Cost/Revenue	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35	Total
<b>Operating Costs</b>											
Short-Term Network	\$20,083,551	\$19,578,749	\$20,047,393	\$20,527,254	\$21,018,602	\$21,521,711	\$22,036,862	\$22,564,345	\$23,104,453	\$23,658,960	\$214,141,880
Paratransit	\$2,846,530	\$2,914,666	\$2,984,432	\$3,055,869	\$3,129,015	\$3,203,912	\$3,280,602	\$3,359,128	\$3,439,533	\$3,522,082	\$31,735,769
Mobility on Demand Services	\$312,301	\$2,352,551	\$2,408,862	\$2,466,522	\$2,525,561	\$2,586,014	\$2,647,914	\$2,711,295	\$2,776,194	\$2,842,823	\$23,630,037
New Services	\$0	\$0	\$4,450,384	\$4,556,910	\$4,665,986	\$4,777,673	\$4,892,033	\$5,009,130	\$5,129,031	\$5,252,128	\$38,733,275
Improvements to Existing Routes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,623,118	\$1,661,970	\$2,028,834	\$2,489,597	\$2,549,189	\$2,610,370	\$12,963,078
Complementary ADA Paratransit for New Services	\$0	\$0	\$344,122	\$352,359	\$360,793	\$369,430	\$378,272	\$387,327	\$396,598	\$406,116	\$2,995,017
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$23,242,382</b>	<b>\$24,845,966</b>	<b>\$30,235,193</b>	<b>\$30,958,914</b>	<b>\$33,323,075</b>	<b>\$34,120,710</b>	<b>\$35,264,517</b>	<b>\$36,520,822</b>	<b>\$37,394,998</b>	<b>\$38,292,478</b>	<b>\$324,199,055</b>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>											
Federal Revenues	\$4,175,437	\$4,300,700	\$4,429,721	\$4,562,613	\$4,699,491	\$4,840,476	\$4,985,690	\$5,135,261	\$5,289,319	\$5,447,999	\$47,866,707
State Revenues	\$3,481,306	\$3,585,745	\$3,693,318	\$3,804,117	\$3,918,241	\$4,035,788	\$4,156,862	\$4,281,568	\$4,410,015	\$4,542,315	\$39,909,275
Fare Revenue from Existing Services	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$3,800,000
Alachua County Contribution	\$1,984,172	\$2,043,698	\$2,105,009	\$2,168,159	\$2,233,204	\$2,300,200	\$2,369,206	\$2,440,282	\$2,513,490	\$2,588,895	\$22,746,315
University of Florida Contribution	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
Santa Fe College Contribution	\$853,160	\$878,755	\$905,118	\$932,271	\$960,239	\$989,047	\$1,018,718	\$1,049,280	\$1,080,758	\$1,113,181	\$9,780,527
Local Option Gas Tax	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$2,340,045	\$23,400,450
Miscellaneous	\$521,798	\$537,452	\$553,575	\$570,183	\$587,288	\$604,907	\$623,054	\$641,746	\$660,998	\$680,828	\$5,981,829
Transfers	\$839,378	\$864,559	\$890,496	\$917,211	\$944,727	\$973,069	\$1,002,261	\$1,032,329	\$1,063,299	\$1,095,198	\$9,622,527
Advertising	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$5,750,000
Fare Revenue from New Services	\$0	\$0	\$222,519	\$227,846	\$314,455	\$321,982	\$346,043	\$374,936	\$383,911	\$395,428	\$2,587,120
New FDOT  Transit Corridor	\$0	\$0	\$1,581,763	\$1,619,625	\$1,658,393	\$1,698,089	\$1,738,735	\$1,780,354	\$1,822,969	\$1,877,658	\$13,777,586
New Grant or Local Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,852,570	\$4,711,993	\$5,062,108	\$5,728,904	\$6,490,023	\$6,875,194	\$7,081,450	\$38,802,242
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,150,296</b>	<b>\$25,505,954</b>	<b>\$27,676,564</b>	<b>\$30,949,640</b>	<b>\$33,323,076</b>	<b>\$34,120,711</b>	<b>\$35,264,518</b>	<b>\$36,520,824</b>	<b>\$37,394,998</b>	<b>\$38,117,997</b>	<b>\$324,024,578</b>



# Updated 10-Year Financial Plan - Capital

Cost/Revenue	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35	Total
<b>Capital Costs</b>											
Replacement Fixed Route Buses	\$24,400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,350,611	\$4,868,951	\$0	\$8,117,168	\$2,280,186	\$3,914,320	\$11,288,898	\$11,627,565	<b>\$69,147,699</b>
Replacement Paratransit Vehicles	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$220,000	\$1,565,020	\$179,108	\$184,481	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$2,448,609</b>
Vehicles   New and Expanded Services	\$1,591,350	\$5,245,090	\$0	\$9,911,793	\$0	\$2,213,773	\$2,280,186	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$21,242,192</b>
Vehicles   New Spare	\$0	\$655,636	\$0	\$2,086,693	\$0	\$737,924	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$3,480,253</b>
Vehicles   New and Expanded Paratransit	\$0	\$491,727	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$491,727</b>
Eastside Transfer Center	\$1,970,783	\$1,970,783	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$3,941,566</b>
Northwest Bus Transfer Station	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$2,100,000</b>
Solar Canopy Project	\$4,490,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$4,490,000</b>
Farebox Contactless Payment Device Upgrade	\$0	\$2,731,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$2,731,818</b>
Bus and Driver Scheduling Software Upgrade	\$0	\$1,966,909	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$1,966,909</b>
Bus Stop Amenity and Prioritization Study	\$0	\$0	\$281,377	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$281,377</b>
Expand Transit Marketing and Education Efforts	\$0	\$0	\$28,138	\$28,982	\$29,851	\$30,747	\$31,669	\$32,619	\$33,598	\$34,606	<b>\$250,210</b>
TSP/Queue Jumps	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	<b>\$6,000,000</b>
Miscellaneous Capital Purchases	\$2,612,904	\$2,691,291	\$2,772,030	\$2,855,191	\$2,940,846	\$3,029,072	\$3,119,944	\$3,213,542	\$3,309,949	\$3,409,247	<b>\$29,954,016</b>
<b>Total Capital Costs</b>	<b>\$37,315,037</b>	<b>\$17,203,254</b>	<b>\$4,652,156</b>	<b>\$21,316,630</b>	<b>\$3,149,805</b>	<b>\$16,313,165</b>	<b>\$9,711,985</b>	<b>\$9,160,481</b>	<b>\$14,632,445</b>	<b>\$15,071,418</b>	<b>\$148,526,376</b>
<b>Capital Revenues</b>											
Section 5307	\$2,029,649	\$2,153,255	\$2,217,852	\$2,284,388	\$2,352,919	\$2,423,507	\$2,496,212	\$2,571,099	\$2,648,232	\$2,727,679	<b>\$23,904,792</b>
Section 5339	\$507,151	\$538,036	\$554,178	\$570,803	\$587,927	\$605,565	\$623,732	\$642,444	\$661,717	\$681,569	<b>\$5,973,122</b>
Section 5339 - Eastside Transfer Center	\$3,941,566	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$3,941,566</b>
Section 5339 –Solar Power	\$4,490,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$4,490,000</b>
Section 5339 –Hybrid 40FT Bus	\$22,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$22,000,000</b>
Northwest Bus Transfer Station Grants	\$868,686	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$868,686</b>
FDOT Capital Grants	\$118,326	\$125,532	\$129,298	\$133,177	\$137,172	\$141,287	\$145,526	\$149,892	\$154,389	\$159,021	<b>\$1,393,620</b>
New Grant or Local Revenues	\$0	\$147,249	\$1,530,827	\$18,328,263	\$71,787	\$13,142,805	\$6,446,515	\$5,797,047	\$11,168,107	\$11,503,150	<b>\$68,135,750</b>
<b>Total Capital Revenues</b>	<b>\$33,955,378</b>	<b>\$2,964,072</b>	<b>\$4,432,155</b>	<b>\$21,316,631</b>	<b>\$3,149,805</b>	<b>\$16,313,164</b>	<b>\$9,711,985</b>	<b>\$9,160,482</b>	<b>\$14,632,445</b>	<b>\$15,071,418</b>	<b>\$130,707,535</b>



# Priority Project List – 2026

Improvements	Implementation Year
ADA Paratransit Services	2026
Replace Paratransit vehicles	2026-2028
Eastside Transfer Center	2026-2027
Solar Canopy Project	2026-2027
Farebox Contactless Payment device Upgrade	2026-2027
ADA bus stop improvements	2026-2027
Northwest Transfer Center	2026-2027
Rehab/Renovate Admn. Bldg.	2026-2027
Replace cameras – Admn. & Maintenance Buildings	2026
Repair concrete deck – Main Yard	2026
Midlife bus overhaul	2026-2028
Rehab/Renovate Rosa Parks	2026-2027
Miscellaneous Capital Purchases	2026-2035
CAD/AVL for transit	2026-2027

# Thank You

