

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION
Senator Collins, Chair
Senator Avila, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Collins, Chair; Senator Avila, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Davis, Jones, Martin, McClain, Truenow, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Introduction of Committee Members		Presented
	Presentations by the Florida Transportation Commission:		Presented
	Performance and Production Review of the Department of Transportation Transportation Authority Oversight Report		
	Presentation of Reports on the Transportation Disadvantaged Program:		Presented
	Department of Transportation Center for Urban Transportation Research (University of South Florida) Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies Living Lab (University of Florida)		
	Update by the Department of Transportation on the Transfer of SunRail to Local Entities		Presented
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

Senate Committee on Transportation

2024-2026



Senator Jay Collins, Chairman



Senator Bryan Avila, Vice-Chairman



Senator Kristen Arrington



Senator Tracie Davis



Senator Shevrin D. Jones



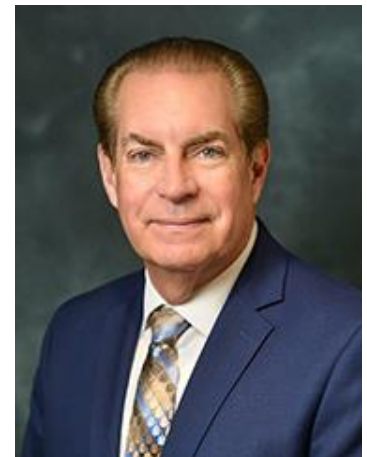
Senator Jonathan Martin



Senator Stan McClain



Senator Keith Truenow



Senator Tom Wright

The Florida Transportation Commission



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Ralph Yoder, Executive Director
Florida Transportation
Commission



Florida Transportation Commission



Florida Transportation
Commission Background



Roles and Responsibilities



Performance Measures



Key Commission Reports

Florida Transportation Commission



Nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate



Members serve four-year terms

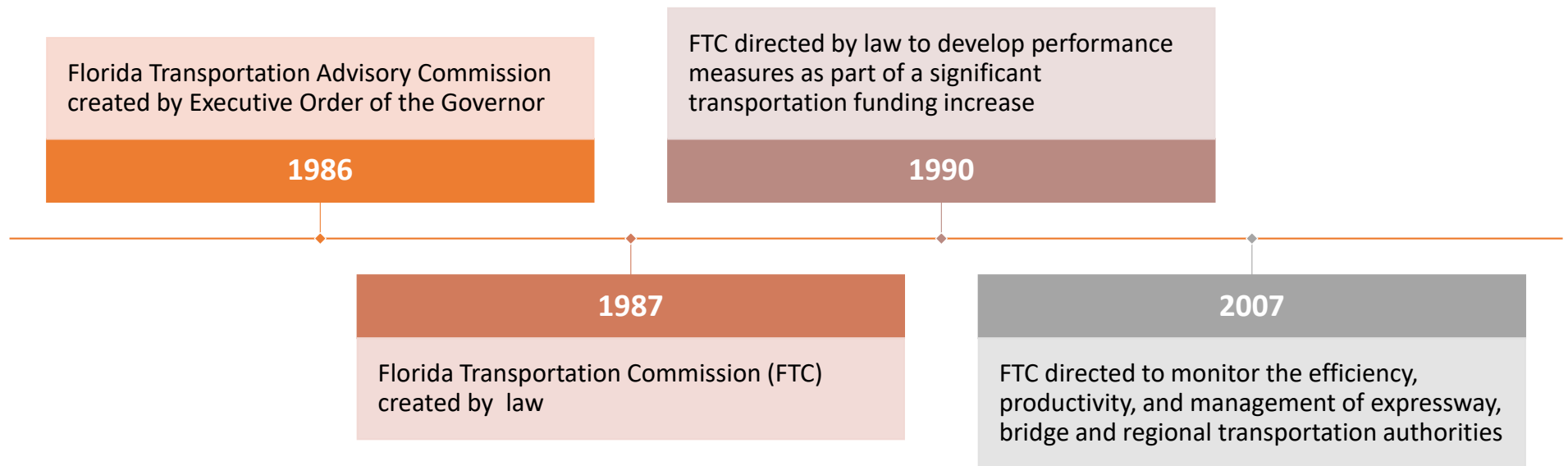


Gubernatorial appointments represent all geographic areas of the state

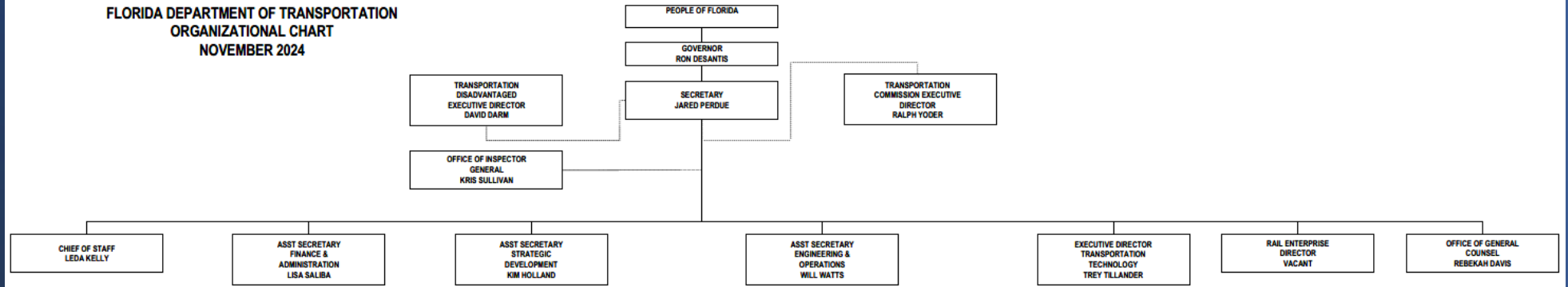


Commissioners must possess managerial experience in the private sector

Background



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
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Florida Transportation Commissioners



Ronald Howse
Chairman



David Genson
Vice Chairman



John Browning



Richard Burke



Julius Davis



Russell "Rusty" Roberts



Alex Lastra

**VACANT
D3**



Florida Transportation Commission

Members and District Representation

**John Browning
East Palatka**

D2

**Russell (Rusty)
Roberts
Longwood**

D5

DISTRICT 1

Charlotte
Collier
De Soto
Glades
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Highlands
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Manatee
Okeechobee
Polk
Sarasota

DISTRICT 2

Alachua
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Clay
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Dixie
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Gilchrist
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DISTRICT 3

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Holmes
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DISTRICT 4

Broward
Indian River
Martin
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DISTRICT 5

Brevard
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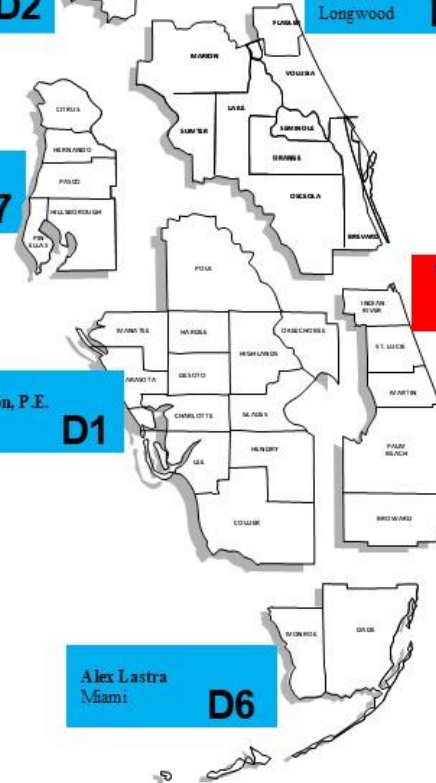
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Ronald Howse, P.E., PSM
Cocoa**

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Miami**

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Statutory Responsibilities

Convene a minimum of
four in-person meetings
annually

Annually review FDOT's
tentative work program

Quarterly and annually
review FDOT's
performance and
production

Annually review the
performance of specific
tolling and transit
agencies and authorities

Florida Statute 20.23

Tentative Work Program Review

Section 339.135(4)(g)1, Florida Statutes, requires the Commission to evaluate the tentative work program in these nine areas

Financial Soundness

Stability

Production capacity

Accomplishments,
including compliance
with program objectives
in s. 334.046

Compliance with
approved local
government
comprehensive plans

Objections and requests
by metropolitan
planning organizations

Policy changes and
effects thereof

Identification of
statewide or regional
projects

Compliance with all
other applicable laws

Guiding Principles of Performance Metrics



Simple and clear



Focus on areas most within the agency's control



Focus on areas that impact the public



Measures should be quantitative



Ideally, measures should not create a new data collection task

FDOT Performance and Production Review



FDOT Performance and Production Scorecard (FY 24)

Safety of the Current State System			
1	Reduction of the number of fatalities all public roads in Florida calendar year over year (Calendar 2023).	3,551	3,389
Production			
Consultant Contracts			
2	Consultant contract dollars let as a percentage of the original estimated amount.	95% to 105%	95.4%
3	Consultant contracts let compared to the number of consultant contracts planned for the year.	95% to 105%	93.3%
Construction Contracts			
4	Contract time: For all construction contracts completed during the year, the percentage of those contracts that were completed within 120% of the original contract time.	80%	82.5%
5	Contract cost: For all construction contracts completed during the year, the percentage of those contracts that were completed at a cost within 110% of the original contract amount.	90%	88.6%
6	Contract estimate: The construction contract dollars let as a percentage of the original estimated amount.	95% to 105%	107.9%
7	Construction contracts let as compared to the number planned.	95%	92.6%
Preservation of the State Highway System			
8	The percentage of lane miles on the State Highway System having a pavement condition rating of excellent or good.	80%	81.9%
9	Achieve a maintenance rating of at least 80 on the State Highway System.	80	83
10	The percentage of bridge structures on the State Highway System having a condition rating of excellent or good.	90%	95.1%
Capacity/Mobility			
11	Time it takes to clear incidents (minutes).	60	48.1
Financial Management			

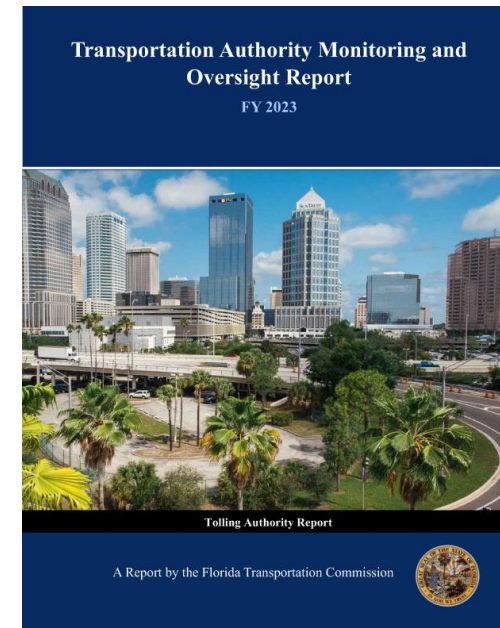
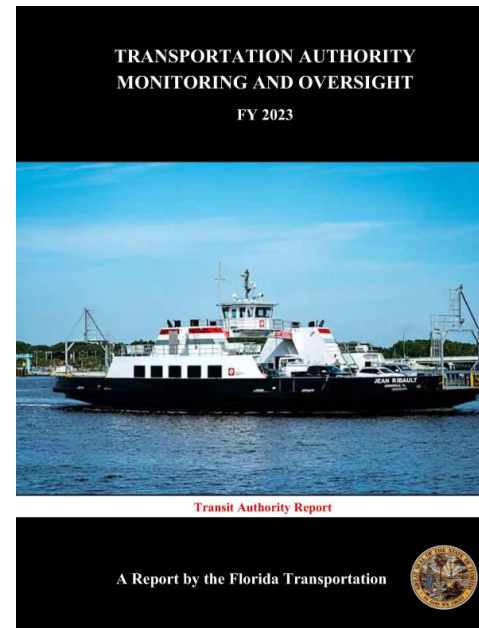
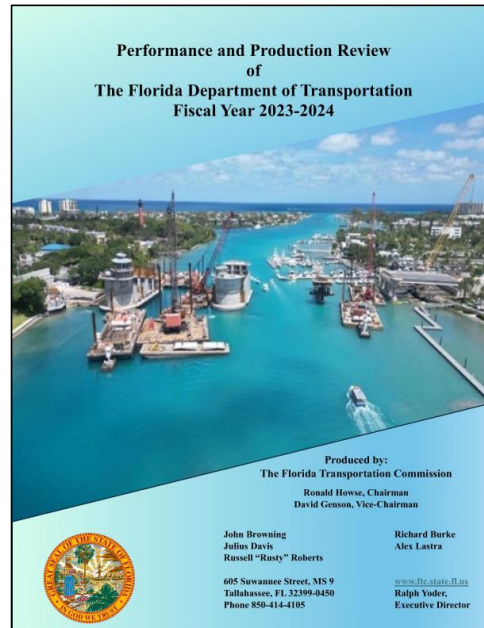
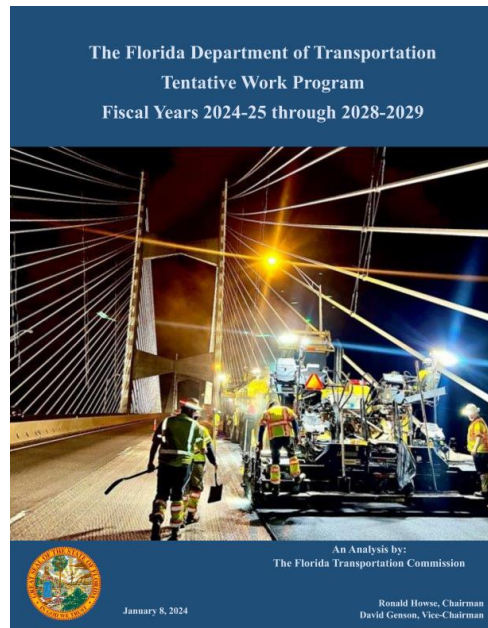
Monitoring and Oversight of Tolling and Transit Authorities



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Transportation Disadvantaged Services Report

Florida Senate

Senate Committee on Transportation

Melissa Smith, FDOT Chief of Modal Development

January 14, 2025



- Introduction
- Purpose
- Approach
- Transportation Disadvantaged Services
- Challenges
- Recommendations





Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

Florida's Coordinated System



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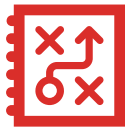


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Transportation
Operators and
Coordination
Contractors

- SB1380/Chapter 2024-171 F.S. requires FDOT to report on Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) services in Florida.
- The report:



**Provides a
current
assessment**



**Identifies key
challenges and
opportunities**



**Evaluates
alternative
formats for
delivering
services**





**Data
Collection**



Analysis



**Recommendation
Development**

Sources:

- Chapter 427, Florida Statutes
- Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code
- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Operating Reports
- Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plans & National Reports
- Interviews with CTD, State & Local Agencies, and the Community Transportation Association of America
- Literature review of Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) reports and other state practices
- Surveyed CTCs and transit agencies around the nation identifying best practices



Medical



Employment



Education

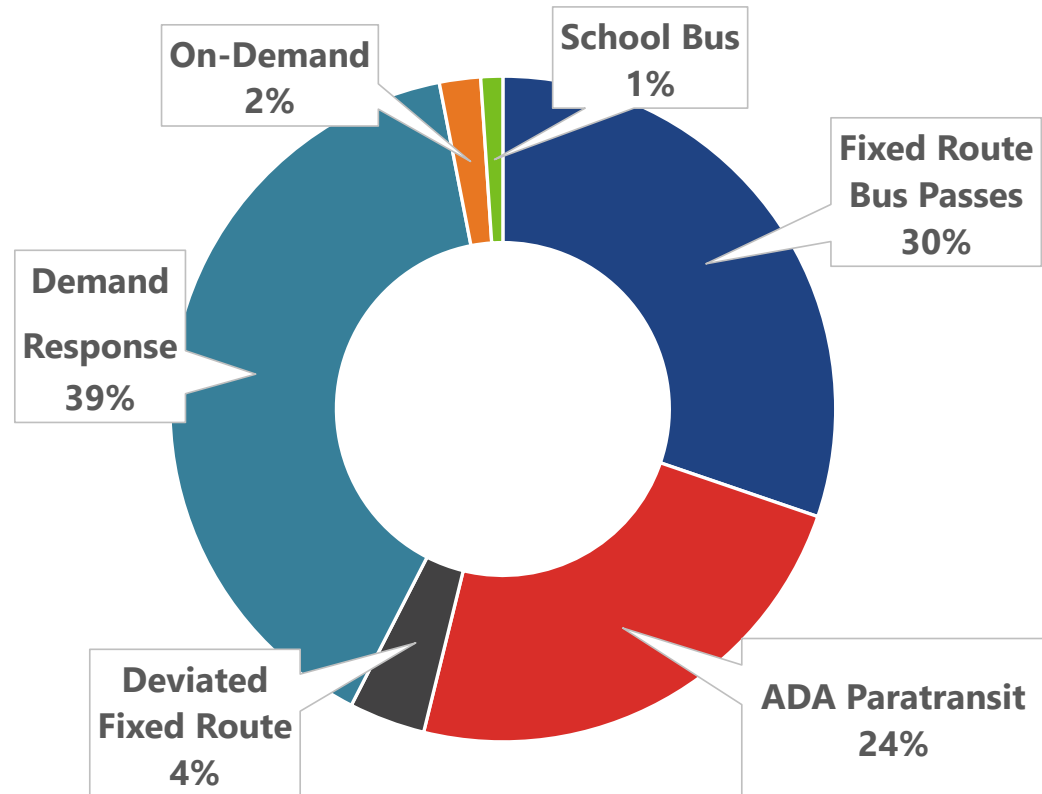


Nutrition



Personal Trips

11,624,269 trips served in FY2023





**Inconsistent
System**



**Paratransit Services
are Costly to Provide**



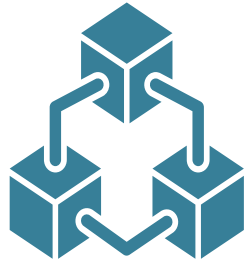
**Inconsistent
Performance
Reporting**



**Slow Adaptation of
Innovation**



**Urban and Rural
Challenges**



**Optimize
Program Structures
and Resources**
(6 recommendations)

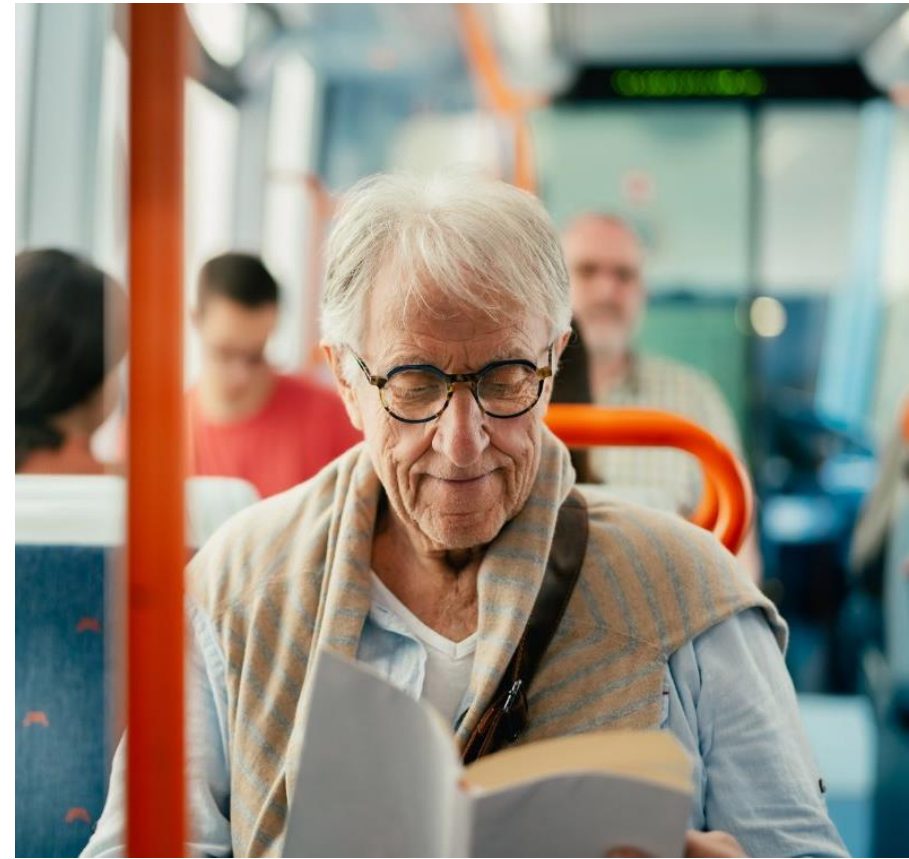


**Leverage Alternative
Delivery Models,
Practices, and Technology**
(7 recommendations)



**Enhance Performance
Management & Overall
Delivery Model**
(5 recommendations)

1. Consider the use of statewide or regional brokers to coordinate TD services statewide.
2. Avoid duplication in service delivery.
3. Consider establishing regional partnerships or resource pooling in rural areas.
4. Re-evaluate state block grant allocations to better support rural CTCs.
5. Re-assess local match requirements for rural CTCs for all grant programs, including the Innovative Service Development program.
6. Update Florida Statutes to clarify that TD funding is truly the funding of last resort.



1. Leverage technology and travel training programs that educate riders on accessing and navigating fixed-route services to reduce reliance on costly ADA services.
2. Consider alternative methods for tracking, reporting, and funding fixed-route services for TD services with emphasis on tracking, assessing, and developing policies for the use of bus passes.
3. Promote alternative delivery models.
4. Shift more TD eligible clients using ADA paratransit services to fixed-route services where possible.
5. Connect ambulatory clients using demand response services to broker-driven, fixed-route, or TNC services where possible.
6. Leverage applications of advanced technologies promises to improve safety, reduce travel times, and enhance operational efficiencies and customer experience.
7. Maintain rural-specific programs for those seeking or in need of longer trips.



Enhance

Performance Management & Overall Delivery Model

1. Implement an approach to provide uniformity locally, regionally, and statewide.
2. Publish an Annual Performance Report with enhanced performance metrics that includes county-level performance data and a comprehensive analysis of the TD program.
3. Implement driver training, vehicle maintenance, and substance abuse policies for health care transportation providers outside of the Coordinated System.
4. Develop a comprehensive employee training program for CTC staff who handle TD client eligibility, trip scheduling, and complaint resolutions.
5. Consider shifting away from a Commission model, and to a simplistic state and/or regional model through specified legislative authority and governing procedures.





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Best Practices and Model Policies for Paratransit Service

Travel Time Policies
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Presentation Overview

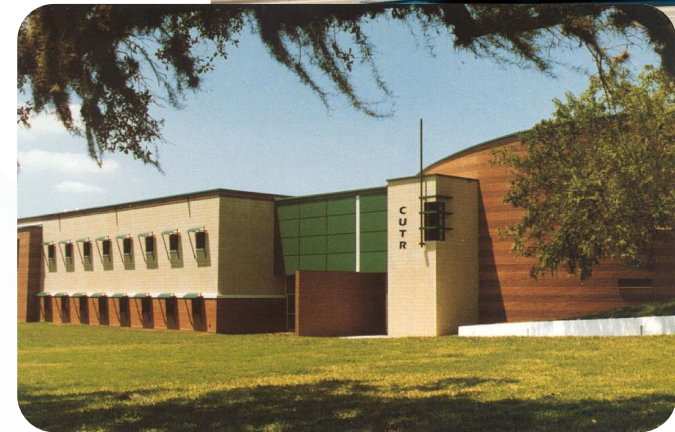
- Introduction
- About CUTR
- Context
- Model Practices
- Emerging Approaches



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CUTR – Who We Are

- Created by the Florida Legislature in 1988
- Housed within USF's College of Engineering
- USDOT designated University Transportation Center
- Multi-disciplinary
- Over 200 active research projects
- Real world experience for students
- Over 160 employees
- USF affiliated faculty across multiple disciplines



Research Programs

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)	Transit Management and Innovation
Autonomous-Connected Mobility Evaluation (ACME)	Transit Research
Driver Behavior, Human Factors and Safety Analytics (DHS)	Transit Safety and Workforce Development
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Traffic Operations & Safety	Transportation Demand Management
Motorcycle Injury Prevention	Transportation Planning, Policy, and Processes (TP3)
Resilient Transportation Infrastructure Systems (R-TIS)	



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Strategic Partners

- Mostly self-supported through contracts and grants, \$36M in current contracts and grants
- Provides research, technical training/workforce development, and technical assistance to a wide range of sponsors at local, regional, state, and national levels
- **Local** clients include the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), City of Tampa, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit, Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority
- **Other clients** include the U.S. Department of Transportation and its modal administrations, U.S. Department of Energy, National Academy of Sciences, other state departments of transportation, public transportation agencies, quasi-governmental, and private industry



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Legislative Language Guiding the Research

- Florida Statutes Section 334.065: The Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) is directed to deliver a report to the department on **model policies** and **procedures or best practices** for paratransit providers to complete trips within an **acceptable time** after pickup.



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Defining Services

- **Paratransit:** ADA-mandated transportation service for individuals with disabilities.
 - Door-to-door or curb-to-curb service.
 - Shared rides scheduled in advance.
- **Demand Response:** Flexible, on-demand transit service.
 - Serves the ***general public***, including rural and underserved populations.
 - Trip scheduling based on rider requests.
- **Overlap:** Both aim to provide mobility options but cater to distinct needs.

Paratransit Operations

- Paratransit service is a civil right
 - No Refusal of Service
 - All Trips Regardless of Purpose
 - Service Area $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile Around Fixed Route
 - ADA Eligible

RESPONSE TIME (49 CFR 37.131 (b))

ADA Complementary Paratransit Service (CPS) must have response and travel times comparable to the fixed route system



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Demand Response Operations

- Offered Where Fixed Route Service is Not Feasible
 - Rural Areas
 - Low Transit Demand Areas
 - Often Far from Resources
 - (Medical, Social Service, Employment, Community)
 - Open Door – Available to General Public

Paratransit Cost

- Significantly More than Fixed Route Service
 - 2x – 4x Costly
- Paratransit Service
 - No Trip Denials
 - Door-to-Door Service
 - Multiloadings Improve Service Efficiency
 - Slower Boarding

Optimizing Paratransit Service

- Routing Optimization: Minimize travel times with advanced tools.
 - Software Platforms Leverage Algorithms Calculate Travel Time
- Scheduling Optimization
 - Real-Time traffic
 - Real-Time Monitoring
 - Dynamic Dispatching
- Travel Time Standards
 - Benchmarks for demand response trips.
 - Technology Systems to Monitor and Evaluate Compliance

Compliance Monitoring

- Monthly Audits
- Trip Monitors
- Vendor Accountability
 - Travel Time Standards
 - Pick-Up Window
 - Incentives and Penalties

Transportation Network Companies

- Costs Controls
 - Demand Response Options
 - TNC
 - Taxi
- Service Quality
 - Same Day Requests
 - No Trip Sharing
 - Direct Trips

TNC and On-Demand Service

- Mobile Applications
 - Improve Communication and ETA Information
- Popular with Riders
- Cost Containment
 - Trip Limits
- Dynamically Responds to Peak Demand

- Drawbacks – Limited Number of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

Mobility Management

- Coordinate Services and Rider Schedules
 - Work with Service Providers
 - Veterans Administration
 - Dialysis Centers
 - Senior Facilities and Homes
 - Develop Novel Approaches
 - Grocery Delivery



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Supportive Program Development

- Encourage Pilot Programs
 - Veterans Example
 - Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantage Innovation Service Development Grant Program
- Encourage Investments in Technology
 - Include Training Costs
- Purchase Vehicles – Driver and Vehicle Availability Increase Trip Opportunities and potentially Lower Travel Time

Thank You

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A Comprehensive Report on the Technology and Training Improvements for the Paratransit Services in Florida

*In response to the Florida Senate Bill 1380 (2024)
Section 334.066*

Dr. Pruthvi Manjunatha

**I-STREET Emerging Technologies Program
at the
University of Florida Transportation Institute (UFTI)**

January 2025



The I-STREET emerging technologies program

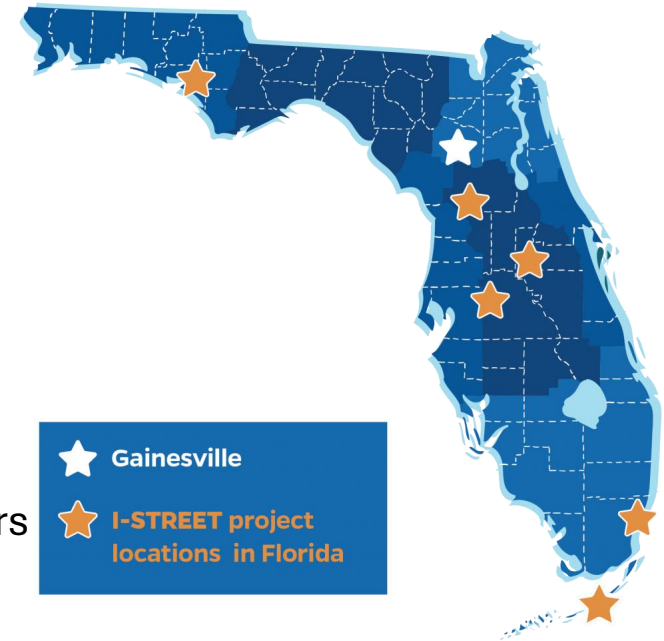
- Collaboration of UF, FDOT, City of Gainesville
- Unique real-world living lab
- Makes real and significant improvements to transportation safety and mobility
- Uses advanced technologies installed and embedded in the transportation infrastructure in Gainesville and across Florida.

Vision

Leading global living lab for transportation safety and mobility innovators

Mission

To provide a unique ecosystem for the collaboration, research, testing, and market delivery of innovative transportation safety and mobility solutions that scales to urban and rural areas around the world



The paratransit bill

SB 1380 (2024) requirements



Study approach



Study design

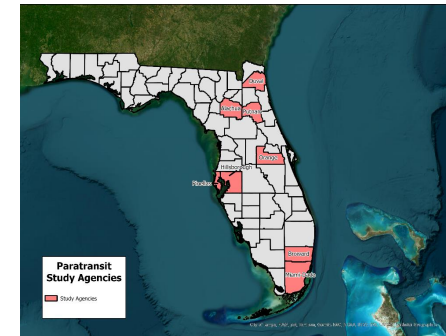
State of the art review

- Academic literature, transit agency resources, vendor manuals, expert and vendors interviews



State of the practice in Florida

- Eight representative counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Orange, Putnam, Duval, Alachua and Pinellas

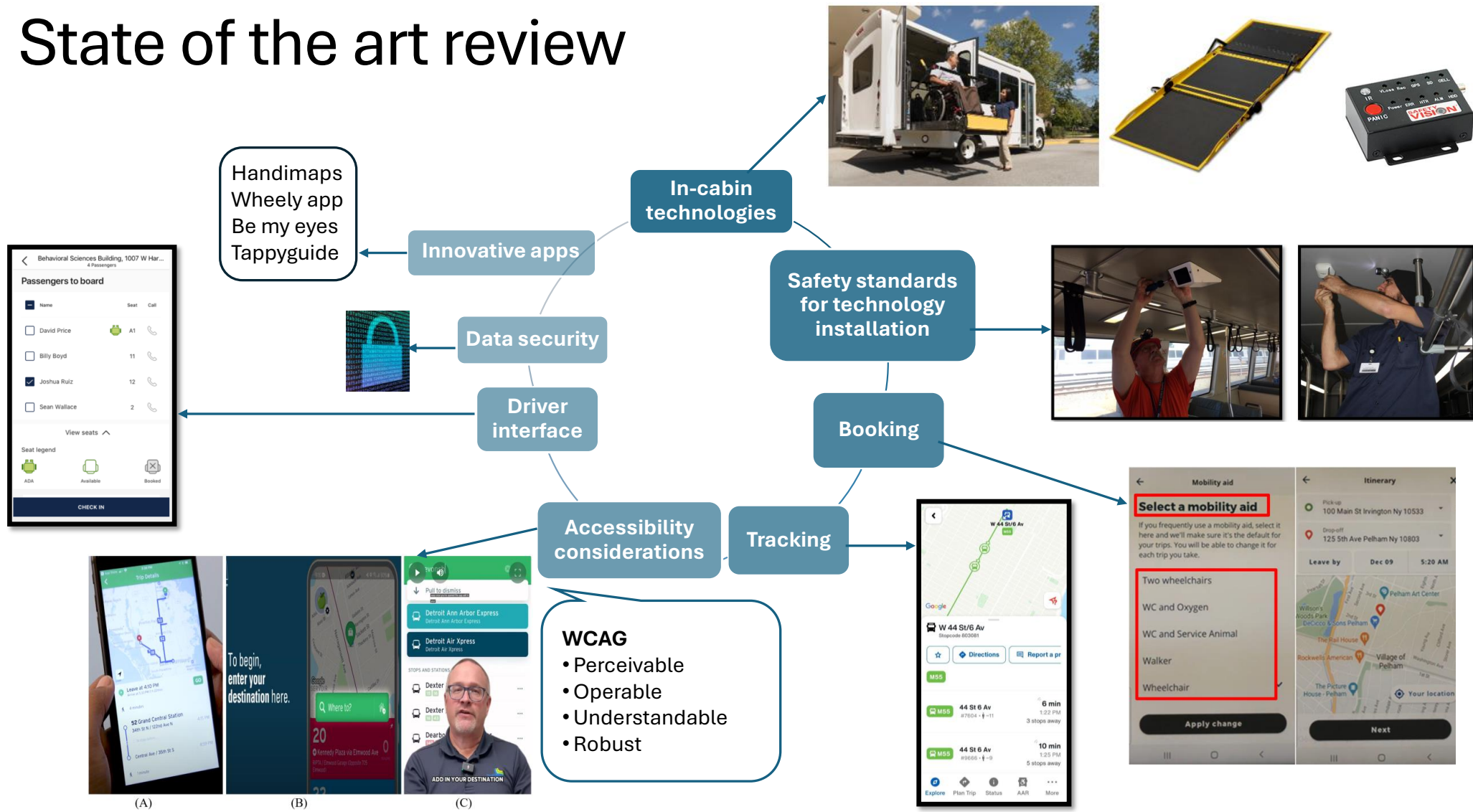


Interviews with Florida transit agencies

- Developed an interview questionnaire and reached out to the selected transit agencies. Five out of the eight agencies responded (Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Alachua, and Pinellas)



State of the art review



State of the practice in Florida

Availability

Accessibility

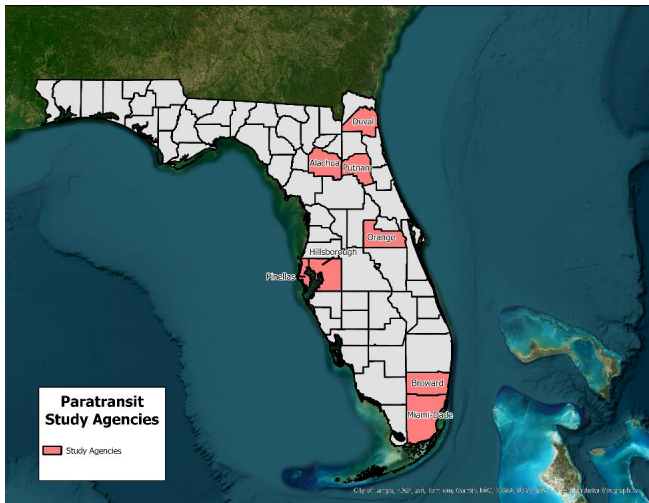
Acceptability

Affordability

Adaptability

County	Transit coverage	Paratransit coverage	Operating Hours	Booking methods	Tracking methods	Accessibility of Apps	Overall
Miami-Dade	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
Broward	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Hillsborough	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Orange	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Putnam	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
Duval	3	1	2	1	2	1	2
Alachua	1	1	2	3	2	1	2
Pinellas	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- Tier 1: Extensive; exceeds standards within the characteristic
- Tier 2: Satisfactory; meets standards within the characteristic
- Tier 3: Limited; meets standards within the characteristic in a limited manner



Transit agency interviews

Interviews were requested for all eight study agencies.

Five out of eight agencies responded:

- Miami-Dade
- Broward
- Alachua
- Hillsborough
- Pinellas

Most transit agencies were busy either preparing or recovering from the three hurricanes (Debbie, Helene, Milton).

Characteristic	Findings
Coverage and hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some agencies have limited-service coverage and operating hours
In-cabin technologies for safety and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some agencies do not deploy in-cabin passenger monitoring systems.• Most agencies use manual occupant restraint systems
Safety standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No state or federal safety standards for installation of in-cabin technologies.• Agencies rely on vendors to follow best practices.
Booking and tracking apps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some agencies do not have booking apps, many agencies do not have tracking apps.• Among the agencies who provide the apps, the accessibility needs improvement
Operator/driver Interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited features within state agencies as well as nationally.
Data security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firewalls, VPNs, and password-protected software are used to keep records.• Some agencies also keep paper records.

Recommendations

Characteristic	Recommendations
Coverage and hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extended service coverage and hours through additional funding
In-cabin technologies for safety and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased deployment of in-cabin camera/monitoring systems likely to enhance user satisfaction and safety• Automatic occupant restraint systems could be a safer and efficient alternative requiring less training resources
Safety standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statewide safety standards for installation of in-cabin technologies
Booking and tracking apps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple booking channels increase ease of use for passengers• Tracking apps increase reliability of the services• Accessibility standards for smartphone and web-based apps
Operator/driver interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passenger information on driver interface could be helpful for drivers
Data security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical safeguards such as firewalls, encryption, role-based access etc.
Future work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordability, acceptability and adaptability of transit agencies to be studied• Aspects such as mobility hubs, supplementary services through ride-hailing and ride-sharing programs, innovations like autonomous shuttles etc. need to be studied

Thank you

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SUNRAIL TRANSITION UPDATE

Florida Senate

Senate Committee on Transportation

FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.

January 14, 2025



TYPES OF RAIL IN FLORIDA



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TRI-RAIL & SUNRAIL



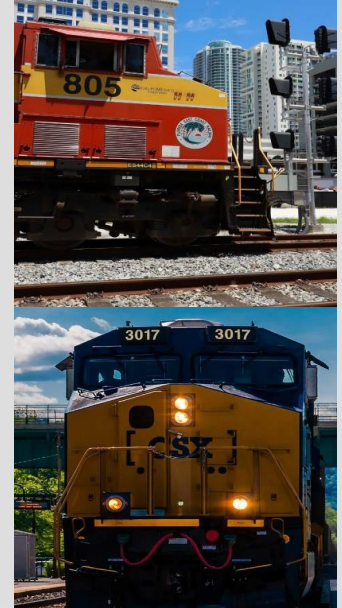
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COMMUTER RAIL



FDOT DESIGNATED CFRC OPERATING AGENCY



History and Authority

- Acquire the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC)
- Pay the net operating cost for up to seven years, from the open-to-service date - May 1st, 2014
- FDOT was responsible for the design, permitting, and construction of the commuter rail system
- SunRail was funded in partnership with local, state, and federal funds (25:25:50)
- SunRail is governed by multiple agreements:
 - Interlocal Funding Agreement between FDOT and the Local Government Partners
 - Interlocal Operating Agreement between FDOT and Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC)
 - Interlocal Governance Agreement between the Local Government Partners

CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL COMMISSION & PHASE SCHEDULE

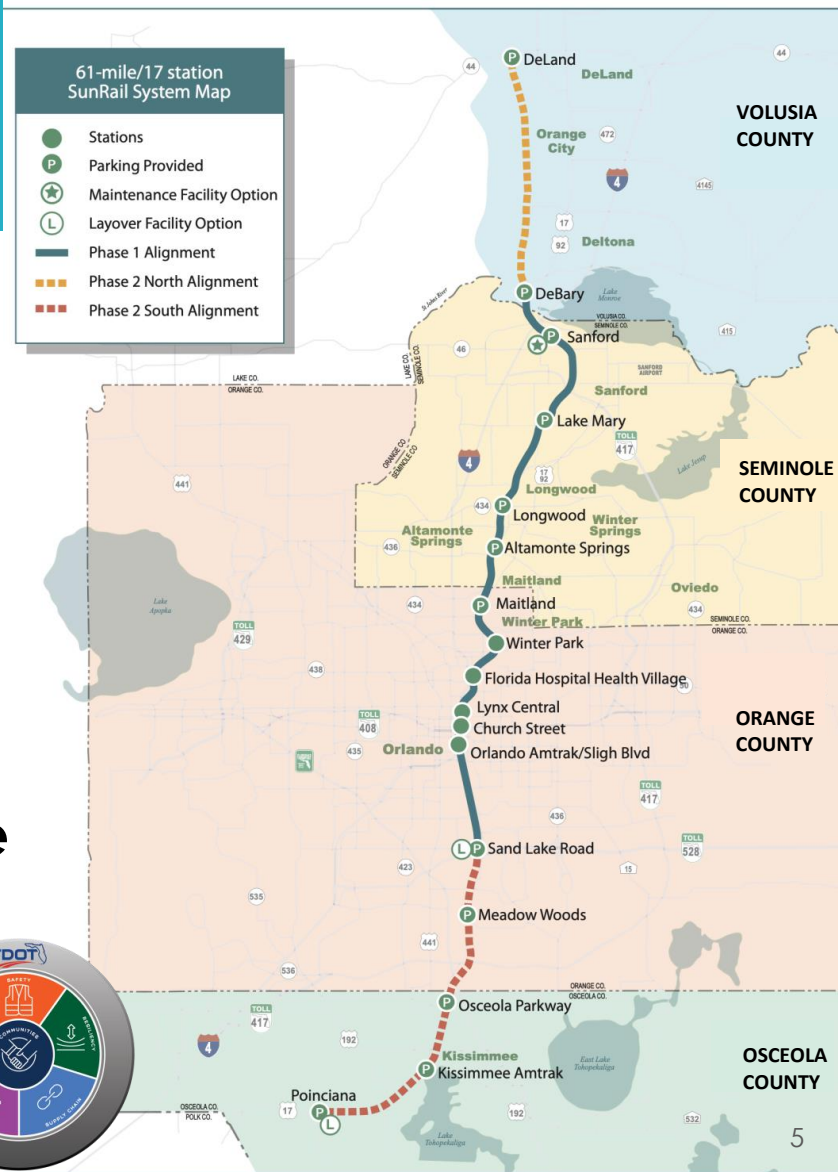
CFCRC'S Composition



- Together, this committee must vote on Amendments & Operational Changes

Rail Corridor Commencement Schedule

- 31.8 Mile Phase One from DeBary to Sand Lake Road in 2014
- 17.2 Mile Southern Extension to Poinciana in 2018
- 12.2 Mile Northern Extension to DeLand in 2024



RAIL SAFETY & POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL

Positive Train Control (PTC)

A mandated rail safety system, PTC was implemented in compliance with the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) regulations on January 1, 2021.



SunRail Safety Teams

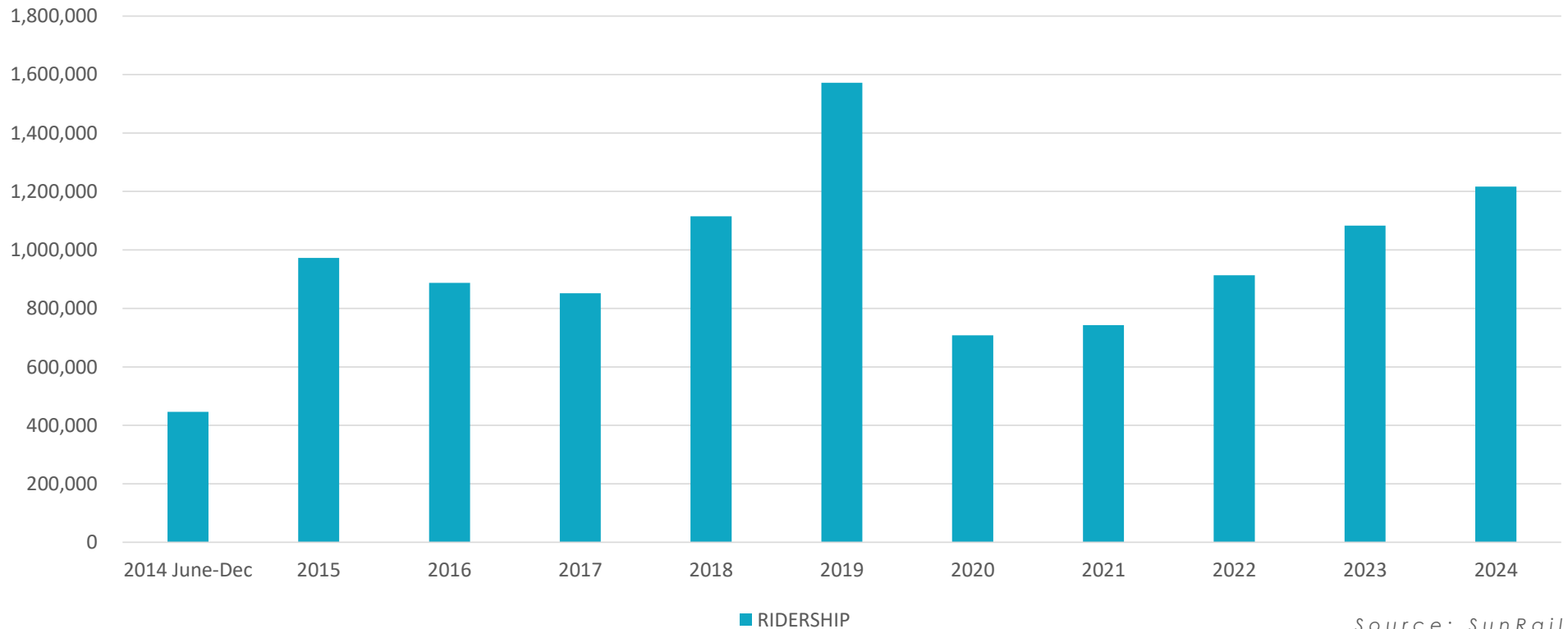
- ✓ Station Ambassadors
- ✓ Train Conductors and Onboard Security Staff
- ✓ Safety Cameras and Platform Call Boxes
- ✓ Year-Round Community Safety Campaigns, Grade Crossing Signage, and School Outreach Programs





RIDERSHIP STATISTICS

2014 - PRESENT



Source: SunRail



SUNRAIL TRANSITION



Requirements of the Agreements

- ✓ FDOT has operated and maintained SunRail since May 2014 and is preparing the system to be transitioned to the regional partners/CFCRC
- ✓ Once fully transitioned, CFCRC would fund, maintain, and operate SunRail
- ✓ Financial Transition - January 1, 2025
- ✓ Phased Operations Transition with FDOT - Up to 3 Years

THANK YOU!

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December 19, 2024

The Honorable Senator Collins
Transportation Committee Chair
The Florida Senate
313 Senate Building
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REF: EXCUSAL LETTER

Honorable Chair Collins,

Please excuse my absence from committee weeks in January, which are scheduled from Monday, January 13th, 2025 to Friday, January 24, 2025. I have been activated to serve in the Florida Army National Guard during that time.

Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bryan Avila
Senator
District 39

CC: Rob Vickers, Staff Director
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Amanda Suarez, Legislative Aide

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Ben Albritton
President of the Senate

Jason Brodeur
President Pro Tempore

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January 13th, 2025

Chair Collins,

I am writing to respectfully request an absence excusal for Tuesday's Transportation Committee meeting. My wife, Amy, and I will be celebrating our wedding anniversary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Martin", written in a cursive style.

Senator Jonathan Martin

Senate District 33

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 37

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Started: 1/14/2025 4:02:51 PM

Ends: 1/14/2025 5:35:01 PM

Length: 01:32:11

4:02:51 PM Chair Collins calls meeting to order
4:03:04 PM Roll Call
4:03:12 PM A quorum is present
4:03:40 PM Pledge of Allegiance
4:03:45 PM Chair Collins makes opening remarks
4:04:13 PM Chair recognizes members for introduction
4:04:23 PM Senator Truenow
4:04:41 PM Senator McClain
4:04:56 PM Senator Arrington
4:05:15 PM Senator Jones
4:05:38 PM Chair Collins
4:06:10 PM Senator Wright
4:06:58 PM Chair Collins
4:07:07 PM Rob Vickers, Staff Director
4:07:34 PM Marilyn Hudson, Committee Administrative Assistant
4:07:44 PM Stephanie Johnson, Legislative Analyst
4:07:48 PM Brittany Shutes, Legislative Analyst
4:08:05 PM Tab 2, Presentation by the Florida Transportation Commission on Performance and Production Review of the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Authority Oversight Report
4:08:19 PM Chair recognizes Ralph Yoder
4:08:34 PM Ralph Yoder, Executive Director of the Florida Transportation Commission
4:19:31 PM Questions:
4:19:35 PM Senator Wright
4:19:38 PM Ralph Yoder
4:20:13 PM Senator Arrington
4:20:49 PM Ralph Yoder
4:20:53 PM Senator Arrington
4:21:05 PM Ralph Yoder
4:21:11 PM Senator Arrington
4:21:20 PM Chair Collins
4:21:34 PM Tab 3, Presentation of Reports on the Transportation Disadvantaged Program
4:21:47 PM Chair Collins recognizes Melissa Smith
4:22:11 PM Melissa Smith, Department of Transportation
4:35:28 PM Chair Collins
4:35:46 PM Questions:
4:35:46 PM Senator Wright
4:36:46 PM Melissa Smith
4:37:39 PM Chair Collins
4:37:51 PM Melissa Smith
4:38:39 PM Chair Collins recognizes Martin Catala for an additional presentation related to the Center for Urban Transportation Research (USF)
4:39:12 PM Martin Catala, Center for Urban Transportation Research
4:55:39 PM Questions:
4:55:41 PM Senator Davis
4:56:03 PM Martin Catala
4:56:51 PM Senator Davis
4:57:08 PM Martin Catala
4:58:36 PM Senator Davis
4:59:49 PM Chair Collins recognizes Dr. Pruthvi Manjunatha to present on Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies Living Lab
5:00:20 PM Dr. Pruthvi Manjunatha, University of Florida
5:13:46 PM Questions:

5:13:48 PM	Chair Collins
5:14:00 PM	Dr. Pruthvi Manjunatha
5:14:28 PM	Chair Collins
5:14:39 PM	Dr. Pruthvi Manjunatha
5:14:58 PM	Tab 4, Update by the Department of Transportation on the transfer of SunRail to Local Entities
5:15:23 PM	Chair recognizes Secretary Jared Perdue
5:15:35 PM	Jared Perdue, Secretary of Department of Transportation
5:22:42 PM	John Tyler is recognized to present
5:22:55 PM	John Tyler
5:29:41 PM	Questions:
5:29:43 PM	Senator Arrington
5:30:10 PM	David Perdue
5:31:50 PM	Senator Davis
5:32:39 PM	David Perdue
5:34:17 PM	Chair Collins makes closing remarks
5:34:28 PM	Senator Davis moves to adjourn
5:34:51 PM	Meeting adjourned