



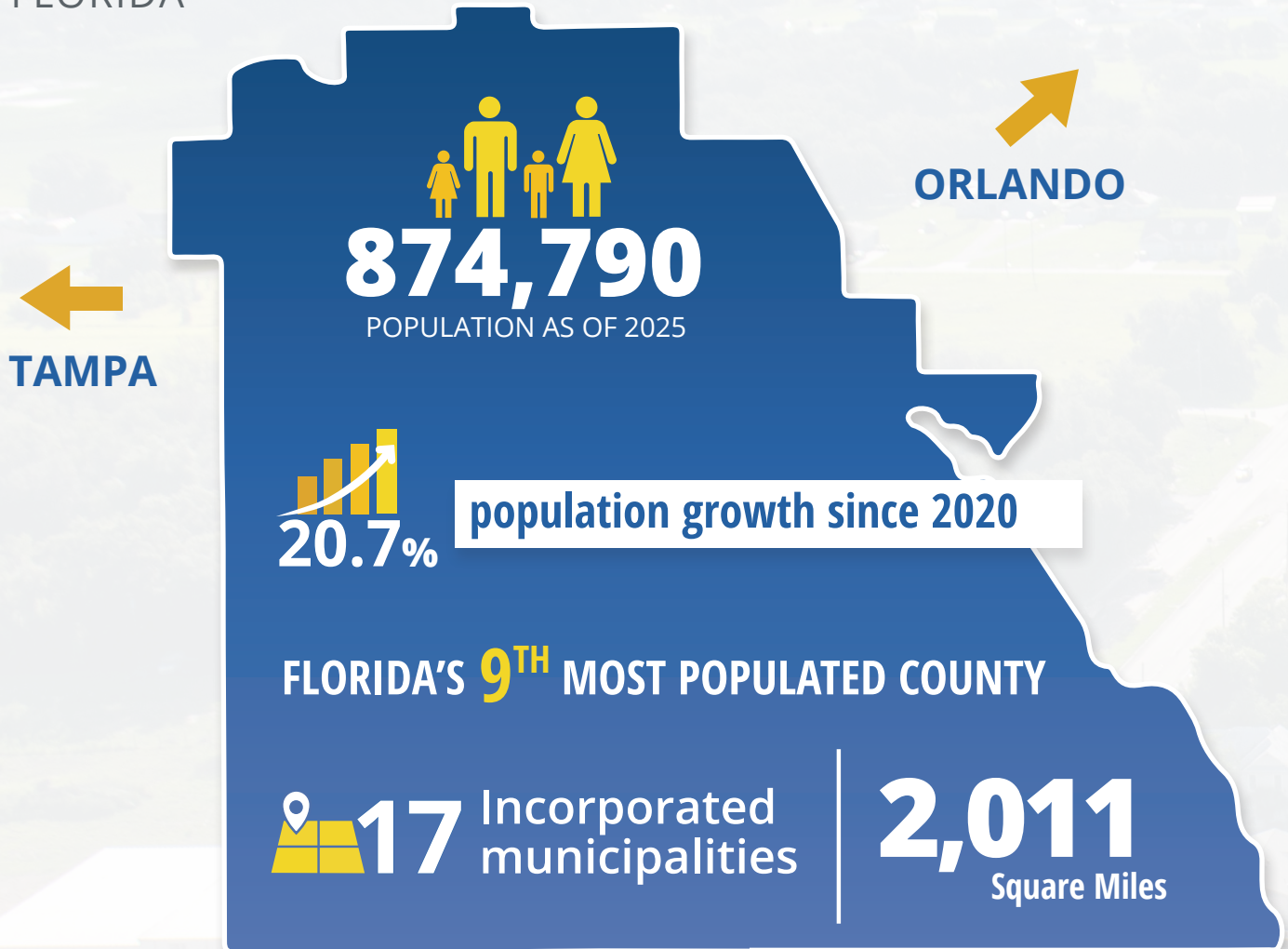
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Planning Organization



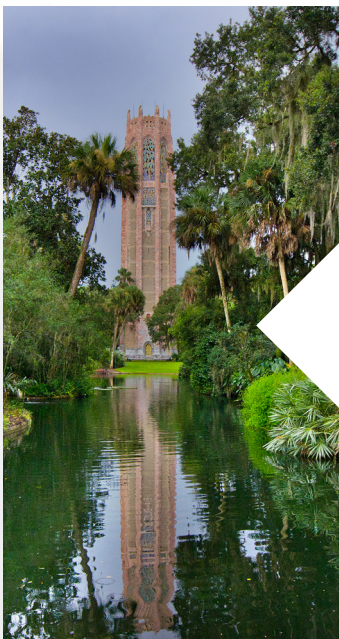
WELCOME TO THE
**POLK TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

POLK COUNTY

FLORIDA



source: U.S. Census Bureau



ABOUT THE POLK TPO

The Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is a transportation policy-making organization mandated by federal and state laws. Established in 1977, the Polk TPO serves as Polk County's lead transportation planning agency.



The Polk TPO is responsible for ensuring federal and state dollars spent on existing and future transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

It provides a forum that brings together county and city commissioners, municipal officials and other transportation and land use professionals to implement a safe, efficient and multimodal transportation system.

WHO WE SERVE

We serve all of Polk County, including its 17 municipalities.

Today
Home to
874,790
residents

Tomorrow
Home to
1,196,700
residents
(2050)

source: U.S. Census Bureau

OUR PARTNERS

- Polk County Government
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Polk TPO Board
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
- Transportation Adviser Network
- Lakeland Area Mass Transit District
- 17 Incorporated Municipalities of Polk
- Polk County Residents
- Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance
- Central Florida MPO Alliance
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration

WHAT WE DO

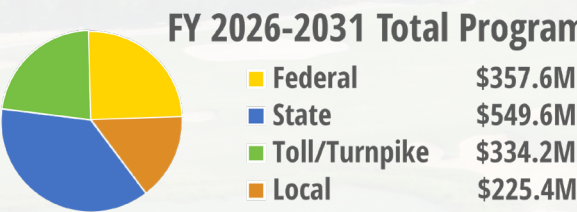
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: ENVISION 2050

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is developed by the Polk TPO as a vision for the future of Polk County’s transportation system. It guides transportation planning and investments for the next 25 years, ensuring a sustainable and efficient transportation system for the future. The LRTP facilitates a countywide, cooperative planning process that serves as the guide for spending county, regional, state and federal transportation funds for improvements to roads, bridges, public transit, freight routes, trails, bicycle and pedestrian networks. Envision 2050 serves as the current LRTP, adopted March 2, 2026.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Transportation Improvement Program is to provide a list of all transportation projects in the county, funded from federal and state sources during the next five years that correspond to the Long Range Transportation Plan.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

Polk TPO is responsible for developing a list of priority transportation projects and submitting the list to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for consideration during development of the Five-Year Work Program for Polk County.



TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This plan serves as the 10-year transit vision for more than one million residents and visitors and guides the investment of more than \$350 million in a 10 year period. It identifies how to best serve the mobility needs of residents and visitors.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Describes the transportation planning projects and programs to be performed by the Polk TPO, and is the basis for allocating federal, state and local funds for transportation planning purposes. Developed every two years, the Unified Planning Work Program documents all planning tasks and related activities.

ROADWAY NETWORK DATABASE

The database includes information on current traffic volume and level of service for Polk County's major roads. It contains 26 fields of transportation data for more than 1,300 miles of state, county and city roads, making it one of the largest road networks in Florida. The database also identifies locations where capacity is strained, including 13 miles of roads currently operating at a failing level of service (LOS F).



SAFETY PROGRAMS

The goal is to eliminate deaths and serious injuries from occurring on county roads. Among the safety programs are the Community Traffic Safety Team; the Coalition on Injury Prevention; Bicycle, Pedestrian Safety/Infrastructure Team; Pledge to Slow Down campaign and the Vision Zero initiative.



MULTI-USE TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Polk County has 120 bicycle and pedestrian different trails totaling nearly 400 miles in length. This trail master planning study addresses four trail corridors which provide connections to the existing and planned trails of Central Florida's communities and the statewide trail network.

REGIONAL COORDINATION

The Polk TPO is part of two regional transportation alliances that span 16 counties across central Florida. There are 12 MPO/TPOs representing the 16 counties. The Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and the Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance (CFMPOA) coordinate on regional transportation issues and projects.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Residents play an essential role in shaping transportation priorities across Polk County. Through the Public Participation Plan, Polk TPO staff provides clear opportunities for community members to learn about projects, offer input and contribute to decisions that guide regional transportation planning.



HOW WE ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY



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@POLKTPO

WEBSITE - WWW.POLKTPO.COM



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**SHAPING THE
FUTURE OF
TRANSPORTATION
IN POLK
COUNTY**



COMMUNITY FORUMS



VIDEOS



NEWSLETTERS



NEWS/BLOGS



The Adviser Network was created to engage residents and community partners. Community forums are held quarterly on transportation topics, both in person and online. Members also receive regular email updates with events, news, surveys and opportunities for public comment.

POLK TPO BOARD

The TPO Board is composed of elected officials, including Polk County commissioners and representatives from municipalities in Polk County. The board adopts and maintains a long-range multimodal transportation plan that covers highway, public transportation, passenger rail, pedestrian, bicycle and multiuse trail improvements. It sets local priorities for federal and state transportation funding. Each year, the board adopts a Transportation Improvement Program that incorporates the FDOT's Five-Year Work Program and advances the long-range plan.

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