



September 4, 2007

## COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 4A (1)

### FY 09 – FY 13 MAJOR PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

#### STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Staff is seeking approval of the FY 09 – FY 13 Major Project Priority List (PPL). The Major PPL is one of the priority project lists annually adopted by the CRTPA to provide guidance to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as they proceed with development of the Annual State Work Program. This list identifies major roadway projects that are capital intensive.

At the May 21, 2007 CRTPA meeting, members approved consideration of the following factors in development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 09 – FY 13 Major PPL:

1. Previous year's Priority Project List
2. Current project phase
3. Availability of funds and ability to leverage other sources
4. Multi-Modal Level-of-Service/Impact to transit system
5. Legislative advance funding of roadway projects and payback
6. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
7. Economic Development information
8. Prior Investment/Funding History
9. Smart Growth

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Adopt the FY 09 - FY 13 Major Priority Project List.

#### HISTORY AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) provides a listing of projects to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in priority order, for funding consideration. These project priority lists (PPLs) consist of the following:

- **Major Priority Project List** (identifies major roadway projects)
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Project List** (provides a separate listing of projects identified in the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan)

- **Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Priority Project List** (typically identifies low cost intersection improvements to the existing transportation system that can be constructed in less than two years)
- **SAFETEA-LU Enhancement Priority Project List** (provides funding for the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists, landscaping and beautification, and other activities)
- **Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Priority Project List** (provides a priority listing of SIS roadways)
- **Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority Project List** (provides a listing of regionally significant transportation projects)
- **Transit Priority Project List** (provides a listing of transit projects, *developed by StarMetro*, reflecting projects consistent with StarMetro's adopted Transit Development Plan (TDP))
- **Tallahassee Regional Airport Priority Project List** (provides a listing of airport projects, *developed by the Tallahassee Regional Airport*, reflecting consistent with the adopted 1996 Airport Master Plan Update)

Adoption of the above PPLs provides guidance to the FDOT regarding the prioritization of the region's transportation projects as the FDOT proceeds with development of the Annual State Work Program. Projects selected for funding from the PPLs by FDOT are typically programmed in the fifth year of the FDOT Work Program (FY 13). Ultimately, the projects included within the FDOT Work Program are included in the CRTPA's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

## MAJOR PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

At the May 21, 2007 CRTPA meeting, members provided direction to staff regarding this list's development through the approval of consideration of the following factors:

1. Previous year's Priority Project List
2. Current project phase
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The following provides a description of the nine (9) approved factors and how they were evaluated in generation of the DRAFT FY 09 – FY 13 Major PPL (*included as Attachment 1*):

- **Previous Year's Priority Project List:** Information related to how a project was ranked in the preceding year is included under the column header "2006 Ranking". Given the capital intensive nature of transportation projects and the length of time required to receive funding for all the phases to reach project implementation (Project Development and Environment Study, Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction), project rankings typically do not change year-to-year. However, year-to-year changes may occur as a result of a project receiving funding for its final phase (construction) or a change in the manner in which the candidate projects are evaluated reflecting changes in information or organizational values.
- **Project Phase:** Project phase information (Project Development and Environment Study, Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction) is included for each project. This information provides a snapshot of remaining phases required to construct a project. Similar to information regarding the ranking of the previous year's projects (above), project phase information is an important consideration due the capital-intensive nature of transportation projects as well as the years of funding required construct a project. This information is provided under the column header "Next Phase for Funding".
- **Legislative Advance Funding of Roadway Projects and Payback:** Over the last several years, Leon County, Wakulla County, the City of Tallahassee and Blueprint 2000 have advanced funded FDOT roadway projects. While this process has accelerated implementation of needed transportation projects, future FDOT funding to the CRTPA includes dedications committed to paying back these local governments/agencies. Current projects for which the FDOT is reimbursing local advance funding are Crawfordville Road (SR 61 to Four Points Intersection – Leon County reimbursement), US 90 (Dempsey Mayo to Walden Road – Leon County reimbursement) and Capital Circle, NW (I-10 to US 90 – Blueprint 2000 reimbursement). The DRAFT FY 2009 – FY 2013 Major PPL incorporates this issue into the list's development by maintaining those projects already under development in priority order in recognition of the limited available financial resources.

- **Multi-Modal Level-of-Service/Impact to Transit System:** A multi-modal level-of-service (LOS) analysis for candidate projects has been included. This analysis, performed by CRTPA staff, provides a level-of-service for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit along roadways. The analysis is performed through use of the Multimodal Quality/Level of Service software as developed by FDOT. This information is provided under the column header “Multimodal LOS Bike/Ped/Bus”. Note: Only projects that include signalized intersections have a multimodal LOS rating due to the fact that this software requires traffic signal inputs to conduct the analysis. The analysis provided for this year’s PPL was performed during last year’s development of the list.
- **Strategic Intermodal System (SIS):** Projects located on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) have been identified. As members may recall, FDOT has identified SIS facilities to receive funding priority. This information is provided under the column header “SIS Facility”. Note: The CRTPA adopts a separate SIS PPL for SIS roadways.
- **Local Match Potential:** Information related to whether the project has identified local match potential is included. Currently, those projects identified with local match potential are Blueprint 2000 projects. This information is provided under the column header “Local Match”.
- **Economic Development:** Like most regions, the CRTPA area is actively promoting economic development that attracts and retains businesses as well maintains the region’s quality of life. To that end, information related to ongoing economic development initiatives of the CRTPA area has been included. The City of Tallahassee’s Economic Development Office provided this information last year. *Attachment 2* provides this information.
- **Prior Investment/Funding History:** This factor was added by the CRTPA at the May 21, 2007 meeting. Information related to the consideration of this factor is associated with previous project history including prior project phases that received funding as identified in project phase information column.
- **Smart Growth:** This factor was added by the CRTPA at their May 21, 2007 CRTPA meeting.

*Attachment 3* provides last year’s adopted (FY 08 – FY 12) Major PPL.

### **Changes/Issues Related to the Major Priority Project List**

**Project Removed:** Capital Circle, Southeast (Tram Road to Woodville Highway), ranked #7 on last year’s Major PPL, has been removed from this year’s Draft FY 09 – FY 13 Major Priority Project List (PPL) due to the fact that this project is currently under construction and does not require funding. This project was ranked number one on last year’s Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) List.

**Projects Combined:** Capital Circle, Southwest (Crawfordville Road to Orange Avenue) has been combined into one project. In last year’s Major PPL, this project was reflected as three separate projects (Entrepot Boulevard to Crawfordville Road, Entrepot Boulevard to Orange Avenue, and Orange Avenue to Capital Circle, SW). The new manner in which this project is being depicted is

consistent with the project limits of the current Project Development and Environment Study for this segment.

**Major PPL Subcommittee:** At the May 21, 2007 CRTPA meeting, members voted to “Approve establishment of the Major Priority Project List (PPL) subcommittee to be tasked with recommending a prioritization process that quantifies approved criteria for use in generation of next year’s (FY 10/14) Major Priority Project List.” Subsequent to the May meeting, the Major PPL Subcommittee held its first meeting on June 20, 2007. At this meeting, the committee discussed their mission as well as initiated a review of how other MPOs develop their priority project lists. The next meeting of the Major PPL Subcommittee has been tentatively scheduled for late October. The committee will present its recommendation to the CRTPA at its May 2008 meeting.

**Last Year’s Adoption Motion:** The adoption motion for last year’s FY 08 – FY 12 Major PPL included a motion stating that “should the Florida Department of Transportation have funding less than \$2,000,000 to program for CRTPA roadway projects, these funds should be used to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects.”

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

A public meeting to present the CRTPA’s FY 2008 – 2012 Project Priority Lists to the public is scheduled to occur on September 6, 2006 at Tallahassee City Hall. Information regarding this meeting has been placed on the CRTPA’s website ([www.crtpa.org](http://www.crtpa.org)).

### **NEXT STEPS**

Subsequent to CRTPA approval, the Major Priority Project List (as well as the other Project Priority Lists) will be submitted to FDOT by October 1, 2007 for funding consideration as part of the development of the FDOT FY 2009 – FY 2013 Work Program. In November, the Draft Work Program is presented to the public and the CRTPA by the FDOT. Subsequent to presentation of the FDOT’s Draft Work Program to the CRTPA, staff will initiate development of the FY 2009 – FY 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) reflecting these funded projects.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: DRAFT FY 2009 – FY 2013 Major Priority Project List

Attachment 2: Adopted FY 2008 – FY 2012 Major Priority Project List (*Last Year's List*)