

June 17, 2019



AGENDA ITEM 7 A 5

FISCAL YEAR 2021 – FY 2025

STARMETRO

PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

ADOPTION

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Staff is seeking approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 – FY 2025 StarMetro Priority Project List, included as ***Attachment 1***.

CRTPA COMMITTEE ACTIONS

On June 4, the CRTPA's two (2) committees (Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)) recommended CRTPA approval of the StarMetro PPL.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Adopt the FY 2021 – FY 2025 StarMetro Priority Project List.

BACKGROUND

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. One of these lists is the StarMetro Project Priority List.

Unlike other lists adopted by the CRTPA, this list is developed by the City of Tallahassee's transit agency, StarMetro. Projects contained on this list are consistent with StarMetro's 2016-2026 Transit Development Plan Major Update, adopted on June 8, 2016.

FY 2021 - FY 2025 StarMetro PPL

The Draft FY 2021 – FY 2025 StarMetro PPL is comprised of capital projects consistent with StarMetro’s 2016-2026 Transit Development Plan Major Update.

Changes from last year’s (FY 2020 - FY 2024) StarMetro PPL

The Draft FY 2021 - FY 2025 StarMetro PPL contains the same five (5) projects included on last year’s currently adopted PPL. The only proposed change is to the priority order of last year’s number #2 ranked project (South City Transit Center) which is proposed to be moved down to number #4 on the list resulting in a slight re-order of the list.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public meetings to present the CRTPA’s Draft FY 2021 – FY 2025 PPLs (held in conjunction with the scheduled adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at this meeting) were held throughout the CRTPA region on May 22 & 23.

NEXT STEPS

Subsequent to Board adoption, the priority project lists will be provided to the FDOT for consideration in the development of the Draft FY 2021 – FY 2025 Annual State Work Program, scheduled to be presented to the CRTPA in the fall of 2019.

After the release of the Draft State Work Program, CRTPA staff will initiate development of the CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) incorporating those transportation projects in the CRTPA region that have received state and federal funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Adopt the FY 2021 – FY 2025 StarMetro Priority Project List.
(Recommended)

Option 2: Provide Other Direction

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: DRAFT FY 2021 – FY 2025 StarMetro Priority Project List

ATTACHMENT 1

StarMetro
DRAFT Priority Project List
 Fiscal Year 2021 - Fiscal Year 2025

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT WPI#	Programmed Funding					Project/Strategy	Funding Sought	
			Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023			2024
1	Comprehensive Operational Analysis & Transit Development Plan Update		Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Initiate a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) for StarMetro.	\$500,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-		
2	Bus Stop Upgrades		Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	This project proposes upgrading at least 50 stops to include boarding and alighting areas for bus wheelchair ramps	\$500,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-		
3	Bus Transit Signal Prioritization		Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	This project provides for the addition of global positioning system (GPS) based system devices on StarMetro buses to improve transit system performance.	\$250,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-		
4	South City Transit Center	4425421	Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Construct multi-bay SuperStop in southeastern Tallahassee.	\$1.5 M (CST)
			PE	\$275,500						
5	Redevelopment of C.K. Steele Plaza Planning Study		Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Planning study of C.K. Steele Plaza identifying opportunities for redevelopment of the site.	\$200,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-		

ABBREVIATIONS:

PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)
 CST - Construction

Project Name	Project Description
Comprehensive Operational Analysis & Transit Development Plan Update	Initiate a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) for StarMetro. The COA is a means of evaluating and adjusting current StarMetro operations to be more efficient while developing a framework to adapt the system to achieve the objectives of the Transit Development Plan (TDP), which itself is intended to lead toward implementation of the Long-Range Plan. The goals of a COA are: 1. Establish a framework for making decisions about existing and future transit service, 2. Evaluate the effectiveness of current operational investments (routes), 3. Identify opportunities to improve system efficiency, 4. Develop recommendations to strengthen and effectively grow the StarMetro system, 5. Guide implementation of a system modifications to better serve StarMetro's partners and customers. Estimated cost - \$500,000
Bus Stop Upgrades	StarMetro has just over 900 active stops. Many of these stops are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and offer limited information to customers. While ADA compliance is only required when an amenity such as a bench or a shelter is added to the stop, StarMetro desires to make the system more accessible and safer for all customers. The funding will be used to upgrade at least 300 stops to include interactive solar smart stops to provide route information to our customers, boarding and alighting areas for bus wheelchair ramps to use, connect bus stops to sidewalks, and add shelter pads to prepare for the future placement of an amenity. Estimated cost - \$500,000
Bust Transit Signal Prioritization	The City of Tallahassee is starting to replace the existing infrared based traffic signal preemption system for emergency vehicles with a more advanced global positioning system (GPS) based system. This system will allow for a much more efficient routing of emergency vehicles with less disruption to the traffic signal network. The GPS system also allows for adding signal prioritization to transit vehicles. Signal prioritization extends the green time or shortens the red time for approaching buses depending on the system parameters such as a bus running behind schedule. Signal prioritization is shown to improve overall transit system performance and efficiency by at least 10%. It costs approximately \$3,000 per bus for the signal prioritization devices. Estimated cost - \$250,000
South City Transit Center	Construction of multi-bay SuperStop in the South City area of Tallahassee South City Transit Center - (Meridian and Orange). This SuperStop will provide an off-street location and possibly on street bus bays for customers to transfer between multiple routes, serve as a layover point for operators, will assist to improve system performance, will have public restrooms, an information booth and supervisor offices. The building will be constructed with solar panels on the roof, overhead charging stations for transit buses and plug in chargers for staff vehicles. In addition, the SuperStop will allow StarMetro to develop neighborhood circulators on the Southside to efficiently provide transportation options for elderly, disabled and low-income individuals located in the area and improve service to the Veteran's Administration Clinic. Estimated cost for construction - \$1,500,000
Redevelopment of C.K. Steele Plaza Planning Study	Initiate a planning study of C.K. Steele Plaza (Plaza) to identify the needs, challenges, opportunities, and funding options to transform the Plaza from a single-use transit facility into a mixed-use, multistory intermodal facility with opportunities for house StarMetro Administrative Staff; leasable space for office, restaurants, and retail activities; and connections to intercity transportation such as Amtrak, Greyhound, and/or Megabus (Commission Approved sales tax funds \$17,500,000). planning study estimated cost - \$200,000