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COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 5 C

YEAR 2050 REGIONAL MOBILITY PLAN

TYPE OF ITEM: Presentation/Discussion/Action

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

The Project Team will be presenting a Year 2050 Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) status update to include a review of the activities that have occurred since the item was presented to the CRTPA Board in September 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option: Information Only

BACKGROUND

The Year 2050 Regional Mobility Plan kicked off at the September 16, 2024 CRTPA Board meeting. Since that time the projects has progressed in several areas including “Public Involvement”, development of “Guiding Principles, Strategies and Measures”, and transportation system modeling.

It is typical for the initial efforts of the RMP to be used for gathering information and initiate public engagement and can seem rather slow moving in the overall process. However, the data collection, goal setting and initial public engagement are catalysts for project development, financials resources, project prioritization which will rapidly excel in the spring and into the fall for project adoption.

Public Involvement

The RMP has a full schedule of public involvement activities with the first round being recently completed. The first round focused on project introduction and the collection of opinions (both online and public events) regarding existing system conditions and modes of transportation.

The online collection of data occurred via a survey that ran from November 15 through December 31 on the project website - ConnectCapitalRegion.com. In addition to the survey being introduced on the website, social media also played a key role in “getting the message out”. The online effort produced the completion of close to 900 surveys.

In addition to the online survey, there were four (4) public events that the Project Team attended including:

- Fall Festival, Jefferson County – November 16
- Winter Festival, Leon County – December 7

- Christmas in Sopchoppy Festival, Wakulla County – December 14
- Havana Winterfest, Gadsden County – December 14

Stakeholder Meetings

To further introduce the project, four (4) groups of stakeholders were created to provide background information regarding the project and address any questions or comments that they had. The four groups included:

Transportation and Tourism

- Capital City Cyclists
- Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association
- Visit Tallahassee
- Visit Wakulla
- Discover Sopchoppy
- Visit Panacea

Natural Resource Agencies

- US Forest Service
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Universities

- Florida State University
- Florida A&M University
- Tallahassee State College

Housing and Non-Profits

- Florida Housing and Finance Corporation
- Community Action Agency of Tallahassee (Big Bend Region)
- Leon County Housing Services and/or Tallahassee Housing Authority
- Jefferson County Housing Authority
- North Central Florida Housing Authority
- Second Harvest of the Big Bend
- Goodwill Industries - Big Bend
- The Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross
- Tallahassee Urban League
- Big Bend Cares

These meetings were held on December 12, 2024.

Guiding Principles, Strategies and Measures

Like previous RMP's, the Year 2050 RMP Project Team reviewed and refined the Guiding Principles to include:



Safety



Economic Development



Multimodal Accessibility



Security, Resiliency & Reliability



Travel and Tourism



System Preservation/Maintenance



Land Use/Affordable Housing



Natural Resources



Connectivity

The Guiding Principles (**Table 1**) address national other local and regional plan efforts and were utilized to develop the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies so that the Needs Assessment and project prioritization processes (Phase 2 of the RMP) could be correlated back to the Goals, Objectives and Strategies.

Transportation System Modeling

In addition to the work being completed by the project Team, CRTPA staff is working with the FDOT District 3 transportation model consultant to develop (ultimately) a 2050 transportation model for the region.

The Cost Feasible Plan projects that the CRTPA Board adopts in November of 2025 will be incorporated into the regional model and then into the FDOT District 3 transportation model.

Table 1 – Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives

Year 2050 Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives

Guiding Principles/Goals	Objectives
Safety - for all residents and visitors	Reduce fatal and severe injury crashes
	Reduce fatal and severe injury crashes involving vulnerable users
Connectivity - between destinations for all modes	Close gaps in sidewalk network
	Close gaps in trail and bike lane network
Travel and Tourism - Transportation options for residents and visitors	Improve access to tourist attractions for all users
	Reduce recurring congestion on roadways
Multimodal Accessibility - Diversity of travel choices to facilitate movement and connections and promote public health	Improve multimodal access to public transit
	Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in transportation disadvantaged areas
Land Use - Coordinate with Land Use initiatives to foster vibrant communities	Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities in mixed use areas
	Improve multimodal accessibility in affordable housing areas
Security, Resilience, Reliability - Ensure Resilience, Reliability and Security	Maintain mobility on evacuation routes
	Mitigate non-recurring traffic congestion
	Improve resilience in flood prone areas
Economic Development - Coordinate with Economic Development initiatives	Improve mobility in high growth areas or areas designated as economic development/growth areas in local plans
	Improve mobility on heavy truck routes
Natural Resource Protection - Protect Environmental, Cultural, Historical areas	Limit impacts to natural resources like parks and preservation areas
	Limit impacts to historic and cultural resources
System Preservation and Efficiency – Optimize and preserve existing infrastructure through asset management and operational strategies	Expand use of technological and/or operational strategies
Funding Commitment	Continue to invest in pipeline projects