

## 2021 Manatee County Project Priorities

**On behalf of Manatee County, we hereby recommend the following list of transportation projects, ranked by priority, for funding consideration by FDOT.**

Rank	Facility (Project)	Project Limits	Improvement Description	Next Phase	Roadway Network Code	FDOT Funding Code	L RTP Funding Code
1a	Desoto Bridge Replacement	from 21st Ave W to US 19	Replace end-of-life bridge with higher capacity structure consistent with CMNAA and PD&E	PE	SHS	BRP	RRI
1b	Bradenton-Palmetto Connector	Manatee River crossing west of I-75	New Bridge/Capacity Alternative	PE	RRN/SHS	HC	RRI
2a	15th St E/ 301 Blvd (Center/Segment 2)	56th Ave Dr E to North of 52nd Ave E (Segment 2c)	Reconstruct two-lane roadway consistent with complete streets principles	CST*	RRN/SHS	HC	RRI
2b	15th St E/ 301 Blvd (Center/Segment 2)	60th Ave Dr E to 56th Ave Dr E (Segment 2b)	Reconstruct two-lane roadway consistent with complete streets principles	CST*	RRN	HC	RRI
2c	15th St E/ 301 Blvd (Center/Segment 2)	South of 63rd Ave E to 60th Ave Dr E (Segment 2a)	Reconstruct two-lane roadway consistent with complete streets principles	CST	RRN	HC	RRI
2d	15th St E/ 301 Blvd (South/Segment 1)	from Tallevast Rd to South of 63rd Ave E	Reconstruct two-lane roadway consistent with complete streets principles	ROW	RRN	HC	RRI
2e	15th St E/ 301 Blvd (North/Segment 3)	from 52nd Ave E to US 41	Reconstruct two-lane roadway consistent with complete streets principles	ROW	RRN/SHS	HC	RRI
3	Advanced Traffic Management System	Countywide	Signal communication system and infrastructure replacements.	CST	RRN/SHS	TSM&O	ATMS
4	Moccasin Wallow Rd	from I-75 to US 301	Reconstruct and widen two-lane road as four-lane divided road.	PD&E	RRN	HC	TRIP/CIGP
5	9th St W	from 301 Blvd to Cortez Rd (SR 684)	Construct sidewalk on west side	PE	RRN	HC	TA
6	US 41 Bicycle Improvements	from Edwards Dr to 26th Ave W	bike racks and route wayfinding signs	PE	SHS	HC	MMEC
7	US 41	at Bayshore Gardens Pkwy	add separate westbound and southbound right turn lanes; construct intersection-related pedestrian improvements	PE	SHS	HC	CMP/TA
8	US 41 Bus (14th St W)	from 39th Ave W to 26th Ave W	Pedestrian crossings	PE	SHS	HC	TA

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9	SR 684 (Cortez Road)	at 26th St W	add separate northbound and southbound right turn lanes	PE	SHS	HC	CMP
10	US 41 Complete Streets	County line to Tallevast Rd	Complete streets improvements consistent with Corridor Planning Study recommendations	PE	SHS	HC	MMEC/TA
11	US 301	from 41st Ave E to 50th Ave E	sidewalk	PE	SHS	HC	TA
12	Morgan Johnson Rd	from 13th Ave E to SR 64	construct sidewalk on east side	CST	RRN	HC	TA
13	Rails with Trails (Willow- Ellenton Trail)	from I-75 to US 301	Multi Use Trail	PD&E	TRAIL	SUNT	TA
14	44th Ave E	from 45th St E to Lakewood Ranch Blvd	New construction and reconstruction as a four lane divided roadway.	CST*	RRN	HC	RRI

**This list serves as formal documentation for the adoption of 2021 Manatee County Project Priorities approved by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on Feb 9, 2021.**

By:

*Vanessa Baugh*  
Vanessa Baugh, Chairwoman



Attest: Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit

Court and County Comptroller

By:

*Debi Steiner*  
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED** in Open Session

2/9/2021

Manatee County Board of County  
Commissioners

Manatee County Government Administration Building  
Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers, First Floor  
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Agenda Item #38

Subject

Adoption and Execution of Manatee County's 2021 Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Project Priorities

Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Contact/Presenter: Clarke Davis, Traffic Management Deputy Director, x7272

Action Requested

Adopt table titled "2021 Manatee County Project Priorities" and authorize the Chairperson to sign it and staff to transmit it to the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, Powers and Duties, County Commission  
Section 339.175(6), Florida Statutes, Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities, MPO

Background Discussion

The purpose of this item is to request Board action on 2021 transportation project priorities and their rankings. It is important because it is a necessary step to participate in a process that can provide State or Federal funding to certain County transportation projects.

The Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) requests that each agency review and rank its project priorities prior to MPO Board adoption. This report provides the staff-recommended projects and their rankings for 2021. In general, any projects selected for funding from this list will appear in State Fiscal Year 2026 or 2027 of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) five-year program approved by the legislature in 2022.

Projects and Rankings

The attached "2021 Manatee County Project Priorities" table lists proposed 2021 transportation project priorities for several funding programs available through the MPO and State. They are presented in priority order. At the top of the list, the table shows the County's highest priority major projects for the DeSoto Bridge Replacement, the Bradenton-Palmetto Connector, and 15th Street East reconstruction in five phases. These are followed by Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) request for traffic signal system funding.

The 15th Street East project merits some additional information. For implementation purposes, the overall project was broken into three main sections: north, center, and south. The center section has been the County's highest priority, and it extends from around 63rd Ave E (Bowlees Creek area) to 52nd Ave E (just north of SR70).

The center section appears to have the highest potential for positive impact, and the County coordinated with FDOT to develop an approach to funding it. The center section was further divided into the projects shown as priorities #2a, #2b, and #2c. All center sections have programmed right-of-way phases, and the first two also have funded construction phases. The section shown as priority #2c for South of 63rd Ave to 60th Ave Dr E is proposed for construction funding in FY26 in the FY22-FY26 draft tentative work program. All sections are retained for sake of completeness, but with all center sections expected to be funded in the upcoming program, the disposition of the south and north sections will need to be considered when setting future priorities.

The balance is presented in order according to last year's rankings, based on MPO project prioritization methods. The MPO developed the scoring method for consistency with State and Federal funding legislation and requirements. While ranking adjustments can be made, the projects are theoretically presented in the order they are most likely to successfully compete for funding.

#### Changes Since Last Year

The 2021 list was developed using the 2020 list as a base. The only change from the 2020 list as originally presented is the inclusion of 44th Ave E from 45th St E to Lakewood Ranch Blvd. This was a mid-year addition so the improvement could be found consistent with the MPO's adopted priorities when the legislature considered the County's special funding requests.

#### Network and Funding Codes

The MPO requests that project priority tables follow a specific format, and it uses some non-standard abbreviations. The following provides a legend for them:

##### Roadway Network Code (type of road)

SHS: State Highway System

RRN: Regional Roadway Network

##### FDOT Funding Code (State/Federal fund category)

BRP: Bridge Replacement

HC: Highway Capacity (includes mobility projects, like sidewalks)

TSM&O: Transportation Systems Management and Operations

##### LRTP Funding Code (MPO funding category)

ATMS: Advanced Traffic Management System

CIGP: County Incentive Grant Program

CMP: Congestion Management Process

MMEC: US 41 Multi-Modal Emphasis Corridor

RRI: Regional Roadway Improvement

TA: Transportation Alternatives

TRIP: Transportation Regional Incentive Program

#### Looking Ahead

County action on priorities is an important step in an approximate 18-month process. The next step will be MPO Board consideration of the combined priorities of all member jurisdictions on February 22.

FDOT staff will use the adopted priorities during the Summer 2021 project selection and program

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development process for a work program that will go into effect July 1, 2022, and the Transportation Improvement Program the MPO Board will adopt in Summer 2022.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Board adoption of the 2021 project priorities and their rankings as shown in the attached table.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

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Instructions to Board Records

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Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

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