



Rail Traffic Evaluation

**Joint Meeting
West Central Florida MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee
Central Florida MPO Alliance**

July 18, 2008

By: FDOT District 1

Scope of Work



□ Four Work Elements

1. Identify Impacts / Develop Mitigation – CSX Rail Relocation
2. Evaluate Freight Routing Options
3. Examine Passenger Rail Feasibility and Regional Bus Options Assessment
4. Coordinate with Public and Stakeholders Outreach

Identify Impacts / Develop Mitigation



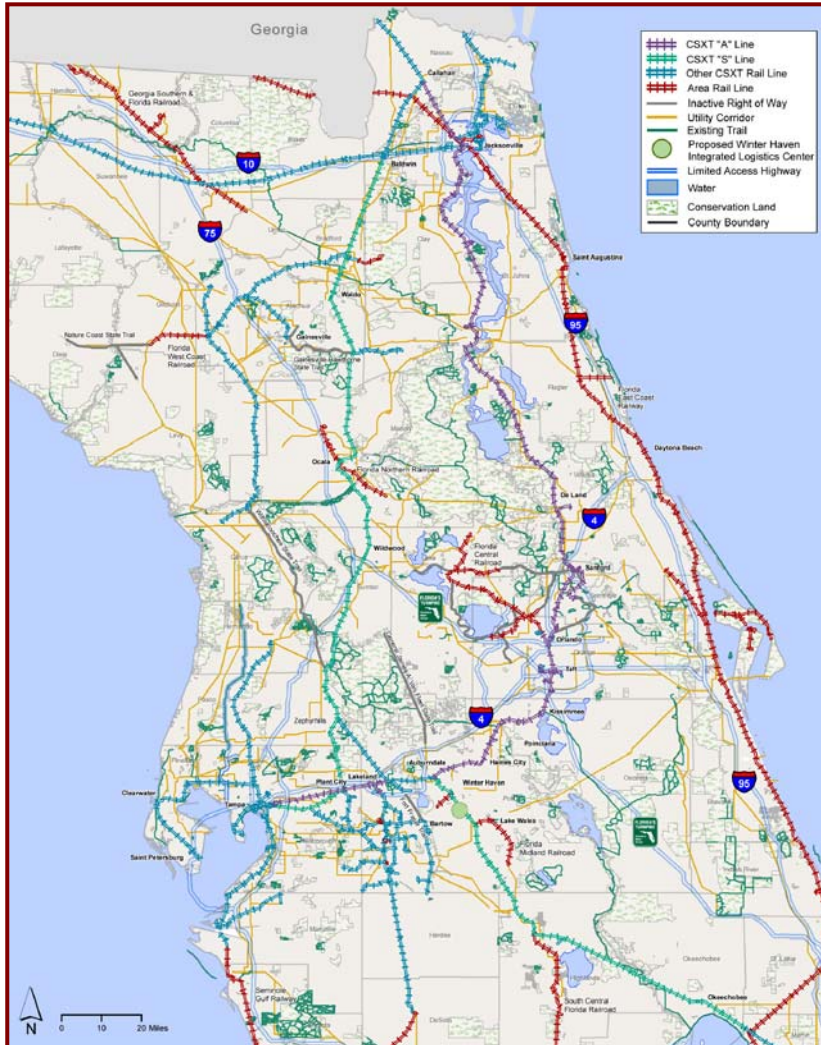
- Identify Existing Issues and Constraints
 - Existing Conditions – Vehicular, Pedestrian
- Identify Future Conditions (2030) Analysis
 - Without Increased Freight Rail Traffic
 - With Increased Freight Rail Traffic
- Compare Future Conditions
 - Identify project related impacts
- Develop Potential Mitigation Strategies
 - Safety Improvements
 - Traffic Improvements
 - Multimodal Improvements

Corridor Relocation



- Opportunities and Constraints
 - Underutilized / Abandoned Rail Rights of Way
 - Utility Corridors
 - Transportation Corridors
 - New Corridors
- Land Use Considerations
- Traffic Considerations

Regional Corridors



Source: National Rail Network Bureau of Transportation Statistics; FDOT; FDEP; ESRI Data

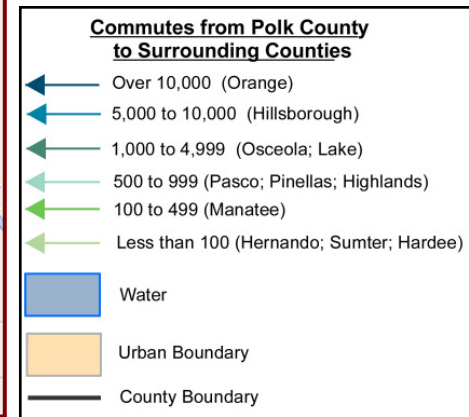
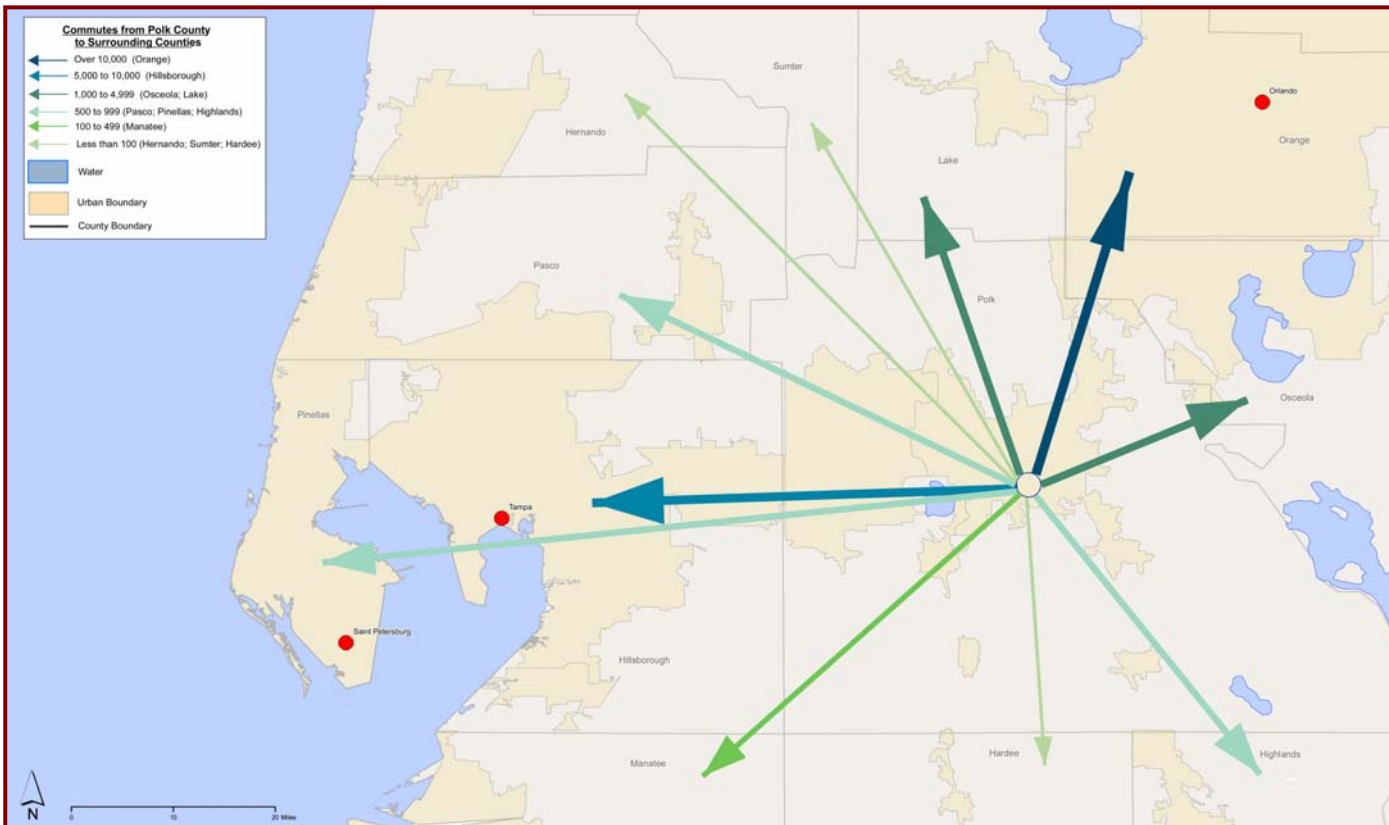
Polk County Regional Passenger Options



- Identify Passenger Rail and Regional Bus Options Needs within Polk County
- Opportunities and Constraints
 - Orlando Metropolitan Area Plans
 - TBARTA Planning
 - Regional Plans (Intercity, HSR)
- Macro Level Analysis
 - Demand Forecasting (Ridership Analysis)
 - Operations Planning
 - Costing
 - Socioeconomic / Environmental Considerations

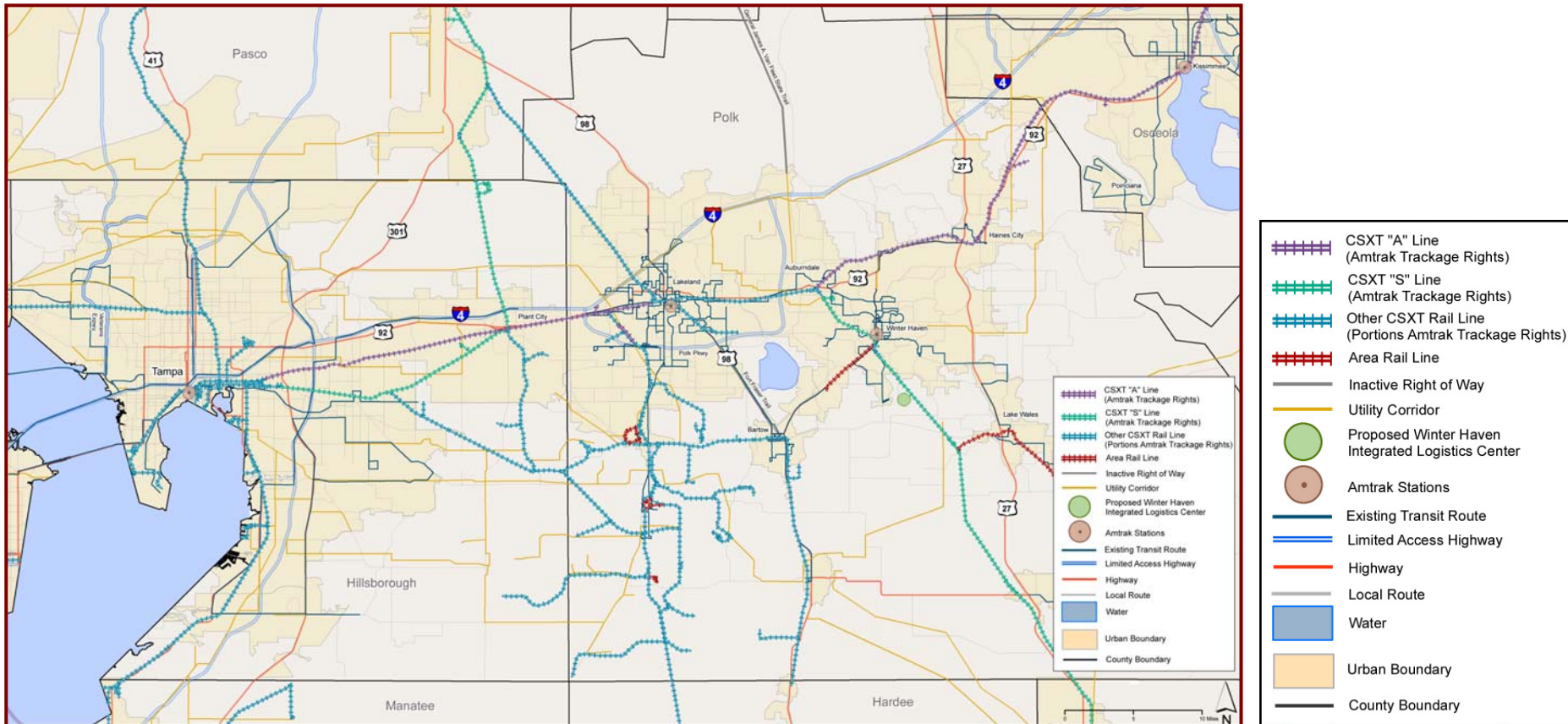
Regional Corridors Map

Polk County Commuter Flow



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Regional Transportation Corridors



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Stakeholder Outreach



□ Key Components

- Understand, Address and Respond to Public Concerns
- Integrate Outreach with Technical Work
- Outreach to Support Decision Making
- Use Outreach to Help Shape Recommendations

Stakeholder Outreach



- Techniques
 - Meetings
 - Formal and Informal
 - Direct Communications
 - Web page / “e – news”
 - Fact Sheets / Newsletters
 - Commitment to Follow Up

7/10/2008

Public Meeting



113 Total Attendees

- ❑ Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- ❑ City of Auburndale
- ❑ City of Bartow
- ❑ City of Haines City
- ❑ City of Lake Alfred
- ❑ City of Lakeland
- ❑ City of Polk City
- ❑ City of Winter Haven
- ❑ Florida Bipartisans
- ❑ Imperial Lakes Association
- ❑ Lakeland Chamber
- ❑ Lakeland Downtown Development Authority
- ❑ Metroplan Orlando
- ❑ Osceola County Attorney's Office
- ❑ Polk County BOCC
- ❑ Polk Transit Authority
- ❑ Polk Transportation Planning Organization
- ❑ Polk County Engineering
- ❑ Residents of Polk County
- ❑ Residents for Community Improvements, Inc.
- ❑ Tampa Bay Partnership



Location: Bartow Civic Center

Schedule



- Summer/Fall 2008
 - Data Collection
 - Preliminary Analysis
- Winter 2008/2009
 - Technical Findings
 - Preliminary Recommendations
- Spring 2009
 - Final Recommendations
 - Implementation Plan

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