



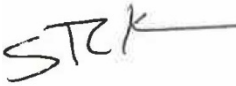
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TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study  
Long-Range Transportation Plan Model Conversion - Status Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**For Information Only.**

BACKGROUND

As required by federal legislation, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is responsible for long-range transportation planning for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. The adopted cost feasible plan consists of project recommendations to the Florida Department of Transportation. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization coordinates with the Florida Department of Transportation to maintain the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model. This model is Alachua Countywide. Recent Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study long-range transportation plan updates have been done on the Citilabs, Inc. Cube Voyager platform. The Florida Department of Transportation has recently changed its long-range transportation plan platform by contracting with PTV Group, Inc. The new platform is PTV Group's Visum software.

At its December 15, 2022 meeting, the Long-Range Transportation Plan Working Group received a presentation from the Florida Department of Transportation Central Office and its model contractor, PTV Group, Inc. on the statewide long-range transportation plan model conversions, including conversion of the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model. In addition, enhancing the transportation system model to a touring model was presented. The Working Group voted to convert the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model to the PTV Group's Visum platform as a touring model.

On July 17, 2023, Florida Department of Transportation Central Office staff and its consultant conducted a virtual meeting with PTV Group, Inc. staff and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization staff concerning the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model conversion and model analysis. At the meeting, the Florida Department of Transportation announced that, due to the cost/benefit of using a touring model versus a four-step model, it will not be converting the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model to a touring model. Therefore, the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan update will be conducted using a four-step model. It is anticipated that the conversion of the existing four-step model from the Citilabs, Inc. Cube Voyager platform to the PTV Group, Inc. Visum platform will be completed by January 2024.

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