

2024 Transportation Initiative Discussion

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

February 6, 2024





Purpose

- **Today's session is for Board of County Commissioners Discussion Regarding Interest in a Transportation Sales Tax Referendum in 2024**
 - **Brief Recap of 2022 Effort**
 - **Key Milestones Dates if Referendum in 2024**

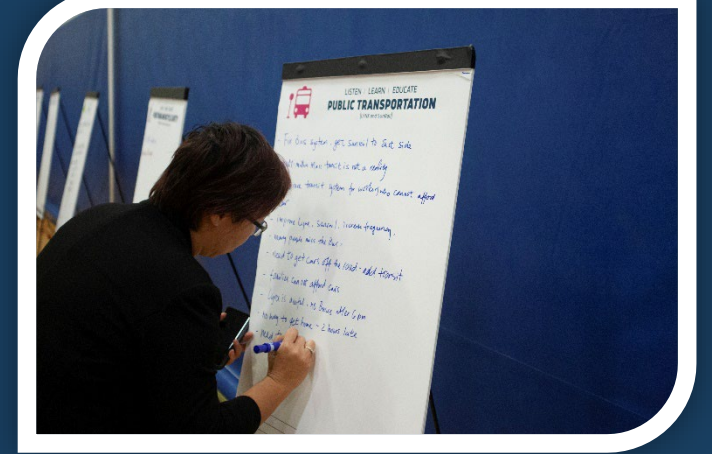
2022 Community Engagement



Over 19,000 transportation surveys completed – survey results by district provided



300 community engagements/"Touch Points" with approximately 10,000 participants



Over 8,000 comments and recommendations received



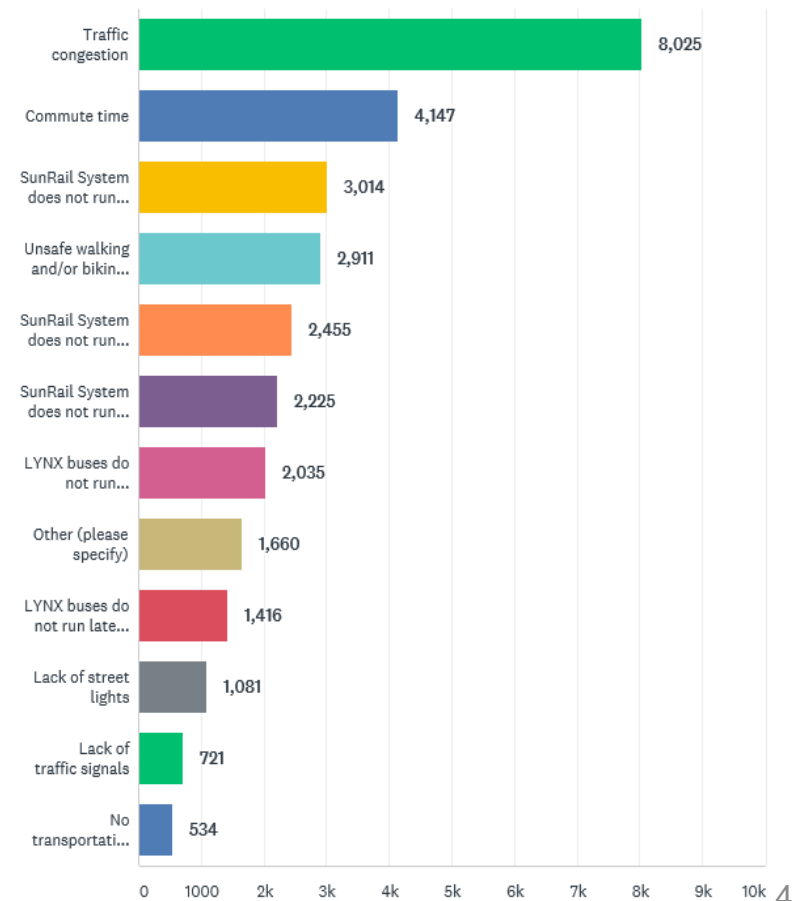
2022 Survey Results – Key Findings

Current transportation challenges:

- Traffic Congestion
- Transit Needs
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

What are your current transportation challenges? (choose ALL that apply)

Answered: 10,253 Skipped: 503





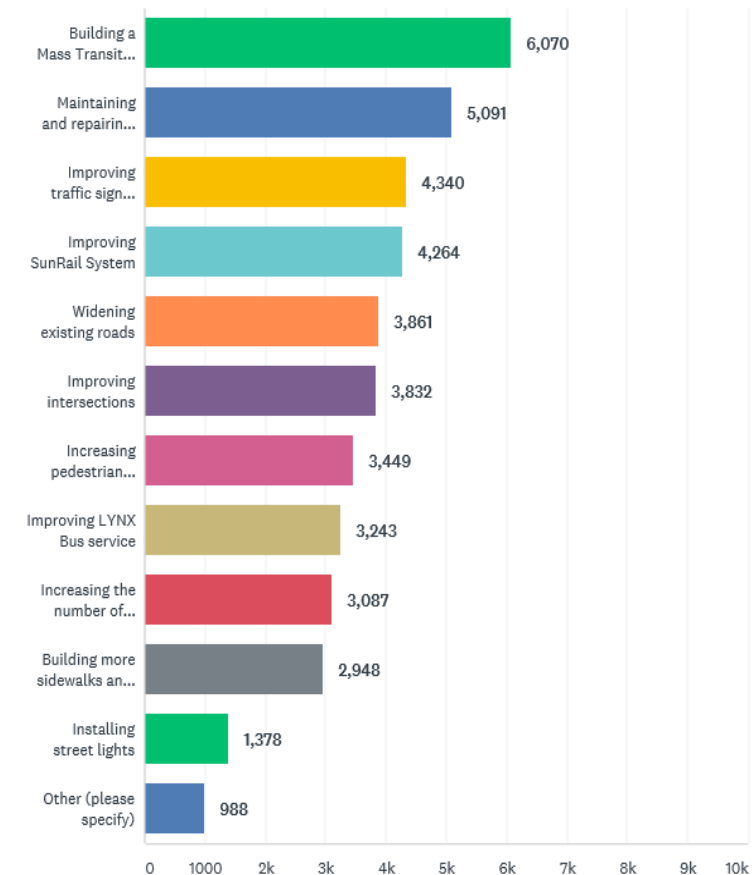
2022 Survey Results – Key Findings

Top 5 priorities for improving transportation in Orange County:

- **Building a Mass Transit System**
(to include buses, trains and other modes of transportation)
- **Maintaining and repairing existing roads**
- **Improving traffic signal timing**
- **Improving SunRail System**
- **Widening existing roads**

What do you believe are the top priorities for improving transportation in Orange County? (choose your top 5)

Answered: 10,243 Skipped: 513



2022 Transportation Needs



- Transit

\$5.6 - \$10 Billion



- Roadways

\$5.4 Billion



- Safety

\$1.3 Billion



- Operations & Maintenance

\$1.2 Billion

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

\$13.5 - \$17.9 BILLION*

**All Costs would need to be re-evaluated*



2022 Funding Allocation

45%

Transit

- LYNX
- SunRail
- High-Capacity Corridors

45%

County

- Roadways*
- Safety
- Operations & Maintenance

10%

Cities

- Roadways
- Safety
- Operations & Maintenance

* Including County roads that run through cities



2022 Oversight Structure

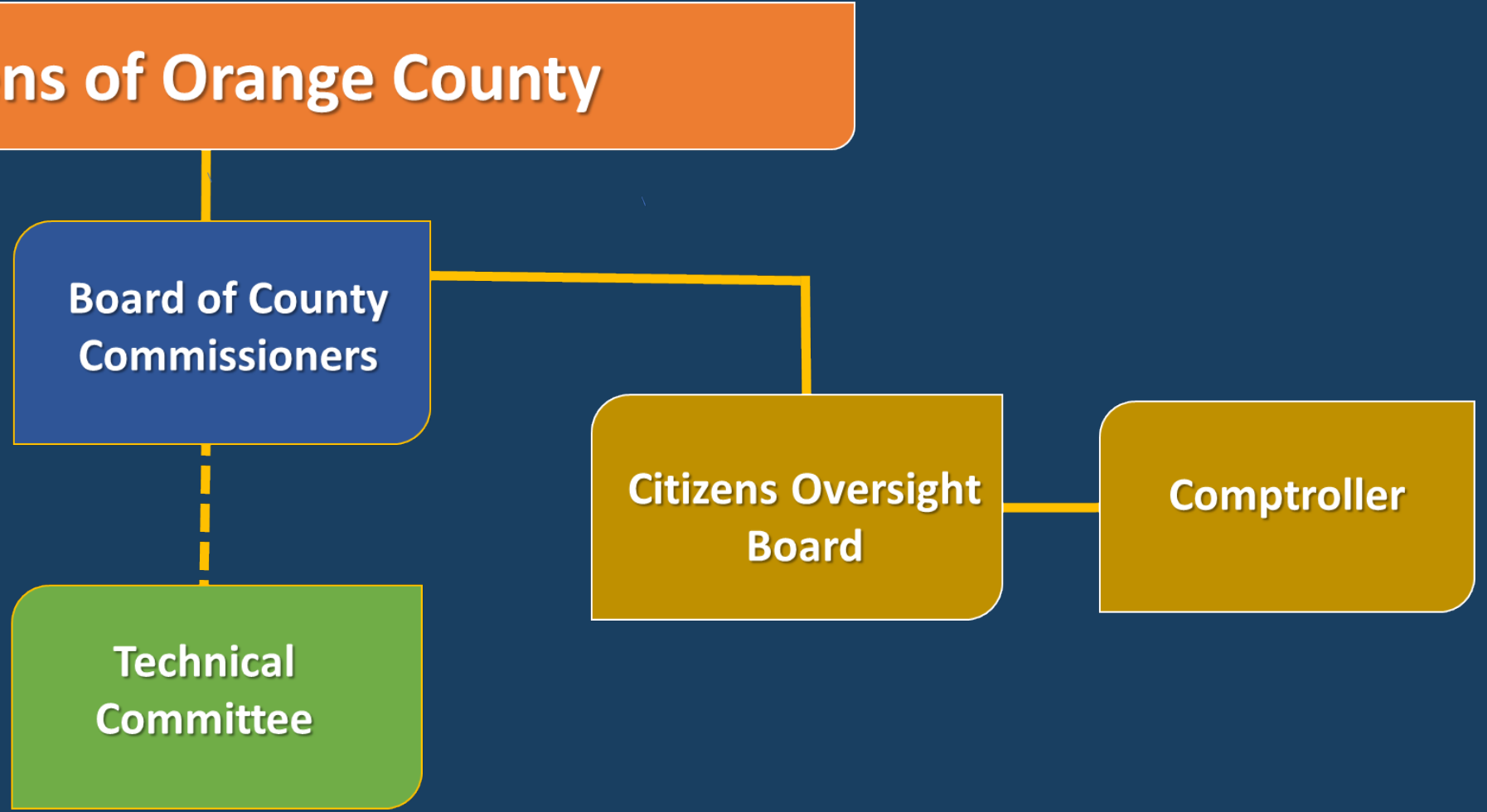
Citizens of Orange County

Board of County Commissioners

Technical Committee

Citizens Oversight Board

Comptroller





2022 Oversight Structure

Technical Committee

- Review the status of projects submitted by each jurisdiction
- Ensures the approved projects are compatible and coordinated amongst jurisdictions
- Identifies opportunities for joint projects and project collaboration

Citizens Oversight Board

- Citizen Board that ensures accountability and transparency in expenditure of sales tax proceeds (does not approve or prioritize projects)
- Ensures County, cities, LYNX, and other funding recipients are spending funds appropriately, timely, and in full compliance with all applicable laws.
- Fields of finance or accounting, transportation, mobility improvements operations, land use planning, or engineering
- Requests/reviews audits of the transportation program by the Orange County Comptroller

Board of County Commissioners

- Reviews and approves projects
- Ensures projects are consistent with Florida Statutes

2022 Municipalities – Resolutions of Support

- City of Ocoee
- Town of Oakland
- City of Winter Garden
- Town of Windermere
- City of Winter Park
- City of Orlando
- City of Maitland
- Town of Eatonville





2022 Interactive Dashboard Mapping Tool

-  Interactive Maps
- Introduction
- Roadways, Bike and Ped Safety
- Transit
- City / Town Projects
- Citizen Oversight



"Creating a transportation system that works for all will require bold thinking and a dedicated source of funding for transformational changes. Our residents deserve a convenient, affordable, robust transit system that gives them a safe and reliable means of commuting to their jobs, schools and activities, as well as reducing our carbon emissions."
 - Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Board of County Commissioners

Jerry L. Demings Orange County Mayor

District 1 - Commissioner Nicole H. Wilson
 District 2 - Commissioner Christine Moore
 District 3 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

District 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero
 District 5 - Commissioner Emily Bonilla
 District 6 - Commissioner Victoria P. Siplin

2022 Interactive Dashboard Mapping Tool

Use Mapping Tool

Search by address for projects near you.

[INTERACTIVE MAPS CLICK HERE](#)

Project Categories

Roadways, Bike and Pedestrian Safety



- View by County Commission District
- Bike and Pedestrian Safety
- Major Roadway Improvements
- Operations and Maintenance
- All Roadways, Bike & Ped Projects

Transit



- View by County Commission District
- LYNX
- SunRail
- All Transit Projects

City / Town Projects



- View by County Commission District
- City / Town Projects

Data Categories

All Transportation Initiative Projects

- All Projects
- Roadways, Bike and Ped Safety
- Transit Projects
- City / Town Projects

Projects Near Me

Search for an address or locate on map

Find address or placemark

show results within 5 Miles

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Legend

SunRail Stations

- Main
- Main.OIA
- OBE
- OIA
- Eastern Rail Extension
- Public/Private Rail Project

SunRail Commuter Rail

- Main Line
- OIA Line
- Orange Blossom Express
- Eastern Rail Extension



2024 Timeline

February
6,
2024

BCC Work
Session #1

March 5
or 26,
2024

BCC Work
Session #2

April
9,
2024

BCC Work
Session #3
**(rate and
duration of
tax needs to
be decided
during this
meeting)**

April
23,
2024

BCC Public
Hearing
Decision on
placing
referendum
on ballot
- Ordinance
- Resolution

May
9,
2024

Ordinance to
Office of
Program
Policy Analysis
and
Government
Accountability

June/July
2024

OPPAGA Audit

July/August
2024

Submit ballot
language to
Supervisor of
Elections
**(submitted on
July 1, 2022,
last time)**

November
5,
2024

Election Day

January
1,
2025

Effective
date of
surtax if
referendum
passes





Accelerated Safety Transportation Program

- **Mayor Demings tasked staff to develop a plan utilizing existing revenue sources**
- **Identified programs centered around safety and transit**
- **Selected projects from the Transportation Report**
- **Short Term Implementation**
- **Encompass Vision Zero strategy**



Accelerated Safety Transportation Program

- Annual Revenue from the Existing Sources to support a \$100 million transportation program
- \$55 million allocated to address Priority Pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety needs
- \$45 million local funds to provide much needed bus shelters and more pressing service enhancements by leveraging state funds
- Projects would be completed or underway in the first 5 years and all capital projects have a 30+ year useful life
- A new GIS tool is being developed to track these projects; scheduled to launch in the first quarter of 2024

Some Possible Considerations

- Local and National Economy
- County's Fiscal Position
- Status on Major Transit Discussions
 - SunRail Transition
 - Sunshine Corridor
 - Brightline (now operating from Miami to Orlando)





Some Possible Considerations

November 2024 Ballot

- **Orange County Public Schools to renew the School Capital Outlay Surtax (half-cent sales tax)**
- **Possible Charter Review Commission (CRC) Measures**
- **Seminole County Renewal of the Infrastructure Sales Tax referendum (one-cent sales tax)**



Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax

PROJECTED REVENUES



1% or 1 penny per dollar

1/2% or 1/2 penny per dollar

20 years =

\$20 Billion*

\$10 Billion*

30 years =

\$36 Billion*

\$18 Billion*

Estimated revenues generated =

\$759 Million Annually

\$379.5 Million Annually

Action Items/Discussion Points (Thru April 2024)

- Commissioners' Involvement
- Community Engagement
- Discussions with Municipalities
- Update Transportation Plan/Needs List (including LYNX)
- Activate Staff Committees





BCC Discussion

- Board Input and Information Desired by the Board
- Indication of Interest in Considering a 2024 Transportation Sales Tax Referendum



“ THERE ARE RISKS AND COSTS TO A PROGRAM OF ACTION, BUT THEY ARE FAR LESS THAN THE LONG-RANGE RISKS AND COSTS OF COMFORTABLE INACTION. ”

John F. Kennedy

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