

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO - FEBRUARY, 2019

Prior to the required 5-year update cycle, there are times when the TPO may find it necessary to amend the LRTP. An amendment is a major revision that may include adding or deleting a project from the plan. It includes also major changes to project costs, initiation dates, or design concepts and scopes for existing projects. A major amendment resulting in a change in the cost feasibility of the adopted LRTP cost feasible plan requires financial analysis reaffirming the cost feasibility of the amended plan. An amendment requires public review and comment in accordance with the Public Involvement Process for LRTP Amendments, and re-demonstrating fiscal constraint. Florida Statute requires that the TPO Board adopt any amendments to the LRTP by a recorded roll call vote of the majority of the membership present.

This amendment addresses 2 areas; Addressing a Federal Highway Administration corrective action and Federal Planning Rules.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) CORRECTIVE ACTION

Every four years all TPO/MPOs go through a certification process by FHWA to ensure that they are operating in compliance with standards, policies and procedures. In the certification review conducted on the Space Coast TPO in June 2018 the following LRTP corrective action was issued.

“Long Range Transportation Plan - Fiscal Constraint - While a comparison of the plan revenue sources and Cost Feasible Plan was included to demonstrate the fiscal constraint of the Plan (Table 7.12), the LRTP did not include the first five years of the Plan and therefore, does not demonstrate full fiscal constraint of the Plan. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.322(a), and discussed in the November 2012 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter, the LRTP must show projects and funding for the entire time period covered by the LRTP, from the base year to the horizon year. Because this information is missing from the financial infographics and tables, fiscal constraint of the full plan could not be determined. Revisions to the 2040 LRTP must be made to clearly demonstrate fiscal constraint for the entire Plan by February 28, 2019.”

RESOLUTION TO FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) CORRECTIVE ACTION

Long Range Transportation Plans become active on their adoption date. This plan was originally adopted on October 8, 2015. In order to demonstrate fiscal constraint, the tables on pages 171-174 to include the projects, their costs, and funded phases for fiscal year 2015/2016 through fiscal year 2019/2020 that cover the first five years of this adopted LRTP. By inclusion of these projects fiscal constraint can clearly be demonstrated for the entire period covered by the LRTP.

On the following pages, text in the body of this document has been updated reflect the inclusion of the first 5 years of projects:

On page 141 the text in bold in the second paragraph was updated to reference this appendix. It reads:
 “The prioritization of long term improvements is complemented in the cost feasible plan by parallel efforts to prioritize and implement specific types of improvements, including capacity, safety and congestion management projects, some of which are affordable in the short term, between 2016 and 2020. **These funded projects are listed in the Cost Feasible Tables beginning on Pages 171-174.**”

On page 155 halfway through the first paragraph the following text in bold was added:
 “The first five years of the plan period **are already funded** and are not included in the projections since the revenue for that period is encumbered by projects included in the TPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (**Page 338**).

Text was also added to the Cost Feasible Map on page 170, to refer to pages 171-174 for the first five years of projects in the LRTP.

Additionally, the new planning factors were introduced on page xxii and were added to the table on page 91. All of the new planning requirements were added to Appendix C as part of this amendment Pages 327-336.

These corrections address the FHWA comments received on January 11, 2019.