

City of Gainesville

Transit Development Plan

City Commission Meeting
February 6, 2025



Presentation Overview

- What is a TDP?
- Public Outreach
- Transit Route Restoration Plan Overview
- 10-Year Transit Needs Plan
- Evaluation Process
- Recommended 10-Year Plan
- Implementation Timeline
- 10-Year Plan Costs and Revenues
- What's Next



What is a Transit Development Plan?

TDP is a.....

What a TDP is NOT:

- Budget
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Binding agreement



10-year vision for transit



Plan that identifies both funded & unfunded needs



Collaborative process



Helps RTS set transit service/capital priorities



Updated annually
Major update every 5 years

What is a Transit Development Plan?

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- 10-year transit plan
- Strategic plan for transit
 - Evaluate demographics & travel behavior
 - Assess existing transit options
 - Conduct public involvement & outreach
 - Determine transit needs
 - Develop service & implementation plans
- FDOT requirement for funding



Public Outreach Summary



503 visits
Virtual Public Workshop



53
Steering
Committee
attendants

769
survey responses



108 public workshop
attendees



13
stakeholder
interviews

More than 1,400 participants engaged!

Public Outreach Summary

Top Reasons for Using RTS



I do not have a car

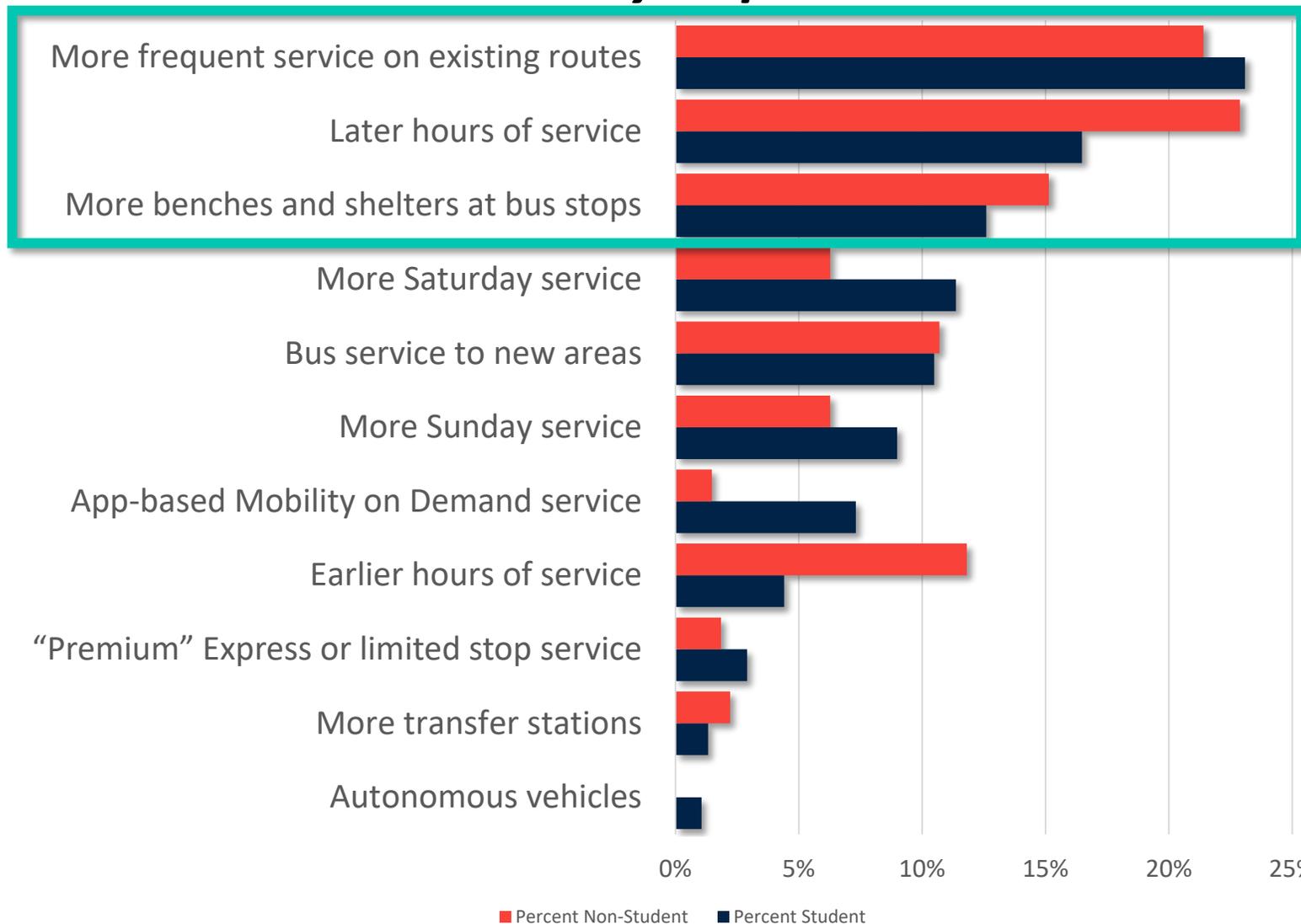


Parking is too expensive/difficult



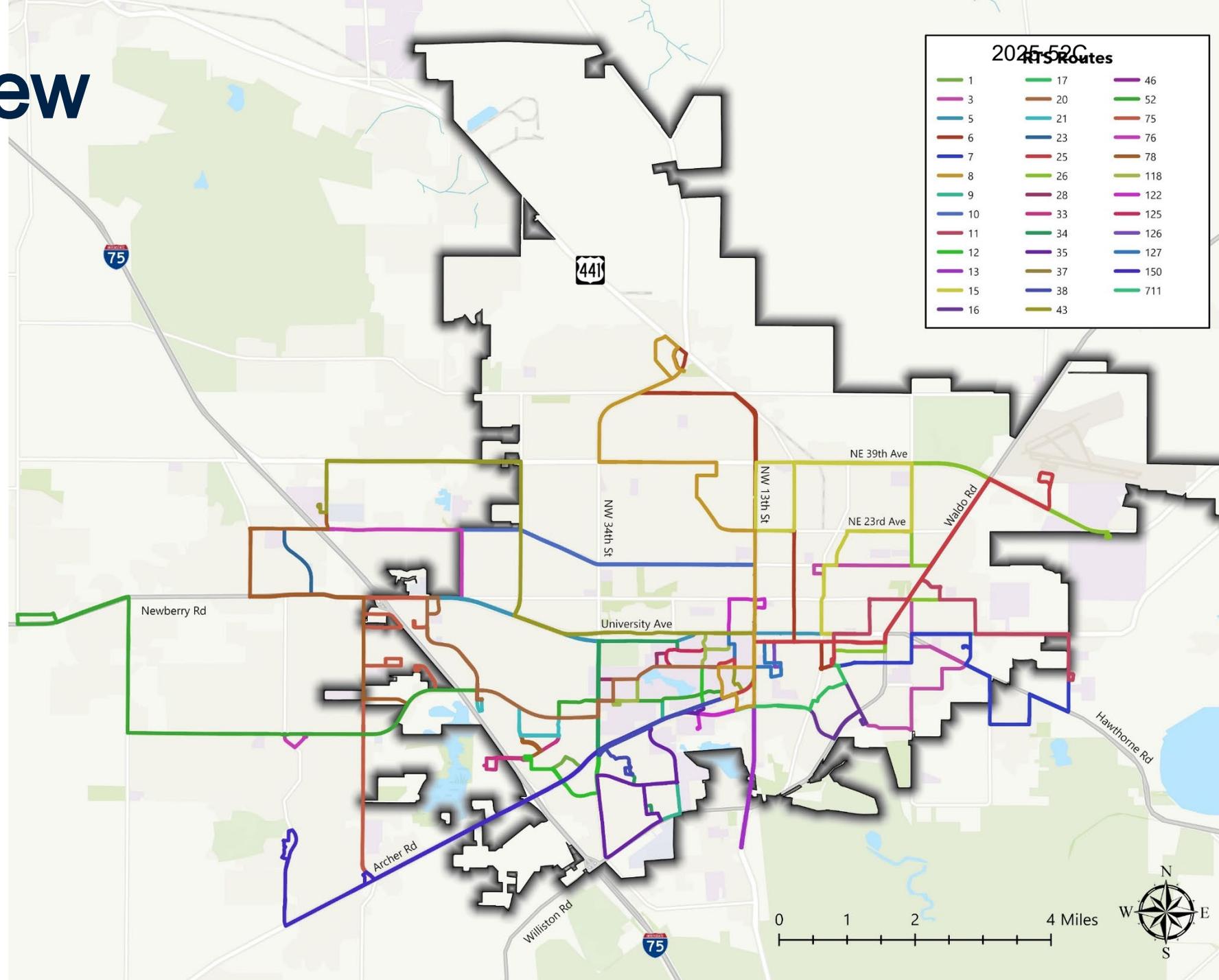
I prefer RTS to other alternatives

Priority Improvements



RTS Overview

- 38 Fixed routes
 - 21 UF Funded
 - 12 RTS Funded
 - 3 Santa Fe College
 - 2 County Funded



Transit Route Restoration Plan

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- Recommendations:
 - Phase 1 – Collaboration and coordination of RTS staff incorporated UF-generated adjustments and repurposing of resources
 - Phase 2 – Reflects UF’s proposed Network Changes with minor modifications to RTS funded routes
 - Phase 3 – TRRP Study recommendations, reflecting UF proposed network, modified RTS, Santa Fe College, and County routes



Phase 2 UF Recommendations

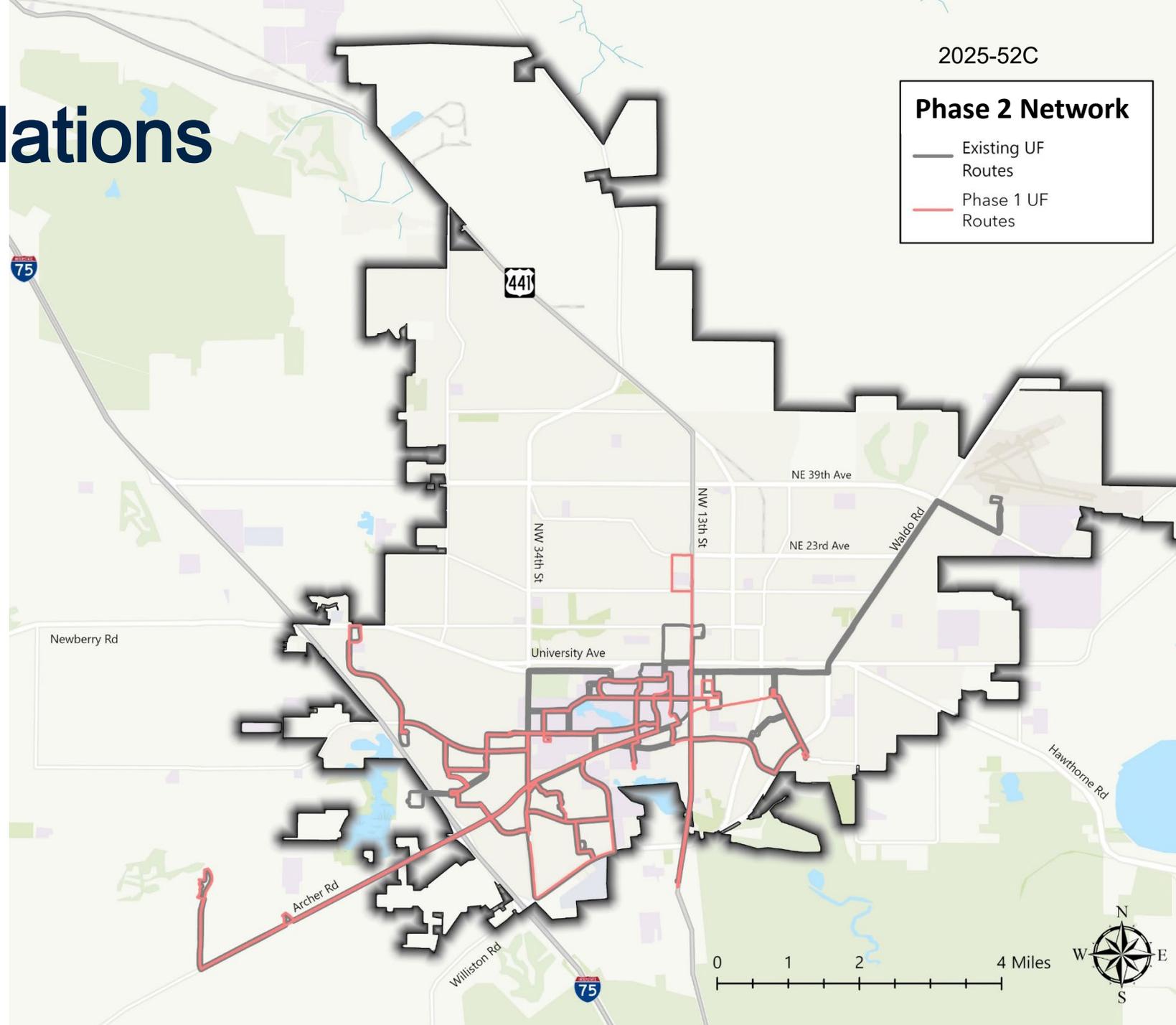
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12			X
13			X
16		X	
17			X
20			X
21		X	
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33			X
34		X	
35		X	
37	X		
38		X	
46		X	
118		X	
122		X	
125		X	
126		X	
127		X	
150	X		

Proposed
Campus Circulator North South
Campus Circulator West
Campus Circulator East

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Phase 2 Network

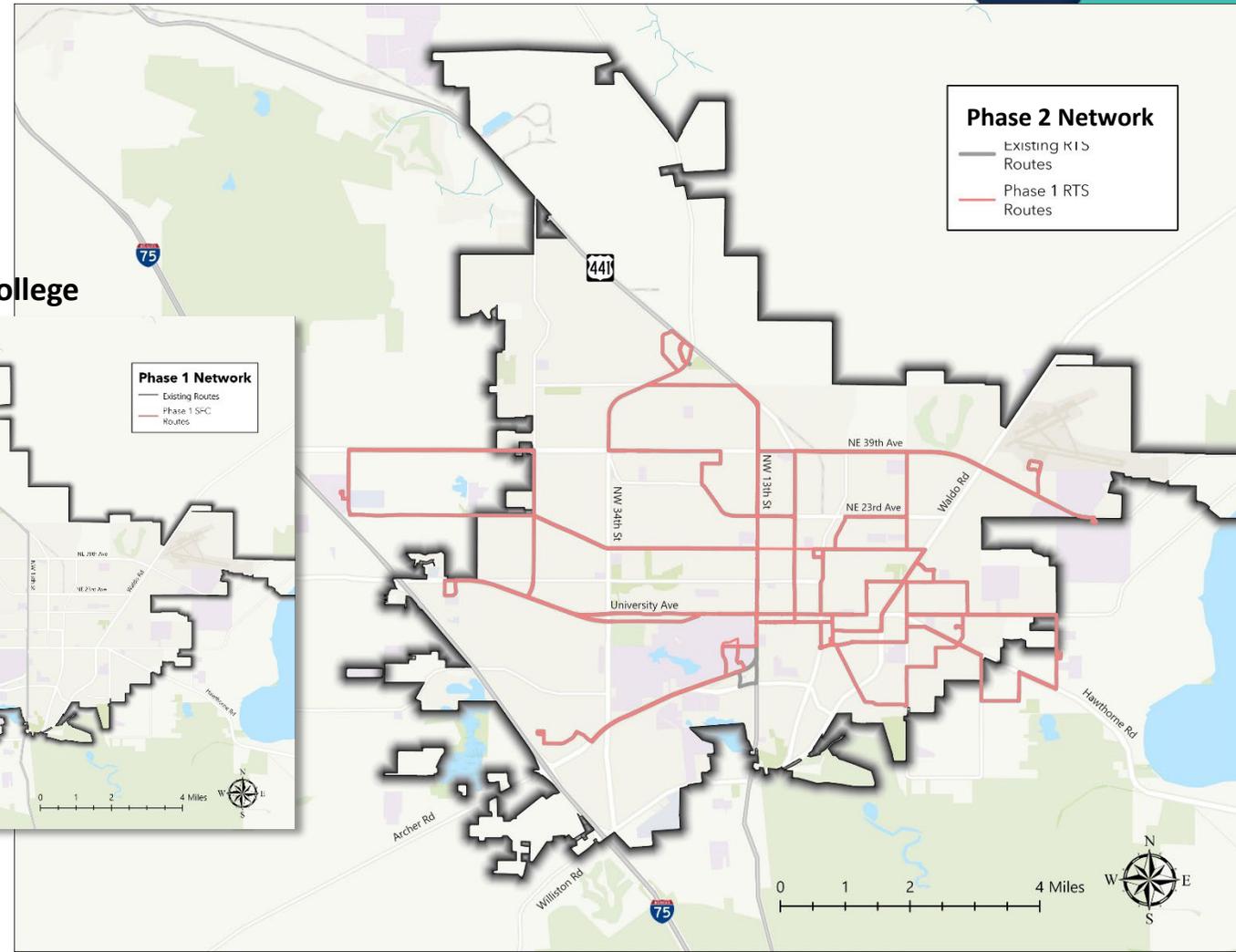
-  Existing UF Routes
-  Phase 1 UF Routes



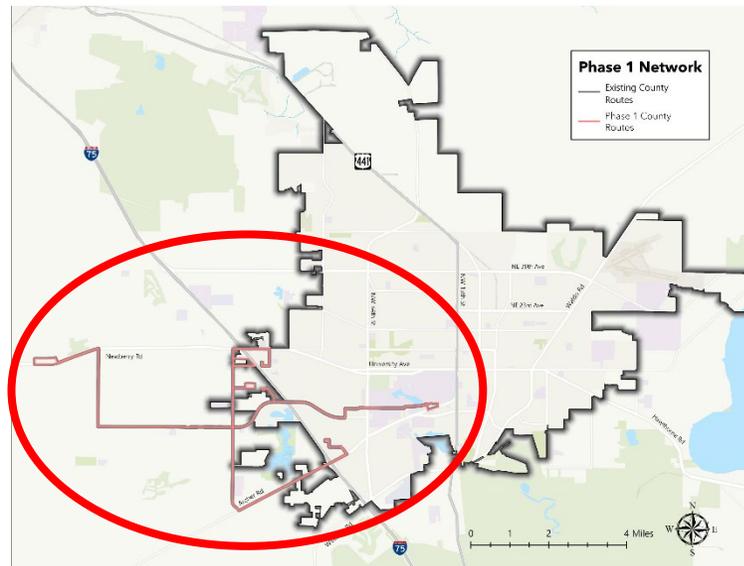
Phase 2- RTS, Santa Fe College, & County Recommendations

- Minimal modifications to existing network
- Maintain service coverage

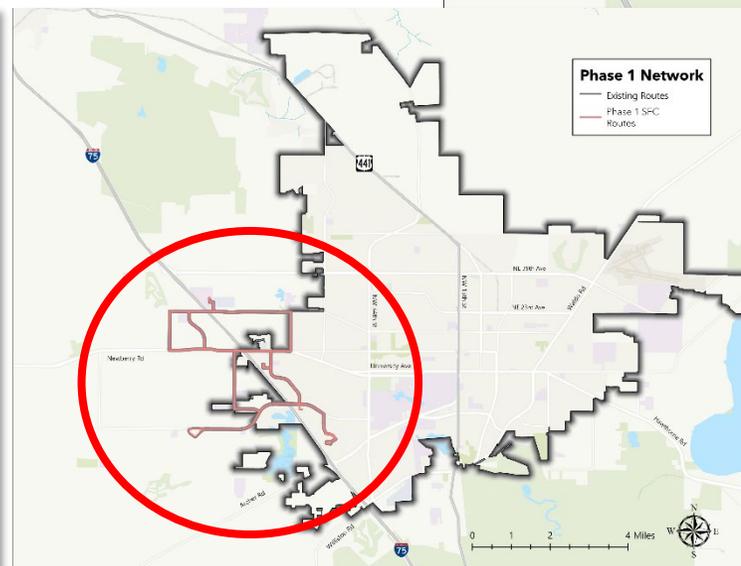
Phase 2 - RTS Network Overlay



Phase 2 - County Network Overlay

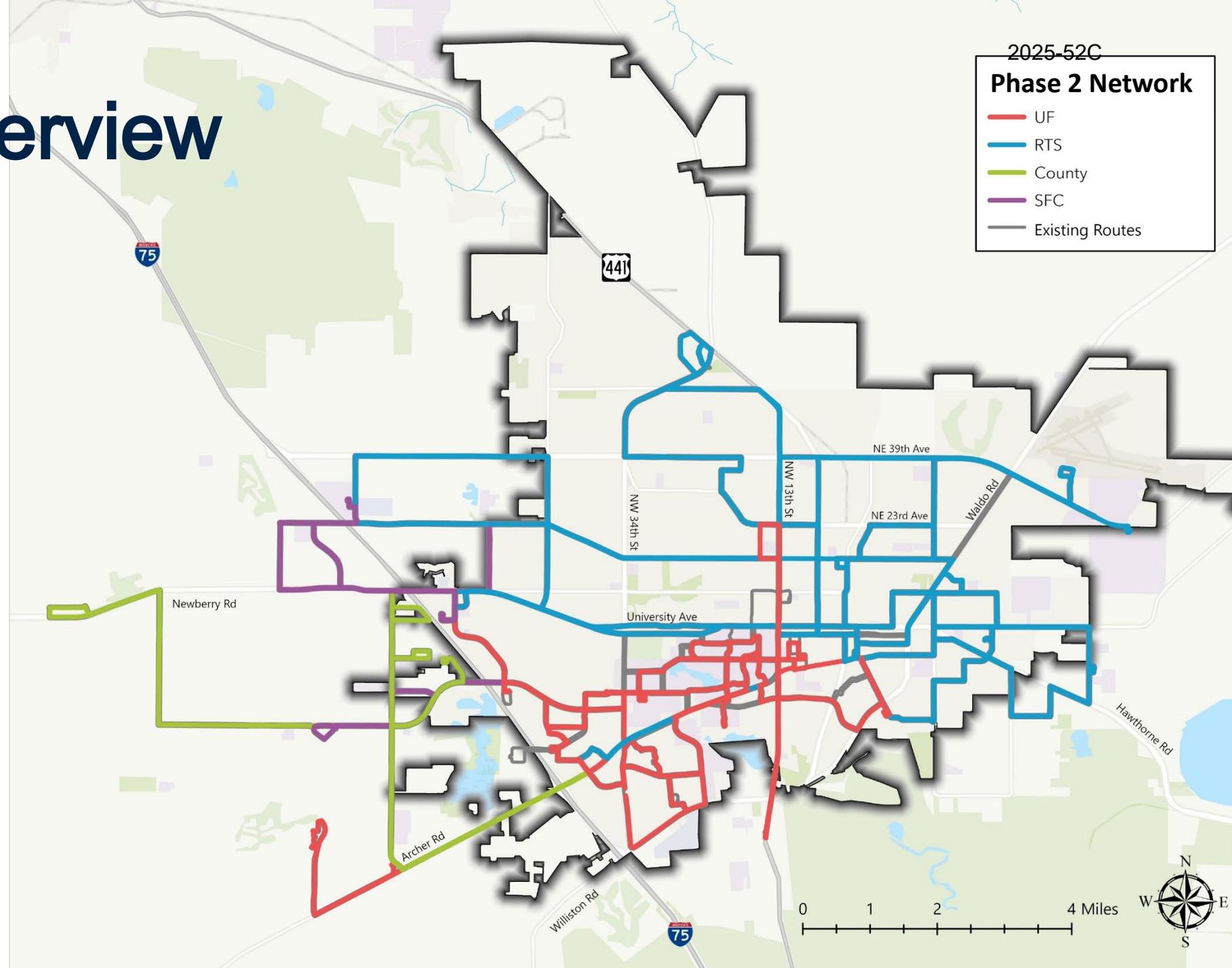


Phase 2 - Santa Fe College



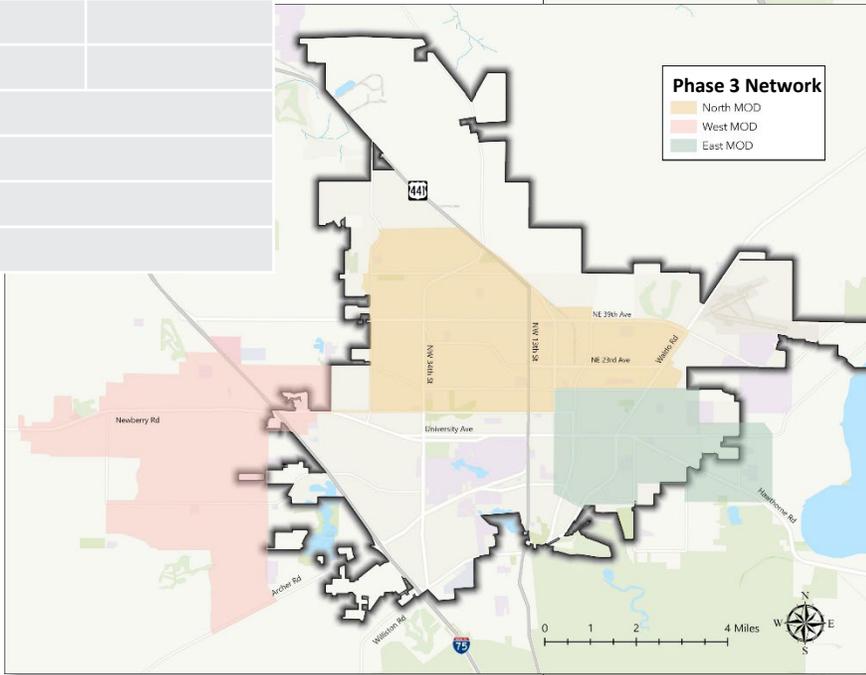
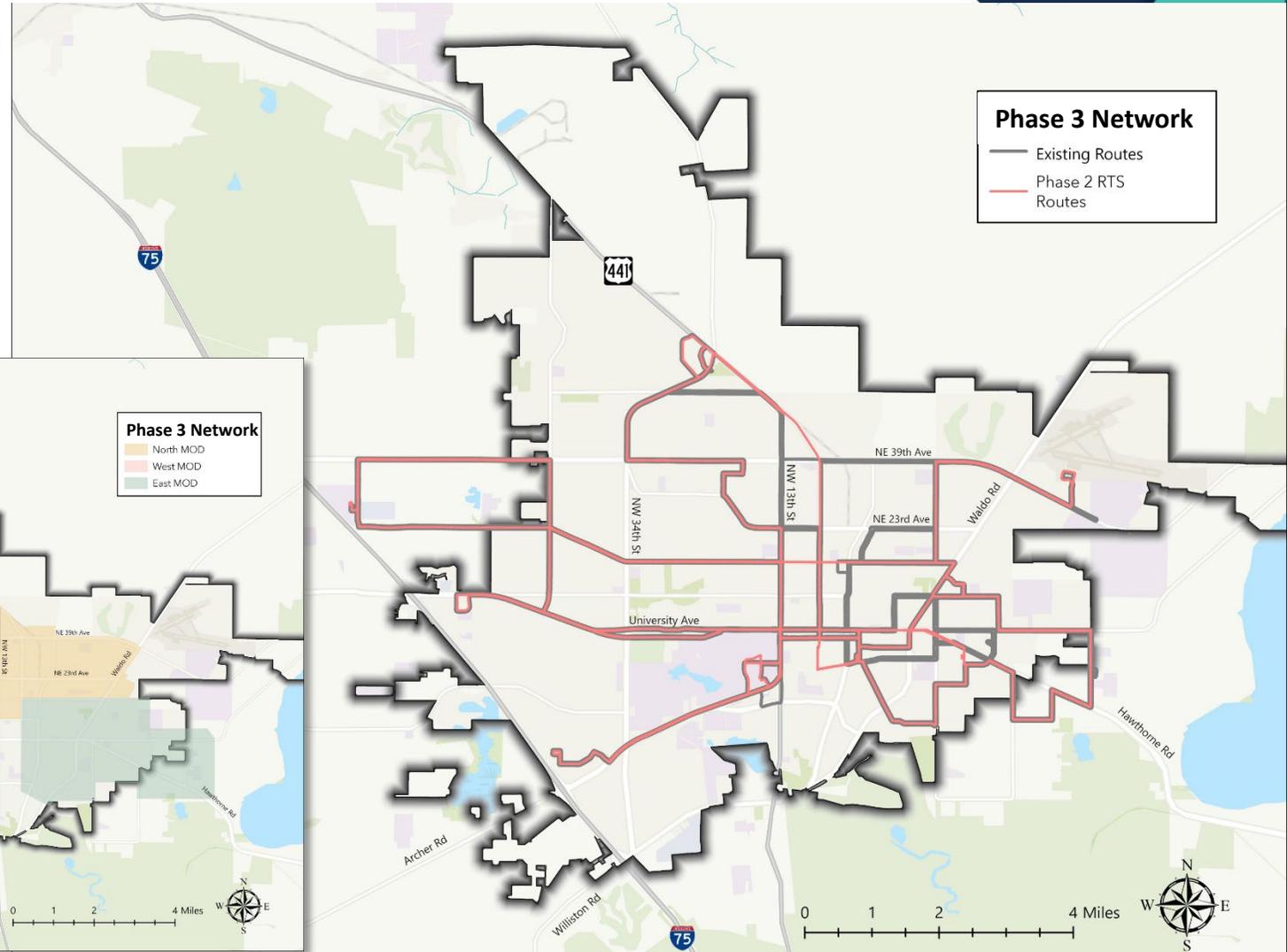
Phase 2 System Overview

- Phase 2 Network Highlights:
 - 28 Fixed routes
 - 11 UF Funded
 - 12 RTS Funded
 - 3 Santa Fe College
 - 2 County Funded
 - Maintain service coverage
 - Streamlined campus routing



Phase 3- RTS Recommendations

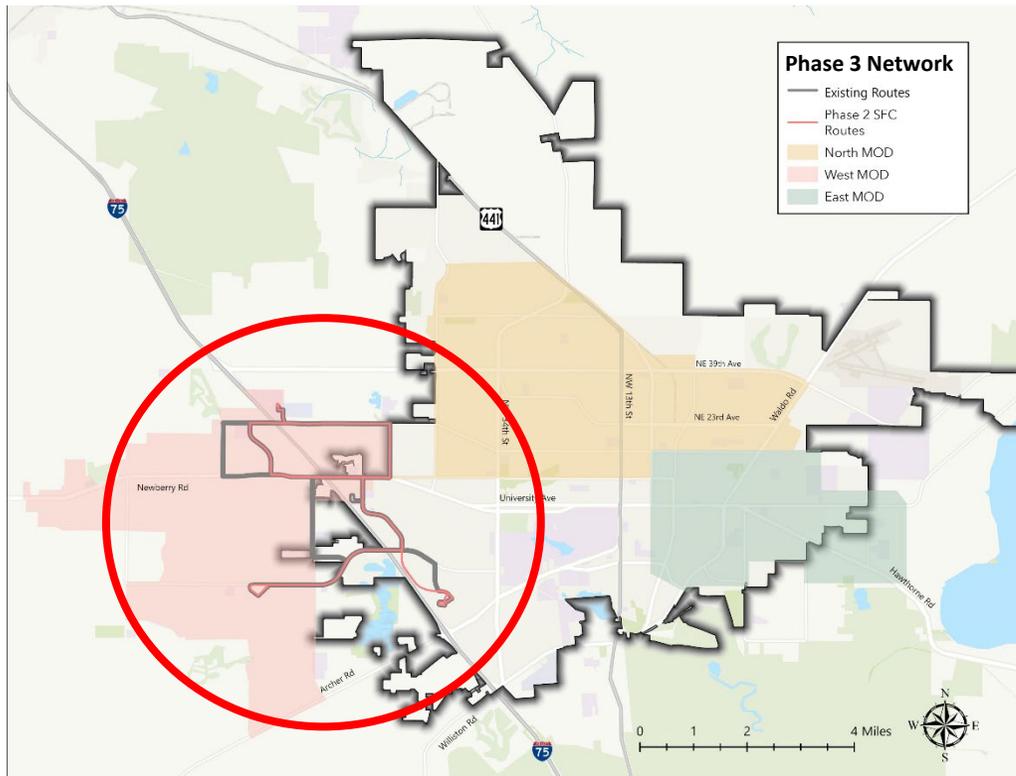
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3			X
5			X
6			X
7		X	
8	X		
10	X		
11		X	
15		X	
26			X
43	X		
711		X	
Proposed			
North MOD			
East MOD			
West MOD			



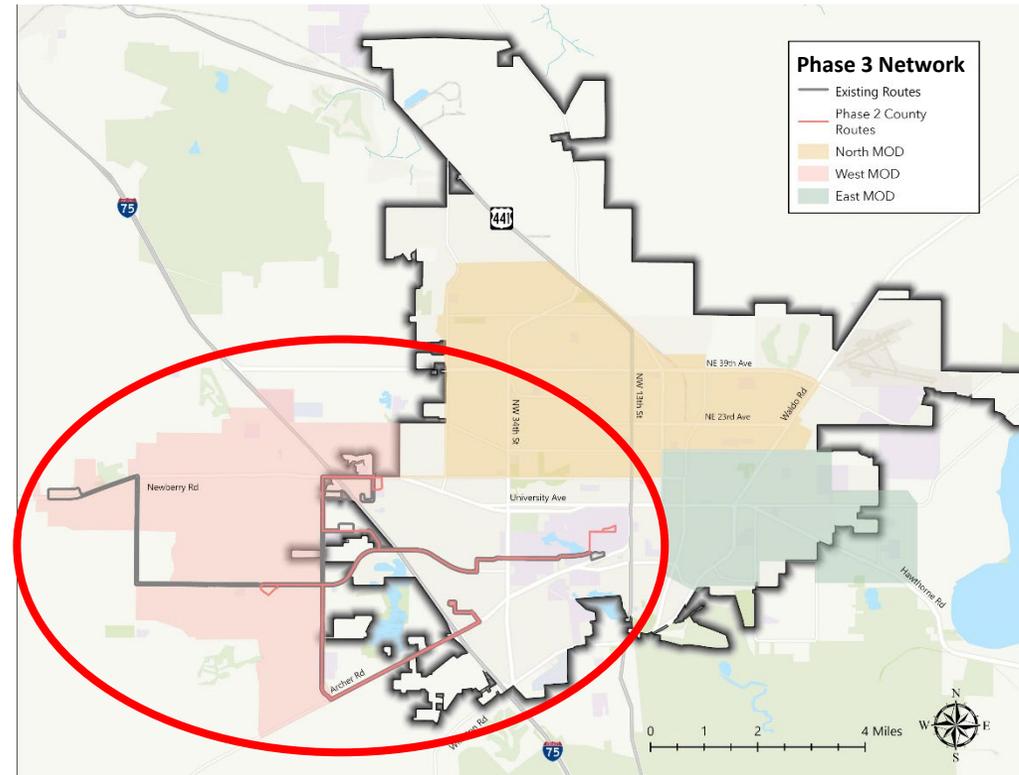
Phase 3—Santa Fe College & County Recommendations

- Streamlined and Truncate Routes supported by MOD (shown in pink)

Phase 3 – Santa Fe College Network Overlay



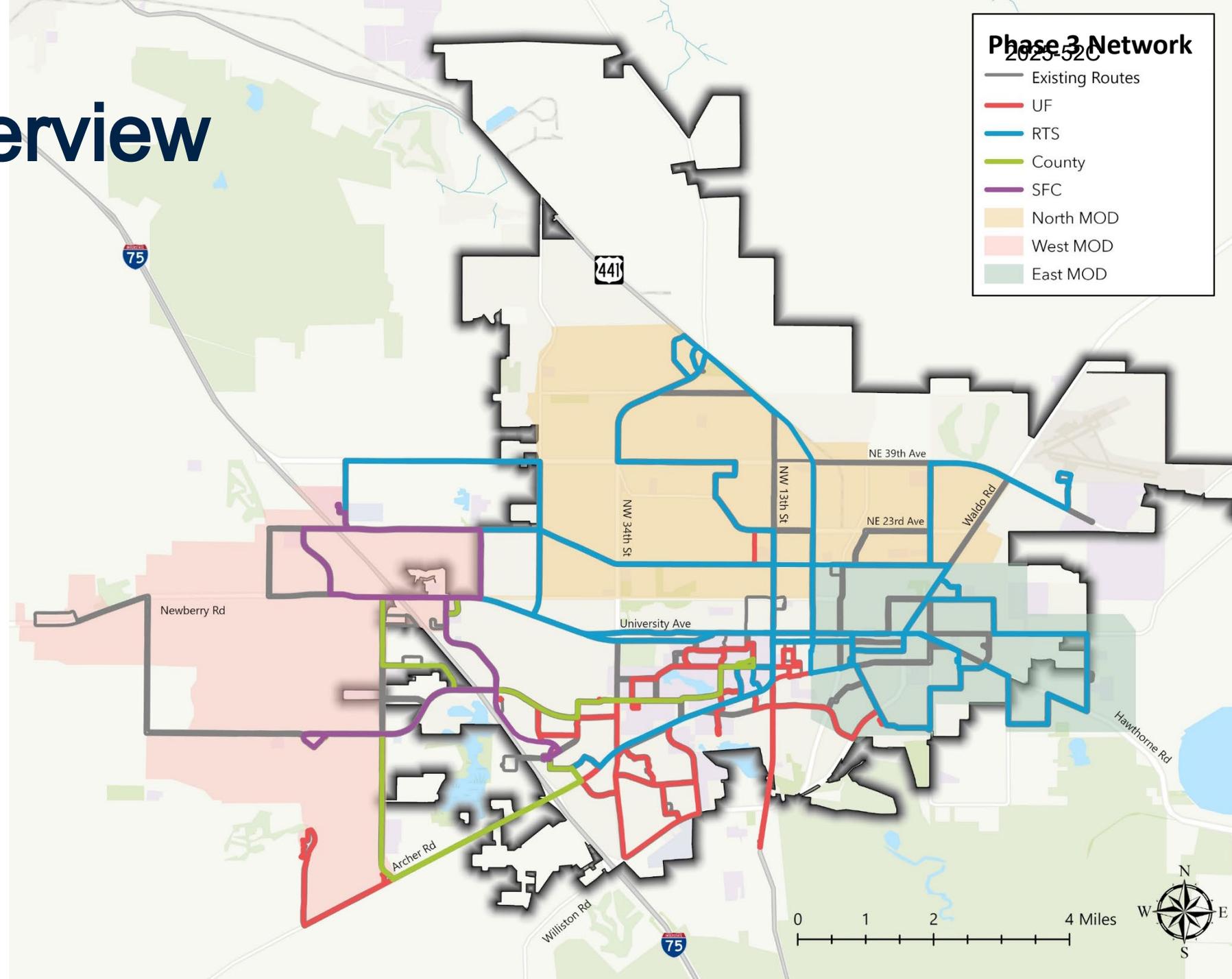
Phase 3 - County Network Overlay



Phase 3 System Overview

Phase 3 Network Highlights:

- 23 Fixed routes
 - 11 UF Funded
 - 8 RTS Funded
 - 2 Santa Fe College
 - 2 County Funded
- 3 MOD Zones
- Maintain service coverage
- Streamlined RTS routing
- Expanded service coverage with MOD



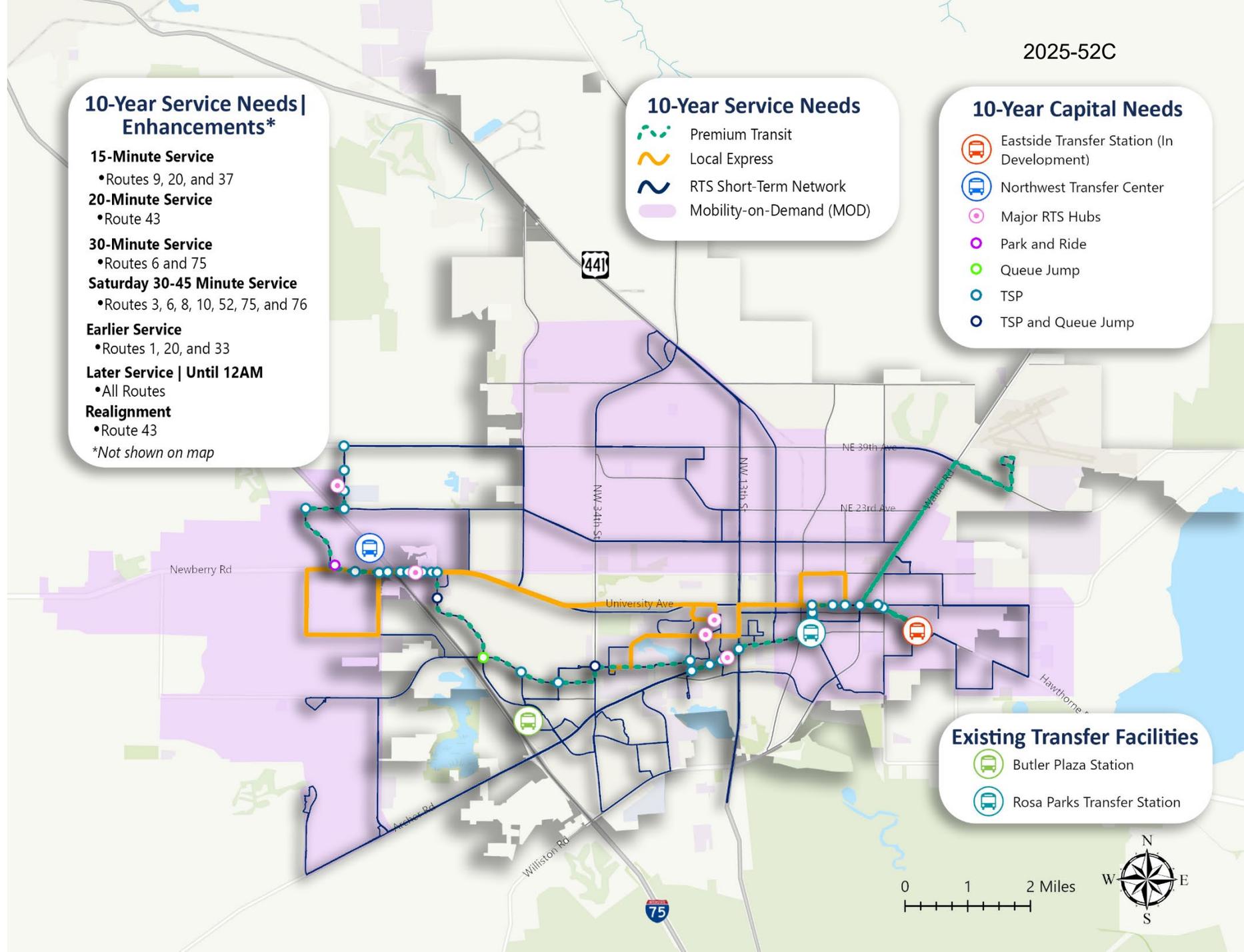
Transit Needs Development

TDP Process



Transit Needs

- Existing Service Enhancements
- New Services
 - Premium
 - Express
 - MOD
- Technology-based improvements



Transit Needs | Service Enhancements

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10-Year Service Needs | Enhancements*

15-Minute Service

- Routes 9, 20, and 37

20-Minute Service

- Route 43

30-Minute Service

- Routes 6 and 75

Saturday 30-45 Minute Service

- Routes 3, 6, 8, 10, 52, 75, and 76

Earlier Service

- Routes 1, 20, and 33

Later Service | Until 12AM

- All Routes

Realignment

- Route 43

*Not shown on map

10-Year Service Needs

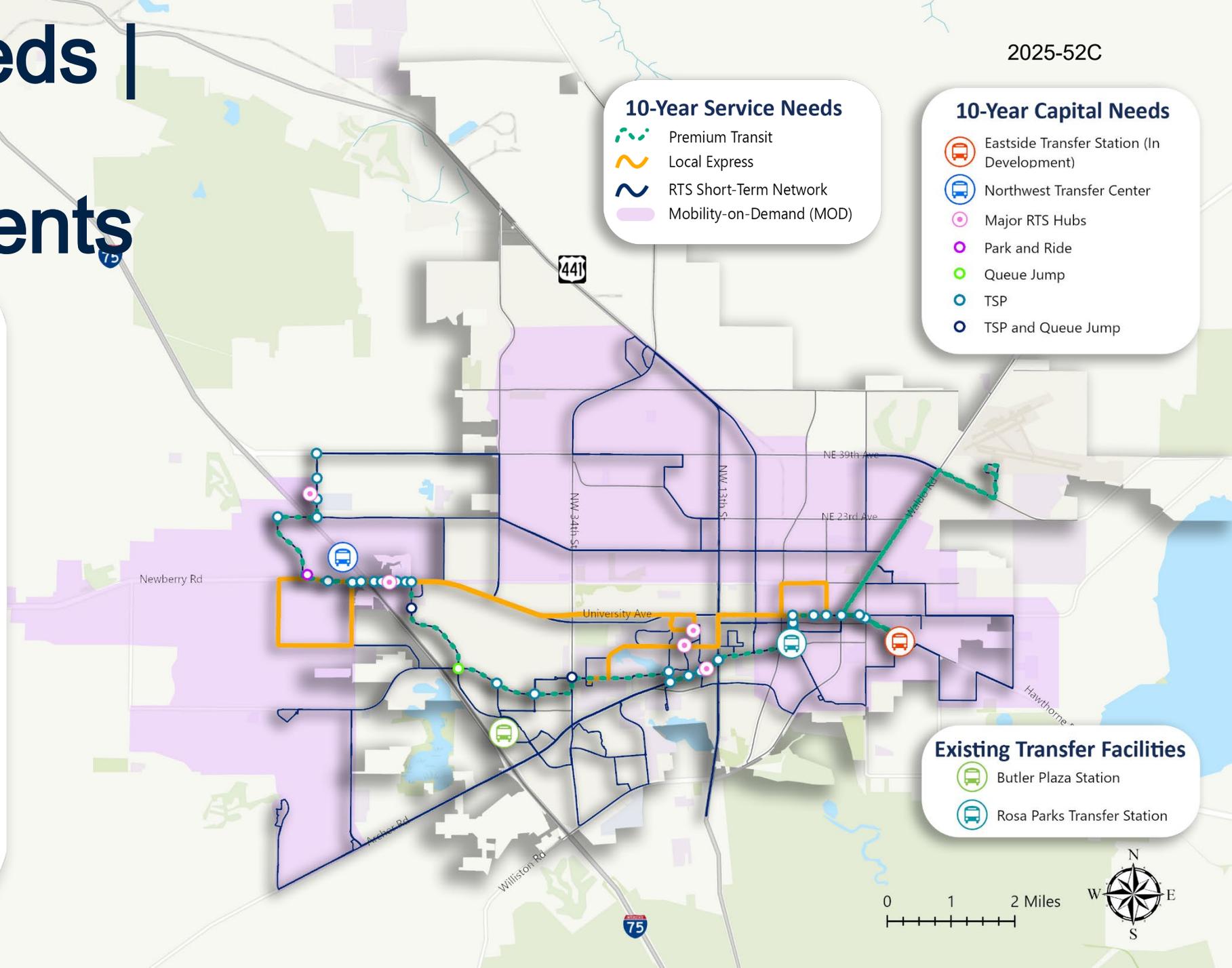
-  Premium Transit
-  Local Express
-  RTS Short-Term Network
-  Mobility-on-Demand (MOD)

10-Year Capital Needs

-  Eastside Transfer Station (In Development)
-  Northwest Transfer Center
-  Major RTS Hubs
-  Park and Ride
-  Queue Jump
-  TSP
-  TSP and Queue Jump

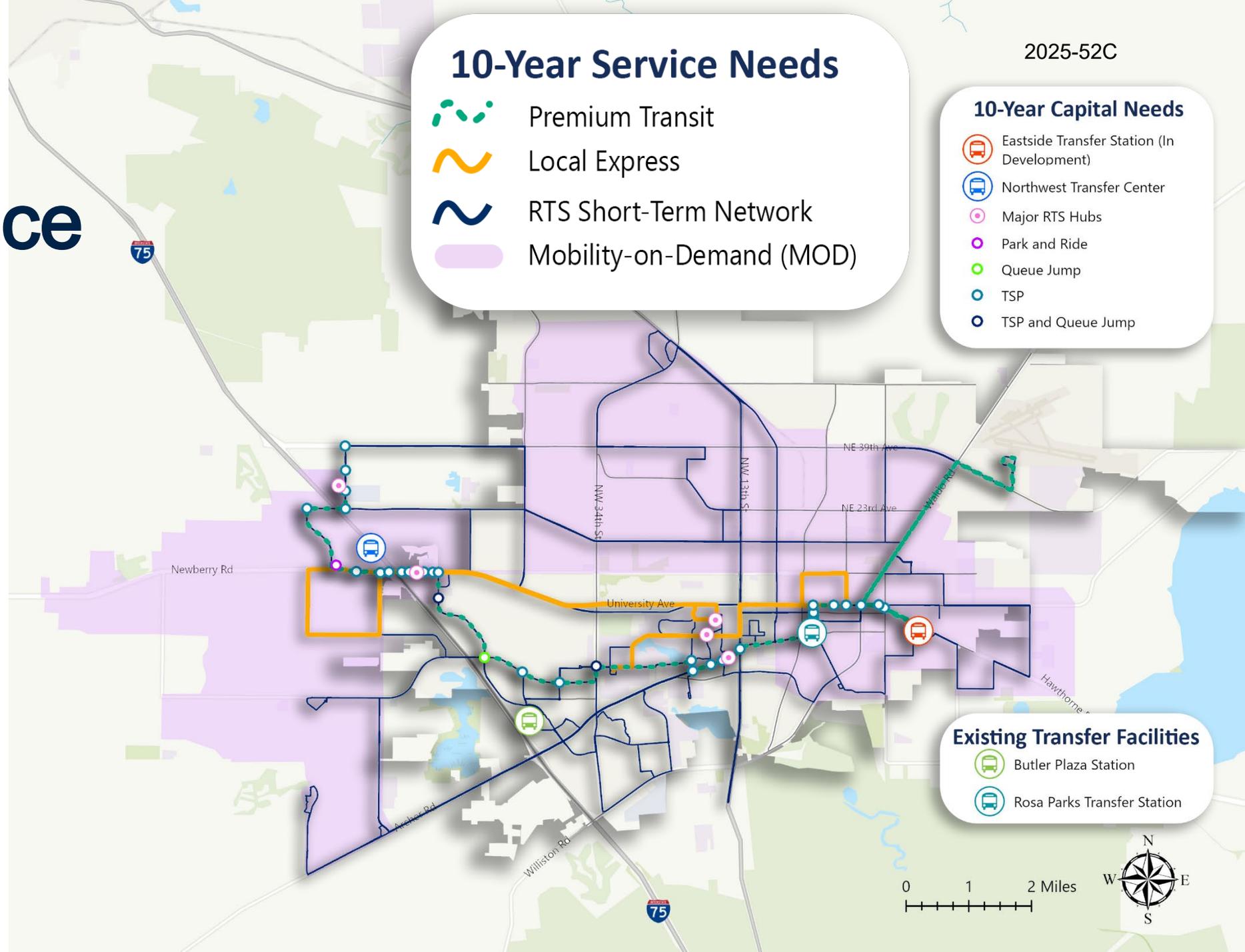
Existing Transfer Facilities

-  Butler Plaza Station
-  Rosa Parks Transfer Station



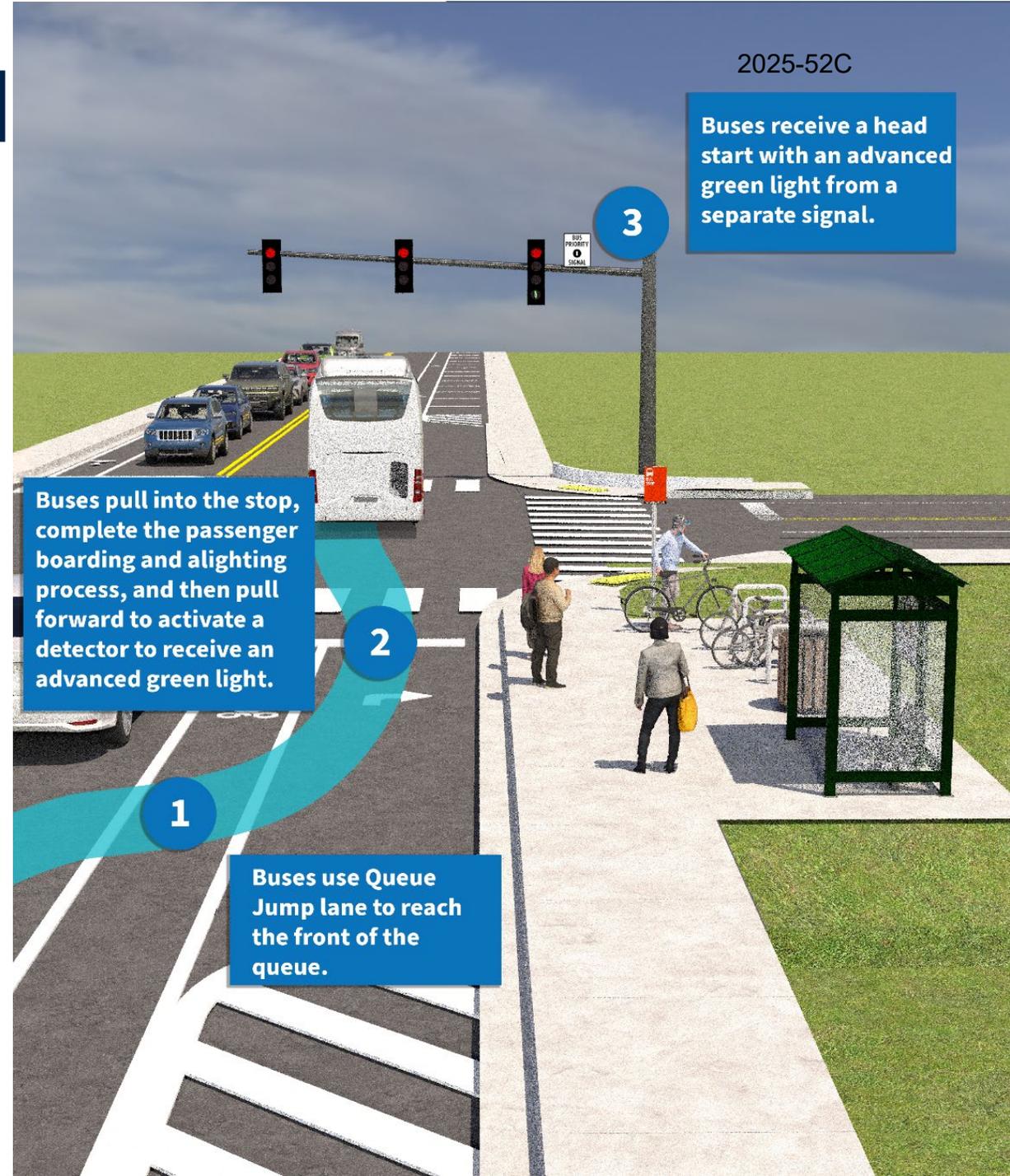
Transit Needs | New Service

- Rapid Express
- Local Express
 - Duck Pond/UF
 - Tower/UF Road



Transit Needs | Capital

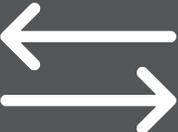
- New Eastside Transfer Station
- New Northwest Transfer Station
- Rapid Express support
 - Park and Rides
 - TSP and Queue Jumps
- Upgrade transit infrastructure and accessibility
- Technology upgrades
- Alternate-Fuel vehicles
- Expand transit marketing efforts



Needs Evaluation | Criteria

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 Public Support 35%	Stakeholder Input 20%
	Public Input 15%
 Financial Feasibility 30%	Cost per Revenue Vehicle 30%
 Ridership Potential 20%	Traditional Markets 10%
	Discretionary Markets 10%
 Geographic Connectivity 15%	Connections to Key Destinations 15%



Needs Evaluation | Results

Improvements	General Public Input	Stakeholder Input	Traditional Market Coverage	Discretionary Market Coverage	Connections to Key Destinations	Cost Efficiency	Weighted Score
Rapid Express	7	7	7	7	7	5	6.4
Duck Pond/UF Express	7	7	5	7	7	5	6.2
Tower/UF Express	7	7	3	3	7	5	5.6
15-minute service Route 9	7	7	5	7	5	3	5.3
15-minute service Route 20	7	7	7	5	5	3	5.3
5AM Early Service Route 1	5	5	3	5	3	7	5.1
5AM Early Service Route 33	5	5	5	3	3	7	5.1
Saturday 30-45 min Route 6	3	5	3	3	3	7	4.6
Saturday 30-45 min Route 52	3	5	3	3	3	7	4.6
5AM Early Service Route 20	5	5	7	5	5	3	4.6
20-minute service Route 43	5	7	3	1	3	3	3.9
Saturday 30-45 min Route 75	3	5	1	1	5	7	4.5
Saturday 30-45 min Route 8	3	5	1	3	3	7	4.4
Saturday 30-45 min Route 10	3	5	3	1	3	7	4.4
Saturday 30-45 min Route 76	3	5	3	1	3	7	4.4
15-minute service Route 37	7	7	5	5	3	1	4.2
Saturday 30-45 min Route 3	3	5	1	1	3	7	4.2
Realign Route 43	3	3	3	1	3	7	4.0
30-minute service Route 6	5	7	3	3	3	1	3.5
All Routes to 12AM	3	3	3	5	5	3	3.5
30-minute service Route 75	5	7	1	1	5	1	3.4

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Very High

5

High

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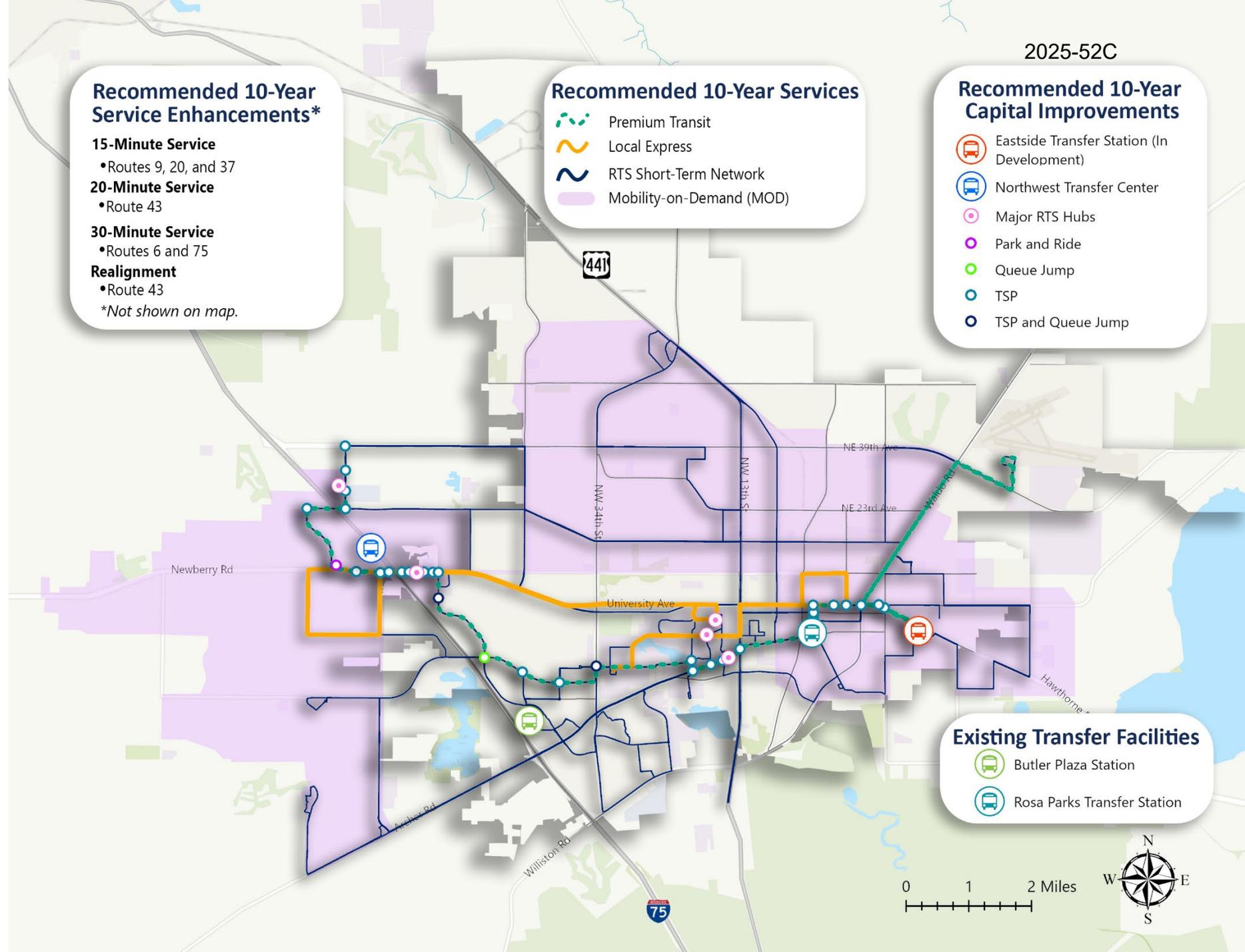
Moderate

1

Low/None

10-Year Plan

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- New Services
 - Premium
 - Express
 - MOD
- Technology-based improvements

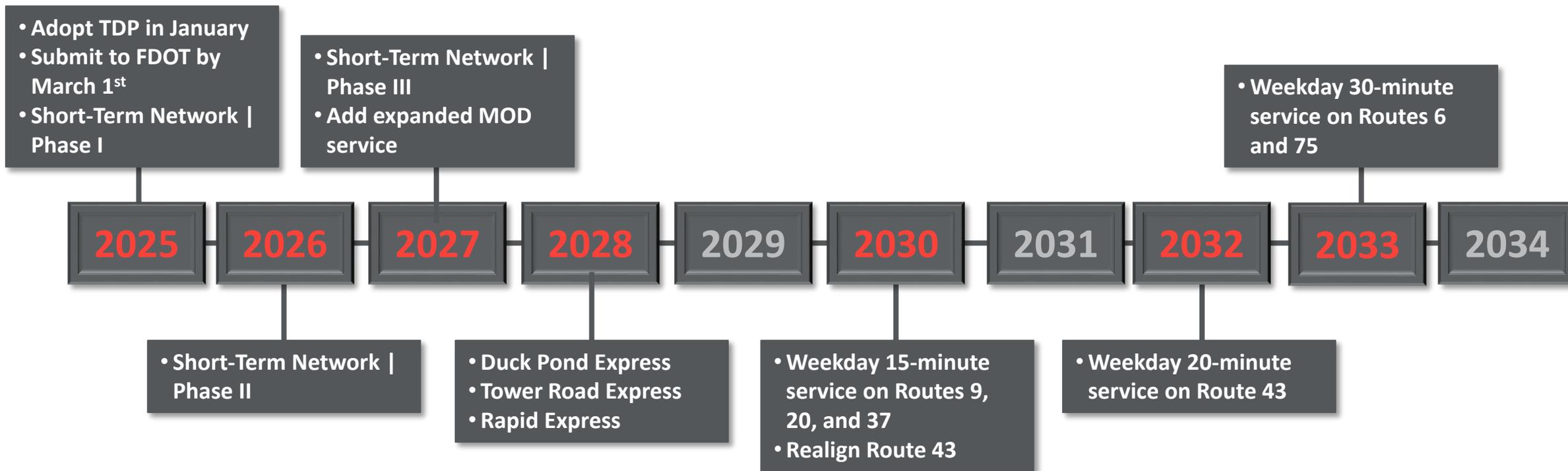


10-Year Plan | Capital

- New Eastside Transfer Center
- New Northwest Transfer Center
- Deploy TSP/Queue jumps
- Upgrade transit infrastructure and accessibility
- Technology upgrades
- Alternate-Fuel Vehicles
- Expand transit marketing efforts
- Continue fleet replacement and acquisition program

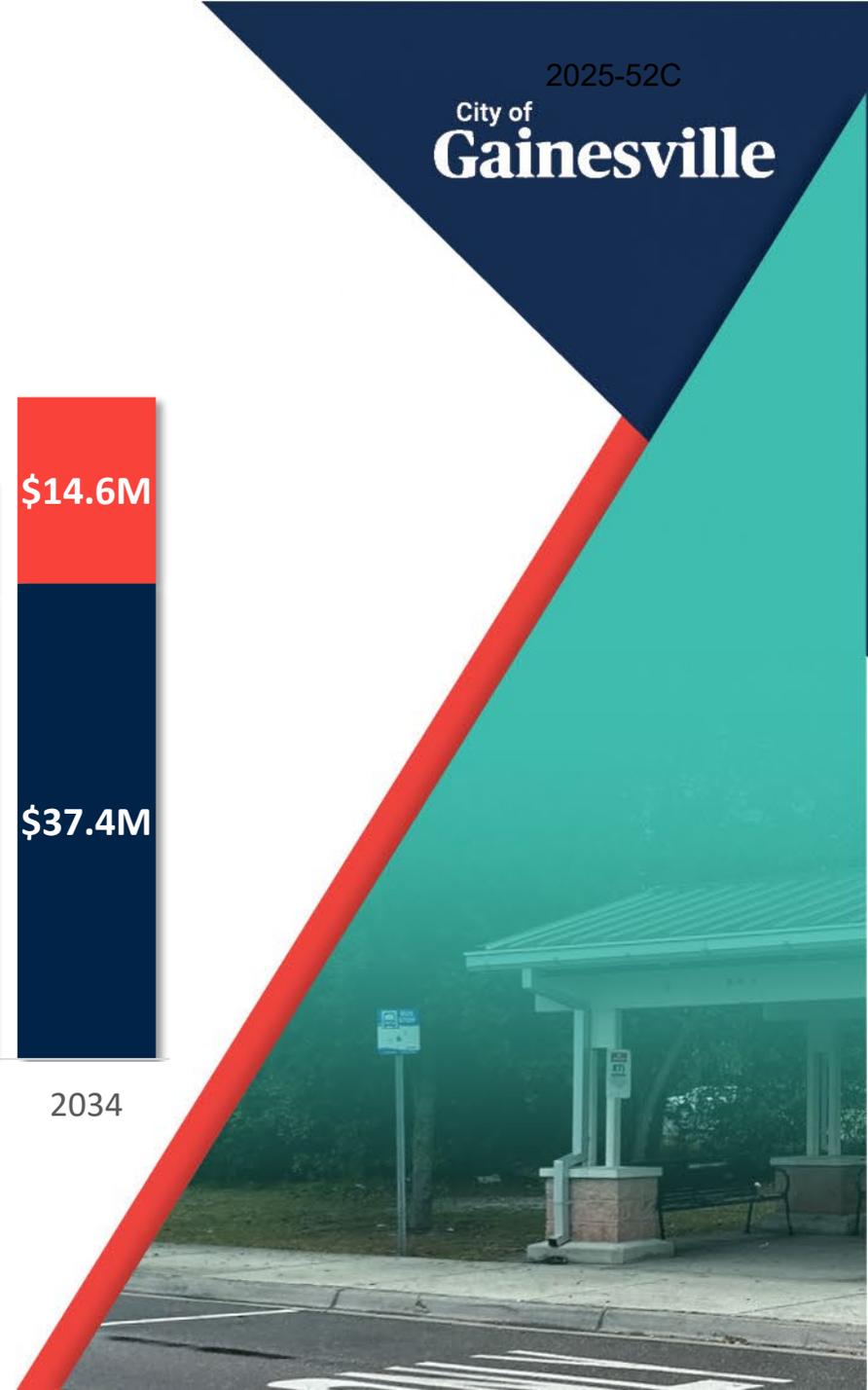
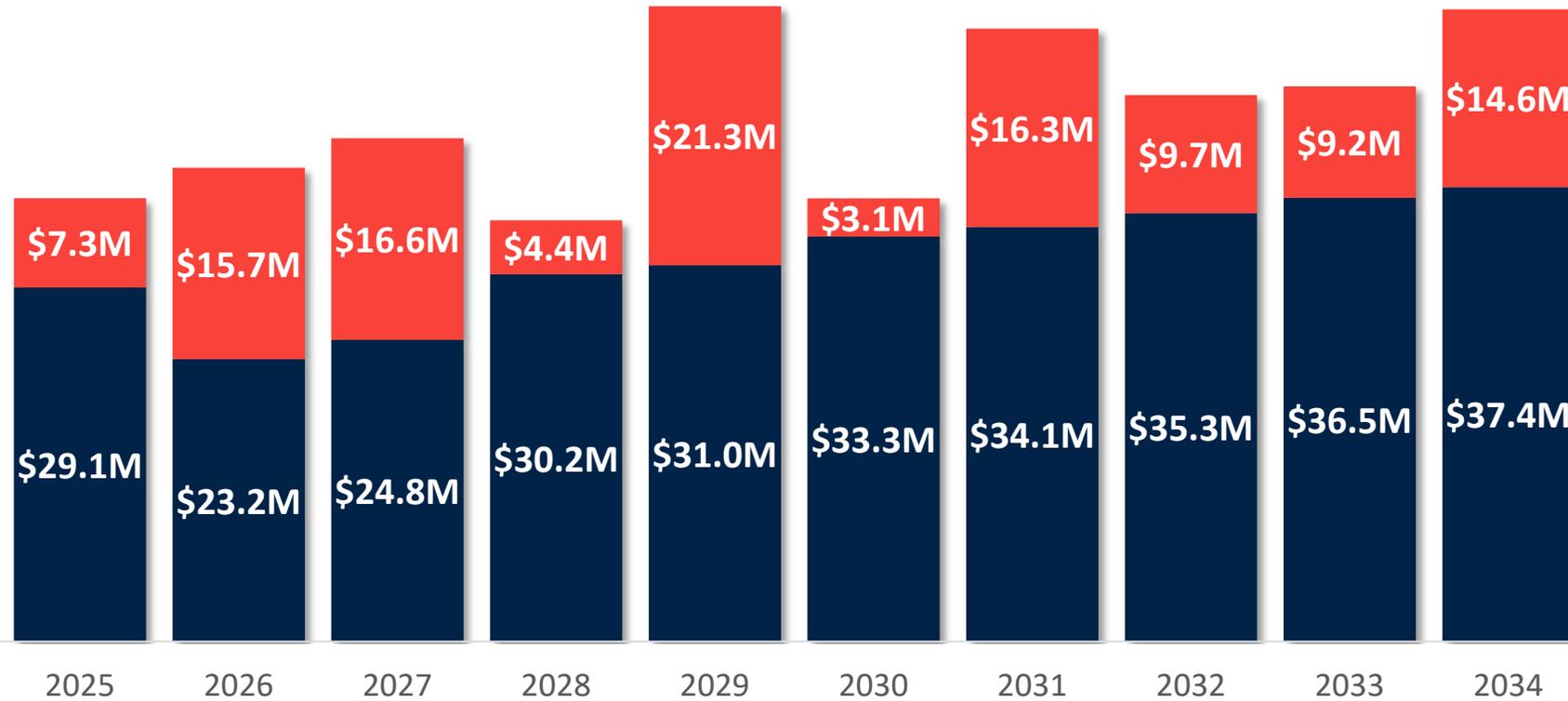


Implementation Timeline

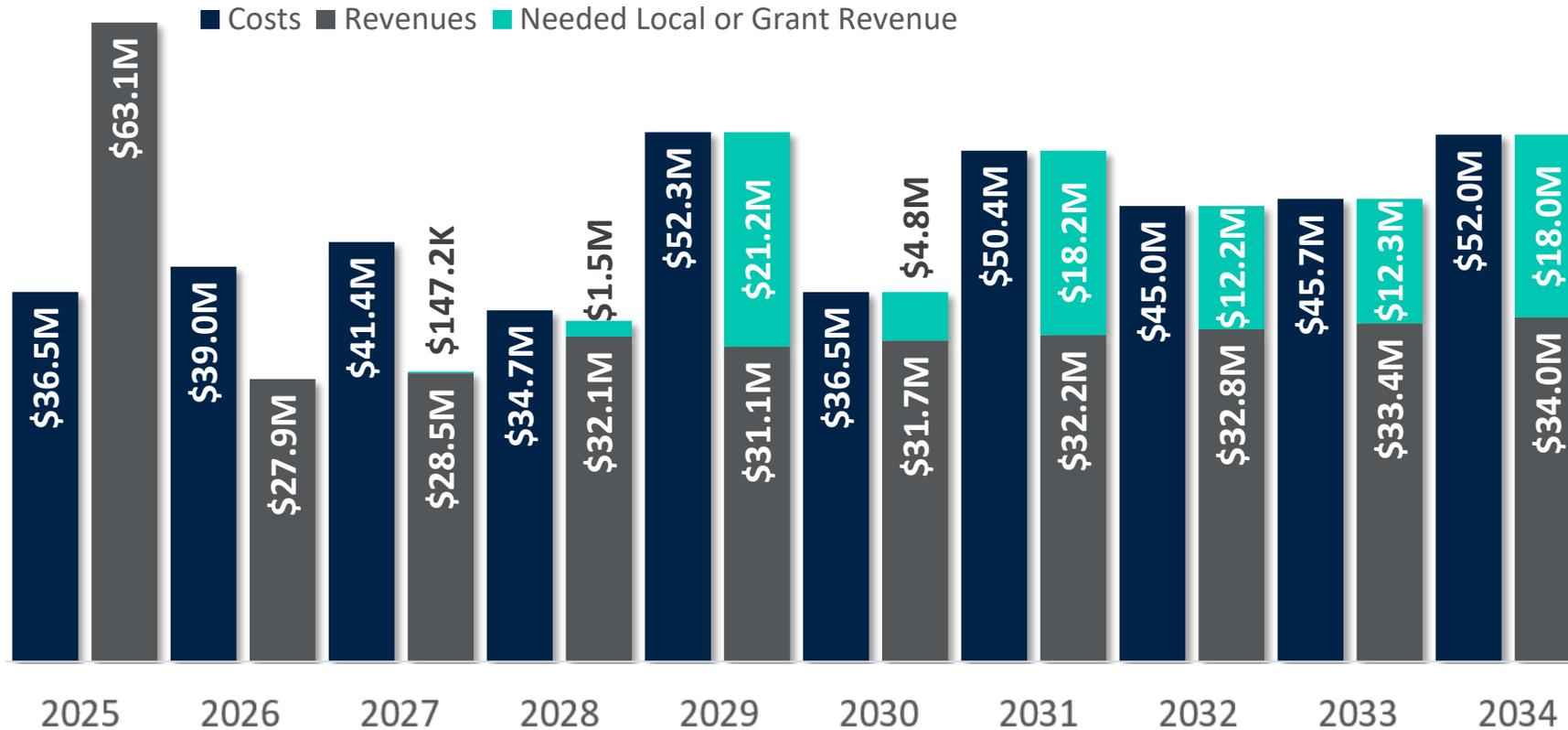


Operating & Capital Costs

■ Operating ■ Capital



Costs and Revenues



What is Next?

- Approval of TDP
- Submit final TDP to FDOT
 - March 2025
- Develop Executive Summary



Questions?

