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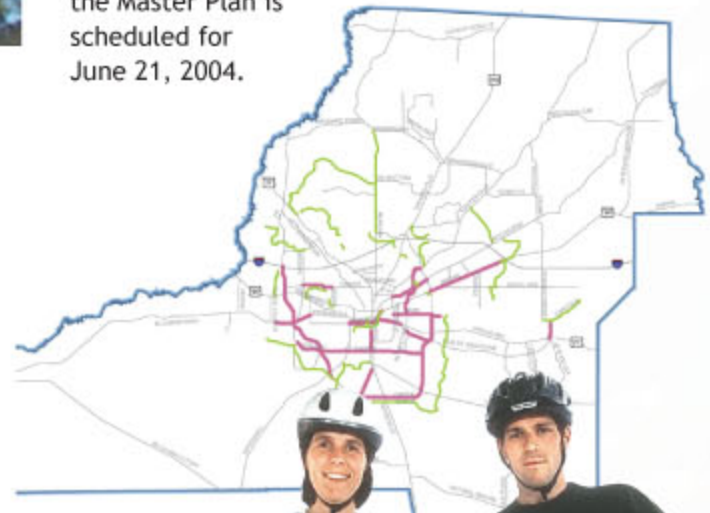
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NEWSLETTER OF THE TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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## Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

The MPO is preparing the first-ever comprehensive Master Plan for Tallahassee and Leon County for bicycle & pedestrian facilities, programs and policies. The project has been underway since December 2002 and will reach completion with adoption of the Master Plan in June 2004. MPO staff and consultants have developed a Draft 2025 Needs Plan, which outlines proposed policies and programs, a network of facilities, improvements for existing facilities and intersections, and new facilities and equipment, as well as Evaluation Criteria to be applied for setting priorities for funding and development of the Cost Feasible Plan. We are also in the process of preparing Design Guidelines for how public and private projects can provide bicycle and pedestrian travel. Your input is always needed, so please check our website for updates and meeting dates or contact Jennifer Carver for more information. The next Public Workshop for the Master Plan will be in April 2004, and a public hearing on the Master Plan is scheduled for June 21, 2004.



## Tallahassee-Leon County Corridor Management Program

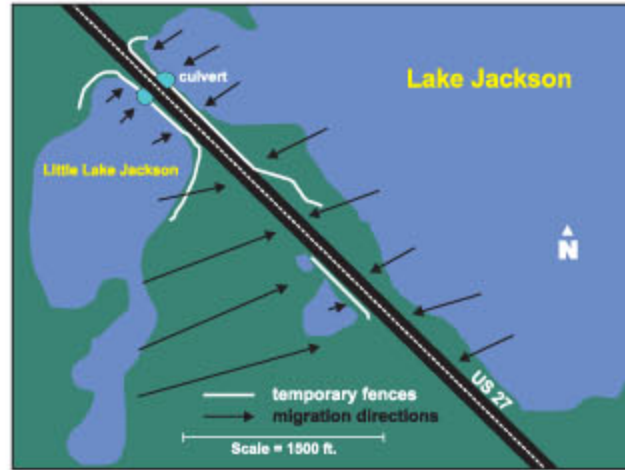
The Tallahassee-Leon County Metropolitan Planning Organization, in partnership with the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency, has initiated a project to develop comprehensive methods of managing development along our community's transportation corridors. The intent of the project is to ensure that adequate right-of-way is preserved for selected planned transportation improvements and that major roadways operate in a safe, efficient manner through access management techniques. This project, entitled the "Tallahassee-Leon County Corridor Management Program," is being developed by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida. Proposed comprehensive plan policies related to this project have been submitted for consideration in the 2004-1 Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive amendment cycle. Subsequent to review and approval of the comprehensive plan amendment associated with this project by the Florida Department of Community Affairs, both the County and City will consider implementing corridor management ordinances for adoption. Contact Greg Burke for more information.

## MPO MEMBERS

- Jane Sauls, Leon County Board of County Commissioners, MPO Chair
- Bill Proctor, Leon County Board of County Commissioners
- Dan Winchester, Leon County Board of County Commissioners
- Tony Grippa, Leon County Board of County Commissioners
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- Mark Mustian, Tallahassee City Commission
- Andrew Gillum, Tallahassee City Commission, MPO Vice-Chair

## Lake Jackson Ecopassage

Concerns regarding wildlife kills and motorist safety along the North Monroe Street Corridor between Old Bainbridge Road and Clara Kee Boulevard prompted citizens of Leon County to forward an initiative to Leon County leaders and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The FDOT took on that initiative by providing funding for a study to assess the opportunities that exist within the corridor to supply a safe passage for wildlife while creating a safer environment for the traveling public. This study, known as the Lake Jackson Ecopassage Feasibility Study, will provide key existing environmental, wildlife and vegetative habitat, land use and public access, and roadway conditions to decision-makers for an implementation strategy. Other major components of the projects include public involvement, addressing permitting issues, habitat enhancement and protection alternatives, conceptual alternatives, and an implementation strategy to re-establish an ecological connection within the Lake Jackson ecosystem for areas separated by North Monroe Street (US 27), and minimize the effects of the roadway on the ecosystem.



The end product of this project will provide the necessary documentation to the FDOT and Federal Highway Administration, that ensures this project complies with all Florida and Federal codes and regulations as they pertain to environmental, transportation, and public involvement. The project will require coordination between several Federal, State and local agencies and departments to adequately address the needs of all interested parties to the fullest extent possible. It is anticipated that project will begin in February of 2004.



### MPO Web Page

The MPO has developed its own stand-alone web page. The web site is [www.tlcmmpo.org](http://www.tlcmmpo.org). Please visit the site and add comments or suggestions. Any questions please contact James Johnson.

## In the Spring METRO Newsletter:

- The MPO Expansion
- Tallahassee-Leon County 2025 Long Range Plan
- The Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

## Draft Unified Planning Work Program to be Available for Review

The MPO's draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for fiscal year 2005 will be available for public review beginning in March 2004. The UPWP details planning tasks to be completed within the 2004/2005 fiscal year and the funding amount and revenue source for each task. The draft will be posted on the MPO web site or you may request a copy by calling the MPO office. Comments may be submitted to:

Tallahassee-Leon County MPO - FY 05 UPWP  
City Hall, 4th Floor  
300 South Adams St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Attn: Greg Burke

## MPO Public Involvement Plan

The MPO adopted its Public Involvement Plan (PIP) in September 2003. The PIP contains the goals, policies and guidelines for public involvement activities conducted by the MPO. The MPO is always looking for comments and suggestions from the public as how to better serve you in our outreach attempts. Please contact James Johnson at the MPO office. Comments may be submitted to:

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City Hall, 4th Floor  
300 South Adams St.  
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## Leon County Community Traffic Safety Team

This team of city, county, and state agencies, private industries, and citizens is dedicated to increasing traffic safety in Leon County through public education and awareness programs, construction projects, and interagency coordination. The CTST meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:30 - 9:30 AM (location changes). Contact Jennifer Carver, CTST Chair, at the MPO for more information.



This is your chance to try getting to work a different way for a week. Try biking, walking, taking the bus, carpooling or telecommuting -- you might decide you like it! You could save money, get more exercise, get a chance to read on the way to work and/or reduce stress by getting out of traffic. Commuter Choices Week will be May 17-21 2004 -- watch our website for more information!

### Important Dates:

April 2004 Bike-Ped Master Plan Public Workshop	October 13, 2004 Transportation Disadvantaged Public Hearing
April 3, 2004 Springtime Tallahassee	

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# MEETINGS

## 2004 MPO and Subcommittee



### MPO Meeting:

January 26, March 15, May 17, June 21,  
September 13, November 15

### Technical Coordinating Committee:

March 2, May 4, June 8,  
August 31, November 2, 2004

### Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8,  
July 6, August 31, October 5,  
November 2, December 2

### Citizens Advisory Committee

March 4, May 6, June 10,  
September 2, November 4

### Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

April 14, July 14, October 13

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