



### StarMetro **Major Update** TDP and COA

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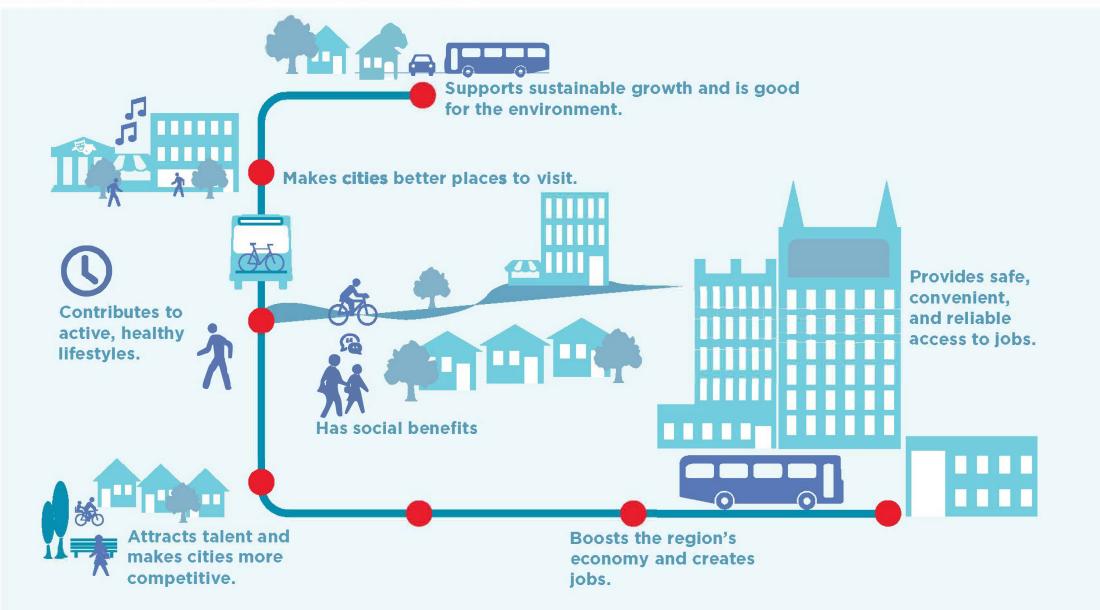


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# Benefits of Public Transportation

# **Benefits of Transit**



#### Quality of Life: More Livable Development

- More livable places devote more space to buildings and walking
- Less livable places devote more space to driving and parking





#### **Quality of Life: Fewer Emissions**

- Asthma hospitalizations for Leon
   County: 48.9/100,000 residents
  - Black residents:102.4/100,000
  - Hispanic residents: 84.0/100,000



### **Economic: New Development**

- Premium transit can stimulate economic development:
  - \$5.8 billion along Cleveland's Healthline (Bus Rapid Transit)
  - \$2.8 billion and counting along Phoenix's Metro Light Rail

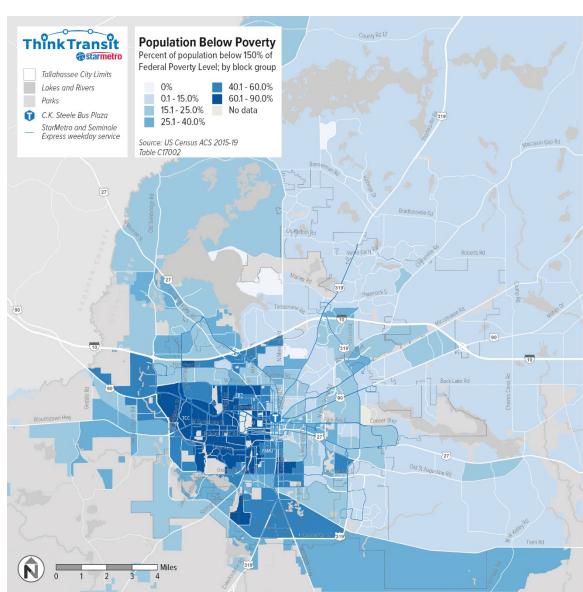


### **Economic: Competition / Attracting Talent**

- For older generations, autos meant freedom
- Younger generations want options, and are much less focused on cars:
  - 80% of Millennials want to live where they have a variety of transportation options
  - 75% want to live where they do not need a car
  - 66% say that access to high quality transportation will be one of the top three criteria
    in deciding where to live next

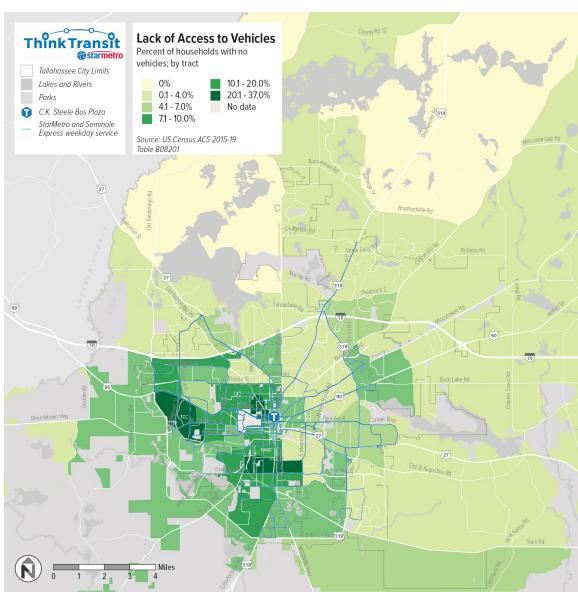
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### **Mobility: More Complete Options**

- Obesity rates higher where there is less access to alternative transportation
- Leon County adults who are inactive or insufficiently active: 50.6%
- Leon County adult obesity rate: 30.4%



### **About StarMetro**

#### **Services**

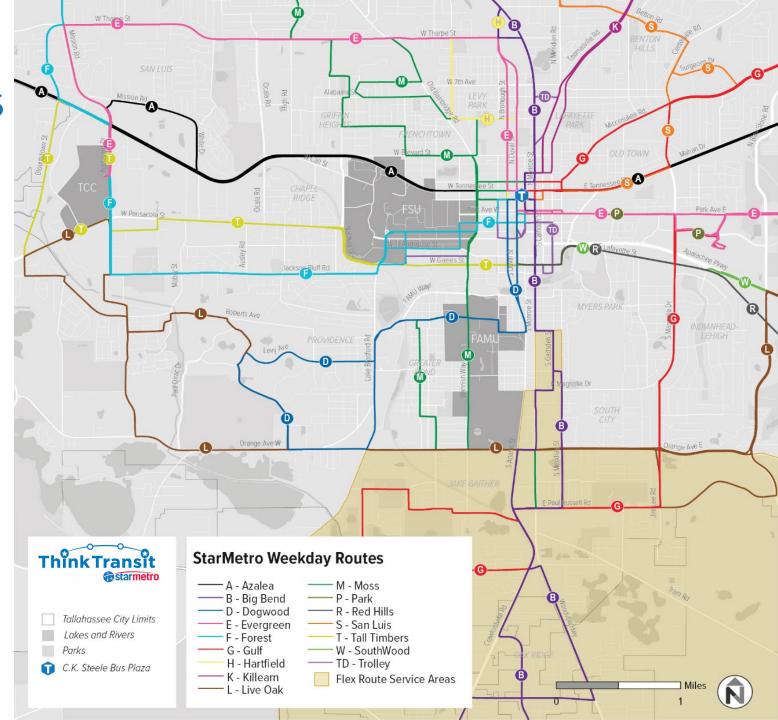
- Fixed Route services
  - 15 weekday routes
  - 12 Saturday (& holiday) routes
  - 4 Sunday & night routes
  - 8 FSU campus routes (Seminole Express)
- FLEX Service
  - 2 FLEX Service Areas
- Trolley
- Dial-A-Ride Shuttle





#### StarMetro Services

- 7 days a week
- 30- to 60-minute headways in peak
- Service start: 6:00 am
- Service end: 11:00 pm
- \$1.25 per ride (free transfers)



#### StarMetro Ridership



#### 2019

3.6 million annual unlinked trips

#### 2018

3.4 million passenger trips

Weekdays: 1,922,900 riders

Weekends: 189,400 riders

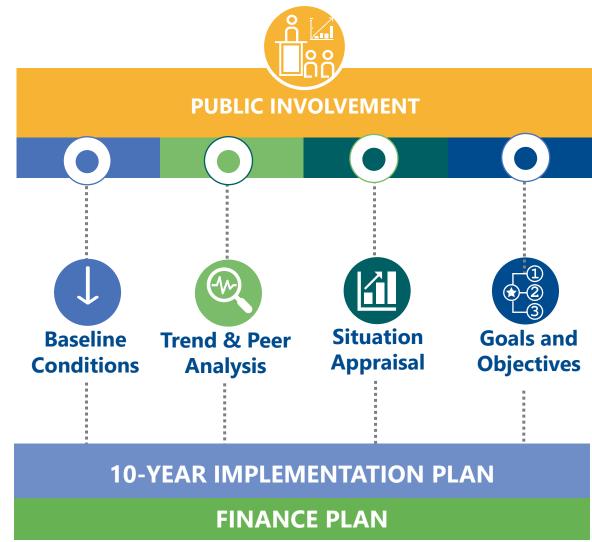
Campus: 846,300 riders

Nights/Sundays: 67,500 riders

### **TDP & COA Defined**

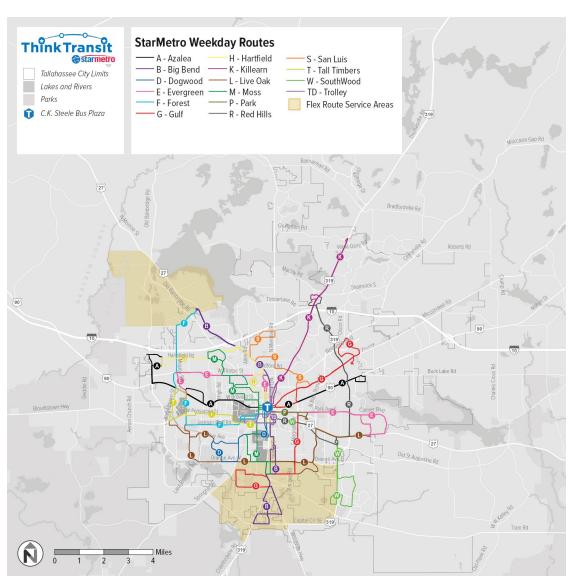
### **Transit Development Plan**

- Focus on system
- Required for State funding
- 10-year planning horizon
- Updated every 5 years
- Due September 1



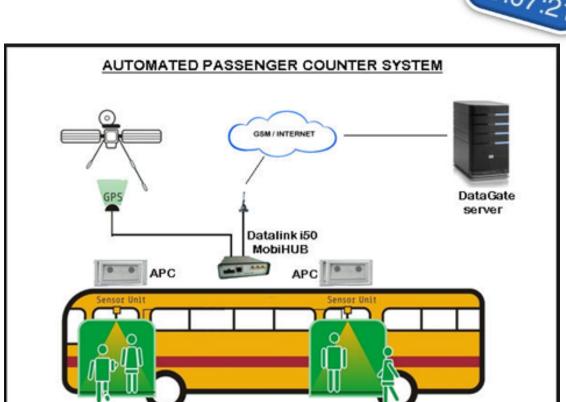
### Comprehensive Operational Analysis

- Focus on services
- Provides recommendations for near-term improvements
- Looks specifically at how service can operate as efficiently and as effectively as possible
  - What's working well, less well
  - Fix what's not working
  - Strengthen areas of success
  - End of year delivery



### Other StarMetro Projects

- Automatic Passenger Counters
- New fareboxes
- Dial-a-Ride app
- COVID adjustments



Passenger Counter at Door 2





### More Ways to Get Involved

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- Have fun with the Design Your System Tool
  - https://starmetrothinktransit.com/
  - Open until March 12
- Stay up-to-date with the webpage
  - www.Talgov.com/ThinkTransit
- Attend community meeting
  - Next round in late spring
- Attend the City Commission meeting (~June)

### Design Your System Tool

- You will receive an email with link
- https://starmetrothinktransit.com/
- Share with your friends and constituents!



## StarMetro Transit: Design Your Transit System

#### How would you improve StarMetro transit?

StarMetro wants to better meet the needs of residents, employees, students, and visitors in Florida's capital region. Help us by selecting the strategies below you think would best improve transit in our region and support the community benefits you care about. We're in the information gathering phase, so your answers don't commit funds, policy, or service changes to StarMetro's existing service.

If you have questions about this survey, email us.

#### Design your transit system

- You have \$100 to spend.
- Scroll down to review the many methods to improve transit, their cost, and their expected benefits.
- Check the boxes to the left of each options to "select" those that are most important to you.
- Mix and match your choices to see how costs and benefits change depending on the different combinations of selected transit improvements.
- When you're done, click "Submit". You will then be asked a few follow-up questions.

#### **Benefit Categories**

#### Ridership

Increase transit ridership

#### Speed and Reliability

Make bus service faster and more reliable

#### Comfort and Safety

Make it safer and more comfortable to walk to bus stops and wait for the bus

#### Coverage and Access

Provide service to more areas



#### Thank You!

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