



POLK
COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2018 State of the County



The “state of the county’ is good.



Quick Facts



Population
July, 2017

686,483



Annual
Growth Rate

1.6%



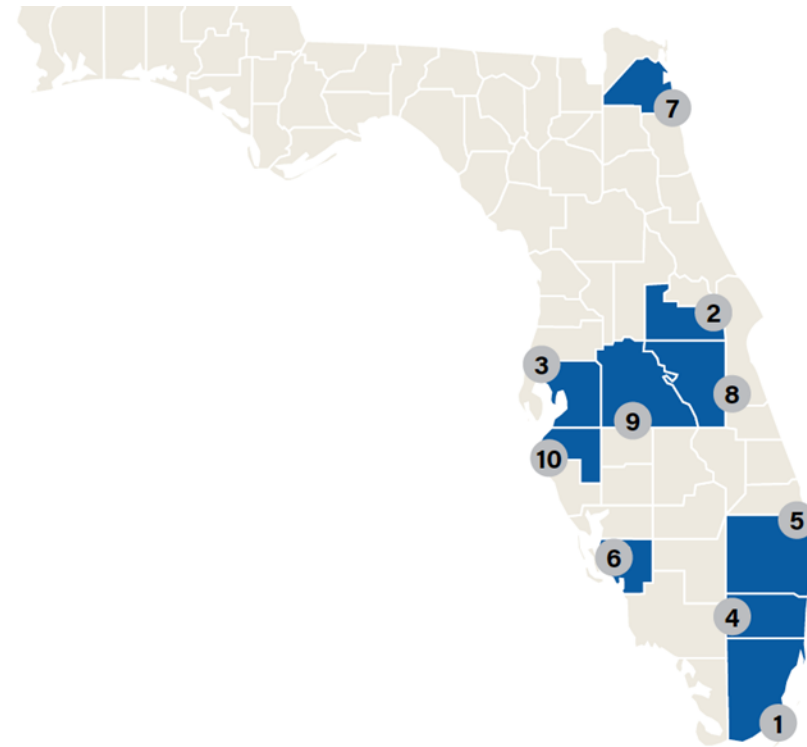
I-4
Corridor

29.4 % of Florida's
population & 36 %
of population
growth

Top 10 Counties Growth

Population

Area	2017 Population	Total Change	2010 Census	Annual Rate
Florida	20,484,142	1,682,810	18,801,332	1.3%
1. Miami-Dade County	2,743,095	246,638	2,496,457	1.4%
2. Orange County	1,313,880	167,924	1,145,956	2.1%
3. Hillsborough County	1,379,302	150,076	1,229,226	1.7%
4. Broward County	1,873,970	125,904	1,748,066	1.0%
5. Palm Beach County	1,414,144	94,010	1,320,134	1.0%
6. Lee County	698,468	79,714	618,754	1.8%
7. Duval County	936,811	72,548	864,263	1.2%
8. Osceola County	337,614	68,929	268,685	3.7%
9. Polk County	686,483	84,388	602,095	1.6%
10. Manatee County	368,782	45,949	322,833	2.0%



10 Fastest-Growing MSAs

Percentage Increase 2016-2017

2017 Rank	2016 Rank	Metropolitan Area	2017 Population	2016 Population	Percent Change
1	9	St. George, UT	165,662	159,237	4.0
2	2	Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC-NC	464,165	447,793	3.7
3	4	Greeley, CO	304,633	294,243	3.5
4	3	Bend-Redmond, OR	186,875	180,675	3.4
5	15	Coeur d'Alene, ID	157,637	153,144	2.9
6	10	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	686,483	667,018	2.9
7	17	Boise City, ID	709,845	690,810	2.8
8	7	Provo-Orem, UT	617,675	601,478	2.7
9	8	Austin-Round Rock, TX	2,115,827	2,060,558	2.7
10	1	The Villages, FL	125,165	122,121	2.5

Source: www.census.gov





ZERO
State Per



Economic Development

DISTANCE IN MILES FROM POLK



Economic Development

Countywide



County invests in 5 city EDCs

- Lakeland
- Winter Haven
- Haines City
- Lake Wales
- Bartow



Tourist development tax investments

- Final phase of Lake Myrtle Sports Complex (\$5.5 million)
- Joker Marchant Stadium (\$14 million)
- Lakeland Center re-purposing (\$7 million)
- Winter Haven Field House & Conference Center (\$11 million)
- *Proposed* Fort Meade Equestrian Center (\$5 million)

Economic Development

2017 Annual Report



- \$2 billion industry for Polk County
- 7% increase from 2016
- \$23.6 million from Arts, Culture and Heritage events
- 200 new hotel rooms
- 246 events hosted
- 286,000 participants & spectators

Economic Development

Tax Exemptions for Jobs and Capital Investments

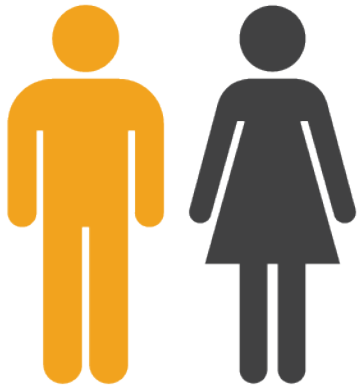
- Aldi
- Amazon
- Arr Maz
- Bevolution
- Brew Hub
- Capital Management
- DS Services
- FedEx
- Geico
- International Gaming Technology
- Metromont
- Nucor
- Oakley Transport
- Publix
- Sofidel
- Southern Wine & Spirits
- Steripack
- Walmart Distribution Center

NEW!

US Specialties Properties is a new business to Polk County with the State-recognized qualified targeted industry designation; creating high-wage, high-skill jobs in the targeted value-added life sciences industry.

Economic Development

2013 - 2018



Incentivized Jobs

1568*

All Jobs Created

4887#



Capital Investment

\$900M

* 115% (\$45,957) of the county's average wage

CFDC/Board incentivized



Capital Investment

\$240 million in Frostproof



High Wage Jobs

250 employees with average salary of \$66,000



Supports Growth & Development

Annual capacity of 350,000 tons of rebar steel





Hurricane Irma



Perfect Storm

1

Pre-storm Pickup

Contract hauler suspended service;
Garbage & recycling left curbside

2

Storm Debris

Separate storm debris hauling contract;
Vegetation and C&D co-mingled

3

New waste haulers Oct. 2

New collection schedules;
New recycling carts & collectables

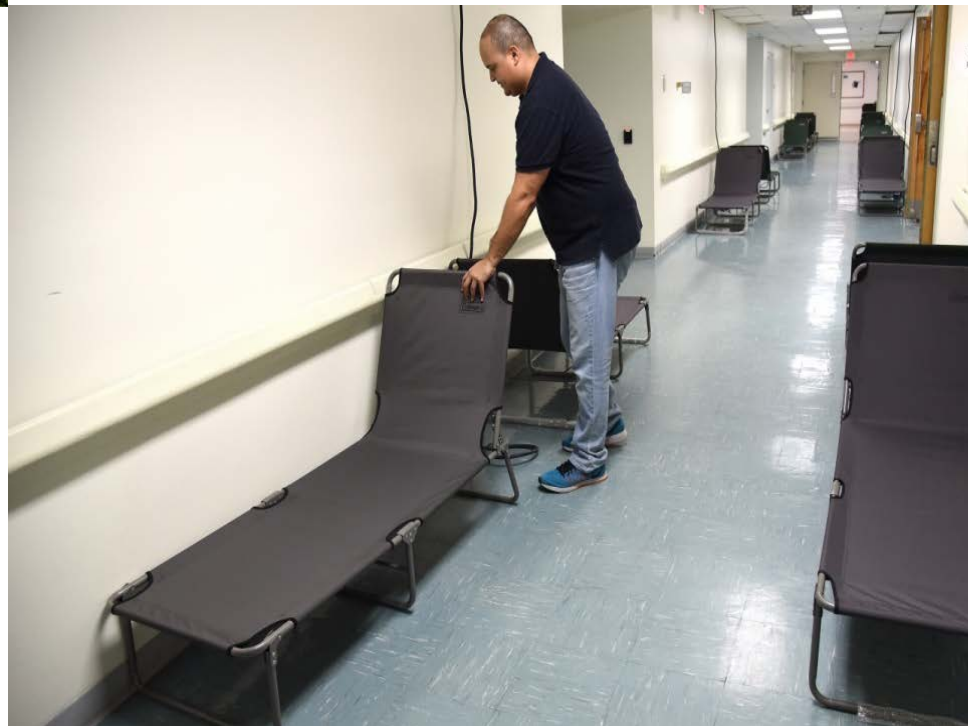


Sand and Sandbag Distribution

- Approximately 140,000 distributed before Irma at 15 fire stations
- 30 bags per resident
- Bags provided free

Shelter Operations

- 20 open shelters, including 3 special needs and 2 pet-friendly
- Approximately 10,000 people
- Open Sept. 8 - 22



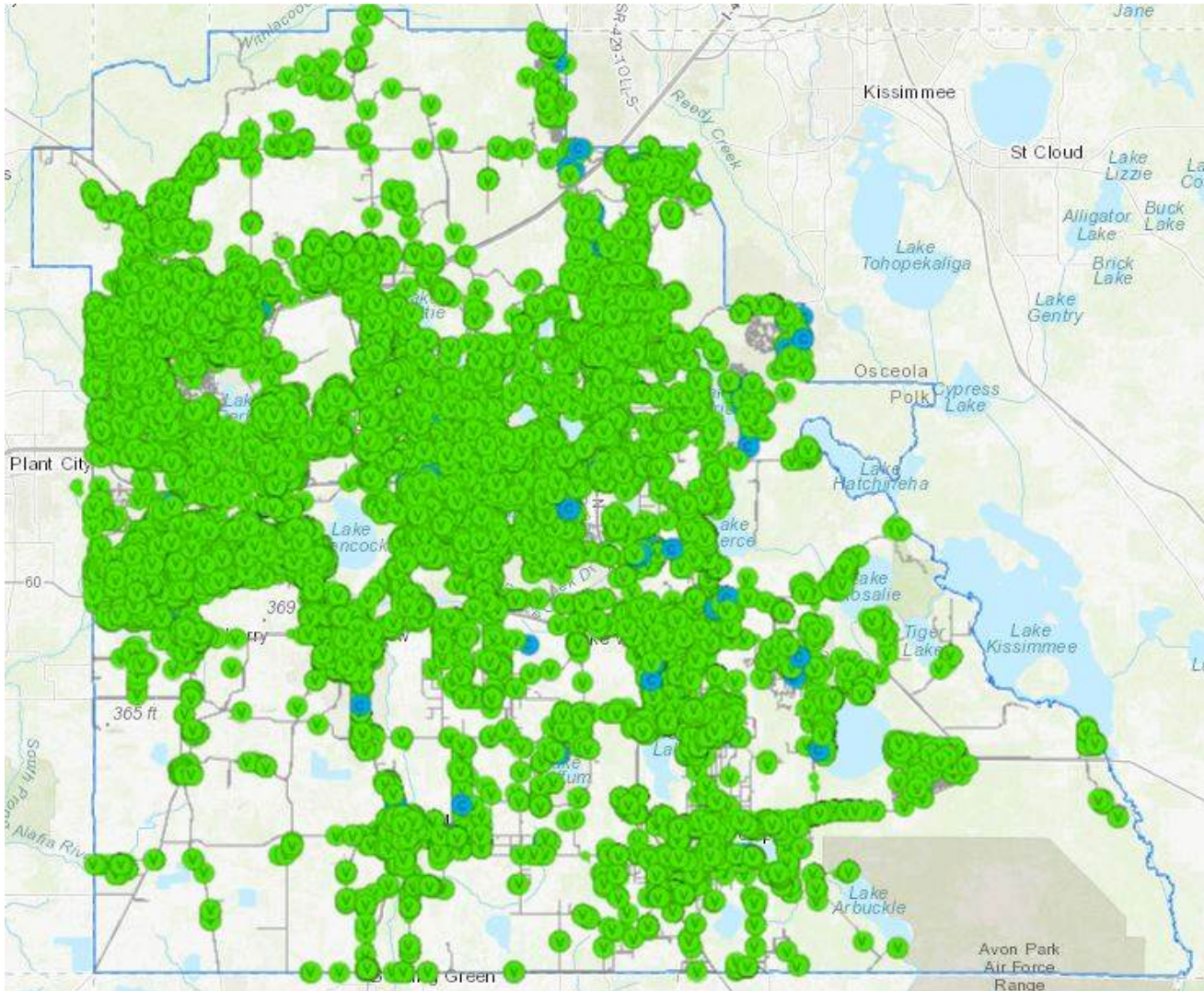
Hurricane Irma



- ✓ 80 percent of the county was without power on September 11
- ✓ 11 PODS (Points of Distribution) for food and water were opened



Hurricane Irma Debris



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Hurricane Debris Removal

- ✓ 2.26 million total cubic yards of debris
- ✓ More debris than 2004
- ✓ 20% construction/demolition debris; rest was vegetative
- ✓ 52,874 loads of debris
- ✓ Started Sept. 15; End April 30



Hurricane Irma

- ✓ Damage assessment:
 - 93 homes or businesses destroyed
 - 895 sustained major damage
 - 5,530 had minor damage
 - Additional 35,898 buildings were also affected

- ✓ Crop damage to citrus estimated to be about \$93.5 million



Hurricane Irma

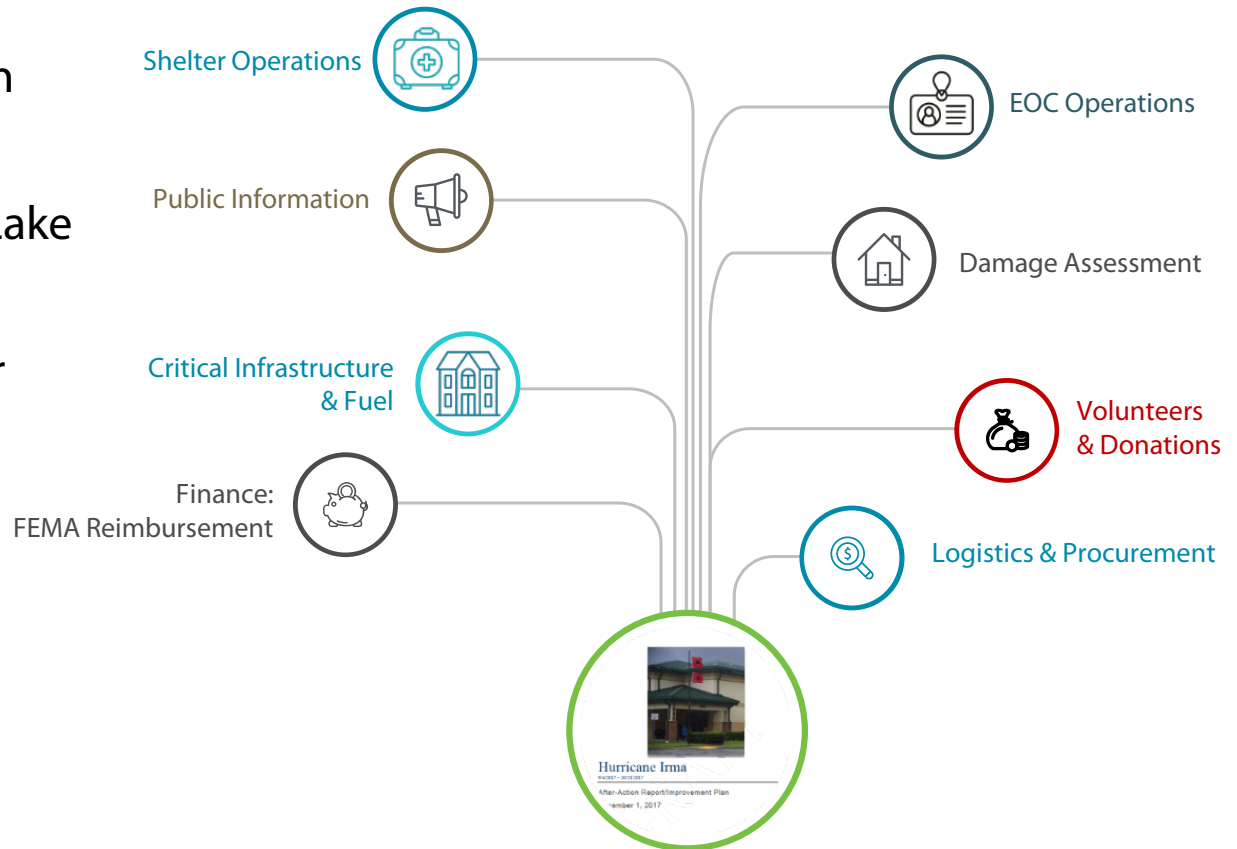
Estimated total Polk County Costs = \$45.7 million
FEMA reimbursement – 75% (\$34.3 million)
State reimbursement – 12.5% (\$5.7 million)

Polk County cost - **\$6 - 9 million** depending
on reimbursements

After Action Review

8 functional areas

- Sandbag site selection
- Shelter facilities in Ft. Meade, Frostproof & Lake Wales
- Backup generators for water utilities



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

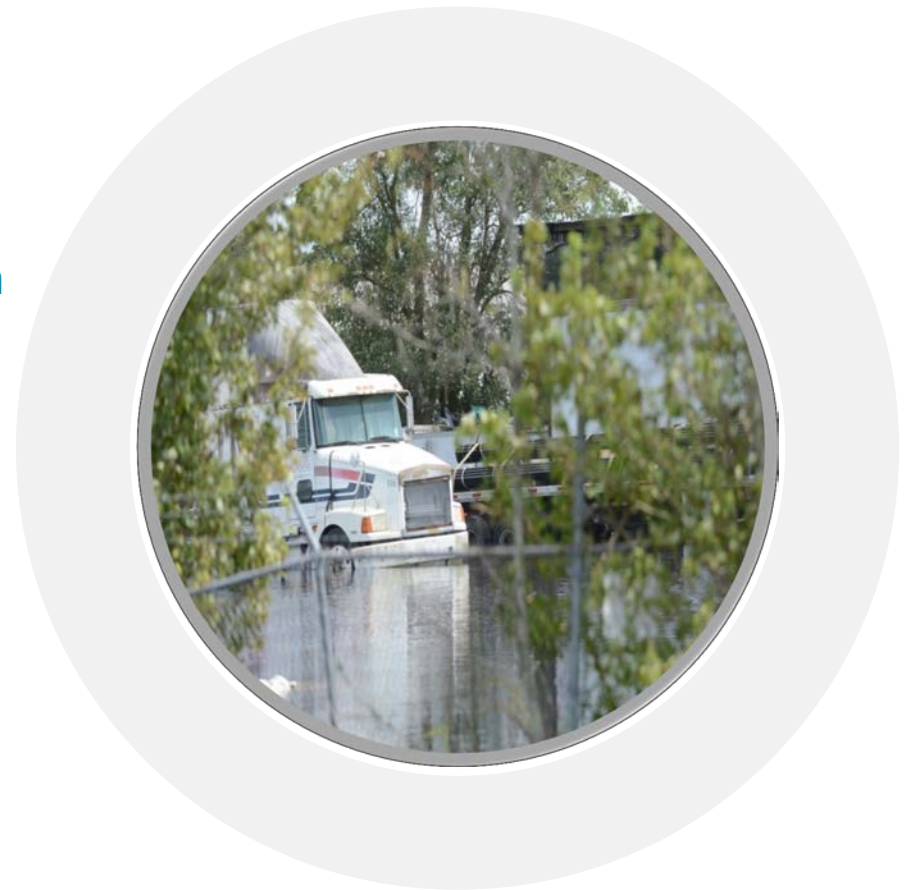
HMGP

● Total Grant = \$14.3 million

● Local Match = \$4.8 million

● **Projects**

- Water & Wastewater system generators
- County Facilities
- Drainage





Charter Review

Charter Review Commission

2017 - 2018



1 Tuesday, May 1

Fort Meade Community Center
1046 SE 2nd Street

2 Monday, May 14

Lakeland City Hall
228 S. Massachusetts Ave.
Commission Chamber

3 Thursday, May 24

Lake Myrtle Park
12701 Lake Myrtle Road
Auburndale

Annual Board Retreat

Common Themes in Goals

- ✓ County Finances
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Future Water Supply
- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Economic Development



County Finances

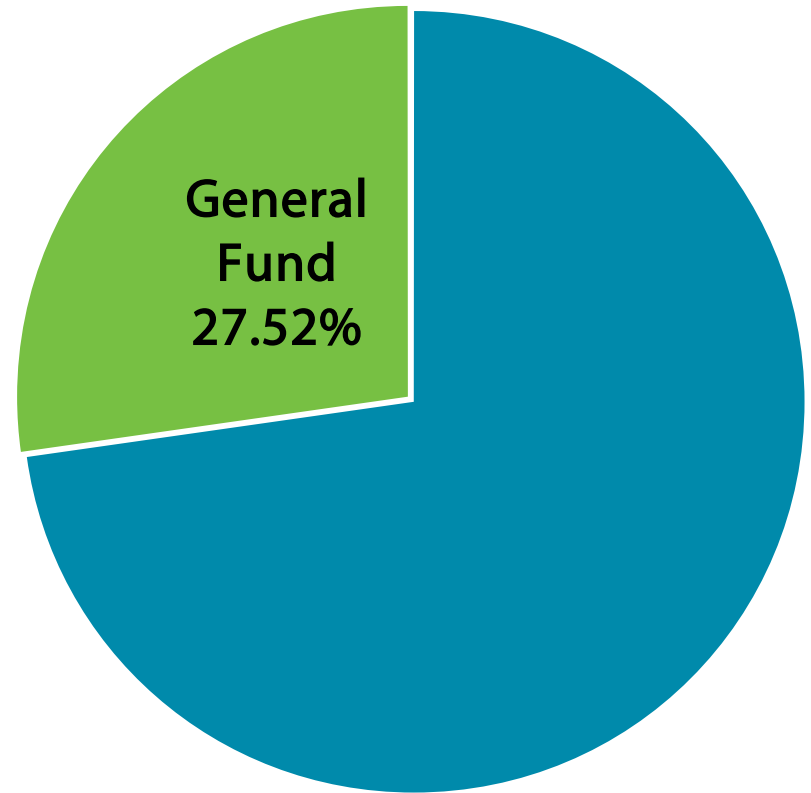
County Budget

Total Budget

\$1,349,801,229

General Fund

\$371,488,893

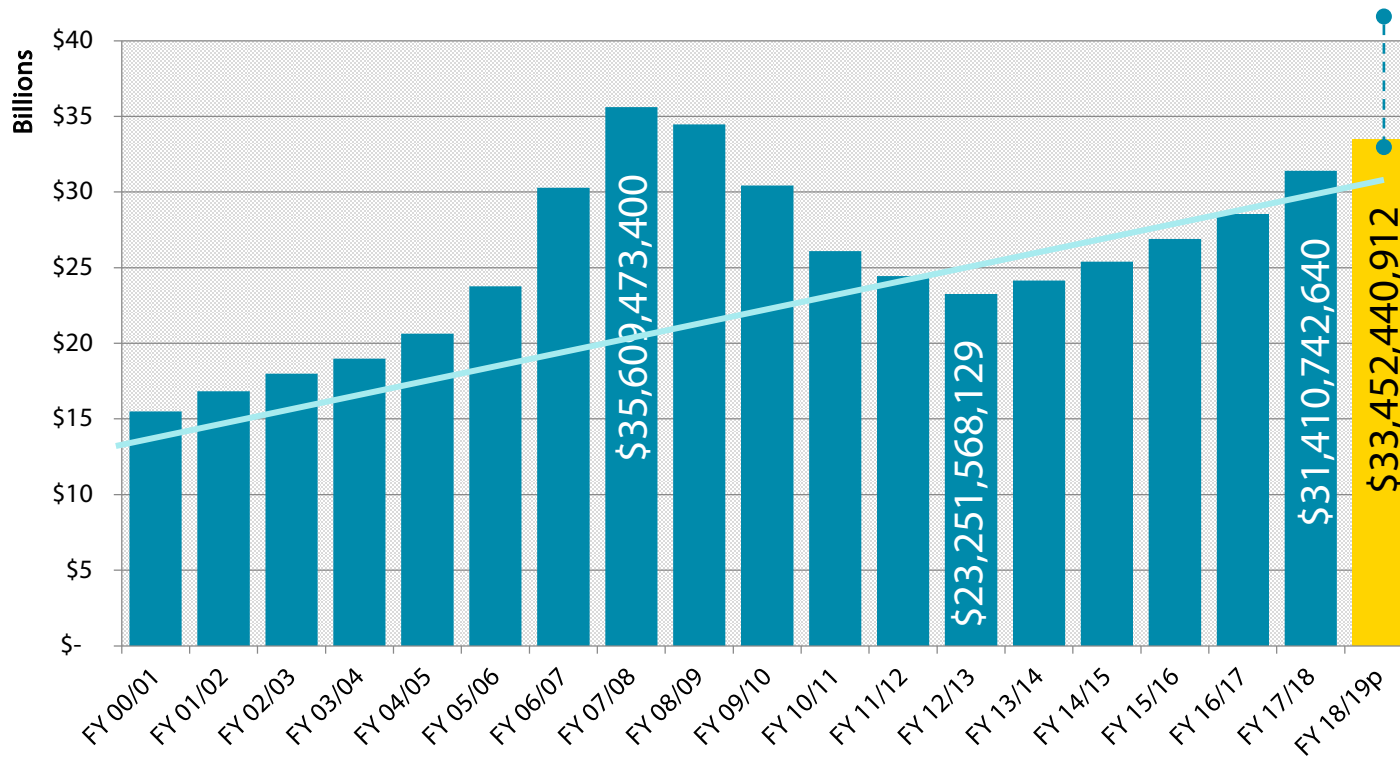


Total Budget FY 2017-2018

Taxable Values

vs. Annual Trend

6% (\$2.2 B)
below peak

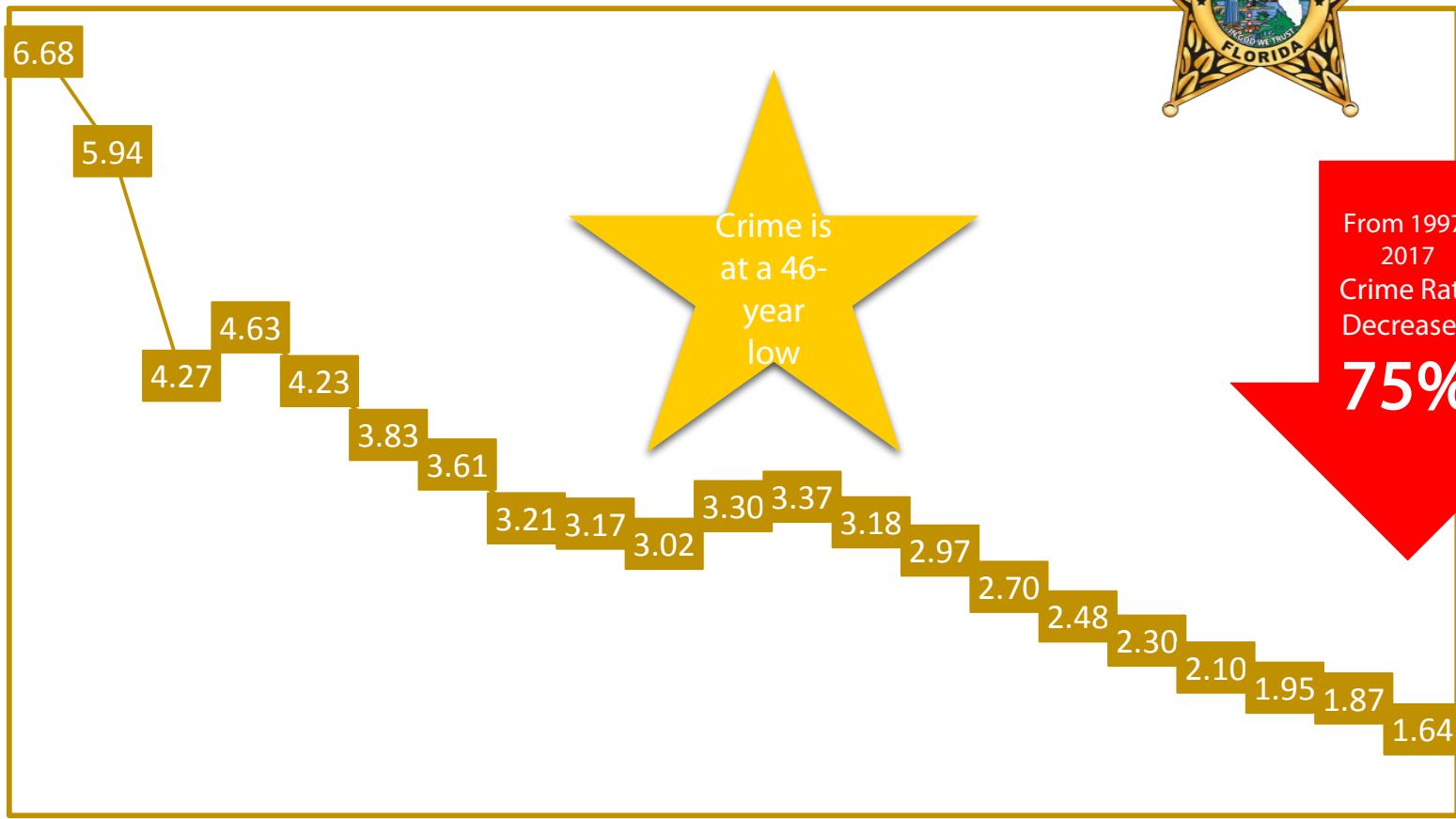




Public Safety

Public Safety

Crime Rate per 100 residents

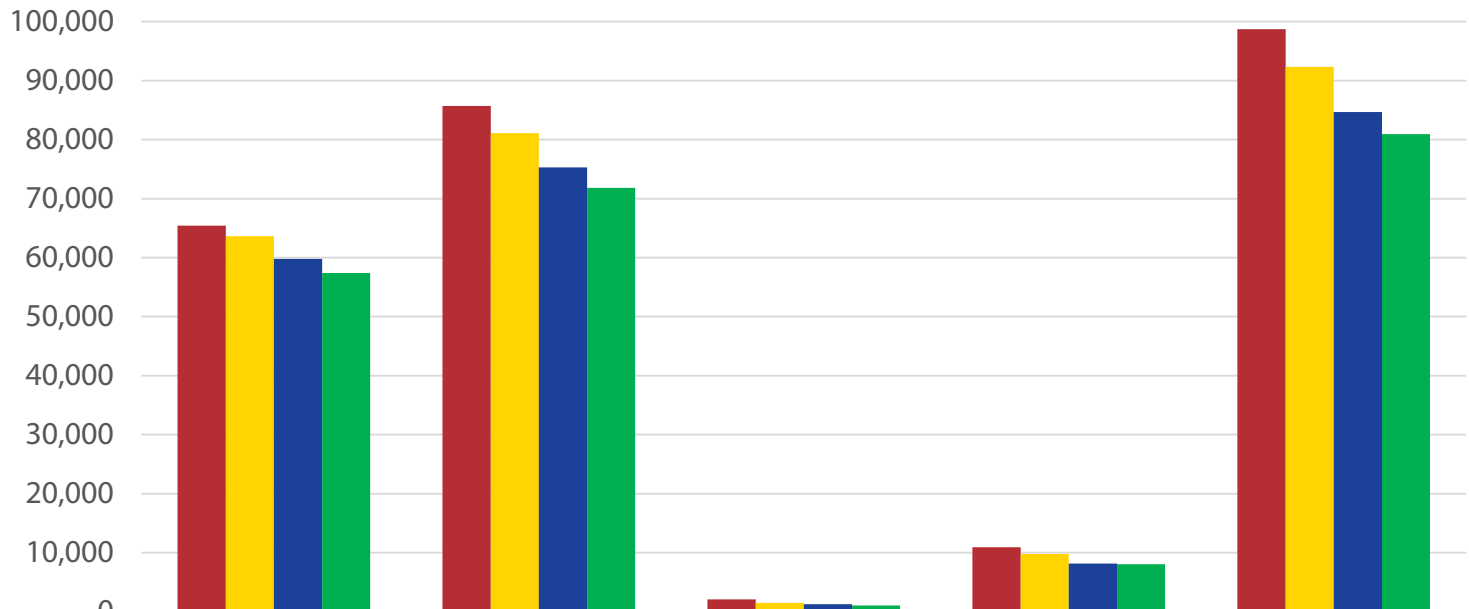


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Calls for Service

Ambulance, Fire and Other Responses



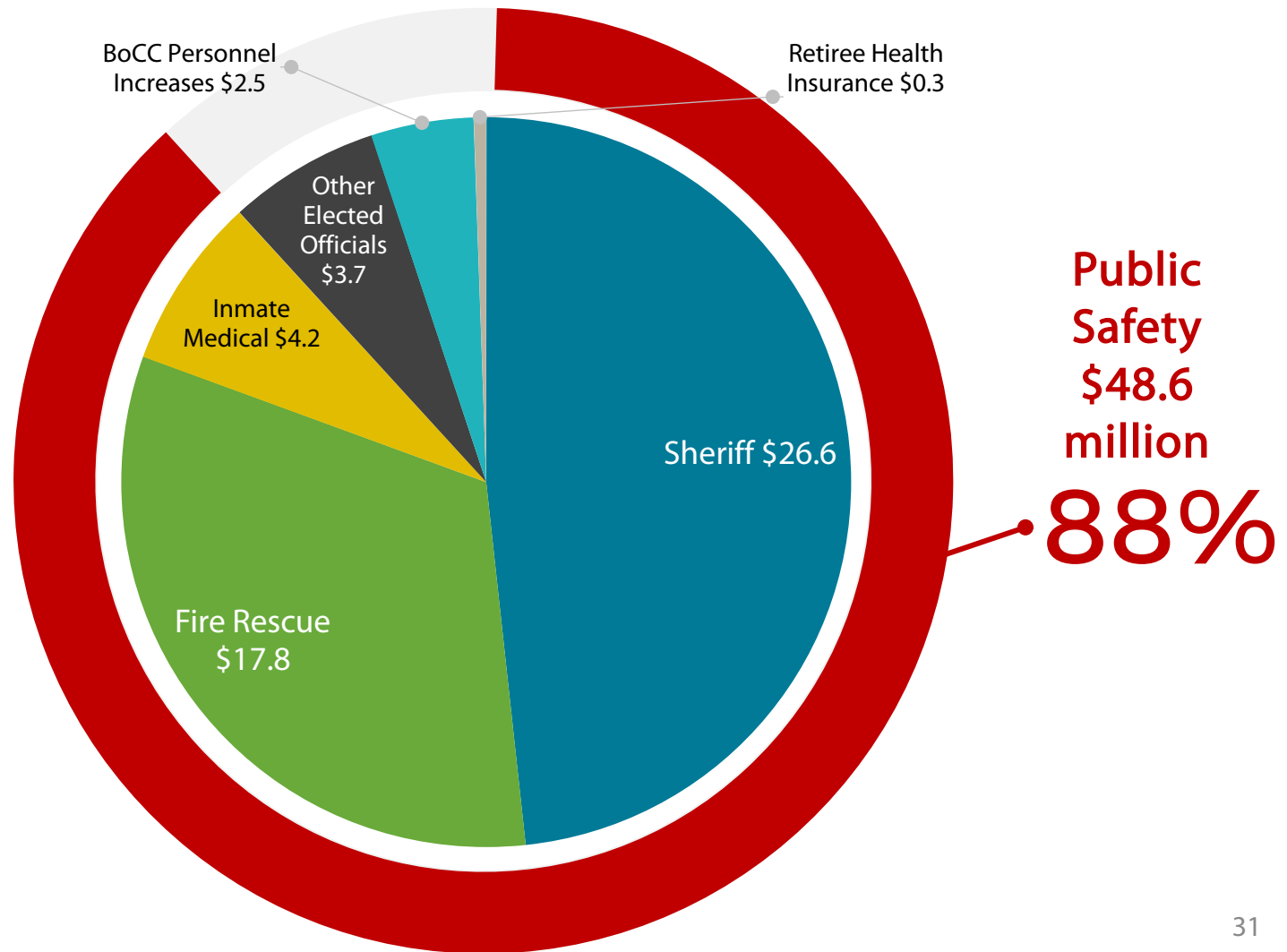
	Ambulance Transports	Ambulance Incidents	Fire Incidents	Other Incidents	Total Responses
2017	65,450	85,698	2,098	10,952	98,748
2016	63,618	81,073	1,470	9,802	92,345
2015	59,798	75,280	1,253	8,144	84,677
2014	57,393	71,818	1,051	8,059	80,928

3yr Trend	▲ 14%	▲ 19%	▲ 100%	▲ 36%	▲ 22%
1yr Trend	▲ 3%	▲ 6%	▲ 43%	▲ 12%	▲ 7%

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General Fund Operating Increases

FY 2012-13 to FY 2017-18



Net increase =
\$55.1 million

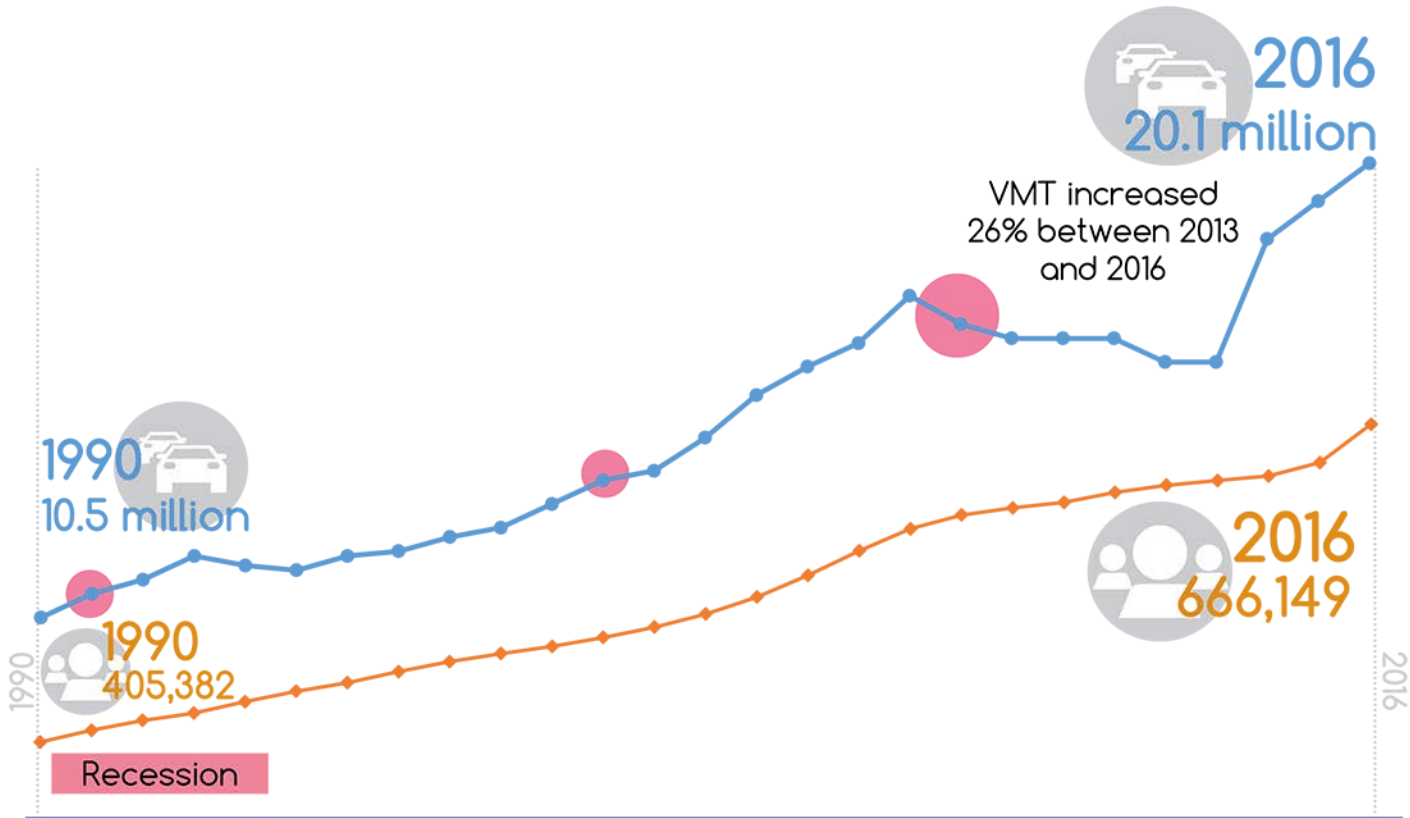
Public
Safety
\$48.6
million
88%



Transportation

Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled

FDOT Estimate



Between 1990 and 2016, Polk County's **population** increased by **60%**. **Vehicle miles traveled** increased by **91%** for the same time period.

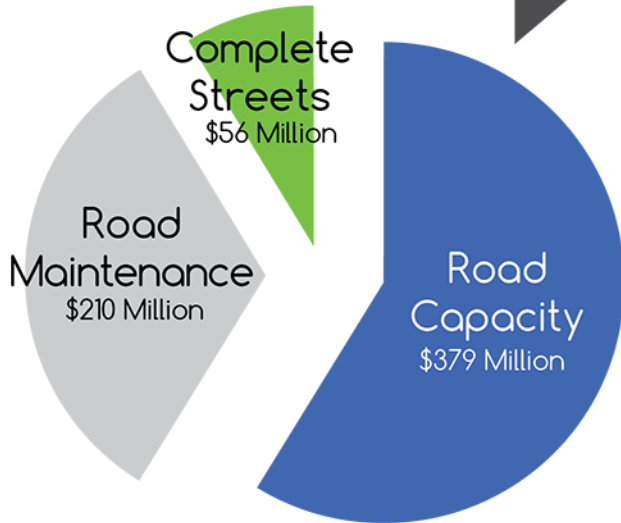
Transportation Investment



Transportation Improvement Program

Next Five Years

2018 - 2022



\$1 Billion

Between 2005 and 2015, Polk County BoCC spent \$985.8 million on roads

2015 Per Capita Spending



\$105 Polk County

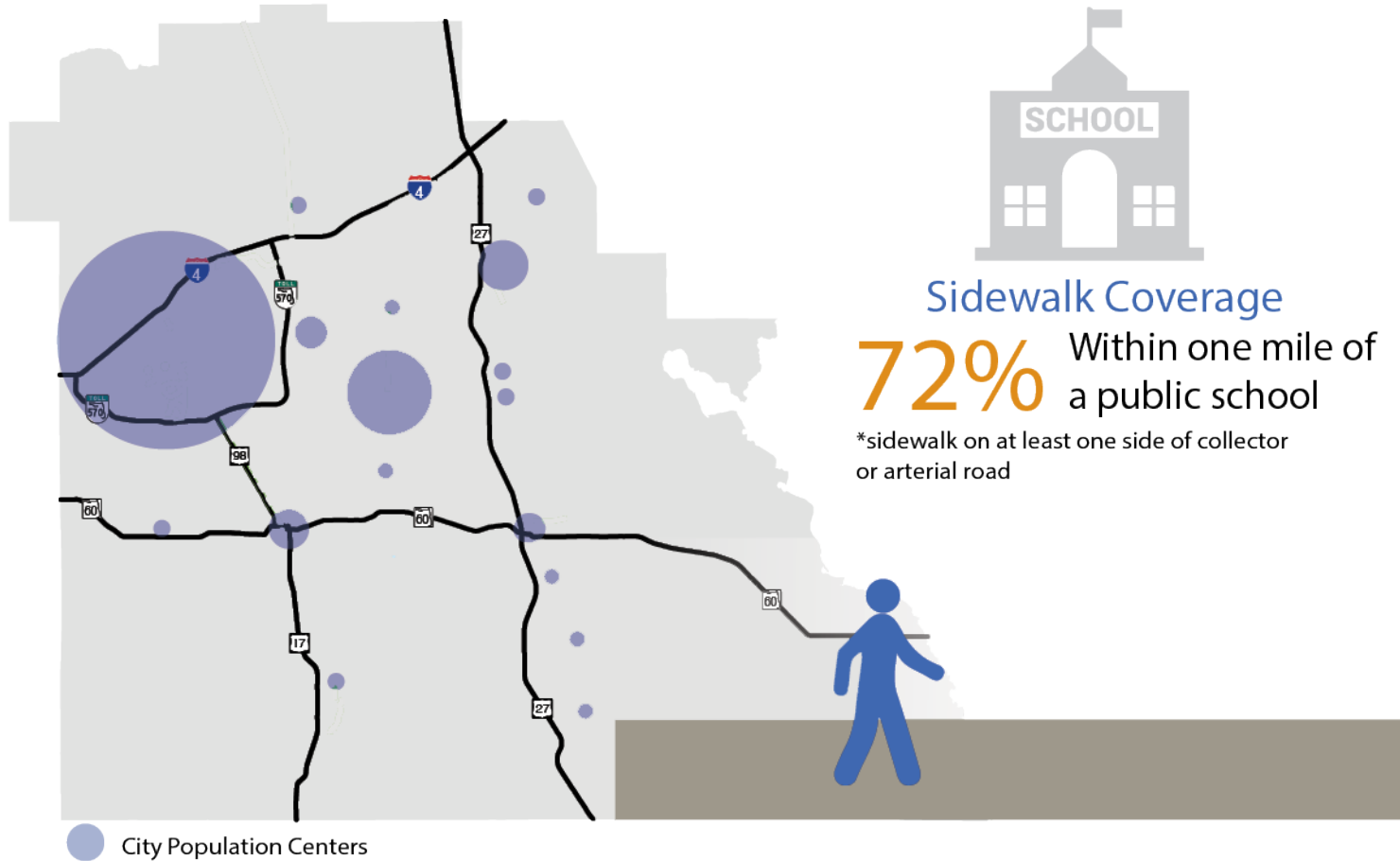
\$97 Average for all Florida counties

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County governments

Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Transportation Investment



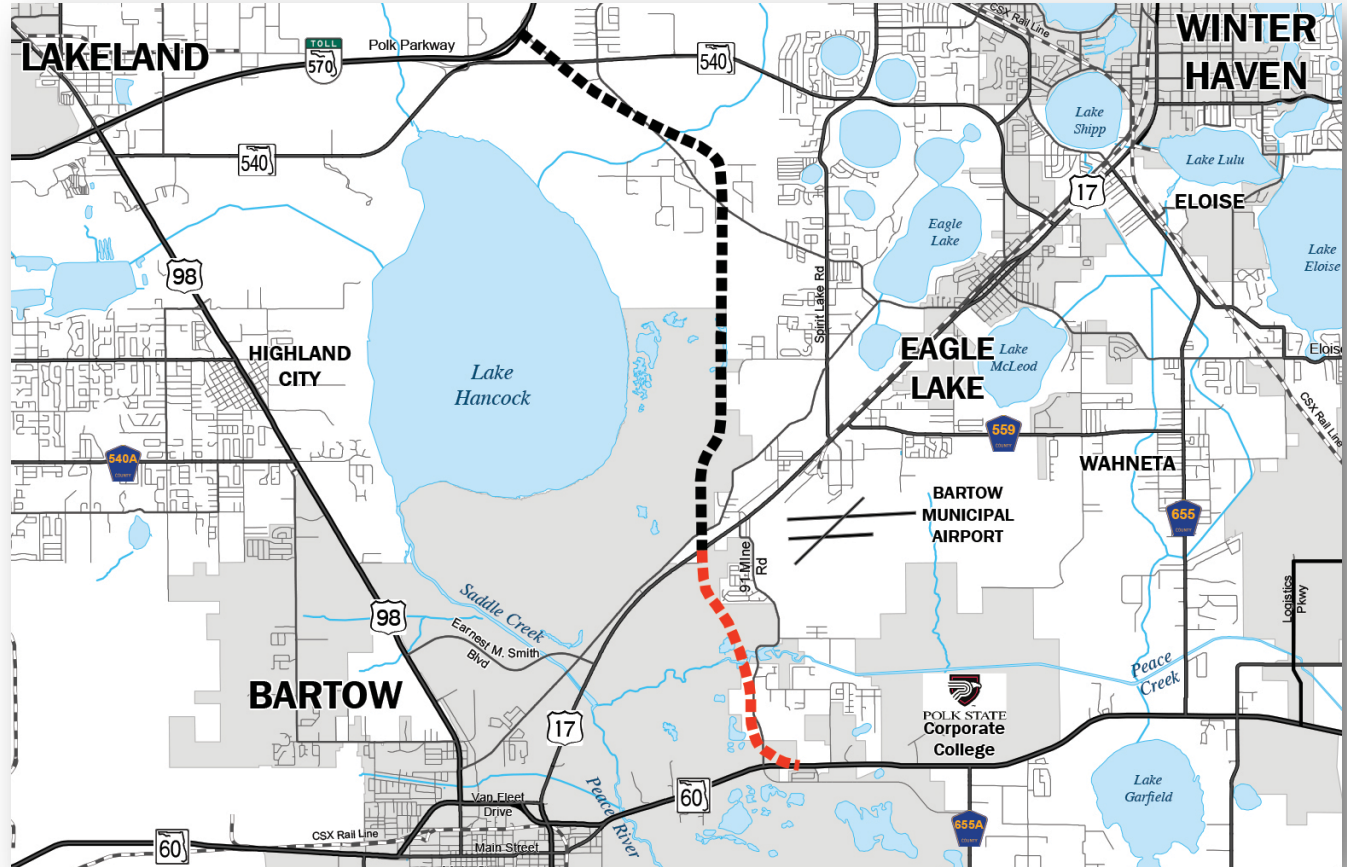
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Central Polk Parkway

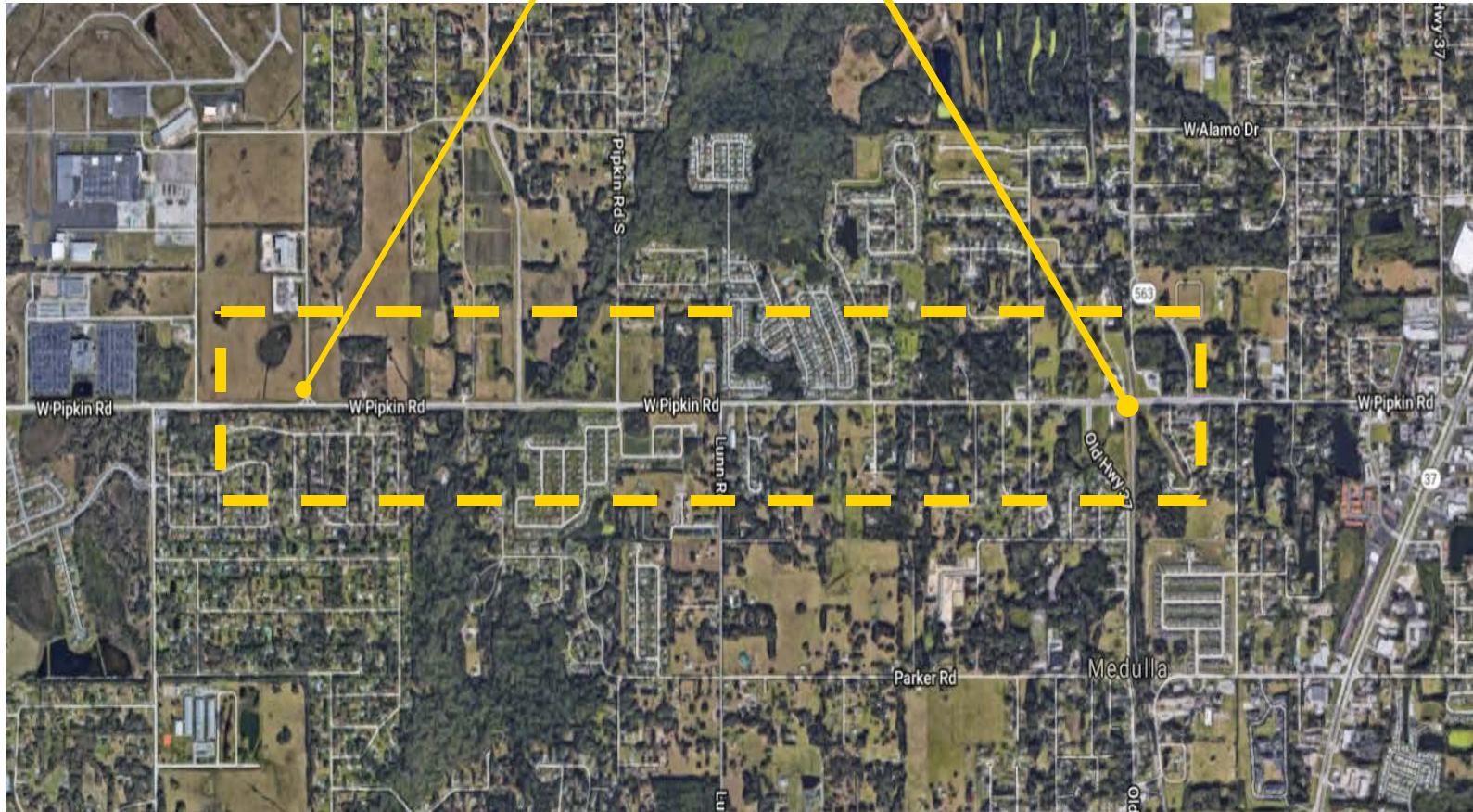
Segment 1

- ✓ \$195 million to build
- ✓ \$165 million toll revenue
- ✓ \$15 million appropriation
- ✓ Redirect Bartow Northern Connector Phase II funds



Four lanes for Pipkin Road

Medulla Road to Harden Blvd.



Estimated Cost = \$44.5 million

Four lanes for Lake Wilson Road

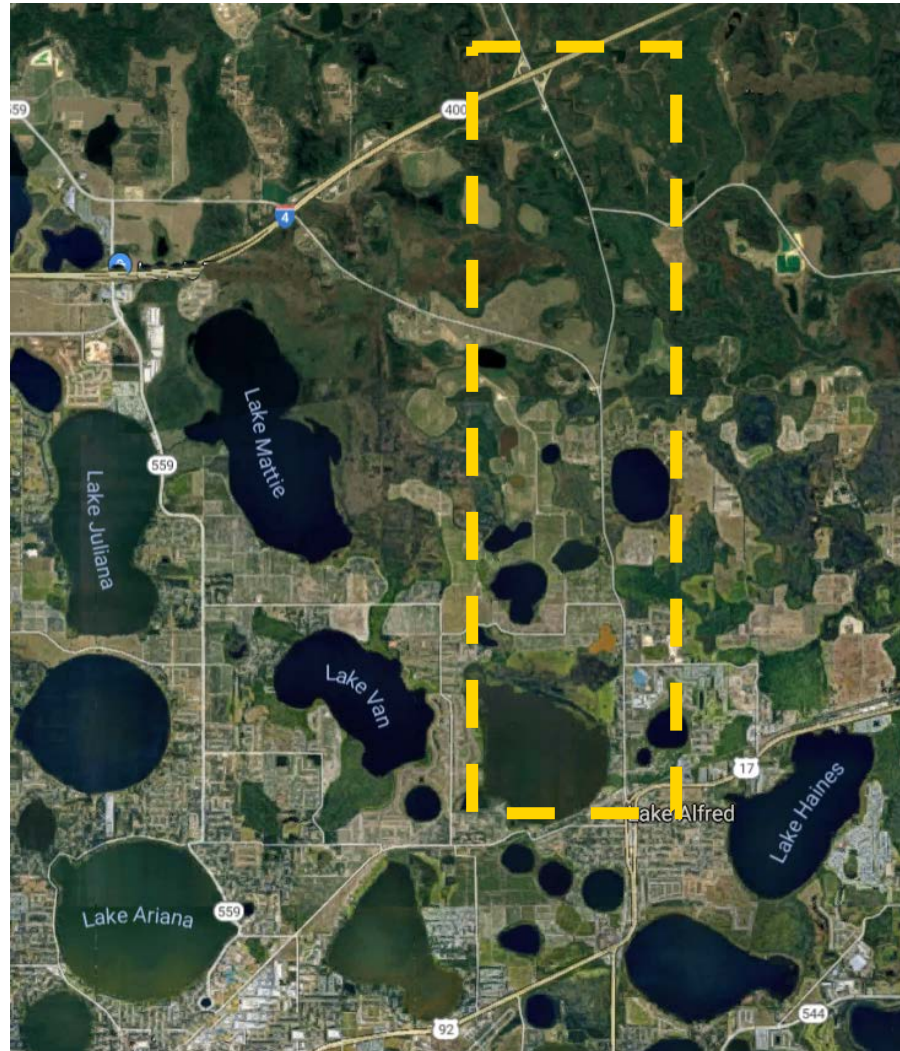
Ronald Reagan Parkway to Osceola/Polk Line Road



Estimated Cost = \$22.4 million

Four lanes for CR-557

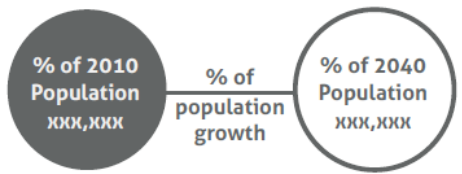
17/92 to Interstate 4



Estimated Cost = \$80 million



Challenges



2040 Population Forecast

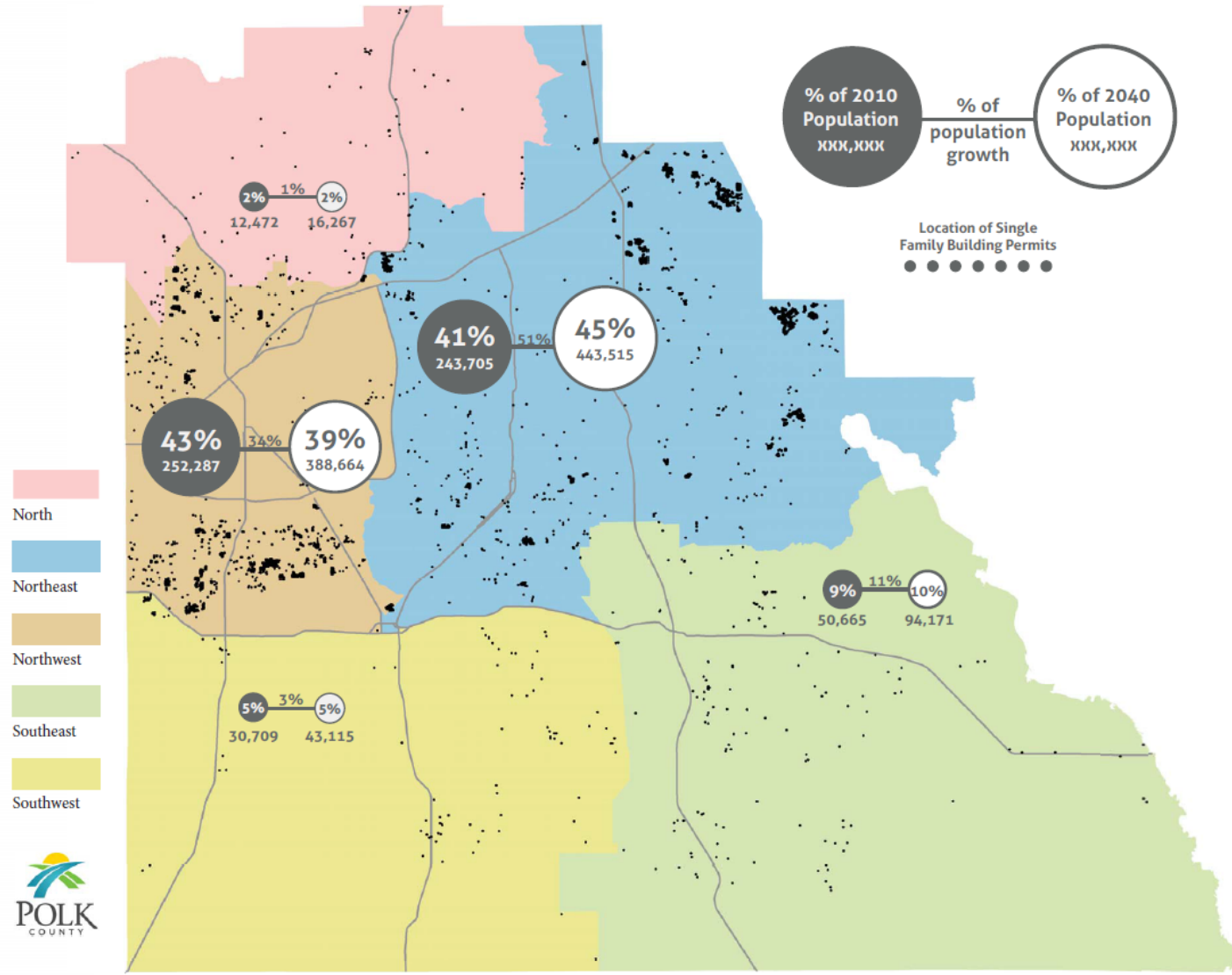
Population Forecast by Subarea

Area	2010	2040
North	12,472	16,287
Northeast	243,705	443,515
Northwest	252,287	388,664
Southeast	50,665	94,171
Southwest	30,709	43,115
Total	589,838	985,732

2010 - 2016 Single Family Permits (Unincorporated County)

Area	Permits	%
North	89	1%
Northeast	5,106	60%
Northwest	2,954	35%
Southeast	152	2%
Southwest	137	1%
Total	8,438	100%

Sources: Polk TPO, Polk County Building/IT



2040 Capacity Road Needs

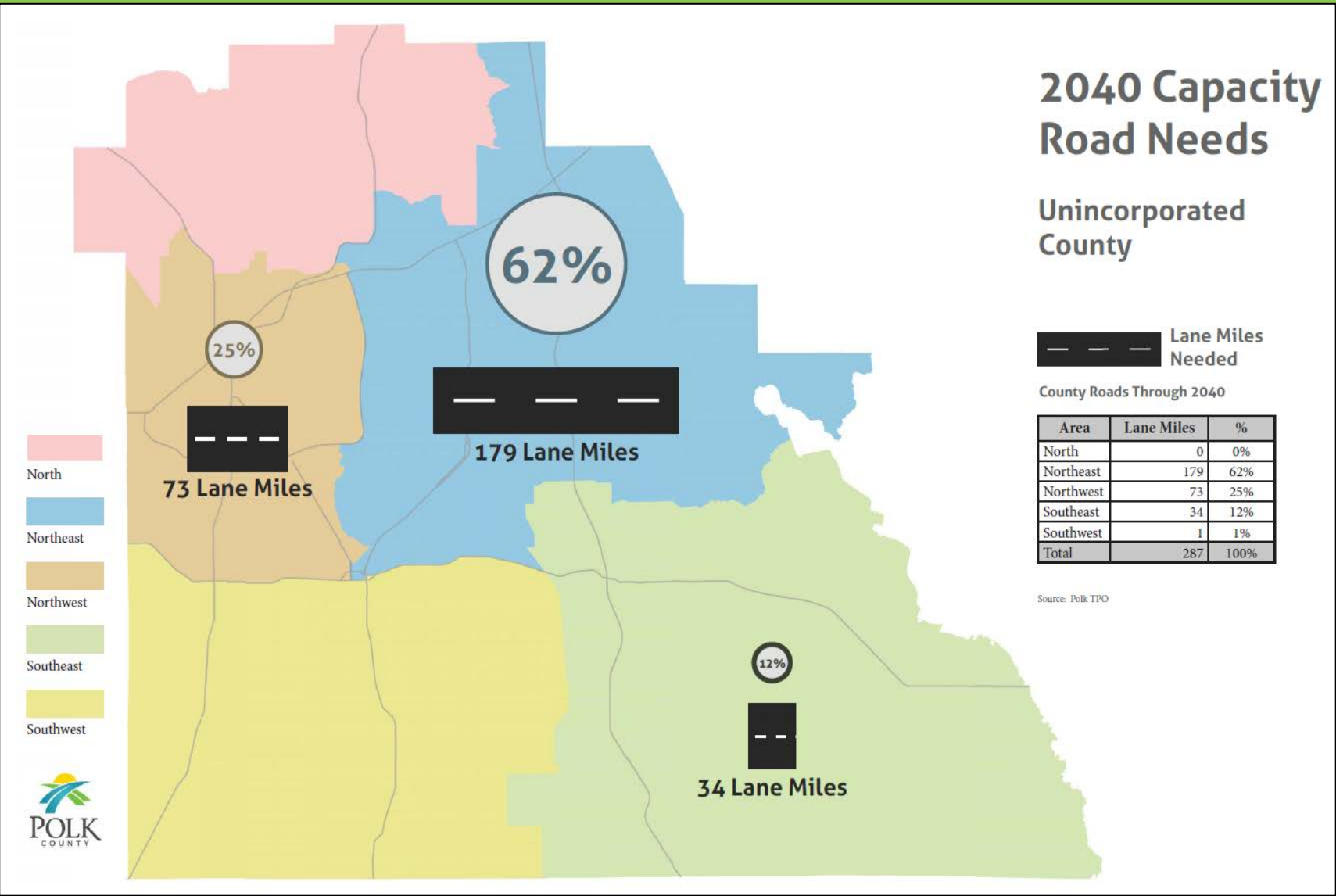
Unincorporated County

 Lane Miles Needed

County Roads Through 2040

Area	Lane Miles	%
North	0	0%
Northeast	179	62%
Northwest	73	25%
Southeast	34	12%
Southwest	1	1%
Total	287	100%

Source: Polk TPO

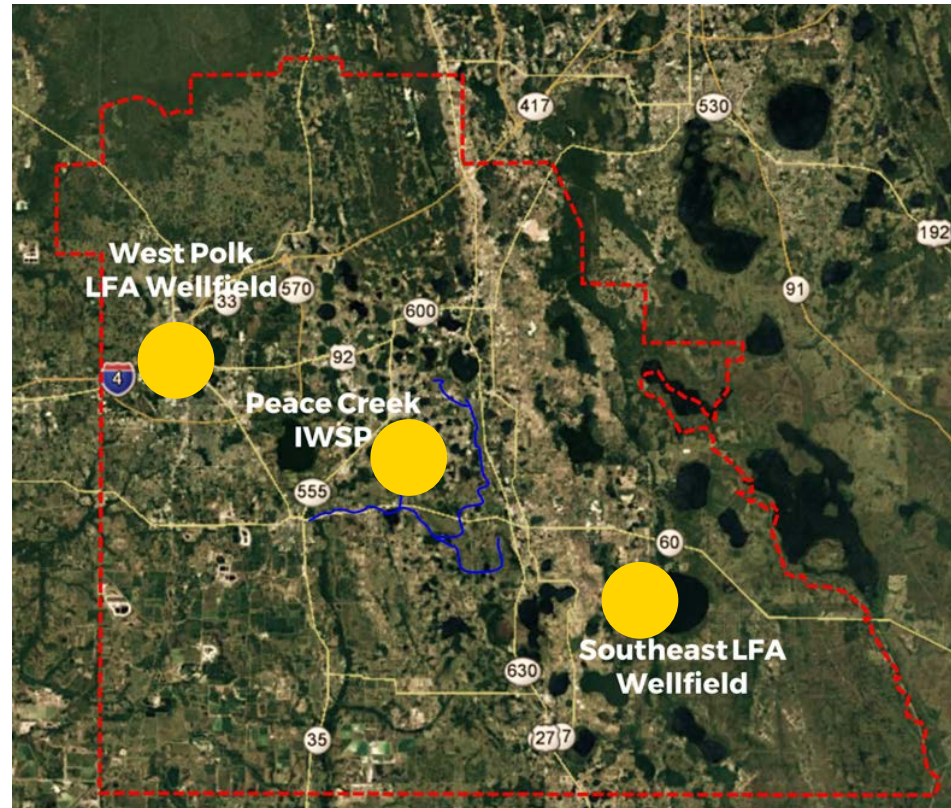


-  North
-  Northeast
-  Northwest
-  Southeast
-  Southwest



Water

- 3 projects with potential of 50 mgd of non-traditional water supply to meet 2035 projected demands
- Consultant team engaged in project feasibility studies
- Implement conservation projects to reduce per capita use
- Co-funding opportunities from State and Federal agencies



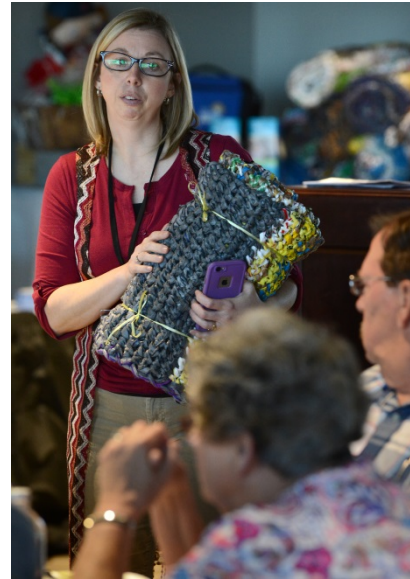
General Fund Projections

		FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21
Revenue:	Ad Valorem (6.5% FY 19, 20, 21; 4% FY 22)	11.0	11.7	12.5
	3 rd Homestead Exemption		(6.2)	(0.1)
	Other Major Revenue	5.8	1.9	1.9
	TOTAL Revenue	\$16.8	\$7.7	\$14.0
Expenses:	Maintaining Sheriff and Fire Rescue LOS	(\$10.1)	(\$11.6)	(\$9.1)
	Other Operating Expenses	(5.8)	(6.1)	(4.6)
	TOTAL Expense	(\$15.9)	(\$17.7)	(\$13.7)
Balance:		\$0.9	(\$10.0)	\$0.3



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Questions?