

**In the next 25 years, almost \$5 billion will be invested in the Sarasota/Manatee regional road network.** The Sarasota/Manatee 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will guide the investment of these funds. The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has developed a comprehensive needs list based on jurisdiction plans, technical data, computer modeling, and community feedback.

The LRTP must consider the full complement of transportation modes – roads, bicycles, pedestrians, trails, transit, parking, railroads and airports. The plan includes at least twenty years and must be updated every five years. Florida Statute requires the LRTP to prioritize:

- **Preserving the existing transportation infrastructure,**
- **Enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness, and**
- **Improving travel choices to ensure mobility.**

The MPO Governing Board adopted the following LRTP Vision Statements which, in concert with federally-mandated performance measures, will serve as the guiding principles for the 2045 plan.

- **Promote Economic Diversity:** Attract high tech businesses and employees, focus on port centers as economic engines, brand and plan for the higher education/cultural corridor on US 41, prepare transportation infrastructure for new technology.
- **Preserve Environmental Health:** Safeguard treasured environmental assets, plan for resiliency from storms and flooding, balance protection and land use, increase density and decrease auto dependency.
- **Create Vibrant Places:** Increase housing and transportation choices, provide more multimodal options including safe walking and bicycling, preserve corridors for future premium transit to connect urban centers.

**The City Council is asked to review the needs list and discuss their priorities** as the MPO begins to develop the cost feasible list of programs and projects that will be submitted to state and federal transportation departments **for funding consideration.**