

# 2025

# Legislative Priorities

The Orlando Economic Partnership supports public policy that facilitates Central Florida's growth as a top innovation hub with premier talent, ample housing, and multimodal access to high-quality jobs. In other words, the Partnership supports legislation that further advances Orlando's position as a global, creative capital. Specific priorities are outlined to the right.

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## EDUCATION

- Support the Florida College System's (FCS) request for \$200 million in new recurring dollars distributed through the established funding formula for the Program Fund.
- Support full funding of the University of Central Florida's (UCF) \$75 million request to scale engineering and technology programs to educate 25,000 students annually in high-demand fields to meet Florida's engineering and high-tech workforce needs.
- Support Seminole State College's request for \$20 million for the construction of the Workforce, Science, and Technology Center at the Altamonte Springs campus.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Support full funding of FDOT's Five Year Work Program.
- Support continued development of the Sunshine Corridor, the expansion of SunRail from Orlando International Airport to the Orange County Convention Center and beyond.
- Support the extension of I-4 express lanes in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties, and the preservation of sufficient right-of-way (ROW) along I-4 for future intercity passenger rail between Orlando and Tampa.
- Support robust funding for Central Florida's international gateways, including Orlando International Airport (MCO), Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB), and Port Canaveral.

## HOUSING

- Support full allocation of Florida's Sadowski Fund for affordable housing.
- Support policies that assist and empower local governments, developers, and non-profits to increase housing supply and variety of housing options.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support policies and funding that encourage job growth and economic development in Central Florida, including the Job Growth Grant Fund and additional funding for infrastructure, site development, and workforce training programs.
- Support continued funding for promotion of Florida as the world's top travel destination.
- Support place-based economic development through funding for Lift Orlando's continued neighborhood revitalization in the 32805 zip code.