Suncoast Connector
Task Force Meeting #3

Introductions and Safety Briefing

December 17, 2019
Location address:
UF/IFAS Taylor County Extension Auditorium
203 Forest Park Drive
Perry, FL 32348
Phone: 850-838-3508

Guillermo Vidal will dial 9-1-1, notify front desk, and meet emergency responders; Chairman Evans will be the backup person.

Who is CPR Certified?

Review Emergency Evacuation map posted in common area

Does anyone need assistance evacuating the building?

Staging area will be outside the main entrance; Hal Beardall will perform roll-call

Please place all cell phones on silence or vibrate mode
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Sunshine Law Video

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Secretary’s Message

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Presentation Objectives

- Review and discuss comments from last Task Force meeting
- Review and discuss data requested and collected from last Task Force meeting
- Review M-CORES purpose identified in statute
- Discuss multi-use concept and what FDOT will provide on corridors
- Discuss corridor needs based on regional and local conditions
- Review and discuss process flow from Task Force to Planning and Project Development
- Discuss co-location: what it means and where are the potentials
- Discuss how a corridor is started and segments are prioritized
- Review and discuss planning Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process, starting in early 2020
- Review and discuss the planning purpose and need
- Review and discuss how AMME guiding principles will be used in planning and project development
- Review work plan including additional meetings in spring
• Requests for more **data** and **subject matter expertise** to support Task Force

• Desire to start with common understanding of **purpose** and **need**

• Value of **balanced approach** covering all issues and range of considerations for avoid, minimize, mitigate, and enhance (AMME)

• Need for clarity on **role of Task Force** and **process** for moving from Task Force recommendations into Planning and Project Development; how Task Force report leads to alignments and projects
• Data requests
  • Smoke sheds
  • Florida Ecological Greenways Network – all priorities
  • Florida Forever Projects
  • Springs – all magnitudes
  • Socioeconomic
  • Land use
  • Florida Rural and Family Lands
  • Local resiliency plans

• A data group has been established to:
  • Identify consistent and reliable datasets
  • Address data requests/ suggestions
  • Enhance and update web GIS tool
  • Create library of local plans
Purpose:
- Protect the environment and natural resources
- Encourage job creation
- Enhance quality of life and public safety
- Revitalize rural communities
- Provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology

Objective:
Advance construction of regional corridors intended to accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure
What Are the Needs in this Corridor?

- Economic development
  - % population below poverty line
  - Employment

- Hurricane evacuation
  - Evacuation time
  - Congestion on evacuation routes

- Environmental preservation
  - Impaired waters
  - Wildlife conflicts

- Multi-use connectivity
  - Lack of broadband, water, and sewer connectivity
  - Emerging alternate energy opportunities

- Mobility options
  - Limited modal options
  - Mobility as a service opportunities
Wekiva Basin Area Task Force
- **Purpose:** Connect State Road 429 to Interstate 4 (Executive Order)
- **Needs:** Regional connectivity, increased travel demand, improved safety

Planning (Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee)
- Similar purpose and need with additional supporting data

Project Development
- **Purpose:** Complete the Western Beltway while protecting the rural character of the study area and the unique resources of the Wekiva River Basin
- **Needs:**
  - Complete the Western Beltway (SR 429) around metropolitan Orlando
  - Provide a higher capacity east-west travel facility in east Lake County and west Seminole County
  - Improve safety by reducing fatal crashes
  - Develop a transportation facility that minimizes impacts to the Wekiva Basin Area resources and that specifically improves wildlife habitat connectivity between conservation lands and reduces vehicle-wildlife conflicts
Develop guiding principles for corridor planning and development

Understand study area resources
- Natural
- Cultural
- Social
- Physical

Identify considerations for how to address resources
- Avoid
- Minimize
- Mitigate
- Enhance

Develop guiding principles for corridor planning and development
Example: Wekiva Parkway

Task Force Guiding Principles

Do not encourage or promote additional development from already approved land uses

Minimize any impacts to habitat or species; Minimize direct impacts to wetlands

Project Features

Limited access parkway design with interchanges at 5 locations; interchange land use plans

Elevated parkway design with wildlife crossings
Multi-use Concept

• Accommodation or co-location of multiple types of infrastructure
  • Multimodal transportation
  • Broadband, water, and sewer connectivity
  • Energy distribution
  • Autonomous, connected, electric, and shared vehicle technology

• What are some of the opportunities in the corridor?
Leveraging Existing Corridors

• Utility or multimodal access
• Frontage road (non-tolled) for local travel, limited access facility
• What are the potential opportunities?
Alternative Corridor Evaluation Process

- Overlap with Task Force - process streamlining
- Starting in early 2020
• Corridors 1-4 developed as swaths, 5 utilizes existing roadways
• Connect to or parallel existing facilities
• Alternative Corridor Evaluation Process used to advance or eliminate corridors
• All or some of the corridors may advance based on screening criteria
## Task Force, Planning, Project Development

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<th>Project Development</th>
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<td>Narrower area connecting communities and avoiding key resources</td>
<td>Narrower area focusing on one or more facilities</td>
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<td>Purpose &amp; Need</td>
<td>More specific regional and local corridor needs</td>
<td>Detailed project-level purpose &amp; need</td>
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<td>Potential Corridor Opportunities</td>
<td>Broad opportunities across study area including no action, improvements to existing facilities, new corridors (swaths)</td>
<td>More descriptive alternatives (no build, operational improvements only, capacity improvements, new corridors, co-location)</td>
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<td>High-level mobility and connectivity needs</td>
<td>Regional travel demand forecasts</td>
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Task Force Work Plan

Meeting 1
August 2019
- Overview
- Work Plan

Meetings 2, 3, 4
October, December 2019; February 2020
- Identify AMME Considerations
- Develop Guiding Principles
- Begin to Develop High-Level Purpose & Need

Meetings 5, 6, 7
March, April, June 2020
- Refine Guiding Principles and Purpose & Need
- Review Potential Corridor Opportunities
- Discuss Implementation Actions

Meetings 8, 9
July, September 2020
- Develop Draft Final Report
- Receive Public Comment on Draft Recommendations
- Adopt Final Report
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Public Input

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Your Voice Is Important

Input Summary
Suncoast Corridor welcomed over 120 members of the public to the Community Open House at the Old Town Education Center on October 24.
We Have Heard You

Email us at:
FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us

COMMENT STATION

floridamcores.com

Suncoast Connector
Overall Input Statistics

E-newsletter subscribers (total of all three e-newsletters) 2,699

Website visitors (people visiting the site) 19,231
Page views 74,545

Numbers represent Aug. 1 – Dec. 3

Public Comments
FDOT.Listens email address Nearly 300
Since Oct/Nov Task Force Meetings Over 150

Numbers represent Oct. 22 – Dec. 3
### MCORES Web Mapping Application Weekly View Counts

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*Numbers through Dec. 2*
One-on-One Meetings and Phone Conversations

- Task Force Members
- Local Agencies

Bringing Updates And Content To The Public

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- E-Newsletters
Next Steps for Engagement

Suncoast Corridor Community Open Houses

- **December 19**
  Day Community Center, 4673 N. County Road 53, Mayo, FL 32066
- **January 23**
  IFAS Auditorium, 203 Forest Park Drive, Perry, FL 32348
- **January 28**
  College of Central Florida (Levy), 15390 NW Hwy 19, Chiefland, FL 32626
- **January 30**
  National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable Street, Crystal River, FL 34429

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- **February 11**
  Madison Church of God Life Center, 771 NE Colin Kelly Hwy, Madison, FL 32340
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Panel Discussion
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