Purpose Categories

- Revitalize rural communities
- Encourage job creation
- Provide regional connectivity
- Leverage technology
- Enhance the quality of life and public safety
- Protect the environment and natural resources
1. Provide a transportation network that supports communities and both existing and new industries

2. Improve statewide and regional transportation mobility and connectivity for people and freight

3. Address safety and mobility needs due to the growth in population and visitation

4. Strengthen the local tourism, ecotourism, and outdoor recreation economy

5. Enhance access to jobs, education, and healthcare

6. Expand rural utility infrastructure, including broadband, water and sewer to enhance quality of life

7. Strengthen emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation to enhance safety

8. Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats
Consider goals, objectives, policies, and resources identified in local government comprehensive plans, metropolitan long-range transportation plans, and strategic regional policy plans, and adopted regional and community visions, placing emphasis on future land use maps.
Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities
Guiding Principle #2

**PURPOSE**

All purposes

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED**

All needs

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Evaluate potential statewide and interregional corridor improvements in this priority order:

i. Make safety and operational improvements to existing transportation facilities.

ii. Add capacity to existing transportation facilities including co-location of facilities within existing disturbed right of way and other approaches to transforming existing facilities and right of way to accommodate additional modes, uses, and functions.

iii. Where necessary to address statewide and interregional mobility or connectivity needs, develop new transportation facilities

**DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

Identify and advance safety and operational improvements to existing facilities

Evaluate potential capacity improvements to existing facilities, including their impact on surrounding natural resources, land uses, and communities
All purposes

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Apply innovative strategies to incorporate technology into the corridor planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond

Design, construct, and maintain the corridor using state-of-the-art, resilient, and energy efficient materials and methods of construction
All purposes

All needs

Accommodate emerging vehicle and information technologies such as autonomous, connected, electric, and shared vehicles, and mobility as a service

Continuously coordinate and partner, when appropriate, with agencies and the private sector to leverage resources, applications, and infrastructure.

Plan and design the corridor to accommodate technologies as they are developed with the ability to evolve/adapt over time.
Provide a transportation network that supports communities and both existing and new industries.

Avoid or minimize impacts to the rural communities and attractions where feasible.

Recognize and incorporate the surrounding community character through context sensitive solutions, while accommodating potential growth and development.
Revisit Rural Communities
Encourage Job Creation

Enhance access to jobs, education, and healthcare
Strengthen the local tourism, ecotourism, and outdoor recreation economy
Provide a transportation network that supports communities and both existing and new industries

Develop infrastructure that enhances economic development and employment opportunities

Provide support to local governments and economic development organizations to maximize long-term economic benefits from corridor investments in the study area
Address truck parking needs and rest areas

Economic Development
Guiding Principle #6

PURPOSE

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond
Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats

Enhance to the extent practical existing and planned conservation lands to support statewide and regional conservation goals

Support a land protection program to acquire state conservation lands to support statewide and regional conservation plans and mitigate the impact of corridor construction

Coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Florida Forever Program projects that are in the highest priority for acquisition
Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats.

Avoid, to the extent feasible, and where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to existing and future conservation lands.

Coordinate with Regional Planning Councils to support Natural Resources of Regional Significance outlined in their Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

Protect Environmental and Natural Resources
Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats.

Enhance to the extent practical wildlife habitats and corridors to support statewide and regional wildlife protection goals.

Support a land protection program to acquire state conservation lands to support the completion of wildlife connectivity gaps. Coordinate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to enhance wildlife corridor connectivity including lands identified as priority 1 and 2 in the Florida Ecological Greenways Network.
Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats.

Avoid, to the extent feasible, and where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

Enhance wildlife connectivity by restoring fish and wildlife habitat corridors and providing fish passages and wildlife crossings, where feasible.
Protect Environmental and Natural Resources

Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats

Enhance to the extent practical important water resources in support of statewide and regional water supply and quality goals

Support water resource enhancements that will improve water quality. Coordinate with Water Management Districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for projects in Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) for springs; and protection and enhancement of aquifer and groundwater recharge areas, Outstanding Florida Waters, wetlands, floodplains, and other surface waters.
Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats

Avoid, to the extent feasible, and where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate, impacts to important water resources

Address both local and regional flooding problems by integrating stormwater and floodplain management strategies where feasible

Protect Environmental and Natural Resources

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond
Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats

Avoid, to the extent feasible, impacts to agricultural lands, prime farmlands, and timber lands

Recognize existing preservation areas such as the Florida Rural and Family Lands Protection Program lands and Farmland Preservation Areas identified in local government comprehensive plans, as well as those lands designated for future protection
Strengthen emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation to enhance safety.

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED

Strengthen emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation to enhance safety.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Plan, design, construct, operate and maintain resilient corridors that support state, regional, and local plans for emergency preparedness, sheltering, evacuation, response, and recovery.

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS

Coordinate with state, regional, and local response plans and priorities, including evacuation and sheltering.

Provide opportunities for staging areas for emergencies (SAFE) as outlined in SB 7018.
Infrastructure Opportunities
Guiding Principle #15

**PURPOSE**

- Revitalize Rural Communities
- Encourage Job Creation
- Leverage Technology
- Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED**

Expand rural utility infrastructure, including broadband, water and sewer to enhance quality of life

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Plan and design enhanced or new corridors to enable co-location of utility infrastructure

**DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

- Minimize impacts by not placing a new corridor through public or private utility facilities
- Explore opportunities to extend sewer service to improve quality of life and water quality.
Infrastructure Opportunities
Guiding Principle #16

PURPOSE
Revitalize Rural Communities
Encourage Job Creation
Leverage Technology
Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEED
Expand rural utility infrastructure, including broadband, water and sewer to enhance quality of life

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE
Coordinate utility investment with future land use, economic development, transportation and water quality plans

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond
Support local governments and utility providers regarding existing and planned utility projects, including identifying opportunities within the study area to co-locate utilities within and adjacent to transportation corridors
Improve statewide and regional transportation mobility and connectivity for people and freight.

Address safety and mobility needs due to the growth in population and visitors.

Enhance interregional connectivity by providing direct connections between major statewide corridors.

Plan corridor access and termini consistent with local and regional goals for targeted growth or preservation areas.

Evaluate improvements and access to existing and planned non-motorized trail networks.
Improve statewide and regional transportation mobility and connectivity for people and freight

Address safety and mobility needs due to the growth in population and visitors

Plan the interregional corridors to support the function of regional and local networks

Plan corridor access and termini consistent with local and regional goals for targeted growth or preservation areas

Evaluates improvements and access to existing and planned non-motorized trail networks

Purpose: Revitalize Rural Communities

Provide Regional Connectivity

Draft High-Level Need: Improve statewide and regional transportation mobility and connectivity for people and freight

Draft Guiding Principle: Address safety and mobility needs due to the growth in population and visitors

Draft Instructions: Plan the interregional corridors to support the function of regional and local networks

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