

Task Force Meeting #6: Draft High-Level Needs, Guiding Principles, and Instructions Worksheet

Definitions

- **Purpose** – the overarching reason for accomplishing an activity; for M-CORES, the purpose is defined in s. 338.2278 (1), F.S.
- **High-Level Needs** - key regional opportunities and challenges corridor investments and related actions are intended to address. These can be transportation specific and transportation supported and should be informed by the six purposes and 13 potential benefits in s. 338.2278 (1), F.S. The high-level needs, along with the purpose, answer the question “*why?*”.
- **Guiding Principles** - A set of core values that guides decision making related to a transportation corridor or other type of project throughout the planning, development, and implementation process. These answer the question “*how?*”.
- **Instructions for Project Development and Beyond** - Direction provided by the Task Force for future project development and implementation activities to ensure the Task Force’s guiding principles are applied to subsequent activities as intended. This direction could address - corridor location and design, as well as strategies to be carried forward and refined during planning, project development, design, and other implementation phases. These answer the question “*what’s next?*”.

Draft Language for Discussion at Task Force Meeting 6

	Purpose	High-Level Need	Guiding Principle	Example Instructions for Project Development and Beyond
<p>Consistency with Statewide, Regional, and Local Plans and Visions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be consistent with statewide, regional, and local plans and visions to the maximum extent possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on vision, goals, and strategies of the Florida Transportation Plan. Consider goals, objectives, policies, and resources identified in local government comprehensive plans, metropolitan long-range transportation plans, strategic regional policy plans, and adopted regional and community visions, placing emphasis on future land use maps. Develop a process for reconciling differences among state, regional, and local plans and visions. Identify needs to update plans to address Task Force recommendations and designate corridors, including statutory requirements to address land use and natural resource protection around proposed interchanges; coordinate with planning agencies on updates.

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Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate potential statewide and interregional corridor improvements in this priority order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make safety and operational improvements to existing transportation facilities. 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. Where necessary to address statewide and interregional mobility or connectivity needs, develop new transportation facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Evaluate opportunities for co-location within or adjacent to existing disturbed right of way, including their impact on surrounding natural resources, land uses, and communities. Assess connectivity gaps between existing facilities and areas identified as priorities for attraction, and potential opportunities for closing those gaps. Advance specific improvements that support a system meeting the long-term needs of statewide and interregional flows of people and freight.

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Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply innovative strategies to incorporate technology into corridor planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance. Accommodate emerging vehicle and information technologies such as autonomous, connected, electric, and shared vehicles (ACES) and mobility as a service (MaaS). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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/applications as they are developed with the ability to evolve/adapt over time. Design, construct, and maintain the corridor using state-of-the-art, resilient, and energy efficient materials and methods of construction.
Community Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize Rural Communities Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a transportation network that supports communities and both existing and new industries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid or minimize impacts to the rural communities and attractions where feasible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize and incorporate the surrounding community character through context sensitive solutions, while accommodating potential growth and development.

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Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize Rural Communities Encourage Job Creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop infrastructure that enhances economic development and employment opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to local governments and economic development organizations to maximize long-term economic benefits from corridor investments in the study area. Engage with agriculture, timber and forestry, manufacturing, logistics, and other industry stakeholders to understand and incorporate their infrastructure needs. Address truck parking needs and rest areas.



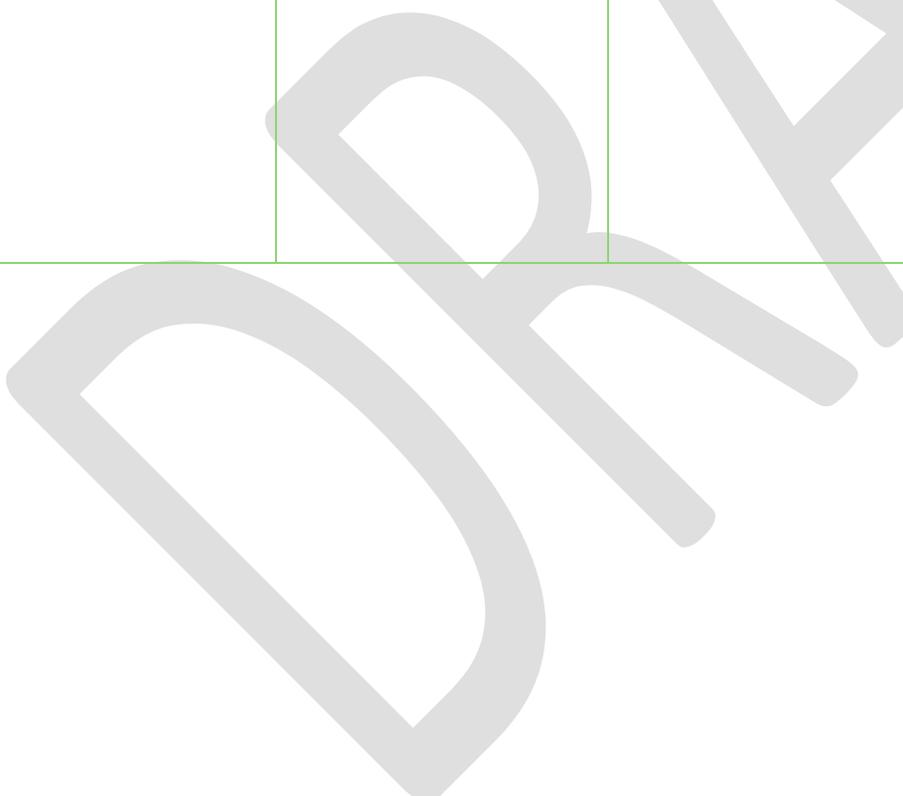
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Conservation Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect Environmental and Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance to the extent practical existing and planned conservation lands to support statewide and regional conservation goals. Avoid, to the extent feasible, and where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate, impacts to existing and future conservation lands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Coordinate with Regional Planning Councils to support Natural Resources of Regional Significance outlined in their Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

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Wildlife Habitats and Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect Environmental and Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance to the extent practical wildlife habitats and corridors to support statewide and regional wildlife protection goals. Avoid, to the extent feasible, and where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Enhance wildlife connectivity by restoring fish and wildlife habitat corridors and providing fish passages and wildlife crossings, where feasible.



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Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect Environmental and Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance to the extent practical important water resources in support of statewide and regional water supply and quality goals. Avoid, to the extent feasible, and where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate, impacts to important water resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Address both local and regional flooding problems by integrating stormwater and floodplain management strategies where feasible.



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Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect Environmental and Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect, connect, and enhance natural resources and habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid, to the extent feasible, impacts to agricultural lands, prime farmlands, and timber lands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain a corridor that protects the region's agricultural lands, avoids segmentation of agricultural lands, and facilitates connectivity to and between agricultural lands.
Emergency Preparedness and Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety Leverage Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation to enhance safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, design, construct, operate and maintain resilient corridors that support state, regional, and local plans for emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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Infrastructure Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize Rural Communities Encourage Job Creation Leverage Technology Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand rural utility infrastructure, including broadband, water, and sewer to enhance quality of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and design enhanced or new corridors to enable co-location of utility infrastructure. Coordinate utility investment with future land use, economic development, transportation, and water quality plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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.
Transportation Network Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize Rural Communities Provide Regional Connectivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance interregional connectivity by providing direct connections between major statewide corridors. Plan interregional corridors to support the function of regional and local networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.