Suncoast Corridor Task Force Meeting #6

Task Force Member Instructions

• The virtual meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
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Welcome

Greg Evans, Task Force Chair
Introductions, Update, & Agenda Review

Greg Vaughn, Facilitator
The Public Comment Period begins at 3:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda items are completed.

We will receive comments virtually and then subsequently from our two physical public viewing locations.

Requests to provide comments virtually, received by 2:30 p.m. today, will be addressed during the Public Comment Period.
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• The meeting is being recorded and will be available with other materials on the M-CORES website.

• Task Force Members will remain muted for the presentations and then you will be self-muted during discussion.

• Task Force members can use the "raise hands" feature during the discussion periods to indicate their desire to ask a question or provide comments.

• The facilitator will recognize individual Task Force members to speak. If you have self-muted please be sure to unmute before speaking.

• Do not put the webinar on hold or take another call, as we will hear your hold music.
Today’s Agenda

11:30 AM
Introductions, Update, and Agenda Review

10:45 AM
Public Engagement Activities

10:15 AM
Refine High-Level Needs

10:45 AM
Review and Refine Guiding Principles

11:30 AM
Break for Lunch

1:00 PM
Review and Refine Guiding Principles (continued)

2:30 PM
Task Force Report Outline and Drafting Process

2:45 PM
Corridor Planning Activities

2:55 PM
Next Steps

3:00 PM
Public Comment
Reminder: Government in the Sunshine

- Task Force is subject to Government in the Sunshine
  (Sec. 286.011, F.S., and FL Constitution Art. I Sec. 24)

- Task Force members **may not:**
  - Discuss with any other member of the Task Force any item that is under consideration for action by the Task Force, except at a duly noticed public meeting
  - Send emails that solicit comments from members or circulate responses from members on Task Force business

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  - Discuss other matters unrelated to the work of the Task Force with the other members at any time
  - Discuss Task Force business with any person who is NOT a member of the Task Force, except that person cannot act as a liaison between or among the members
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Task Force Member Roll Call

Greg Vaughn, Facilitator
Public Engagement Activities

Will Watts, Chief Engineer
Your Voice Is Important

Recap of Input
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COMMENT STATION

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- Environment
- General
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Traffic Topics

• Projected Alignment or Route Locations
• Tolls
• Expand/Maintain Existing Roads
• Multi-modal/Mass Transit/Alternate Transportation
• Hurricane Evacuation
Areas of Interest

Traffic

- Projected Alignment or Route Locations: 11%
- Tolls: 25%
- Expand / Maintain Existing Roads: 13%
- Multi-modal / Mass Transit / Alternate Transportation: 12%
- Hurricane Evacuation: 39%

### Traffic Topics

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Environmental Mentions

- Wildlife/Habitat Impacts
- Wetlands
- Water Resources/Aquifer
- Pollution: Water/Air/Ground
- Native Plants
- Conservation
- Impacts to Property/Rural/Quality of Life
Areas of Interest

Environment

- Wildlife / Habitat Impacts: 33%
- Wetlands: 27%
- Water Resources / Aquifer: 13%
- Pollution: Water / Air / Ground: 6%
- Native Plants: 5%
- Conservation: 2%
- Impacts to Property / Rural / Quality of Life: 14%

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General Mentions

- Cost
- Tourism
- Jobs/Economic/Business Impacts
- Eminent Domain
- Water-Sewer Utilities
- Broadband
Areas of Interest

General

- Cost: 40%
- Tourism: 9%
- Jobs / Economic / Business Impacts: 32%
- Eminent Domain: 0%
- Water-Sewer Utilities: 6%
- Broadband: 13%

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Refine High-Level Needs

Task Force Discussion
Task Force Recommendations

High-Level Needs *(Why?)*

Guiding Principles *(How?)*

Instructions for Project Development & Beyond *(What’s Next?)*
High-Level Needs

- **Description**
  - Key regional opportunities and challenges corridor investments and related actions are intended to address; transportation specific and transportation supported
  - Informed by 6 categories of purpose and 13 potential benefits in statute
  - Short statements supported by data

- **Use**
  - Helps develop evaluation criteria for potential paths/courses
  - Forms the basis for Purpose & Need in subsequent steps of planning and project development (PD&E)
Suncoast Corridor Draft High-Level Needs

- Support anticipated statewide and regional population and economic growth
- Improve connectivity through access to a high speed, high capacity transportation corridor for people and commercial goods
- Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems
- Enhance safety for all transportation users
- Enhance emergency management at the local, regional, and state levels
- Improve access to ecotourism and recreational assets
- Enhance workforce development, access to education, and job creation
- Improve connectivity to agricultural businesses, manufacturing, warehousing, freight terminals, and intermodal logistics centers
- Expand rural broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service
- Preserve and improve the character and quality of communities
Review and Refine Guiding Principles

Task Force Discussion
Guiding Principles

• Description
  • Core values to guide decisions about corridor and regional planning and development
  • Short statements supported by technical notes where needed

• Use
  • Helps identify avoidance/attraction areas and evaluate/narrow potential paths/courses
  • Guides decisions about corridor location, design, mitigation, and other commitments
• Description
  • Direction provided by Task Force for future project development and implementation activities to ensure guiding principles are applied as intended
  • May include guidance for corridor location, design or other development decisions
  • Also may include partner strategies for coordination with land use, economic development, environmental stewardship, other decisions

• Use
  • Communicates intent of Task Force in applying guiding principles to subsequent planning and development
### Overview of Guiding Principles by Topic

- Consistency with Statewide, Regional, and Local Plans and Visions – 1
- Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities – 1
- Technology – 1
- Resilience (climate/weather, health, and economic shifts) – 1
- Transportation Modes – 1
- Community Identity and Character – 1
- Historic and Cultural Resources – 1
- Economic Development – 2
- Conservation Lands – 2
- Wildlife Habitats – 2
- Water Resources – 2
- Ecosystem Connectivity – 2
- Agricultural Land Uses – 2
- Highway Safety – 1
- Emergency Management – 1
- Broadband and Other Utilities – 2

**23 Draft Guiding Principles**
Guiding Principle #1 - Consistency with Statewide, Regional, and Local Plans and Visions

PURPOSE

All Purposes

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

All Needs

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Ensure planning and development of the corridor is consistent with local, regional, and state plans and visions to the maximum extent possible.

EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS

For Project Development and Beyond

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; place emphasis on future land use maps and look to these plans for consistency and language.
Guiding Principle #2 - Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities

**PURPOSE**

All Purposes

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**

All Needs

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

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

1) Make safety and operational improvements to existing transportation corridors
2) Add capacity to existing transportation facilities including co-location of facilities within existing disturbed right-of-way to accommodate additional modes, uses, and functions
3) Where necessary to address statewide and interregional mobility or connectivity needs, develop new transportation facilities

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

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
Guiding Principle #3 - Technology

**PURPOSE**

All Purposes

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**

All Needs

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Leverage and prepare for emerging technologies to meet all needs

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

Leverage existing technology to help minimize impacts
Suncoast Corridor Guiding Principle #4 - Resilience (climate/weather, health, and economic shifts)

**PURPOSE**

All Purposes

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**

All Needs

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Ensure that any new transportation infrastructure considers extreme weather events in addition to climate, social, and economic changes and can adapt to and mitigate risks

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

Plan and develop corridors that consider vulnerability to risks such as inland flooding and changing coastlines/sea level rise
Guiding Principle #5 - Transportation Modes

**PURPOSE**
All Purposes

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**
All Needs

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**
Plan, design, construct and operate a corridor that accommodates multiple modes of transportation

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**
Consult with local communities, adopted plans, and the public on needs and preferences for multimodal forms of transportation to be included with the corridor
Guiding Principle #6 - Community Identity and Character

**PURPOSE**

- Enhance quality of life and public safety
- Protect the environment and natural resources

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**

- Preserve and improve the character and quality of communities

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

- Seek opportunities to maintain and enhance the character and quality of life in communities, and ensure the corridor provides for their future vitality

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

- Work with communities on preferences and ensure local input and feedback is incorporated into corridor planning, interchange locations, additional infrastructure needs, and project development
Preserve and improve the character and quality of existing communities

Prioritize avoiding impacts to historic and cultural resources; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to them

Work with communities to identify needs for enhancement or protection of historic and cultural resources

Protect the environment and natural resources

Guiding Principle #7 - Historic and Cultural Resources

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond
Enhance workforce development, access to education, and job creation

Guiding Principle #8 - Economic Development

Purposes:
- Revitalize rural communities
- Encourage job creation
- Enhance quality of life and public safety

Draft High-Level Needs:
- Enhance workforce development, access to education, and job creation

Draft Guiding Principle:
- Maximize opportunities to enhance local community and economic development with an emphasis on rural areas

Example Draft Instructions:
- Work with communities on preferences and consistency with economic development plans and visions
Revitalize rural communities

Encourage job creation

Enhance quality of life and public safety

Enhance workforce development, access to education, and job creation

Avoid and minimize negative economic impacts to individual communities, businesses, and resources

Conduct early outreach to communities and the public and private sectors to fully understand economic development needs including job training, education, and workforce development
Guiding Principle #10 - Conservation Lands

**PURPOSE**

Protect the environment and natural resources

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**

Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Seek opportunities to protect, restore, and enhance the integrity and connectivity of existing and planned regionally significant conservation lands

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

Continue to identify and prioritize conservation lands for enhancement or avoidance
Protect the environment and natural resources

Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems

Prioritize avoiding impacts to identified conservation resources; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to them

Work with private and public conservation organizations to develop a land protection program for protection and acquisition of identified conservation lands
GUIDING PRINCIPLE #12 – WILDLIFE HABITATS

PURPOSE

Protect the environment and natural resources

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Seek opportunities to protect, restore, and enhance the integrity and connectivity of regionally significant wildlife and native plant habitats and corridors

EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond

Continue to identify and prioritize wildlife areas for enhancement or avoidance
Guiding Principle #13 – Wildlife Habitats

**PURPOSE**

Protect the environment and natural resources

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**

Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Prioritize avoiding impacts to wildlife and native plant habitats, with emphasis on threatened and endangered species; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to these habitats

**EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**

For Project Development and Beyond

Ensure corridor minimizes impacts to wildlife corridors and bridges areas identified for protection if avoidance is not feasible
Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems.

Seek opportunities to protect, restore, and enhance the integrity of regionally significant water resources.

Work with local jurisdictions to ensure best management practices (BMPs) are utilized and that water quality within the corridor is maintained, restored, and enhanced.
Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems.

Prioritize avoiding impacts to water resources; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to them.

Continue to identify and prioritize water resources for enhancement or avoidance.
Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems.

Seek opportunities to protect, restore, and enhance the integrity and connectivity of federal, state, local, and regionally significant ecosystems.

Continue to identify and prioritize ecosystems for enhancement or avoidance.
Protect, restore, enhance, and connect public and private environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources, and ecosystems.

Prioritize avoiding impacts to identified resources; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to them.

Work with local organizations and businesses to understand the needs for ecotourism improvements and protections.
Improve connectivity to agricultural businesses, manufacturing, warehousing, freight terminals, and intermodal logistic centers

Guiding Principle #18 - Agricultural Land Uses

PURPOSE

Revitalize rural communities
Encourage job creation
Protect the environment and natural resources

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

Improve connectivity to agricultural businesses, manufacturing, warehousing, freight terminals, and intermodal logistic centers

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Plan and develop transportation corridors in a manner that protects the region’s most productive agricultural lands and other rural lands with economic or environmental significance

EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond

Emphasize protection and enhancement of farmland preservation areas designated within local government comprehensive plans

PURPOSE

Revitalize rural communities
Encourage job creation
Protect the environment and natural resources

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EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond

Emphasize protection and enhancement of farmland preservation areas designated within local government comprehensive plans
Improve connectivity to agricultural businesses, manufacturing, warehousing, freight terminals, and intermodal logistic centers.

Improve transportation connectivity to, from, and between working farms and other economically valuable rural lands.

Work with owners/operators of agriculture/silviculture lands to understand their needs and plans.

Revitalize rural communities.
Encourage job creation.
Protect the environment and natural resources.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

EXAMPLE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond.
Enhance quality of life and public safety

Enhance safety for all transportation users

Plan, design, construct and operate a corridor that safely accommodates multiple modes of transportation and types of users

Reduce transportation incidents and improve response by using advanced safety strategies including innovative technology, design, and operations
Enhance quality of life and public safety

Enhance emergency management at the local, regional, and state levels

Seek opportunities to support and enhance local, regional, and state emergency management plans at all phases: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation

Evaluate the needs and demand for emergency evacuation and sheltering at the local, regional, and state levels
Revitalize rural communities
Encourage job creation
Leverage technology

Expand rural broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service

Plan and design the corridor to enable co-location of broadband and other utility infrastructure in right-of-way

Ensure broadband provider access to FDOT right-of-way is non-discriminatory and competitively neutral

Guiling Principle #22 - Broadband and Other Utilities

Draft High-Level Needs

Draft Guiding Principle

Example Draft Instructions
For Project Development and Beyond
Revitalize rural communities
Encourage job creation
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Expand rural broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service

Plan for broadband and other utility needs at a regional scale, independent from the transportation facility; address these needs through the corridor, where feasible

Assist in providing broadband for schools, libraries, and other civic buildings
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Task Force Report Outline and Drafting Process

Huiwei Shen, Chief Planner, FDOT
• Document how statutory requirements were met
• Describe Task Force activities, including public input
• Present Task Force recommendations
### Final Report Outline

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• **Introduction/Overview sections** – staff to draft and bring to Meeting 8 for review

• **Recommendations and Action Plan** – generate drafts during next meetings
  - **High-level needs** – Meeting 6
  - **Guiding principles** – Meeting 7
  - **Instructions and action plan** – Meeting 8

• **Draft report for public comment** at conclusion of Meeting 8

• **Public comment** between Meetings 8 and 9

• **Final report** at Meeting 9
Questions?
Potential Enhancements

Safety Enhancements

Operational Improvements

Hurricane Evacuation & Emergency Preparedness

Utility & Infrastructure Improvements
Potential Enhancements

- Multimodal Choices
- Economic Development
- Wildlife Crossings & Corridor Connections
- Water Quality Enhancements
**Co-location**: the act of locating new linear infrastructure (roadway; bicycle path/trail; transit/rail facility; broadband, energy, water, or sewer utility transmission line, etc.) on the right-of-way of an existing linear infrastructure.

- Minimize impacts
- Benefit local communities
- Enhance connectivity
- Avoid sensitive areas
- Support local goals
- Multi-Use Trails
- Sidewalk Facilities
- Broadband
- Technology
- Wildlife Corridors
- Natural Hydrologic Flows
Connectivity Gaps

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Next Steps

- Task Force Meeting #7
- Initial Path/Course Map
- Utilize Guiding Principles
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