Statutory Purpose

- 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
• Support anticipated population growth in coastal communities and urban areas.
• Help increase economic activity and economic diversity throughout the region with emphasis on inland and rural areas.
• Enhance access to jobs, education, healthcare, and goods and services.
• Create employment opportunities, particularly to assist lower income residents and help retain younger residents in the area.
• Improve access and interregional connectivity for residents, freight, and visitors between communities and markets.
• Help rural and underserved areas improve infrastructure for people, freight, and technology.
• Strengthen disaster preparedness response, recovery and mitigation.
• Protect, connect and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.
• Expand transportation options, such as shared use nonmotorized trails, freight and passenger rail and public transit.
• Improve safety and mobility.
Overview of Guiding Principles by Topic

- Consistency with Statewide, Regional and Local Plans and Visions.
- Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities.
- Technology
- Resilience
- Social and Community Context
- Economic Development
- Conservation Lands
- Wildlife and Plant Habitats

- Water Resources
- Agricultural Land Uses
- Emergency Evacuation and Response
- Broadband and Other Utilities
- Transportation Modes
- Connectivity to Regional and Local Transportation Network
- Freight Mobility and Safety
Consistency with Plans and Visions
Guiding Principle #1

**DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**
For Project Development and Beyond

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Identify and advance safety and operational improvements to existing facilities.

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

1. Make safety and operational improvements to existing transportation facilities.
2. 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.
3. Where necessary to address statewide and interregional mobility or connectivity needs, develop new transportation facilities.

Evaluate potential capacity improvements to existing facilities, including their impact on surrounding natural resources, land uses, and communities.
Implement infrastructure that supports state-of-the-art vehicles, materials, data, and methodologies.

- Design in anticipation of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Provide access to electric vehicle charging.
- Employ technologies for effective corridor management, such as avoiding wildlife collisions.
Resilience
Guiding Principle #4

**PURPOSE**
All purposes

**DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS**
All Needs

**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE**
Plan and develop community and infrastructure development that is resilient, sustainable, and adaptable.

**DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS**
For Project Development and Beyond

Develop local and regional plans that address sea-level rise and potential population migration/growth.

Build on vision, goals, and strategies of the Florida Transportation Plan in addressing resilience.
Enhance the Quality of Life and Public Safety

**Support anticipated population growth in coastal communities and urban areas.**
- Help increase economic activity and economic diversity throughout the region with emphasis on inland and rural areas.
- Enhance access to jobs, education, healthcare, and goods and services.
- Create employment opportunities, particularly to assist lower income residents and help retain younger residents in the area.

**Maintain and enhance community character and quality of life consistent with local and regional visions and plans.**

**Plan and develop transportation corridors in a manner that improves connectivity to and enhances the quality of existing communities, while avoiding or minimizing adverse impacts on these communities and developments.**
- Avoid cemeteries, historic markers, Avon Park (military site) and its mission critical lands, lands owned by Native American tribal nations and associated historical sites not owned by tribal nations.
Help increase economic activity and economic diversity throughout the region with emphasis on inland and rural areas.

Enhance access to jobs, education, healthcare, and goods and services.

Create employment opportunities, particularly to assist lower income residents and help retain younger residents in the area.

Improve access and interregional connectivity for residents, freight, and visitors between communities and markets.

Advance economic development, job creation, and community development, with emphasis on rural areas of most need.

Work with economic development organizations for opportunities to focus on existing industries and target emerging industries including use of limited access facilities.

Maintain and improve transportation connectivity for natural resource dependent businesses.
Purpose:

Protect the Environment and Natural Resources.

Draft High-Level Needs:

Protect, connect, and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.

Draft Guiding Principle:

Apply the following priority order for existing and proposed managed conservation lands (including conservation easements and mitigation lands):

1. Where practical, enhance them;
2. To the extent feasible, avoid them; and
3. Minimize and mitigate negative impacts to them.

Draft Instructions:

Leverage SB 7068 acquisition authority to identify and preserve additional land for the net benefit of natural resource preservation.
Protect the Environment and Natural Resources.

Protect, connect, and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.

Apply the following priority order to encourage biodiversity by:
1. Where practical, enhance existing transportation corridors to address negative impacts of prior projects;
2. Avoid these habitats to the extent feasible; and
3. Minimize/mitigate negative impacts to them.

Restore and provide habitat connectivity through identification and acquisition of lands, adding new wildlife crossings and properly placed wildlife corridors.

Minimize corridor lighting impacts on nearby wildlife habitats and communities.
Protect, connect, and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.

Water Resources
Guiding Principle #9

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

Protect, connect, and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Apply the following priority order for fresh water sources, aquifer recharge areas, wetlands, existing conservation easements and wetland restoration project areas:

1. Where practical, enhance them;
2. To the extent feasible, avoid them; and
3. Minimize and mitigate negative impacts to them.

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond

Restore and enhance water quality and quantity and restore watershed integrity where practical.

Pursue regional or landscape-scale water resource management approaches.

Use wellsite data collection, monitoring, and evaluation to inform decision-making.
Protect, connect, and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.

Agricultural Land Uses Guiding Principle #10

**Purpos**e

Protect the Environment and Natural Resources.

**Draft High-Level Needs**

Protect, connect, and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, natural resources and ecosystems.

**Draft Guiding Principle**

Apply the following priority order for large contiguous agricultural and private lands:

1. To the extent feasible, avoid fragmentation; and
2. Minimize fragmentation of these lands and other negative impacts.

**Draft Instructions**

For Project Development and Beyond

Work with landowners, local governments, and management agencies to understand future plans, obtain funding, and implement best management practices.
Emergency Evacuation and Response
Guiding Principle #11

PURPOSE

Enhance the quality of life and public safety.

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

Strengthen disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Support local, regional and statewide emergency management plans and actions.

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS

Coordinate with state, regional, and local agencies.

- Support statewide approach regarding the need to maintain evacuation times.
- Support statewide, regional and local plans for sheltering as appropriate.
Provide Regional Connectivity.
Revitalize Rural Communities.
Encourage Job Creation.
Enhance the Quality of Life and Public Safety.
Leverage Technology.

Help rural and underserved areas improve infrastructure for people, freight, and information.
Enhance access to jobs, education, healthcare, and goods and services.
Help increase economic activity and economic diversity throughout the region with emphasis on inland and rural areas.

Support expansion of rural utility infrastructure, including broadband, water, and sewer to enhance quality of life.
Plan and design enhanced or new corridors to enable colocation of utility and broadband infrastructure in right-of-way.

Enhance and integrate transportation and infrastructure planning processes.
Leverage partnerships with utility providers.
Ensure broadband provider access to FDOT right-of-way is non-discriminatory and competitively neutral.
Enhance transportation options, such as shared use nonmotorized trails, freight and passenger rail, and public transit.

Support efficient and accessible transportation options and/or modes for people and goods.

Enhance transportation corridors by including recreational opportunities, such as adjacent trails.

Coordinate with local governments and freight and transit industry operators.
Improve access and interregional connectivity for residents, freight, and visitors between communities and markets.

Help rural and underserved areas improve infrastructure for people, freight, and technology.

Improve mobility and safety.

Provide Regional Connectivity.

Revitalize Rural Communities.

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

Identify opportunities and improve transportation connections between communities and the regional roadway network.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Prioritize interchange locations for regional roads.

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS
For Project Development and Beyond

Work with local and regional governments to identify opportunities to improve or create connections to communities focusing on land use consistency, economic development plans, and interchange management plans.
Improve access and interregional connectivity for residents, freight, and visitors between communities and markets. Improve mobility and safety.

Improve connectivity and safety for major freight flows to support economic development.

Improve connectivity to seaports, airports, and rail terminals. Implement solutions to improve safety, relieve congestion and address shifts in freight movements.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLE

DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL NEEDS

PURPOSE

Provide Regional Connectivity.

Encourage Job Creation.

Enhance the Quality of Life and Public Safety.

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS For Project Development and Beyond

IMPROVE ACCESS AND INTERREGIONAL CONNECTIVITY FOR RESIDENTS, FREIGHT, AND VISITORS BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND MARKETS. IMPROVE MOBILITY AND SAFETY.

IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY FOR MAJOR FREIGHT FLOWS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY TO SEAPORTS, AIRPORTS, AND RAIL TERMINALS. IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY, RELIEVE CONGESTION AND ADDRESS SHIFTS IN FREIGHT MOVEMENTS.

PROVIDE REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY.

ENCOURAGE JOB CREATION.

ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

PURPOSE