

### Purpose

- All purposes

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### High-Level Needs

- All needs

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### Guiding Principles

1. Be consistent with the vision, goals, and strategies of the Florida Transportation Plan (s. 339.155, F.S.). Be consistent with goals, objectives, policies, and resources identified in local government comprehensive plans (s. 163.3177 and 163.3178, F.S.), metropolitan long-range transportation plans (s. 339.175, F.S.), and strategic regional policy plans (s. 186.507, F.S.)

### Draft Instructions

### For Project Development and Beyond

- Place an emphasis on future land use maps and growth projections, as well as regional and community visions as adopted into strategic regional policy plans and/or local government comprehensive plans.
- Develop a process for reconciling differences among statutorily required state, regional, and local plans related to transportation corridors and future growth and development projections, including differences related to the timing and horizon years of plan updates.
- Identify needs to update statutorily required plans to address Task Force recommendations, such as designation and management of transportation corridors (s. 337.273, F.S.), and consideration of whether areas around potential interchange locations contain appropriate land use and environmental protections (s. 338.2278, F.S.); coordinate among local governments, regional planning councils, metropolitan planning organizations on plan updates.

# Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities

## Guiding Principle #2

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2. Develop potential alternatives for addressing statewide and interregional mobility and connectivity needs in this priority order:
  - i. Safety and operational improvements to existing transportation facilities;

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Identify and advance safety and operational improvements to existing transportation facilities.
- Evaluate potential capacity improvements to existing transportation facilities in or near the study area, including their impact on the surrounding environment, land uses, and communities.
- Evaluate opportunities for co-location within or adjacent to existing right of way in or near the study area, including their impact on the surrounding environment, land uses, and communities.
- Assess connectivity gaps between existing transportation facilities and areas identified as priorities for attraction, and potential opportunities for closing those gaps.
- Evaluate opportunities to advance specific improvements that support a system meeting the long-term needs of statewide and interregional movements of people and freight during future phases of project development.

# Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities

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- ii. Then additional capacity in existing transportation facilities or right of way in or near the study area including co-location of facilities within existing right of way and other approaches to transforming existing facilities and right of way to accommodate additional modes, uses, and functions;

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

# Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities

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- iii. In circumstances where purpose and need, and/or guiding principles cannot be addressed by operational or existing facility/right of way improvements, or in circumstances where these improvements are not consistent with local government comprehensive plans or documented community goals, then evaluate new facilities.

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3. Incorporate technology into corridor planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance.
4. Accommodate emerging vehicle and information technologies such as autonomous, connected, electric, and shared vehicles (ACES) and mobility as a service (MaaS).

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Coordinate and partner with agencies and the private sector to leverage resources, applications, and infrastructure.
- Plan and design corridors to accommodate technologies/ applications, considering their 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.
- Plan for and provide infrastructure for electric vehicle charging stations.

## Purpose

- Revitalize Rural Communities
- Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety

## Draft High-Level Needs

- Provide a transportation network that revitalizes and enhances communities and industries.

## Draft Guiding Principles

5. Avoid or minimize impacts to communities and reinforce the unique character of each community.

## Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Avoid and do not impact known cemeteries and historic markers, cultural sites, and sites currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Avoid and do not impact Native American Tribal lands. Coordination will be undertaken if historic properties of religious or cultural significance to the Native American Tribes are discovered during project development.
- Plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain corridors that recognizes and incorporates the surrounding community character while accommodating potential growth and development. Balance the need to move vehicles safely and efficiently while preserving scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources.

## Purpose

- Revitalize Rural Communities
- Encourage Job Creation

## Draft High-Level Needs

- Support expansion of existing and new industries through enhanced access to jobs, education, and healthcare.
- Strengthen the local tourism, ecotourism, agritourism, and outdoor recreation economy
- Provide a transportation network that revitalizes and enhances communities and industries.

## Draft Guiding Principles

6. Develop infrastructure that strengthens existing local businesses and enhances economic development and employment opportunities.

Avoid impacts to natural assets important to tourism, agritourism, ecotourism, and outdoor recreation.

## Draft Instructions

### For Project Development and Beyond

- Be consistent with economic development elements of local government comprehensive plans (s. 163.3177 and 163.3178, F.S.), and comprehensive economic development strategies developed by regional planning councils in their capacity as federal economic development districts.
- Enhance economic development opportunities related to regional assets such as airports, educational facilities, and healthcare facilities by improving access while avoiding direct impacts.
- 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, silviculture, manufacturing, logistics, and other industry stakeholders to understand and incorporate their infrastructure needs.
- Plan for and design truck parking and rest area needs.
- Support the local tourism and recreation economy by providing opportunities for access and connections to outdoor recreation areas such as recreational greenways, trails, and hunting and fishing areas.
- Plan for and design infrastructure to protect access to existing businesses in rural communities.

## Conservation Lands Guiding Principles #7 & 8

### Purpose

- Protect Environmental and Natural Resources

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Protect, restore, enhance, and connect, public and private environmentally sensitive areas, conservation lands, threatened and endangered species habitats, key water quality resources, and ecosystems.

### Draft Guiding Principles

7. Restore and enhance existing and planned conservation lands to support statewide and regional conservation goals.
8. Avoid impacts to and fragmentation of existing and planned conservation lands.

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Do not place new corridors through: state parks, state forests, mitigation banks, existing managed conservation lands (including conservation easements), wildlife refuges, and Florida Forever acquired lands.
- Leverage partnerships to support a land protection program to acquire state conservation lands to support statewide and regional conservation plans and mitigate the impact of corridor construction [including s. 338.2278 (3)(c)(6) & (8), F.S.]. Coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies for Florida Forever Program projects that are in the highest priority for acquisition, potential Water Management District lands, and lands within the optimal boundaries of the adopted management plan for regional, state and national parks, forests, refuges and water management areas.



## Conservation Lands Guiding Principles #7 & 8

### Purpose

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### Draft Guiding Principles

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Coordinate with Regional Planning Councils to support Natural Resources of Regional Significance outlined in their Strategic Regional Policy Plans.
- Coordinate with the Florida Forest Service to identify lands managed with prescribed or controlled burns and their associated smokesheds and minimize impacts associated with corridor location and operations.
- Use established procedures and analysis tools during project development to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to, and enhance; wetland mitigation banks and regulatory easements, swallets, Florida Communities Trust projects, Wildlife Management Areas, and Rare Species Habitat Conservation Priorities.
- Reference CLIP version 4.0 Priorities model during project development.

# Wildlife Habitats and Connectivity

## Guiding Principles #9 & 10

### Purpose

- Protect Environmental and Natural Resources

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Protect, restore, enhance, and connect, public and private environmentally sensitive areas, conservation lands, threatened and endangered species habitats, key water quality resources, and ecosystems.

### Draft Guiding Principles

9. Enhance and restore wildlife habitats and corridors to support statewide and regional wildlife protection goals.
10. Avoid impacts to endangered or threatened species and fragmentation of their habitats.

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Leverage partnerships to support a land protection program to acquire state conservation lands to support the completion of wildlife connectivity gaps (including s. 338.2278 (3)(c)(6) & (8), F.S.). 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.
- Support a regional approach to enhanced wildlife connectivity by restoring fish and wildlife habitat corridors and providing fish passages and wildlife crossings, where feasible.
- Minimize impacts of transportation lighting on nearby agricultural, environmental, and conservation lands.
- Consult with state and federal agencies to identify and protect threatened and endangered species (wildlife and plants) and their habitats.

### Purpose

- Protect Environmental and Natural Resources

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Protect, restore, enhance, and connect, public and private environmentally sensitive areas, conservation lands, threatened and endangered species habitats, key water quality resources, and ecosystems.

### Draft Guiding Principles

11. Enhance important water resources in support of statewide and regional water supply and quality goals.
12. Avoid impacts to important water resources including springsheds and aquifer recharge areas.

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Avoid and do not impact springheads and lakes.
- Do not place new corridors through aquatic preserves.
- Leverage partnerships to support water resource enhancements that will improve regional water quality (including s. 338.2278 (3)(c)(6) & (8), F.S.). Coordinate with Water Management Districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for projects in Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) for springs and other surface water bodies 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.
- Avoid placing transportation corridors and stormwater ponds in sinkholes and karst areas.
- Use established procedures and analysis tools during project development to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to Water Management District surface, groundwater, proposed well, and atmospheric sites.

# Agriculture

## Guiding Principle #13

### Purpose

- Protect Environmental and Natural Resources

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Protect, restore, enhance, and connect, public and private environmentally sensitive areas, conservation lands, threatened and endangered species habitats, key water quality resources, and ecosystems.

### Draft Guiding Principles

13. Avoid impacts to and fragmentation of farmlands, silviculture and cattle ranches.

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Avoid and do not impact Farmland Preservation Areas identified in local government comprehensive plans.
- Recognize existing preservation areas of the Florida Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, as well as those lands formally designated for future protection within this program.
- Plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain corridors that protects the region's agricultural lands (including Century Pioneer Family Farms), avoids fragmentation, and facilitates connectivity to and between them.
- Work with owners/operators of farmlands, silviculture and cattle ranches to understand their needs and plans.

# Emergency Preparedness and Response

## Guiding Principle #14

### Purpose

- Enhance Quality of Life and Public Safety
- Leverage Technology

### Draft High-Level Needs

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

### Draft Guiding Principles

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

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Do not place new corridors through category 2 storm surge zones.
- Avoid and do not impact high risk coastal areas consistent with comprehensive plans.
- 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.
- Plan and develop corridors that consider vulnerability to risks such as inland flooding, storm surge zones, and changing coastlines/sea level rise.
- Design and construct infrastructure to withstand and recover from potential risks such as extreme weather events and climate trends.

### Purpose

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

### Draft High-Level Needs

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

### Draft Guiding Principles

- 15. Plan and design enhanced or new corridors to enable co-location of broadband and other utility infrastructure.**
- 16. Coordinate utility investment with future land use, economic development, transportation, and water quality plans.**

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Do not place new corridors through public or private utility facilities.
- 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.
- Collaborate with broadband providers, local governments, and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, leveraging funding allocations (s. 339.0801) and guided by the broadband strategic plan (s. 364.0135) to integrate broadband into corridors.
- Explore opportunities for septic to sewer conversions to improve quality of life and water quality.

### Purpose

- Revitalize Rural Communities
- Provide Regional Connectivity

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Improve statewide and regional transportation mobility and connectivity for people and freight.
- Address statewide and regional safety and mobility needs due to the growth in population and visitation.

### Draft Guiding Principles

- 17. Enhance interregional connectivity by providing direct connections between major statewide corridors.**
- 18. Plan interregional corridors to support the function of regional and local networks.**

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Plan corridor access and termini consistent with local and regional goals for targeted growth or preservation areas.
- Maintain existing facilities and connections for local traffic.
- Evaluate improvements and access to existing and planned non-motorized trail networks.
- Coordinate with Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations and transit providers on transit needs and opportunities.