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Suncoast Corridor
Task Force Meeting #7

August 27, 2020
Welcome

Greg Evans, Task Force Chair

August 27, 2020
Introductions, Update, & Agenda Review

Greg Vaughn, Co-Facilitator

August 27, 2020
• The Public Comment Period begins at 5:00 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.
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4:30 PM  Review Draft Task Force Report Sections

4:55 PM  Next Steps

5:00 PM  Public Comment
Government in the Sunshine Law-Video

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Task Force Member Roll Call

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August 27, 2020
Moving from Task Force Recommendations to Corridor Planning and Project Development

Will Watts, FDOT Chief Engineer

August 27, 2020
• Logical Termini
• Provide Regional Connectivity to the Northern Turnpike Corridor
• Avoid & Enhance
• Connect to Attraction Areas
• Consider Co-Location Opportunities
• Determine Direction of Analysis
  • Where Do We Start?
  • North to South
    • Coordinate with Turnpike/Suncoast Parkway 2
• Consider Logical Northern Termini
  • I-10

• Consider Environmentally Sensitive Areas
  • Suwannee River
• Northern Termini – I-10
• Existing Interchanges:
  1. I-10 @ US 19
  2. I-10 @ US 221
  3. I-10 @ SR 14
  4. I-10 @ N CR 53
• Suwannee River
• Suwannee River Crossing
  • US 19/US 98

• With Consideration For:
  • Wildlife Management Areas
  • Wildlife Refuges
  • Florida Forever Acquired Lands
  • State Parks
  • Springs
  • Social Impacts, Local Communities, & Comprehensive Plan Consistency
• Opportunity Zones
• Opportunity Zones

• City, Industrial, and Commercial Future Land Uses
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• Utility and Powerline Co-Location
Next Steps

• Use of Guiding Principles to:
  • Identify and Refine Illustrative Paths/Courses
  • Bypass Areas
  • Co-Location of Existing facilities

• Planning and Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE)
• Project Development and Environment Phase (PD&E)
• Feasibility Defined in Florida Statutes

Florida Statutes, Section 338.2278

The three M-CORES Corridors are subject to the economic and environmental feasibility statement requirements of Florida Statutes (FS) Section 338.223
Feasibility Includes:

1. Environmental Feasibility
   - Determined as part of the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study
   - Ensures New Roadway Project Can Be Constructed to Minimize Environmental Impacts (to Extent Possible)
   - Focuses on the Natural, Physical, and Social Environments

2. Economic Feasibility
   - Determined during the Design Phase
   - Financial Evaluation for New Roadway Projects
   - Based on the Project’s Net Revenue Forecast
   - Considers Other Funding Sources
Financial Feasibility

• Determined during the Design Phase
• Requires Net Revenue Forecast
• Utilizes Design-Level Project Cost Estimate

Estimate Net Revenue
  • Investment-Grade Level Traffic & Revenue Study

Determine Turnpike Funding Contribution

Address Funding Shortfall
  • Project Cost
  • Other Funding
• Consider Logical Northern Termini
  • I-10

• Consider Environmentally Sensitive Areas
  • Suwannee River
Update on Work Plan and Recommendations Framework

Huiwei Shen, FDOT Chief Planner

August 27, 2020
Needs Evaluation Process

• Task Force (Pre-planning)
  • Identify high-level needs tied to statutory purposes
  • Provide guidance for needs evaluation

• Post Task Force (Planning + Project Development)
  • Evaluate conventional transportation needs + regional co-benefits
  • Consider full range of alternatives including “no build” option
  • Evaluate economic, environmental, land use, and emergency management impacts
  • Assess financial feasibility including Turnpike standards
  • Conduct robust analysis meeting statutory requirements & industry standards
  • Support through corridor advisory group and robust public input
Use of Guiding Principles & Instructions

Section 338.2278 (3)(c)(6), F.S.: “To the maximum extent feasible, the department shall adhere to the recommendations of the task force created for each corridor in the design of the multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure associated with the corridor.”

• Guiding principles & instructions function as a set of directions to FDOT and partners in implementing Task Force’s recommendations
• Statutory direction is inclusive of both guiding principles and instructions
• Additional information or changing conditions may warrant refinements to specific instructions; in these situations, guiding principles and Task Force intent will inform refinements, in consultation with the corridor advisory group
Changes to Guiding Principles

• Eliminated qualifier language
• Revised cross-cutting principles
  • Consistency with existing plans
  • Maximizing existing facilities
• Revised principles for environmental and community resources
  • Specific avoidance commitments in principles and/or instructions
  • Expanded instructions to document future analyses and decision points
• Revised additional principles based on member discussion
Corridor Advisory Group

• Members
  • Local governments, state and regional agencies, environmental groups, industry partners, etc.

• Role
  • Advise FDOT on implementation of Task Force recommendations
  • Help track FDOT and partner commitments
  • Review and provide feedback on needs evaluation, PD&E, and other documents
  • Assist with robust outreach process
• Focus on refining guiding principles and instructions as a set
• Understand how this language will direct future planning and corridor development decisions
• Review revised high-level needs for incorporation in Task Force report
• Meeting 8 (tentatively September 24) – prepare draft recommendations for public comment

• Future community open houses
  • September 1, 2020 – Monticello Opera House (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
  • Tentatively September 29 in Trenton and TBD date/location in October

• Public comment period on draft recommendations during month of October

• Meeting 9 (tentatively week of October 19) – complete recommendations and final report

• By November 15 - submit final report to Governor and Legislature
Task Force Meetings – Planned vs. Actual
• 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
- Maximizing Use of Existing Facilities
- Technology
- Resilience (climate/weather, health, and economic shifts)
- Transportation Modes
- Community Identity and Character
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
  - Conservation Lands
  - Wildlife Habitats
  - Water Resources
  - Ecosystem Connectivity
- Agricultural Land Uses
- Highway Safety
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M-CORES and Emergency Considerations

Don Lewis, Emergency Evacuation SME

August 27, 2020
Four Phases of Emergency Management:

**MITIGATION**
Preventing and minimizing emergency impacts

**PREPAREDNESS**
Developing plans and tools for emergencies

**RESPONSE**
Activities during the emergency

**RECOVERY**
Returning to normalcy after an event

*M-CORES impacts all 4 phases of Emergency Management*
Roles in Florida Emergency Management:

• **STATE** - Implement State Emergency Ops Plan; oversee and coordinate all phases of emergency management including FHP law enforcement and management of state facilities and resources; facilitate communication with counties and federal partners; monitor congestion on statewide highways.

• **REGIONAL** - Coordinate emergency activities of neighboring counties for situational awareness, real time needs identification, and communication.

• **LOCAL** - Activate local plans including county decision making, evacuation messaging and areas, sheltering openings, and coordination with state and regional partners. Manage recovery efforts including resource storage and distribution.
Evacuation Traffic Capacity Needs:

• More north-south capacity needed for evacuation and re-entry

• Hurricane Irma - one emergency scenario that gives a glimpse of what can happen: minor track shift could have been worst-case

• M-CORES possible I-75 relief / dispersion of evacuees so that more destinations can be reached safely and timely

• Stronger events = more out-of-county evacuation
Role / Realities of Public Sheltering:

- Critical role for transportation disadvantaged and those needing a last resort refuge
- Sheltering in place - less severe emergency events
- With COVID-19, public shelters will not be a destination most will choose
- Past hurricane events - fewer than 10% of the evacuating population go to public shelter
- Local pre-COVID-19 shelter capacities could only handle a small portion of the evacuating population, now more constrained by virus / social distancing
- Even if we could build enough structurally safe shelter capacity for various severe emergency events, citizens will not go there if they feel unsafe
Local County Emergency Challenges / M-CORES Help:

- Long traffic clearance times and difficult decision-making
- Better control of evacuee egress out of storm surge areas
- Separation of local and through evacuation traffic in many areas
- Preservation of local shelter space for local needs
- Messaging to through-traffic to control local impacts
M-CORES Hurricane Emergency Benefits and Usefulness:

• Very much scenario specific
  • Track and intensity
  • Public participation
  • In-County vs. Out-of-County destinations
  • Traffic control and messaging
  • Tourist populations

• Evacuations conducted before the arrival of pre-landfall hazards (sustained tropical storm winds and flooding cut-off)

• Mitigation of long evacuation lead times where track and intensity confidence is poor

• Southwest Florida to Tampa Bay most difficult evacuation area in US
  (Source: National Hurricane Conference)
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Task Force Discussion

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