

### Purpose

- All purposes

### Draft High-Level Needs

- All needs

### Draft Guiding Principles

- **Be consistent with statutorily required statewide, regional, and local plans including the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), Regional Planning Council (RPC) Strategic Regional Policy Plans, Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs), and local government comprehensive plans.**

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Be consistent with the vision, goals, and strategies of the Florida Transportation Plan (s. 339.155, F.S.).
- Respect 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.), placing emphasis on future land use maps and growth projections, as well as consideration of regional and community visions as adopted into strategic regional policy plans and/or local government comprehensive plans.
- Establish coordination with local representatives 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 resource protections (s. 338.2278, F.S.); coordinate among local governments, regional planning councils, metropolitan planning organizations, and FDOT on plan updates.

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### Draft Guiding Principles

- Evaluate potential alternatives for addressing the M-CORES purposes and interregional statewide connectivity and mobility needs in this priority order:
  - i. Make safety and operational improvements to existing transportation facilities.
  - ii. Add capacity to existing transportation facilities or right-of-way in or near the study area, 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.
  - iii. In circumstances where purpose and need, and/or other guiding principles cannot be addressed, by operational or existing facility improvements, or in circumstances where these improvements are not consistent with local government comprehensive plans or documented community goals, then new alignment alternatives may be evaluated.

### 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 surrounding environmental resources, land uses, and communities.
- Evaluate opportunities for co-location within or adjacent to existing disturbed right-of-way in or near the study area, including their impact on surrounding environmental resources, 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.
- Advance specific improvements that support a system meeting the long-term needs of statewide and interregional flows of people and freight.
- Collaborate with local governments on operational improvements, existing facility enhancements, and, if needed, interchange locations to ensure consistency with local government comprehensive plans. This collaboration should consider how proposed improvements can help enhance the vitality of the residential and business communities.

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### Draft Guiding Principles

- **Leverage and prepare for emerging technologies to meet all needs.**

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Leverage existing technology to help avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts.
- Consider how future and emerging technologies, such as electronic and automated vehicles may also be accommodated.
- Apply innovative planning and design strategies such as using state-of-the-art energy efficient methodologies, technologies, and materials to develop the corridor.

### Purpose

- All purposes

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### Draft Guiding Principles

- **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.**

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Identify sea level rise projections appropriate to the planning horizon of road and bridge infrastructure.
- Develop, analyze, and evaluate corridors for their ability to avoid Category 1-3 storm surge zones and do not develop new corridors through these areas.

### Purpose

- All purposes

### Draft High-Level Needs

- All needs

### Draft Guiding Principles

- **Plan, design, construct and operate a corridor that accommodates multiple modes of transportation.**

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Consult with local communities, adopted plans, and the public on needs and preferences for multimodal forms of transportation to be included with the corridor.
- Apply innovative planning and design strategies to accommodate multiple modes of transportation.
- Enhance mobility and accessibility in areas with high concentrations of transportation-disadvantaged populations.

### Purpose

- Enhance quality of life and public safety
- Protect the environmental resources

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Preserve and improve the rural character and quality of communities

### Draft Guiding Principles

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

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Work with communities on preferences to enhance safety, quality of life, and character of communities. Community preferences for incorporation into corridor planning, interchange locations, additional infrastructure needs, and project development may include:
  - access (toll vs. limited access and access locations),
  - aesthetics and landscaping,
  - branding, and
  - signage.

### Purpose

- Protect the environment and natural resources

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Preserve and improve the rural character and quality of communities

### Draft Guiding Principles

- **Avoid adverse impacts to these identified resources:**
  - **Known cultural sites with human remains**
  - **Known cemeteries**
  - **Known lands owned by Native American Tribes**
  - **Historic resources listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)**

If new resources are discovered, they will be addressed consistent with state and federal policies and regulations.

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Work with communities to identify needs for enhancement or protection of historic and cultural resources.
- Follow (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Part 2 Chapter 8, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 as amended, 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, and the Florida Historical Resources Act (FHRA), Chapter 267, Florida Statutes (F.S.), any involvement with historic and cultural resources, including lands owned by Native American Tribes, will be coordinated per these instructions.

## Purpose

- Protect the environment and natural resources

## Draft High-Level Needs

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

## Draft Guiding Principles

- **Avoid adverse impacts to these identified resources:**

### Will Not Impact:

- Springheads
- Named Lakes
- High Risk Coastal Areas

### No New Corridor Through:

- Coastal Areas
- Aquatic Preserves
- Mitigation Banks
- Florida Forever Acquired Lands
- Managed Conservation Areas
- State Forests
- State Parks

**Avoid or minimize and mitigate impacts to the following resources; and utilize these resources during the development, analysis, and comparative evaluation of project alternatives including the no-build. Resources identified include:**

## Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

### GENERAL

Place a high priority on avoiding impacts to:

- Florida Ecological Greenway Network - Priority 1 and 2 lands must be considered in the Planning and PD&E evaluations.
- High Priority Critical Lands and Waters Identification Project (CLIP) lands

### CONSERVATION LANDS

- Continue to identify and prioritize private and public conservation lands for enhancement or avoidance.
- Leverage s.338.2278 (3) (c) 6, F.S. acquisition authority and other conservation programs to identify and preserve additional land to accomplish multiple purposes, such as supporting planned and proposed conservation lands including those within the Florida Ecological Greenway Network Priorities 1 and 2.

### WILDLIFE HABITATS

- Continue to identify and prioritize wildlife areas for enhancement or avoidance.
- Ensure corridor minimizes impacts to wildlife corridors and bridges areas identified for protection if avoidance is not feasible.

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## Draft Guiding Principles

### Task Force Requests:

- **Waccasassa Flats**
- **FEMA Floodways**
- **SWFWMD Surface Water Sites**
- **SWFWMD Groundwater Sites**
- **SWFWMD Atmospheric Sites**
- **SWFWMD Proposed Well Sites**
- **Managed Conservation Areas**
- **Water Management Lands (including Fee and Conservation Easements)**
- **State Owned Lands**
- **Other Park Boundaries**
- **Wildlife Refuges**
- **Florida Forever Target Property**
- **Prime Farmland**
- **Springs Priority Focus Areas**
- **Tri-Colored Bats, Critical Wildlife Areas**
- **Florida Ecological Greenway Network – Priority 1 & 2**
- **Aquifer Recharge Priorities**
- **Surface Water Resource Priorities**
- **Rare Species Habitat Conservation Priorities**

## Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

### WATER RESOURCES

- Work with local jurisdictions to ensure best management practices (BMPs) and emerging technologies are utilized to maintain, restore, and enhance water quality within the corridor.
- Continue to identify and prioritize water resources for enhancement or avoidance.

### ECOSYSTEM CONNECTIVITY

- Continue to identify and prioritize ecosystems for enhancement or avoidance while considering wildlife crossing linkages and overall ecosystem connectivity.
- Work with local organizations and businesses to understand the needs for ecotourism improvements and protections.

## Purpose

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

## Draft High-Level Needs

- Enhance economic and workforce development, access to education, and job creation

## Draft Guiding Principles

- *Maximize opportunities to enhance local community and economic development with an emphasis on rural areas.*
- Avoid and minimize adverse economic impacts to individual communities, businesses, and resources.*

## Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Work with communities on preferences and consistency with economic development plans and visions.
- Conduct early outreach to communities and the public and private sectors to fully understand economic development needs including job training, education, and workforce development.
- Give priority to, and enhance potential economic development opportunities and employment benefits in the study area by providing, improving or maintaining accessibility to activity centers, employment centers, learning institutions, agricultural lands, and locating interchanges in a manner that preserves and maintains the local land use vision and goals.

### 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 Principles

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

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Work with owners/operators of agriculture/silviculture lands to understand their needs and plans.
- Emphasize protection and enhancement of farmland preservation areas designated within local government comprehensive plans.
- Coordinate any impacts to Farmland Preservation Areas identified in local comprehensive plans and lands in the Florida Rural and Family Lands Program. This includes preserving the ability of landowners to conduct controlled burns for agricultural purposes.

### Purpose

- Enhance quality of life and public safety

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Enhance travel options and safety for all transportation users

### Draft Guiding Principles

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

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Reduce transportation incidents and improve response by using advanced safety strategies including innovative technology, design, and operations.

## Purpose

- Enhance quality of life and public safety

## Draft High-Level Needs

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

## Draft Guiding Principles

- *Support and enhance local, regional, and state emergency management plans at all phases: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.*

## Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Evaluate the needs and demand for emergency evacuation and sheltering at the local, regional, and state levels.
- Use best practices currently available to evaluate the impacts of storm surge and sea level rise during the development, analysis, and comparative evaluation of project alternatives.
- Support emergency evacuation needs by enhancing emergency evacuation and response time including providing or maintaining access to emergency shelters and other emergency facilities.

### Purpose

- Revitalize rural communities
- Encourage job creation
- Leverage technology

### Draft High-Level Needs

- Expand rural broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service

### Draft Guiding Principles

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

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

### Draft Instructions For Project Development and Beyond

- Ensure broadband provider access to FDOT right-of-way is non-discriminatory and competitively neutral.
- Assist in providing broadband for schools, libraries, and other civic buildings.