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Welcome

Jared Perdue, Chair
Introductions, Update, & Agenda Review

Christine Kefauver, Facilitator
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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• 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.

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Today's Agenda

Introductions, Update, and Agenda Review  
9:05 A.M.

Public Engagement Activities  
9:20 A.M.

Moving from Task Force Recommendations to Corridor Planning and Project Development  
9:50 A.M.

Break  
10:45 A.M.

Review and Refine Draft Final Report  
11:00 A.M.

Break for Lunch  
12:30 P.M.

Review and Refine Draft Final Report (Cont.)  
1:30 P.M.

Break  
3:00 P.M.

Review and Refine Draft Final Report (Cont.)  
3:15 P.M.

Next Steps  
4:40 P.M.

Public Comment  
5:00 P.M.
Reminder: Government in the Sunshine

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Task Force Member Roll Call

Christine Kefauver, Facilitator
Public Engagement Activities

Will Watts, FDOT Chief Engineer
We Are Listening

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Your Voice Is Important

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• Comments Statistics
• Major Themes
• Corridor Specific Comments
• Addressing the Comments
## AREAS OF INTEREST

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*Comment categories include original distinct emails, form letters, task force meeting comment forms, and community open house comment forms.
Major Themes

- Environment/ Land Conservation
- Quality of Life/ Economic Opportunity
- Corridor Considerations
- Other Issues
• Wildlife and Native Plants
  • Avoid fragmentation of habitats
  • Preserve and enhance connectivity of wildlife corridors
  • Avoid threats to endangered wildlife (i.e. panthers, bears, etc.)
  • Protect native and rare plant species and their habitats
  • Avoid actions that can promulgate invasive species

• Water and Water Resources
  • Protect against destructions of wetlands
  • Protect important water related resources through design
  • Protect aquifers, springs & watersheds
• **Land Conservation and Preservation**
  • Protect against reduction of wilderness areas
  • Avoid disturbing conservation areas
  • Consider purchasing important environmental and wildlife protection areas

• **Other Environmental Considerations**
  • Protect against increased pollution
  • Control light and noise impacts from roadways
Quality of Life/ Economic Opportunity

- Avoid sprawl
- Preserve rural/ agricultural character
- Preserve historic downtowns
- Balance rural characters with the need for more and better jobs
- Support agricultural activities by improving supply chain
- Protect, expand and promote eco-tourism
• **Location Considerations**
  • Improve existing highways and interstates as a priority
  • Co-locate with existing highways and add capacity when needed
  • Thoughtfully design corridor end points and connections including interchanges
  • Consider the no-build option

• **Hurricane Evacuation**
  • Provide congestion relief during hurricane evacuation
  • Assess existing road adequacy for hurricane evacuation
  • Support sheltering rather than evacuation to enhance life safety
  • Improve evacuation routes in the center of the state
• Tolling
  • Concern over equity impacts of tolling
  • Support for toll as an alternative to tax-based funding

• Broadband and Utilities
  • Assist communities in securing high-speed internet and cellular coverage
  • Expansion of broadband can be achieved without constructing a new road
  • Support hookup opportunities for water and sewer

• Multi-modal Considerations
  • Consider high-speed rail and alternative modes of transportation
  • Expand public transit services instead of roads
  • Consider the impacts of connected and autonomous vehicles
  • Improve bike-ped safety
Other Issues

- Conduct financial and environmental analysis
- Identify impacts of M-CORES on available funding sources
- Develop detailed transportation need for the corridors
- Provide more information on eminent domain and relocation of residents and businesses
- Concerns over the impacts of COVID-19 on funding and resource allocation
• Urban sprawl threatens rural lifestyle and wildlife of the Nature Coast
• Accessible internet is needed for the region’s communities
• Limit routes through Central Florida
• Tolls will negatively impact local residents
• Minimize impacts to the aquifer, Rainbow Springs watershed and Outstanding Florida Springs
• Co-locate along US 19/98 or US 41
Addressing the Comments

- High-Level Needs
- Guiding Principles
- Instructions for Project Development and Beyond
- Action Plan
Upcoming Community Open Houses

**September 23, 2020, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Tommy Usher Community Center  
506 SW 4th Ave, Chiefland, FL 32626  
Virtual Open House at FloridaMCORES.com

**October 22, 2020, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Plantation on Crystal River  
9301 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429  
Virtual Open House at FloridaMCORES.com
Email us at:
FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us

Mail us a comment:
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street, MS 54
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Moving from Task Force Recommendations to Corridor Planning and Project Development

Will Watts, FDOT Chief Engineer
Huiwei Shen, FDOT Chief Planner
• Coordination will help to avoid and/or minimize impacts and maximize potential benefits.

• Examples to show considerations and application of guiding principles and instructions.

- Bushnell
- Inverness
- Dunnellon
- Bronson
Bushnell – Community Features

Bushnell Downtown Park

Kenny Dixon Sports Complex

Evergreen Cemetery

Sources: www.cityofbushnell.com
• Opportunity Zone – South of CR 48
• Downtown Area
• Withlacoochee Forest – Jumper Creek WMA
• Interchange with I-75
• Potential Co-Location West of I-75
Inverness – Community Features

Withlacoochee State Trail

Inverness Depot

Valerie Theater

Sources: www.inverness-fl.gov
• Comp Plan identifies SR 44 segment as congested
• Opportunity Zone – North of SR 44
• Numerous Lakes
• Withlacoochee State Forest
• Flying Eagle Preserve
• Withlacoochee State Trail
• Fort Cooper State Park
• Residential Areas

SR 44 at S. Apopka Ave.
Dunnellon – Community Features

Rainbow Springs State Park
Withlacoochee River
Dunnellon Fire Station
• US 41, SR 40 & SR 200 segments congested in the future
• Rainbow Springs State Park
• Goethe State Forest
• Cross Florida Greenway / Withlacoochee River Crossings
• Residential areas along US 41

*Ability to cross is maintained
Bronson – Community Features

Community Character

Levy County Courthouse  Bronson Blue Springs Park  Watermelon Pond Bailey Trail
• Goethe State Forest
• US 27A/SR 500 west of Bronson – Co-Location Opportunity
• Rural and Family Land – northwest of Bronson
• Opportunity Zone throughout the City
• Comp Plan last updated in 1990
• Devils Hammock Wildlife Management Area
Illustrative Paths/Courses
Co-Location – Roadway Considerations

- Maintains local access
- Often one-way pairs
- Requires a wider right-of-way
- Provides an opportunity to enhance wildlife and water flow on existing corridors
- Can be more costly per mile due to additional lane miles

First Coast Expressway

Withlacoochee River at SR 44

SR 44 – West of CR 470
Illustrative Paths/Courses
Co-Location – Powerline Considerations

- Typical co-location established as a separate adjacent corridor
- Minimizes impacts
- Presents opportunities for an increased buffer to other uses
- Provides options for stormwater ponds and interchange ramps

Transmission Line adjacent to Florida’s Turnpike at CR 470
Existing Duke Transmission Corridor near US 41
Potential Enhancements

Possible Early Phasing Opportunities

- Wildlife habitat connectivity
- Improved water quality
- Improved water flows
- Restoring Florida springs
- Expanding conservation lands
- Trail connectivity
- Providing right of way for utilities
Interchange Evaluation

- Interchange Spacing Requirements
  - Federal and State policies

- Interchange Management Areas
  - Land use and access control policies near interchanges
  - Local comprehensive planning and corridor development processes
  - Coordination with local government

Suncoast 2 Parkway Future Land Use Map
Sources: Citrus County Comp Plan (GFLUM), Jan. 2019
New Interchanges

- Included with corridor alignment evaluation
- Conceptual locations identified in planning analyses
- Potential interchange locations identified and evaluated during the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) process
- Public participation and agency coordination
• Environmental Feasibility
  - Determined after Planning and Corridor Evaluation and PD&E processes
  - Ensures project can be constructed to minimize environmental impacts
• Further refinement of corridor alternatives to develop alignments
• PD&E study’s level of analysis and documentation
• Environmental analysis during the PD&E study
  • Natural
  • Physical
  • Social
  • Cultural
The process to develop and evaluate potential alternatives must also seek public and stakeholder input. See Part 1, Chapter 11, Public Involvement for guidance regarding public involvement for a project.

The alternatives analysis of a PD&E Study must consider the following alternatives:

1. No-Action Alternative, or No-Build Alternative
2. TSM&O Alternative
3. Multimodal Alternative
4. Build Alternative(s)

Some of the project alternatives developed, analyzed, and eliminated during the Planning phase of a project can be eliminated from further analysis consistent with the conditions.
• Preliminary costs from PD&E Study
• Project costs are refined during Final Engineering Design
• Final project costs include many elements

  • Planning
  • PD&E
  • Design
  • Right of way
  • Construction
  • Construction engineering inspection
  • Environmental mitigation

  • Utilities
  • Permitting
  • Toll equipment
  • Landscaping
  • Noise walls
  • Other project specific costs
Economic Feasibility Process

- Economic Feasibility
  - Determined during the 30% Design Phase
  - Utilizes design level project costs
  - Requires net revenue forecast
  - Considers other funding sources
Questions?
Report Outline

- Introduction
- Task Force Overview
- Study Area Overview
- Recommendations
  - Approach/Framework
  - High-Level Needs
  - Guiding Principles/Instructions
  - Action Plan

Minor updates based on member comments or for clarity
Report Outline

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Revised based on Meeting 7 discussion to focus on TF findings and guidance
Task Force Report Revisions

Report Outline
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First complete draft for review today
Report Outline

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Early draft for discussion today
Recommendations from Task Force on how to move forward

Action Plan

Commitments from FDOT for future action; incorporates all guiding principles and instructions by reference
1. Evaluate needs
2. Identify and evaluate alternatives
3. Support consistency review and updates of local and regional plans
4. Assess economic feasibility and identify potential funding sources
5. Advance innovative land acquisition concepts
6. Advance multi-use opportunities
7. Continue robust partner and public engagement
8. Commit to transparency and process improvement
1. Evaluate needs
   • Conventional transportation needs and co-benefits
   • Robust traffic needs analysis consistent with Task Force recommendations

2. Identify and evaluate alternatives
   • Corridor planning and PD&E
   • Full range of alternatives including “no build” option
   • Economic, environmental, land use & emergency management impacts
   • High level, preliminary identification of potential costs and funding approaches
   • Consistent with Task Force guiding principles & instructions
3. **Support consistency review and updates of local/regional plans**
   - Early and ongoing coordination through all steps
   - Statutory requirements for local comprehensive plan review by 12/2023

4. **Assess economic feasibility and identify potential funding sources**
   - Ability to meet statutory requirements for Turnpike projects (30% design)
   - Required costs - engineering, right-of-way, construction, mitigation, enhancement, utilities
   - Potential funding sources for corridor alternatives
5. **Advance innovative land acquisition concepts**
   - Consultation with DEP, FWC to incorporate land acquisition principles/instructions
   - Opportunities to advance prior to or in parallel with corridor construction

6. **Advance multi-use opportunities**
   - Coordination with local governments, RPCs, other state agencies, industry to advance guiding principles/instructions
   - Early emphasis on broadband and other utility co-location opportunities
7. **Continue robust partner and public engagement (ongoing throughout process)**
   - Efficient Transportation Decision Making process
   - Opportunities for organizations involved in Task Force to remain engaged
   - Multiple ongoing opportunities for public involvement; maintain web site

8. **Commit to transparency and process improvement (ongoing throughout process)**
   - Periodic report on decision points and status of guiding principles/instructions
   - M-CORES budget as part of FDOT’s annual work program presentation
   - Continued improvements to planning, PD&E, and other processes to fully implement M-CORES statute and Task Force recommendations
Today’s Key Activities

• Review changes to introductory sections and high-level needs
• Refine guiding principles and instructions
• Discuss action plan
• Provide guidance to staff for preparing public comment draft of Task Force report
• Identify areas where additional discussion is needed as we work toward consensus
Final Recommendations

• Recommendations will be adopted at the final meeting
• The Task Force will strive for consensus on the recommendations as a package to be included in the final report
• Consensus will be defined and documented as members being able to support, accept, live with, or agree not to oppose the package of recommendations for the final report
• The final report will be submitted following the conclusion of the last Task Force meeting
What Does Consensus on the Report Mean?

• Advancing the Task Force’s recommendations for the M-CORES program
  • High Level Needs (including how needs should be evaluated)
  • Guiding Principles
  • Instructions
  • Action Plan

• Project-specific needs or environmental and economic feasibility are not fully developed at this point in the process
Break

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Review and Refine Draft Task Force Report

Task Force Discussion
Lunch

Task Force Meeting #8

September 22, 2020
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Review and Refine Draft Task Force Report (continued)

Task Force Discussion
Break

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Review Draft Task Force Report Sections

Task Force Discussion
Next Steps

Huiwei Shen, FDOT Chief Planner,
Jared Perdue, Chair
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