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Welcome

Greg Evans, Task Force Chair

September 24, 2020
Introductions, Update, & Agenda Review

Greg Vaughn, Co-Facilitator

September 24, 2020
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We will receive comments virtually and then subsequently from our two physical public viewing locations.

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Today’s Agenda

- **9:05 AM** Introductions, Update, and Agenda Review
- **9:20 AM** Public Engagement Activities
- **9:50 AM** Moving from Task Force Recommendations to Corridor Planning and Project Development
- **10:45 AM** Break
- **11:00 AM** Review and Refine Draft Final Report
- **12:30 PM** Lunch Break
Today’s Agenda (continued)

1:30 PM Review and Refine Draft Final Report (continued)

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Review and Refine Draft Final Report (continued)

4:40 PM Next Steps

5:00 PM Public Comment
David Flynn
Office of the Attorney General
PL-01 The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
850-414-3300
David.Flynn@myfloridalegal.com
Task Force Member Roll Call

Greg Vaughn, Co-Facilitator

September 24, 2020
Public Engagement Activities

Will Watts, FDOT Chief Engineer

September 24, 2020
• Comments Statistics
• Major Themes
• Corridor Specific Comments
• Addressing the Comments
## Comments Statistics

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*Numbers represent count of comments mentioning each area of interest.
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
• 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
• 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
Suncoast Corridor Specific Comments

- Creates new jobs in the region
- Construction threatens wetlands and “Old Florida”
- Consider impacts to rivers in Jefferson County
- Route traffic to US 19
- The corridor needs to be thoughtfully connected
- Be mindful of unintended consequences of bypasses
Addressing the Comments

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

September 29, 2020
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Gilchrist County Woman’s Club
2107 S Bronson Memorial Highway
Trenton, FL 32693

October 22, 2020
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Madison Church of God
771 NE Colin Kelly Highway
Madison, FL 32340
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
Moving from Task Force Recommendations to Corridor Planning and Project Development

Will Watts, FDOT Chief Engineer
Huiwei Shen, FDOT Chief Planner

September 24, 2020
Location #1:  
Near the Communities of:  
- Capps  
- Lamont

Location #2:  
Near the Community of:  
- Perry

Location #3:  
Near the Community of:  
- Mayo

Location #4:  
Near the Communities of:  
- Cross City  
- Old Town  
- Fanning Springs  
- Chiefland

Location #5:  
Near the Community of:  
- Inglis
Considerations

• Major Focus on Local Community Input
  • Close/Near/Far Solutions
  • Community Features
  • Long-Term Planning Goals
  • Public Involvement & Meetings

• Local Plans
• GIS Data
• Interchange Locations & Access
Location #1:
Near the Communities of:
  • Capps
  • Lamont

Examples for Consideration:
  • Aucilla River
  • Cemeteries
  • Registered Archaeological & Cultural Sites
  • NRHP Listed Sites
  • Aquatic Preserves
  • Florida Forever Acquired Lands
  • Managed Conservation Areas
• Potential I-10 Termini
• Opportunity Zones
• SUN Trail Network – Unfunded Gap
Location #2:
Near the Community of:
  • Perry

Examples for Consideration:
  • Managed Conservation Areas
  • Mitigation Banks
  • Airports
  • Hospitals
  • Springs
Community Features

- Opportunity Zones
- Industrial, Commercial, and Public Land Uses
Location #3:
Near the Community of:
  • Mayo

Examples for Consideration:
  • Florida Forever Lands
  • Managed Conservation Areas
  • Springs
  • Cemeteries
  • Agricultural Lands
Community Features

• Opportunity Zones
• Industrial, Commercial, and Public Land Uses
Location #4:
Near the Communities of:
  • Cross City
  • Old Town
  • Fanning Springs
  • Chiefland

Examples for Consideration:
  • Wildlife Management Areas & Refuges
  • Suwannee River
  • Florida Forever Lands
  • State Parks
  • Springs
• Opportunity Zones
• Industrial, Commercial, and Public Land Uses
Location #5:
Near the Community of:
  • Inglis

Examples for Consideration:
  • Springs
  • High Risk Coastal Areas
  • Lake Rousseau
  • Storm Surge Zones
  • NRHP Listed Sites
  • Managed Conservation Areas
  • State Forests
  • State Parks
• Industrial, Commercial, and Public Land Uses
• Land Trail Opportunities
Potential Co-Location Paths/Courses: Other Considerations

- Electric Power Transmission, Rail, & Natural Gas (Sabal Trail)
- 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
Potential Co-Location Paths/Courses: Potential Enhancements

Possible Early Phasing Opportunities

• Wildlife Habitat Connectivity
• Trail Connectivity
• Florida Forever Targeted Property
• Water Resources
• Spring Enhancement
- Interchanges
  - Traffic modeling
- Environmental Feasibility
  - Planning and PD&E
  - Natural, Physical, Social, and Cultural
- No-Build
- Planning & Project Costs
- Economic Feasibility
• Interchanges
  • Traffic modeling

• Environmental Feasibility
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Suncoast 2 Parkway Future Land Use Map
Sources: Citrus County Comp Plan (GFLUM), Jan. 2019
• Interchanges
  • Traffic modeling
• Environmental Feasibility
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Suwannee River, Gilchrist County
• Interchanges
  • Traffic modeling
• Environmental Feasibility
  • Planning and PD&E
  • Natural, Physical, Social, and Cultural
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• Planning & Project Costs
• Economic Feasibility

3.2.4.1 No-Action Alternative

The No-Action Alternative (or No-Build Alternative) serves as the baseline, or benchmark against which the Build Alternatives are evaluated. The No-Action Alternative is defined as the alternative in which the proposed project activity would not take place.

The engineering analysis must analyze the effects of the No-Action Alternative on the surrounding social, cultural, natural, and physical environment to the same level of detail as the build alternatives. The No-Action Alternative remains under consideration throughout the PD&E Study, including the public hearing. Both the PER and Environmental Document must include and discuss the No-Action Alternative. Discussion about impacts of the No-Action Alternative must include the impacts to surrounding areas, such as increased travel demand on the existing facility and parallel routes, impacts to multi-modal facilities, and impacts to emergency response times, amongst others.

Documentation of the alternatives analysis must include advantages and disadvantages of the No-Action Alternative.
• Interchanges
  • Traffic modeling
• Environmental Feasibility
  • Planning and PD&E
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PD&E and Design

Estimate Net Revenue
Investment-Grade Level Traffic & Revenue Study

Determine Turnpike Funding Contribution

Address Funding
Project Cost / Other Funding
Questions?
Task Force Report Revisions

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
Task Force Report Revisions

Revised based on Meeting 7 discussion to focus on TF findings and guidance

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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 principle 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
• 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
• 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

Task Force Meeting #8

September 24, 2020
Review and Refine Draft Final Report

Task Force Discussion

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Lunch

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