

Subject:	Suncoast Corridor Task Force Meeting #9										
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Attendees (check all in attendance)	Location #1	Location #2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Greg Evans, FDOT</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Kristin Dozier, Capital Region TPA</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jason Peters, FDOT</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jeff Kinnard, Hernando/Citrus MPO</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chris Stahl, FDEP</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Ronald E. Kitchen, Tampa Bay RPC</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>James Stansbury (for Brian McManus), FDEO</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Chris Rietow, Apalachee RPC</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mary Cross, FDOE</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Scott Koons, North Central Florida RPC</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Paul D. Myers, FDOH</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Thomas Hawkins, 1000 Friends of Florida</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chris Wynn, FWC</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Charles Lee, Audubon Florida</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Pegeen Hanrahan, FDACS</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mark Futrell, FPSC</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Eric Anderson, Enterprise Florida</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Lyle Seigler, Northwest Florida WMD</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chris Lee, FDBPR</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Ashley Stefanik, Suwannee River WMD</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Diane Head, CareerSource Florida</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Michelle Hopkins (David Kramer-am only), Southwest Florida WMD</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Audrey Kidwell, Volunteer Florida</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Christopher Emmanuel, FL Chamber of Commerce</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Scott Carnahan, Citrus County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Ken Armstrong, Florida Trucking Association</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mark Hatch, Dixie County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Randy Wilkerson, Florida Rural Water Association</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Todd Gray, Gilchrist County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Chris Bailey, Florida Internet & Television Assoc</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Betsy Barfield, Jefferson County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Susan Ramsey, FEDC</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Anthony Adams, Lafayette County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau Federation</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Matt Brooks (Lincoln Cannon-am only), Levy County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Dr. Lawrence Barrett, FGC</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sherilynn Pickles, Madison County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>John Grosskopf, NFCC</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Pam Feagle (Kenneth Dudley), Taylor County</i>	

8:30 am	Sign in	Greg Vaughn, Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force members were welcomed and sound-checked after calling in to address any technical difficulties. 	
9:00 am	Welcome	Greg Evans, Task Force Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary Greg Evans welcomed everyone and thanked Task Force members. Noted October is National Planning Month, and this is the Final Task Force Meeting. Announced this meeting is being streamed live on The Florida Channel and at public viewing locations in Morrison and Old Town. 	

Explained the importance of public comment and stated the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin Thibault is in attendance for the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Announced public engagement efforts will continue this week with another Community Open House this Thursday, October 22, 2020 in Madison County. Noted today's meeting materials, presentations, and a recording of today's meeting will be available online at FloridaMCORES.com. Thanked everyone for their amendments on the Draft Task Force Report and stated today's meeting will focus on the resolution of those amendments to finalize the report.

- Introduced Greg Vaughn.

9:05 am

Introductions, Updates, and Agenda Review

Greg Vaughn, Facilitator

- Greg Vaughn provided instructions for today's GoToWebinar and public comment period. Noted the Task Force would receive public comments which were submitted virtually by 5:00 pm on October 19, 2020 and from the public viewing locations starting at 9:15 am. Proceeded to review today's meeting agenda.
- Greg Vaughn introduced the Sunshine Law video, then provided David Flynn's contact information for any Sunshine Law related questions prior to calling roll of Task Force Members in attendance.

9:20 am

Public Comments & Remarks

Greg Evans, Task Force Chair
Greg Vaughn, Facilitator

- Greg Vaughn provided public comment instructions. Then the following individuals provided public comments:
 - *Tracey Seale, Tallahassee, FL: Thanked for taking public comments. Asked Task Force to include strong support for a No-Build option, require preliminary transportation need and financial feasibility and re-evaluate timelines to complete studies. Asked that they require the evaluation of corridors without regard to predetermined county, require protection of rural landscapes and habitat from urban sprawl, easements at interchanges and environmental protection of those lands, and light and noise pollution along corridor. Stated reasons for living in rural areas and economic development in rural counties should benefit residents by expanding broadband. Stated broadband should not be tied to a road project.*
 - *Vivian Young, Tallahassee, FL, Communications Director for 1000 Friends of Florida: Thanked the Task Force. Stated 1000 Friends of Florida has submitted numerous recommendations to FDOT with the latest being submitted on October 8, 2020, including final report comments. Inclusion of these is requested for 1000 Friends of Florida's support.*
 - 1) *Determine Transportation Need/Financial Feasibility – Requested determination of this prior to PD&E process to be included in all three corridor Task Force reports.*
 - 2) *Curtail Urban Sprawl – If feasibility is met, methods should be determined/acquired prior to construction. Environmental lands at interchanges should be acquired within a ten-mile radius; other interchange lands within a five-mile radius unless already served by municipal water/sewer or designated for future development as an industrial center. Noted this should this be a state responsibility as these roads will have significant impact on resources of state significance (Floridan Aquifer) and it is the state's responsibility to protect lands/resources (drinking water). Stated local governments should use their comprehensive plans to prevent urban sprawl and protect and revitalize the economies of rural areas.*
 - *Lindsey Cross, St. Petersburg, FL, Florida Conservation Voters: Asked Task Force members to think of themselves as a jury member and consider needs FDOT has failed to provide when signing onto report. Expressed concerns of economic viability, better use of tax dollars, and the fact that the majority of the public were against the roads. Mentioned concern for statewide hurricane evacuation plan updates. Believed FDOT will not invest in broadband, utility support,*

- etc. without building new roads or strings attached. Asked the Task Force to examine the facts and to not sign off on the report with any doubts.
- Jimmy Carroll, Ocala, FL: Based on past involvement with transportation, he found this process to be unproductive overall. Stated FDOT could have done more analysis on the various needs that could have been presented and answered more questions. Suggested an evaluation of I-75's directional traffic would determine if another corridor is needed to reduce traffic.
 - Kim Wheeler, Williston, FL: Stated she was a comment counter for the many people who are against the toll roads and noted 93% of nearly 10,000 comments submitted are against toll roads/M-CORES process itself. Hoped everyone read the well-researched comments related to protection of our water, wild places, species and habitats, farms/ranches, small towns, rural way of life, and cost of these projects. Expressed concern for natural environment as it is the economy. Suggested repairing the roads we have and consider other means of transportation. Stated we do not need a toll road to hold us hostage for broadband, and roads have not been vetted for need, financial feasibility, etc. as they were legislated. Concerned that they were signed into law and put you all into difficult situation given fast-tracked time frame. Asked to reject the report which provides no clarity/leaves FDOT open to build toll roads and protect the Florida we love. Noted desire for starlight, not headlights.
 - Amy Datz, Tallahassee, FL, environmental scientist: Stated no transportation system is profitable or self-sufficient and explained how roads are funded through trust funds, tolls, taxes, etc. and collapse of highway trust funds. Explained transportation is not a 'for profit' industry, but a service to the public and noted need for future toll roads to prevent further collapse. Said visitors will be happy to pay a toll in order to get to their destination faster. Asked for inclusion of truck staging areas and vehicle charging stations.
 - Neil Fleckenstein, Tallahassee, FL, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy: Thanked the Task Force members for their commitment, FDOT staff and consultants. Referenced amendments submitted related to predetermined counties, feasibility and needs analysis, re-evaluation of project deadlines as defined by the Legislature, and support that the Task Force did not reach a conclusion about a new greenfield/co-location corridor. Recognized majority of comments have expressed opposition or concern of corridor. Thanked for opportunity to comment and public engagement.
 - Ted Smith, Ocala, FL, retired architect: Noted a 2010 FDOT summary report concluded widening of I-75 to eight lanes would help but would not solve evacuation problems. Concerned with massive congestion on I-75 as a result of accidents, hurricanes, etc. Believed an alternative to I-75 is needed and Florida needs a balanced long-term solution. Stated it was much better to spend the time/money to enhance transportation now rather than wait, and if done right, a parkway has many advantages to streamline infrastructure/highway system. Believed the Suncoast Corridor is the most important of the three corridors to complement I-75, and the other two should be 'shelved' by FDOT. Stated FDOT appears to be doing a good job and hoped the Task Force will remain involved if given the 'green light.'
 - Matthew Schwartz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, South Florida Wildlands Association: Noted his efforts against other corridors (panther) and stated that all have the same problems of degrading wildlife habitat, recharge areas, runoff, and spending massive amounts of public money when not deemed necessary. Concerned with lack of environmental review, wildlife impacts, sea level rise, detriment to natural resources such as water supply/wetlands, and increased opportunity for development and population. Supported No Build.
 - Stacey Gallagher, Gainesville, FL, Sea Turtle Conservancy: Noted Conservancy's support of Dr. Archie and Marjorie Carr's legacy and summarized sea turtle conservation efforts and

- expressed concern of the negative impacts this project would have on sea turtles. Urged the Task Force to reject the report/this project and listen to the people.*
- *Eugene 'Gene' Kelly, Brooksville, FL, Florida Native Plant Society: Concerned with report, co-location, and undetermined feasibility/need for the road. Stated the need should be determined prior to the PD&E phase. Noted lack of urgent need for the road and supported the No Build option. Requested the Task Force to add a recommendation in the report for the Legislature to stop this process/remove dates/reckless milestones noting it was absurd and irresponsible for construction to begin in two years.*
 - *Alison Date, Tampa, FL: Asked Task Force to reject the final report noting concern with Legislative process, and to listen to the people and consider our planet and limited environment. Stated we are lucky to have what is left in the middle of Florida and asked to place people and the planet over prosperity and to protect the state for future generations. Requested rejection of the report as it lacks clarity and leaves it open for more toll roads.*
 - *Roderick Judd, Coral Gables, FL: Requested to do the right thing and reject the report/M-CORES. Noted it provides no clarity and leaves the door open for FDOT to develop toll roads.*
 - *Randall Wolfe, Bronson, FL: Agreed with previous speakers/public comments in support of No Build. Noted the negative impacts to South Florida (local economy/urban sprawl/development) with the development of I-75 and I-95.*
 - *Nick Patel, Lake City, FL, hospitality/tourism industry: Stated you cannot let one county drive the decision-making process. Expressed concern of negative/livelihood/economic impacts for counties outside of the study area as new hotels, retail, gas stations, logistics, restaurants will open; thus, resulting in loss of tax revenue. Advised we cannot let this happen without economic mitigation and requested that these impacts be added to the report as it affects millions. Noted there is no traffic congestion on US 19/98 and believed a toll road will not always bring prosperity without population base. Suggested the expansion of existing roadways and for the Task Force to object the report until 100% satisfied. Provided letters to chairman expressing deep concern over this project.*
 - *Michael Perry, Beverly Hills, FL, President of Pine Ridge Property Owners Association: Stated the current plan calls for a terminus at SR 98/5/89 which was never in the original plan. Believed perhaps we do not have enough money to go any further, but enough to build an interchange here. Advocated extending/not putting terminus here and continue on to Red Level terminus as identified in original proposal. Applauded other's comments. Noted he does not want traffic going through their equestrian properties and feels it will be a terminus consideration for a very long time. Provided a letter to county commission and will provide to Task Force if given addresses to send to.*
 - *Christian Wagley, Pensacola, FL, Healthy Gulf: Supported No Build. Expressed concern for Task Force, traffic data/need, financial viability, evacuation need, and overall ability for handling the state's future demands. Noted importance of rural lands and protection of waterways flowing to the Gulf of Mexico. Stated downstream aquatic preserves need protection. Asked the Task Force to present the No Build option and reject the report which leaves the door open to future toll road development.*
 - *Kat Holland, Wellington, FL: Discussed this proposal with legislators two years ago. Believed these toll roads are useless and has expressed her concerns with various entities. Concerned with increasing population, congestion, and noted unsafe/uneducated driver observations in Dade and Broward Counties. Stated that educating drivers should be a priority and believed there is no need for roads to nowhere.*
- *Greg Vaughn offered satellite public viewing locations the opportunity for public comment.*

- Morriston Location (Levy County): Ron Caldi stated there was one individual at this location wishing to make a public comment.
 - *Pete Cuckero, Citrus County: Had heard pros/cons and believed we are past that and in the mitigation phase. Had spoken with county commissioners in hopes of advancing the project as soon as possible. Mentioned the SR 486 terminus and would like to see it go to Red Level in the Crystal River area. Noted safety concern in Pine Ridge area as most residents there are retirees who have moved to Florida. Stated we need to plan now for all of the people moving to Florida.*
- Old Town Location (Dixie County): David Haight stated there were no individuals at this location wishing to make a public comment.
- Greg Vaughn provided instructions for continued public comment opportunities.
- Secretary Greg Evans introduced FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault.

	Remarks	Kevin Thibault, FDOT Secretary
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- Secretary Kevin Thibault addressed the public and thanked the Task Force for their participation in the new virtual environment due to COVID as we continue to plan for Florida’s future. Advised that the main transportation routes for Florida were US 19, 27, 41, 17, and 1, which provided regional connectivity to what attracted people to Florida (beaches and ecosystem). Then, in 1964 with I-75, the movement of people and goods changed, and now M-CORES is being asked to change the future of Florida’s infrastructure. Noted the opportunity of stakeholders is to develop planning principles so this could be an approach for others to follow. Added that staff has worked tirelessly to develop high-level needs, guiding principles, and instructions for the PD&E phase of each proposed corridor. Proceeded to individually address the following:
 - Thanked subject matter experts for their guidance and involvement (broadband, utility expansion, wildlife conservation, and economic development).
 - Thanked 1000 Friends of Florida (Thomas Hawkins) and noted their concerns have been addressed in the report language.
 - Thanked The Nature Conservancy (Janet Bowman) for assistance in protection and engagement efforts, concern for bisecting lands and conservation lands, and water quality/quantity.
 - Assured all that M-CORES will not skip any steps despite aggressive schedule, and the law does not override any need/financial feasibility concerns.
 - Noted Charles Lee, Kent Wimmer, and Ken Armstrong’s experience and efforts.
 - Thanked commissioners and other regional planning council members for their involvement.
 - Thanked state agencies and local municipalities stating involvement will continue throughout the process.
 - Complimented the Task Force on their draft report recommendations for Florida’s future. Promised report recommendations will be followed. Will meet with Cornell University students. Advised of former USDOT Secretary Alan Boyd’s passing and his contributions to Florida’s transportation and reminded the Task Force of their involvement in this pivotal moment in Florida’s history.
 - Thanked FDOT staff and production team.
- Secretary Greg Evans invited Task Force members for the opportunity to address Secretary Kevin Thibault.
 - *Commissioner Ronald Kitchen: Stated that Citrus County needs this road now and later for the 22 million people who live here and the 120 million or so tourists. Added that although they may not live in these counties but rather need to get around Citrus/Levy County, let’s make this road the best it can possibly be. Believed experience with FDOT has been wonderful so far, and*

we are getting the best product possible with this road. Noted support/input from two other county commissioners and gentleman from Pine Ridge who spoke earlier, advocating for the parkway to continue through Citrus County with termination at Highway 44. Stated the preferred position has always been for it to go to US 19 at Red Level and eliminate the interchange. Believed of all controversies, probably the least amount of controversy would be to continue the road under construction to eliminate at US 19 at Red Level. Added that if looking for consensus today, that would be his suggestion. Stated he enjoyed working with everyone and looked forward to other comments from the public and northern counties. Thanked Secretary Kevin Thibault for appointment to Task Force. Secretary Kevin Thibault thanked him for his comment.

- *Commissioner Scott Carnahan: Thanked Secretary Kevin Thibault and commended FDOT staff. Reiterated what Commissioner Ronald Kitchen said. Thanked for \$13 million to finish CR 41 and would like to see it continue to US 19, eliminate intersection at I-95 to give an on-/off-ramp within county. Was pleased with FDOT's coordination of Suncoast happening now and appreciated FDOT's efforts with Citrus County. Secretary Kevin Thibault thanked him for his comment.*
- *Charles Lee: Reiterated Commissioner Kitchen's remarks and stated he also agreed that the appropriate terminus was US 19 at Red Level. Advised to look at environmental impacts north of this terminus and provided example of US 19 in Pasco County. Believed the next step should be limited access to address the gradual urban sprawl of Cross City, Perry, and in Jefferson County. Advised we must look at comprehensive issues and environmental lands. Secretary Kevin Thibault thanked him for his comment.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Noted the public comment underlines the disappointing aspect of this process. Felt the Legislature and FDOT have tried to setup a system/plan to get past some stereotypes but is afraid we have not gotten past them. Sounded as if we are continuing to beat the growth/no growth, business vs. environment concern. Mentioned examples such as: 'Roads to Nowhere' statement (added these are not); the debate of creating 'ghost towns' or people will flock to these areas; roads will not support themselves financially; and the opposition of M-CORES corridors and impacts to I-75. Noted the process has been frustrating and that no one county should determine what is what (Columbia County) or one county's interest outweigh the rest of Florida. Disagreed with Lindsey Cross' statement of jury decision as it is a decision on what is best for Florida. Secretary Kevin Thibault thanked him for his comment and for the trucking industry's assistance during the pandemic.*
- *Commissioner Jeff Kinnard: Thanked Secretary Kevin Thibault for joining us. Agreed with colleagues on terminating with US 19 at Red Level checks off a lot of boxes, provided a logical terminus, and avoided an intersection at 486. Secretary Kevin Thibault thanked him for his comment.*
- *Janet Bowman: Complimented staff and consultants for their support. Valued FDOT staff, the process, and thoughtfulness in how you will go about evaluating financial feasibility, etc.; however, expressed concern there is not enough time given the legislative mandate. Stated it is important for us to know whether you will entertain asking the Legislature for specific changes to timeframe, processes, etc. in the Task Force Report. Secretary Kevin Thibault replied it is up to the Task Force and it is under their purview for FDOT's advisement and noted he is not here to dissuade those recommendations. Stated economic/environmental feasibility drives much of the schedule (ACE, etc.), we have to get to that point, and it takes time to get there. Advised it will be addressed throughout the process, and timelines can be adjusted as needed.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Thanked Secretary Kevin Thibault. Stated everyone has worked hard on this. Believed you/FDOT were asked to take on a monumental task in the last 15*

<p>months and have done so professionally and with sensitivity to Task Force members. Questioned what the report would look like and believed it speaks to FDOT's process (doing evaluation, normal process to extend timeline). Questioned if the work product (GIS layers, report) gets imbedded to what FDOT does in the future when looking at regional issues. Hoped we do not start with a toll road first, but rather what is best for the region if FDOT can guide us through that process. Secretary Kevin Thibault thanked her for her comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Vaughn advised Secretary Greg Evans there were no additional comments. 		
11:00 am	Break	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary Greg Evans dismissed for break and advised to resume at 11:10 am. 		
11:10 am	Summary of Public Comments	Ryan Asmus, FDOT Production Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Asmus provided an overview of public comments received from the Draft Task Force Report over the last two weeks (September 29 through October 14, 2020). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received 112 comments related to the draft Task Force Report and discussed common comments. ○ Received 455 other 'general' comments and discussed the common major themes (corridor need/feasibility, funding, quality of life and economic opportunity, land conservation and preservation, water quality and water resources, wildlife and plants, and other items—broadband, emergency sheltering and evacuation, multi-modal accommodations). • Greg Vaughn solicited questions related to this presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Kent Wimmer: No specific questions to the presentation. Noted yesterday's 14-hour Task Force meeting. Recommended starting discussion of amendments.</i> ○ Will Watts agreed and stated we are working to make our time more efficient today and are working in parallel to incorporate some of yesterday's revisions. Added that we still want to get this Task Force's input. ○ <i>Charles Lee: Seconded Kent Wimmer's recommendation. Noted same amendments/resolution text from yesterday and suggested we could move faster if staff could have parallel language accessible.</i> ○ Will Watts agreed with Charles Lee but wanted to make sure all members were satisfied. • Greg Vaughn confirmed there were no additional comments/questions related to this presentation and introduced Greg Garrett to facilitate the draft report revision discussion. 		
11:20 am	Discussion of Final Draft Task Force Report Revisions	Ryan Asmus, FDOT Production Lead Greg Vaughn & Greg Garrett, Facilitators Task Force Support Team Task Force Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Garrett thanked members for their amendments and discussions to address their concerns. Provided an overview of how amendments and revisions will be discussed. • <i>Ken Armstrong: Asked if Task Force has a copy of the on-screen version. Greg Garrett replied no. Ken Armstrong stated it does not help to go through it like we are doing. Greg Garrett replied we can go back to first ten 'editorial' amendments/begin at page 1. Ken Armstrong stated he was prepared to skip editorial items unless there are items the Task Force needs to discuss.</i> • Greg Garrett asked Task Force if there were any questions related to 'editorial' comments; no questions. Began discussion of specific amendments. 		

- Commissioner Betsy Barfield 7 / Ken Armstrong 2 Amendments
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Agreed with Ken Armstrong's comments. Stated these comments were submitted to her by Tall Timbers, and she reached out to Rosemary Woods, Atkins, who advised this would be done anyway. Stated she felt comfortable putting language in draft report.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Believed FDOT should be given flexibility on termini to weigh the I-10 terminus.*
 - *Charles Lee: Disagreed with Tall Timbers/Betsy Barfield's suggestion and referred to Florida Statute/Legislature. Stated in response to Ken Armstrong's suggestion, the Legislature did not state anything in the Florida Statute about connecting in Georgia. Referenced Sumter County discussion during Northern Turnpike Corridor Task Force regarding jurisdictions currently not included in the original charge.*
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Agreed with changes to provide FDOT flexibility with terminus. Questioned connection with I-75 and noted perhaps, per Charles Lee, the Florida Statute should be changed to provide flexibility. Asked if something like this could be embedded.*
 - *Jason Watts replied that the Florida Statute specified the study areas and stated concern for those outside the current study area. Noted there is no predetermined terminus to address both amendments with what FDOT intends to do. Stated limits of corridor will end somewhere south of I-10 within the study area counties listed.*
 - *Greg Garrett and Greg Vaughn interjected the method of addressing these comments while on-screen as to not change the page/line references and discussion solicitation.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: In response to Commissioner Kristin Dozier, noted he does not feel language needs to be included specifically to I-75 nor does he propose it goes to I-75; however, it provides FDOT flexibility with traffic patterns, etc.*
 - *Secretary Greg Evans asked for Task Force's patience as staff worked through edits.*
 - *Charles Lee: Seconded Commissioner Kristin Dozier's recommendation of a legislative revision to the study area and noted primary focus on Jefferson County. Suggested including this as a recommendation.*
 - *Greg Garrett reviewed suggested text revisions: Insert on Page 1: "Preliminary corridor planning and development limits of the Suncoast Corridor will focus on corridor analysis south of I-10. The full range of alternatives will include all counties in the study area."*
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield agreed with suggested language and asked for it to be sent to her so she can review due to internet difficulties. Greg Garrett advised it will be emailed to her.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Agreed with suggested language if it adequately provides flexibility to FDOT.*
 - *Jason Watts replied it was covered, and he was good with it. Noted the 'Recommendations' section for revisions to statute language.*
 - *Thomas Hawkins provided two points. 1) Supported revised language. 2) Asked to give some thought on where we move beyond amendments to get Task Force consensus (agree/disagree).*
 - *Greg Garrett replied the approach is to correct any language.*
 - *Secretary Greg Evans asked for patience to go through as planned.*
 - *Charles Lee: Agreed with suggested language as long as we address it in another location (Recommendations).*

- *Janet Bowman: Added she was okay with the concept but was concerned the second sentence is too broad. Needed to be clear it is south of I-10; not looking at Citrus or Madison Counties.*
- Jason Watts replied the intent is to express to the Task Force as we go through the ACE process, that we will look at the entire study area and get a broad range of alternatives. Advised that as lines are drawn, we will narrow it down as a single alternative which may not hit every county of the study area.
- *Janet Bowman: Concerned with change that is being made is very broad and would prefer to narrow it. Believed legislative change should be recommended as well.*
- *Charles Lee: Suggested adding language to this paragraph stating it relates to the northern terminus of the corridor.*
- Jason Watts noted we will change the second sentence to “Alternatives to connect to I-10 will include all counties in the study area connection to I-10.”
- Greg Garrett reviewed suggested revisions: **Insert on Page 1: “Preliminary corridor planning and development limits of the Suncoast Corridor will focus on corridor analysis south of I-10. Alternatives to connect to I-10 will include all counties in the study area connection to I-10.”**
- *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Asked for the language to be texted to her as emails were not being received.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Agreed with suggested language.*
- *Janet Bowman: Also agreed with suggested language.*
- **Greg Garrett replied revision as presented will be made.**
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Concurred with Thomas Hawkins’ concern on Task Force consensus. Focused on getting Jefferson County broadband so Commissioner Betsy Barfield can read this.*
- Greg Garrett reminded staff of Charles Lee’s requested language at the end suggesting changes for statute/Legislature.
- *Ken Armstrong: Commented on changing language in statute and stated he will comment later once we are at that point.*
- **Greg Garrett reiterated that other corridor’s Task Force text will be referenced.**
- *Ken Armstrong: Commented on gray language.*
- Ken Armstrong 1 Amendment
 - **Ken Armstrong: Believed we should state that our report should be interdependent of other corridor reports.**
 - *Charles Lee: Concurred with Ken Armstrong.*
 - **Greg Garrett noted how this will be incorporated is being noted.**
 - *Janet Bowman: Understood the intent and asked Ken Armstrong if there are things on the other Task Force that we should be thinking about that we haven’t.*
 - Greg Garrett mentioned other member references from other Task Forces and stated any overlap opportunity has been looked at.
 - Greg Vaughn reiterated coordination across Task Forces on language especially given overlap in study areas.
 - *Janet Bowman: Questioned if we were talking about guiding principles, not alignment.*
 - Greg Garrett replied yes.

- Commissioner Kristin Dozier 2 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett read suggested revision.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Noted Greg Slay's (Capital Region TPA Director) concerns in regard to her amendment. Stated broadband would be great, but it will not get it to Commissioner Betsy Barfield's house. Noted these issues exist, but there is no way to address everything. Asked if her amendment was clear enough. Added the second part comes up in several other amendments, and many expressed concerns of capacity of local plans. Asked if there was one way to address these in the Introduction and/or other places throughout.*
 - Greg Vaughn asked if there should be some overall discussion.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Noted in reference to Introduction and Overview/Lines 20-27 were aspirational goals. Believed we need to be clear, the broader program, the corridor may address, but it far exceeds what transportation could address.*
 - *Charles Lee: Concerned over language that FDOT will fund the acquisition/protection of environmental conservation lands. Looks at language provided by Commissioner Kristin Dozier that moves away from that (will be Florida Forever funds, not FDOT). Stated it was easy to read this language which could take you in that direction. Recalled language about coordination with other agencies that appears in multiple locations (broadband, acquisition, etc.), and noted we are adding it again here. Interested to see gray box language FDOT drafts. Looked at money being part of the project to expand environmental lands. Noted one could look to this paragraph if they did not want to buy environmental lands with FDOT funds.*
 - Greg Vaughn asked Commissioner Kristin Dozier if intent for amendment was to set the stage in the Introduction that there will be partnerships fostered for implementation of items within this Task Force report.
 - *Commissioner Dozier: Replied she would not want to go in the direction Charles Lee mentioned. Believed she could be more specific that it refers to broader M-CORES goals and the environmental aspect (what we do with conservation land), to her, that was one of those transportation items we normally address and suggested the addition of more robust items. Noted it is not typically FDOT's charge to address utilities, broadband, autonomous vehicles, etc. and that is what she referred to. Added that the corridor may help address those regional needs but should not be charged with addressing each one of those needs (no funding, etc.) -- more concerned with aspirational goals. Added that the second part was one aspect of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (FDEO) comments about partnerships with other agencies -- does not mean we have the funding for it.*
 - *Charles Lee: Observed a lot of these things included in the Senate Bill are outside of FDOT's wheelhouse. Referenced Senator Galvano's recent statement that we must proceed with M-CORES so children receive broadband for education especially during this pandemic. Suggested this may be something addressed in the Recommendations section as the Senate Bill clearly instructs FDOT to do these things as it is important for Florida's future. Believed it was unrealistic and suggested a response in report.*
 - Greg Garrett reviewed revised suggested language.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Believed text was well-written and captured her concern and need for language that FDOT cannot solely address these issues. Deferred to Charles Lee on environmental language.*
 - Greg Garrett reminded Task Force of response on amendments and noted no additional comments on this amendment.

12:30 pm	Break for Lunch	Greg Vaughn, Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Vaughn provided instructions for lunch break until 1:30 pm and dismissed the Task Force. 		
1:30 pm	Discussion of Final Draft Task Force Report Revisions	Ryan Asmus, FDOT Production Lead Greg Vaughn & Greg Garrett, Facilitators Task Force Support Team Task Force Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary Greg Evans welcomed everyone back from lunch and returned to report amendment discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Ken Armstrong 1 Amendment (continued)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Garrett resumed discussion of Final Draft Task Force Report. Additional language was drafted per Ken Armstrong's comment regarding Northern Turnpike Corridor coordination (Page 1 Line 20). <i>Ken Armstrong: Stated he was not sure 'overlapping projects' gets him there as we are talking about decision points as 'our group can decide to go ahead' vs. 'their group does not' or vice versa.</i> Jason Watts explained why 'overlapping projects' was chosen for internal coordination purposes and asked if that helped. <i>Ken Armstrong: Stated he agreed with 'overlapping projects.'</i> <i>Charles Lee: Agreed with proposed language.</i> <u>Commissioner Betsy Barfield 2 Amendment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Garrett explained 'greenfield corridor' definition was added to the Glossary and asked Commissioner Betsy Barfield for acceptance. <i>Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Asked for it to be read to her due to bad connection.</i> Jason Watts read proposed text. <i>Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Asked if it was about the roadway or work.</i> Jason Watts clarified 'greenfield' term. <i>Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Stated that was the clarification she needed as she did not consider a road a greenfield.</i> <u>Kristin Dozier 3 / Ken Armstrong 3 / Janet Bowman 2 Amendments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Garrett read proposed amendments. <i>Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Agreed comments overlap and would like to await proposed language.</i> <i>Ken Armstrong: Noted it was more than semantic language of doing something vs. not doing something (provided skydiving example). Stated text is written, due to word 'completely' in that section, felt like we did not reach a decision on 'doing a greenfield corridor' vs. 'not to do a completely new greenfield corridor.' Suggested use a qualifier like he mentioned in his amendment.</i> Jason Watts clarified language as a replacement of lines 21-28/new paragraph as to actions to be made by FDOT. As it pertains to the 'greenfield' language, from FDOT's perspective, feels like it adequately portrays the Task Force's intent. Discussed gray language first then referred to Ken Armstrong's greenfield language. Greg Garrett agreed with Jason Watts and read new language to Task Force regarding the intent. 		

- *Commissioner Ronald Kitchen: Agreed with language and asked if there is a need to state a negative.*
- *Charles Lee: Supported new language as proposed if Lines 8-20 remain in place. Expressed need to mention greenfield corridor.*
- *Jason Watts thanked Charles Lee for his comment and stated staff is working on clarifying language in Lines 16-20 which will be presented to Task Force once completed.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Appreciated on-screen edits despite difficulty keeping track of amendments. Mentioned statutory language that Task Force did not identify a need or financial feasibility. Stated language seems positive and forward-thinking but questioned loss of intent. Said in Lines 8-20, she could see someone arguing that we already have that caution in the first paragraph that we did not have enough information on need. Asked if staff had questions on her comment.*
- *Jason Watts agreed with her concerns and explained that the Task Force is basically telling FDOT what to do in the future.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Liked the new language just wanted to make sure we weren't losing something in the original Lines 21-28.*
- *Janet Bowman: Commented on greenfield language and stated there was some Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force language that addresses our concern that could be used here.*
- *Jason Watts referred Janet Bowman and Task Force to the revised text on Page 2, Lines 12-16, and explained the intent of revised language based on past discussions.*
- *Janet Bowman: Thanked Jason Watts as that was the point she was referring to.*
- *Charles Lee: Supported Janet Bowman's direction and proposed language of Page 2, Lines 12-16.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Returned to his question based on revision of Lines 12-16. Asked if we have not reached a conclusion based on information at this time if we have reached a consensus of a new greenfield corridor. Stated he can live with gray language but did not think it is accurate as he would like to be accurate.*
- *Jason Watts discussed 'greenfield' concerns with Ken Armstrong.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Reiterated his amendment "with possible greenfield routes only as necessary and in keeping with Task Force guiding principles" statement.*
- *Jason Watts solicited other Task Force member input.*
- *Commissioner Scott Carnahan: Responded that with Florida's current and future population, he believed this road could be constructed ahead of the curve of people moving here. Disagreed with other Task Force members' statement, as he fully supports construction.*
- *Kent Wimmer: Responded that his next amendment also dealt with this paragraph, but if we are using proposed Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force's adopted language being presented here, he would like to drop his proposed amendment.*
- *Commissioner Jeff Kinnard: Supported language as-is. Disagreed with statement that we have reached a conclusion that a new greenfield road is not necessary. Said we have not reached that conclusion; have agreed to co-location, but if a portion of that ends up being a new greenfield corridor, so be it. Asked to go with language we have.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Stated he is in favor of a corridor but has not heard anyone say this should be a completely new greenfield corridor. Replied that statement is inaccurate, but it is fine with him.*

- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Expressed her concern with the statement concerning the Task Force reaching a conclusion of a completely new greenfield corridor based on available information. Believed that this statement left the door open for a completely new greenfield corridor if given new information. Agreed with Ken Armstrong that the Task Force has not heard that US 19 is at capacity and we need a completely new greenfield corridor. Noted in Lines 12-16, modifications to existing facilities, it appeared that all we lost was acknowledgement for FDOT to consider a No Build alternative. Thought it was relevant for us to mention in Introduction and confirm if No Build is mentioned in other places within the document.*
- Jason Watts replied it is mentioned in the Action Plan and will be considered by FDOT.
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Reiterated the importance of No Build. Concerned some may only read the Introduction and may miss the No Build.*
- Jason Watts replied No Build language remains. Confirmed Kent Wimmer still agreed with revised language to Lines 21-28. **Suggested changing ‘intent’ to ‘Task Force’s charge was,’ and ‘all Task Force members’ to ‘individual Task Force members.’**
- *Charles Shinn: Supported proposed text.*
- *Charles Lee: Supported proposed text and preferred asking each Task Force member for their agreement of Ken Armstrong’s greenfield language.*
- *Kent Wimmer: Thanked Jason Watts and team for incorporation of Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force’s language into report.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Withdrew his ‘greenfield’ amendment due to lack of Task Force support.*
- Greg Garrett requested/received concurrence with proposed language and there were no additional comments.
- Janet Bowman 1, 3, and 4 Amendments
 - Greg Garrett asked for input on the proposed amendment.
 - Jason Watts asked for clarification and stated Janet Bowman’s amendments apply to language that is no longer included and asked for agreement.
 - *Janet Bowman: Greenfield appears three different places and wanted to be sure.*
 - Greg Garrett reviewed Janet Bowman’s amendments.
- Kent Wimmer 2 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Kent Wimmer: Stated he wanted to be sure changes (addition of ‘potential’) were made in paragraph (Page 3, Lines 15-40).*
 - Greg Garrett stated edits were made on screen; no Task Force objection to text revision.
- Kristin Dozier 4 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Explained her proposed revision and purpose; stated it wasn’t something the Task Force assessed and wasn’t comfortable with intent regarding I-75.*
 - Greg Garrett said intent was to provide a high-level, general overview without intent to lead to a particular conclusion.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Commented that Lines 3-5 was a pretty vague statement and had heard we are already having congestion along these routes. Reiterated public comment about taking business off I-75. Stated this is a finding of the Task Force and thought this was something that was not discussed throughout Task Force meetings.*
 - Greg Garrett understood her concern but thought this was more background information vs. from the Task Force.

- Will Watts stated we did show traffic congestion information for the year 2050 at Task Force Meeting #5.
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Stated that was the only Task Force meeting she missed. Stated we don't have consensus on a lot of these things so that is where her comments are coming from.*
- *Charles Lee: Agreed with Will Watts about source of information and I-75 being overloaded. Believed in language further in report that jury has not deliberated yet as to whether the Suncoast Corridor will serve as any kind of (traffic) reliever for I-75. Noted that is part of a future study.*
- Greg Garrett agreed with Charles Lee and moved to next amendment.
- Kent Wimmer 5 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Kent Wimmer: Stated this is now similar to language we just revised above.*
 - Greg Garrett noted this has been discussed and moved to next amendment.
- Janet Bowman 3 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Janet Bowman: Stated this is similar language previously discussed.*
 - *Jason Watts asked if she was still okay with proposed language and she agreed.*
- Janet Bowman 4 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett noted this is the same as previous amendment.
 - *Janet Bowman: Concurred it has been addressed.*
- Kristin Dozier 5 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Ken Armstrong: Stated that his editorial comment (Ken Armstrong 2) was applicable to multiple places throughout the report. Questioned Needs Evaluation Process (Page 16) language for Task Force to give FDOT flexibility while providing instruction.*
 - Jason Watts asked for clarification of edits.
 - *Ken Armstrong: Replied no, he thought it should be under Guiding Principles as well as Introduction.*
 - Jason Watts replied perhaps we have it in the Needs Evaluation Process and the Introduction.
 - *Ken Armstrong: Stated he doesn't care where else it goes as long as it is repeated.*
 - Jason Watts provided instructions for facilitators to ask Task Force for concurrence with Ken Armstrong's suggestion.
 - Greg Garrett confirmed no Task Force members had any objections to Ken Armstrong 2; returned to Commissioner Kristin Dozier 5 amendment.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Agreed with last paragraph and addition of demonstration of need or something to that affect.*
 - Jason Watts referred back to previously agreed upon language.
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Agreed she is okay with language.*
 - Greg Garrett stated the report with all track changes will be presented at the end of the discussion.
- Ken Armstrong 5 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Ken Armstrong: Stated he thought we should consider the future as well as the past.*
 - *Charles Lee: Liked statement.*

- *Charles Shinn: Coincided with his conversations with local governments.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Questioned if word 'development' was better than the word 'growth'.*
- *Greg Garrett restated text changing 'growth' to 'development'.*
- *Charles Lee: Agreed with change if using word 'urban development'. Provided examples of 'urban development' for consideration.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Questioned inclusion of 'urban'.*
- *James Stansbury: Believed caveat of 'have not planned for that' addresses concern whether urban or rural type development.*
- **Jason Watts clarified the statement from an FDOT perspective and suggested it read as 'The Task Force stressed...' instead of 'They stressed...'**
- *Ken Armstrong: Agreed with Jason Watts' proposed text.*
- Charles Lee 2 Amendment
 - *Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.*
 - *Charles Lee: Mentioned experts have stated technology was emerging or available for tolling/bonds. Advised if we can save millions, it would be good for Florida in general, for us to evaluate it and make steps to implement if feasible. Suggested efforts to avoid further widening for frontage roads and environmental impacts.*
 - *Jason Watts replied FDOT does not have any concerns with tolling; however, expressed concern of second statement and suggested consideration of just inserting the first sentence to evaluate and give strong consideration to and let FDOT make determination.*
 - *Charles Lee: Asked to insert the word 'consider' in second part of sentence and stated that would get him there.*
 - **Jason Watts suggested 'consider implementing the use of.'**
 - *Charles Lee: Agreed with that language.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Asked if favorable treatment to people on local trips made it into the document anywhere. This is a qualifier of that.*
 - *Greg Garrett referred to Jason Watts.*
 - *Jason Watts explained there is no circumstance where we are taking any existing highway facility and converting it to a toll road. Said we are talking about additions, not subtractions, as that is FDOT's intent.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Stated he does not think this helps and expressed need to have in the document that we are not going to toll local people and how this will be done.*
 - *Jason Watts explained FDOT is limited regarding free travel on toll roads. During PD&E, we are removing a free facility for toll facility. We should look for alternatives to do what he described. Many different methodologies could come up and was unsure of legalities. Comfortable with Charles Lee's language to evaluate during PD&E to allow for less building/less roadbeds in order to maintain some free access for locals, but it would be limited on where they could do that.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Understood Charles Lee's amendment based on assumptions to allow local traffic to be untolled. Commented if that is in error (per Jason Watts), that is a small can of unexpected worms.*
 - *Charles Lee: Understood Jason Watts' explanation; stated law may change given economic realities. Noted key words in language he drafted are to differentiate between locally generated traffic. Explained the attempt is to harness new technology and encourage FDOT to consider it vs. more miles of pavement.*
 - *Mark Futrell: Asked for clarification of US 19 tolling for locals if it is chosen.*

- Jason Watts explained the differences in an existing free road vs. a toll road built alongside. Provided a bridge example. FDOT will not take away any free access that exists, such as leaving the free road on the side.
- *Mark Futrell: Thanked Jason Watts for explanation.*
- Greg Garrett reviewed revised language.
- *Charles Lee: Agreed with proposed language.*
- Pam Feagle 2 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and asked for clarification of ‘one-mile’ terminology.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Confirmed it was in reference to study area.*
 - Jason Watts stated FDOT will evaluate what land should be conserved during PD&E and make a plan, as it will be addressed during design and right-of-way acquisition. Suggested revised language.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Stated it made sense.*
 - Jason Watts then replied the intent to prioritize closing gaps on the Florida Greenways and Trails System and suggested revising language.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Further explained intent.*
 - Jason Watts stated text would be revised.
 - Greg Garrett asked for input on revised statement.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Agreed with revised language.*
 - *Kent Wimmer: Stated text is contradictory on prioritizing closing the gaps.*
 - Jason Watts suggested prioritizing closing the gaps, if we want to make it more detailed, discuss in the Action Plan, near the project area. Prefer leaving the sentence here as-is and clarify in the Action Plan, just a thought.
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Asked if we are talking about changing within the Florida SUN Trail system and expressed concern that trails in North Florida may lose priority. Expressed need to give some consideration to this and provided Wiregrass Parkway as an example, with a road and a bike trail/multi-use corridor as part of construction of project. Stated that this goes through an MPO process to prioritize, and we should make sure we are thinking about the long-term and how it will look.*
 - Huiwei Shen: Responded SUN Trails are only a paved portion of priority trails and are a subset of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. Noted there will be no changing the priority of trails, but what we are trying to say is if we have M-CORES projects going through communities, that we help them close the trail gaps. Wanted to provide assurance on that.
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Reiterated her concern about SUN Trail.*
 - Jason Watts re-stated proposed language ‘Prioritize closing gaps on high priority segments in the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan that are impacted by future M-CORES project development’ justification.
 - *Kent Wimmer: Stated if you are not going to restrict Florida Forever lands, should not restrict yourself to one mile for trails system either.*
 - Jason Watts explained we will give priority to connecting trails if they are within one mile of the project.
 - *Charles Lee: Objected to arbitrary line of one mile and suggested use of ‘nearby’ instead. Mentioned his suggested language.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Watts agreed one mile is arbitrary and asked if the proposer/Task Force would agree to 'nearby.' • <i>Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Appreciated discussion to connect to "nearby" resources, and believed you have to have some point of demarcation and that was the point of suggesting an arbitrary distance.</i> • Greg Garrett asked if they were comfortable with "nearby" at this point in the Task Force as it would be determined later in the process. • <i>Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Commented if you need something less specific, "nearby" is better than not including at all.</i> 		
3:33 pm	Break	Greg Evans, Task Force Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary Greg Evans dismissed the Task Force for break until 3:50. 		
3:50 pm	Discussion of Final Draft Task Force Report Revisions	Ryan Asmus, FDOT Production Lead Greg Vaughn & Greg Garrett, Facilitators Task Force Support Team Task Force Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Commissioner Pam Feagle 2 Amendment (continued)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Evans reconvened meeting. • Greg Vaughn called upon Chris Stahl. • <i>Chris Stahl: Replied it doesn't matter if you put 'one mile' or 'nearby,' each individual agency (FDEP, etc.) is going to evaluate all of their resources. If we think it will have an effect, we will comment.</i> • Greg Garrett appreciated explanation. ○ <u>Commissioner Betsy Barfield 3 Amendment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and asked for clarification. • <i>Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Stated that is good, not just branding and signage, it is other items that are being proposed to run along corridor in right of way. Wanted to ensure we understand on a local level that finding those resources are very difficult and FDOT could help us in that arena.</i> • Jason Watts appreciated the way it is now written to help find funding sources. • Greg Garrett and Jason Watts discussed either adding at end of last bullet or a standalone instruction. • Jason Watts believed it should be its own/new instruction bullet. • Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Agreed if it stands alone it would cast a larger net. • Jason Watts agreed. ○ <u>Thomas Hawkins 1 Amendment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment as a new topic/bullet point for the Task Force. • <i>Thomas Hawkins: Explained this idea came from conversation with John Kaliski. Noted if we take regional traffic in study area, we are going to see an economic decline (gas, food). Wanted to make M-CORES responsible for supporting those areas to support surrounding community (ex. does it need more sidewalks, accessibility, etc.). Proposed as part of M-CORES it would work with local governments while designing the roadway.</i> 		

- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Liked suggestion and believed it was discussed, does not bypass existing businesses or have a truck route to have a natural flow of through traffic.*
- *Greg Garrett replied he believed Commissioner Kristin Dozier and Thomas Hawkins' suggestions were addressed.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Believed this was important to reinforce our desire to maintain those business areas if communities want to keep that traffic coming through.*
- *Charles Lee: Believed they had discussions a bypass would be a local government option. Regarding US 19, he stated it would be a long time before a bypass for this roadway would be keyed up. Suggested including more choice to local governments, consideration of a bypass will be considered by FDOT to be a local option in terms of the wishes of the community.*
- *Greg Garrett confirmed Charles Lee's bypass explanation.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Wanted someone from FDOT to explain whether this is done once, multiple times, or if this is common practice. Stated he was not sure he could support something that is far from customary practice and cause a lot of difficulty in moving the road forward.*
- *Jason Watts clarified there were never funds for context classification, but rather goals to strive for providing lighting, brick paving, park benches, etc. Explained that typically, FDOT asks local governments to help fund these improvements. Request today is to open up funding for a bypass; FDOT will work with communities to develop a context classification and funding. Said it can be problematic and difficult to tie to M-CORES but can say if we are going to bypass a community at their request, that we can help them establish the correct context classification for their roadways. Other big concern is alternative analysis. Stated that staff is reviewing the language now. This is not a typical request to enhance a downtown area if bypassing.*
- *Thomas Hawkins: Appreciated Jason Watts' comments and provided response. Agreed this is not typical; but neither is M-CORES noting the statute makes many funding options available for M-CORES. Asked Task Force to not abandon local governments and help them with enhancement and support for economic development, etc.*
- *Jason Watts reiterated his use of 'typical.'*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Reiterated that M-CORES is not typical, and a lot of things cannot be funded or done by FDOT. Suggested the focus is economic development and the Task Force should consider innovative concepts. Stated she did not think we were bound by what is typical of a transportation project; but more like the Pixar movie 'Cars.'*
- *Jason Watts reviewed suggested revised language which does not address funding, but provided explanation FDOT must work with local governments on context classification and help with master plan, etc. Reiterated it is not what FDOT normally does, and it is difficult to make that adjustment.*
- *Thomas Hawkins was interested in the thoughts of other Task Force members. Stated text does not accomplish his intent and appreciated staff's attempt at language but would like to hear from others.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Noted this was a heavy lift given this is a road/process unlike what we have done before as it was asking a lot of FDOT on items they typically do not do.*
- *Janet Bowman: Interested in hearing from local governments on if it would be helpful or have any concerns.*
- *Commissioner Jeff Kinnard: Agreed this is asking an awful lot from FDOT and getting away from a road project and into a downtown beautification project.*

- *Charles Lee: If you are going to go with language, revise words to put phrase ‘around an existing urban area’ after the word ‘bypass’ to give it more meaning. Noted it is currently out of order and a broken sentence.*
- **Jason Watts replied with revised language, ‘creates a bypass, based on coordination with local preferences and needs, around an existing urban area.’**
- *Charles Lee: Agreed with Jason Watts’ suggested language.*
- *Commissioner Ronald Kitchen: Stated he does not see a real-world application of this language. If so, said he would be interested in hearing from places like Chiefland. Noted the purpose is to move people and goods through the region.*
- *Thomas Hawkins: Believed example of Chiefland is great. Asked if no traffic on US 19 through Chiefland, what do you want that community to look like. Asked is it appropriate to have pedestrian crossing, driveway access, etc. to answer fundamental questions like how a community would function. Suggested keeping FDOT as a planning partner, and he could live with current language, but believed if FDOT diverts that traffic they should fund improvements as well.*
- *Jason Watts replied he wasn’t trying to downplay context classification; it was the funding that causes some issues. Perhaps we go with proposed language if no other concerns from Task Force members.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans thanked Thomas Hawkins.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Stated he was unsure if this is an appropriate place to compromise, as it still feels like we’re putting a lot on FDOT. Noted one could say if this is something that we can do within our abilities, if the answer is, we can’t, that’s not what we need to hear.*
- *Jason Watts replied that the language is more than what we do now, but we are comfortable shouldering that and it is meeting halfway. FDOT is not concerned about that.*
- *Pegeen Hanrahan: Acknowledged FDOT’s work throughout the process despite challenging processes. Referenced the process, analysis tools, holding large meetings online, and the effort put forth makes her proud to be a Floridian. Stated if you look in the study area with other large roads coming through them, a large state road through a small town brings people/tourism and quality of life/hazard issues. Amplified Thomas Hawkins’ values. Observed many communities in the area have an extraordinary sense of place, cohesion, but not access to resources of professional planners, visionaries, GIS systems that FDOT clearly is on the cutting edge of. Suggested finding a compromise position that recognizes how moving or changing a road has a potential to really help or hurt a community. Said if this were to go forward, thought the least FDOT could do is bring some of those resources into those small towns. Apologized in advance for lack of participation today given other tasks but appreciated the comments and discussions of others. Expressed faith in FDOT in mission they have been handed.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Appreciated and agreed with Pegeen Hanrahan’s comment especially in regard to small communities and resources. Noted there is a lot in the document that is not specifically in FDOT’s wheelhouse. Believed language is a good compromise and is consistent with other guiding principles and goals. Supported alternative language.*
- *Greg Garrett solicited the use of proposed language as an instruction. No further comments from Task Force.*
- Charles Lee 5 Amendment
 - *Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment to add ‘Historic African American communities or similar minority communities.’*

- *Charles Lee: Noted these communities are a cultural area to avoid and explained his legacy concern of racism in the planning/development of highway construction. Believed Task Force should support these communities.*
- Secretary Greg Evans provided FDOT insight and process information regarding minority communities.
- Greg Garrett solicited the use of proposed language; no further comments from Task Force.
- Commissioner Betsy Barfield 4 / Commissioner Pam Feagle 4 Amendments
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and asked for clarification.
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Stated priority is to avoid first, then enhance and provided an example.*
 - Greg Garrett stated that is the standard practice and advised the edit would be made as discussed.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Followed Commissioner Barfield's comment and mentioned AMME methodology.*
 - Jason Watts explained the progression of the initial AMME methodology throughout the M-CORES process and the practicality of the order (avoidance then enhancement). Stated the use of 'enhance' is a subset of avoid as the intention was to elevate it within the thought process.
 - *Janet Bowman: Understood Jason Watts' explanation and was concerned about a scenario where an enhancement of building a wildlife crossing, for example, was used to elevate a particular action over minimizing the impact of a greenfield or wetland. Noted enhance and minimize are on the same level.*
 - Jason Watts understood Janet Bowman's concern. Stated if we 'avoid' we do not have to move on to steps two and three.
 - *Charles Lee: Supported the commissioners' amendments and believed there was confusion in the context. Questioned what happens when there is some impact on a piece of conservation land and noted it is different than the larger M-CORES purpose to acquire and protect conservation lands. Stated in terms of road impacts on existing conservation land, you should always avoid, then minimize, then enhance, restore, etc. to make up for these impacts. Said this is an example of M-CORES collaborating with land acquisition agencies (Florida Forever, etc.) and did not think putting 'enhance' and 'restore' in the middle is a proper use and preferred Commissioner Pam Feagle's suggestion.*
 - Jason Watts said FDOT will do all three despite order and provided suggested language.
 - *Michelle Hopkins: Suggested moving enhancement to beginning as it was not tied to impacts as it was an M-CORES priority overall.*
 - Greg Garrett reviewed all related concerns.
 - Jason Watts explained revised language to Charles Lee: 'Enhance, restore, and connect these resources while continuing to avoid, minimize and mitigate negative impacts.'
 - *Charles Lee: Stated he did not believe it was necessary but did not have a problem with language.*
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Agreed with Charles Lee that it was not necessary but will agree with proposed language.*

- Commissioner Betsy Barfield 5 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Stated her question/concern of ‘unmanaged’ vs. ‘managed’ conservation lands and asked conservationists (Janet Bowman, Charles Lee, etc.) to review the language.*
 - Jason Watts suggested the removal of ‘Managed’ so it reads as ‘Conservation Areas.’
 - *Kent Wimmer: Replied that ‘Managed Conservation Lands’ is a specific data set and noted it is all conservation lands (public and private). Recommended it being left as ‘Managed Conservation Areas.’*
 - *Charles Lee: Commented he did not know of any circumstance of an ‘unmanaged conservation land.’ Explained the conservation land acquisition process and noted any potential circumstance of an ‘unmanaged’ land would be between the time it is bought and assigned.*
 - Jason Watts explained the intent/usage of pink and purple map layers on the GIS tool. Believed the amendment is giving consideration to other conservation lands that are not addressed in the list. Suggested adding a bullet ‘Other Conservation Lands’ and asked Commissioner Betsy Barfield for acceptance.
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Replied to remove ‘managed’ and explained she just wanted clarification and believed the discussion was sufficient.*
 - Jason Watts requested leaving ‘Managed Conservation Areas’ as it pertains to GIS tool and addition of ‘Other Conservation Areas not identified above’ to capture all conservation lands.
 - *Janet Bowman: Agreed with suggested revision only ‘Other Conservation Lands’ (not ‘Areas’).*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Stated he did not agree with ‘Other Conservation Lands’ but change to ‘Conservation Areas.’ Concerned with specificity of other bullets, then the addition of ‘Other.’*
 - *Charles Lee: Replied he was not concerned with ‘Other Conservation Lands,’ and if looking at ‘State Owned Lands,’ that includes right of way. Said some items listed are things that show up, but people have inserted items such as Wildlife Refuges. Noted he was okay with no new lines and mentioned amendment to Line 21.*
 - Greg Garrett provided information on Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) listing of conservation areas.
 - *Janet Bowman: Mentioned conservation lands held by land trusts.*
 - Jason Watts asked Commissioner Betsy Barfield for concurrence on leaving the way it is.
 - *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Expressed concern for ‘managed’ vs. ‘unmanaged’ and wanted to make sure all conservations lands were included. Replied it was made clear today that there is a plan in place and there is no ‘unmanaged’ land to further encompass. Agreed to language as-is.*
 - Secretary Greg Evans thanked Commissioner Betsy Barfield.
 - Greg Vaughn advised Task Force we would like to get through amendments to make as much progress to get to a final report.
 - Secretary Greg Evans asked Task Force to be succinct.
 - Greg Garrett recapped last edit as withdrawn prior to moving to next amendment.
- Charles Lee 3 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and asked for clarification.

- *Charles Lee: Wanted to replace existing bullet on Line 21 to explain importance of listing below. Tried to answer question of ‘importance to what.’*
- Greg Garrett asked Task Force for input.
- *Kent Wimmer: Supported Charles Lee’s suggested text if no other reason for not including.*
- Greg Garrett stated team is working on revisions.
- Jason Watts explained Charles Lee’s suggested revision would restate the guiding principle and provided alternatives to accommodating his concerns.
- Charles Lee and Jason Watts discussed potential edits.
- *Charles Lee: Reminded Jason Watts to consider Janet Bowman’s comments while revising.*
- Greg Garrett asked Janet Bowman to send him the name she mentioned.
- *Janet Bowman: Replied ‘Conservation Easements’ followed by ‘Land Trusts.’*
- Greg Vaughn reminded everyone of the last Community Open House in Madison this Thursday while staff worked on language revisions.
- *Mark Futrell: Questioned in terms of housekeeping with another 13 amendments, asked how the rest of the meeting will proceed (breaks/Task Force report concurrence).*
- Secretary Greg Evans replied through the usage of short breaks and if the final report provided language in which everyone could live with (not oppose/reject).
- *Ken Armstrong: Stated in terms of amendments, he believed it would be helpful for FDOT to explain the amendment if they are good with it, present it to the Task Force, then solicit any comments.*
- Greg Garrett stated he will attempt to do that.
- Kent Wimmer 6 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and FDOT’s position to accept as proposed. No additional Task Force comments were provided.
- Charles Lee 4 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and FDOT’s position to accept as proposed.
 - Jason Watts reviewed suggested revisions and FDOT’s typical endangered species coordination with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is included in the language in the first sentence. Agreed with the goal of the second sentence but stated we will coordinate with requests of agencies to do what they ask for vs. what the Task Force requests to avoid a conflicting situation. Noted the difficulties with the last statement (related to trestle bridges) as engineers design the wildlife crossings and design features change frequently. Stated this would be best to be left for the engineers to determine as there may be a more suitable option.
 - Greg Garrett thanked Jason Watts and team and asked Charles Lee for concurrence.
 - *Charles Lee: Agreed with changes.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Believed trestle bridge statement was circular, not needed, and suggested ending statement after ‘bridges.’ Agreed with language if Charles Lee was okay with it.*
 - *Charles Lee: Agreed with Ken Armstrong and provided Wekiva Parkway as an example of a trestle bridge. Concurred he preferred the language Ken Armstrong suggested but will agree.*
 - Jason Watts stated there are other bridges FDOT has looked at in other states besides trestle bridges. Reiterated that he would rather let engineers and scientists decide what crossing is appropriate as a trestle bridge may or may not be the solution.
 - *Charles Lee: Would be okay if it just stated ‘bridging’ vs. ‘trestle bridge.’*
 - Jason Watts and staff revised the sentence and presented.

- *Charles Lee: Agreed with language as presented.*
- *Kent Wimmer: Asked if this language also addressed other wildlife besides large mammals (turtles, salamanders, etc.).*
- *Jason Watts replied he believed this covered all animals/crossings and Greg Garrett concurred.*
- Charles Lee 1 Amendment
 - *Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and Jason Watts expressed FDOT's need for the revised proposed text.*
 - *Charles Lee: Suggested avoiding situations on Lines 30-31 which identifies wildfires as hazards. Wanted to encourage prescribed fires and enhanced notification. Noted 'real world' regulations which makes prescribed burning difficult.*
 - *Jason Watts noted benefits of prescribed burn.*
 - *Charles Lee: Concurred.*
- Thomas Hawkins 2 Amendment
 - *Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.*
 - *Thomas Hawkins: Noted an objective standard was missing from the report so they know if they met the conservation goals. Believed good improvements have been made today and advised that the Legislature directs us to talk about conservation as an independent objective of the statute. Said he and University of Florida colleagues developed the language he provided. Concerned in situations where we may not buy lands if we do not have an agreeable seller, the potential to take those funds and allocate to another project. Proposed other amendments related to Rural and Family Lands, etc. within a predetermined number of miles (five or ten) from the corridor, could be executed as part of M-CORES.*
 - *Jason Watts thanked Thomas Hawkins for his explanation and stated his concerns of five- and ten-mile land purchases which could become large expenditures. Noted staff realized the commitment and lack of measurable conservation goals and suggested potential report revisions (identify lands for purchase, include in Action Plan, funding, etc.).*
 - *Greg Garrett stated next amendment (submitted by Charles Lee) now overlaps.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Expressed concern with last sentence (cost of unwilling seller), stated he was unsure how you know what the costs were if a seller were unwilling to sell; only way to know is if seller sets a determined price. Suggested stopping after first long sentence but is not opposed to proposed text (as shown on-screen in gray box).*
 - *Charles Lee: Supported suggested revised text and withdrew his next related amendment. Noted there is nothing on the Florida Forever list where the seller is not a willing seller as that is required.*
 - *Thomas Hawkins: Stated this is extremely important in response to Jason Watts and Charles Lee. Stated he was not suggesting we buy all land near a project but identify those with environmental value to conserve. Then stated M-CORES will be an extremely expensive project with reliance on existing criteria/funding prior to advancing. Believed M-CORES should meet the same standards as other projects, but with an importance on conservation per the Legislature. Addressed Charles Lee's comment regarding willing seller by stating there are a lot of reasons lands come off the [Florida Forever] list and what do we do in that circumstance, we should put those funds to another project in the study area based on fair market value. Commented in regard to the proposed language, if the consensus is to come up with a plan later, we do not have a consensus. Stated there needs to be some objective standard based on charge the Legislature has given us.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Vaughn clarified Thomas Hawkins' intent by stating an example depicting the co-location of a roadway and there being a Florida Forever land/parcel with some (not all) acreage within a 10-mile buffer. Then asked Thomas Hawkins if he proposed M-CORES purchasing the remainder of the 40,000-acre parcel because a portion of it lies within the 10-mile buffer of the corridor. <i>Thomas Hawkins: Replied yes as that is the intent of the Legislature.</i> 	
6:15 pm	Break	Greg Evans, Task Force Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary Greg Evans dismissed the Task Force for break until 6:25 pm. 	
6:25 pm	Discussion of Final Draft Task Force Report Revisions	Ryan Asmus, FDOT Production Lead Greg Vaughn & Greg Garrett, Facilitators Task Force Support Team Task Force Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Thomas Hawkins 2 Amendment (continued)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Garrett introduced Jason Watts who presented the revised language. Jason Watts presented revised language and explained this was as far as FDOT could go regarding Florida Forever lands. <i>Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Understood FDOT's limitations and agreed with intent/proposed language.</i> <i>Charles Lee: Asked if we are now restricting lands to Florida Forever lands. Expressed concern by adding suggested language you create a principle of legal obstruction. Questioned prioritization of Florida Forever vs. Water Management District lands if within one mile of project. Unsure of boundary limitation and if we are excluding other non-Florida Forever.</i> Jason Watts clarified it does not exclude other conservation lands within the area and will give priority to Florida Forever lands. Noted the Task Force will determine prioritization. <i>Pegeen Hanrahan: Noted she also had the same question as Charles Lee in terms of Florida Forever lands vs. Florida Forever programs (Florida Communities Trust, Rural Family Lands, etc.). Mentioned language that clarifies identifying local conservation projects while not necessarily requiring FDOT to solve every problem.</i> <i>Thomas Hawkins: Noted obstacle of proposed language regarding developing a corridor conservation land acquisition plan. Stated we do not know what standard has to be met to be considered satisfactory. Suggested needs be met for connectivity, or water recharge level for springs, a dollar amount of project budget, etc. could be achieved in so many ways. Noted he provided language based on conversations and desired to be comfortable with some standard in order to see if goal/need has been achieved.</i> <i>Ken Armstrong: Believed question was how high was up, but there are many decisions that FDOT is going to have to make in the process. Stated this is one of those decisions based on advice of agencies, consultants, etc., should the Task Force take their decisions as satisfactory. Noted he was not comfortable with telling FDOT they must buy Florida Forever conservation lands within a specified (ten-mile) buffer of project. Suggested if all guiding principles require a measurable standard, we need to start over.</i> Secretary Greg Evans stated staff is working on another revision. <i>Commissioner Ronald Kitchen: Asked how many more amendments/estimated completion time.</i> 	

- Greg Garrett advised there are nine amendments left.
- *Commissioner Ronald Kitchen: Expressed his concern of today's discussions of topics and obtaining complete consensus. Agreed with Ken Armstrong's comments.*
- Secretary Greg Evans noted the cooperation and participation of the Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force the previous night.
- Jason Watts presented revised language broken into three paragraphs with detailed instructions to make an early plan, follow the plan, funding of the plan, and tracking of progress.
- *Thomas Hawkins: Noted same concern with revised language and stated it does not go far enough.*
- *Charles Lee: Suggested 'conservation lands on agency priority lists' and supported the ten-mile radius language as proposed by 1000 Friends of Florida (Thomas Hawkins).*
- Secretary Greg Evans asked if ten miles would address his concerns.
- *Thomas Hawkins: Stated he has no problem with the approach but was unsure how to tell if we did a good enough job at the end of the process. Agreed we should also refer to the subject matter experts. Expressed concern/need for clear conservation objective standards that FDOT is comfortable with. Asked what we are trying to accomplish.*
- Greg Garrett stated that the FDOT standard is agency coordination to develop a plan.
- *Thomas Hawkins: Responded the development of a plan later is not measurable.*
- Charles Lee 7 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Charles Lee: Stated the need to advance acquisitions into final design phase of the project per Senate Bill. Preferred use of his provided language.*
 - Jason Watts asked if the previous amendment language captures his concern.
 - *Charles Lee: Agreed to language if including 'agency priority lists.'*
 - Jason Watts, Charles Lee, and Secretary Evans agreed to language as presented.
 - *Commissioner Scott Carnahan: Reminded everyone locals have a land use plan and did not appreciate others telling the locals what to do with their land. Stated we cannot keep adding this wording and disregarding county land maps/interchanges. Noted that Citrus, Levy, and other counties will use their maps to their benefit.*
 - *Kent Wimmer: Believed language is good overall and appreciated staff. Noted when skipping over his last amendment, FDOT assumed when including Florida Forever it included all conservation lands. Stated if another committee is developed, they could help FDOT ensure land is acquired.*
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Noted the difficulty for those who have been engaged throughout the process to not have the time to discuss these amendments. Stated we cannot do that unless we walk through this process and would agree to a follow up meeting. Hoped we do not lose people as meeting goes on. Appreciated concern of land use. Commented that overall, she is pleased with the report.*
 - Greg Garrett solicited any additional comments on revised language as provided by Secretary Greg Evans.
 - *Janet Bowman: Believed this is a good effort and appreciated Thomas Hawkins' comment; however, noted that we are developing processes and counting on FDOT to apply it. Noted her discomfort in a number of areas and reasons for pause.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Stated the Task Force has told FDOT in other places to work with MPOs, counties, and agencies, and they have included that language. Noted we didn't include*

specificity on number of meetings but instead, we are providing marching orders and FDOT is responsible for executing and noted his support of that/those statements.

- Greg Garrett noted there were no additional concerns with Charles Lee's amendment and revisions provided.
- Thomas Hawkins 4 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and noted staff is trying to find middle ground.
 - *Charles Lee: Believed addressing this amendment, in relation to the Florida Ecological Greenways Network, would be targeted for consideration.*
 - Jason Watts stated this was added to prioritization of conservation lands. Explained FDOT has difficulties with willing sellers and legality of purchase of lands. Noted that FDOT is trying to be very clear in identifying lands for wildlife easements or conservation, etc. and in the Action Plan for advancement of these purchases. Reviewed proposed language and mentioned incorporation of next amendment (Pam Feagle 5). Noted the combination of Thomas Hawkins' concerns, and they are working through those now.
 - Greg Vaughn referred to Thomas Hawkins.
 - *Thomas Hawkins: Believed he needed to talk to his colleagues prior to consensus as he was unsure if it would be acceptable.*
 - Jason Watts reviewed proposed language in the Action Plan as a commitment by FDOT.
- Commissioner Pam Feagle 5 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment with no additional comments from the Task Force.
- Thomas Hawkins 5 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Thomas Hawkins: Noted this language was presented based on language from Andrew Dickman at yesterday's meeting. Stated the goal of the language is to ensure the accommodation of industrial development near interchanges (where water/sewer are present for commercial land uses) and limits land sprawl outside of urban areas.*
 - *Commissioner Scott Carnahan: Agreed with Thomas Hawkins' proposed language.*
 - *Ken Armstrong: Noted 'either/or of not currently served by municipal water/sewer' or 'not designated as an industrial job center' and asked if there is a third for a plan to add municipal water/sewer. Stated 'either/or' is artificial as you can see it not currently being served but can see a plan for serving in the future if not an industrial job center. Believed it missed an important third possibility.*
 - Greg Garrett understood.
 - *Commissioner Jeff Kinnard: Supported Ken Armstrong's comments.*
 - *James Stansbury: Believed this is something local governments should address through their comprehensive plans. Stated if local governments are satisfied with this language, he would support, but believed it should be handled at a local level.*
 - Jason Watts explained FDOT's interchange process and it depends on local communities and their preferences, while protecting the environment, Home Rule, etc. Believed language provided was intrusive and presented language with FDOT commitments within the Action Plan and references to Florida Statute.
 - Greg Garrett solicited response from Task Force.
 - *Thomas Hawkins: Agreed with language with no additional comments.*

- James Stansbury 2 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *James Stansbury: Believed it explained itself.*
 - *Chris Bailey: Believed this to be an acceptable amendment.*
 - *Kent Wimmer: Supported James Stansbury's amendment and asked if FDEO would be the one to offer best management practices for rural areas.*
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Supported this revision and thanked FDEO for adding this to the report.*
 - Jason Watts replied FDOT will obtain best practices from those in the field including FDEO.
 - *James Stansbury: Concurred FDEO's coordination with FDOT and local governments for areas around the interchanges.*
- Commissioner Pam Feagle 6 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Stated the goal is that those areas that are not directly relatable should not be included and explained suggested text revision as provided.*
 - Greg Garrett noted staff is good with accepting proposed language.
 - *Ken Armstrong: Liked 'directly relatable' but would not strikethrough 'regional or statewide' and instead use only 'broader.'*
 - *Kent Wimmer: Liked Ken Armstrong's recommendation.*
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Believed intent should be of project itself, not separate.*
 - Greg Garrett stated revised language.
 - Jason Watts responded that replacing 'broader' with 'directly relatable' achieves the intent and asked for agreeance.
 - *Kenneth Dudley (for Commissioner Pam Feagle): Understood it is a statewide goal and agreed with language.*
- Charles Lee 6 Amendment
 - Greg Garrett reviewed the proposed amendment and asked for concurrence.
 - *Charles Lee: Stated it is covered in the Action Plan but proposed it here as well.*
 - Greg Garrett responded this is in the Action Plan, and Charles Lee agreed.
- Commissioner Jeff Kinnard 1 Amendment (Recalled)
- Janet Bowman 5 / Commissioner Kristin Dozier 1 Amendments
 - *Janet Bowman: Stated the purpose of the amendment is to ask the Legislature to remove or extend the deadlines of construction.*
 - *Thomas Hawkins: Expressed agreement with this amendment.*
 - *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Thanked and agreed with Janet Bowman's amendment to 'extend' or 'eliminate.' Noted the report is an incredible piece of work that will help in several ways in the region and will support it for existing roads, No Build, other issues, etc. Stated there are a lot of issues that should be addressed by Legislature this year. Noted FDOT has done a lot of work to ensure these three corridors do not impact other work plans. Reiterated the need to include some language for the Legislature to address.*
 - *Commissioner Jeff Kinnard: Agreed with this amendment on timeline unless the decision by FDOT is made to take this road from 486 to Red Level. Said the sooner that can be done, the better.*
 - Jason Watts discussed proposed edits using yesterday's Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force meeting language.

- *Charles Lee: Supported proposed language and noted the timeline is undoable and would forego a lot of the topics we have included in our report. Stated the Secretary did not seem to have any heartburn with this concept and believed we should include in our recommendations.*
- *Commissioner Ronald Kitchen: Stated two of Citrus County Commissioners supported Commissioner Kristin Dozier’s comments.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Suggested including the word ‘consider extending’ vs. ‘adjusting,’ suggested addition of ‘eliminating,’ noted he was comfortable with asking the Legislature to adjust the deadlines. Asked if FDOT would rather the Task Force ask that or encourage FDOT to go back to the Legislature and ask for timeline consideration.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans noted FDOT has been a part of this Task Force.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Agreed with language but would end after word ‘Statute’ as it may seem disrespectful.*
- *Janet Bowman: Noted the importance of including the word ‘remove’ in language and stated she was okay with truncating that. Requested consideration of ‘adjusting or removing.’ Agreed with ending at ‘Statute.’*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Questioned accepted Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force language.*
- *Greg Garrett reiterated Jason Watts’ desire for Task Force to make it their language.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Agreed with intent and use of both words ‘adjusting or removing.’ Based on conversations with staff, noted there are several more processes to go through, and those steps may mean we can’t meet the statutory deadline and include more work in guiding principles. Supported removal of deadlines. Commended Ken Armstrong’s dedication but disagreed on it being disrespectful to ask for more evaluation, coordination, and analysis. Noted difference in her and Janet Bowman’s comment and where to incorporate (Introduction/Overview/Action Plan) and asked project staff for appropriate location. Appreciated other county commissioners’ support of language.*
- *Greg Garrett reviewed revisions and believed here was the appropriate location.*
- *Charles Lee: Stated desire to keep last sentence/phrase to permit thorough analysis on key decisions. Explained this is not an economic/COVID issue, and the reality is that the deadlines were absolutely absurd to begin with, and to do justice to this work, we need more time.*
- *Jason Watts responded to Commissioner Kristin Dozier’s concerns and reviewed text.*
- *Kent Wimmer: Seconded Commissioner Kristin Dozier’s comment and to keep the last phrase.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Stated he was comfortable with including ‘or removing.’*
- *Charles Lee: Seconded.*

8:20 pm

Break

Greg Evans, Task Force Chair

- Secretary Greg Evans reviewed remainder of the meeting agenda and dismissed for a break to resume at 8:35 pm.

<p>8:35 pm</p>	<p>Review of Final Task Force Report</p>	<p>Ryan Asmus, FDOT Production Lead Greg Vaughn & Greg Garrett, Facilitators Task Force Support Team Task Force Members</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary Greg Evans described the presentation process of the Final Task Force Report. • Greg Garrett presented the Final Task Force Report with ‘track changes’ displayed to obtain Task Force consensus. • <i>Ken Armstrong: Requested for screen to be as large as possible.</i> • Project staff scrolled through the document displaying track changes as discussed in today’s meeting. • <i>Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Asked staff to scroll slower.</i> • <i>Ken Armstrong: Asked on Page 15, Line 20, if we could be more self-complementary with language and suggested ‘In submitting this report, the Task Force completes its charge.’</i> • Secretary Greg Evans asked him to wait until the end to see if it was addressed. • Greg Garrett requested staff to move text on Page 23, Line 22 so new bullet starts with ‘Evaluate.’ • <i>Michelle Hopkins: Confirmed edits were made to the listing of areas to avoid on Page 30.</i> • Secretary Greg Evans noted this is the Final Report if there are no other comments and asked if there was any concern with submitting the Final Report as presented. • <i>Janet Bowman: Inquired about Task Force consensus and the transmittal of the report to the Governor. Re-asked what FDOT is wanting them to do.</i> • Secretary Greg Evans reiterated if anyone has any concerns regarding sending the report to the Legislature to state their concerns this evening. • <i>Janet Bowman: Replied she personally, does not have a problem submitting the report; however, The Nature Conservancy is not prepared to sign onto the report.</i> • <i>Ken Armstrong: Reiterated the consensus question.</i> • Secretary Greg Evans stated that due to our work today, we have a complete report to submit to the Legislature. Noted that through this process, we have been working on consensus building along the way and asked the Task Force if they had any concerns with submitting this report. • <i>Janet Bowman: Stated we have worked really hard on the report and worked towards consensus. Explained that to her, the issue is whether there is consensus, and stated her organization is not prepared to provide consent. Understood it is our statutory obligation; however, stated it is not fair, confusing, and is too important.</i> • <i>Thomas Hawkins: Concurred that if the question is consensus, they need to work with their organizations prior to signing off on final report.</i> • <i>Commissioner Jeff Kinnard: Disagreed and said this is not confusing, have had a year of discussion, and acquiesced to most of the Task Force members. Stated that the disingenuous portion is adding all this language and then getting to the end and saying that you cannot consent to the report. Said you may disagree, but asked that for the sake of consensus, everyone please respect the amount of work that has gone into this.</i> • <i>Michelle Hopkins: Supported the previous comments in that we are building towards consensus.</i> • <i>Ronald Kitchen: Agreed that there should be no confusion on what this meeting was about and obtaining consensus. Noted that there are a lot of things in the report that are not totally agreeable and expressed his confusion that we would go through a year of this discussion just to say you need to go back to your organization.</i> 		

- *Chris Lee: Stated that he has had technical issues; however, he supported the final report in its current form.*
- *Charles Shinn: Agreed with Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, and stated that the very first day we met in Tampa, we were told what we would have to do at the end and our charge was not to say yes or no to a roadway, but how to proceed.*
- *Greg Vaughn restated the definition of consensus.*
- *Charles Lee: Thanked all who participated and noted FDOT staff has been extraordinary throughout the process. Stated he has no problem submitting this report to the Legislature and Governor and was pleased to participate on the Task Force. Expressed that he may not fully agree 100% with everything but explained that is the nature of these Task Forces and referenced the Wekiva Parkway Task Force (2002/2003). Noted that not everyone walked away with complete agreeance on entire document, but the document, as a whole, represented all the concerns they identified with the Wekiva Parkway. Asked to think of where we came from since first initiated in the Legislature vs. now. Believed to have a document that says there is no consensus that those three new greenfield corridors exist but to refer to FDOT to address the transportation financial needs and feasibility in Florida prior to development. Thanked Legislators for the Task Force opportunity. Noted for the first time outside of Wekiva Parkway, we have recommendations in this report that tie the possibility of transportation projects and those of land acquisition for conservation lands to essentially improve the environmental heritage of the region. Believed there are a lot of reasons to feel good about this report although it lacks the definitive/specificity of Wekiva (same set of facts, agreed upon route, designated parcels for acquisition, etc.). Noted that even without that definition, Wekiva was nearly into PD&E phase vs. current [M-CORES pre-planning] phase. Expressed his fear for the future of Florida, what happens when US 19 is unmanaged and potential changes by placing more traffic onto it. Agreed this report was worthy and should be submitted.*
- *Kent Wimmer: Appreciated the ability to work with staff who have successfully incorporated edits. Believed the report should be submitted and noted lack of endorsement of the development of any M-CORES projects. Recommended following the model of the Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force on the consensus statement and agreed to transmittal to the Legislature and Governor.*
- *Commissioner Kristin Dozier: Thanked Secretary Greg Evans, staff and consultants. Stated there is a lot of good information and guidance in this report. Thanked citizens and especially various groups, Tall Timbers, Florida TaxWatch, etc. and believed in the need for citizens' support and engagement in these processes. Welcomed that and believed we got a lot of discussion out of that. In terms of report consensus, she recognized the diversity of the Task Force (agencies, others, etc.) and stated she did not have to take her decision back to anyone and respected the roles and responsibilities of those who do represent a board, etc. Sympathized that she did not know all of the issues of The Nature Conservancy, Thomas Hawkins, etc. and asked Secretary Greg Evans if they could provide consensus by Friday. Stated she could get there but also had concerns with consensus approach and determination of agreeance today. Said she would consent but asked if it was our best option to 'agree' this evening.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans replied we will do an aggregate response.*
- *Ken Armstrong: Stated we should call it a consensus of a thoughtful report. Reiterated we did not reach consensus on need for a toll road and any organization can say that is accurate. Believed we should say there is consensus this report is worthy of submittal to Legislature and Governor as presented.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans appreciated Ken Armstrong's support.*
- *Chris Stahl: Asked if Task Force will be asked for consensus and questioned next steps.*

- *Michelle Hopkins: Noted the statute asked for a report through a consensus building process but did not require total consensus.*
- *Greg Vaughn confirmed her statement and deferred back to Secretary Greg Evans.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans responded to the consensus concerns as that was the intent of all of the Task Force meetings. Explained that all we are asking is if the Task Force is comfortable with this report being submitted. Asked if there was any reason after working so hard all year for it not to be submitted. Stated you may not like the project, but you can like the playbook.*
- *Pegeen Hanrahan: Recognized the professionalism and quality of work of FDOT and Task Force members. Noted there is a lot more work to do as someone who has sat on an MPO and understood the complexity of this program. Stated she did not see a whole lot that one might object to and believed it to be more reflective of what she would have wanted as a skeptic of toll roads being constructed through untouched Florida. Believed it is fair to say that those who are representing communities can follow their best judgement while some are beholden to organizations. Stated that this is a good quality product that if someone were to work through the process, they could determine if the road justifies itself. Advised that Commissioner Fried and her staff were sent a copy of the report for review. Admired the work done despite this not making financial sense and given the financial demands on the state. Stated she does not agree with spending this amount of funds, but has no problem submitting the report as the tools and techniques used here have been top-notch. Commented if the same quality of work is carried through future decisions, we will be very well served.*
- *Commissioner Mark Hatch: Thanked the staff and noted progress within the last year. Believed not everyone will be happy, but having been bendable, we now have a real good product. Stated he would like to see this submitted and see the next step. Agreed to submitting the report and thanked everyone for their hard work on coming to a consensus.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans appreciated all of the Task Force's comments. Considered the Task Force Report ready to submit and asked for final comments.*
- *Commissioner Betsy Barfield: Stated this is a very powerful document. Asked FDOT to incorporate these guiding principles into all projects in the state of Florida: 1) sensible economic development, 2) environment, and 3) supportive infrastructure. Challenged FDOT to give this statewide 'legs' and believed this to be guidance for all projects. Thanked for opportunity to serve.*
- *Janet Bowman: Thanked Secretary, staff, and fellow Task Force members. Enjoyed visiting your communities that are important for protection.*
- *Chris Wynn: Thanked everyone and is grateful for allowing FWC to be a part of this process. Learned a lot from awesome staff at FDOT and facilitators. Dedicated to working with FDOT in the future and accepts final report.*
- *Kent Wimmer: Appreciated ability to work with FDOT staff and consultants to figure out language we could live with. Thanked the other Task Force members and appreciated their flexibility to work with one another. Thanked the members of the public who spoke and traveled with prepared remarks as it helped inform him and report language. Stated the Defenders of Wildlife look forward to being involved in the future and protecting Florida's natural heritage.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans and Greg Vaughn requested to hear from a few final Task Force members.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans stated the Final Report will be submitted by November 15, 2020 and will be posted on the website (FloridaMCORES.com).*
- *Huiwei Shen: Provided closing remarks and thanked the Task Force. Stated we all want what is best for the state of Florida. Acknowledged members and staff relationships established for developing a roadway system. Noted the Sunshine Law is in effect until November 15, 2020.*
- *Secretary Greg Evans thanked Will Watts for his leadership and guidance.*

- Will Watts provided closing statements and acknowledged team and Task Force’s efforts. Noted the knowledge, experience, and relationships gained in this process. Stated this [report] serves as the blueprint for FDOT’s planning phase each step of the way (evaluate importance of NEPA evaluation, estimate all project costs and identify funding sources, etc.) moving forward. Stated FDOT will use the best available data to establish corridor needs. Thanked Jason Watts for his assistance. Noted financial contributions of broadband program (\$5 million dollars allocated; coordination with FDEO). Stated FDOT was looking towards early phases of M-CORES (conservation lands and broadband) and public engagement efforts continue to be important to FDOT and process moving forward.
- Secretary Greg Evans thanked Jason Peters for his assistance and provided closing remarks. Thanked Task Force and acknowledged challenges of new virtual world. Noted FDOT will continue to work with agencies using this playbook for moving this project forward. Thanked staff for their hard work.

9:54 pm	Adjourn	Greg Evans, Task Force Chair
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- Secretary Greg Evans adjourned meeting.

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