

# *Florida's Bicentennial Corridors: Status Report*



***Florida Transportation Commission***

***May 23, 2006***

# ***Today's Objectives***

- ◆ Review and recommend guiding principles, objectives, and criteria for Bicentennial Corridors
- ◆ Review FDOT's initial work to identify potential statewide corridors
- ◆ Discuss policy issues that should guide detailed corridor screening process
- ◆ Discuss partner involvement strategy



# ***Agenda***

- ◆ Desired outcomes
- ◆ Schedule and process
- ◆ Policy framework
- ◆ Potential statewide corridors
- ◆ Next steps



# ***Desired Outcomes***

- ◆ Adoption of Bicentennial Corridors Policy by FDOT
- ◆ Initial statewide corridors (2-3) ready for detailed feasibility studies by fall 2006, with others to follow
- ◆ Network of existing, re-used, and new statewide and regional corridors that
  - ✓ Will serve Florida over the next 50 years
  - ✓ Support statewide and regional policy objectives
  - ✓ Are planned, financed and managed in collaboration with the public and private sectors



# 2006 Activities

## ◆ Spring

- ✓ Develop policies and criteria
- ✓ Identify candidate statewide corridors
- ✓ Begin partner involvement

## ◆ Summer

- ✓ Collaboration with partners on policies, criteria, corridors
- ✓ Technical, financial screening of candidate statewide corridors
- ✓ FDOT adoption of Bicentennial Corridors Policy

## ◆ Fall

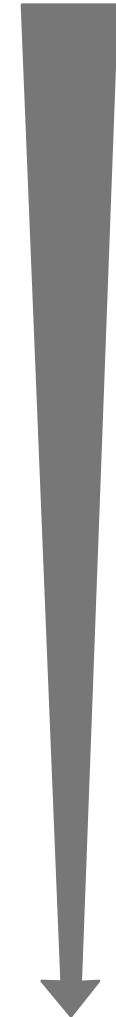
- ✓ Select initial statewide corridors for detailed technical and financial feasibility studies
- ✓ Determine network of potential statewide corridors for further study
- ✓ Coordinate with ongoing plans for existing statewide and existing/planned regional corridors



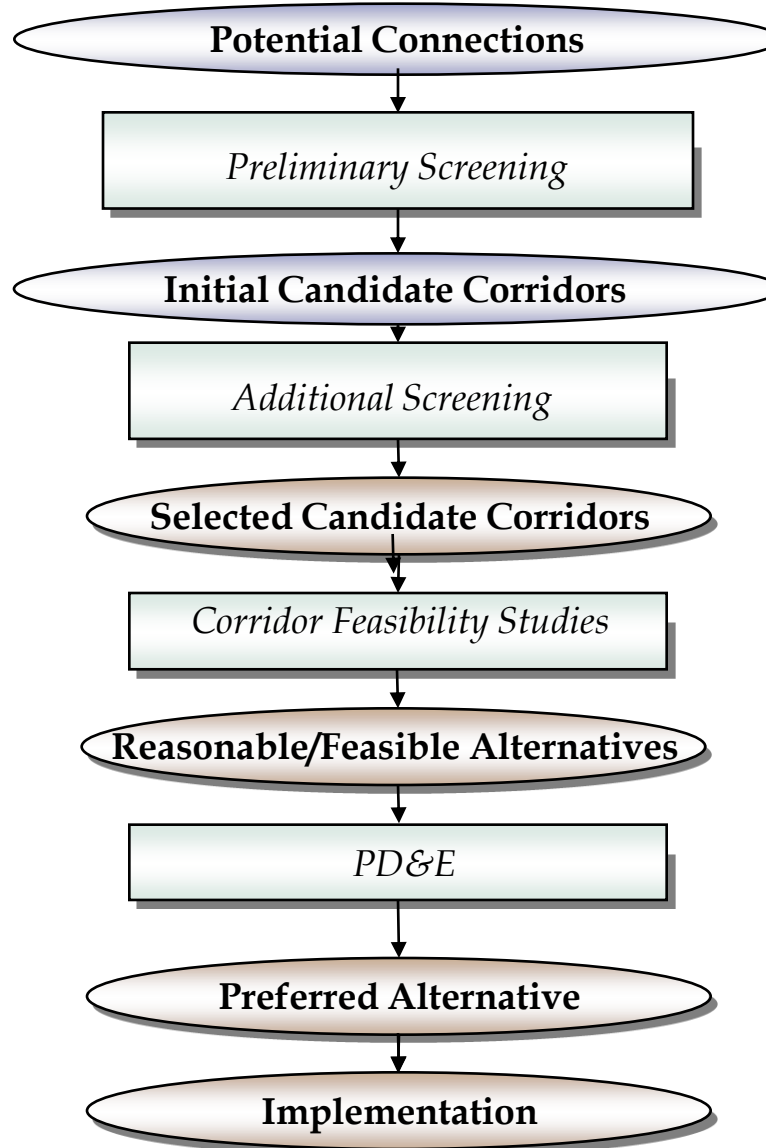
# Bicentennial Corridors

## Identification to Implementation

General



Specific



**Public and  
Partner  
Involvement**



# ***Proposed Guiding Principles***

- ◆ Florida's Bicentennial Corridors should:
  - ✓ Balance mobility and economic competitiveness with community livability and environmental stewardship
  - ✓ Function as part of the Strategic Intermodal System
  - ✓ Be developed as a collaborative effort between state, regional, local, and private partners
  - ✓ Be financed through user fees and private/public partnerships to the maximum extent possible



# ***Proposed Criteria for Statewide Corridors***

- ◆ Connectivity
  - ✓ New connection
  - ✓ Re-use of existing connection
- ◆ Economic competitiveness
  - ✓ Statewide industry clusters
  - ✓ Trade and visitors
  - ✓ Economically distressed areas



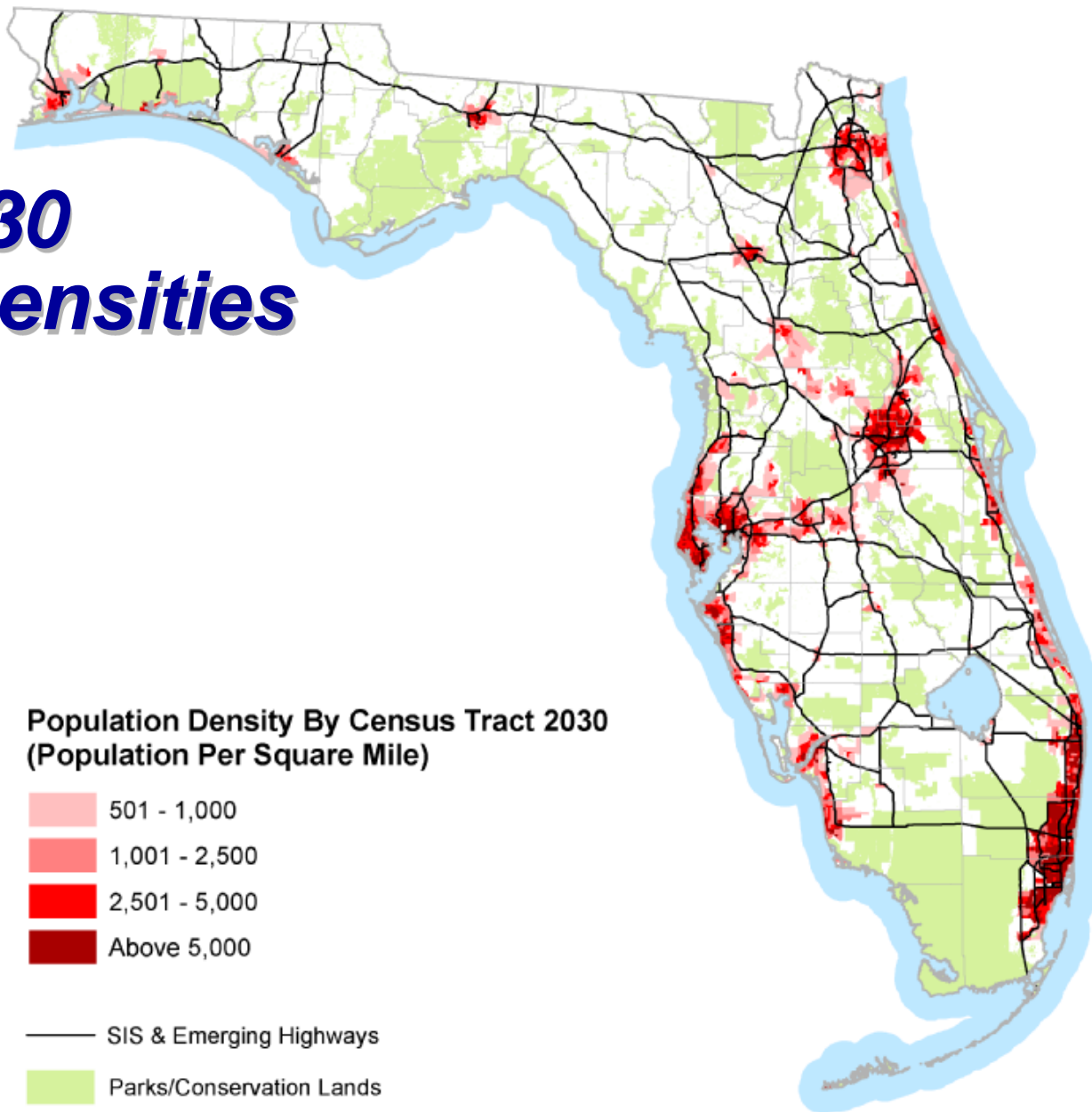


# ***Proposed Criteria for Statewide Corridors (Continued)***

- ◆ Community and environment
  - ✓ Local government comprehensive plans
  - ✓ Statewide and regional visioning
  - ✓ Environmental stewardship
- ◆ Financial feasibility
  - ✓ Self-financed
  - ✓ Attainable right of way



# ***Growth will Continue: Projected 2030 Population Densities***



Source: University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), 2002.

# Potential Re-Use of Interregional Corridors

## ◆ Potential for

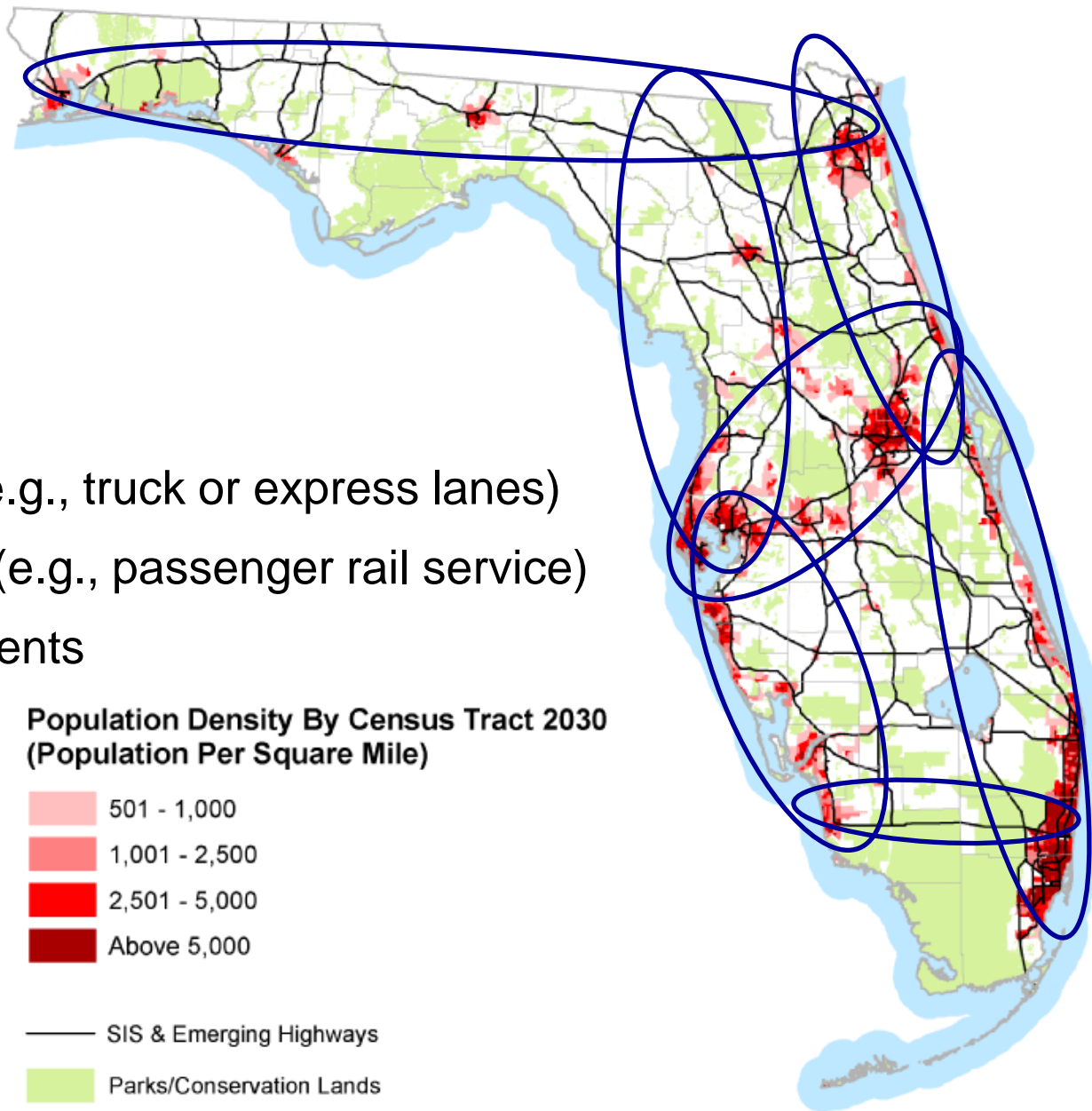
- ✓ Major re-use (e.g., truck or express lanes)
- ✓ Modal options (e.g., passenger rail service)
- ✓ Parallel alignments

Population Density By Census Tract 2030  
(Population Per Square Mile)



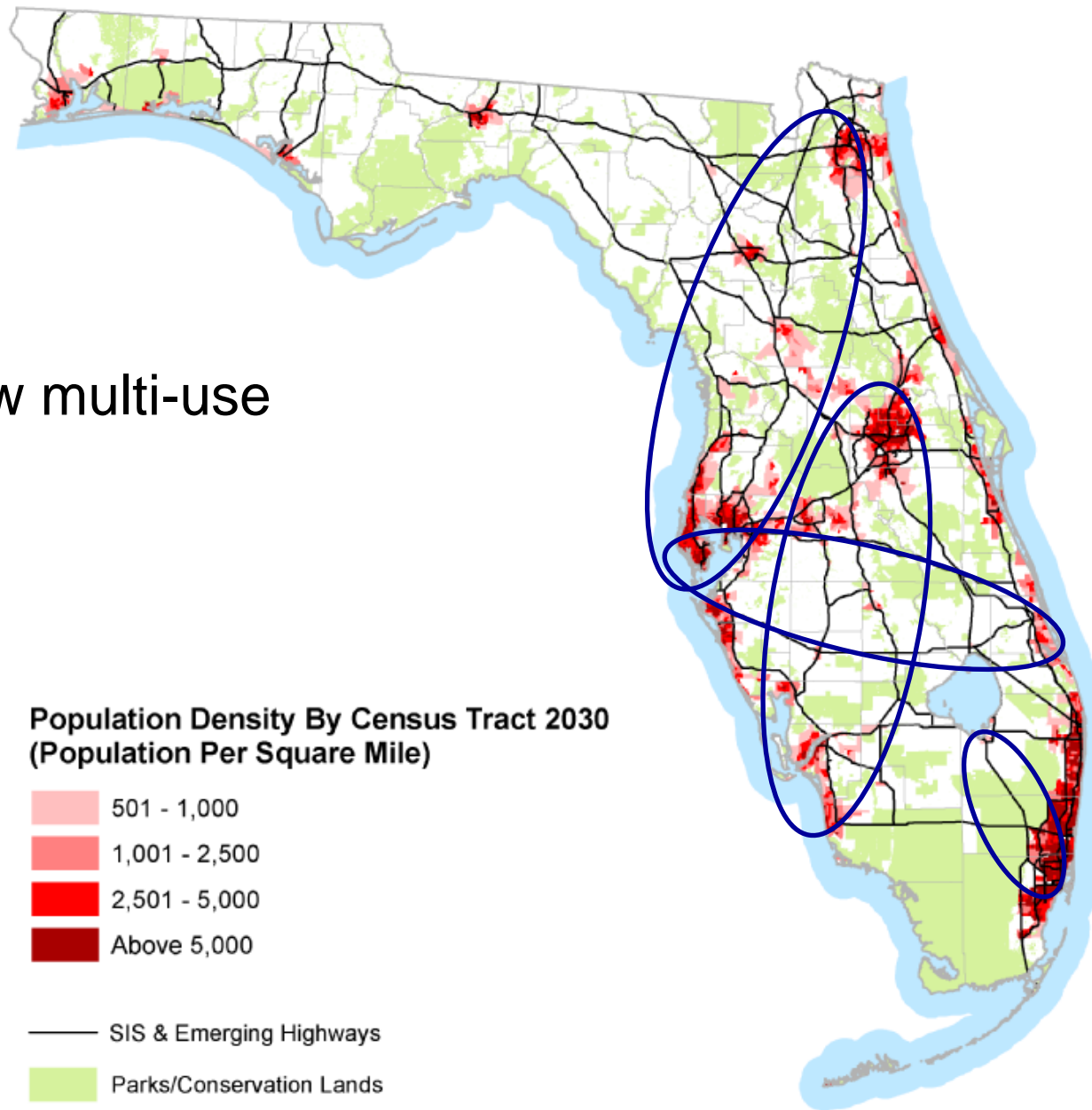
— SIS & Emerging Highways

■ Parks/Conservation Lands



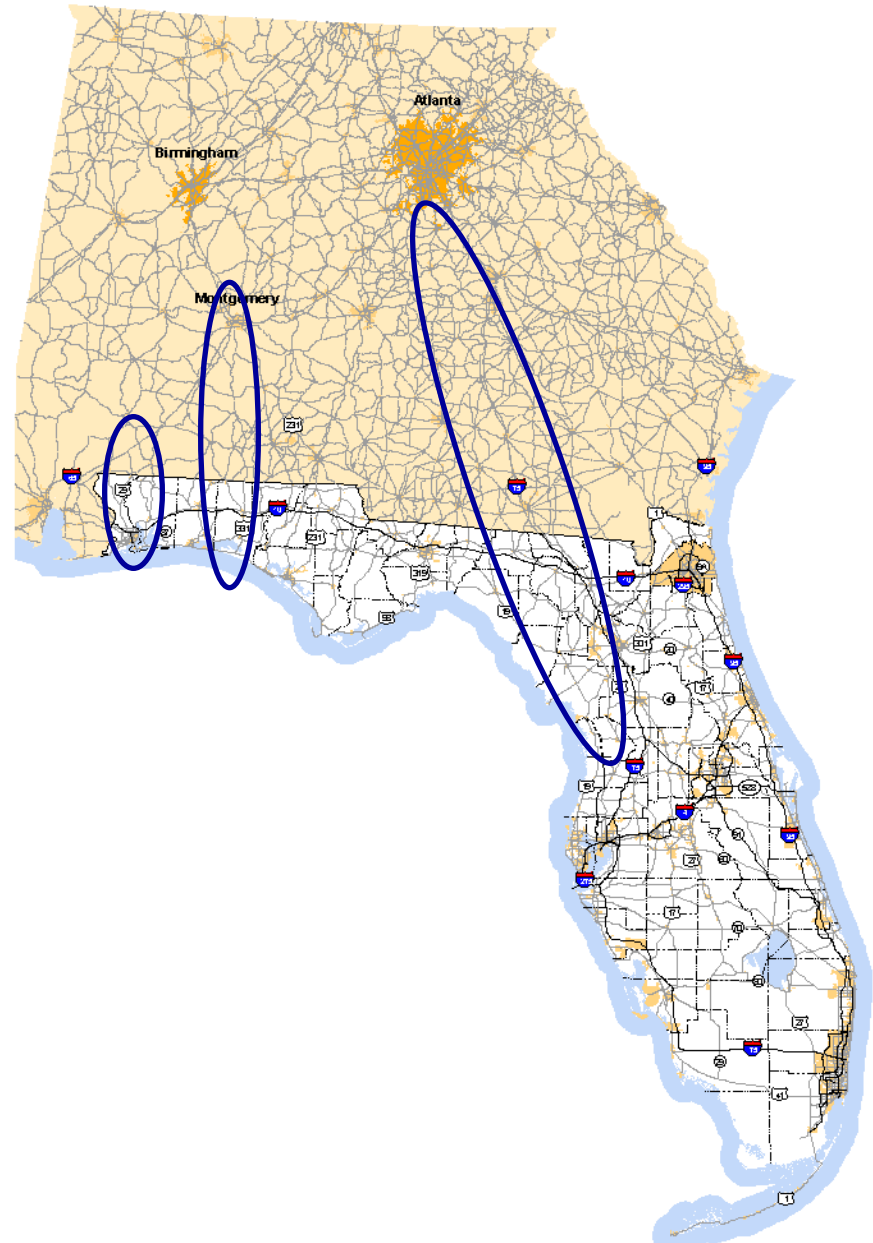
# Potential New Interregional Connections

- ◆ Potential for new multi-use facilities

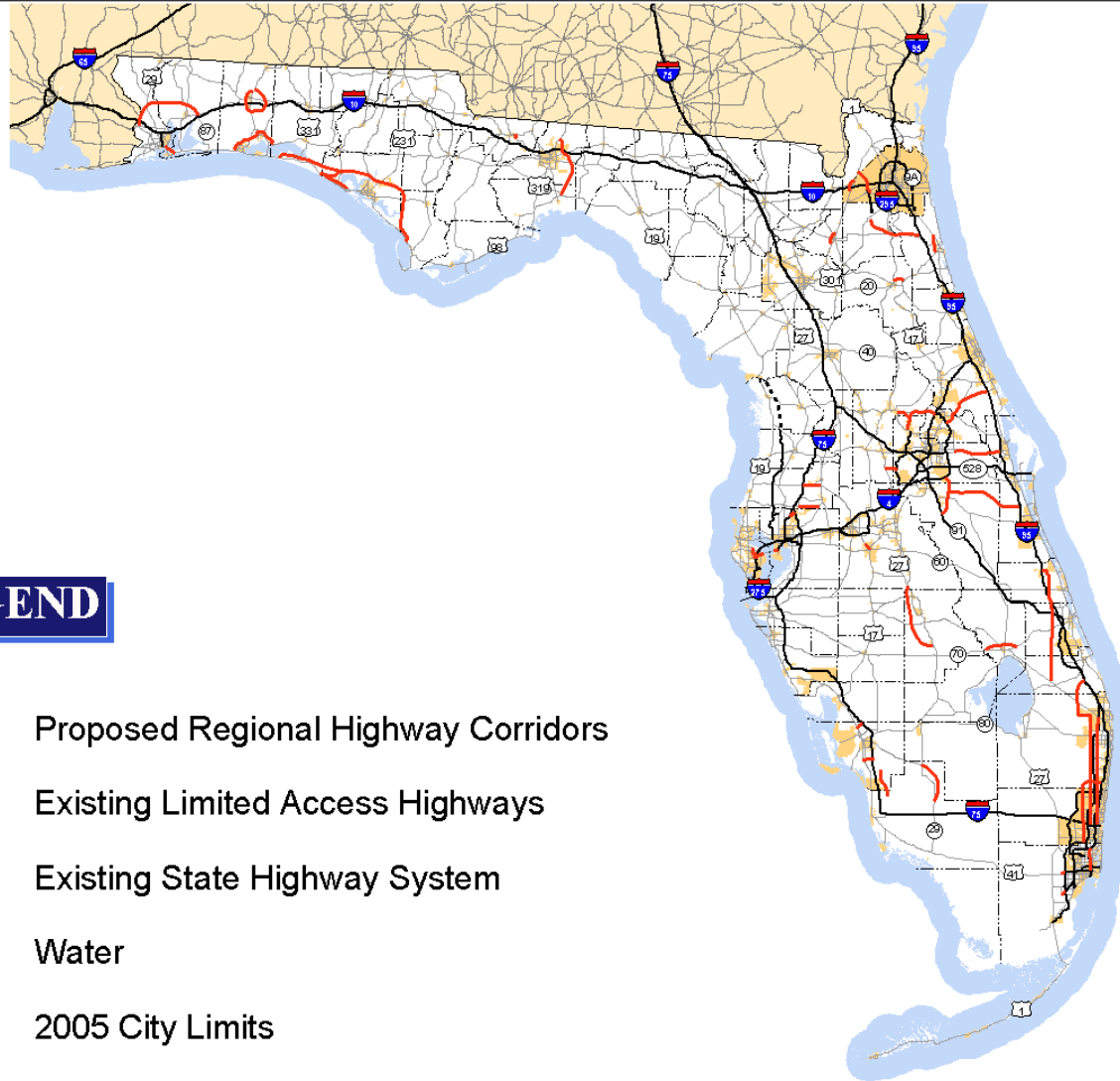


# Potential New Connections to Other States

- ◆ Potential for new multi-use facilities



# Looking Toward 2050: Regional Corridors



## LEGEND

- Proposed Regional Highway Corridors
- Existing Limited Access Highways
- Existing State Highway System
- Water
- 2005 City Limits

Bicentennial Corridors,  
Regional Corridors  
in Existing Plans, and  
Planned Intercity Rail

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# Re-Use of Existing Corridors



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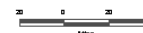
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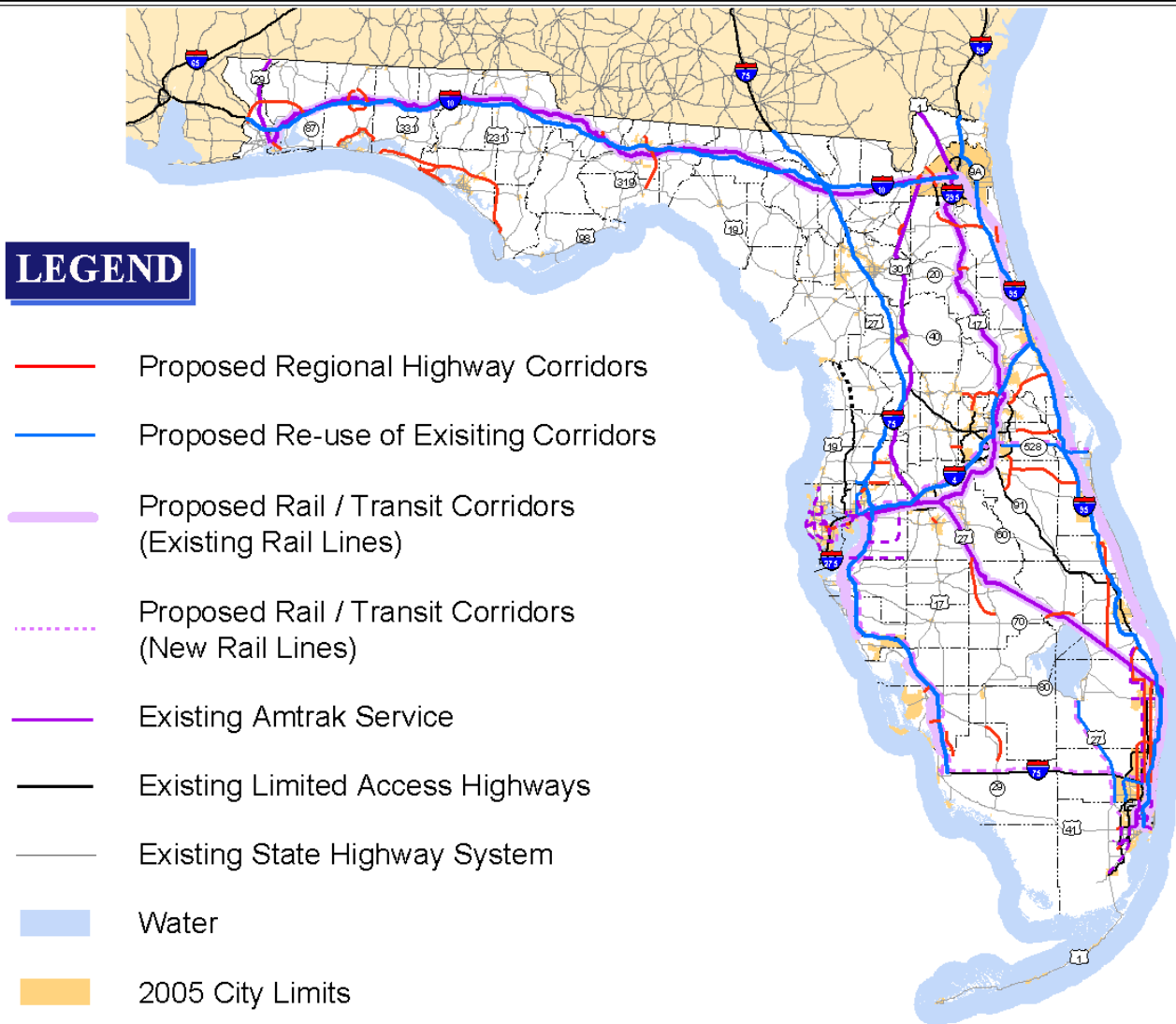
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## ***Rail Corridors***



## Bicentennial Corridors, Regional Corridors in Existing Plans, and Planned Intercity Rail

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# Potential Corridor Study Areas



## LEGEND

- Potential Corridor Study Areas
- Proposed Regional Highway Corridors
- Proposed Re-use of Existing Corridors
- Proposed Rail / Transit Corridors (Existing Rail Lines)
- Proposed Rail / Transit Corridors (New Rail Lines)
- Existing Amtrak Service
- Existing Limited Access Highways
- Existing State Highway System
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# ***Next Steps***

- ◆ Public and partner involvement
- ◆ Initial technical and financial screening
- ◆ Corridor feasibility studies



# ***Public and Partner Involvement Strategy***

- ◆ Coordinated communications strategy
- ◆ Statewide coordination with key groups
  - ✓ Growth management and environmental partners
  - ✓ Economic development and business partners
  - ✓ Modal partners
  - ✓ Regional and local government partners
  - ✓ Financial community



# ***Initial Screening of Potential Corridors***

- ◆ Estimate demand for moving people and freight
- ◆ Develop screening criteria
  - ✓ Assess economic impacts; emphasize economically distressed areas
  - ✓ Assess right of way opportunities
  - ✓ Coordinate with visions and growth strategies
- ◆ Determine potential alignments
- ◆ Identify implementation models



# ***Corridor Feasibility Studies***

- ◆ To begin fall 2006 for 2-3 statewide corridors
- ◆ Proactive effort to plan corridor, rather than facility
  - ✓ Detailed evaluation of potential alignments including modal and re-use options
  - ✓ Early coordination on land use, access management, community and environmental issues
  - ✓ Preliminary financial analysis including potential partnerships



# ***Florida's Bicentennial Corridors***

- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Recommendations

