Florida’s Future Corridors Action Plan

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Presentation Outline

- Draft Future Corridors Action Plan

- Initial partner feedback from Statewide Workshop, November 30-December 1 in Orlando

- Proposed strategy for advancing initial corridors and study areas

- Additional program implementation activities
**Future Corridors Action Plan**

**Action Plan**

1.0 Vision

2.0 Background

3.0 Policy Framework

4.0 Process Framework

5.0 Next Steps

**Appendices**

- Glossary
- Maps of Study Areas and Re-Use Corridors

**Implementation Guidance**

- The Case for Florida’s Future Corridors: Trends, Conditions, and Forecasts
- Initial Inventory and Status of Statewide Study Areas and Corridors
- Guidance for Next Steps
  - Detailed description of future corridor planning process
  - Screening criteria
  - Role of regional visioning
  - Coordination with land use and other related decisions
  - Ongoing partner and public involvement
  - Roles and responsibilities: FDOT and partners
Florida’s Future Corridors Program will develop and maintain a statewide, integrated network of multi-modal, multi-use corridors that:

- Address current and future statewide mobility and connectivity needs
- Are connected to regional facilities that also serve local trips
- Are developed in a manner that balances economic competitiveness and mobility needs with community livability and environmental stewardship
- Are developed by a partnership of state agencies, commissions and other statewide partners
- Are financed through user fees to the maximum extent possible
Goals and Objectives

- Mobility/connectivity
- Economic competitiveness
- Community livability
- Environmental stewardship
Future Corridor Planning Process

Concept

High-Level Screening

Proposed Study Area Identified

Feasibility

Potential Corridors Identified for Feasibility Study

Corridor Feasibility Study

ETDM/PD&E

Specific Alternatives Identified for Detailed Analysis

ETDM/PD&E

Implementation

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Screening Criteria for Statewide Corridors

- Mobility/Connectivity
  - System connectivity
    - Gaps in existing system
    - Intermodal connectivity
    - Connectivity to SIS
    - Connectivity to regional systems
  - Congestion/delay/reliability
  - Freight and visitor flows
  - Emergency evacuation and response
  - Military needs
  - Safety

- Economic Competitiveness
  - Access to statewide industry clusters
  - Access to fast-growing areas
  - Access to economically distressed areas
  - Economic development benefits
  - Economic disruptions

- Community Livability
  - Land use and development
  - Comprehensive planning and visioning
  - Multi-use facilities
  - Historic and archaeological resources
  - Noise and aesthetics
  - Degree of community support

- Environmental Stewardship
  - Conservation lands
  - Surface waters
  - Wetlands
  - Coastal and marine
  - Threatened/endangered habitat
  - Air quality
  - Energy consumption
Re-use/Re-design of Existing Statewide Corridors

Re-Use Corridors

1. Interstate 10
   Alabama State Line to Duval County
2. Interstate 75
   Collier County to Georgia State Line
3. Interstate 95
   Miami-Dade County to Georgia State Line
4. Interstate 4 / SR 528
   Hillsborough County to Brevard / Volusia Counties
5. US 27
   Miami-Dade County to Lake / Sumter Counties

LEGEND

- Re-Use Corridor
- Specific Corridors for Study of ReUse
- SIS & Emerging SIS Highways
- SIS & Emerging SIS Railroads
- Water
- Urban Areas
Initial Study Areas for Potential New Statewide Corridors

Future Study Areas

- A Escambia - Lower Alabama
- B Bay - Lower Alabama
- C West Central Florida - Lower Georgia
- D Hillsborough - Duval
- E Orange - Duval
- F Hernando - Brevard
- G Charlotte - Hernando
- H Collier - Polk
- I Manatee - St. Lucie

LEGEND

- Potential Study Areas
- SIS 6+ Lane Highways
- SIS 4 Lane Highways
- SIS 2 Lane Highways
- Alabama and Georgia Interstate Highways
- Existing State Highway Systems
- Existing SIS & Emerging SIS Railroads
- Water
- Urban Areas

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Partner Feedback

- Consensus around need for future corridors and benefits of a consistent planning approach

- Strong consensus around the need to integrate corridor planning with planning for land use, economic development, conservation, and related activities
  - Corridors should be consistent with regional visions
  - How can mobility need serve as a catalyst for regional collaboration where visions do not exist?

- Implementation challenges related to intergovernmental coordination
  - Differences in planning horizons
  - Differences in institutional boundaries, structures
Partner Feedback

- Request for additional detail on criteria, methodologies
- Request for additional detail on financial policies and criteria
- Concern over pace of program and proposed planning process
- Concern over what plan “adoption” means
  - Are the 9 study areas being formally designated?
Proposed Strategy for Advancing Initial Corridors and Study Areas

- Identify four types of corridors based on policy objectives
  - Re-use of existing corridor
  - New corridors
    - Interregional connectivity
    - Interstate connectivity
    - Economically distressed/developing areas

- Identify potential prototype that is ready to advance among each of the 4 types of corridors
4 Types of Corridors: Re-Use of Existing Corridor

- Key policy objectives
  - Congestion relief
  - Freight mobility
  - Modal alternatives

- Key issues
  - Feasibility of managed lanes on existing highway corridors
  - Feasibility of additional modal options, e.g., passenger or freight rail
  - Optimization of travel across key modes and facilities
  - Support for revitalization of existing urban areas
  - Leveraging funding sources (tolls and traditional revenue sources)
  - Pricing strategies
4 Types of Corridors: Interregional Connectivity Corridor

- **Key policy objectives**
  - Improving connectivity for people and freight between established/growing economic regions
  - Supporting sustainable development choices in areas between these established regions

- **Key issues**
  - Congestion and delay on existing corridors
  - Long-distance mobility needs, especially freight
  - Integration with regional growth visions in emerging or rural areas
  - Identification of segments that are ready to move forward
  - Partnerships with MPOs and regional authorities on urban segments
4 Types of Corridors: Interstate Connectivity Corridor

- Key policy objectives
  - Improving connectivity between Florida and neighboring states

- Key issues
  - Unique needs of freight, visitors, military, emergency evacuation/response
  - Integration with regional growth visions
  - Funding partnerships with other states and federal programs
4 Types of Corridors: Economically Distressed/Developing Area

- Key policy objectives
  - Providing transportation system that supports region’s choices about future growth and development

- Key issues
  - Planning in the context of a 50-year vision for land use, conservation, economic development and transportation
  - Determining how to set aside right of way for corridors that may not be built for many years
  - Identifying segments that are ready to move forward
  - Financing segments that meet statewide or regional policy objectives but are not feasible today
Next Steps: Policy Development

- Continue ongoing coordination among state agencies and commissions
- Work with partners on 50-year population and development scenarios
- Clarify role of regional visioning
- Refine screening criteria and implementation guidance as needed
- Develop financial criteria and policies
- Continue ongoing partner and public involvement
Next Steps: Potential Activities for 2007

- Emphasize re-use corridors

- Advance initial set of future corridor study areas
  - Interregional connectivity
  - Interstate connectivity
  - Economically distressed/developing areas

- Move forward with PD&E on segments of study areas that are ready
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