



Florida's Future Statewide Transportation Corridors: Status Report

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Desired Outcomes

■ Short-term

- Future Corridors Action Plan to be adopted by FDOT in December 2006
 - Define process, policies, and criteria for screening corridors and study areas
 - Identify any corridors ready to move immediately to next stage in process

■ Long-term

- Network of existing, re-used, and new statewide corridors that:
 - Will serve Florida over the next 50 years
 - Will support statewide and regional policy objectives
 - Are planned, financed and managed in collaboration with the public and private sectors



What Has Been Accomplished

- Policy framework
- Partnership with state agencies/commissions
 - Ongoing coordination with: DCA, DEP, Fish & Wildlife, Enterprise Florida, Century Commission
 - Initiating coordination with: Agriculture, Visit Florida, Public Service Commission, others
- Partner involvement opportunities
 - FTC Charrette on finance issues, 8/14-15, ~150 people
 - Statewide Workshop on process and criteria, 10/4-5, ~300 people



What Has Been Accomplished

- Future corridor planning process
- Corridor study areas (new and re-use) identified
- Internal processes and working relationships are being defined to implement an active and on-going corridors program
- Technical tools being developed to assist in screening and prioritizing corridors

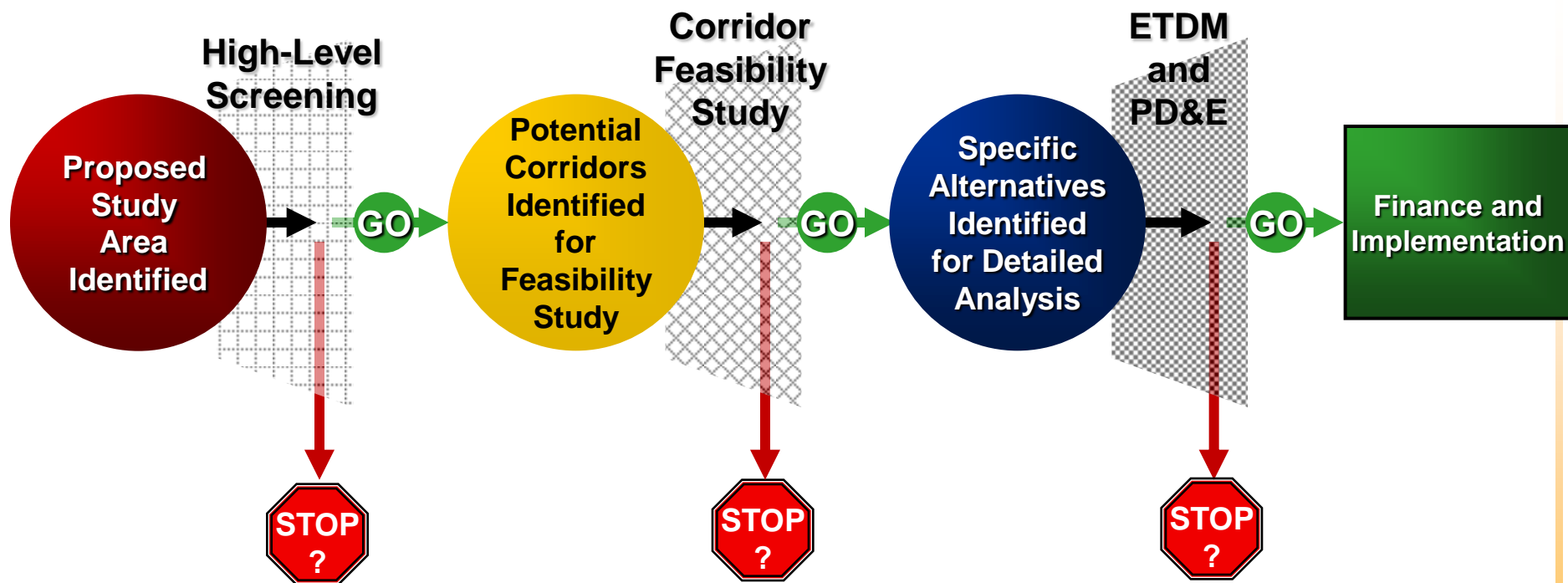


Proposed Future Corridor Process

— Concept —

— Feasibility —

— ETDM/PD&E —





Initial Partner Feedback on Proposed Process

- Generally strong support for process and criteria
- Key clarifications needed
 - Mobility/connectivity need
 - Multi-modal and multi-use potential
 - Partner roles at each stage in the process
 - Anticipated duration of each stage in the process



Initial Partner Feedback on Proposed Process

- Potential enhancements
 - Move toward 50 year horizon
 - Consider new and re-use corridors together where they overlap
 - Provide flexibility in implementing process
 - Ensure strong link to regional visioning processes
 - Integrate corridor planning with land use planning
 - Plan corridor and environmental investments simultaneously
 - Introduce financial considerations earlier in the process



Initial Proposed Criteria for Statewide Corridors

- **Mobility/Connectivity**
 - Connectivity
 - Capacity and delay
 - Intermodal connectivity
 - Freight and visitor flows
 - Emergency response
 - Safety
 - User benefits
- **Economic Competitiveness**
 - Statewide industry clusters
 - Fast-growing areas
 - Economically distressed areas
 - Economic impacts
- **Community Livability**
 - Land use and development
 - Comprehensive planning and visioning
 - Multi-use facilities
 - Historic and archaeological resources
- **Environmental Stewardship**
 - Conservation lands
 - Surface waters
 - Wetlands
 - Coastal and marine
 - Threatened and endangered habitat



Initial Partner Feedback on Criteria

- Use objective criteria supported by data
- Choose criteria appropriate to each process stage
- Add criteria to initial list, including:
 - Mobility – regional and local travel options, connectivity to SIS, degree of access control
 - Economic – impacts on existing communities
 - Community – sociocultural impacts, noise, aesthetics
 - Environment – air quality, fuel, indirect and induced impacts
- Consider adding additional criteria categories:
 - Financial feasibility
 - Degree of regional and local support



Initial Partner Feedback on Criteria for Concept Stage

- Mobility
 - Statewide connectivity need; efficient and reliable travel between regions and states
- Economic competitiveness
 - Impacts on statewide industry clusters and on fast-growing regions facing the greatest growth pressures
- Community livability
 - Consistency with regional and community visions
- Environmental stewardship
 - Impacts on conservation lands, wildlife habitats, and other “things that are hard to fix”



Initial Proposed Considerations for Moving Forward

- Corridors move from concept to feasibility if:
 - Statewide mobility/connectivity need is identified; and
 - Study area is consistent with 2025 FTP goals; and
 - Sufficient information is available to scope future stages.
- Corridors move from feasibility to ETDM/PD&E if:
 - Corridor meets mobility or connectivity need; and
 - Potentially negative impacts can be avoided, minimized or mitigated.
- Corridors move from ETDM/PD&E to finance/production if:
 - Project(s) received approved Record of Decision or equivalent; and
 - Potential financing options have been identified.

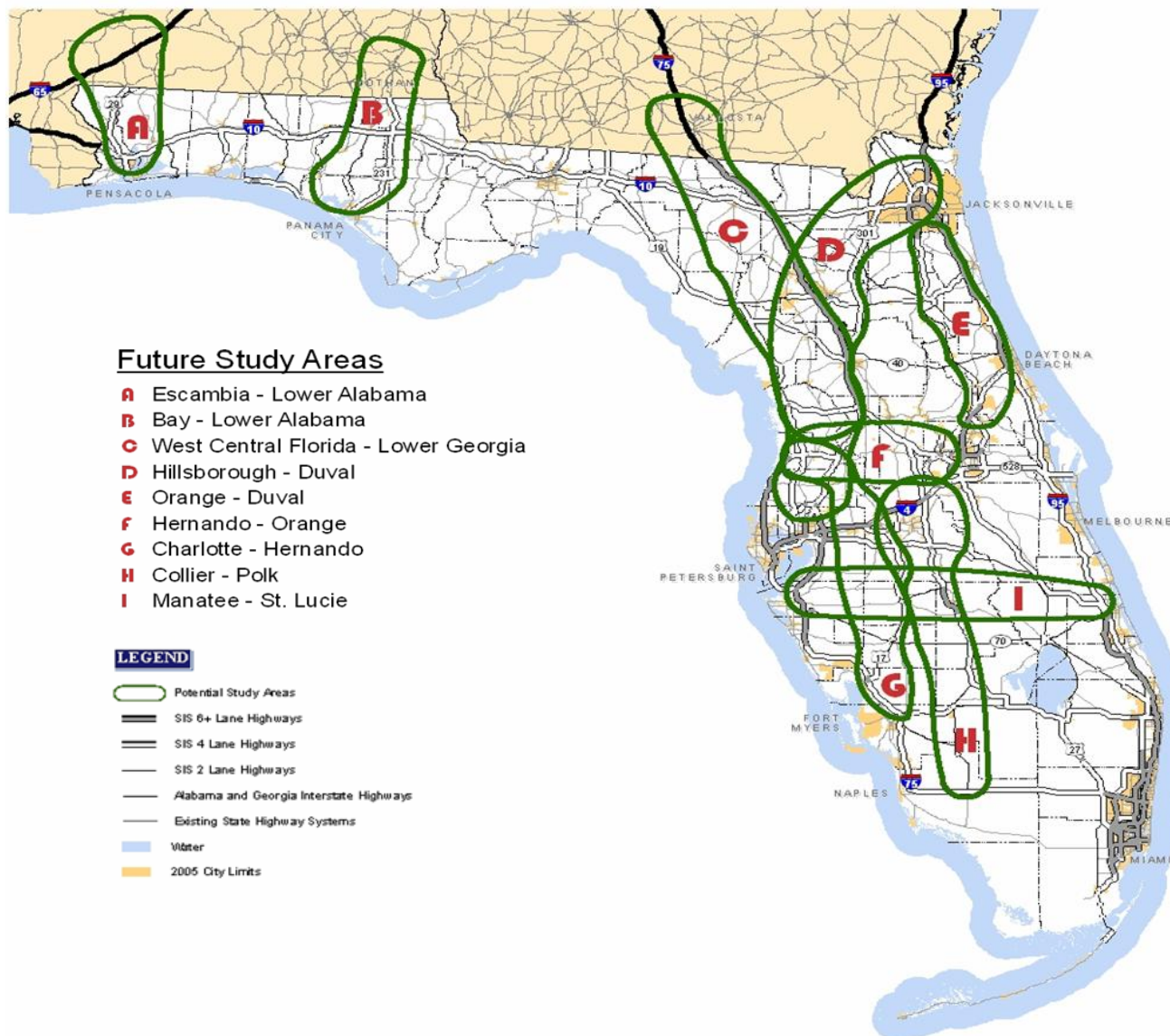


Initial Partner Feedback on Considerations for Moving Forward

- Clarify role of partners in making decisions
 - Potential corridor “steering committees”
 - Dispute resolution process
- Document conclusions and degree of consensus at each stage
- Consider adding as considerations
 - Consistency with regional vision
 - Degree of public and local government support
 - Cost and financial feasibility



Initial Future Corridor Study Areas





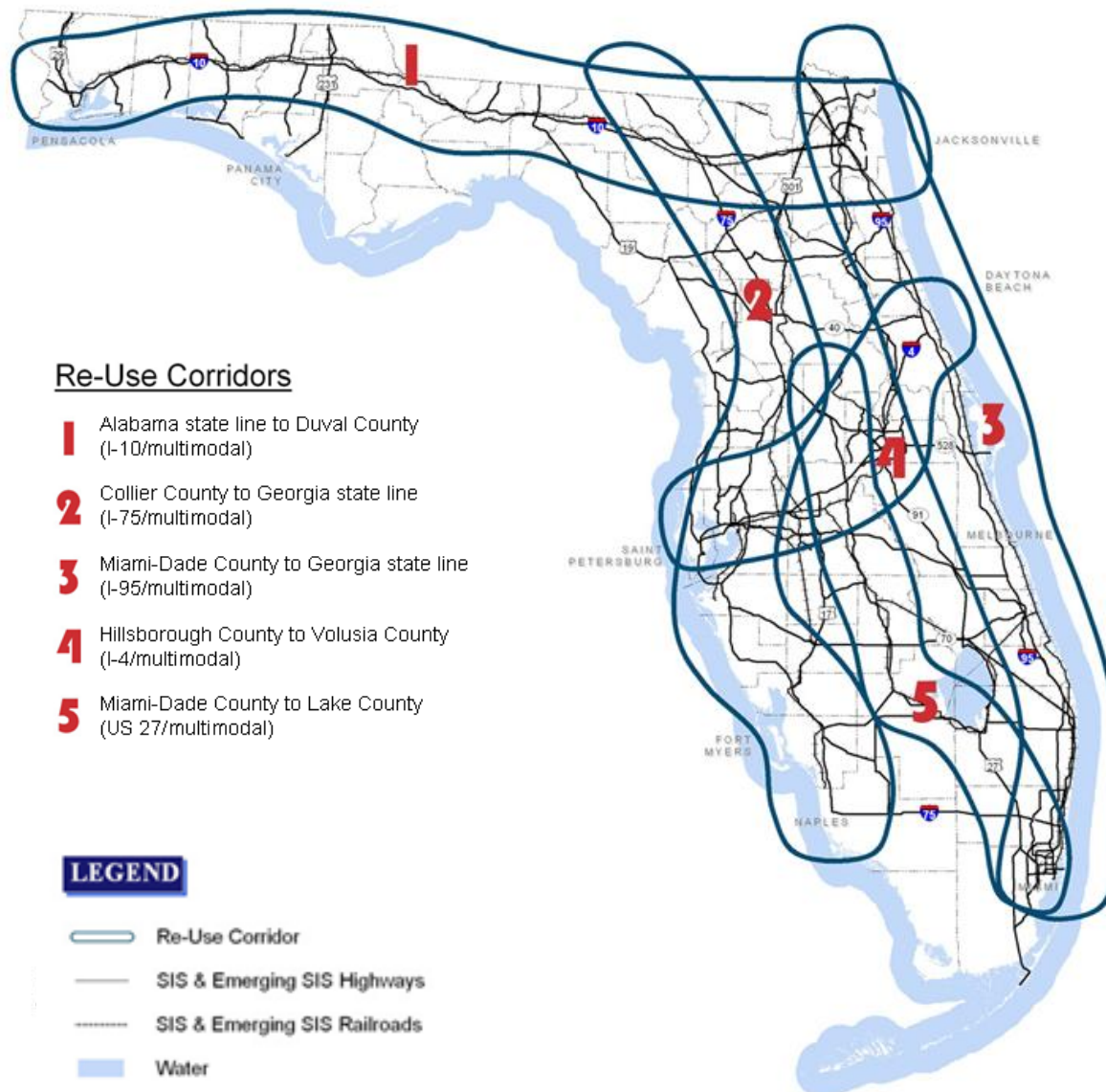
Estimated Status of Corridor Study Areas (based on Existing Processes)

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

Conceptual Screening ●
Feasibility Study ●
ETDM/PD&E ●












Potential Multimodal Re-Use of Statewide Corridors





Estimated Status of Re-Use Corridors (based on Existing Processes)

1	Alabama state line to Duval County (I-10/multimodal)	
2	Collier County to Georgia state line (I-75/multimodal)	 
3	Miami-Dade Cty to Georgia state line (I-95/multimodal)	 
4	Hillsborough County to Volusia County (I-4/multimodal)	  
5	Miami-Dade County to Lake County (US 27/multimodal)	

Conceptual Screening 

Feasibility Study 

ETDM/PD&E 



Next Steps

- Refine proposed corridor planning process
- Update inventory of study areas and re-use corridors
 - Add mobility information
 - Look for opportunities to combine new and re-use corridors
- Draft Future Corridors Action Plan (11/15)
- Convene second statewide workshop (11/30-12/1)
- Continue coordination with FTC (10/24 and 12/5)
- Adopt Future Corridors Action Plan (12/31)



Proposed Action Plan Contents

- ***Vision*** for Florida's Future Statewide Corridors
- ***Policy Guidance*** for decision-making
 - Future Corridors Planning Process
 - Criteria and decision factors for each stage in the process
- ***Implementation Guidance:***
 - Coordinating transportation with other land use, economic, community, and environmental strategies
 - Interagency and partner coordination; public involvement
 - Content of Concept and Feasibility studies
 - Modifications to ETDM and PD&E processes
- ***Inventory of Future Corridors***
 - Descriptions of study areas and re-use corridors including work to date and potential next steps
- ***Priorities for programming concept & feasibility studies***



2nd Statewide Workshop

- November 30/December 1 in Orlando
- Objectives
 - Obtain feedback on the draft ***Future Corridors Action Plan*** (posted by November 15)
 - Obtain feedback on recommended ***Concept, Feasibility and Supplemental ETDM/PD&E Studies*** that could proceed based on recommended criteria, policies and decision considerations
 - Obtain feedback on a recommended ***Interagency and Partner Coordination, and Public Involvement Strategy*** for implementation



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Discussion



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