Status Report: Florida’s Future Transportation Corridors

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Why Future Corridors?

- Coordinate long-range growth/transportation plans and visions
- Provide solutions for or alternatives to existing congested corridors
- Meet growing demand for moving people and freight
  - Growth in population, visitors, and domestic and international trade
- Improve connectivity
  - Between regions
  - Between Florida and other states and nations
Focus on connecting economic activities and moving people and freight

Maximize use of existing facilities

Consider alternatives to highways

Add capacity to existing facilities to support growth in demand and relieve congestion

Consider new facilities when needed to fill major connectivity gaps
What’s Been Accomplished?

- Studies of existing corridors
  - I-95 (completed), I-75 (underway), US 27 (underway)

- Identified initial priority study areas

- Initiated government agency coordination group
  - Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Environmental Protection, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Federal Highway Administration

- Initiated outreach to stakeholders (environmental/land use advocates, state agencies, Regional Planning Councils, MPOs, public and private landowners, utilities)

- Assembled demographic and economic data and prepared technical tools for corridor studies
Key Policy Issues

- Consistency with statewide and regional visions/plans including DEO Strategic Plan, Six Pillars™
- Linkage to local government comprehensive plans, sector plans, rural land stewardship areas, DRIs, etc.
- Coordination with Cooperative Conservation Blueprint and other land conservation plans
- Integrating corridor concepts into regional and local transportation and land use plans
- Partnership opportunities with public and private landowners and utilities
- I-75 managed lanes/truck only lanes
- Enhanced rail system
- Suncoast Parkway extension
- Florida Turnpike extension (NEFT)
- Possible I-75 reliever from Suncoast to Gainesville/Ocala area
- Improved connections between I-75 and Jacksonville
Tampa Bay-Central Florida “Super Region”
Potential Solutions

- I-4 managed lanes
- Future SunRail extensions
- Parallel facilities on segments of the corridor
- Possible new corridors consistent with regional visions and adopted land uses
Heartland Region
Southeast Florida to Central Florida
What’s Next?

- Continue to support statewide and regional visioning/strategic planning
- Conduct additional partner and public outreach
- Outreach to environmental/land use advocates, major landowners, and utilities
- Develop concept reports for priority study areas
- Initiate project development and environmental studies on selected segments
Questions?

For more information:

http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/policy/corridors/