



# Florida Transportation Commission

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# Program Update

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# Purpose



Revitalize rural communities



Leverage technology



Encourage job creation



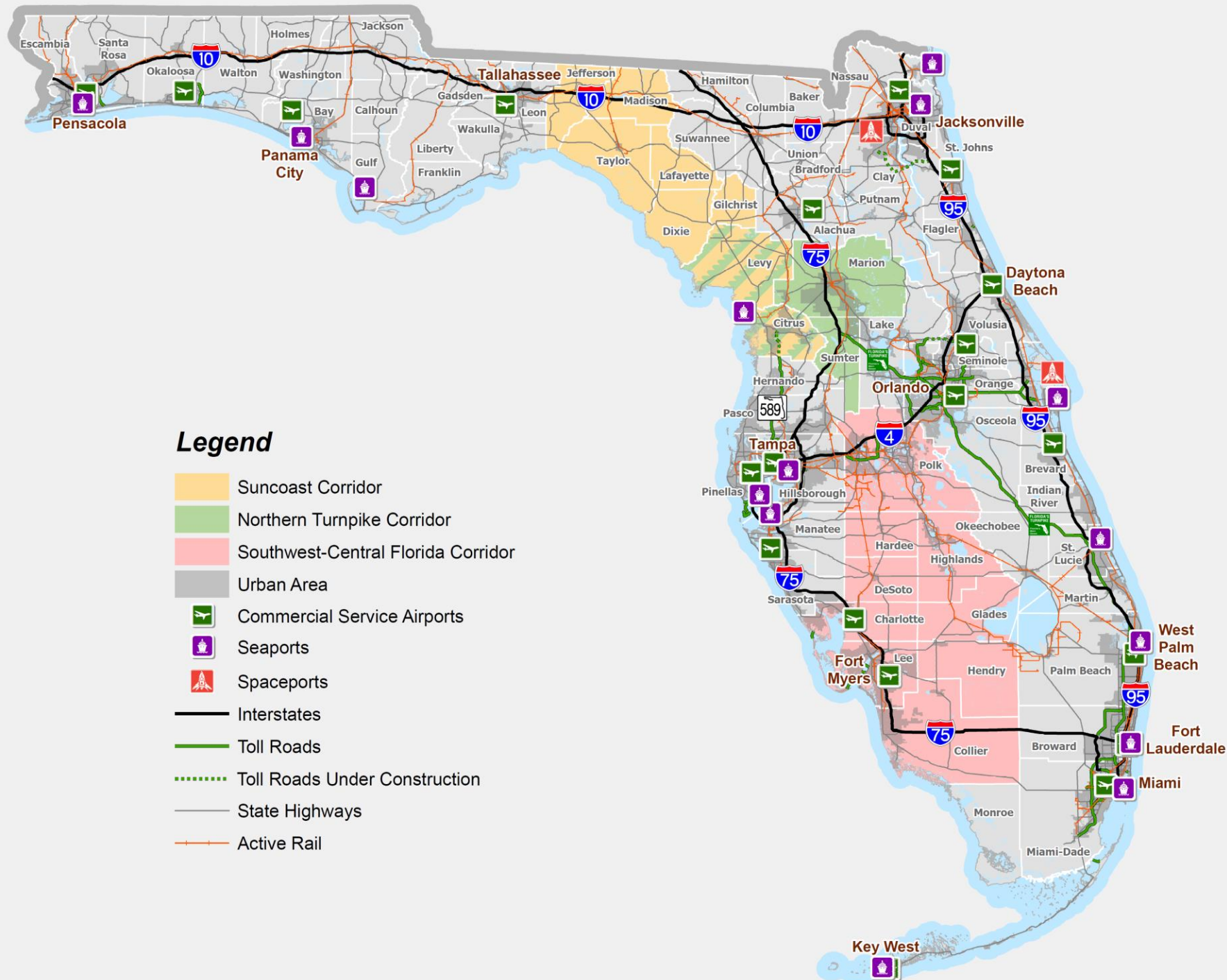
Enhance quality of life & public safety



Provide regional connectivity



Protect the environment & natural resources



**Legend**

- Suncoast Corridor
- Northern Turnpike Corridor
- Southwest-Central Florida Corridor
- Urban Area
- Commercial Service Airports
- Seaports
- Spaceports
- Interstates
- Toll Roads
- Toll Roads Under Construction
- State Highways
- Active Rail

# Study Areas



**27** Task Force  
Meetings



**12** Webinars &  
Virtual Meetings



**32** Community  
Open Houses

# Task Force Process

Inclusive, Consensus-  
Building Mechanism  
for Each Study Area





**High-Level  
Needs**

**Guiding  
Principles**

**Instructions for  
Project  
Development &  
Beyond**

**Action Plan**

# Task Force Recommendations

# Suncoast Corridor



**Agricultural  
Accommodations**

**Environmental  
Enhancements**

**Community Identity**

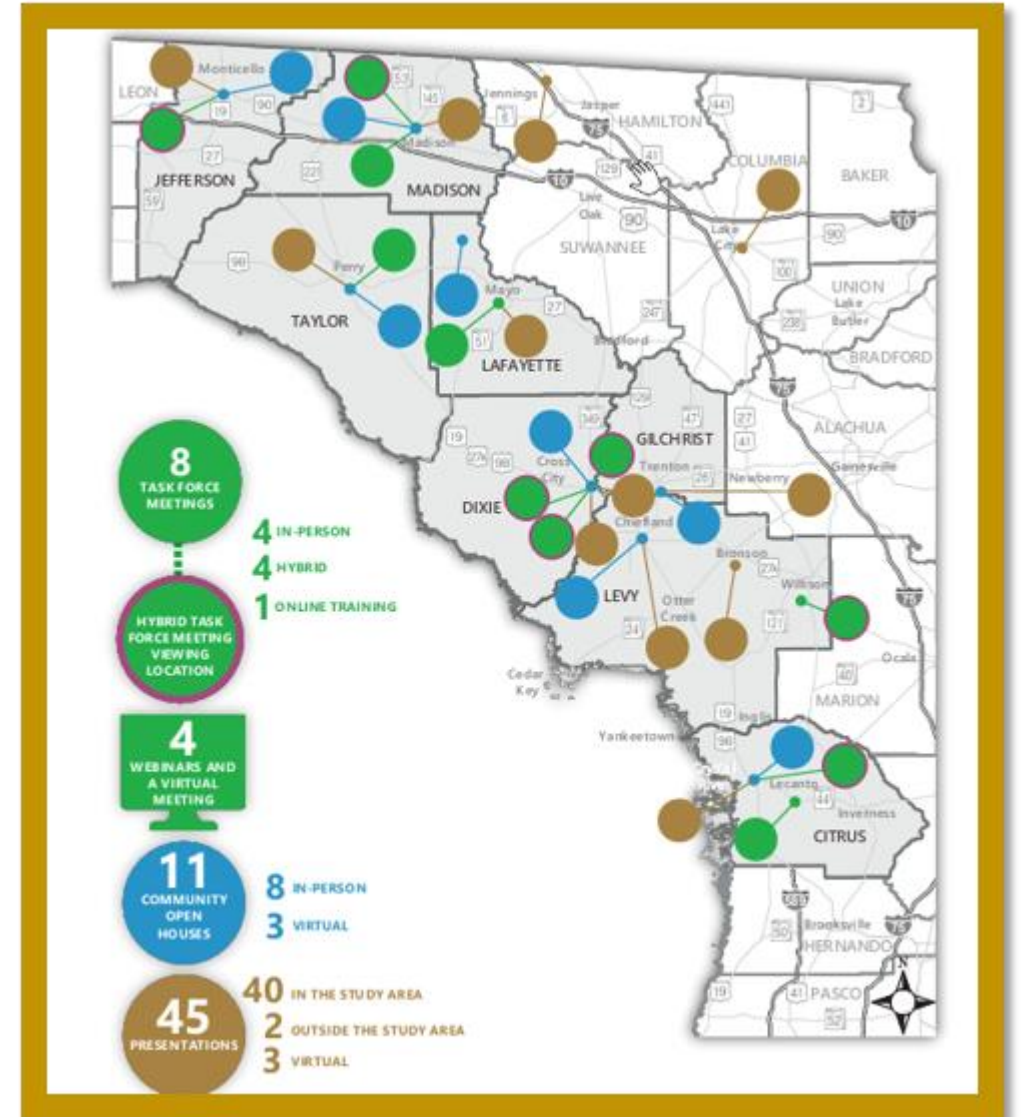
**Industry Concerns**

# Suncoast Corridor

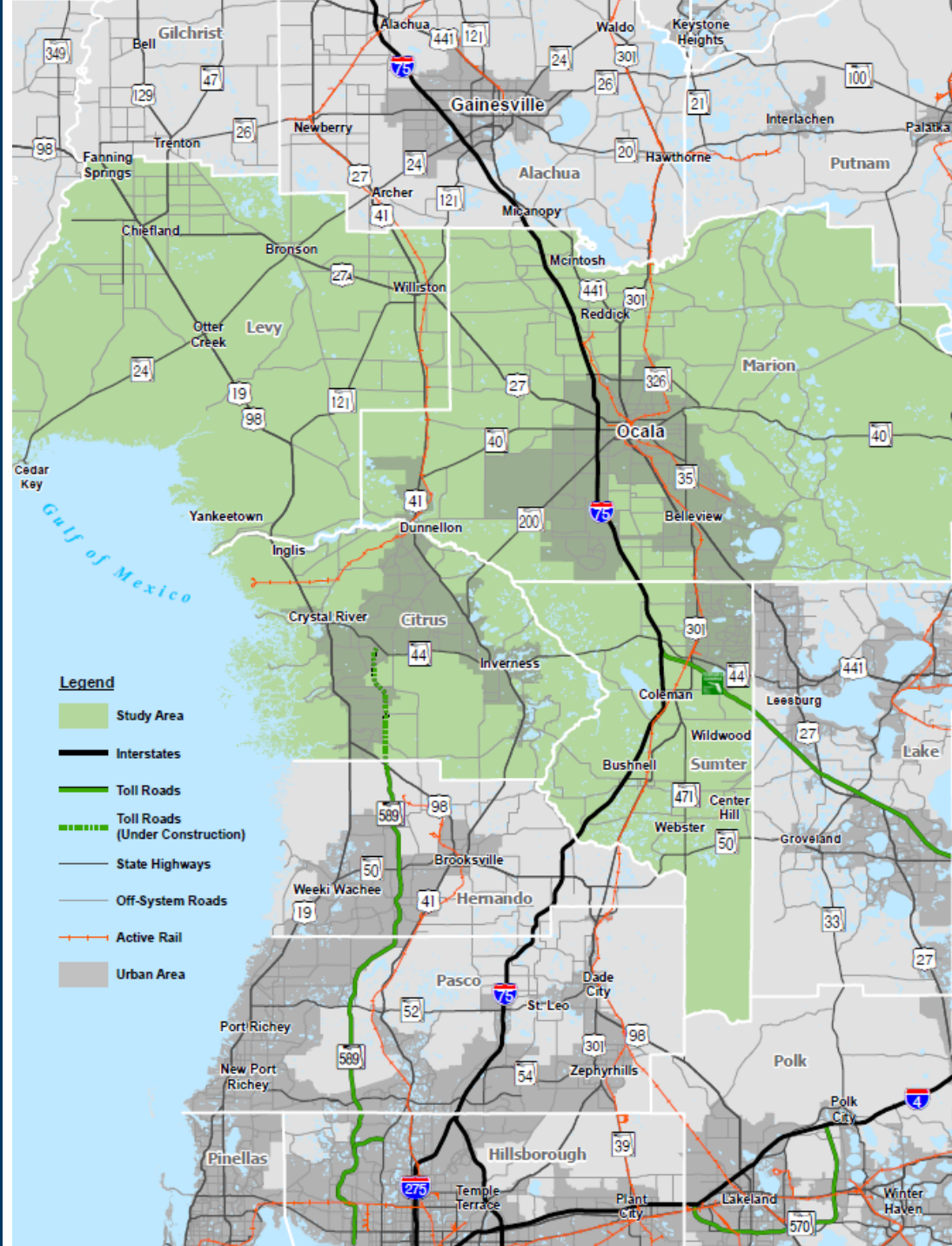


**50+**

Meetings across the  
study area



# Northern Turnpike CORRIDOR



Cross Florida Greenway

Wildlife Corridors

Agricultural Lands

Springs

Broadband

# Northern Turnpike Corridor



Wildlife  
Connectivity and  
Crossings



Springs Protection



Cross Florida  
Greenway  
protections and  
enhancements



Protect Agricultural  
Lands



Broadband  
Connectivity

# Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force Recommendations

## 11 High- Level Needs



## 16 Guiding Principles

### The Florida Panther Guiding Principle:

Apply the following priority order to protect the federally endangered Florida panther and its habitat:

1. Avoid negative impacts to Florida panther habitats, including USFWS Florida Panther Focus Area;
2. Restore, connect and enhance existing and adjacent habitats (or habitats within close proximity to the corridor); and
3. Minimize and mitigate negative impacts to panther habitat.

# Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force Recommendations

## 8 Action Plan Commitments

1. Evaluate potential needs.
2. Identify and evaluate alternatives.
3. Support consistency review and update of local and regional plans.
- 4. Assess economic feasibility and identify potential funding sources.**
5. Advance innovative land acquisition concepts.
6. Advance multi-use opportunities.
7. Continue robust partner and public engagement.
8. Commit to transparency and process improvement.



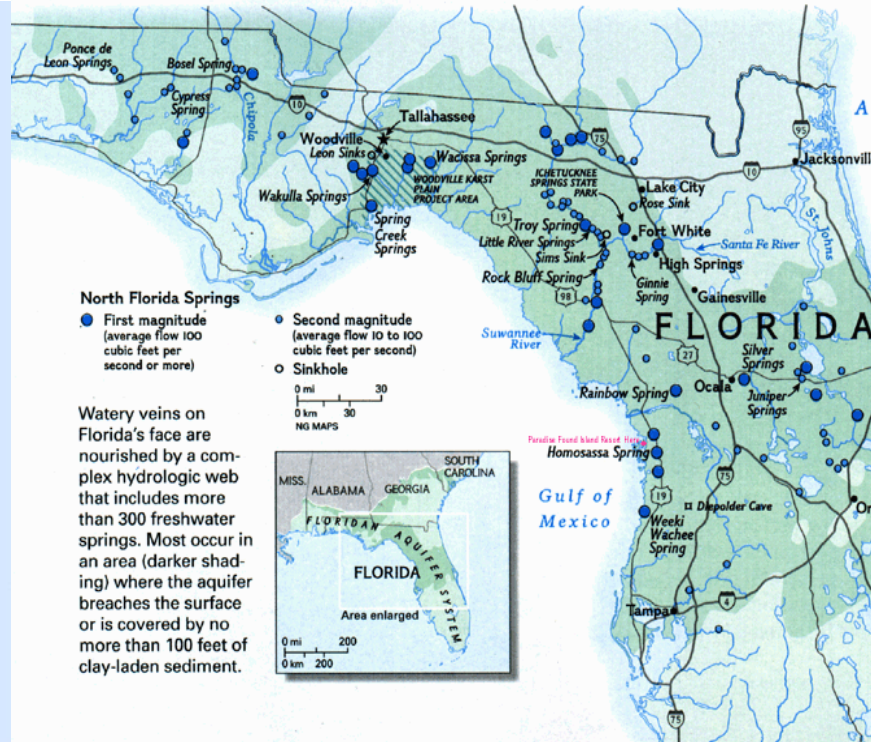
# Moving The Program Forward

**Determination of  
Need**

**Environmental  
Feasibility**

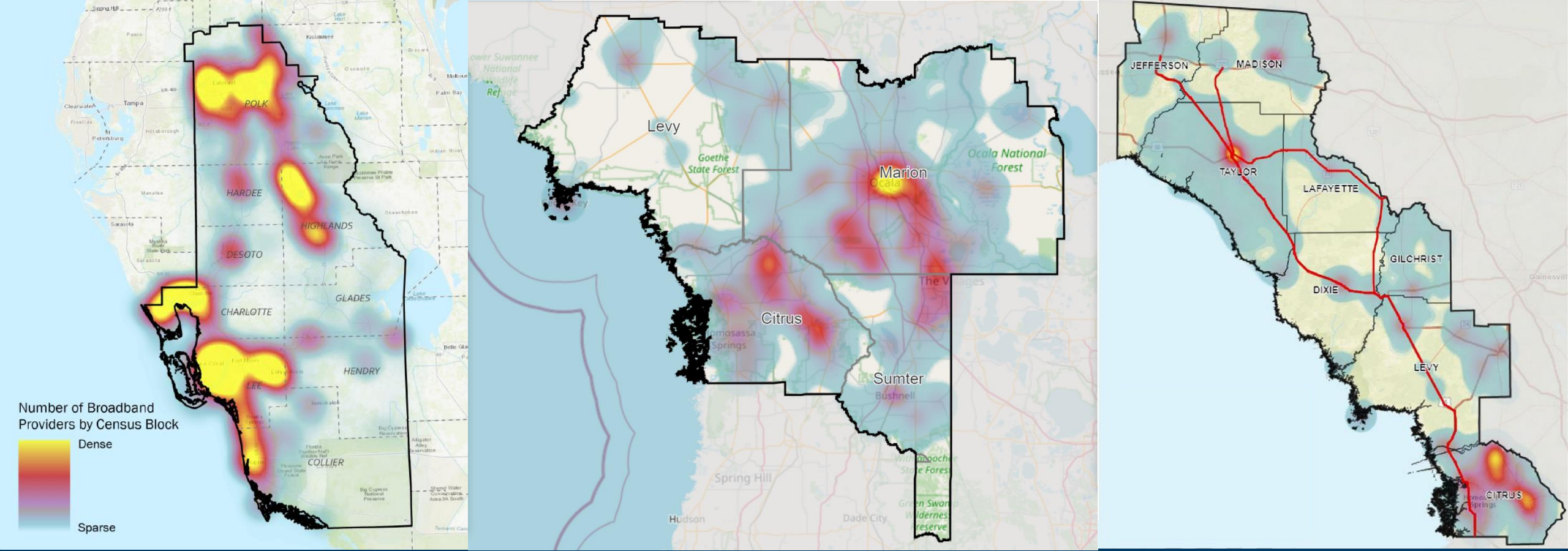
**Economic  
Feasibility**

**Consistency with  
Local Government  
Comprehensive  
Plans and MPO  
Priorities**



- Innovative concepts to combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements
- Conservation land acquisition and easement plan for each study area
- Funding partnerships
- Performance metrics

# Innovative Land Acquisition



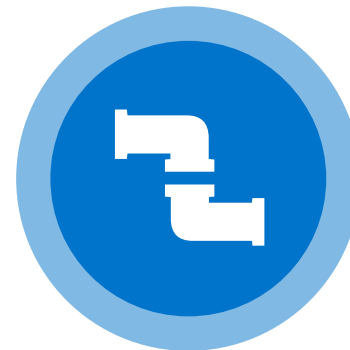
# Multi-use Opportunities



Broadband



Water



Sewer

# Looking Ahead

**TASK  
FORCE  
PROCESS**

**PLANNING &  
CORRIDOR  
EVALUATION**

**PROJECT  
DEVELOPMENT  
&  
ENVIRONMENT  
AND DESIGN**

**RIGHT-OF-WAY  
ACQUISITION**

**CONSTRUCTION**

Public & Stakeholder Engagement





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