



Environmental Partners Meeting Discussion

**April 24, 2015
Tallahassee, Florida**

A briefing on the Florida Transportation Plan and Strategic Intermodal System Policy Plan was scheduled with statewide environmental partners on April 17, 2015. FDOT staff provided a presentation that outlined trends and conditions related to key themes determined by the FTP/SIS Advisory Groups. The participants then discussed the key issues and supporting ideas and approaches that were presented to them, offering additional input and suggestions

Quality of Life and Quality Places

Consider Implications of Changing Demographics on Transportation Demand

- What are the right investments, needs, etc. for changing demographics? The emphasis should be on transportation solutions, not just changing demand. We need to consider changes in technology and travel patterns in addition to travel demand itself.

Coordinate Transportation to Support Vibrant and Healthy Communities

- How do we integrate statewide planning with local level planning to carry through some of these policies? For example, as many regions deal with future demands and backlogs how can we encourage them to consider transit as solution? This requires more integration with land use decisions but there are few incentives or leverage to do this today. *This is an important line of conversation. We do need to better integrate transportation and land use decisions to have more choices. The Quality of Life and Quality Places group discussed the need to carry forward language from the 2060 FTP about the importance of regional and community visioning. They also wanted to acknowledge the Future Corridor Guiding Principles as an approach for long-term, large-scale planning.*
- Think about different transportation solutions to help create healthy and vibrant communities. More than just coordinating the same old processes.
- What regulatory triggers or incentives can we deliver to encourage vibrant and healthy communities?
- Should there be more of a hierarchy for consideration of land use impacts - for example, treat the Strategic Intermodal System differently from other State Highways or county and city roads?

Make Transportation Decisions to Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship

- Include wildlife corridors for habitat connectivity
- Smaller development footprint is better for communities and the environment. For example, better wildlife habitats

Improve Safety for Transportation Users

- *No comments provided*

Enhance Security for Transportation Users

- *No comments provided*

Provide Transportation Solutions to Support Residents and Visitors During Emergencies

- *No comments provided*

Innovation and Economic Development

Continue to Position Florida as a Global Hub for Trade, Logistics, and Export-Oriented Goods and Services

- *No comments provided*

Enhance Florida's Position as a Destination for Domestic and International Visitors

- *No comments provided*

Support Diverse Regional Innovation Clusters

- *No comments provided*

Strengthen Florida's Economic Regions and Connect Resources Across Regions to Build a Globally Competitive Megaregion

- *No comments provided*

Support Development of a World-Class Workforce in Transportation and Other Industries

- *No comments provided*

Support a Competitive Business Climate for Transportation and Other Industries

- *No comments provided*

Infrastructure and Growth Leadership

Maintain Transportation System in State of Good Repair

- We should look at operating and maintenance cost of any new corridor or facility given the declining gas tax revenue. Will we be able to take care of all facilities over the next 50 years?

Improve the Efficiency of the Existing Transportation System

- *No comments provided*

Modernize the Transportation System

- Automated vehicles could greatly increase the capacity of roadways. Is it possible that all the growth in VMT could be handled by automated technology?
- Managed lanes could be viewed as an economic development initiative to ensure predictable travel times for businesses and trade.
- Consider car sharing technologies' impact on the transportation system in the future. These could result in fewer cars on the road.

Expand Modal Choices for Moving People and Freight

- Look at how land use and transportation are planned in coordination with options other than just automobiles.

Improve Intraregional, Interregional, Interstate, and International Connectivity

- *No comments provided*

Ensure Florida's Transportation System is Resilient to Extreme Weather Events and Climate Trends

- Sea level rise is an important issue to consider. It also threatens coastal wildlife habitats that may need to migrate inland. We'd like to see long range planning take into account how do we allow coastal habitats to move inland. This could conflict with transportation decisions. How do we coordinate with transportation, land use, and land acquisition planning?

Strategic Intermodal System

Objectives

- *No comments provided*

Designation Criteria

- Are all ports designated as part of the SIS? *12 out of 15 seaports are designated as SIS or Emerging SIS.*
- Can Florida ports accommodate future post Panamax ships? *Depends on the port. Port Miami is in the process of deepening its harbor to accommodate the larger ships when full. Some ports can only accommodate when the ship is not at full capacity because the harbor is not as deep. Each port has its own market niche, so they don't all need the deep draft to accommodate the big ships. They all watch what is happening in the market.*
- Are intermodal logistics centers on the SIS? *Designation criteria have been adopted consistent with statutory guidance. Last week, the FDOT secretary approved the first planned add ILC in Winter Haven. Others will probably apply once they get operational.*
- Are there environmental and ecological considerations when designating SIS facilities, such as avoiding sensitive conservation and habitat lands? *SR 29 in Hendry and Collier counties is an example. Yes, the community and environmental screening criteria are used to assess these considerations. These criteria also need to be updated as part of the SIS Policy Plan.*

Needs Policies

- *No comments provided*

Prioritization Policies

- *No comments provided*

Finance Strategy

- *No comments provided*

Other: