



FTP/SIS Update Presentation – Florida Association of Environmental Professionals – Statewide Conference

September 24-25, 2015
PGA National Resort and Spa
400 Avenue of the Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Meeting Highlights

The Florida Department of Transportation had a display related to the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan. Participants were asked to provide comments on the draft FTP goals, objectives and strategies during the opening plenary session of the conference. Several conference attendees visited the display and provided their input.

Discussion

Participants offered the following questions and comments related to the draft FTP objectives and strategies (**in bold**).

Goal Area: Safety and security for residents, visitors, and businesses

- Validation data, using lab and field data validation tools.
- Biking lanes and biking ports.

Goal Area: Agile, resilient, and quality transportation infrastructure

- Incorporate review and consideration of local, regional, and MPO vulnerability assessments in the design process of new or modified infrastructure.
- Consider the effect of sea level rise on infrastructure.

Goal Area: Efficient and reliable mobility for people and freight

- Promote the use of ride sharing applications such as Uber and Lyft.

Goal Area: More transportation choices for people and freight

- Increase user fees (i.e., registration, gas, etc.) to create new funding for innovation and multimodal alternatives.
- Work with FIND (Florida Inland Navigation District, aicw.org) to improve water access under bridges – fishing piers, boat/kayak launch, riverwalks; FIND has grant funding for state and local government.
- More mass transit, more/safer bike lanes.
- Light rail on I-275 and I-75 Sunshine Skyway to Pasco County.

- More multimodal options for trains (light rail), buses and connectors.
- Develop a campaign to create a relationship between cars and bikes.

Goal Area: Transportation Solutions that support Florida’s global economic competitiveness

- No specific comments were provided for this Goal Area.

Goal Area: Transportation solutions that support quality places to live, learn, work, and play

- Promote development of policy for maximum parking spaces in lieu of minimum number.
- Promote and incentivize land planning of walkable and multimodal mixed use communities.
- Consider more LID (low impact design) and green practices for parking lots (i.e., bioswales, negative curbing, planting trees where they will actually shade parking spaces, and pervious paving, at least for overflow areas).

Goal Area: Transportation Solutions that support Florida’s environment and energy

- Expand natural habitat and native wildflowers along roadways; use less grass to save money.
- Raise gas tax.
- Use of right of way and innovative technology to generate energy with Florida’s transportation system.
- Invest in non-petroleum pavement alternative research.
- Consider how urban forests and tree planning can enhance “Decrease transportation-related air quality pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions” objective.

