

## Comments and Responses on the FTP and SIS Policy Plan Partner and Public Involvement Plan

Thank you for your interest in the FTP-SIS Policy Plan Partner and Public Involvement Plan. All comments received during the 45-day public comment period are captured below with a corresponding FDOT response.

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1	The Partner and Public Involvement Plan is comprehensive and a thorough approach to targeting and inviting all necessary entities into the different phases of the FTP/SIS Plan updates. With the scheduling and use of the many outreach tools available in obtaining input, to the wide range of performance monitoring and evaluation criteria, this PPI should prove to be an invaluable piece of the planning process.	Noted.
1	Include a brief explanation of Vision Zero in the introduction and connect this PPI Plan in the principles to the transportation and land use systematic transformation necessary to achieve Vision Zero.	The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and the associated outreach process specifically addresses Vision Zero and the principles related to achieving this goal.
2	last paragraph, first sentence - there is a space before the first comma.	Edit made.
2	IMHO this plan needs to go above and beyond, no just comply with, state and federal law to attain state-wide buy-in necessary to achieve zero fatalities by improvements in engineering, enforcement, and dramatic reduction in unsafe behavior such as driving/biking/walking under the influence of drugs/alcohol, speeding, aggressive and distracted driving, and operating a vehicle with improperly working safety equipment that would not pass an inspection.	The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and the associated outreach process specifically addresses Vision Zero and the principles related to achieving this goal.
2	Page 2, first bullet: Should be "e.g." rather than "i.e." because technology is not the only emerging issue.	Edit made.
4	In the bottom blocks, you state a "reasonable opportunity" - how long is that defined as? The same with "properly noticed" how long will it be noticed for?	"Reasonable opportunity" is language from the Federal requirement. In addition, Florida law requires that all public meetings be given reasonable notice. A specific time frame is not set in law. Edit made to clarify.
6	for the Table #s - some have periods after the word "Table" and some do not in the headings.	Edit made.
7	Will social media also be utilized to ensure all meetings related to the FTP and SIS are noticed?	Yes, we will work with the Central Office Public Information Office to utilize social media whenever possible.
7	Add a table listing for review and ultimately recommend changes to, the Florida Statutes, transportation regulations, and state publications relating to transportation safety in order to accomplish Vision Zero. Examples include traffic laws, requirements for traffic control devices, vehicle inspection requirements, land use and transportation planning, and street design standards.	The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and the associated outreach process specifically addresses Vision Zero and the principles related to achieving this goal.
9	Other FDOT staff, page 9. "... staff from key program and modal offices...." Is there a list of "key" programs or offices or are comments accepted from any program or office in the Department? In past years when drafts were available for review, it hasn't been clear whether review comments should come from individual employees based on their opinions and expertise, or are comments to come from the program, or office.	Comments are welcomed and accepted from anyone, at any time during the update process. Edit made to clarify.
9	Page 9, District Offices, fifth bullet; Page 14, Conduct Preparation and Analysis, last sentence in first paragraph; Page 17, Metropolitan Planning Organizations bullet: Added wording provides for FDOT analysis of the alignment between existing MPO LRTPs and the FTP. Suggest making this analysis a collaborative effort with the MPOs consistent with the requirement in ss. 339.175(7)(a) that MPO LRTPs consider the goals and objectives identified in the FTP as well as give emphasis to those transportation facilities that serve national, statewide, or regional functions (see also 23 USC 134(i)(2)(A)(i) and 49 USC 5303(i)(2)(A)(i) regarding facility emphasis). Will this analysis recognize the iterative and sequential nature of long range transportation plan updates led by FDOT and led by MPOs in a changing environment? Will a compilation and comparison of performance metrics used be part of the analysis?	The reference to reviewing MPO LRTPs is only meant to ensure that the FDOT District offices are in close contact and communication with the applicable MPO's regarding the update of the FTP.
9	Page 9, Other FDOT staff, second sentence in first bullet: Suggest this addition: "These internal groups will review and provide feedback on the draft FTP and SIS Policy Plan developed by OPP and SIO."	Edit made.
9	Pages 9 & 10, FDOT Partners: This new section provides for MPO, non-metropolitan, and other partners to assist OPP with coordinated outreach to respective MPOs and to respective organizations (non-metropolitan partners), distributing materials provided by FDOT Central Office, and collecting and forwarding/sharing input with OPP. Would clarify how this new section relates to the subsection on responsibilities for district offices focused on involving regional and local partners.	While FDOT leads many of the aspects of outreach related to the FTP and SIS Policy Plan, statewide partners also have a responsibility in assisting FDOT with coordinated outreach to their respective groups. Edit made to clarify.
10	The first bullet - Are you referring to the MPO's Governing board Meetings or their advisory committee meetings or something else?	It refers to all MPO committees and groups. Edit made to clarify.
11	Objective - Increase the resiliency of infrastructure to risks, including extreme weather and other environmental conditions Coastal communities and airports need additional resources in a coordinated effort to enhance the resiliency of our facilities and infrastructure. This is critical to our future viability	This will be carried for consideration in the FTP Policy Element.

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13	first paragraph, first sentence - the words "prior to the kickoff of the update cycle" are used at the beginning and the end of the first sentence. Should remove one of them.	Edit made.
13	Page 13, first sentence in second paragraph: Prior to the kick-off of the update cycle, <del>and well before the FTP and SIS Policy Plan updates begin</del> , the PPI Coordinators meet to review federal and state guidelines and discuss potential techniques for current and new requirements <del>prior to the kick-off of the update cycle.</del>	Edit made.
15	"In a change from prior FTP updates, working groups for every goal area are not anticipated. Instead, focused subcommittees will be created for key cross-cutting issues, such as automated, connected, electric, and shared vehicles (ACES) and resilience. Subcommittees would be made up of Steering Committee members on a voluntary basis. Individuals and representatives from organizations who are not represented on the Steering Committee but are interested stakeholders and subject matter experts, are encouraged to become 'friends' of the subcommittee. Friends of the subcommittee will be informed of subcommittee meetings and are encourage[d] to participate and provide comment for the subcommittee members to consider. For the ACES subcommittee, will there be one subcommittee for all modes of transportation, or will there be multiple subcommittees? Would freight receive its own considerations? E.g., Would light-duty get lumped in with freight and off-road equipment? Will there be a listserv or other organizing system that will enable stakeholders and interested parties to easily identify themselves as 'friends' of a subcommittee?"	There will be one ACES subcommittee and freight will be a consideration in this subcommittee. Those interested in becoming a friend of a subcommittee should visit the Subcommittee pages at <a href="http://www.floridatransportationplan.com">www.floridatransportationplan.com</a> to sign up for the contact list.
15	Bottom of page - "friends" of the subcommittee - Friends should be better defined - what exactly is their role?	Their role is to provide comment for the subcommittee members to consider. Edit made to clarify.
15	The outreach needs to specifically include public and privately employed roadway design and traffic engineers, and transportation and land use planners. I also suggest reaching out to other countries with a review of best practices.	Outreach to these groups is already a part of the process either through statewide organizations or regional groups.
16	"OPP is responsible for conducting briefings to statewide partners throughout the process to make them aware of the plan updates, obtain their input on key issues and potential policies, and take their feedback on draft plan elements." SSA Marine operates across five terminals in JAXPORT, the Port of Panama City, and Port Canaveral. Would these large, diverse operations qualify SSA Marine as a statewide partner in lieu of being designated a "'friend' of the subcommittee"?	Subcommittee membership is composed of members of the FTP-SIS Steering Committee. Individuals and representatives from organizations who are not represented on the FTP-SIS Steering Committee but are interested stakeholders and subject matter experts, are encouraged to become 'friends' of the subcommittee. Friends of the subcommittee will be informed of subcommittee meetings and are encourage to participate and provide comment for the subcommittee members to consider. Those interested in becoming a friend of a subcommittee should visit the Subcommittee pages at <a href="http://www.floridatransportationplan.com">www.floridatransportationplan.com</a> to sign up for the contact list.
16	under standard presentation - will the presentation be made available on social media and the websites?	They will be made available on both. Edit made to clarify.
16	Regional Workshops: it states all workshops will be publicly noticed - you may want to define what that means - how far in advance and where?	All workshops will be publicly noticed on the website and two weeks in advance through Florida Administrative Weekly. Edit made to clarify.
19	Website: will the website be ADA Section 508 compliant for those who are sight impaired and also will a program like Google Translate be a part of the site so that it can be translated into different languages?	The website is ADA Section 508 compliant. Internet based translation programs are available publicly and will not be incorporated specifically into the website. Edit made to clarify.
20	Under Specific comment on Draft FTP and SIS Policy Plan: it lists the ways comments may be accepted however there is nothing about people providing verbal comments either in person or via phone. Are these acceptable ways to provide comments?	Comments in any form will be accepted. Edit made to clarify.
25	The schedule as written implies that no substantial change will occur for at least several rules. It is critical to identify low-hanging fruit and quick wins.	Noted.
27	If appropriate, include coordination efforts among FDOT Central Office, FDOT Districts, MPOAC, MPOs, FHWA, FTA and Tier 1 transit agencies to implement the FAST-required performance measures and targets and the monitoring of achievement of the targets.	The page referenced (p. 27) refers to performance monitoring specifically for the PPI Plan, not those related to FAST Act required performance measures and targets.
30	on the heading for "environmental" it is split up to say "environ-mental" it should be one word - the other pages have it split up as well.	Edit made.
31	Please add Florida Scenic Highway Program to the list of statewide partners	Edit made.

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33	Appendix B., Table 13: Statewide Organizations Representing Modal Partners: Should the Florida Bicycle Association also be a 'Target for Presentation at Scheduled Meeting'?	Florida Bicycle Association is part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership and will received targeted presentations through that group.
34	ZERO safety organizations involved!!!!	The Florida Highway Patrol and AARP are members of the FTP Steering Committee. The recent Future of Transportation in Florida event was a joint workshop with safety organizations and the FTP long range visioning session. In addition, the SHSP is updated in close coordination with the FTP which involves outreach to safety organizations.
34	Please add Florida Wildflower Foundation to the list of statewide partners	Edit made.
36	I suggest engaging professional organizations involved in transportation planning and design (such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers, American Planning Association, American Public Works Association) also in interviews, coordination and working groups.	Professional organizations involved in transportation planning are already part of the statewide partner list and receive information and briefings as applicable.
General	At a general level, we fully appreciate and support the Department's vision of engaging a broad spectrum of stakeholders and interested parties to develop the future of Florida's diverse and expansive transportation system.	Noted.
General	I think the FDOT Partner and Public Involvement Plan for the update of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan effectively details activities and opportunities for partners and the public to provide input into statewide transportation needs, opportunities, and decision-making processes.	Noted.
General	Thank you for the opportunity to review this document.	Noted.
General	The Federation very much appreciates being identified as one of FDOT's Community and Environmental partners.	Noted.
General	Generally, safety is not a priority. Economic and environmental organizations are involved, but none focused on safety. Glad to see all workshops will be made accessible for those who are transit and mobility limited.	The FDOT's mission is to provide a safe transportation system. In addition, safety a goal of the FTP. Numerous FDOT safety coalitions focus on various aspects of safety working with private and public partners on safety issues.
General	Very pleased to see American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter listed as a professional partner	Noted.
General	Thank you for specifically recognizing Defenders as a key community and environmental organization. Thank you for specifically recognizing Defenders as member of the Environmental Partners Working Group.	Noted.
General	The May 2019 Future of Transportation in Florida event will focus on obtaining input from statewide, regional, and local partners on Florida's long-range transportation vision. This event will be structured to obtain input on long-range trends, alternative futures for transportation in Florida, and potential strategies to prepare for these futures." Page 16 As the largest marine and intermodal terminal operator in the Americas, SSA Marine recognizes numerous emerging market trends that will test Florida's strong multimodal trade network and preserve its rich maritime history. In the wake of the expanded Panama Canal, seaports in the southeast United States are now seeing record cargo volumes and corresponding vessel congestion as ports work to increase handling capacity via development and dredging. Florida's convenient geographic location, well-connected freight transportation network, relatively stable weather, and manufacturing and population growth provide excellent reasons and opportunities to competitively attract these growing maritime cargo volumes. Critically, the southeast seaboard's largest seaport by cargo volume, the Port of Savannah, is regularly impacted by heavy fog that can delay vessels and their cargoes for multiple days, resulting in millions of dollars in lost economic value. The Port of Jacksonville (JAXPORT), the southeast seaboard's largest seaport for domestic containerized trade, is regularly attracting vessels diverted from the Port of Savannah due to heavy fog delays, providing shippers and carriers the opportunity to become accustomed to the Port and begin recognizing the benefits and efficiency inherent in calling at Florida Ports. Accordingly, SSA Marine has made a significant commitment to expand its JAXPORT operations, including major investments in infrastructure, equipment, and services related to operating the Blount Island Marine Terminal for the next 25+ years. We forecast significant continued cargo growth at JAXPORT for many years to come, and we look forward to the opportunity to partner with the Florida Department of Transportation, the North Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Florida Ports Council, the Jacksonville Port Authority, local and national businesses, the environmental justice community, and many other Florida stakeholders to develop plans that will strengthen Florida Ports' position as dominant maritime hubs.	Noted.