



FTP Implementation Committee Meeting # 5

March 30, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Go To Meeting

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Receive presentation on Setting the Stage
- Review draft Implementation Element
- Receive update on other FDOT activities

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Implementation Committee Member			Alternate(s)	
Brad Thoburn, Chair	Florida Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Stettner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Owens	1000 Friends of Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vivian Young	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Cantwell	AARP Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann-Marie Flannery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andra Cornelius	CareerSource Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dehryl McCall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Christian	Federal Highway Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Brunelle Cathy Kendall	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Stewart	Florida Airports Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Honorable Doug Smith	Florida Association of Counties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Poole	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anna Grace Lewis	Florida Chamber of Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
David Darm	Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Somerset	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Frey	Florida Council of 100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steven Birnholz Bob Ward	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Terry McCaffrey	Florida Defense Alliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
James Stansbury	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Cory Strickland	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Sowinski Chris Weller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris Stahl	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ursula Weiss	Florida Department of Health	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Lt. Col. Troy Thompson	Florida Highway Patrol (Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Hightower Jeff Dixon	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lucienne Pears	Florida Economic Development Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beth Cicchetti	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Honorable Matthew Surrency	Florida League of Cities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Branch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emily Fisher	Florida Ports Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Rubin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Deigl	Florida Public Transportation Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Bacot	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig Camuso	Florida Railroad Association	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Pat Steed, Vice Chair	Florida Regional Councils Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Denise Imbler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ananth Prasad	Florida Transportation Builders Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
David Genson	Florida Transportation Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ralph Yoder Sonya Morris William Cobb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alix Miller	Florida Trucking Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sally Patrenos	Floridians for Better Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Georganna Gillette	Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Reichert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Bryan	Rails-To-Trails Conservancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Doolin	Small County Coalition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Szabo	Space Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
The Honorable Sean Parks	TEAM Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Janet Bowman	The Nature Conservancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
John Renne	Urban Land Use Institute Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie Juckett	Visit Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Staff/Consultant Meeting Support		
Huiwei Shen	FDOT, Chief Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kenyatta Lee	FDOT, Chief of Modal Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Dana Reiding	FDOT, Office of Policy Planning (OPP)	☒
Becky Marsey	FDOT, Office of Policy Planning (OPP)	☒
April Combs	FDOT, Office of Policy Planning (OPP)	☒
Jennifer Carver	FDOT, Office of Policy Planning (OPP)	☒
Liz Stutts	FDOT, Transit Office	☒
Holly Cohen	FDOT, Freight and Rail Office	☒
John Kaliski	Cambridge Systematics (consultant support to OPP)	☒
Sarah Walker	Cambridge Systematics (consultant support to OPP)	☒
Nusrat Sharmin	Cambridge Systematics (consultant support to OPP)	☒

Others in Attendance	
Jeff Kramer	Center for Urban Transportation Research
Romero Dill	FDOT, Office of Policy Planning (OPP)
Abra Horne	FDOT, Office of Policy Planning (OPP)
Gabe Matthews	FDOT, Transit Office
Chris Wigglesworth	FDOT, Transit Office
Lora Hollingsworth	FDOT, Safety Office
Chris Edmonston	FDOT, Systems Implementation Office (SIO)
Jennifer King	FDOT, Systems Implementation Office (SIO)
Brian Watts	FDOT, Forecasting and Trends Office (FTO)
Briana Ozor	HDR (consultant support to SIO)

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Brad Thoburn, Chair, FDOT, welcomed participants to the Implementation Committee meeting. He reviewed the meeting objectives and agenda. Brad noted Secretary Kevin Thibault has begun his new role with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and the Department is hoping to have a new Secretary in place shortly. Lisa Saliba has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration, and Will Watts as the Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations, FDOT. He said 2022 legislation requires development of the Resilience Action Plan for the State Highway System and the team anticipates engaging this Committee in the plan development process. Brad added FDOT is actively monitoring the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) and new grant programs including National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI), National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA), Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA), Rural Grant Fund, etc. The [Strategic Intermodal System \(SIS\) Policy Plan](#)

was released in February and Brad recognized the work of this Committee in the Plan development. He also reported that FDOT is working with Florida Chamber Foundation on the Florida Trade and Logistics Study update.

Brad asked Becky Marsey, FDOT, to review the GoToMeeting features and facilitate the Implementation Committee member introductions.

Brad reported on some membership changes noting that Georganna Gillette, Executive Director of the Space Coast TPO, will be replacing Greg Slay as the representative of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). He also recognized Mark Reichart as the new Executive Director of MPOAC and welcomed him to the meeting.

Participants had the following questions and comments:

- Ken Bryan, Rails-To-Trails Conservancy, shared [Rails with Trails- Best Practices and Lessons Learned \(YouTube\)](#) that was recently released by the FHWA.

Setting the Stage

Alison Stettner, FDOT, presented on the key issues and opportunities for transportation that could affect FTP implementation. The [presentation](#) highlighted emerging trends in population, economy, mobility, and environment; federal performance measures on safety, infrastructure condition, and system performance; and key emphasis areas for the next few years, those are- safety, resilience, equity and innovation.

Participants had the following questions and comments:

- Will the suspension of the state gas tax reduction for the month of October have any impact on planned program expenditures?
 - The planned gas tax reduction will not affect FDOT's Work Program.
- Could you post the citation for the carbon reduction plan requirement?
 - Section 11403 of the [BIL](#).

FTP Implementation Element Update

Dana Reiding, FDOT, described the draft FTP Implementation Element that was shared with the Committee members during the meeting for preliminary review. She provided an overview of the draft plan structure, noting each strategy has a two-page spread with the second page capturing the list of activities identified by the Committee in the past meetings. Dana asked members to provide any comments or feedback on the draft Implementation Element.

Participants had the following questions and comments:

- The statewide broadband strategic plan recently received federal funding for broadband infrastructure. Mentioning this initiative might add value to the plan.
 - Dana Reiding, Bottom of page 20 (Infostructure section) mentions the statewide broadband strategic plan. Can expand the reference to incorporate this funding.
 - James Stansbury, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will share this language with Katie Smith, Office of Broadband, and ask for any clarifications.
- Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy, suggested having a stronger reference to electrification related to the NEVI plan.
- Trails make great fiber corridors and share land use well when designed properly. Urban trails need charging capabilities. As we have charging stations, need to think about charging e-bikes and charging cell phones in bikes.
- Suggest a stronger mention of infrastructure regarding the BIL and action of automobile manufacturers as these are transformed.
- Last paragraph of page 22 says- *“shifting from traditional measures such as travel time, level of service, and congestion to customer-focused measures such as connectivity, convenience, and accessibility.”* It might be accurate to say we are expanding from the traditional method to include customer-focused measures, as we would still want to reduce travel time and congestion.
 - We can adjust the wording. In addition, reliability might have more value than travel time, need to highlight that more.
- All the stakeholders participating on the committee are encouraged to contact their local affiliates or their local county commission office to inquire regarding participation on the Local Technology Planning Team.

[Local Technology Planning Teams](#)

Section 288.9961(4)(b), Florida Statutes, directs the Office of Broadband to build and facilitate local technology planning teams representing cross-sections of the community, which may include, but are not limited to, representatives from the following organizations and industries:

Libraries; K-12 education; colleges and universities; local health care providers; private businesses; community organizations; economic development organizations; local governments; tourism; parks and recreation; and agriculture.
- Alison noted the Partner Roles section of the plan is an important part for moving forward. Dana added we wanted to be descriptive in what other’s role are. Should we focus on the ideas of implementing the FTP or is this about how we achieve our goals through the FTP. Welcome thoughts or suggestion on how to approach those.

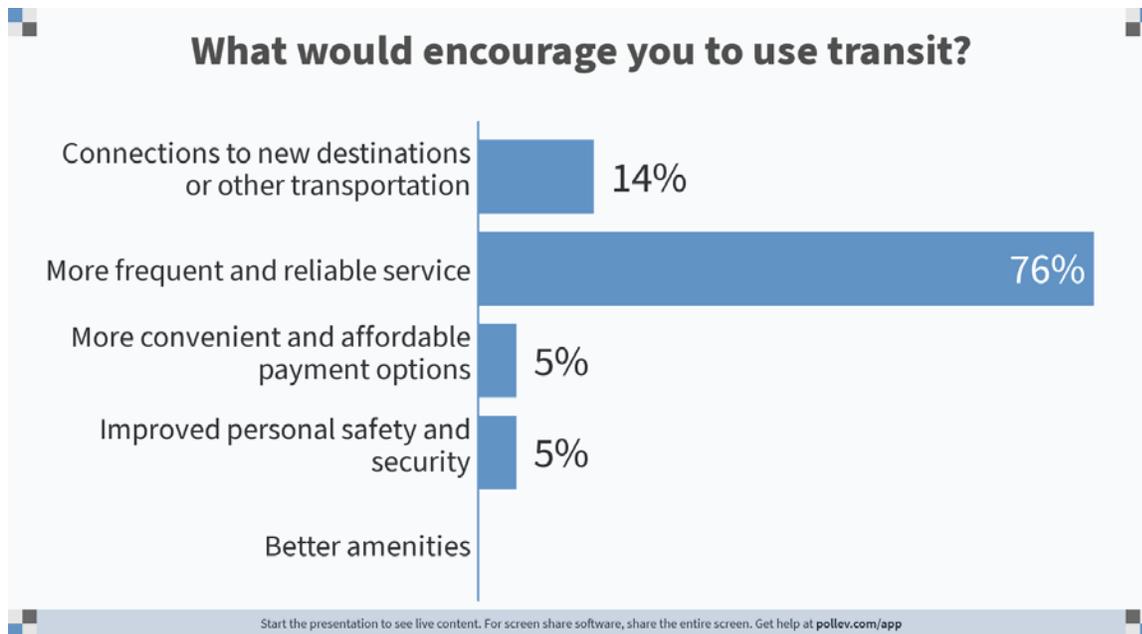
- John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, referred to the list of agency plans and asked how inclusive we should be in listing state agency plans. Should we list both official state agency plans and other partner plans and studies. There are other agencies who have plans but support FDOT plan as well. Tried to capture those in this page.
 - DEO is grouped with other state agencies, but could be separated with specific roles; suggest adding DEO and other agency plans.
 - Brad mentioned the balance in trying to include everything because someone is often left out. He asked to consider how we can capture private sector partners like Brightline, Amazon, etc.
 - Add SunTrail
 - Add broadband as a local government role
 - Reverse wording on the economic development bullet
- Dana asked members' input on what other partners and plans we should include here?

Dana thanked members for providing input on the draft FTP Implementation Element. She said she would provide a revised version for review with a goal of finalizing in May.

Rail and Transit Strategy

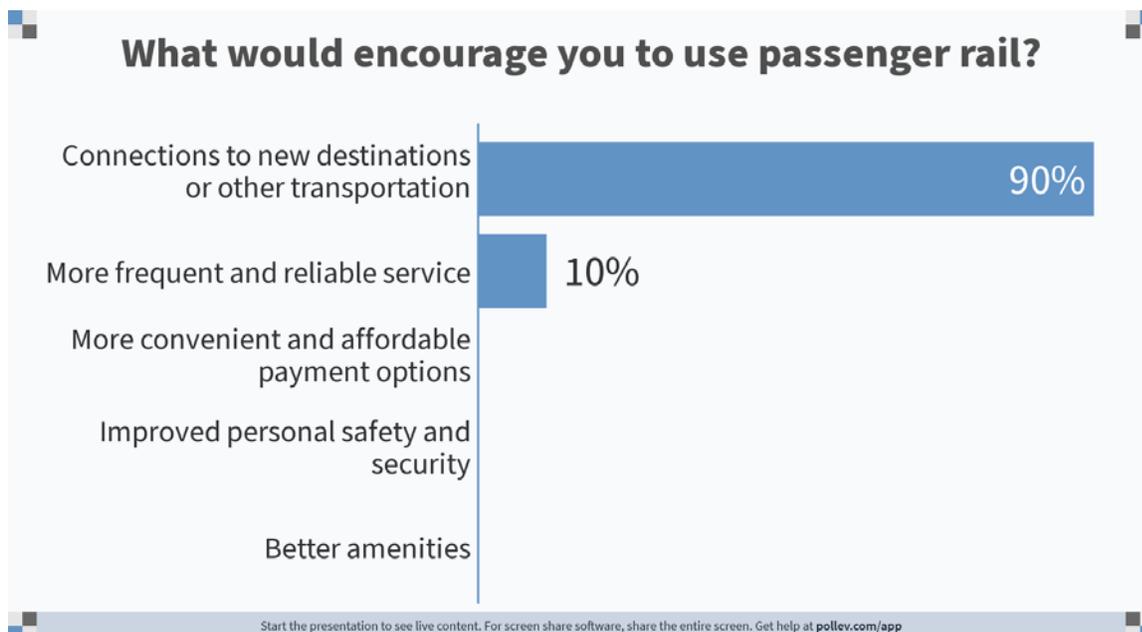
Holly Cohen and Liz Stutts, FDOT, presented on the Rail System Plan, Passenger Rail Strategy and Transit Strategies. FDOT recognizes the need for a statewide rail and transit strategy and embarked on an effort to analyze the role that rail and transit could play in enhancing mobility in the state. The presenters started with Florida's transportation vision in the FTP and how the Rail System Plan is consistent with the FTP. They gave an overview of multimodal connectivity emphasizing transit, passenger rail and freight rail; industry trends and potential strategies of the noted multimodal transportations. Holly noted they have six in-person listening sessions planned throughout Florida (first session was held on March 29, 2022 in Jacksonville) to gather input on how rail and transit should function as part of an integrated, statewide and regional transportation system. There will be a closing virtual session at the end of this effort to review lessons learned from these sessions and next steps. Holly ended her presentation noting that FDOT is required to update the Rail System Plan by December 2022 and she asked members to share any additional thoughts/comments.

The presentation included the following polling questions for the attendees.



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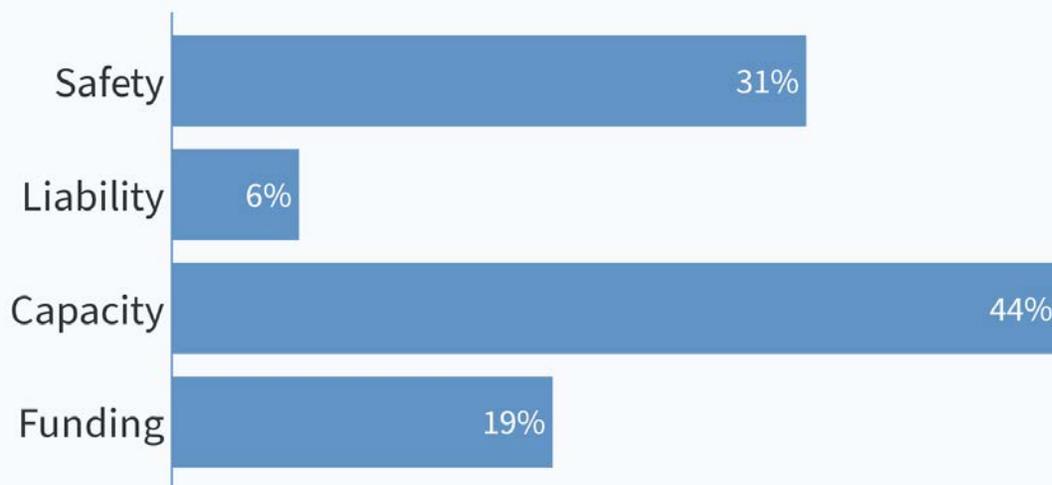
- If you can walk from your office to transit, you don't have to congest the road to get to the station.
- Reliable "last mile solutions" that are convenient to schedule across multiple app/platforms (both public and private).
- Brightline now allows bikes on board.



Participants had the following questions and comments:

- What is on the docket for improving Amtrak or other options across North Florida Jacksonville - Pensacola?
- I am not familiar with the financial sustainability with the Amtrak Auto Train but I have always wondered why it does not go from the Northeast (not Virginia) to South Florida. I have commuted on I-95 in Brevard for 20+ years and still am amazed at the number of cars from the northeast.
- We need rail on U.S. 27.
- Need passenger rail connections in Polk County. which is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida.
 - Brad responded we have heard of some interest from Polk County in studying SunRail extension. First step would be Transit Concept and Alternatives Review (TCAR) study of which the MPO may be requesting.

Which of the following is your top freight rail priority?



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Participants had the following questions and comments:

- Co-use of facility.
- Speed and depots to get faster product delivery.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

April Combs, FDOT, provided an overview of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI) program. This is a new federal program enacted with the BIL, requiring each state to develop an Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Deployment Plan to access the federal funding. She discussed NEVI funding eligible activities including purchasing and installing EV charging infrastructure, operating assistance, development activities, signage, data sharing costs, and mapping and analysis, as well as funding requirements.

April highlighted that each state must submit a plan to the USDOT describing how the state intends to use its NEVI funds, and the Florida must submit its plan by August 1. She discussed the process FDOT is adopting for the NEVI Deployment Plan and touched on the outreach and deployment plan. The department has already started coordinating with state agencies and conducted few stakeholder meetings as part of the outreach plan.

Participants had the following questions and comments:

- Does this involve any legislative committee, governor's office or implementation planning so they understand the importance of this plan to the stakeholders?
 - Yes, Senate and House Committee representatives as well as the Governor's office are included in the stakeholder list.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Next Steps

Dana indicated the revised draft of the FTP Implementation Element will be shared with the members for review in the near future and asked members to provide additional comments and feedback. The goal is to publish the plan in May and the staff will continue coordinating with this Committee on key FTP implementation priorities. Dana mentioned the next meeting is tentative scheduled for Fall 2022 and will focus on updates and monitoring of implementation actions.

Brad asked if anybody had any updates/activities to share with the members and opened the floor for discussion, in a roundtable format.

- Pat Steed, Florida Regional Councils Association, reported they have formed several regional resiliency coalitions in the past and are forming two more. Six of the Regional Planning Councils (RPC) are working together for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- Paul Owens, 1000 Friends of Florida, announced their upcoming 90 minute free webinar (April 20, 2022) promoting transporting equity in Florida.

- Ken Bryan noted the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation/FDOT Trails Summit is coming up on April 21 and 22.
- Doug Smith, Florida Association of Counties, noted some potential topics for this committee including discussion for putting a new rail corridor, freight and passenger rail etc. on U.S. 27. He chairs the National Association of Counties, Environment, Energy and Land Use steering committee, where they had presentations in the past on the use of hydrogen in transportation and how to allocate funding in pilot projects. This could be another topic of discussion since a lot of attention is being paid from the federal government perspective.
- Dehryl McCall, CareerSource Florida, highlighted the Florida Highway Commercial Driver License (CDL) project. He noted there are still more than 3,000 CDL jobs open throughout Florida. They are doing a Transportation Escalator in Miami Lakes area (May 17-18, tentative) and would appreciate participation. Dehryl will share detail information on the event when it is available.
- Brad noted the Florida Chamber Foundation's 2022 [Florida Transportation, Growth and Infrastructure Solution Summit](#) will be held in Jacksonville, on April 28.

Adjourn