

Comments received via the Policy Element survey during the Public Comment period (11/13/2020 - 12/13/2020)

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Comment Treatment Explanation:						
New	Input raises new information or issues not directly discussed in the draft. FDOT will work with internal offices and external partners who are affected to develop new or revised content, as noted in "Response".					
Concern	Input raises concerns about specific draft content. FDOT will work with internal offices and external partners who are affected to consider revising content to effectively respond to the input, as noted in "Response".					
Clarify	Input notes confusion regarding certain draft content and suggests that clarification is needed in the document. FDOT will discuss each of these comments and make revisions to provide the requested clarification.					
Editorial	Input raises spelling or grammar mistakes or specific text edits. FDOT will fix them as appropriate.					
Noted	Input raises concerns or issues that have already been considered and are covered in the draft report, or are unrelated to the Update.					
11/16/2020	Survey	n/a	Government Employee	Overall really liked the infographics and the layout of the information. Made reading it easy and digestible in one-sitting. I know that most of the information/data was obtained prior to 2019; however it is a bit misleading to have a plan without one mention of COVID and the pandemic and the very real impacts it will have on our transportation system and network, as if we are ignoring this issue. A couple of paragraphs would be useful, and acknowledging the uncertainty that it will entail to the recent trends.	Clarify	The plan text notes that the forecasts were developed prior to 2020, and that Florida faces significant risks and uncertainties, including related to public health issues.
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	East West Extension to Wedgefield/520. Extend Dallas Blvd to Highway 50 as it already ties into 528. This would significantly reduce the residential traffic on Maxim Pkwy as the DOT made Macon a rt turn only for some stupid reason!!	Noted	This concern will be shared with District 5.
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Unknown	Thinking of tailoring infrastructure funding to new evolving situation: Perhaps 2 new sources: Increase vehicle registration calculating using weight, inverse of mpg (i.e., all electric pays most, hybrid some more. 2. Take a cut of public recharging station revenue. (can be a factor for reducing increase of electric vehicle registration fee.	Noted	This is an example of an approach that could be considered in implementation.
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Unknown	We need better transportation now!	Noted	
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	We need more trains for long distance travel up the middle and up the west Coast of Florida. We don't need more highways.	Noted	
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	Give us high speed rail.	Noted	
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	Florida needs to be on the forefront of Electric Charging stations next to our interstates and in the turnpike stations. Significant investment in this infrastructure is critical for the expected booming EV market over the next 5-10 years.	Noted	The final Florida Electric Vehicle Roadmap was released in December 2020 by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This concept will be addressed in implementation.
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	see my earlier comments. you cannot start soon enough on this important improvement for the state of Florida. thanks for all you're doing to help drivers and overall transportation system for the state.	Noted	
11/17/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2018/07/30/454084/investing-charging-infrastructure-plug-electric-vehicles/ https://www.osti.gov/servlets/purl/1416695	Noted	
11/19/2020	Survey	9	Private Citizen	there should be an inventory of bicycle facilities, including bike lanes and separated bike lanes. These are a vital part of the Florida Transportation System.	Clarify	A breakdown of non-freeway bicycle and pedestrian facilities are provided on page 9.
11/19/2020	Survey	22	Private Citizen	Page 22 is critical. Florida must commit to Vision Zero. Bravo!	Noted	
11/19/2020	Survey	25	Private Citizen	In the section entitled "Complete Transportation Networks", it highlights the Florida CTC Trail. While this is wonderful project, it is probably more for recreation that commuting or transportation. Florida must commit to better networking of bicycle facilities so that people can commute and run errands from their homes to work and grocery stores, etc. Not just one trail across the state.	Clarify	Page 25 uses the CTC as a current example but the strategy language discusses the vision of an interconnected statewide system.

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11/30/2020	Survey	27	Private Citizen	The Florida Department of Equal Opportunity Office of Broadband should dictate the requirements for expansion of this connectivity in Florida.	Concern	The plan identifies general strategies for transportation to support and benefit from broadband connectivity. Implementation will identify specific actions consistent with the Broadband Strategic Plan once that is developed
11/30/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	Broadband connectivity to rural communities is an entirely different initiative than transportation (of people and things) initiatives. It is deceptive to couple this with the FDOT plan. Existing roads are adequate for any expansion planned and should be utilized in conjunction with aerial implementations. Further, aerial lines are cheaper and less destructive.	Concern	The plan identifies general strategies for transportation to support and benefit from broadband connectivity. Implementation will identify specific actions consistent with the Broadband Strategic Plan once that is developed
12/1/2020	Survey	n/a	Private Citizen	What category (ies) does the use of Golf Carts, Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's) and Electronic/Motorized bicycles fall under? It seems that there is inconsistency in the use and legal requirements around the proper use of these. Electronic bikes can go at a fast pace but still use bicycle lanes; which seems to put 'regular' bicyclists at risk.	Clarify	These definitions are identified in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
12/11/2020	Email	4	Miami-Dade TPO	Setting the Stage: Opportunities and Challenges – Changing Trends and Visitor Flows: It is suggested to clarify the following statements: “ <i>Changing trade patterns, restructuring of supply chains</i> ”, to a more descriptive definition, e.g. how trade patterns are changing (increasing, being redistributed throughout the state, etc.), or how the supply chain is being restructured.	Noted	
12/11/2020	Email	5	Miami-Dade TPO	Setting the Stage: Opportunities and Challenges, Changing Revenue Outlook: Florida is a leading state in automated, connected, electric and shared vehicles. As such, it needs to be a pioneer in studying alternatives to gas tax revenues, such as mileage based fees. We recommend adding a statement to incorporate evaluating pilots that will provide for testing to accommodate these technologies, such as plug-in-devices, smart phones, vehicle telematics, odometer checks or others. Federal grants can assist the state and regional agencies how to charge fees at fueling stations or other connected infrastructure. Evolving Workforce Needs: Consider discussing telecommuting needs and workforce retention. What can Florida offer to employees that can telecommute from any location with high costs of living in the state? Perhaps discuss policies that will allow to expand opportunities to expand workforce housing, incentives for employers to locate in Florida, and work with local municipalities to have flexible work/live adaptable spaces.		The plan includes a foundational strategy related to sustainable and reliable funding sources. The plan also includes a strategy about prioritizing mobility for people and freight that could address some of the workforce concepts. This concept could be addressed further in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	8	Miami-Dade TPO	<i>Building the Plan – Our Process: Consider rewording the following: Instead of: “...as well as regional long-range plans developed by groups of MPOs”. Consider:”... regional entities comprised of groups of adjacent MPOs.”</i>	Clarify	Revised as suggested.
12/11/2020	Email	9	Miami-Dade TPO	<i>Florida Transportation System: For the public transit section data consider adding a footnote to indicate that municipal transit locally operated systems are not included in the total.</i>	Noted	
12/11/2020	Email	14	Miami-Dade TPO	Objectives and Progress Indicators: Consider adding a progress indicator to address ensuring continuation of critical infrastructure support and adaptability of service, such as exemptions to hours of service regulations for trucking companies and commercial drivers providing direct emergency assistance.	Clarify	Text includes a potential progress indicator on hours or days of transportation facility closure due to smoke, fire, flooding, wind, or extreme temperature as well as frequency of repairs due to damage from extreme weather or other events. Additional concepts can be explored in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	20	Miami-Dade TPO	Infrastructure & Workforce: The TPO supports providing sustainable and reliable transportation funding sources, specially flexible funding options that allow for currently programmed projects that advance local priorities.	Noted	

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12/11/2020	Email	29	Miami-Dade TPO	Key Strategies – Enhance Access to Opportunity: Consider expanding affordable housing to incorporate workforce housing that incorporates the population trends observed in the report: students, young professionals, seniors, international population relocating to Florida, and other groups expected in the State.	Clarify	This concept can be addressed in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	With electric vehicle use and infrastructure expansion identified in the policy document as “key strategies”, a suggestion would be to install electric vehicle charging stations on State facilities such as the Turnpike and heavily used State roads.	Noted	The final Florida Electric Vehicle Roadmap was released in December 2020 by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This concept will be addressed in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Compressed natural gas (CNG) is much cleaner burning than gasoline. Investigate the feasibility of CNG stations in Florida, as other states already have them in use	Notes	This concept can be addressed in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Full consideration shall be given to technological advancements while planning for mobility needs.	Noted	This concept can be addressed in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	SIS facilities and all major roads should be used to facilitate fiber optic network.	Noted	Considered as a part of "next generation transportation corridors" concept under "Transform major corridors and hubs" strategy and also as part of "expand transportation infrastructure" strategy.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) should be implemented as part of all major thoroughfares and especially on SIS.	Noted	Considered as a part of "next generation transportation corridors" concept under "Transform major corridors and hubs" strategy and also as part of "expand transportation infrastructure" strategy.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Incident management system must be a high priority along all major roads and especially on SIS facilities	Noted	Considered as a part of "Reduce the number of crashes and other safety incidents on the transportation system" objective and supporting progress indicator as well as associated strategies.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Social Equity must be considered when providing HOT lanes on SIS facilities.	Noted	This can be addressed more specifically during the update of the SIS Policy Plan.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Any and all improvements on SIS interchanges must provide for adequate park and ride lots.	Noted	This can be addressed more specifically during the update of the SIS Policy Plan.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Given rapidly changing technology, the planning horizons must be as short as possible due to an increased cone of error as you go further in the future.	Noted	This concept can be addressed in implementation.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	Personal mobility options such as e-scooters, bike sharing, zip cars, autonomous vehicles, uber, and lyft, etc. must be considered in all future plans	Noted	Referred to as "micromobility" in this document and referenced throughout.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	In the future, provide funding and require the entire State to plan for SLR in susceptible areas.	Noted	Addressed in resilience strategies.
12/11/2020	Email	n/a	Palm Beach County Planning Division	As a safety consideration, bike and pedestrian facilities should be physically separated if there are more than four lanes or more than 35mph speed limit.	Noted	This concept can be addressed in implementation.