



State Agency Coordination Team Meeting Discussion

**April 17, 2015
Tallahassee, Florida**

A workshop was scheduled for the FDOT State Agency Coordination Team Meeting that focused on the Florida Transportation Plan and Strategic Intermodal System Policy Plan on April 17, 2015. A presentation was given by FDOT to the eight members in attendance that outlined trends and conditions related to key themes determined by the FTP/SIS Advisory Groups. The State Agency Coordination Team 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

- Is there something unique about Florida's changing demographics that we can capitalize on when planning the transportation system?
- As the economy continues to recover, more international visitors will come to Florida. International visitors have different preferences that we need to consider when developing our transportation system.

Coordinate Transportation to Support Vibrant and Healthy Communities

- Correlation between vibrant and healthy community and safety for all users. This involves complete streets. More people may consider walking and bicycling as viable transportation modes if they are safer.
- Shelters for bus stops, especially in Florida, are important transit accommodations.
- Designate major investments with full regional strategy in mind – i.e., the new Panama City airport.

Make Transportation Decisions to Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship

- Design new corridors with wildlife connectivity in mind.
- Consider environmental issues/implications on a regional scale. Regional mitigation.
- Stormwater harvesting. Promote coordination with water quality/supply issues. Consider seasonal peaks in water flows to augment reclaimed water.
- Where does landscape scale planning concept fit in?

Improve Safety for Transportation Users

- *No comments provided.*

Enhance Security for Transportation Users

- *No comments provided.*
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Provide Transportation Solutions to Support Residents and Visitors During Emergencies

- Consider stormwater when developing new corridors.
- Sea-Level Rise and hurricane evacuation.
- How to address coastal evacuation with increasing population in coastal urbanized areas?
 - How to accommodate visitor/non-resident traffic in emergency situations?
- This is typically a local/regional issue. Local government comprehensive plans address evacuation and emergency management.
 - Ensure collaboration between state, regional, and local agencies to coordinate evacuation.
- This will help predict potential hazards and better prepare for them.

Other

- Nationally the vehicle miles traveled and transit ridership trends in Florida are similar to other states.
- Where does long range land use planning fit into this topic? Very cross-cutting issue among each of the Advisory Groups. This discussion is happening on regional corridor scales as well as on a small scale, such as wildlife crossings, etc.

Innovation and Economic Development

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

- If there is a shortage of truck drivers, is Florida prepared to rely more on rail? Are the ports prepared to shift their cargo directly to rail?
 - This has affects on passenger rail.

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

- *No comments provided.*

Support Diverse Regional Innovation Clusters

- This should be based on the regional visions.

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

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Support a Competitive Business Climate for Transportation and Other Industries

- Military is an increasingly important part of Florida's economy. Consider moving closer to the bottom of the graphic on the presentation. *Military is considered a growth opportunity even though it has been a major part of Florida's economy for a long time.*
- Explain Cleantech. *Focused on energy and environmental services.*

Infrastructure and Growth Leadership

Maintain Transportation System in State of Good Repair

- *No comments provided.*

Improve the Efficiency of the Existing Transportation System

- *No comments provided.*

Modernize the Transportation System

- School buses running on alternative fuels. Public private partnerships to provide compressed natural gas, and other alternative fuel school busses.
 - Fueling stations constructed by public private partnerships will be made accessible to other users as well
- Provide more cost effective options and accessible locations for refueling/charging alternative fuel vehicles.

Expand Modal Choices for Moving People and Freight

- *No comments provided.*

Improve Intraregional, Interregional, Interstate, and International Connectivity

- *No comments provided.*

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

- Emergency orders are offered to expedite the repair and replacement process.

Other

- Lack of funding through the gas tax. How to maintain a modernized transportation system with limited funding?

Strategic Intermodal System

Objectives

- *No comments provided.*

Designation Criteria

- *No comments provided.*

Needs Policies

- *No comments provided.*

Prioritization Policies

- It would be a good idea to clarify planning/prioritization; they aren't the same.
- Some locals with Emerging SIS facilities don't want to meet SIS standards and prefer not to be designated.

Finance Strategy

- Have SIS and Emerging SIS always been considered the same from a funding perspective? *Yes.*
- People don't like to hear that Tallahassee Airport qualifies for the same funding as Miami International Airport.
- Smaller facilities sometimes cannot afford to make a funding match to qualify for SIS. Could Rural Areas of Opportunity be exempt from providing a match?
- Is there an incentive for regions that are doing visioning and long range planning? Is this something we can consider to promote regional visioning processes where none exist? Does this create an unfair challenge for rural areas? *Not specifically. When there is evidence for broad support for projects, it is easier to understand how it is prioritized from a regional perspective.*