

Guiding Principles for Florida’s Future Transportation Corridors

Planning Process

- **Be consistent with statewide and regional visions and plans** -- Make decisions about statewide transportation corridors consistent with:
 - the goals and objectives of 2060 Florida Transportation Plan and other statewide plans; and
 - long range visions about the future growth and development of Florida’s regions and, in the future, the state as a whole.
- **Structure planning process** -- Develop a structured planning process that:
 - involves partners early and continuously;
 - coordinates transportation corridor decisions with land use, economic development, environmental stewardship, water management, and other public and private decisions and identifies opportunities to accomplish multiple objectives; and
 - provides clear decision making points and ensures that issues and recommendations carry forward into future stages.

Corridor Needs and Strategies

- **Identify long-term transportation needs** – Define a statewide mobility or transportation connectivity need based on data, consensus forecasts, and statewide, regional, and community visions and plans.
- **Maximize existing facilities**-- Make optimal use of existing transportation facilities to address these long-term transportation needs before expanding them.
- **Consider alternatives to highways** - Promote greater use of existing rail, water, and air corridors to move both people and freight.
- **Consider new facilities if needed** - Develop new facilities if existing facilities cannot meet mobility or connectivity needs.

Corridor Location

- **Enhance economic development** -- Improve transportation connectivity for people and freight to established and emerging regional employment centers and economically productive rural lands.
- **Support growth in appropriate areas** -- Locate major transportation corridor improvements and, if needed, new facilities in appropriate and environmentally acceptable areas consistent with adopted visions and growth plans, local government comprehensive plans, and adopted agency plans.
- **Protect and restore natural environment** -- Plan and develop transportation corridors in a manner that protects and, where feasible, restores the function and character of the natural environment and avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts.

Corridor Function

- **Include multiple modes and uses** – Plan enhanced or new transportation corridors, where appropriate, to:
 - accommodate multiple modes of transportation for moving people and freight; and
 - coordinate locations with existing and new utility infrastructure.
- **Preserve function of corridor** -- Maximize the use of statewide transportation corridors for interregional and interstate travel and transport through operational strategies, demand management, access management, coordination with surrounding land uses, and development of effective regional and local transportation networks.
- **Design modal infrastructure and access carefully** -- Plan highway elements of future transportation corridors to be limited access, with interchange locations identified to provide access to economic development activities dependent on long-distance transportation, and to support land uses as identified in local plans. Plan rail and transit elements of future transportation corridors to support compact development locations and to encourage public transportation ridership.

Corridor Design

- **Use context sensitive design** -- Plan, develop, and implement transportation corridors using context sensitive design practices to the fullest extent possible.
- **Use advanced and energy efficient approaches** -- Use state-of-the-art and energy-efficient infrastructure, vehicles, materials, technologies, and methodologies to develop and operate transportation corridors.