

July 8th Community Workshops

Summary

presented to

The East Central Florida Corridor Task Force

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- ▶ The charge of the Task Force shall include the following tasks:

6.E. “Solicit and consider input from ... residents; and the public;”



Overview

- ▶ **Location: Kissimmee Civic Center**
- ▶ **Participants**
 - » Morning Session - 37
 - » Afternoon Session – 20
 - » Total - 57



Workshop Format

▶ Plenary presentation

- » Overview of the Study Area
- » Review the Task Force Charge
- » Workshop Format

▶ 4 presentations, organized by the 4Cs

- » Review data
- » Discuss issues and opportunities

▶ Plenary session

- » Vote on issues and summarize comments
- » Next steps



Top Comments on Conservation

- ▶ Importance of planning for the future to address changing needs and minimize impacts of future growth on environmental resources
- ▶ Importance of developing a multimodal transportation system to accomplishing regional conservation goals
- ▶ Need to establish policies for protecting key resources at the start of the process



Top Comments on Countryside

- ▶ **Need to work with agricultural land owners to provide dedicated conservation land.**
- ▶ **Work with agricultural landowners to understand connectivity needs and how they can support other regional goals**
- ▶ **Working ranches are important to wildlife**
- ▶ **Agriculture is critical for long-term regional economy, environment, and sustainability**



Top Comments on Centers

- ▶ **Need for better east/west connectivity to Brevard County**
- ▶ **Need to better connect economic centers**
- ▶ **Need for a regional approach to developing and funding public transportation**



Top Comments on Corridors

- ▶ **Need for better east/west connectivity for emergency evacuation and economic development**
- ▶ **Specific connectivity gaps: to/from Poinciana; Brevard County to Lake Nona; population centers to educational hubs; International Drive to Orlando**
- ▶ **Need to avoid impact of roads on existing communities including eminent domain**
- ▶ **Need for better coordination among stakeholders**



Future Citizen Workshops

- ▶ Tentatively scheduled in the draft changes to the Task Force Work Plan for October 6-8, 2014, with one workshop in all three of the counties, Orange County, Osceola County, and Brevard County.



Thank You!

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