



November 19, 2019

AGENDA ITEM 7 A

**MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE (M-CORES)**

TYPE OF ITEM: Action

**STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

A presentation on the Florida Department of Transportation Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) initiative will be provided.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: M-CORES Information

## What is M-CORES?

The M-CORES Program was established within the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through new legislation (Chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida). The overall objective of the M-CORES Program is to advance three regional corridors that can accommodate multiple modes of transportation and various types of infrastructure, such as communication, energy, and water. The three regional corridors are listed below with the counties that make up the study areas. A map of the study areas can be found on the back of this handout.

- **Suncoast Connector** (Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Taylor Counties)
- **Northern Turnpike Connector** (Citrus, Levy, Marion and Sumter Counties)
- **Southwest-Central Florida Connector** (Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee and Polk Counties)

## What is the purpose of the M-CORES Task Forces?

A Task Force has been established for each M-CORES study area to provide a local, regional, and statewide perspective and collaboration on this initiative. The membership, as defined by law, includes representatives from state, regional, and local governments; communities; and environmental organizations. The charge of the Task Forces is to provide recommendations for each study area by October 1, 2020.

## What are the goals for the M-CORES Program?



- **Alleviate** congestion
- **Support** multiple modes of transportation (shared-use trails, freight and passenger rail, public transit)



- **Improve** energy distribution
- **Build** water, sewer and other infrastructure



- **Connect** rural communities
- **Expand** broadband service



- **Conserve** wildlife
- **Protect** environmentally sensitive areas



- **Create** jobs
- **Advance** trade and logistics



- **Provide** hurricane evacuation routes

## How can I provide input?

Comments may be submitted through the following methods:

- A** In writing at one of the comment stations provided today
- B** Verbally to an on-site court reporter at one of our comment stations provided today
- C** By mail to: Ann Howard  
Communications Director  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450
- D** By email to [FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us)
- E** During the public comment period scheduled today **(please see a staff member at the sign-in table for a speaker card)**

Additional opportunities for input and comment will be provided at all Task Force meetings and at the community open house meetings.



Visit

**FloridaMCORES.com**  
for the latest information

## Contact Information:

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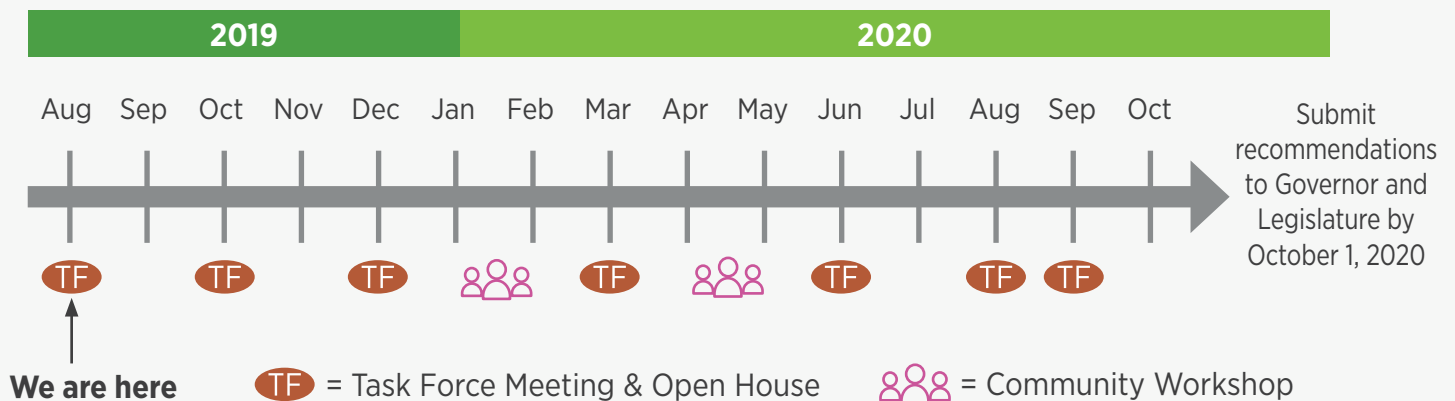


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## Task Force Schedule



Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jacqueline Paramore, State Title VI Coordinator, at (850) 414-4753 or by email at [Jacqueline.Paramore@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jacqueline.Paramore@dot.state.fl.us).

## Suncoast Connector

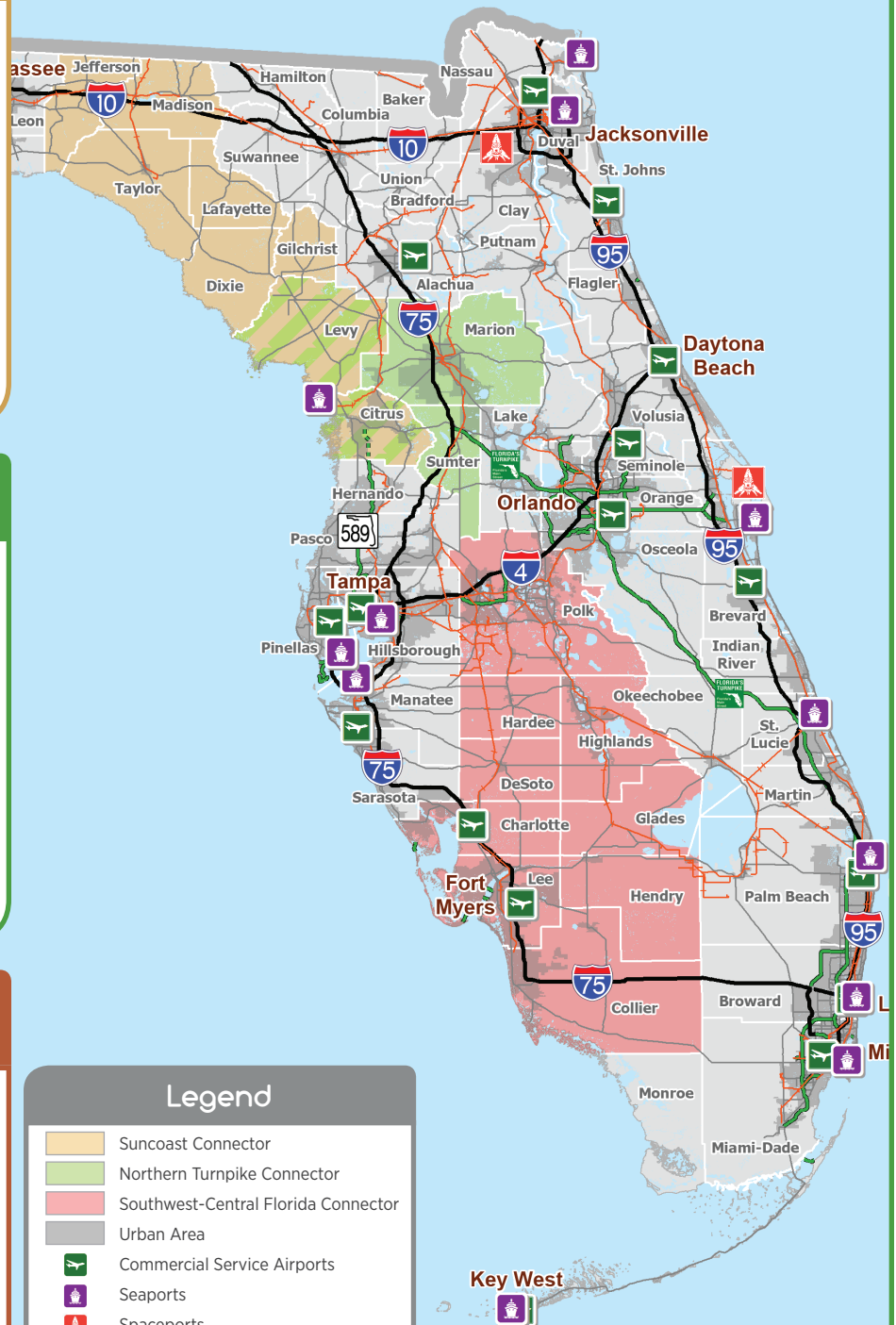
- **8** counties (Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Taylor)
- **21** cities and towns
- **5,635** square miles of land area
- **286,827** residents
- **48,780** jobs
- **2,217** lane miles of state highway system
- **147** miles of active rail
- **1** seaport

## Northern Turnpike Connector

- **4** counties (Citrus, Levy, Marion and Sumter)
- **20** cities and towns
- **3,831** square miles of land area
- **677,430** residents
- **36,305** jobs
- **2,162** lane miles of state highway system
- **158** miles of active rail
- **1** seaport

## Southwest-Central Florida Connector

- **9** counties (Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee and Polk)
- **36** cities and towns
- **9,511** square miles of land area
- **2,251,543** residents
- **590,999** jobs
- **4,793** lane miles of state highway system
- **600** miles of active rail
- **2** commercial service airports



### Legend

- Suncoast Connector
- Northern Turnpike Connector
- Southwest-Central Florida Connector
- Urban Area
- Commercial Service Airports
- Seaports
- Spaceports
- Interstates
- Toll Roads
- Toll Roads (Under Construction)
- State Highways
- Active Rail

### Key West

### Sources:

Florida Cities & Towns: <https://www.fl-counties.com/florida-cities-county>  
 Land Area: <http://www.usa.com/rank/florida-state-land-area-county-rank.htm>  
 Population & Employment: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045218>  
 Lane Miles: <https://www.fdot.gov/statistics/mileage-rpts/default.shtm#SHS>  
 Rail Miles: <https://www.fgdl.org/metadataexplorer/explorer.jsp>  
 Seaports: <https://www.fdot.gov/seaport/seaport.shtm>  
 Airports: <https://www.fdot.gov/aviation/FASP2035>