

Meeting Summary Task Force Meeting #3

February 26, 2016, 9:00 AM Trinity United Methodist Church 4000 NW 53rd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32653

Task Force Members or designees present (in alphabetical order by last name)

Task Force Member, Organization	Designee (if applicable)
☑ Rich Biter, Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development, Florida Department of Transportation (Chair)	⊠ Carmen Monroy, FDOT alternate
☑ Jane Adams, Vice President for University Relations, University of Florida	
☑ The Honorable Scott Adams, Citrus County Commissioner	
☑ Rebecca Bays, Owner, Insurance Resources and Risk Management	
⊠ Janet Bowman, Director of Legislative Policy & Strategies, The Nature Conservancy – Florida Chapter	
The Honorable Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner	⊠ Bradley Arnold
☑ The Honorable Charles Chestnut, Alachua County Commissioner	
□ Gary Clark, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection	⊠ Donald V. Forgione
☑ Hugh Harling, Executive Director, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	
Scott Koons, Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council	
☑ Charles Lee, Director of Advocacy, Audubon Florida	
The Honorable Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner	🖾 Greg Slay
The Honorable John Meeks, Levy County Commissioner	🛛 Wilbur Dean
Image: The Honorable Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner	
☑ Charles Pattison, Policy Director, 1000 Friends of Florida	
⊠ Kevin T. Sheilley, President & CEO, Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership	
⊠ Mike Sizemore, Citizen	
Sean Sullivan, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	
☑ The Honorable Matt Surrency, Mayor, City of Hawthorne	
⊠ Taylor Teepell, Director, Community Development, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	
Brian Teeple, Executive Director, Northeast Florida Regional Council	





Staff: FDOT Central Office, District 2, District 5, District 7, and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Staff and Consultant teams
Number of Other Agency Representatives in Attendance: 19 (Refer to Attached Sign-In Sheets)
Number of Other Interested Individuals in Attendance: 52 (Refer to Attached Sign-In Sheets)





Meeting Highlights

Note: All Task Force Binder contents and meeting materials referenced (including presentations) are available for downloading at the I-75 Relief project website at <u>www.i75relief.com</u>.

Welcome and Introductions, Rich Biter (Chair) – 9:12 AM

The Meeting Facilitator, Shelley Lauten, called the meeting to order.

Chairman of the I-75 Relief Task Force, Rich Biter, welcomed the Task Force members to the third meeting of the I-75 Relief Task Force.

It was acknowledged that Alachua County was filming the entire meeting and that the video recording would be made available for viewing on the county's website beginning tomorrow.

Alachua County Commissioner Charles Chestnut welcomed everyone to Alachua County.

Mr. Biter, the Task Force Chairman asked each Task Force member to introduce themselves and if they are a designee, mention who they are representing.

The Chairman acknowledged the following Task Force Member's designees:

- Sumter County Administrator, Bradley Arnold, representing Commissioner Garry Breeden;
- Levy Assistant County Coordinator, Wilbur Dean, representing Commissioner John Meeks;
- Ocala/Marion TPO Staff Director, Greg Slay, representing Commissioner Stan McClain; and
- Director of Florida Park Service, Donald V. Forgione, representing Gary Clark.

Chairman Biter also welcomed Taylor Teepell, Director of Community Development for the Department of Economic Opportunity, as a newly appointed Task Force member, replacing Ana Richmond (Chief of Bureau Community Planning for the Department of Economic Opportunity).

The Chairman also introduced Charles Pattison, Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, as a Task Force member who was unable to attend the first meeting on December 7th, 2015 or the second meeting January 25th, 2016.

The Chairman then announced that Todd Powell, the appointed private landowner representative, has decided to withdraw from the Task Force. A copy of Mr. Powell's letter was included in the Task Force Binder. The Chairman noted that due to the advanced stage of the Task Force process, Secretary Boxold does not plan to ask another landowner to join the Task Force.

Chairman Biter asked any elected officials in the audience to introduce themselves.

Chairman Biter recognized Alachua County Commission Chair Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commissioner Mike Byerly, Putnam County Commissioner Larry Harvey, and Michael Berkowitz, Mayor of Micanopy, for being in attendance.

Chairman Biter then asked Ms. Lauten to review the meeting objectives, agenda, and to discuss a few housekeeping items.

The Meeting Facilitator, Ms. Lauten reviewed the meeting objectives (Task Force Binder, Tab 2, Slide 2) and the general flow of the agenda (Task Force Binder, Tab 2). She reviewed the contents and structure of the Task Force Binders, reminded attendees to sign in at the registration desk, and reminded Task Force members to fill out an evaluation form.





She briefly addressed logistics about the facilities and lunch. Ms. Lauten also highlighted the break for Public Comment in the agenda, at 3 p.m. She mentioned that there may be a large number of speakers and if a group of people had the same comment to please select one spokesperson for the comment/issue so that everyone's comments could be addressed and noted for the record.

Text from Slide 2

- Discuss preliminary identification of areas for avoidance and minimization in the Initial Focus Area
- Discuss the purpose and need for enhanced or new transportation corridors in the study area
- Begin discussion of potential opportunities or options for corridor improvements
- Discuss the approach for evaluating potential corridor options
- Discuss plans for community open houses
- Obtain public input
- Identify action items and next steps

The Chairman then asked Huiwei Shen, FDOT I-75 Relief Project Manager, to review the status of the action items from Task Force Meeting #2.

Review Action Items from Meeting #2, Huiwei Shen, FDOT – 9:24 AM

Huiwei Shen, FDOT Project Manager for I-75 Relief Study, provided an update on the status of action items (Task Force Binder, Tab 2, Slide 5) that were identified at Meeting #2 in January and asked the Task Force members for questions or comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

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- Briefing Books posted for comment
- Preliminary project traffic model results
- Presentations from representatives of the rail and trucking industries
- Additional freight and logistics data
- Preliminary strategies to enhance existing corridors

Ms. Shen also addressed several prior requests from the Task Force about when drawing lines on the map will begin. Ms. Shen indicated that the Task Force will start this process by spending time today reviewing areas to avoid and areas in which impacts are to be minimized. Ms. Shen then noted that there were updates to the Guiding Principles (minor revisions), which were included in the binder (Tab 2).

Approval of Meeting #2 Summary, Rich Biter, FDOT - 9:27 AM

Chairman Biter called for the approval of the final version of the Recommended Guiding Principles for Planning the Future of Florida's Transportation Corridors (Guiding Principles) and the Meeting #2 Summary (Task Force Binder, Tab 2). The Task Force Meeting #2 Summary and Guiding Principles were both approved with no objections.





Status of Task Force Charge and Work Plan, Jim Wood, FDOT – 9:28 AM

Jim Wood, FDOT State Transportation Planning Administrator, reviewed the Purpose and Charge of the Task Force (Task Force Binder, Tab 2, Slide 7) followed with a review of the Task Force Work Plan (Task Force Binder, Tab 2). Mr. Wood explained that the Work Plan is used to ensure a sequential "building" of information and understanding of the issues, opportunities and decisions being made at each Task Force meeting. This sequencing of information, will allow the Task Force to reach consensus recommendations at the end of the process, and to successfully accomplish the Task Force's Purpose and Charge. He then went on to discuss the definition of consensus agreed upon at the Task Force's first meeting (Tab 2, Slide 13).

Text from Slide 13

• The I-75 Relief Task Force will seek consensus recommendations on the elements of its charge. Consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the Task Force members strive for agreements that all members can accept, support, live with, or agree not to oppose. Consensus recommendations in the final Task Force report shall not require a unanimous vote.

Mr. Wood acknowledged receipt of Alachua County Commission Chair Hutchinson's letter (dated February 4, 2016) to Chairman Biter (Task Force Binder, Tab 9). He further stated that Commissioner Hutchinson's letter echoes the Guiding Principles the FDOT along with the Task Force have adopted. Mr. Wood noted he attended some Alachua County Commission meetings and recognized east and southeast Alachua County's concerns and that these areas should be avoided. Mr. Wood stated that he and his team are available to meet with other County Commissioners if they have similar types of concerns in their area. Mr. Wood added that because of the importance of focusing on conservation efforts, today's agenda was arranged to begin and end with this subject. First, by looking at potential avoidance and minimization areas based on discussions to date, then discussing the preliminary purpose and need for potential improvements and options, and then returning to the question of how to refine the analysis of potential options moving forward.

The following questions/comments were offered:

- Mr. Pattison (1000 Friends of Florida) asked if there is a quantifiable goal of traffic volume to be diverted off I-75. Mr. Wood replied that at this stage of the process, the Task Force is looking at high level planning and preliminary purpose and need. More information on level of service and traffic volumes will be provided later today and in future meetings to identify a viable percentage of diversion.
- Mr. Lee (Audubon Florida) commented that there are agencies "not at the table", citing the Florida Forestry Service and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and requested that FDOT extend the invitation to these agencies. *Mr. Wood informed the Task Force that the mentioned agencies have been contacted and invited to the Agency Coordination Meetings, and both groups are represented by the Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) with which FDOT has held meetings. Ms. Shen added that they will be meeting with SWFWMD in mid-March.*

Preliminary Identification of Areas of Avoidance and Minimization – 9:42 AM

Chairman Biter asked John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, and Sunserea Dalton, CH2M, to provide an overview of the preliminary avoidance and minimization maps developed for today's meeting (Task Force Binder, Tab 3).





Mr. Kaliski began with a high level summary of the Guiding Principles and how they were used to support the preliminary analysis. He highlighted the importance of avoiding existing conservation lands and the importance of supporting efforts to protect and enhance natural systems connectivity. Mr. Kaliski also spoke about Countryside, one of the "4 Cs", and the importance of protecting agricultural lands and other rural lands. He also spoke about the Guiding Principles related to improving connectivity to economic centers, while also avoiding or minimizing negative impacts to existing communities.

Ms. Dalton reviewed the preliminary identification of areas of avoidance and minimization of impacts to resources (Task Force Binder, Tab 3). She explained that the avoidance and minimization maps were based upon each of the "4 Cs" and the key opportunities and constraints related to corridor planning that the Task Force identified in Meeting #2. Ms. Dalton noted that the data for the "4 Cs" was updated based on feedback from the Task Force, ETAT, other agencies and the public. Ms. Dalton also presented avoidance and minimization maps for the individual Counties and discussed key items from each County throughout the Initial Focus Area.

Ms. Lauten asked Ms. Dalton to remind the audience what CLIP stands for. Ms. Dalton explained that CLIP is defined as Critical Lands and Waters Identification Project and explained how it is used in the analysis.

Ms. Lauten asked if there were any questions from the Task Force members.

Ms. Bowman (The Nature Conservancy) asked about the differences between "unique" and "prime" farmlands. *Ms.* Dalton responded that unique farmlands are defined at the federal level to be of importance to the local/state economy. An example of prime farmlands defined by the State are agricultural lands that are high-quality for short- and long-range needs for food and fiber (citrus crops, etc.). The FDEP is the source of the data identifying local prime and unique farmlands.

No additional questions or comments were offered.

Ms. Lauten then initiated a discussion, pointing out that the goal for the maps was to get a visual representation of the preliminary areas of avoidance and minimization.

Task Force Member Discussion

Ms. Lauten then asked the following questions of the Task Force to facilitate discussion:

- Have we identified the critical resources in the Initial Focus Area where our focus should be on avoiding or minimizing impacts? Is anything missing?
- What additional information might you need to assist you in the identification of areas for avoidance and minimization?
- Are there any initial thoughts regarding where the study area would benefit from better connectivity (natural systems, transportation, or other forms)?

The following questions/comments were offered:

• Charles Lee (Audubon Florida) stated that he has concerns with the approach of combining areas where impacts need to be minimized and areas to be avoided. He requested separate, very clear maps displaying areas of avoidance only. Additionally, he acknowledged that a lot of water resource features are shown but one thing that is not shown is areas where





local governments or private/public utilities have made important investments in potable water sources and water supply wellfields. He requested that we have a data layer that shows water supply wellfields.

- Matthew Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) stated that there is also a level/layer of preservation lands that should be shown as areas of avoidance.
- Mike Sizemore (Citizen) agreed with Mr. Lee, emphasizing a need to see a layer for spring recharge areas.
- Hugh Harling (East Central Florida Regional Planning Council) commented that he believes as we discuss avoidance, we need to come up with methods that we are going to use to avoid impacts. What are the avoidance methodologies and mitigation options? What are the costs associated with avoidance methodologies? Impacts of separated truck traffic, etc. need to be part of the discussion.
- Charles Lee added that avoidance means to keep a road out and that minimization is raising a road over it. *Ms. Lauten suggested that the maps that would be presented shortly would address his concerns.*
- Janet Bowman (The Nature Conservancy) stated that avoidance is tied to the purpose and need statement. At this high level of the process, it should be determined whether or not a new road is feasible or wanted. The maps looks like we are assuming a new corridor but we haven't gotten to that point yet in the process.
- Charles Chestnut (Alachua County Commissioner) asked if wildlife corridor avoidance areas are being shown on the maps. *Ms. Dalton stated that the managed lands layer, Critical Land and Waters Identification Project (CLIP) and Florida Ecological Greenways (FEGN) all reflect wildlife corridors in the greenways and trails data layers.*
- Charles Lee (Audubon Florida) indicated that there that there are a number of areas that are shown in the primary and secondary minimization maps. He suggested that there may be some other lands from the Water Management Districts (WMDs) that need to be considered in addition to Florida Forever acquisition areas. There are potential win/win situations in acquiring properties that serve the potential roadway needs as well as address properties that have been identified for acquisition by any one of the environmental agencies throughout the area. There could be an economy of scale if those were acquired for the dual purpose of enhancing conservation.
- Bradley Arnold (designee for Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner) agreed that there needs to be separate
 maps showing areas of avoidance and minimization, but does not agree that acquisition land lists by Water
 Management Districts or Florida Forever should be shown as avoidance/minimization because the list represents
 a "wish list," where the acquisition of all of that land may not be feasible or assumed. Some of the lands on the
 Florida Forever list are also covered by Development of Regional Impact areas or are previously approved or
 entitled for development.
- Donald Forgione (designee for Gary Clark, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation, FDEP) asked if there was a map that combined all areas of conservation managed land resources into one color to see the connectivity. *Ms. Dalton indicated that we do have a map showing this, but it is differentiated based on ownership.*

Chairman Biter thanked the Task Force for their participation and input in the discussion. He encouraged the Task Force to note the importance of the issues raised on avoidance and minimization areas and to continue to seek input from their constituents on key avoidance or minimization areas.

Chairman Biter then noted that before the break, he would like Jim Wood to provide an overview of the purpose and need so the Task Force can get a head start on the next major discussion item. Mr. Biter also stated that the staff is taking notes of items to be discussed at the next meeting.





Overview of Purpose and Need – 10:19 AM

Mr. Wood provided an overview of what is meant by "purpose and need" and "range of alternatives" at this stage in the process. He shared initial thoughts about the purpose and need and that work at the Task Force level is a general planning evaluation, not like a traditional purpose and need for a specific project. He focused in on two overarching purposes (Task Force Binder, Tab 4):

- Provide relief to Interstate 75 and improve mobility in the Initial Focus Area
- Enhance regional connectivity between Tampa Bay, North Central Florida and Northeast Florida

He then presented the need to improve relief and mobility to I-75 in the Initial Focus Area and the need to enhance regional connectivity.

Ms. Lauten asked if the Task Force had questions or needed clarification from Mr. Wood before the break.

No questions or comments were offered.

Break from 10:30 – 10:45 AM

Chairman Biter reconvened the Task Force from the break and asked Huiwei Shen to continue the discussion on the preliminary purpose and need.

Preliminary Purpose and Need, Huiwei Shen, FDOT - 10:48 AM

Ms. Shen presented an overview on developing a preliminary purpose and need (Task Force Binder, Tab 4). Ms. Shen then introduced Josiah Banet, AECOM, to present preliminary traffic data relating to the need for I-75 relief and enhancing mobility. He was followed by Mr. Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, who provided an overview of the trends relating to the need for enhancing regional connectivity.

I-75 Relief and Mobility in the Initial Focus Area, Josiah Banet, AECOM – 10:52 AM

Mr. Banet presented existing (2014) and forecasted (2040) traffic (AADT) and level of service for I-75 and other regional roadways in the Initial Focus Area. He also presented traffic characteristics (crash data, truck volumes, etc.) along I-75. Mr. Banet highlighted that occasionally, actual traffic is double that of the AADT, and weekend traffic is higher than weekday traffic, stating that these characteristics are unique for an Interstate. Mr. Banet stated that the traffic model being developed for the I-75 Relief process has statewide coverage and includes the latest Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) data. Mr. Banet continued to explain that Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) and approved new/future developments in the Initial Focus Area were also accounted for in the traffic model.

Enhanced Regional Connectivity, John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics – 11:09 AM

Mr. Kaliski discussed trends that might affect the connectivity of the individual regions in the study area—Tampa Bay, North Central Florida, and Northeast Florida. Mr. Kaliski explained that maps demonstrating where people live and work help to show the connectivity needs within the area.

• Mr. Lee requested that staff update the map showing interstate state flows to clarify relative volumes between I-75 and I-95. *Mr. Kaliski said staff will bring that information to the next meeting.*





• Ms. Bowman asked for the breakdown between truck freight versus rail freight through the corridor. *Mr. Kaliski indicated that he would follow up with that information.*

Next Steps, Huiwei Shen, FDOT – 11:30 AM

Ms. Shen stated that the staff is working on longer term forecasts into 2060 and needs supplemental information for additional analysis. Ms. Shen explained that at the April meeting, the preliminary purpose and need may be finalized and the traffic model analysis will assist in answering what-if scenarios.

Task Force Member Discussion

Ms. Lauten began a discussion by asking Task Force members for clarification questions for the speakers.

No questions or comments were provided.

Ms. Lauten then reviewed needs related to providing relief to I-75 and improving mobility in the Initial Focus Area:

- Increase safety for I-75 users
- Improve travel time reliability for I-75 users
- Reduce delay for trips using I-75
- Accommodate projected growth in demand for moving people and freight through 2040
- Enhance emergency evacuation and response

Ms. Lauten asked the Task Force members the following questions:

- Did we describe the needs adequately?
- What other information is needed?
- Which of these needs are most important/urgent?

The following questions/comments were offered:

- Matt Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) referred to Slide 13 of the Mr. Banet's presentation and asked about the number of trips on the segment of I-75 on the county line between Gainesville and Ocala. *Mr. Banet stated that he has traffic data for all segments of the roadway and can provide it to Mayor Surrency.* Mayor Surrency then suggested that other local roads may divert local traffic off I-75.
- Greg Slay (designee for Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner) asked if the traffic numbers represent the highest count stations at each county. *Mr. Banet replied that the counts did not necessarily represent the highest counts within the county.*
- Janet Bowman (The Nature Conservancy) commented that changing demographics such as growth in the younger population might impact future travel preferences and these trends should be addressed in the traffic analysis.





- Charles Pattison (1000 Friends of Florida) asked about traffic splits at the intersection of I-75 and Florida's Turnpike. *Mr. Banet stated that the split is not quite 50/50, but approximately 55/45 with southbound I-75 being the higher percentage.*
- Kevin Sheilley (Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership) asked about safety issues and how the incidents were categorized (according to weather, etc.) *Mr. Banet replied that he did not have a detailed categorization of crashes available, but more research will be done on the issue. Jennifer Fortunas (FDOT) explained that exact figures may be difficult to produce because around 60% of crash reports causes are categorized as "Other."*
- Charles Lee (Audubon) commented that he did not see information about improving or maintaining travel, which are the two most important parts for growth. Mr. Lee suggested that two philosophies may apply to highway relief. One is to concentrate on enhancing existing corridors, and the other is to build new corridors (which would indicate that growth will occur elsewhere from where growth is currently concentrated). Mr. Lee also commented that it seemed as if there is a deliberate constraint on the number of lanes on existing I-75. Mr. Lee cited that the maximum number of lanes of an interstate highway in other states is 26. He indicated that other transportation planning exercises have elected to add more lanes. *Mr. Wood stated that we should not assume that is the case and that there would be a presentation about possible scenarios of additional lanes after lunch.*
- Jane Adams (University of Florida) asked how much traffic on I-75 is due to travelers flying to the major airports in Tampa or Orlando and driving within the Initial Focus Area (to Gainesville, rather than flying into Gainesville) or beyond, using I-75. *Mr. Kaliski replied that staff can try to identify that data*.
- Donald Forgione (designee for Gary Clark, Secretary of Land and Recreation, FDEP) pointed out that Slides 19 and 20 (of Mr. Banet's presentation) seem to indicate a significant shift in the location of population growth. *Mr. Banet clarified that this is a graphics error, as the shape was placed in the wrong spot on the map.*
- Rebecca Bays (Owner of Insurance Resources and Risk Management) asked if the employment growth is based on the emerging Intermodal Logistics Centers (ILCs). *Mr. Banet indicated that the growth is based on available estimates, which does consider those Intermodal Logistics Centers for which projections are available, although it does not consider full build out at that time.*

Mr. Wood stated that staff appreciates the requests for further information.

Chairman Biter recognized former State Senator Jim Sebesta from Florida Transportation Commission and invited him to say a few words.

Florida Transportation Commission member and former State Senator Jim Sebesta congratulated the Task Force and stated that he wished the Florida Transportation Commission could create a template of what the I-75 Relief Task Force is doing in order to emulate the efforts in other parts of the state. Mr. Sebesta offered his own assistance as well as the assistance of the Florida Transportation Commission. He also mentioned that the Governor holds Future Corridors as a high priority. Mr. Sebesta said that in Panama a third canal is being constructed, which is anticipated to have a tremendous impact on Florida's 14 ports and will consequently increase truck traffic. Mr. Sebesta thanked the Task Force and meeting attendees for the opportunity to speak.





Chairman Biter thanked Mr. Sebesta for speaking and reminded the audience of the 3:00 public comment period. Mr. Biter also stated that those wishing to speak must fill out an appearance card. He also reminded the audience that due to time restrictions, comments should be recorded on a comment card. Mr. Biter mentioned that speakers are to provide only their personal comments. Comments submitted by those not in attendance must be submitted in writing or via email.

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Chairman Biter welcomed the Task Force back from lunch. He mentioned that in response to requests from the first meeting, a panel of freight and logistics experts were invited to the meeting to discuss the importance of these industries in the study area.

Panel Discussion Freight and logistics – 1:00 PM

Chairman Biter asked the three panel members to introduce themselves and provide a brief background on themselves and their industries and to provide what they see as distinct issues and opportunities relating to both I-75 relief and connectivity with other regions in Florida (Task Force Binder, Tab 5).

Seaport Perspective, Charles Klug, Tampa Port Authority – 1:00 PM

Charles Klug provided the Task Force with an overview of Port Tampa Bay. He explained that two thirds of the economic impact to the port is phosphate-related. Mr. Klug indicated that 40 percent of Florida's petroleum comes through Port Tampa Bay, including all of the fuel used at Orlando International Airport. The port is trying to become more container-oriented by providing Florida an alternative to moving containers from the West Coast or other East Coast states such as Georgia via rail and truck. Mr. Klug stated that Port Tampa Bay is the only port in the state with an on-dock unit train terminal that enables rail movements directly from the port. In addition, Port Tampa Bay's "last mile" opened in January 2014 and is a dedicated truck ramp to the Port of Tampa that allows expedited movements to I-4, without having to navigate through the City of Tampa.

Railroad Industry Perspective, Bob O'Malley, CSX – 1:12 PM

Bob O'Malley outlined the CSX infrastructure throughout Florida and explained that truck, rail, and ports are co-dependent industries when it comes to moving freight. He pointed out that CSX's new intermodal terminal in Winter Haven allows more efficient movements of freight thereby enhancing rail-to-truck transfers that can enable goods to reach their final Florida destinations within a day. The website *intermodal.com* shares information on the advantages of intermodal rail in freight transportation. Mr. O'Malley noted that for trips over 500 miles, rail demonstrates advantages over trucking.

Trucking Industry Perspective, Tisha Keller, Florida Trucking Association – 1:19 PM

Tisha Keller stated that the trucking industry in Florida provides over 287,000 jobs and that there are 29,000 trucking companies in Florida, most of which are concentrated in Jacksonville and Tampa, and that the main connection between these areas is I-75. Ms. Keller emphasized the ubiquity of trucking in terms of freight movement, explaining that trucks move about 85 percent of all freight, with most consumer goods having been transported on an average of four different





trucks throughout shipment. She added that significant safety enhancements, initiated by trucking companies and government regulations, have reduced truck crash rates by 40 percent over the past few years.

Major issues of concern from Tisha Keller's point of view include "empty back-hauls," meaning trucks that bring goods into Florida leave the state with empty trailers; the lack of safe parking for trucks along highway corridors, which has become of greater concern as Federal law restricts the number of hours they can drive before taking a one hour break. FDOT is working on a variety of innovative ideas to help with this problem. Signage at weigh stations, different configurations of trucks is another potential solution (reducing the number of axles, etc.).

Preserving the State Transportation Trust Fund is very important to the trucking industry. A shift to autonomous vehicles/trucking technology that is in development will need to be industry-driven. Cargo theft is a real concern as well. Aggressive driving on I-75 is a serious issue. Most trucks are limited to 64.5 MPH and creates frustration with most motorists on the road.

Chairman Biter thanked the panelists for their time and the information they provided.

Panelist and Task Force Member Discussion – 1:29 PM

Ms. Lauten asked the Task Force members to address the following questions:

- What other information do you need from our panelists?
- How does the information we just heard from the panel influence our thinking about the two purposes for transportation corridors (improve mobility on I-75 and enhance regional connectivity)?

The following questions/comments were offered:

- Chairman Biter asked about the minimum amount of miles when rail becomes a more efficient mode than truck? *Mr. O'Malley with CSX, answered that 400 to 500 miles is the appropriate length for containerized cargo, however CSX's main focus is a distance greater than that. Trucking is better for shorter distances. Mr. Klug explained that the on-dock unit train terminal at Port Tampa Bay creates an exception to that rule, as phosphate mines nearby, can be brought into the port directly by rail for shipment. Ms. Keller commented that for short hauls, trucking is typically a better business decision.*
- Scott Adams (Citrus County Commissioner) asked about the status of the S-Line (rail line) and the U.S. 301 truck study from the early 2000's and what implications these aspects of the Florida transportation network have on ports. *Mr. Klug and Mr. O'Malley both indicated that they were not familiar with those specific studies.* Bradley Arnold clarified that there was a study done in 2010 that identified needs for improving many above-grade crossings on the S-Line. Some of these enhancements were made as part of the SunRail project, due to the S-line taking on increased freight traffic that formerly had operated on the A-line. *Mr. O'Malley indicated that upgrades were made to improve fluidity of the line, but not necessarily for capacity. Chairman Biter asked staff to provide a summary report on those studies at the next meeting.*
- Mike Sizemore (Citizen) asked about the impact of Panama's improved and new canal facilities on current and projected rail capacity. *Mr. O'Malley replied that there is a chance the impact will be a very significant increase in freight through Florida seaports, but there should be ample rail capacity for the next 40 to 50 years.*





- Charles Lee (Audubon) stated that there is no way to completely know the overall impact the expansion of the Panama Canal will have on Florida. *Mr. O'Malley explained that it's difficult to predict from where and how freight will flow as everything related to movement of consumer goods is fluid and the distribution network is dynamic. However, there are 20 million people in Florida that will continue to need goods delivered, which will continue to nurture growth and competition in the state.*
- Charles Pattison (1000 Friends of Florida) asked if there are incentives that may affect opting between trucking and rail. *Ms. Keller said there are no direct incentives but that that policies supporting use of natural gas have been a notable incentive for trucks as vehicles using natural gas are limited to shorter hauls. Decisions that distribution companies make can have a greater impact on that than perhaps anything else. The economy is moving more towards the port/rail/truck distribution approach.*
- Scott Adams (Citrus County Commissioner) asked if CSX has taken the Monarch Ranch into consideration for railcentric development. *Mr. O'Malley replied that CSX has a group whose sole purpose is to work with regional economic development agencies. They are aware of rail served industries and companies that are looking to relocate or expand on those rail services. The key is finding that customer or tenant that meets the need.*
- Ms. Lauten pointed out that the Task Force has previously discussed truck-only corridors and asked what the trucking industry's position is on those options. *Ms. Keller stated that safety is the number one priority for the trucking industry, and any time that there can be a separation between trucks and other vehicles, safety is improved. She added that the transportation infrastructure around Savannah supports heavier vehicles than that of Florida, which makes it more expensive for some carriers to serve Florida ports.*
- Matt Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) asked how many other ports have dedicated truck roads or freeways that come straight into the port like Port Tampa Bay currently has. *Mr. Klug said that he is not aware of any others, adding that the provided access has been significantly beneficial to their port. He stated that the key is connectivity and FDOT has been a key partner in improving the connections between transportation modes and removing bottlenecks. Chairman Biter added that the Miami tunnel has taken 17,000 vehicles off local roadways.*
- Charles Lee (Audubon) asked the panelists what specific suggestions each of them have regarding the relief of I-75 in terms of widening existing corridors or building a new corridor. *Mr. Klug stated that he would like to see dedicated truck lanes. Ms. Keller agreed that dedicated truck lanes would be ideal, but there is concern about how to pay for these lanes, since a toll would be a disincentive to the trucking industry. Mr. O'Malley stated that one train can move the equivalent of 280 trucks, and key corridors featuring grade separation would do a lot to remove unsafe and inefficient interactions between different modes. Mr. O'Malley also encouraged FDOT to keep the Central Polk Parkway on the radar because it can contribute to logistics development along I-4, which can have impacts statewide.*
- Hugh Harling (East Central Florida Planning Council) asked about the weight limit issue that Tisha Keller mentioned and wondered if FDOT increased the weight capacities on the state's roadway infrastructure, would it give the state an advantage over other locations. *Ms. Keller replied that it would give Florida an advantage; bridges are usually the weakest link. Chairman Biter added that weight limits on roads that are below current weight limit regulations are present because they have been grandfathered in as acceptable. However, local agencies that want to construct new roadways that are fully funded by the state (no Federal funding) will be able to create their own weight regulations, with abilities to support heavier vehicles.*





• Janet Bowman (The Nature Conservancy) asked if Florida is successful in attracting freight to its ports, what would be the panel's best guess of how portions of I-75 would be impacted and how would that redistribution impact our state? *Ms. Keller explained that the amount of port-related traffic I-75 receives depends on the locations of future ILCs throughout the state. Currently trucks that come into the state are transporting empty loads on their way out. Adding additional ILCs would allow those empty trucks to pick up freight as they leave the state, without adding additional truck traffic*

Opportunities for Corridor Improvements – 2:10 PM

Chairman Biter started by saying that building on the general framework for the purpose and need, the Task Force should now consider key opportunities in the study area. He introduced Jennifer Fortunas, FDOT Systems Planning Office, to present strategies for maximizing existing corridors and Brian ten Siethoff, Cambridge Systematics, to discuss multimodal/multiuse considerations (Task Force Binder, Tab 6).

Strategies for Maximizing Existing Facilities, Jennifer Fortunas, FDOT – 2:11 PM

Ms. Fortunas led a presentation featuring short-term and long-term strategies for maximizing existing facilities. Additionally Ms. Fortunas addressed the question that was brought up earlier in the meeting, relating to trends for contributing causes for crashes along the I-75 corridor. Ms. Fortunas explained that upon review of crash causes, 60 percent of the time the crash is identified by the officer as "other" and therefore specific causes cannot be quantified.

Multimodal/Multiuse Considerations, Brian ten Siethoff, Cambridge Systematics – 2:25 PM

Mr. ten Siethoff presented opportunities for multimodal transportation solutions within the study area as well as opportunities to accommodate multiple uses.

Task Force Member Discussion

Ms. Lauten asked the Task Force members the following questions:

- Which of these opportunities would you like to consider in greater detail moving forward?
- What other ideas should we be considering related to maximizing the use of existing corridors or multimodal/multiuse options?

The following questions/comments were offered:

- Matt Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) expressed concern with the recommendation in the U.S. 301 Transportation Alternatives Study for a Truck-Only Lane System to U.S. 301. Mayor Surrency was particularly concerned with the part of U.S. 301 north of Hawthorne and recommended that the truck traffic should travel west of Starke instead of east if the goal is to get to Jacksonville. Mayor Surrency added that the study might have misinterpreted how the freight traffic moves along U.S. 301. *Ms. Fortunas responded that the study team will take his comments into consideration for further evaluation.*
- Charles Lee (Audubon) asked Mr. ten Siethoff about passenger rail routes using abandoned rail lines through Citrus, Pasco, and Hernando Counties, some of which he believes is now the Withlacoochee State Trail and questioned the viability of returning a rails-to-trails project back to rail use. *Mr. ten Siethoff said staff will clarify if there is any remaining rail right of way in this corridor, and would also explore opportunities to build rail along the Suncoast Parkway.*





- Mike Sizemore (Citizen) asked if there was any chance that rail would be constructed along the Withlacoochee State Trail. *Mr. ten Siethoff stated that would probably not be a viable option.*
- Donald Forgione asked if there was anywhere in the U.S. that have used options to map out facility uses/capacity by the hour? Is there anything that can be done to manage that facility to the capacity that's available throughout the day by parking trucks during peak traffic periods and to facilitate more truck movements during off-peak periods? *Ms. Fortunas said staff will explore that possibility.*

Break from 2:45 – 3:00 PM

Public Comment Period – 3:02 PM

Chairman Biter said the public comment period would be videotaped and asked that the audience, as well as those speaking, to be respectful and succinct. There was a two-minute time limit set for each speaker.

- Sandra Marraffino, a member of the Marion County Audubon Society, asked why Dunnellon was not on any of the
 maps produced. She discussed the history and importance of the Halpata Tastanaki preserve. She voiced concern
 over potential impacts, noting that the preserve is home to over 110 scrub jays and they are our only endemic
 bird. She added that the Sabal Trail Transmission Natural Gas pipeline was originally intended to run through the
 preserve, but rerouted to the north based on public input. Ms. Marraffino also submitted a paper and CD with
 information regarding the Halpata Tastanaki Preserve.
- James Dick, Alachua County resident representing Stand by our Plan, asked how much traffic goes directly between Jacksonville and Tampa. He has produced his own analysis relating traffic volumes around the Tampa Bay port area and Jacksonville. He compared it to Hampton Roads, Virginia port area and suggested looking at reversible lanes. He said that in the Florida Turnpike guide, in order for new roads to be built they must have local support, and in Alachua County a new road would not be supported. He asked that the Task Force look at the 1988 study and understand that the entire State does not want or need to be urbanized.
- Loretta Whelpton, Citrus County resident, shared that she previously lived in Alachua County for 34 years. She suggested that the Task Force actively consider multimodal options on the waters of Florida. She noted that Port Citrus has potential Ferry access all along the west coast of Florida. She would like there to be a discussion on this topic at upcoming Task Force meetings and requested FDOT staff's input on the subject.
- Frank Morey, resident of eastern Alachua County, showed a map of Alachua County, pointing out that Eastern Alachua County is a watershed for Silver Springs and that moving the clay around in that area would release a lot of toxins into the Florida waterways. He presumed that there would be potential local support for expanding U.S. 301 rather than constructing a new corridor.
- Rodney MacRae, Homosassa Special Water District Vice-Chairman, asked the Task Force to work with FDOT to help Homosassa Spring's well field during the construction of Suncoast Parkway 2 because he believes that it will be integrated into a new I-75 relief corridor. He said that a linkage between Suncoast 2 and I-75, and possibly to Jacksonville, would substantially increase truck traffic carrying hazardous materials, which could endanger the water wells. He asked FDOT to be responsive to the water district's concerns.
- Kayla Sosnow, resident of Alachua County, asked the Task Force to look at the maps produced and to look at the clusters of population centers and employment centers along I-75 to see the correlation. She said the expression



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'build it and they will come,' very much applies to I-75. She said it is not Alachua County's business to capture Port Tampa Bay's out-of-state cargo. She said the state realizes it is out of room in the south and is looking to the north to expand and the residents will not let that happen, sharing that is not sustainable. Ms. Sosnow encouraged the Task Force to read the full U.S. 301 report. She also asked Chairman Biter to add a replacement for Todd Powell that is a regular land owner so their voice can be heard. She suggested that a member from Stand by Our Plan, I-75 Relief North Central Florida Info, or Suwannee/St. Johns Sierra Club be a representative on the Task Force.

- Randy Kaufman, resident of Alachua County, requested that the Task Force use rail and not cut through the natural lands in Florida.
- Mary Helen Wheeler, public school teacher for Alachua County, said we need to protect our economy and water resources rather than divide it up to sell to the highest bidder. She said that her community is organizing against growth and expansion in key wildlife areas. They believe that we should use what we have or do without.
- Julie Penrod-Glen, a resident of Micanopy, said she has spoken to over 40 residents in Micanopy and Melrose, and they all believe that the Task Force must first look to existing roads and rail for passenger and freight. She indicated that Micanopy has the original files for the 1988 study and offered access to the files if FDOT does not have the report.
- Judy Etzler, Marion County resident, encouraged the Task Force to utilize U.S. 301 for truck traffic and said she supports U.S. 301 as an I-75 reliever. Ms. Etzler said she is against revising the Alachua County comprehensive plan to include the Envision Alachua sector plan. She also expressed concern about controlled burns and wants agencies to coordinate the dates and advertisement of the burns.
- Jeff Shamis, resident of Alachua County, said he is happy to hear that the Task Force is looking to improve upon existing infrastructure and happens to be one of the taxpayers who is willing to pay more taxes to improve the transportation system. He said he believes that it is irresponsible to build a new corridor when FDOT has a significant backlog of repairs to be made.

Task Force Member Discussion-Opportunities for Corridor Improvements- Continued-3:35 PM

Chairman Biter asked the Task Force to continue the discussion of opportunities for corridor improvements that was initiated before the break and the public comment period.

- Charles Lee (Audubon) commented that the opportunity to separate cars and trucks is very attractive and he would like to see a concept design for I-75 that designates truck-only lanes to increase the capacity and reliability. Mr. Lee also stated the future of Suncoast Parkway and the recommendations from the I-75 Relief Task Force will be intertwined. He added that if Suncoast 2 does not eventually connect to a larger corridor, it perhaps should not be further developed, as it will be a "road to nowhere." Mr. Lee acknowledged the member of the public who spoke regarding wellfields, saying that any action that is taken, as I-75 relief moves forward, will have to be very cognizant of the potential to impact many rural communities' drinking water.
- Matt Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) suggested that the Altamonte Springs I-4 Reclamation Water project be examined as a possible mitigation option for the Homosassa Special Water District and other water resources that may eventually be affected. Mr. Surrency explained that the Altamonte Springs now uses reclaimed water for municipal services.





- Charles Chestnut (Alachua County Commissioner) asked about traffic models involving truck-only lanes or toll roads and also asked for more specific information on how these options would work. *Mr. Wood indicated that there are no examples readily available at this meeting, but that these items will be researched as the Task Force moves forward.*
- Mike Sizemore (Citizen) stated that he too would like more information on how the truck-only lanes would work and how they could be integrated in I-75. Mr. Sizemore added that he would like to see conceptual connectivity between the Winter Haven Intermodal Logistics Center in Winter Haven and the ports.
- Bradley Arnold (designee for Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner) suggested that the Task Force focus on strategies for maximizing existing corridors because of the limited amount of time they have left
- Charles Pattison (1000 Friends of Florida) pointed out that the proposed ILCs in the study area were not present on the map. He asked if the potential impacts of these ILCs had been evaluated by FDOT. He also asked if an expansion of U.S. 41 has been studied by FDOT. John Kaliski answered that staff would have more information on the Sumter and Marion County ILCs at the next meeting. Jim Wood said that that he does not believe that there has been a U.S. 41 expansion study, and suggested that such a study could be a recommendation made by this Task Force.

Corridor Analysis Methodology – 3:50 PM

Chairman Biter introduced Xavier Pagan, Natural and Community Resource Administrator from FDOT's State Environmental Management Office. Mr. Biter noted that Mr. Pagan would present the process and methodology for analyzing corridor options, adding that Mr. Pagan would highlight specific evaluation factors to be considered. Additionally, Mr. Pagan would present an initial draft of the Land Suitability Map, showing areas of high sensitivity based on input from the Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) and identified through preliminary land suitability analysis.

Mr. Pagan reviewed the methodology proposed for analyzing corridor options (Task Force Binder, Tab 7).

Task Force Member Discussion- 4:08 PM

Following the presentation, Ms. Lauten asked the Task Force for questions and led a discussion on the following:

- How comfortable are you with this approach to analyzing the potential corridor options moving forward?
- Does the draft land suitability map reflect the discussion this morning on areas where we should avoid or minimize impacts?
- What guidance would you like to provide to staff as they refine the analysis for discussion at your next meeting?

The following questions/comments were offered:

• Charles Lee (Audubon of Florida) noted that he likes the idea of the land suitability map but questioned why the area just west of Dunnellon is red. Mr. Lee stated that some Florida Forever lands are red and some are not. Ms. Dalton indicated that red areas are indicative of many different resources present in one area (i.e. springs, karst topology,



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Florida Forever, forests and wetlands). Mr. Lee stated that he would like to see as much proposed Florida Forever land purchased as possible and given the highest degree of protection. Mr. Lee added that the acquired Florida Forever lands should have more weight than the proposed lands. Ms. Lauten asked for a suggestion on how we should weight Florida Forever lands. Ms. Dalton replied that this is the first draft and this meeting is an opportunity for the Task Force to provide input for staff to include in future drafts.

- Matt Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) stated that he agreed with Bradley Arnold's earlier suggestion that the Task Force focus on looking to improve upon existing facilities rather than a new corridor. *Mr. Wood indicated that we are looking at present, short-term and long-term solutions all together.*
- Janet Bowman (The Nature Conservancy) stated that it is important to clearly identify what short-term, mediumterm, and long-term solutions are before developing solutions for a new corridor. *Mr. Wood stated the broad purpose and need will be used to identify all potential solutions at a large.*
- Scott Koons (North Central Florida Regional Planning Council) indicated that with all the data layers stacked on the maps, some people may be overwhelmed to the point of "paralysis by analysis." He suggested that the maps be simplified to more clearly identify critical areas identify and focus on highest priority resources. Mr. Koons believes that the outstanding issues are in the short-term reducing current traffic demand and changing freight movements, and in the long-term addressing future demand.

Summary of Next Steps, Huiwei Shen, FDOT and Shelley Lauten, triSect, LLC – 4:30 PM

Purpose and Need Summary

Ms. Shen reviewed a summary of the day's discussion on purpose and need and stated that staff will come back with a revised purpose and need at the next meeting.

Public Involvement

Ms. Shen explained that there will be three Community Open Houses to be held prior to the next Task Force meeting, and that other public involvement opportunities continue to be available through the website and email (Task Force Binder, Tab 8).

• Charles Lee (Audubon) asked about what will be shown at the community open houses and whether the timing was premature since the Task Force had not yet developed specific recommendations. *Ms. Lauten replied that general information about the Task Force and the work done will be shown at this group of meetings, adding that there will be a second round of Community Open Houses (planned for July 2016) that will present the Task Force's preliminary recommendations.*

Review of Action Items, Huiwei Shen, FDOT and Shelley Lauten, trisect – 4:35 PM

Ms. Shen reviewed action items including:

- Develop "crisper"/separate definition/maps of avoidance areas
- Review additional data layers
 - Public water supply wellfields
 - o Preservation lands identified by counties





- Recharge areas for major springs
- Water management district proposed acquisitions
- Coordinate with Florida Forest Service and water management districts
- Coordinate with counties on county-specific data and proposed acquisition lists
- Consider strategies for minimizing impacts where avoidance is not possible
- Revise purpose and need text based on discussion
 - Importance of supporting areas intended for growth in regional and local plans
- Follow up on data needs
 - o Additional traffic count data
 - Distribution of freight flows between truck and rail and between I-95 and I-75
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 - Impact of changing demographics
 - o Initial Focus Area travel to Tampa or Orlando airports
- Provide update on prior U.S. 301/S line studies
- Further describe options for:
 - o I-75 and U.S. 301 enhancements including truck only lanes and/or express lanes
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 - o Improving freight operations (empty backhauls, truck parking)
 - o Incentivizing changes in travel by mode or by time of day
 - Potential for corridor through sensitive areas

Task Force Member Closing Comments – 4:40 PM

Chairman Biter asked each member of the Task Force to make a closing comment about the day perhaps answering one of the questions that follow: What did you learn? What information do you still need? What would make this process more beneficial for you?

- Bradley Arnold (designee for Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner) said that the purpose and need presented was sufficiently broad and the Task Force should focus more on consensus and moving forward with addressing demand and existing corridors. He would like the remaining meetings to focus on solutions.
- Charles Lee (Audubon) said he believes that at this time in the process, two elements have developed: first, an ultimate upgrade to I-75 and second, a potential corridor that could go north from the existing Suncoast Parkway, snaking through sensitive areas to I-75.





- Rebecca Bays (Insurances Resources and Risk Management) said she hopes that there is a recommendation for movement through Citrus County to spur development of the local economy, adding that sometimes transportation is a necessary evil to improve overall conditions in a county.
- Mike Sizemore (Citizen) commented that there is no silver bullet; it is going to be a comprehensive effort. He thanked the public for their input and involvement and the staff for pulling their efforts.
- Charles Pattison (1000 Friends of Florida) said he wants to focus on existing corridors first and needs to know what measure would define success. Mr. Pattison also thanked the staff.
- Matt Surrency (Mayor of the City of Hawthorne) said he appreciates being part of the process.
- Janet Bowman (The Nature Conservancy) said she liked Mr. Koons' ideas to identify goals, and she thanked the public and Alachua County for the letter to the Task Force.
- Charles Chestnut (Alachua County Commissioner) said he would like to see all of the information on existing corridors before making a decision.
- Jane Adams (University of Florida) said the freight panel was very helpful and that she would like to focus on truckonly lanes, as she is ready to focus on concrete solutions.
- Scott Koons (North Central Regional Planning Council) echoed his earlier comments about the need to document critical resource areas and thanked the staff.
- Hugh Harling (East Central Florida Regional Planning Council) said he believed that the Task Force is getting close to a point where we can start making decisions. Corridors should be prioritized in a quantifiable manner and thanked the panelists and the staff.
- Taylor Teepell (Florida Department of Economic Opportunity) said that he was honored to be part of the process and that he recognizes that change is always a difficult process, so he is encouraged that everyone is driving for a resolution.

Chairman Biter thanked staff once again for a successful meeting and the Task Force members for their participation. Ms. Lauten reminded the Task Force to complete the evaluation form.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:50 PM

Summary of Study Team Action Items:

- Develop "crisper"/separate definition/maps of avoidance areas
- Display the managed lands as a single color on the conservation maps
- Review additional data layers
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- Break down the percentage of truck freight versus rail freight within the study area
- Determine underutilized capacity on the roads surrounding I-75
- Research the amount of traffic on I-75 of people flying into Orlando and Tampa and driving to Gainesville rather than flying directly to Gainesville
- Look into S-Line and the U.S. 301 Studies, staff to provide a summary report at the next meeting (see page 12)
- Provide more information on the ILC in Sumter County
- Add "Intermodal Logistic Centers" to glossary
- Add "at-grade separation" to the glossary
- Add "positive train control" to glossary
- Retrieve complete information on the 1988 study





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