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MEDIA ADVISORY: FDOT Providing Hybrid Option for Upcoming M-CORES Task Force Meetings

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be providing a hybrid option for the upcoming Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Task Force meetings. The revised format offers additional options for the public to stay connected and engaged in the M-CORES planning process, while also allowing Task Force members and the public to attend virtually due to COVID-19.

Those who prefer to participate through the virtual GoToWebinar platform should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/events-calendar by clicking on the meeting date. All persons wishing to provide live public comments via the GoToWebinar format must register no later than:

- Suncoast: Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.
- Northern Turnpike: Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.
- Southwest-Central: Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.

Each Task Force meeting will also have two local locations open to the public that will broadcast the meeting live via GoToWebinar. Those who attend in person will be required to comply with all local rules and ordinances regarding COVID-19 safety precautions (which could include wearing of masks/proper social distancing). Additional safety measures will be taken at these locations including providing masks and hand sanitizer, displaying social distancing signage, limiting group sizes to 50 and offering additional room sanitization efforts.

Members of the public attending virtually and in person will have the opportunity to provide comment. Further details are below.

In-Person Locations for members of the public:

Suncoast Corridor Task Force Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Time: Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 3 p.m.

Public Viewing Sites:

Riverside Christian School
8149 SW County Road 341
Trenton, FL 32693

Jefferson County K-12 A Somerset School
50 David Road
Monticello, FL 32344

Northern Turnpike Corridor Task Force Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Time: Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 3 p.m.

Public Viewing Sites:

Hilton Ocala
3600 SW 36th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474

Building Alliance Banquet Hall
1196 S Lecanto Highway
Lecanto, Florida 34461

Southwest Central Corridor Task Force Meeting

When: Thursday, July 23, 2020

Time: Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 3 p.m.

Public Viewing Sites:

Lee County Civic Center – Whaley Hall
11831 Bayshore Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Jack Stroup Civic Center
355 W. Center Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870

Public Comments:

Persons wishing to provide verbal comments during the public comment period must indicate their desire to do so on the online registration page or in person using speaker cards at the viewing locations. Public comments will be taken at the end of the meeting at approximately 3 p.m., through the GoToWebinar platform and subsequently from the viewing locations. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

Comments may also be submitted anytime via email to FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us. All comments will be included as part of the public record.

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