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FDOT ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF THE MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE (M-CORES) TASK FORCES

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is pleased to announce the members of the three Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) corridor task forces. Senate Bill 7068 required FDOT **Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E.** to make the appointments which include state and local officials, environmental stakeholders and members of the community.

Each task force will make high level recommendations for their respective area which include:

- Southwest-Central Florida Connector, extending from Collier County to Polk County;
- Suncoast Connector, extending from Citrus County to Jefferson County;
- Northern Turnpike Connector, extending from the northern terminus of the Florida Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway.

The purpose of the M-CORES program is to revitalize rural communities, encourage job creation, and provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology, enhancing quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The objective of the program is to advance the construction of regional corridors that are intended to accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure.

"I am pleased to take this first step in appointing the members of the three task forces. Each corridor task force is charged with issuing their recommendations in a final report by October 1, 2020," said FDOT Secretary Thibault. "We are looking forward to the consensus building collaboration of the three task force teams. Please monitor our website for more information at www.FloridaMCORES.com. We will have many opportunities for public engagement during the task force meetings, as well as at public workshops, and this website. Public engagement is a priority."

Please see the following links for the names and background information of the members of each task force:

- Suncoast Connector Task Force
- Northern Turnpike Connector Task Force
- Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force

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