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MEDIA ADVISORY: FDOT Providing Hybrid Option for Upcoming M-CORES Community Open Houses

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide a hybrid option for the upcoming Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic (M-CORES) Community Open Houses. The purpose of the Community Open Houses are to provide an opportunity for the public to view information presented during the Task Force meeting.

There will be two different ways for the public to participate in the Community Open Houses: in-person and online. The revised format offers additional options for the public to stay connected and engaged in the M-CORES planning process. Attendees will be able to view displays, speak to project staff, and submit handwritten comments. Location information can be found below.

As safety remains FDOT's top priority, enhanced safety and sanitation measures will continue to be taken at all in-person M-CORES events, including:

- Using CDC-recommended products to sanitize high-touch areas before, during and after the event
- Requiring all FDOT and consultant staff to wear masks
- Requesting that all attendees wear masks
- Providing hand sanitizer and masks for attendees
- Limiting the number of people in a room at one time to 50
- Utilizing signage and other tools to facilitate social distancing
- Implementing the use of single use sign-in materials and speaker cards

Public engagement is a critical element of the M-CORES program. Comments can be submitted several ways and will be part of the public record:

- Visit www.FloridaMCORES.com
- Email to FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us
- Mail to 605 Suwannee St, MS 54, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450.

Community Open Houses

Northern Turnpike Corridor Community Open House

Date: Thursday, August 27

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In-person Location:

Sumter County Fairgrounds

7620 State Road 471

Bushnell, FL 33513

Online Community Open House: Those wishing to view all the same materials online without visiting the in-person Community Open House can visit www.FloridaMCORES.com beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26. The online materials will be available on M-CORES website thru Thursday, September 2.

Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Community Open House

Date: Thursday, August 27

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In-person Location:

LaBelle Civic Center

481 SR 80

LaBelle, FL 33935

Online Community Open House: Those wishing to view all the same materials online without visiting the in-person Community Open House can visit www.FloridaMCORES.com beginning at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25. The online materials will be available on M-CORES website thru Thursday, September 1.

Suncoast Corridor Community Open House

Date: Tuesday, September 1

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In-person Location:

Monticello Opera House

185 W Washington St

Monticello, FL 32344

Online Community Open House: Those wishing to view all the same materials online without visiting the in-person Community Open House can visit www.FloridaMCORES.com beginning at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 27. The online materials will be available on the M-CORES website thru Tuesday, September 3.

For more information, please visit www.FloridaMCORES.com.

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