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Media Advisory: M-CORES Task Force Members to Convene for Final Meeting

~ FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. to hold virtual media availability ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is facilitating the ninth and final task force meeting for the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program after thirteen months of meetings and Community Open Houses. During the final meeting, subject matter experts serving on the task forces will receive public comment, review the public comments submitted regarding the draft report, and hold their final discussion to revise the task force report.

The final task force meetings will be held on the following days:

- **Southwest-Central Florida Corridor: Monday, October 19**
- **Suncoast Corridor: Tuesday, October 20**
- **Northern Turnpike Corridor: Wednesday, October 21**

FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. will participate in the morning session of all three task force meetings. During the morning scheduled break, FDOT Secretary Thibault will host a virtual media availability. Members of the media interested in participating must contact FDOT Communications Director Beth Frady at Beth.Frady@dot.state.fl.us for more information.

Virtual and In-Person Options for Members of the Public:

This final meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing members of the public to attend in person to view the meeting broadcast as well as provide public comment. Each task force meeting will have two locations open to the public that will broadcast the meeting live via GoToWebinar. Those who prefer to participate through the virtual GoToWebinar platform are encouraged to register online at FloridaMCORES.com/calendar-of-events/ by clicking on the preferred meeting date. All persons wishing to provide live public comments via the GoToWebinar format must register online no later than:

- Southwest-Central Florida Corridor: Sunday, October 18, no later than 5 p.m.
- Suncoast Corridor: Monday, October 19, no later than 5 p.m.
- Northern Turnpike Corridor: Tuesday, October 20, no later than 5 p.m.

Public comments will be taken at 9:15 a.m. through GoToWebinar and subsequently from the physical locations.

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 complying with any local ordinances and venue rules.

Members of the public attending virtually and in person will have the opportunity to provide comments to the Task Force members.

Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force Meeting

Date: Monday, October 19

Time: Meeting begins at 9 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 9:15 a.m.

Virtual Option: Members of the public who choose to participate virtually should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/calendar-of-events/ by clicking on the meeting date.

In-Person Viewing Locations: Those who wish to provide in-person comments must complete a speaker card at the physical location.

Public Viewing Location

AdventHealth Conference Center
210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Public Viewing Location

Bonita Springs/Estero ELKS Lodge #2753
3231 Coconut Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Suncoast Corridor Task Force Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 20

Time: Meeting begins at 9 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 9:15 a.m.

Virtual Option: Members of the public who choose to participate virtually should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/calendar-of-events/ by clicking on the meeting date.

In-Person Viewing Locations: Those who wish to provide in-person comments must complete a speaker card at the physical location.

Public Viewing Location

Morrison Baptist Church
3141 US Highway 41
Morrison, FL 32668

Public Viewing Location

Dixie County Adult Education Center
School Board Meeting Room
823 SE 349 Hwy
Old Town, FL 32680

Northern Turnpike Corridor Task Force Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Time: Meeting begins at 9 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 9:15 a.m.

Virtual Option: Members of the public who choose to participate virtually should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/calendar-of-events/ by clicking on the meeting date.

In-Person Viewing Locations: Those who wish to provide in-person comments must complete a speaker card at the physical location.

Public Viewing Location

Sumter County Fairgrounds
7620 State Road 471
Bushnell, FL 33513

Public Viewing Location

Citrus County Building Alliance
1196 S. Lecanto Highway
Lecanto, FL 34461