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MEDIA ADVISORY: FDOT Continues to Provide Hybrid Option for Upcoming M-CORES Task Force Meetings

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will once again provide hybrid options for the upcoming Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic (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 allowing Task Force members and the public to attend virtually due to COVID-19.

During the August meetings, subject matter experts serving on the Task Forces will further review specific environmental and connectivity areas as they work toward building consensus around the guiding principles. The guiding principles will ultimately protect and provide opportunity for Florida's communities as well as help direct the refinement of potential paths/courses.

The Florida Legislature charged each Task Force with providing recommendations and evaluations in a final report, which will guide the Florida Department of Transportation in its subsequent study phases through the implementation of high-level needs, guiding principles, and instructions.

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 online no later than:

- Southwest-Central Florida Corridor: Tuesday, August 25, no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Northern Turnpike Corridor: Wednesday, August 26, no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Suncoast Corridor: Thursday, August 27, no later than 4:00 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. 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

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

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

Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Task Force Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 25

Time: Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Option: Members of the public who choose to participate virtually should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/events-calendar 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
Charlotte Harbor Event/Conference Ctr.
75 Taylor Street
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Public Viewing Location
Bert Harris Agricultural Center Auditorium
4509 George Boulevard
Sebring, FL 33870

Northern Turnpike Corridor Task Force Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 26

Time: Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Option: Members of the public who choose to participate virtually should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/events-calendar 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
Plantation on Crystal River
9301 West Fort Island Trail
Crystal River, FL 34429

Public Viewing Location
Sumter County Fairgrounds
7620 State Road 471
Bushnell, FL 33513

Suncoast Corridor Task Force Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 27

Time: Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Public comment will begin at approximately at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Option: Members of the public who choose to participate virtually should register online at FloridaMCORES.com/events-calendar 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
Plantation on Crystal River, Sable Room
9301 West Fort Island Trail
Crystal River, FL 34429

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