

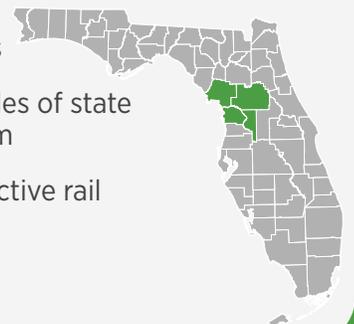
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- Active Rail
- Interstates
- Toll Roads
- Toll Roads (Under Construction)
- State Highways
- Off-System Roads
- Urban Area
- Study Area



The Northern Turnpike Connector study area extends from the northern terminus of the Florida Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway. The corridor includes:

- **4** counties (Citrus, Levy, Marion and Sumter)
- **20** cities and towns
- **3,831** square miles of land area
- **677,430** residents
- **136,305** jobs
- **2,162** lane miles of state highway system
- **158** miles of active rail
- **1** seaport



A Community-Based Approach

The Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program is Florida's most significant infrastructure-building project since the 1950s. Regional task forces will study three specific corridors intended to address rural infrastructure needs across the state, and the task forces will stress collaboration with local communities. The program is modeled after the Wekiva Parkway (State Road 429), which created much-needed regional road infrastructure while helping to protect the natural resources surrounding the Wekiva River. The M-CORES study areas are broad and do not identify specific routes.



M-CORES Goals



- **Alleviate** congestion
- **Support** multiple modes of transportation (shared-use trails, freight and passenger rail, public transit)



- **Improve** energy distribution
- **Build** water, sewer and other infrastructure



- **Connect** rural communities
- **Expand** broadband service



- **Conserve** wildlife
- **Protect** environmentally sensitive areas



- **Create** jobs
- **Advance** trade and logistics



- **Provide** hurricane evacuation routes