

M-CORES

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Critical to Florida's future infrastructure needs is work force development. Not only do we need to plan for these construction projects that we're talking about today, but how can we cultivate a long-term, sustainable talent pipeline to equip Florida to continue to be innovative in its infrastructure needs.

The M-CORES and the future planning for infrastructure needs for Florida is exciting for work force development. It provides the opportunity for new businesses, which means new jobs and good careers for Floridians. It's also exciting that this involves an investment in work force training. How can we provide Floridians with great jobs, with new opportunities and be a part of this process?

The key to making the M-CORES task force process successful is robust public engagement. For us, that means listening to Florida's workers. How can we best serve them? How can we equip them with opportunities for good jobs and meaningful careers? And how can we listen to the voice of businesses in Florida and make these corridors service them? How can we provide a ripe opportunity for business growth and community engagement in Florida?