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#### Framework for Strategic Focus



FDOT strategic freight focus is to achieve success through teamwork and efficiency. Teamwork and efficiency will be by means of removing institutional, Infrastructure and funding bottlenecks to build a well-connected, reliable and safe multimodal network.





#### Florida Freight Advisory Committee



Bound by Sunshine Law



Not a decision making body



Industry stakeholder involvement



**Encouraged by FAST Act** 





### Call to Order





### Roll Call





Name	Organization
David Anderton	Port Everglades
Joe Arbona	Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.
Mark Bontrager	Space Florida
Pete Coultas	A. Duda & Sons, Inc.
Tony Cugno	Jacksonville Aviation Authority
John Dohm	Florida Transatlantic Holdings, LLC d/b/a Florida Transatlantic Consulting
Richard Dubin	Caribbean Ship Services Inc.
Scott Fernandez	Aqua Gulf Transport
Gary Goldfarb	Interport Logistics, LLC
Toy Keller	Florida Ports Council
Eric Lindstrom	Hillsborough County Economic Development Department
Robert Midgett	Walmart Logistics
Amy Miller	Port of Pensacola
Bob O'Malley	CSX
Stan Parkes	Crowley Logistics
Barbara Pimentel	Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association
Troy Post	North Brevard Economic Development Zone
Ryan Stoeger	Mosaic
Greg Stuart	Broward MPO
Jake Swab	Purina Animal Nutrition
Malcom Wade	US Sugar
Mary Beth Washnock	West Florida Regional Planning Council

# Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes





# National Highway Freight Program Recap





#### **National Highway Freight Program**

## The FAST Act established a new National Highway Freight Program to support several goals, including—

- investing in infrastructure and operational improvements that strengthen economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, reduce the cost of freight transportation, improve reliability, and increase productivity;
- improving the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of freight transportation in rural and urban areas;
- improving the state of good repair of the NHFN;
- using innovation and advanced technology to improve NHFN safety, efficiency, and reliability;
- improving the efficiency and productivity of the NHFN;
- improving State flexibility to support multi-State corridor planning and address highway freight connectivity; and
- reducing the environmental impacts of freight movement on the NHFN

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/nhfpfs.cfm





#### **National Highway Freight Program**

#### Florida's Share of Formula Funds

Approximately \$301 Million over 5 years (FY 2016 – 2020)

#### **Statewide Freight Strategy**

- Eligible projects must be included in a freight investment plan, in a state freight plan that is consistent with 49 U.S.C. 70202
- States are encouraged to establish a State freight advisory committee with a representative cross-section of public and private freight stakeholders

#### **National Highway Freight Network**

Projects must be on the National Highway Freight Network





#### **National Highway Freight Program**

Freight
Coordinators
Identify Projects in
their District

FDOT Districts submit freight project needs that meet eligibility guidelines and address regional priorities

FDOT Central Office Review

Additional review for eligibility based on phasing and cost in five year program

FDOT's
NHFP
Selection &
Prioritization
Process

Florida Freight
Advisory
Committee Input

Additional review from industry perspective

Projects
Programmed





#### **Summary of 2017 NHFP Inputs**

Stakeholder
Priorities
(including
FLFAC)

System Approach

Eligibility Requirements

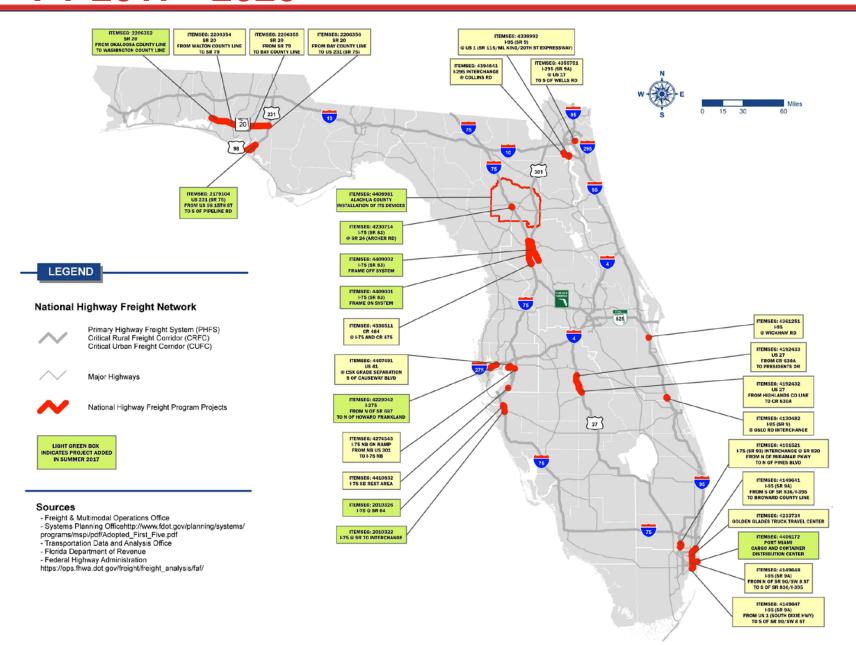
Projects
Programmed
for NHFP
Funds

Project Costs, Funding Availability, and Readines





## National Highway Freight Program Projects FY 2017 - 2020



#### **Discussion**

- Deadline is 30 days (No later than March 5<sup>th)</sup>
- Projects
  - Any general types of projects most needed?
  - Send any new project requests to your District Freight Coordinators
  - Work with them to determine if new potential projects are eligible for NHFP
  - Note any projects not <u>currently</u> on the National Highway Freight Network that may be added during the 2018 update





# National Multimodal Freight Network Comments





#### National Interim Multimodal Freight Network

#### WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?

Class I Railroads

Public ports w/ total trade of +2 million short tons

Inland & intracoastal waterways and coastal and ocean routes in which domestic freight is transported

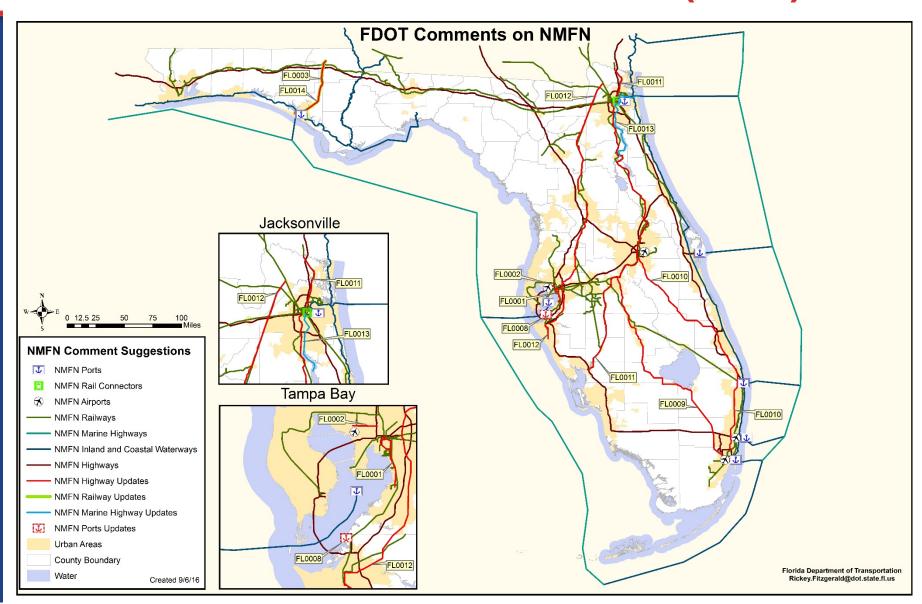
50 airports with highest annual landed weight

Other strategic freight assets, including intermodal facilities and freight rail lines of Class II and III railroads





#### **FDOT Comments on NMFN (2017)**







#### **National Multimodal Freight Network**

No funding attached to network

Original comment period closed Sept. 2016

This was insufficient for stakeholders

New comment period closes Feb. 22, 2018

Funding MAY be allocated to network in the future





#### **Discussion**

- Deadline <u>Due by February 22, 2018 to the</u> <u>Federal registrar.</u>
- Comments
  - -Additions or concerns can be sent to:
    - Holly Cohen, Rickey Fitzgerald, or freight@dot.state.fl.us





# National Highway Freight Network Update



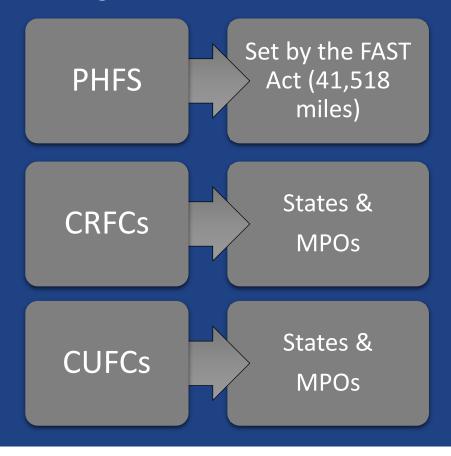


#### National Highway Freight Network

What is the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)?

- The NHFN includes the following subsystems of roadways:
  - Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS)
  - Other Interstate portions not on the PHFS
  - Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs)
  - Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs)

# How is the NHFN designated?







#### **National Highway Freight Network**

Freight Coordinators

Eligible corridors provide first and last mile connectivity, and/or alternative options for goods movement

FDOT Central Office Review

Additional review allowed for a system approach and within mileage ranges

Florida's CRFC & CUFC Designation Update Process

https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/nfn/

FLFAC Feedback

FDOT or MPO lead depending on location

FDOT and/or MPO Confirm Request

FDOT or MPO lead depending on location

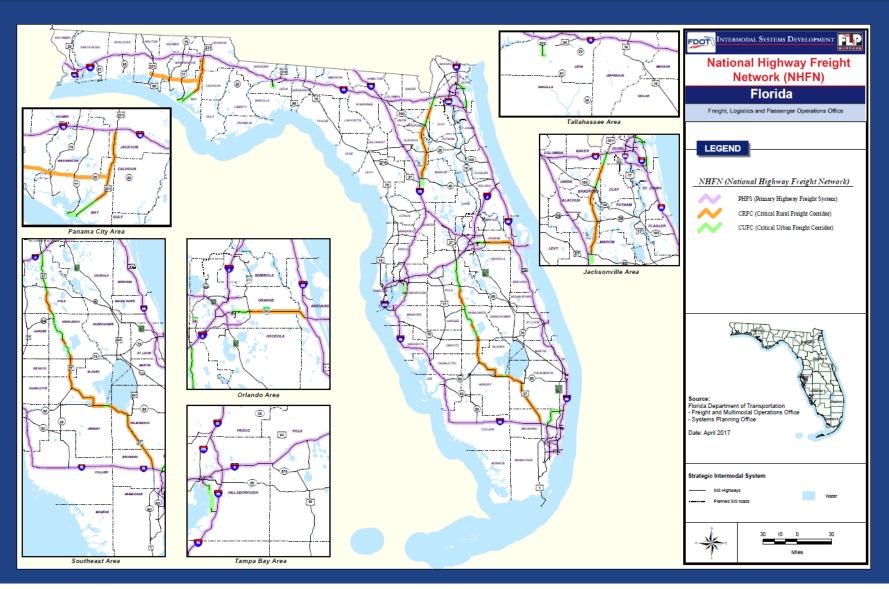


Submit to FHWA for Approval





#### **National Highway Freight Network**







#### **Discussion**

- FDOT to coordinate with MPOAC
- Tentative timeline
  - MPOs identify requested network edits between mid-February and mid-March
  - -FLFAC input late March





## **Next Steps**





#### **Action Items**

- Send any potential NHFP projects for consideration to the freight coordinators by March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Send any comments on the NMFN to Holly Cohen, Rickey Fitzgerald, or freight@dot.state.fl.us before February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Send any potential Critical Rural/Urban Freight Corridor updates for consideration to freight coordinators





#### **Upcoming Opportunities for Input**

- Future updates to Florida's Freight Mobility and Trade Plan (FMTP)
- Future INFRA Grant Program Rounds





### **Member Comments**





### **Public Comments**





