



LAP Community of Practice Biannual Meeting

August 5, 2025

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Via Microsoft TEAMS

Welcome – Samantha Samford

Emily Rhodes with FDOT Policy Planning has joined the LAP CoP team.

Local Resource Guide – Emily Rhodes

Local Government Resource Guide offers a great review of how local governments can partner with FDOT providing a great overview into the planning, programming world of transportation and it covers a lot of other topics as well related to projects including eligibility, funding and more. They also just created and released an updated version of the local government resource guide this month. And we also just created with it a new pocket guide. It's a great quick reference tool that covers various topics at a glance.

Additionally, we are collaborating with the Florida Local Technical Assistance program (LTAP.) August 26th they are doing a webinar from 1 to 3 pm. It's about working together with FDOT, seeing great stories in action, a review of how and what things have happened, how we can learn from those examples and what we can do to continue to help deliver projects. If you're free, register for the webinar.

Register for Webinar here: <https://floridaltap.org/working-together-fdots-partnerships-in-action/>

[Partnering with FDOT: A Resource Guide for Local Governments](#)

[Local Resource Guide -Pocket Guide](#)

Parallel Roads to the Interstate

ACTION ITEM: put GIS links on LP website.

A question was raised regarding frontage roads in Sumter County where the County is trying to determine if FDOT or the County maintains them. Preliminary investigation with the FDOT GIS group and others within FDOT indicates FDOT does not own or maintain these roads with the exception of Southwest 67th lane. **ACTION ITEM:** Samantha committed to reviewing the issue with legal and Central Office will also check with Mario Bizzio regarding CR311W bridge.

General Discussion

Hillsborough County brought up an issue they encountered regarding FDOT's milling and resurfacing of an intersection of a state road with a county road. The County found that FDOT is not doing returns anymore. Returns contain loops for all traffic signals. Is there an official policy about why FDOT won't do returns?

ACTION ITEM: Central Office is investigating the issue.

Next Meeting Date

Next two meetings are virtual and are scheduled via MS Teams

- Next meeting date is scheduled for January 29, 2026
- Following meeting date is scheduled for July 16, 2026



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