

East Central Florida Corridor Evaluation Study



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

FDOT FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NO.:	437606-1-12-01
PROJECT LIMITS:	Portions of Brevard, Orange, and Osceola counties, from north of State Road 50 to south of existing urbanized areas in Osceola County, and from the I-4 corridor in Orlando east to State Road A1A in Brevard County
PROJECT AREA:	~2,153 Square Miles
PROJECT SCHEDULE:	36 Months

PURPOSE OF PARTNER AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

This document was prepared as per the requirement of the Scope of Services for the East Central Florida Corridor Evaluation Study (ECFCES). As per the scope, the Consultant shall develop and maintain a Partner and Public Involvement Plan (PPIP) to continue on-going coordination with partners and stakeholders at federal, state, regional and local level. The purpose of this Partner and PPIP is to outline the appropriate partner and public involvement process that will be conducted through the course of the ECFCES.

The ECFCES is the next phase to further refine the concepts and recommendations of the Task Force, with the goal of developing a suite of planning-level projects, assumptions, and tools, including scenario-based strategies, which can be used in future project phases, such as Project Development and Environment (PD&E), design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. The Task Force previously conducted seven (7) meetings and two (2) rounds of community workshops in each of the study area counties. The public was invited to provide verbal and / or written input to the concept development process at each meeting. Further, all meeting materials and other study documents were published for 24/7 access on a publicly-available website created for the Task Force Concept Stage: <http://www.ecfcorridortaskforce.org/>.

During the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase, projects utilizing state or federal funds will be subject to the NEPA public involvement requirements. These requirements are outlined in FDOT's PD&E Manual, Part I, Chapter 11: the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Manual; Section 339.155, Florida Statutes; Executive Orders 11990, 11988, and 12898; Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 771.

Though no formal public involvement and/or outreach is required for this stage of the East Central Florida Corridor initiative, the Evaluation Study will support the local involvement and coordination process.

This PPIP provides for:

- Early and continuous involvement of the project partners and stakeholders;
- Reasonable availability of technical and other project information; and
- Collaborative input on improvements for the study area, and the criteria against which the improvements will be measured and evaluated.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2013, FDOT completed the **Tampa Bay-Central Florida Concept Study**. This study examined long-term mobility and connectivity needs in the 15 counties from Tampa Bay to the Atlantic Coast. The Concept Study recommended that planning proceed to the next stage with a pilot project to address regional connectivity gaps. Governor Scott created the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force (Task Force) to develop consensus recommendations for future transportation corridor in portions of Brevard, Orange, and Osceola counties. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) worked together to support the Task Force in developing future corridor recommendations.

Though the Evaluation Study is the next phase of the work initiated by the Task Force, the Project Team will provide updates on the progress of the Evaluation Study to the Task Force. The Project Team may develop a periodic newsletter or e-mail blast on project activities, milestones, findings, etc.

TEAM ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION

To manage a project of this complexity, several teams have been established to support the project at different levels and stages. Project teams and their roles and responsibilities are defined below. A detailed Project Contact List is provided in Appendix A.

- **Project Advisory Group:** A Project Advisory Group (PAG) comprised of state, regional, and local-level representatives has been assembled to serve as a liaison to interested stakeholders. The PAG is a special advisory resource to the Project Team that will advise upon and ensure that regional priorities are considered and incorporated into the Evaluation Study. The PAG will provide input into the study's key issues, solutions, and deliverables, including but not limited to: Existing Conditions Analysis, Evaluation Approach and Criteria, Future Conditions Analysis, Purpose and Need, Alternatives Analysis, Funding / Financing, and Project Documentation. The PAG will be kept informed throughout the course of this study, and meet regarding key deliverables to provide input.
- **Project Partners:** Project Partners advise and are the ultimate decision-making body on critical elements of the Evaluation Study. The Project Partners are representatives from FDOT Central Office, FDOT District Five, MetroPlan Orlando, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, Brevard County, Orange County, Osceola County, Central Florida Expressway Authority, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC). The Project Partners and the organizations they represent, will implement any projects that result from the Evaluation Study.

- **Project Management Team:** The Project Management Team (PMT) will be involved in the daily management, work tasks and technical assistance, and will meet at key milestones of the study. The FDOT District Five Contract Manager, Central Office / key agency staff, and the Consultant Team serve as the PMT. FDOT District Five will provide technical data and internal reviews. FDOT Central Office will advise the Evaluation Study to ensure consistency with the statewide Future Corridors Initiative.
- **Hanson Consultant Team:** The Consultant Team will provide day-to-day support and technical services in accordance with the study schedule and budget. The Consultant Team will provide necessary communication materials to the PAG and Project Partners as needed to support local coordination.

IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS

The Project Team will support public involvement efforts as needed and requested by the PAG and Project Partners. Outreach may include conversations with elected officials, city and county administrators, community development and planning, public works and other departments.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH GOALS

Stakeholder outreach includes communicating to and receiving information from all interested persons, groups, and government organizations, and providing information regarding the development of the Evaluation Study. Three overarching goals pertaining to the public involvement and outreach process for the Study have been identified:

GOAL 1: EARLY AND CONSISTENT INVOLVEMENT: Involve PAG and Project Partners early and regularly in the study during each of the key stages of the Evaluation Study, from project kick off to conclusion and reporting.

GOAL 2: OPPORTUNITY: Provide PAG and Project Partners the opportunity to participate in all phases of the decision-making and public involvement process.

GOAL 3: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION: Provide PAG and Project Partners with clear, timely, and accurate information relating to the study as it progresses.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Project Team will ensure that the PAG and the Project Partners have timely access to information and communications related to this Evaluation Study through a variety of resources and activities. It is possible other activities will be employed as the study develops.

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

The Consultant Team may prepare and/or provide the following for meetings and workshops:

- Agendas, handouts, and surveys.
- Graphics for presentations.
- E-mail addresses and other contact information from interested attendees.
- Meeting equipment set-up and break-down.
- Letters or emails for notification to the Project Partners and PAG.

- Summary notes of meetings to be provided to FDOT following the meeting.
- Briefing and debriefing of FDOT staff.

The Consultant Team, with feedback from the PAG, will identify the areas / regions for meetings throughout the study process. A list of potential PAG meeting dates and purpose is provided below:

No.	Meeting Date	PAG Meeting Purpose
1	June 9, 2016	Kick-off meeting to provide an overview of the ECFCES
2	September 2016	Review and discuss the Evaluation Approach and Criteria
3	November 2016	Project Update Meeting
4	January 2017	Review and discuss the Existing Conditions Analysis and Evaluation Criteria
5	March 2017	Review and provide feedback on the overall Project Documentation
6	June 2017	Project Update Meeting or Email
7	August 2017	Review and discuss the results of the Future Conditions Analysis
8	November 2017	Review and discuss Purpose and Need
9	February 2018	Project Update Meeting or Email
10	May 2018	Project Update Meeting or Email
11	August 2018	Review and discuss the preliminary assessment and Alternatives Analysis
12	October 2018	Review and discuss Funding and Financing
13	January 2019	Review and discuss the final Evaluation Criteria
14	February 2019	Final project presentation

Note: Dates / timelines are based on the Work Plan / Schedule dated July 2016.

BROCHURES, NEWSLETTERS, AND E-MAIL BLASTS

Informational and easy-to-understand brochures, newsletter, and e-mail blasts may be developed during the study relating to the project status and meeting dates. The brochures may be mailed and/or e-mailed to the Task Force, elected officials, businesses, and interested persons at the request of the PAG and / or Project Partners. All brochures will be coordinated with designated FDOT representatives.

GRAPHICS AND IMAGES

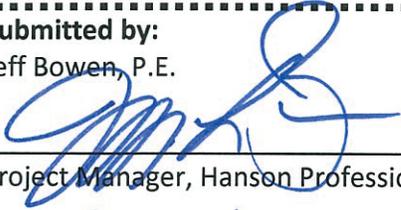
The Consultant Team may develop graphics and images to assist stakeholders in visualizing the proposed improvements along the Corridor Alternatives.

SHAREPOINT

A project SharePoint site may be established to serve as a communication portal for the Project Team, Project Partners, and PAG. This SharePoint site would be housed at FDOT.

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Appendix A

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