



M-CORES Program Overview

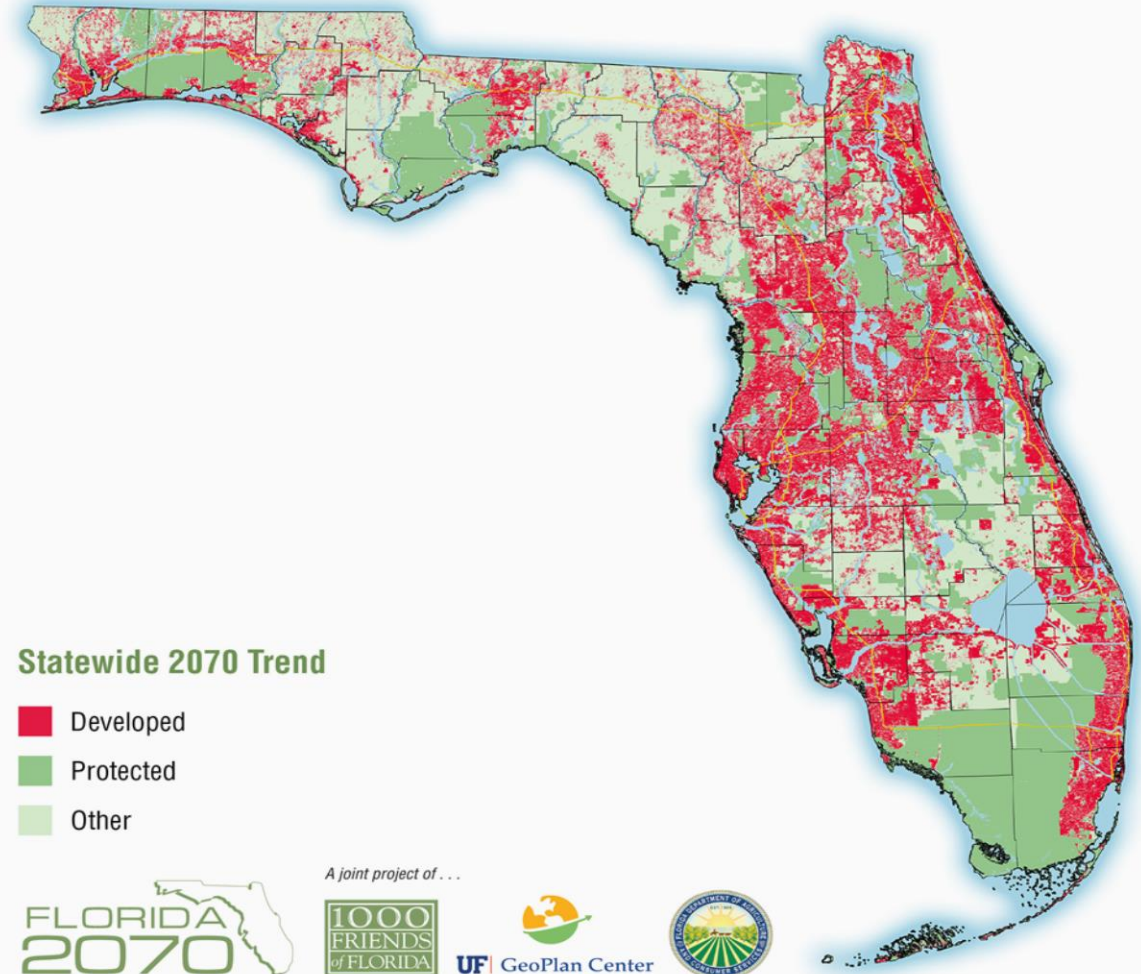
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December 11, 2019



- ❑ Florida is 3rd largest State in the U.S. by population
- ❑ Florida is 2nd fastest growing State in the U.S.
- ❑ Population Density:
2018 Current – 21.3 million
2070 Future – 33.7 million



Purpose

Protect the environment and natural resources

Encourage job creation

Enhance quality of life and public safety

Revitalize rural communities

Provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology

Objective

Advance construction of regional corridors intended to accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure



Congestion Mitigation, Other Transportation Modes, Shared-use Trails, Freight, Passenger Rail and Public Transit



Autonomous, Connected, Shared, and Electric Vehicle Technology, Mobility as a Service, Connecting Rural Communities



Availability of a Trained Workforce Skilled in Traditional and Emerging Technologies, Advance Trade and Logistics



Improve Energy Distribution, Broadband, Water, and Sewer Connectivity

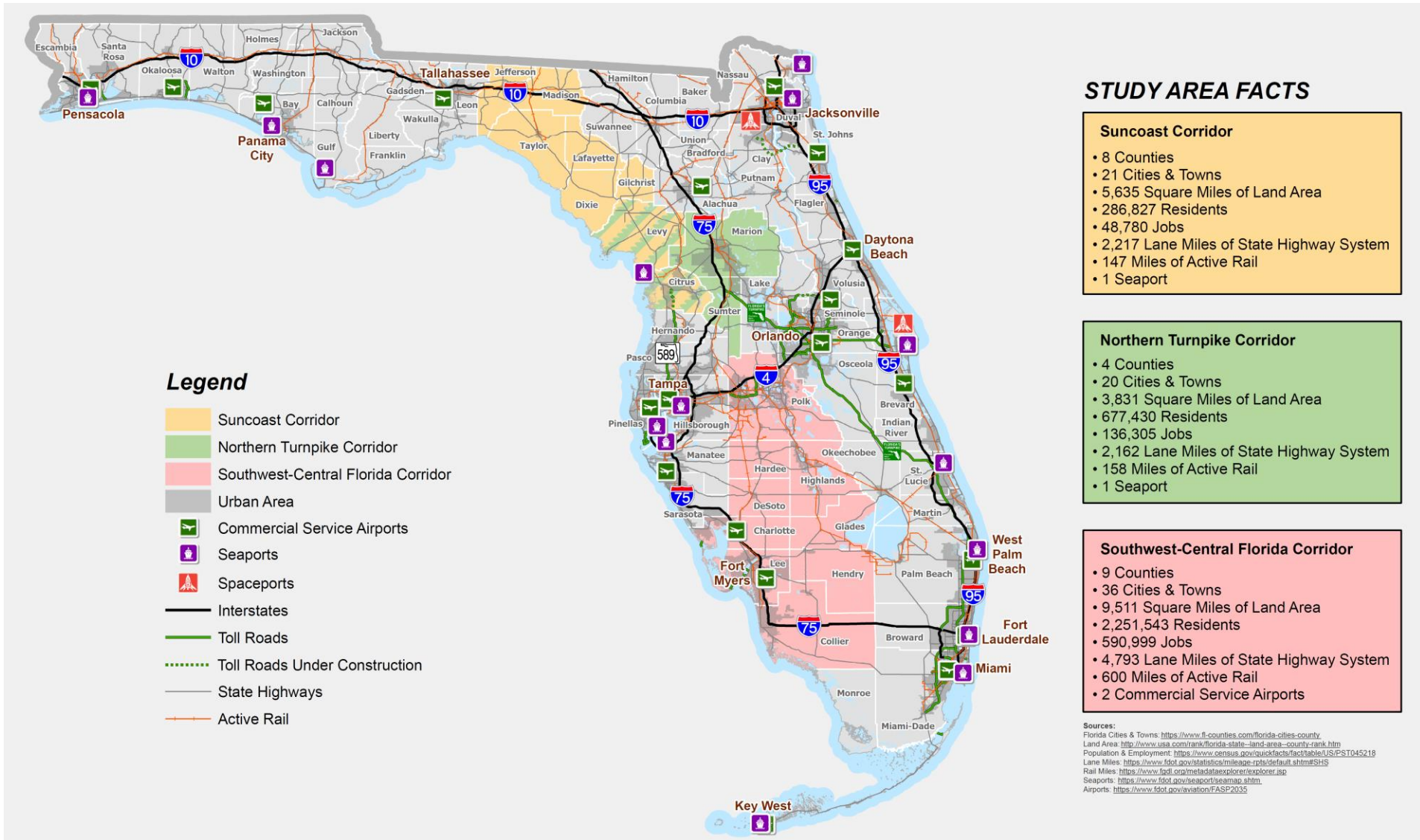


Protection or Enhancement of Wildlife Corridors or Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Primary Springs Protection Zones and Farmland Preservation Areas



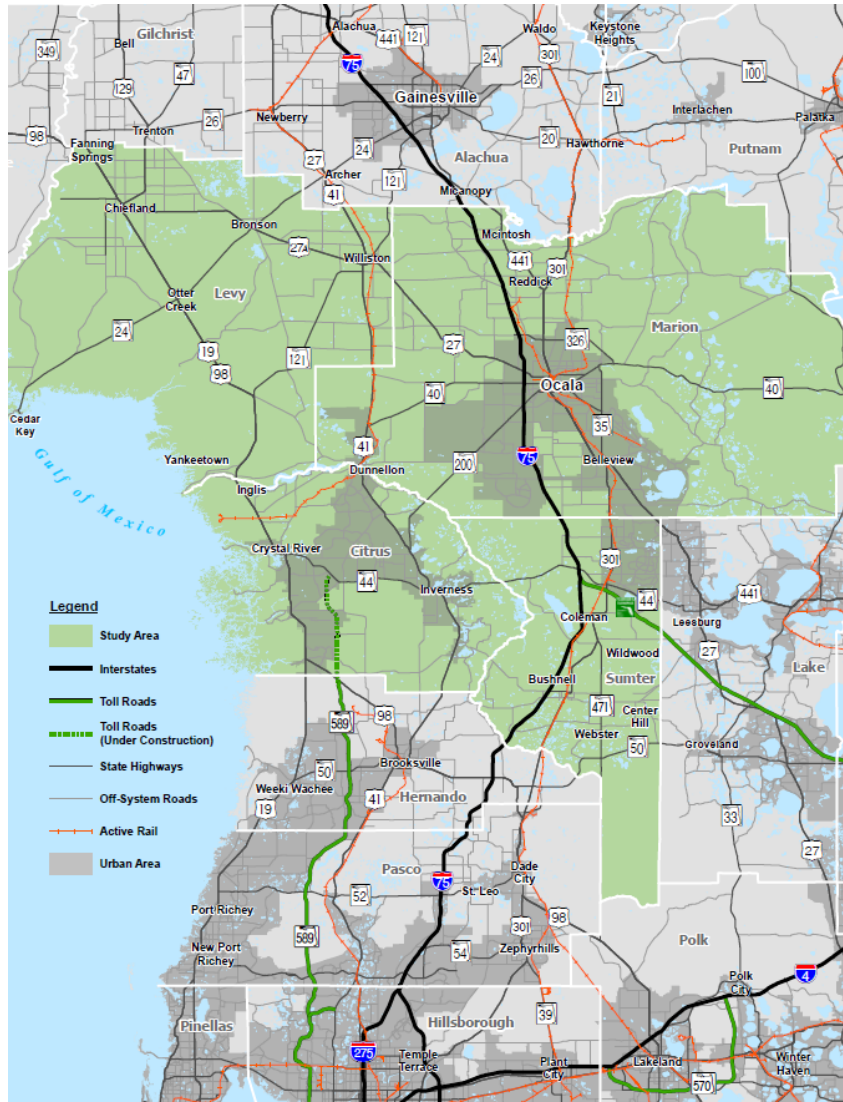
Hurricane Evacuations, Enhance Public, Safety





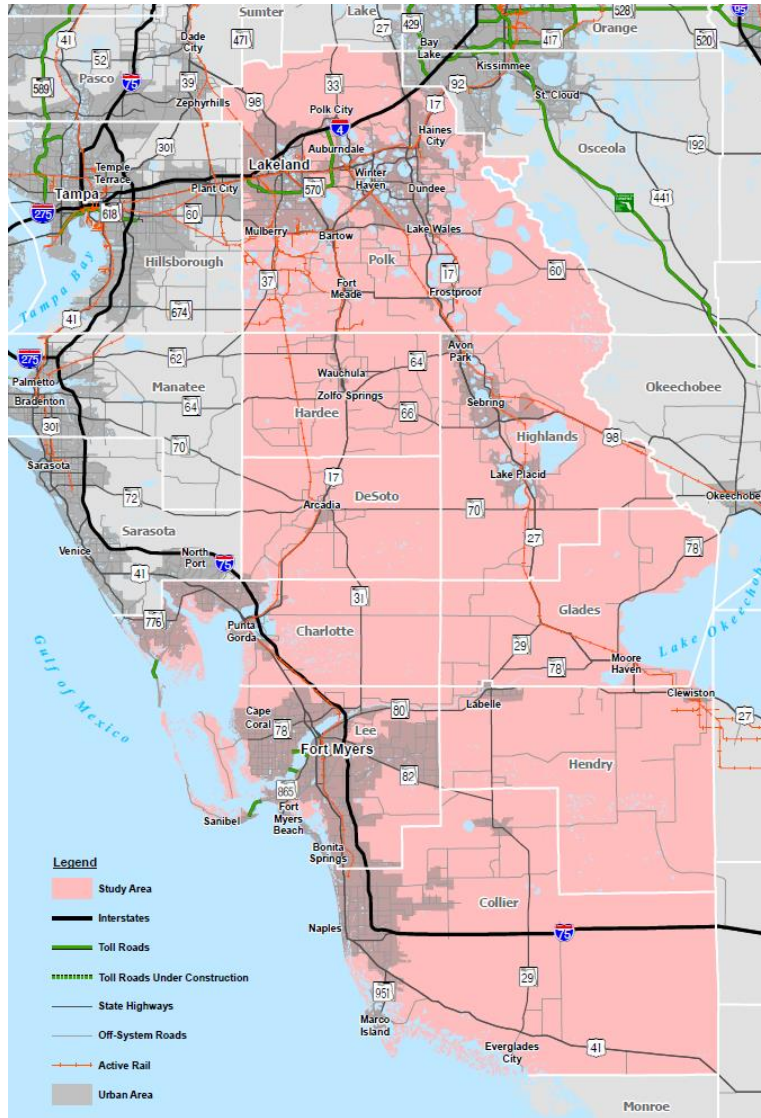


from Citrus to Jefferson
Counties
150 miles



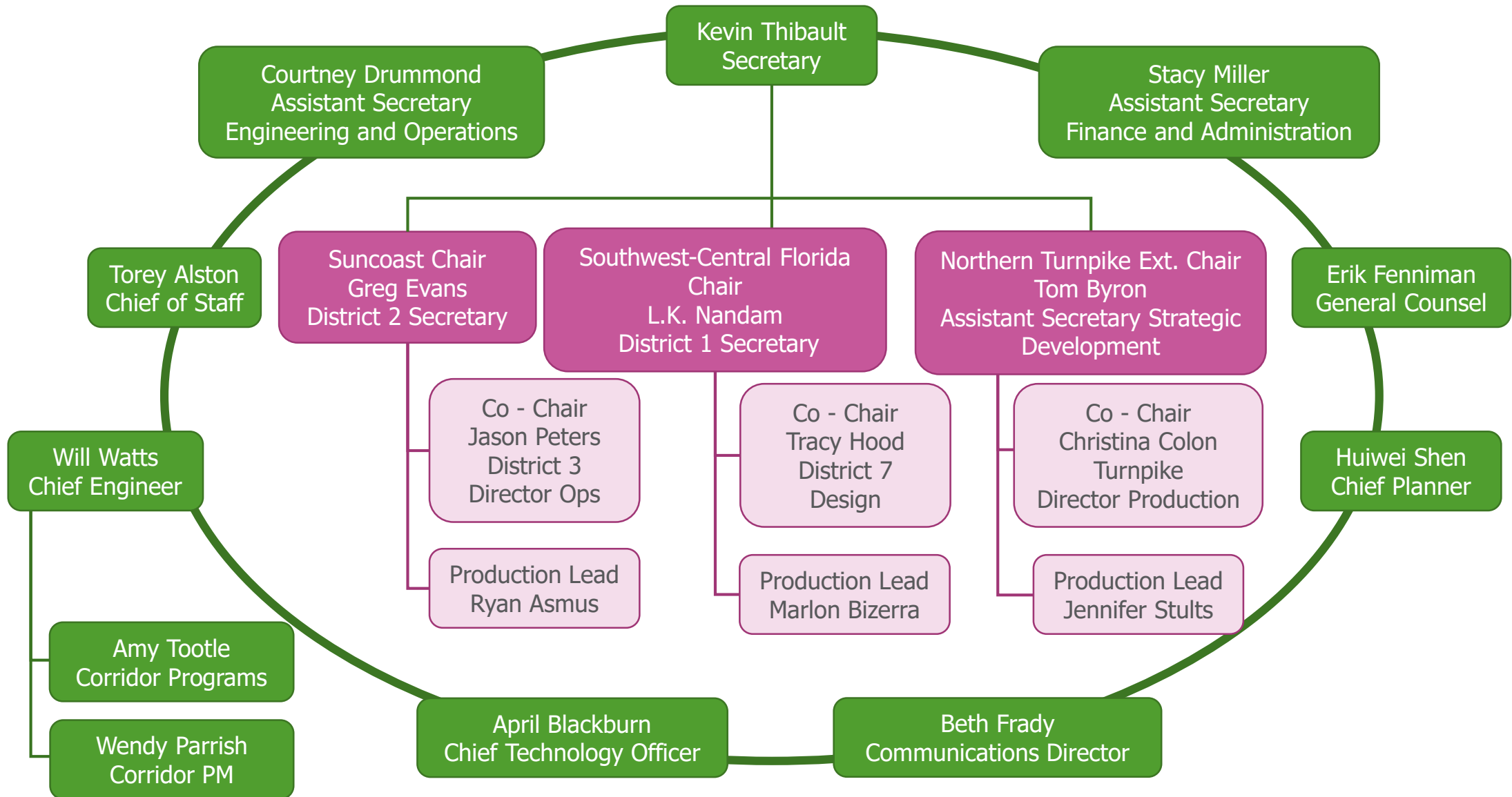
Northern Turnpike Corridor

from northern terminus
to Suncoast Parkway
40 miles



Southwest-Central Florida Corridor

from Collier County to
Polk County
140 miles



Inclusive, Consensus-Building Task Force for Each Study Area

Secretary of Transportation
Appointed Members on
August 1, 2019



Final Report to the
Governor, the President of
the Senate, and the
Speaker of the House of
Representatives by
October 1, 2020



FDOT shall provide affected
local governments with a
copy of the applicable task
force report and project
alignments by
December 31, 2023

Task Force Subject Matter Experts

- State agencies/commissions/partnerships
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Health
 - Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 - Public Service Commission
 - Enterprise Florida
 - Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 - CareerSource Florida
 - Volunteer Florida
- Water management district(s)
- County governments
- Metropolitan planning organization(s)
- Regional planning council(s)
- Community-based organizations
- Environmental groups

Inclusive Consensus-Building Mechanism

Explore

- Existing/Future Conditions
- Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, Enhancement Considerations



Evaluate

- Potential Guiding Principles
- Potential Corridor Opportunities/ Needs



Recommend

- Guiding Principles
- Opportunities for Project Development or Further Study

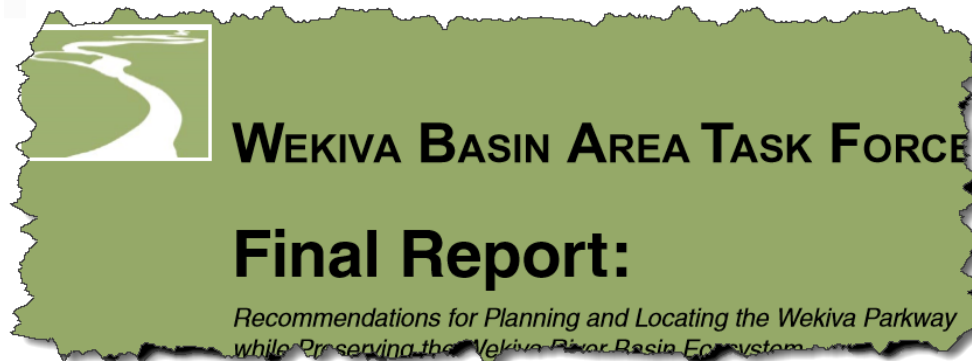


Public Input

Task Force Responsibilities:

- To Produce Corridor Development Goals, “Guiding Principles”
- Potential Avoidance and Minimization Considerations
- Corridor Opportunities, Enhancements
- Submit Final Report to Governor and the Legislature by **Oct. 1, 2020**

Through a Facilitated,
Team Building and
Inclusive Process to
Develop Consensus.



Recommendation 6: The Task Force recommends that the plan for mitigating impacts of the construction of the Wekiva Parkway shall assure that to the maximum extent feasible, land acquisition and mitigation occur prior to roadway construction, and mitigation must occur only within the Wekiva River Protection Area, Wekiva River Basin, or Wekiva River Springshed.

Meeting 1

August 2019

- Overview
- Work Plan

Meetings 2, 3, 4

*October, December 2019;
February 2020*

- Identify AMME Considerations
- Develop Guiding Principles
- Begin to Develop High-Level Purpose & Need

Meetings 5, 6, 7

March, April, June 2020

- Refine Guiding Principles and Purpose & Need
- Review Potential Corridor Opportunities
- Discuss Implementation Actions

Meetings 8, 9

July, September 2020

- Develop Draft Final Report
- Receive Public Comment on Draft Recommendations
- Adopt Final Report

- Joint kickoff, all 3 Task Forces – August 27, Tampa
- Upcoming meetings

Corridor	Task Force Meeting	Community Open House
Southwest-Central Florida Corridor	December 9, Hendry County	December 12, Collier County
Suncoast Corridor	December 17, Taylor County	December 19, Lafayette County
Northern Turnpike Corridor	December 18, Marion County	December 19, Sumter County

- **Public Comment** at every Task Force meeting (August 2019 – October 2020)
- **Public Comment Period** on draft recommendations (July 2020)
- **Community Open Houses** in each corridor (October, December, January/February, March, April/May, June)
- **Briefings** to regional and local partner organizations
- **Communication 24/7** through website, email, phone, social media, newsletters, etc.





REGIONAL AND
COMMUNITY VISIONS



COMPREHENSIVE
PLANS



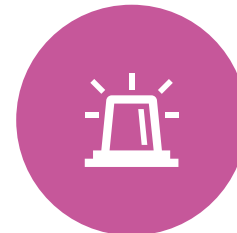
CONSERVATION AND
RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PLANS



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLANS



WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT PLANS



EMERGENCY
RESPONSE PLANS



RESILIENCY PLANS



LONG RANGE
TRANSPORTATION
PLANS

	Typical Planning Process	Enhancements
Mobility	Moving vehicles	Moving people and freight
Connectivity	Individual facilities or modes	Multiple modes and types of infrastructure including emerging technologies
Opportunity	Reacting to growth and development	Supporting regional and community visions, job growth, workforce development
Resiliency	Responding to system failures	Preparing for future risks and potential disrupters
Environment	Avoiding, minimizing, mitigating impacts	Enhancing communities and the environment
Safety	Reducing safety risks	Safety and security for all users; enhanced emergency evacuation and response



- M-CORES projects are subject to FDOT's **delegated responsibilities** for environmental review, consultation, or other action required under any applicable federal environmental law
- For projects that do not receive federal aid or do not require federal action, FDOT must perform a **project evaluation** considering comparable issues
- Decisions on corridor configuration, project alignment, and interchange locations must be determined in accordance with applicable **FDOT rules, policies, and procedures**
- To the greatest extent practical, corridor configuration, project alignment, and interchange locations must be designed so project rights-of-way are not located within **conservation lands** acquired under the Florida Preservation 2000 Act and the Florida Forever program

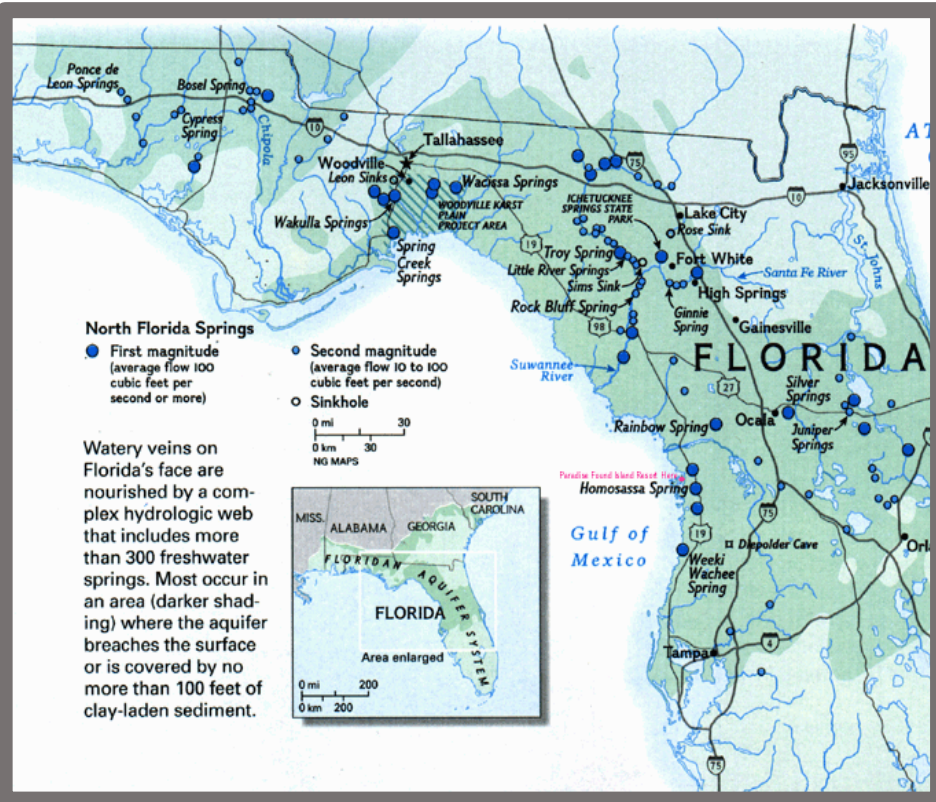
Suncoast Corridor task force and **Northern Turnpike Corridor** task force shall evaluate design features and the need for acquisition of state conservation lands that mitigate the impact of project construction on:

- a. Water quality and quantity of springs, rivers, and aquifer recharge areas
- b. Agricultural land uses
- c. Wildlife habitat



- Southwest-Central Florida Corridor** task force shall:
- a. Address the impacts of project construction on panther and other critical wildlife habitat and evaluate the need for acquisition of lands for state conservation or as mitigation for project construction
 - b. Evaluate wildlife crossing design features to protect panther and other critical wildlife habitat corridor connections

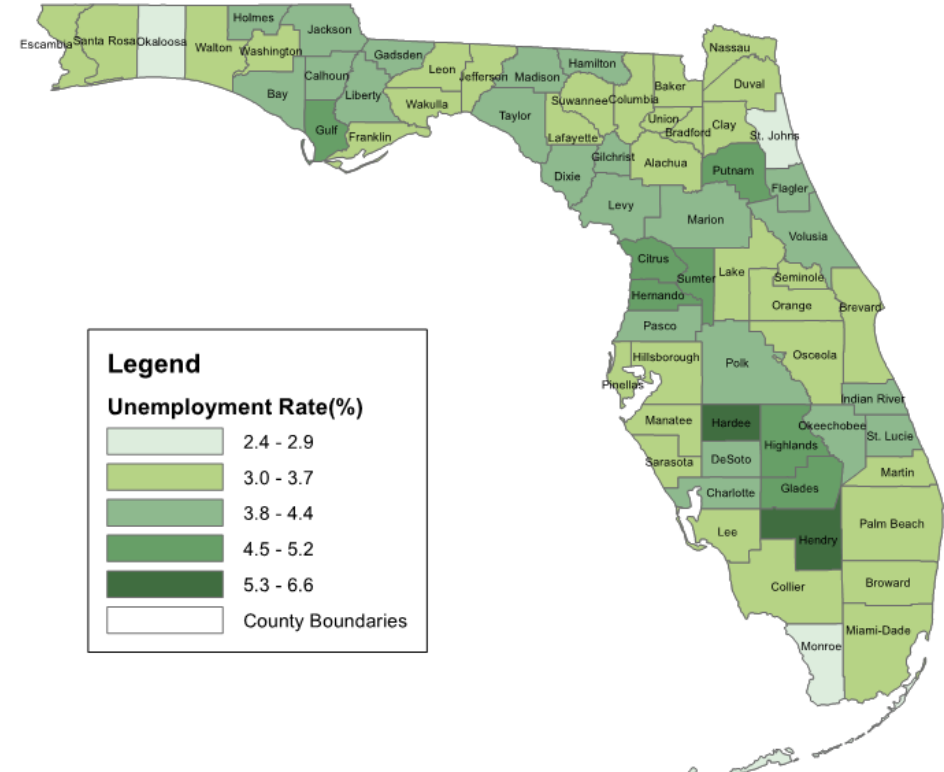
- Task Forces may consider and recommend innovative concepts to **combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements to facilitate environmental mitigation or ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or water quality protection or restoration**

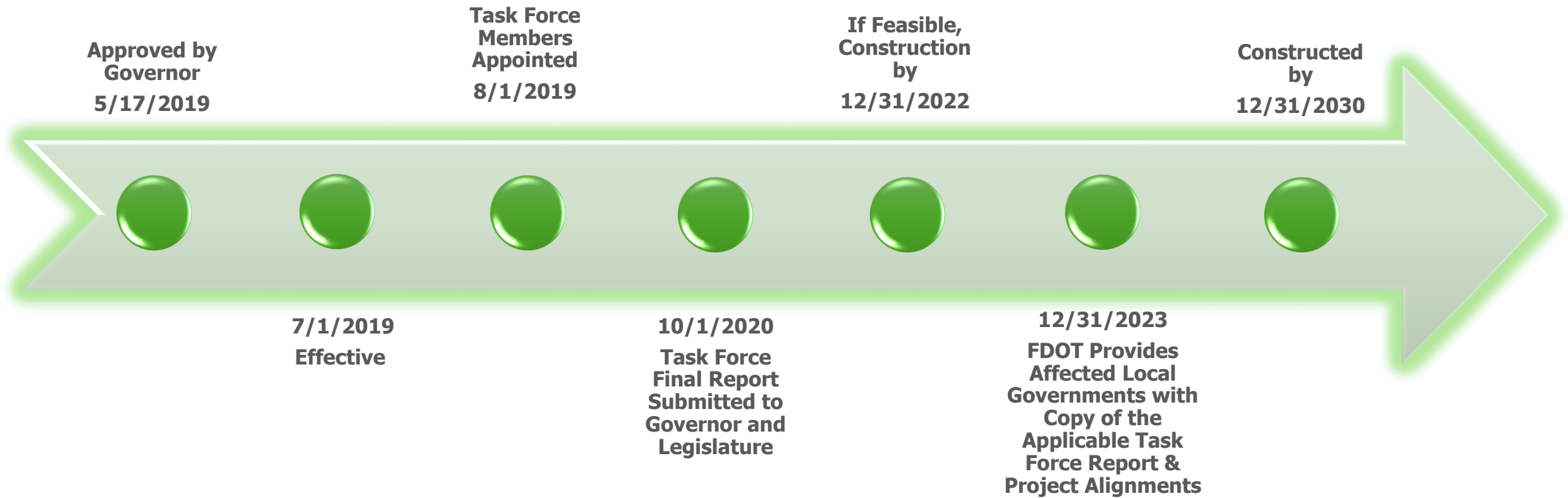


- FDOT, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, may incorporate those features into each corridor during the project development phase
- FDOT may accept donations of land for use as transportation rights-of-way or to secure or use transportation rights-of-way for such projects

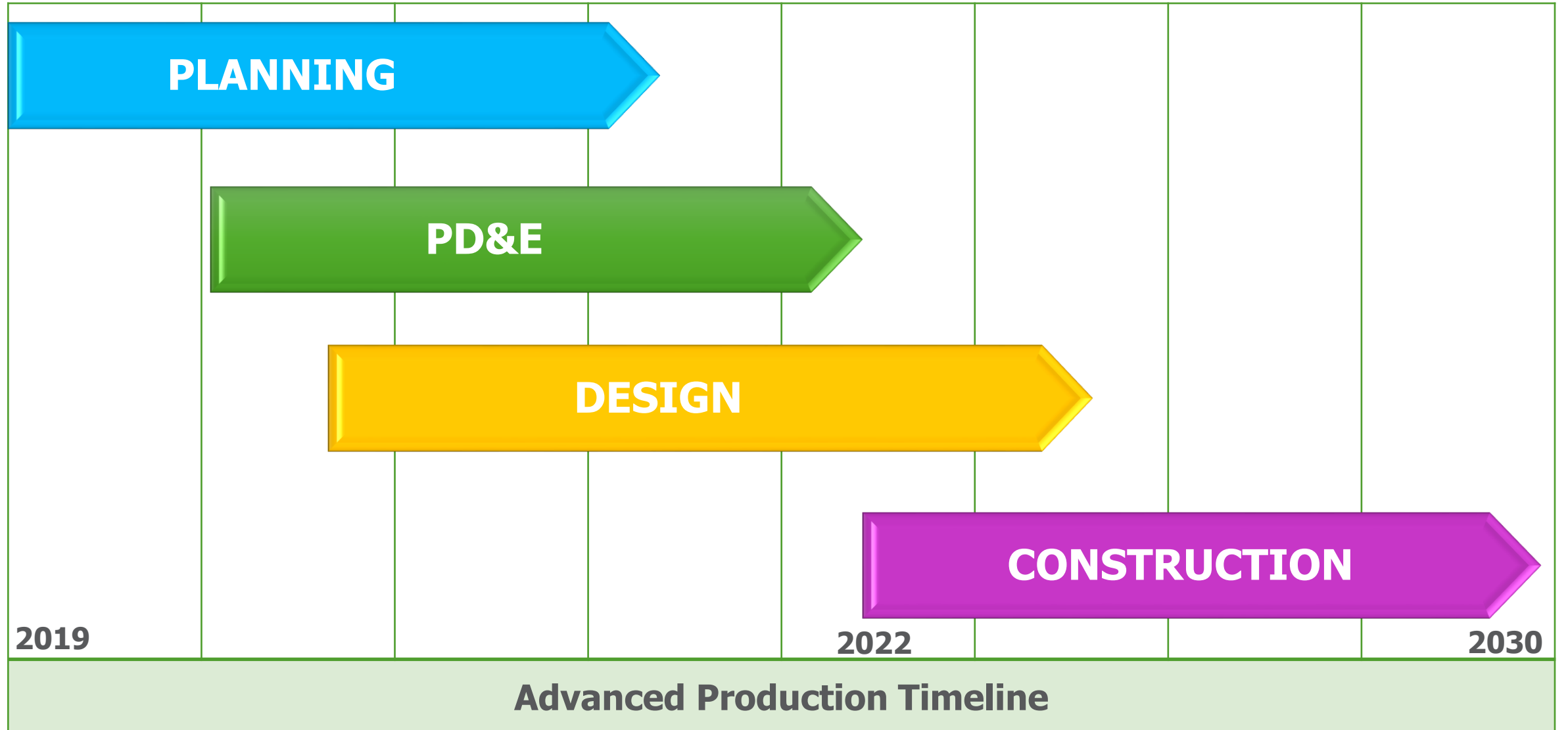
- FDOT is authorized to provide a road and bridge construction workforce development program
 - Benefit communities in which FDOT is constructing infrastructure projects
 - Promote employment opportunities, including within areas of low income and high unemployment
 - Address construction labor shortage by recruiting and developing skilled workers for infrastructure projects

**Florida Unemployment Rates by County
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)
June 2019**





Project construction is not eligible for funding until submission of the final report of the corridor task force for that corridor and completion of 30 percent of the design phase



Allocation of Amounts Retained in the State Transportation Trust Fund

Fiscal Year	M-CORES	SCRAP	SCOP	TDTF	Workforce Development
2019-2020	\$12.5 million	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$2.5 million
2020-2021	\$57.5 million	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$2.5 million
2021-2022	\$101.7 million (estimated)	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$2.5 million
2022-2023 & thereafter	\$105.9 million (estimated)	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$0



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