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Date & Time: May 10, 2016 (Thursday) from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Project: East Central Florida Corridor Evaluation Study

Location: East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
309 Cranes Roost Blvd. Suite 2000
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

Purpose: Stakeholder Engagement East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

ATENDEES
- Hugh Harling, Executive Director, ECFRPC
- Tara McCue, Regional Planner, ECFRPC
- John Zielinski, SIS Administrator, FDOT District Five
- Jeff Bowen, Hanson Study Team
- Mansoor Khuwaja, Hanson Study Team
- Lori Sellers, Hanson Study Team
- David Williams, Planning Consultant, FDOT District Five

MEETING NOTES
- Significant turnover in personnel between the major agencies/partners of the East Central Future Corridors Task Force (ECFCTF)
  - We will need to educate a new group of people
- FDOT is conducting a planning study in City of Cocoa to determine the feasibility of one-way roadways in downtown Cocoa
- One of the primary recommendations from the ECFCTF is to utilize existing corridors to the maximum extent possible
  - US 192 and SR 528 were the most prominent corridors discussed
- The region where the All Aboard Florida (AAF) Brightline turns west toward Orlando/east toward Miami, offers planning challenges
  - Significant economic opportunities to connect freight and passenger rail along SR 528 from the Port and Miami
  - Also an opportunity for a pipeline from the port to OIA
- Mr. Harling suggested extending the study area further north toward Titusville
  - There is some freight movement across the Max Brewer Bridge in Titusville headed for the Space Coast Area
- From a marketing and job creation point of view, you’re not likely to find an area with more potential than the Port Canaveral/Spaceport region
- It is estimated to cost approx. $138 million to bring the depth of Port Canaveral to 150ft
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- Relatively inexpensive when compared to other ports in Florida and their respective costs for dredging to that depth
- ECFRPC has a DRI (Farmon DRI) in the southern portion of Volusia/northern portion of Brevard County
  - Farmon has a requirement that it has to build commercial/office at a rate similar to the residential buildout
    - It cannot build the residential and wait for the commercial to follow
    - Single family developments don’t appear to support themselves in taxes; need commercial/office to help alleviate the burden on local jurisdictions
- FDOT will be in close coordination with CFX regarding the new recommended corridors put forward by the ECFCTF
- City of St. Cloud wants to evaluate and revitalize their downtown area, which includes US 192
  - ECFRPC submitted a grant proposal to get funds for this study
- FDOT wants to help local agencies with their plans and efforts, and not negatively impact those efforts; part of the ECFCES work plan is to coordinate with local jurisdictions
- ECFRPC Plans that the ECFCES needs to align with and/or incorporate
  - 2060 Vision (Strategic Regional Policy Plan; adopted in 2011)
    - All of the local agencies/municipalities need to be aligned with the 2060 Vision, as they were involved in its development
    - Discusses freight components, coastal sea level rise (inland sea level rise is still being worked on)
      - Have looked at sea level rise impacts in Satellite Beach,
    - NASA was looking at sea level rise in the development of their Master Plan
      - [NASA Master Plan](#) – 2013
    - 2060 Vision is based on the *How Shall We Grow* plan
  - Statewide Regional Evacuation Study
    - [Statewide Regional Evacuation Study](#)
    - All of the region’s major corridors are identified as evacuation routes
    - Anything the ECFCES would be doing would likely improve clearance times
    - CDMSmith conducted the TIE evacuation model (based off of the CUBE model)
      - Allows the user to determine what adding new lanes will do for evacuation routes
      - *Ms. McCue can help FDOT with getting this data*
  - Natural Resources of Regional Significance
    - [NRORS](#)
    - Wetlands
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- Biodiversity hotspots
- CLIP Study and CLIP layers (recently updated)
- ECFRPC hasn’t been able to update the NORS data due to lack of funding
  - FDOT may be able to help fund this so that the data could support the ECFCES efforts
    - Data on sea level rise (FDOT data)

- Sketch tool model
  - ECFRPC is updating the Regional Future Land Use for [www.cfgis.org](http://www.cfgis.org)
    - Will be completed hopefully by Summer/Fall 2016
  - ECFRPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Ruis Nievaz
  - Kissimmee Economic Study
    - [Kissimmee Gateway Airport Economic Development Plan](#) – 2014
    - [East Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Study](#) – 2013
    - Orange County Food Scarcity/Industry Study (due May 31, 2016)
    - I-Drive Strategic Study for Marketing and Tourism
    - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Flooding Frequency Tool for Brevard County
      - Evaluates what areas will be underwater and for how long
      - The FDOT model is focused on inundation only, not temporary flooding

- It would be unwise to implement infrastructure in this region without considering sea level rise
- River2Sea TPO wants to look at sea level rise impact on groundwater tables, and how that affects mitigation ponds
- Charles Lee was likely the primary mover during the ECFCTF
- Bithlo will be an area of interest near SR 50
  - Brownfield redevelopment efforts are in the works
- Brevard County has applied for study funding to evaluate their transit stops
- West Melbourne wants to create a town center
  - On US 1 near existing park and rail crossing
  - Hoping to give this area a sense of place