Purpose

- Revitalize rural communities
- Leverage technology
- Encourage job creation
- Enhance quality of life & public safety
- Provide regional connectivity
- Protect the environment & natural resources
Task Force Process

Inclusive, Consensus-Building Mechanism for Each Study Area

- 27 Task Force Meetings
- 12 Webinars & Virtual Meetings
- 32 Community Open Houses
High-Level Needs
Guiding Principles
Instructions for Project Development & Beyond
Action Plan

Task Force Recommendations
Suncoast Connector

Agricultural Accommodations

Environmental Enhancements

Community Identity

Industry Concerns
Northern Turnpike Connector

Cross Florida Greenway protections and enhancements

Wildlife Connectivity and Crossings

Springs Protection

Protect Agricultural Lands

Broadband Connectivity
The Florida Panther Guiding Principle:

Apply the following priority order to protect the federally endangered Florida panther and its habitat:

1. Avoid negative impacts to Florida panther habitats, including USFWS Florida Panther Focus Area;
2. Restore, connect and enhance existing and adjacent habitats (or habitats within close proximity to the corridor); and
3. Minimize and mitigate negative impacts to panther habitat.
Moving The Program Forward

- Determination of Need
- Environmental Feasibility
- Economic Feasibility
- Consistency with Local Government Comprehensive Plans and MPO Priorities
Innovative concepts to combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements

Conservation land acquisition and easement plan for each study area

Funding partnerships

Performance metrics
Multi-use Opportunities

Broadband

Water

Sewer
Public & Stakeholder Engagement

- TASK FORCE PROCESS
- PLANNING & CORRIDOR EVALUATION
- PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT AND DESIGN
- RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
- CONSTRUCTION
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