



Florida's Future Corridors

Florida Transportation Commission Workshop

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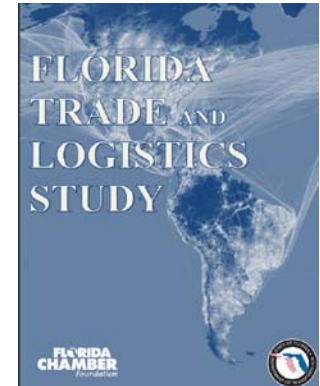
Today's Agenda

- Why think about future corridors?
- Where do we need to plan future corridors?
- How do we plan and develop future corridors?
- Two examples
- What's next?



Many Partners Calling for Greater Emphasis on Future Corridors

- 2060 Florida Transportation Plan
- Florida Trade and Logistics Study
- Six Pillars™ 2030 Strategic Plan
- Department of Economic Opportunity 2017 Strategic Plan (draft)



Regional Visioning Processes



Committee for a Sustainable Emerald Coast



Our Region Tomorrow



First Coast Vision



ONE BAY



How Shall We Grow?



Heartland 2060



People, Prosperity, Preservation



Committee for a Sustainable Treasure Coast



Southeast Florida Regional Partnership

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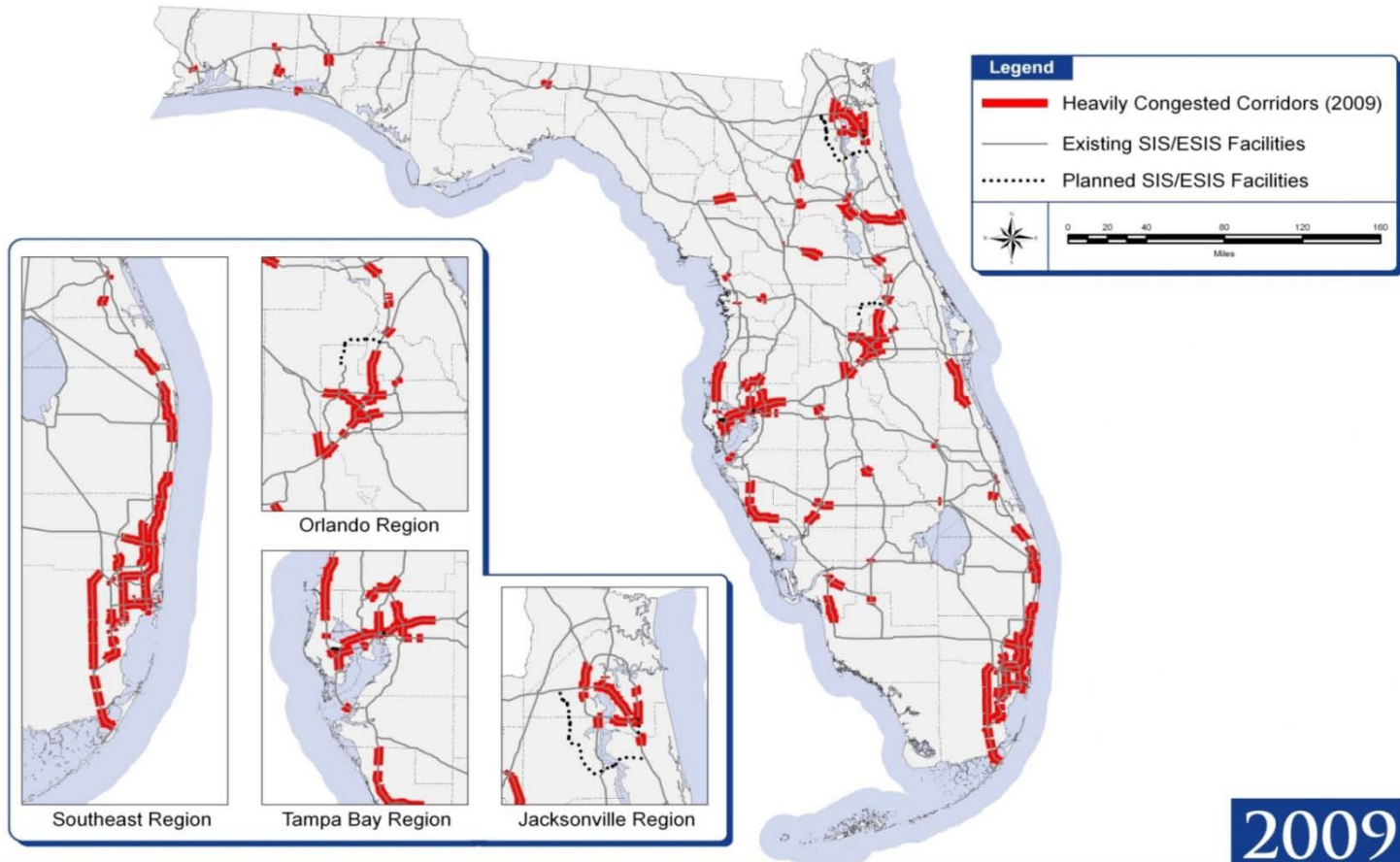


Why Future Corridors?

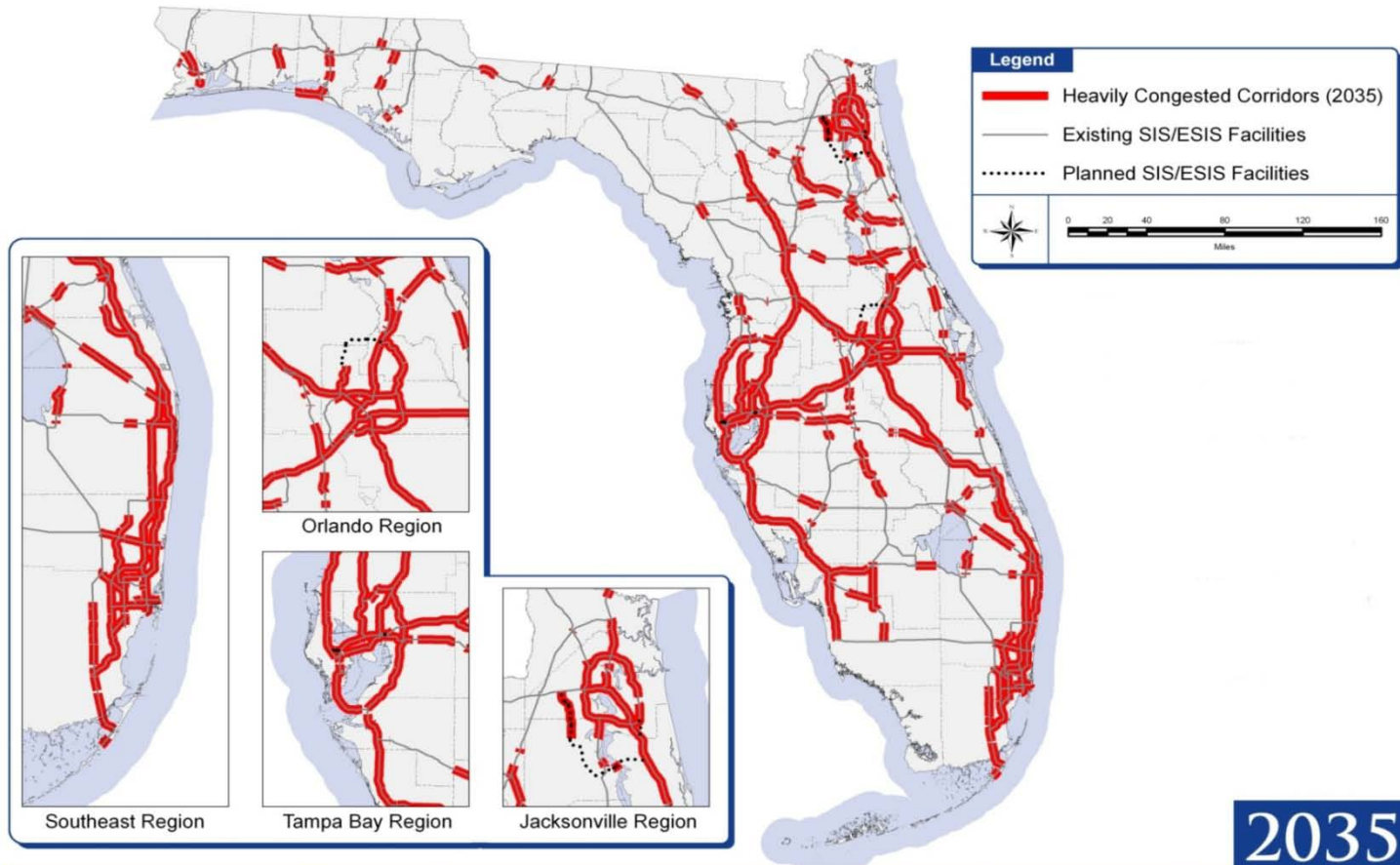
- Long-term coordination of growth/transportation plans and visions
- Provide solutions for or alternatives to existing congested corridors
- Meet growing demand for moving people and freight
 - Growth in population, visitors, and domestic and international trade
- Improve connectivity
 - Between regions
 - Between Florida and other states and nations



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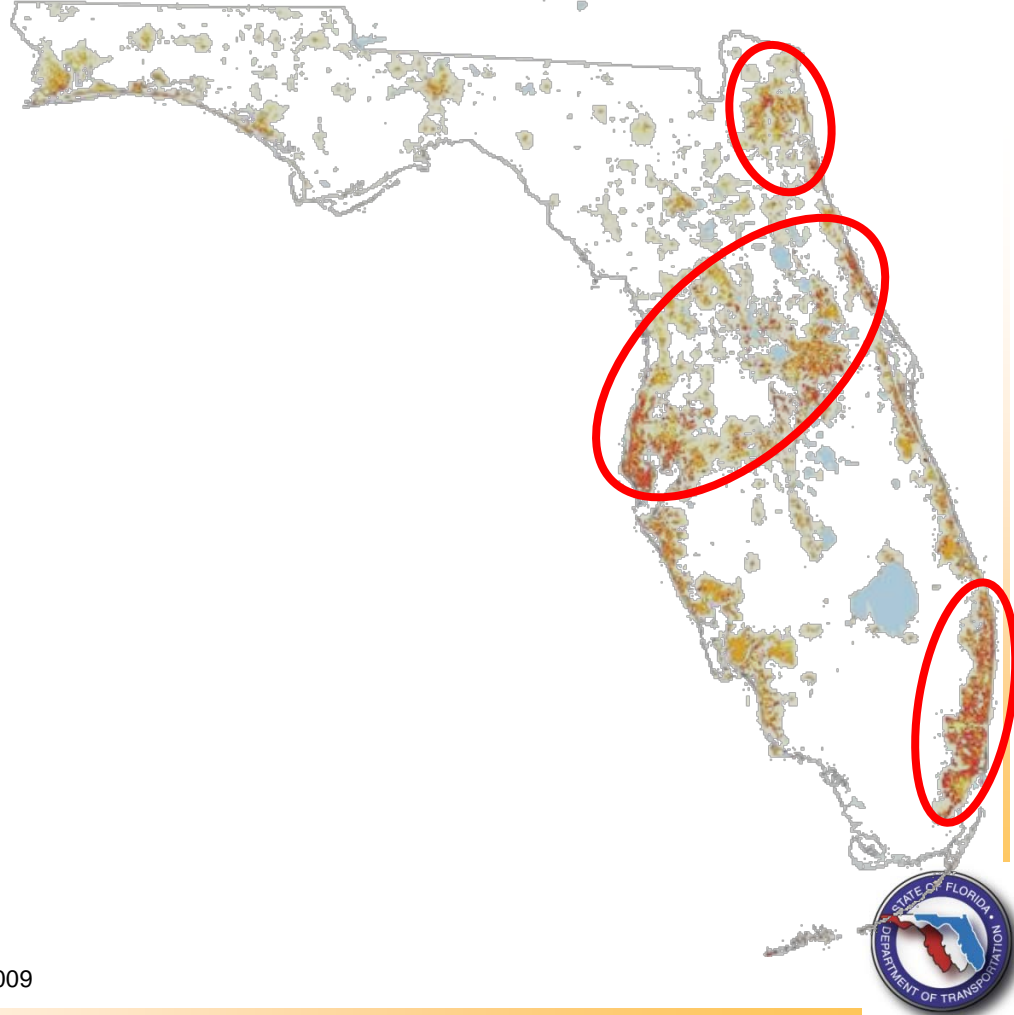


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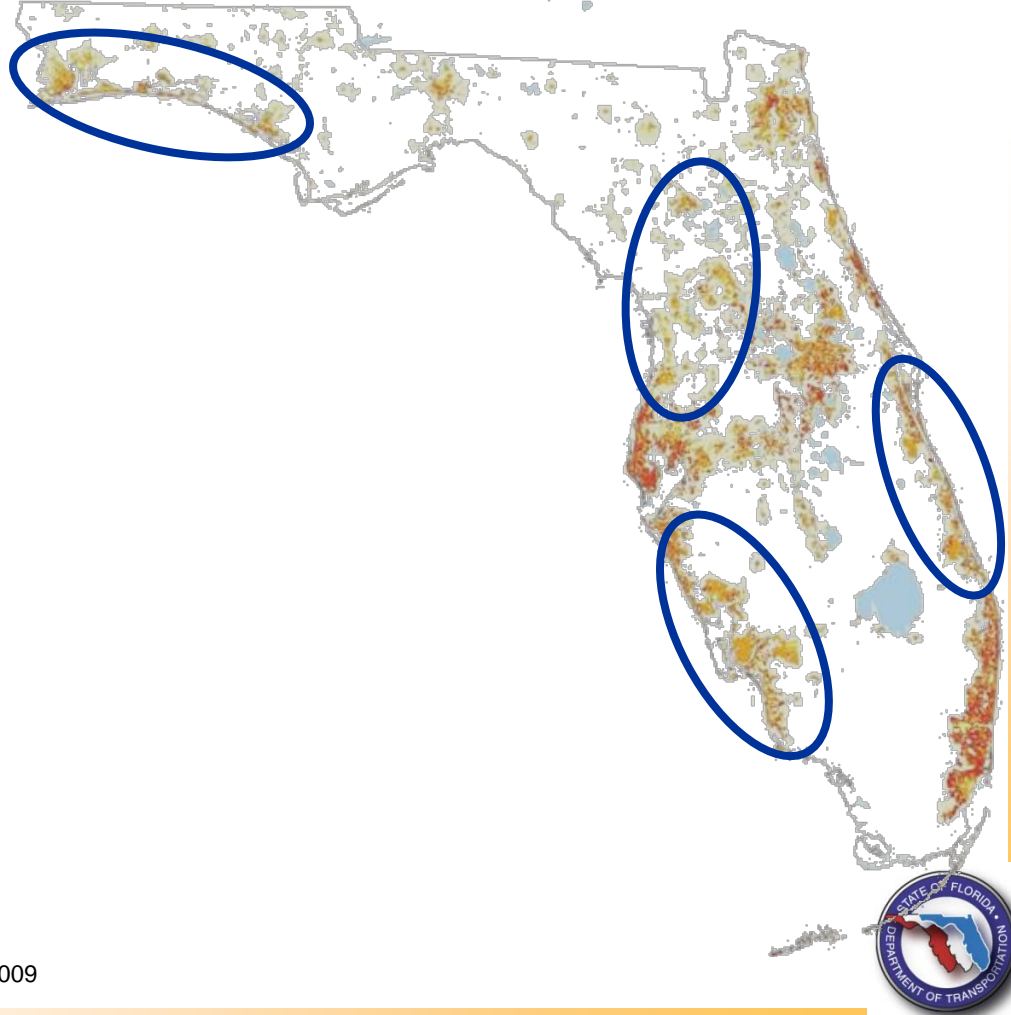
Supporting Economic Development

- Existing large economic centers
 - Capacity
 - Bottlenecks



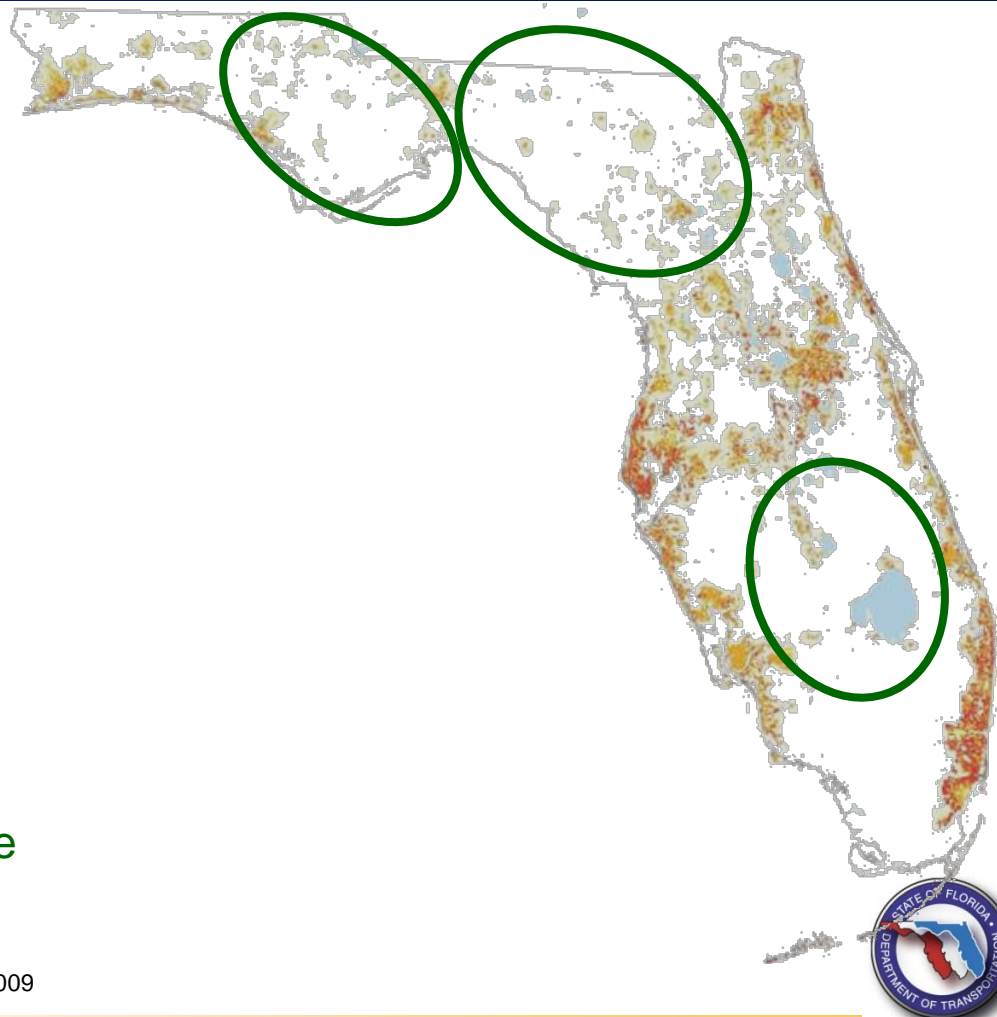
Supporting Economic Development

- Emerging centers
 - Intercity connections
 - Modal options



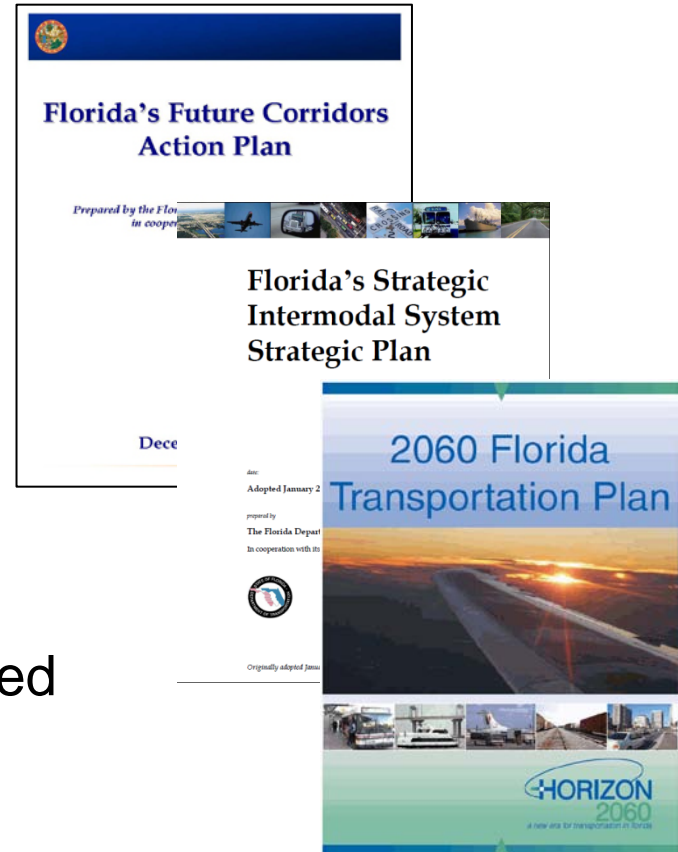
Supporting Economic Development

- Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern
 - Regional employment centers
 - Economically productive rural lands

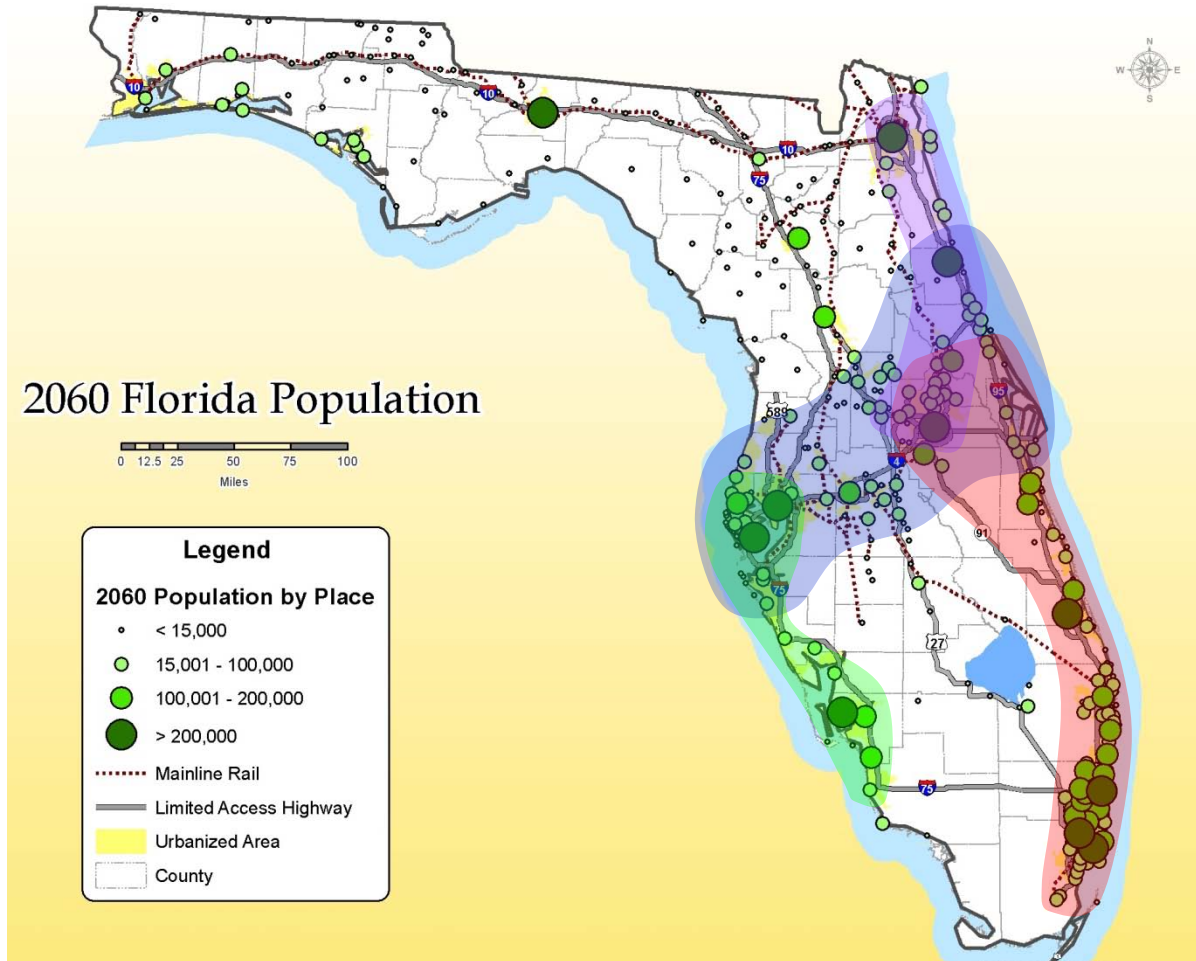


Policy Framework

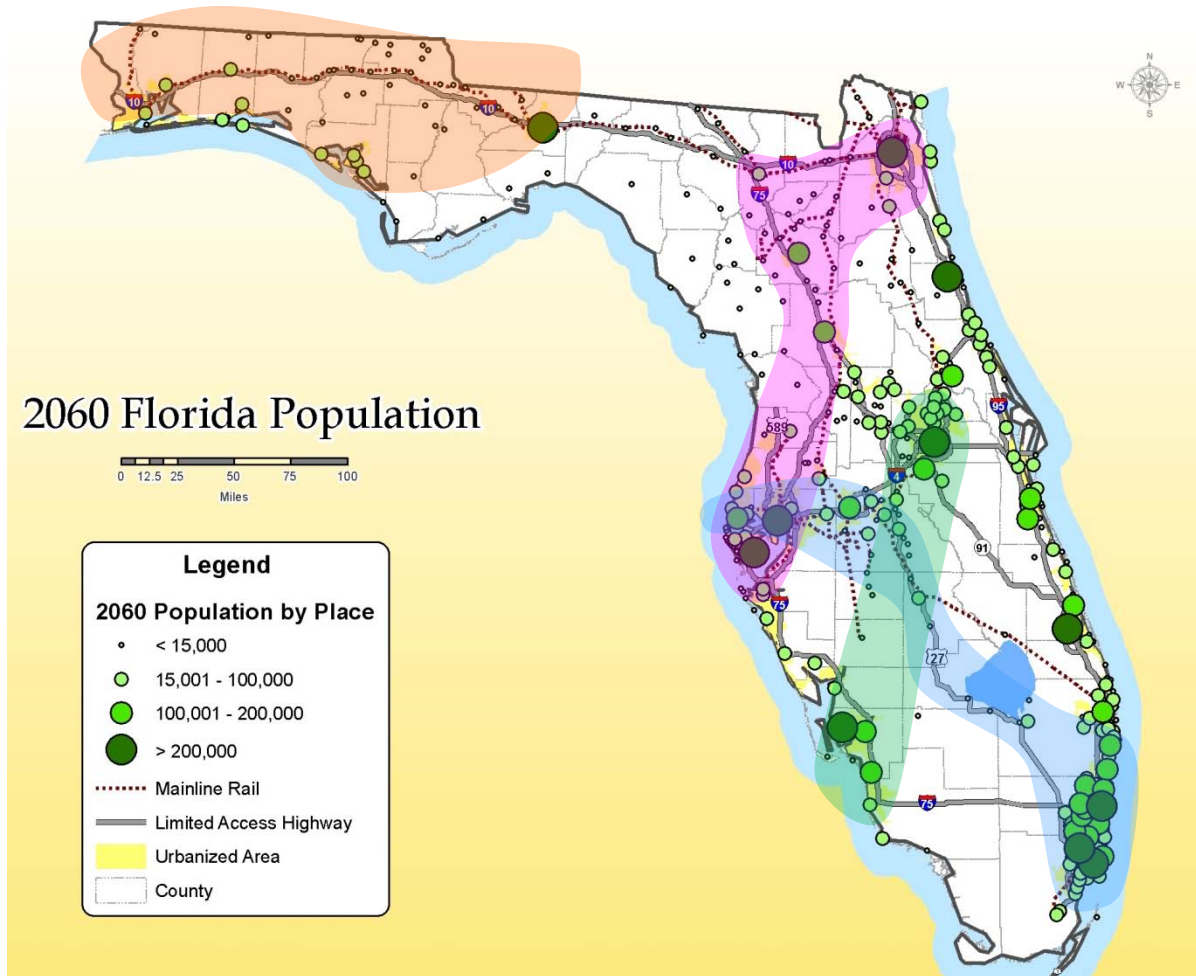
- Maximize use of existing corridors
- Consider alternatives to highways for moving people, freight
- Add capacity to existing corridors to support growth in demand and relieve congestion
- Consider new corridors when needed to fill major connectivity gaps



Transform Existing Corridors



Improve Regional Connectivity



Corridor Planning Approach

Concept

- Identify connectivity or mobility need
- Determine consistency with regional vision
- Identify issues to be addressed in future stages

Feasibility

- Identify and evaluate alternative solutions
- Work with partners to build consensus
- Develop action plan for viable corridors

Project Development & Environmental

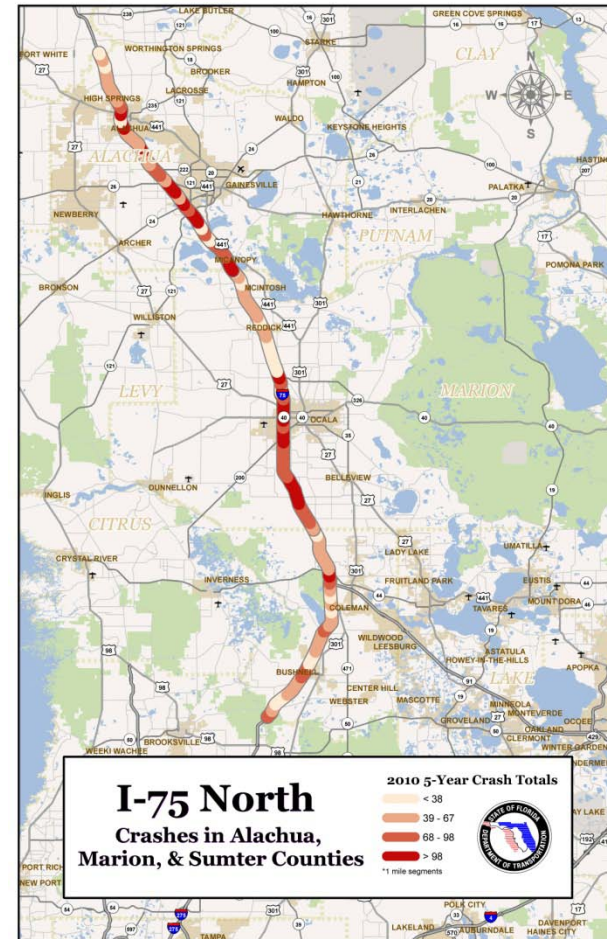
- Detail corridor improvement projects
- Select projects for implementation
- Advance through environmental review process



Example: I-75 and the Tampa Bay- Jacksonville Corridor

■ Key issues

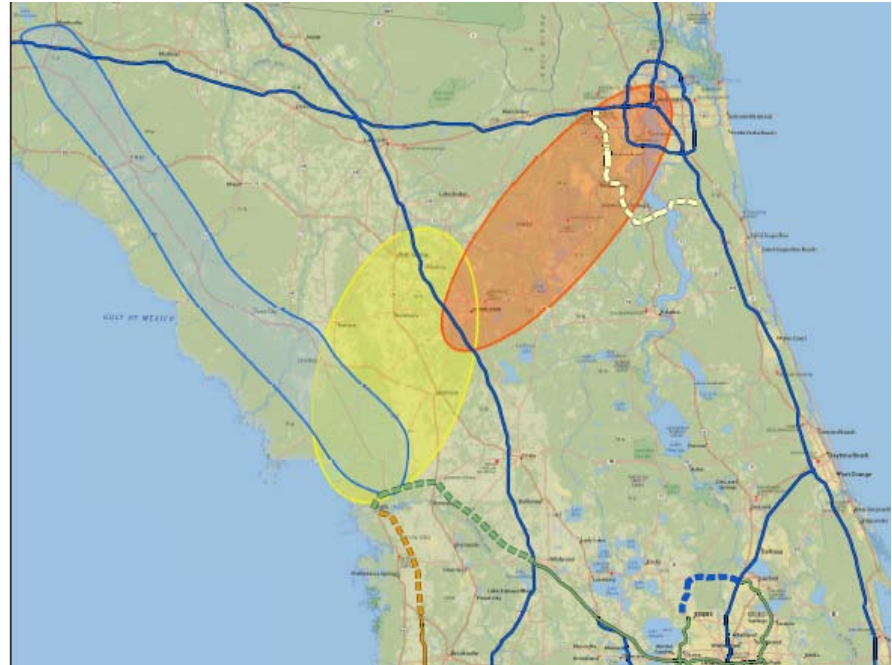
- Safety
- Congestion
- Emergency evacuation
- Freight mobility
- Interregional connectivity



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■ Potential solutions

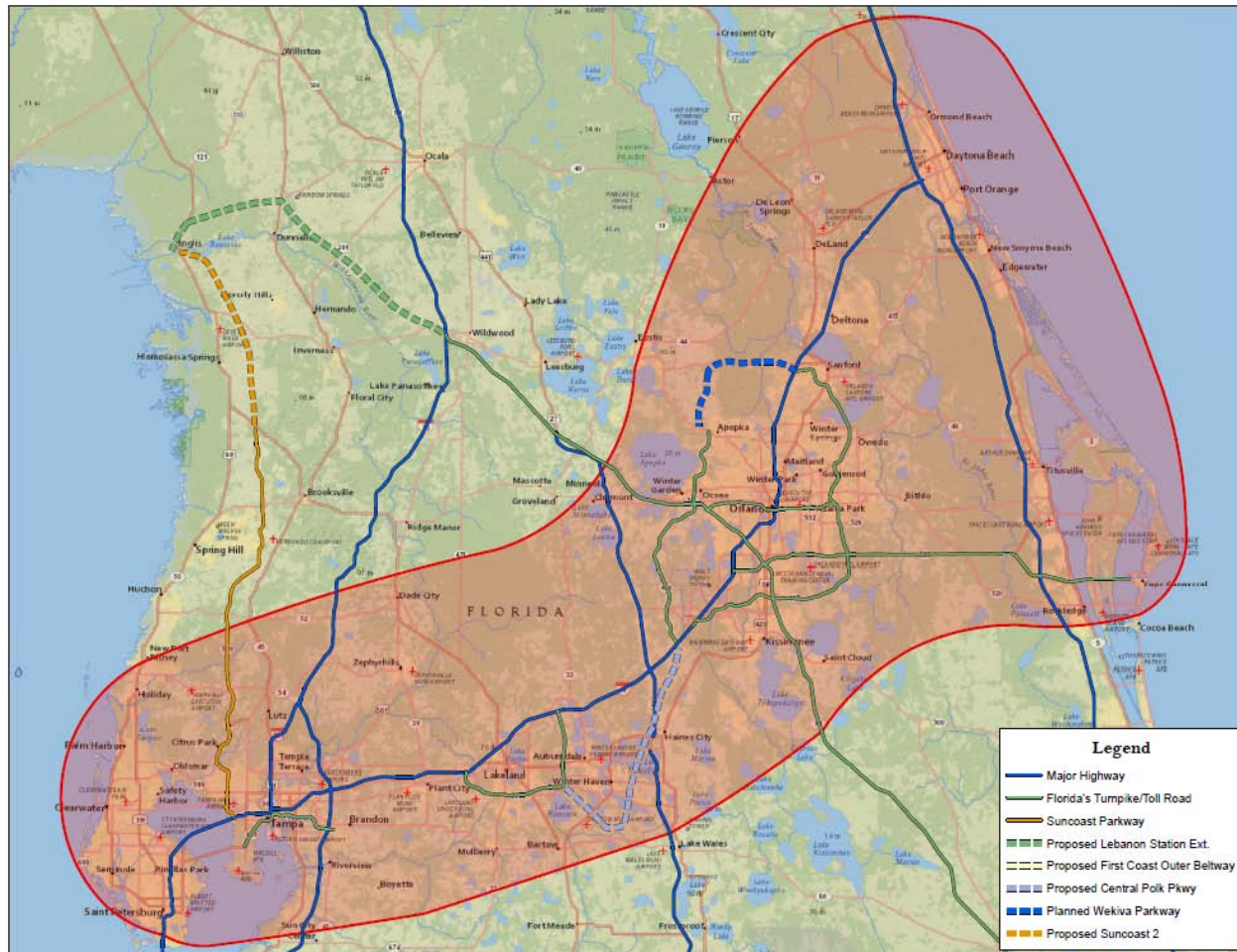
- I-75 managed lanes/truck only lanes
- Enhanced rail system
- Completion of Suncoast II
- Northern Extension of Florida's Turnpike
- I-75 reliever facility from Suncoast II to Gainesville/Ocala area
- Direct connection from Gainesville/Ocala to Jacksonville



Example:



Example: Tampa Bay-Central Florida “Super Region”



What's Next?

- Support statewide and regional visioning/strategic planning.
- Coordinate with state agencies (DEO, DEP, FWCC, etc.)
- Conduct outreach to major landowners
- Coordinate with local governments and stakeholders
- Prepare enabling legislation for 2013 Legislative Session
- Initiate prototype studies
- Initiate project development and environmental studies on selected segments



Questions?

