



Status Report: Florida's Future Transportation Corridors

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Why Future Corridors?

- Coordinate long-range 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



Policy Framework

- Focus on connecting economic activities and moving people and freight
- Maximize use of existing facilities
- Consider alternatives to highways
- Add capacity to existing facilities to support growth in demand and relieve congestion
- Consider new facilities when needed to fill major connectivity gaps



What's Been Accomplished?

- Studies of existing corridors
 - I-95 (completed), I-75 (underway), US 27 (underway)
- Identified initial priority study areas
- Initiated government agency coordination group
 - Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Environmental Protection, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Federal Highway Administration
- Initiated outreach to stakeholders (environmental/land use advocates, state agencies, Regional Planning Councils, MPOs, public and private landowners, utilities)
- Assembled demographic and economic data and prepared technical tools for corridor studies



Key Policy Issues

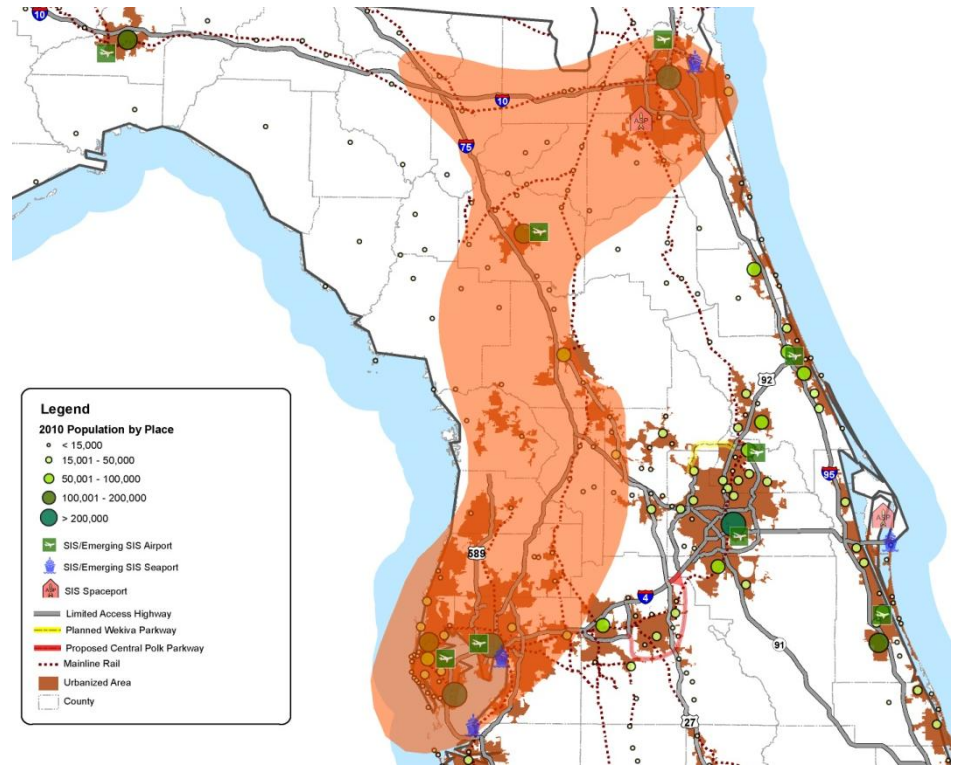
- Consistency with statewide and regional visions/plans including DEO Strategic Plan, Six Pillars™
- Linkage to local government comprehensive plans, sector plans, rural land stewardship areas, DRIs, etc.
- Coordination with Cooperative Conservation Blueprint and other land conservation plans
- Integrating corridor concepts into regional and local transportation and land use plans
- Partnership opportunities with public and private landowners and utilities



Tampa Bay-Northeast Florida Study Area

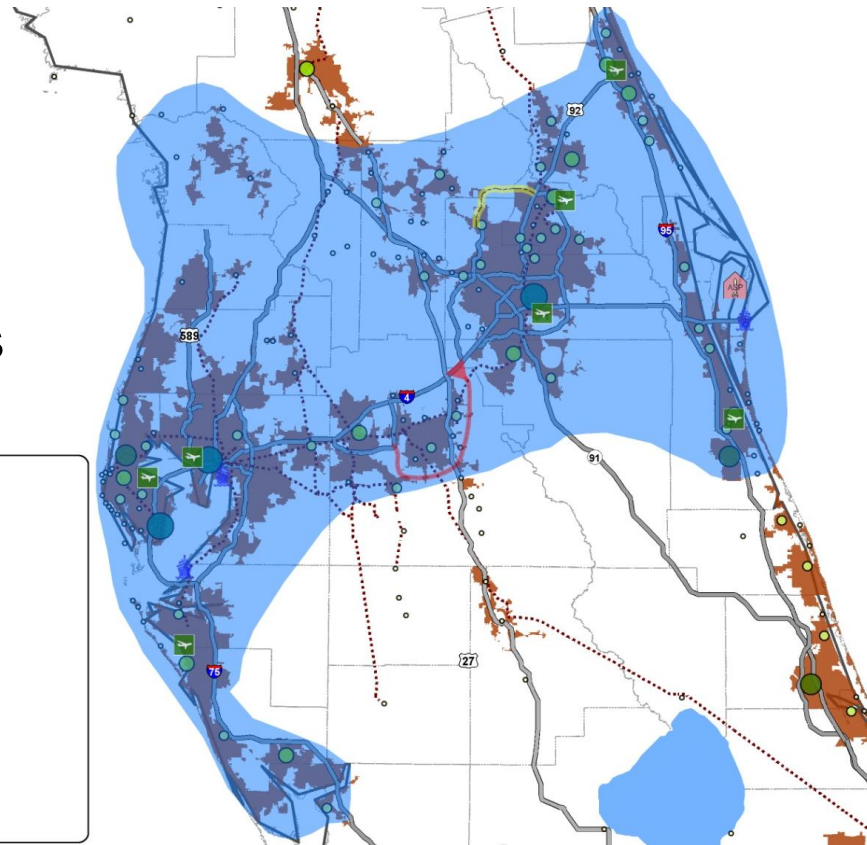
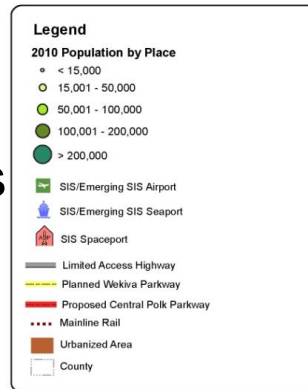
Potential Solutions

- I-75 managed lanes/
truck only lanes
- Enhanced rail system
- Suncoast Parkway
extension
- Florida Turnpike
extension (NEFT)
- Possible I-75 reliever
from Suncoast to
Gainesville/Ocala area
- Improved connections between
I-75 and Jacksonville



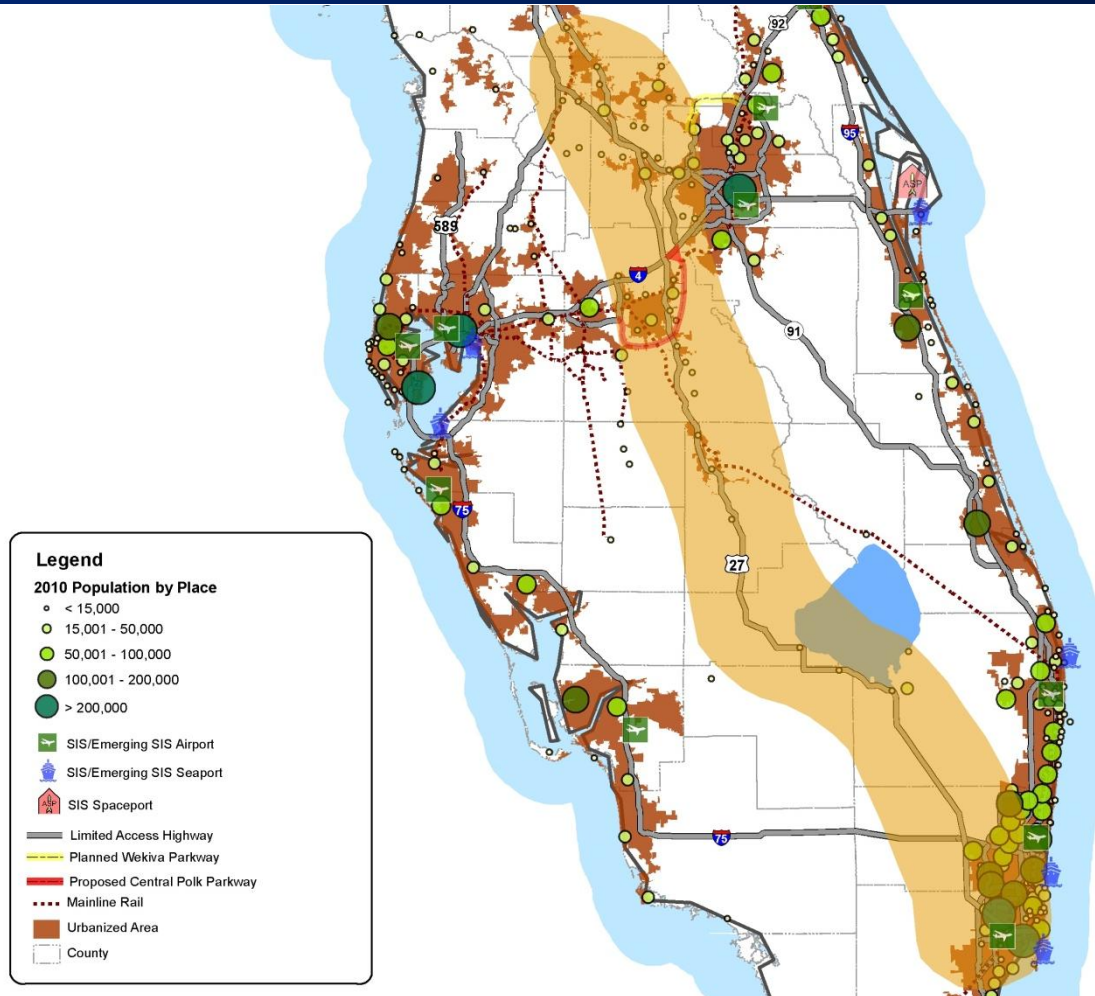
Tampa Bay-Central Florida “Super Region” Potential Solutions

- I-4 managed lanes
- Future SunRail extensions
- Parallel facilities on segments of the corridor
- Possible new corridors consistent with regional visions and adopted land uses



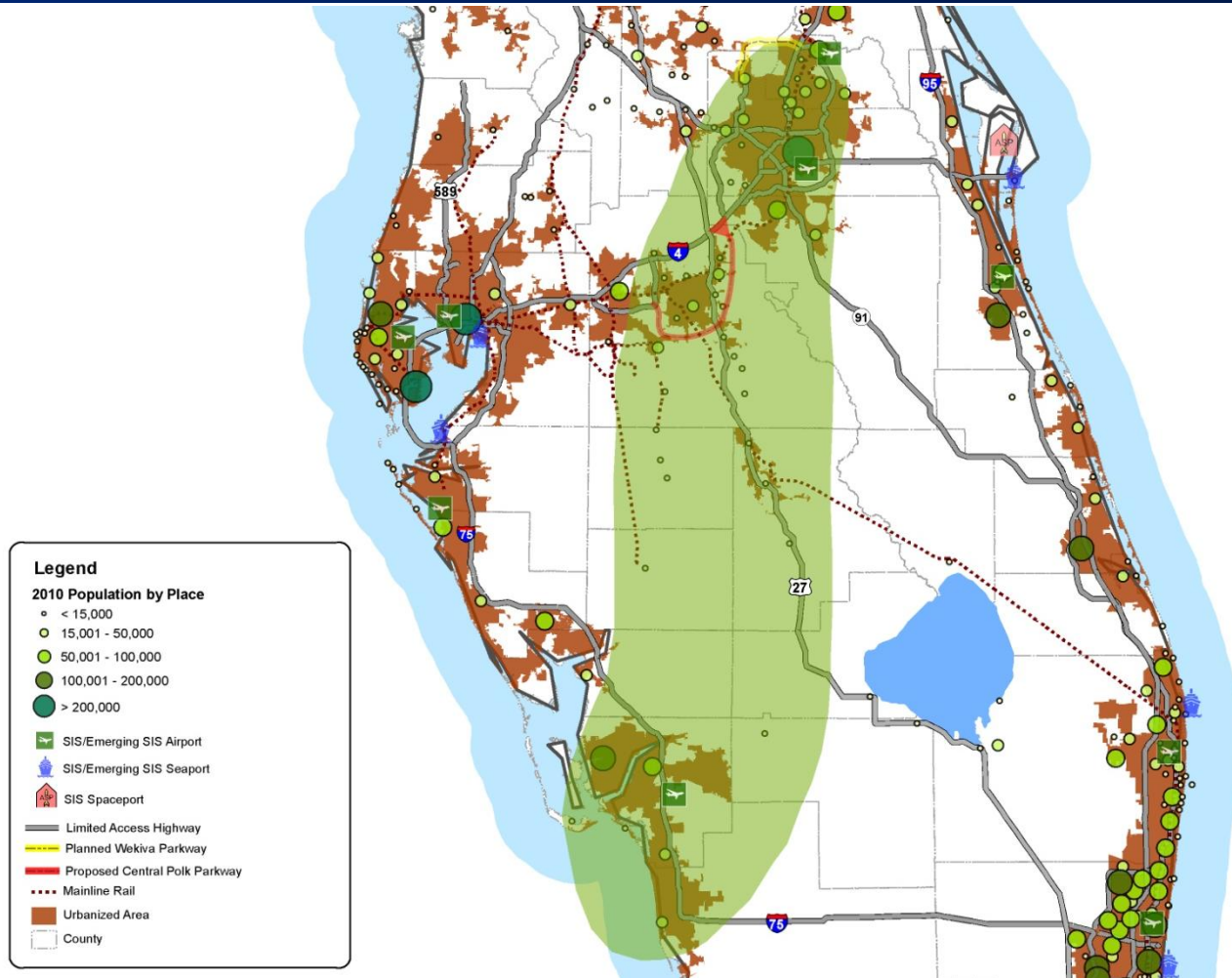
Heartland Region

Southeast Florida to Central Florida



Heartland Region

Southwest Florida to Central Florida



What's Next?

- Continue to support statewide and regional visioning/strategic planning
- Conduct additional partner and public outreach
- Outreach to environmental/land use advocates, major landowners, and utilities
- Develop concept reports for priority study areas
- Initiate project development and environmental studies on selected segments





Questions?

For more information:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/policy/corridors/>

