



# MPOAC Freight Update

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# Florida Freight Advisory Committee (FLFAC) 2019 Activities



# Topics for FLFAC in 2019

- Revisit member list, committee leadership, responsibilities, and length of term
- Lead stakeholder group for the Freight Mobility & Trade Plan Update
- Provide input on the National Highway Freight Network Annual Updates
- Confirm Annual Updates to National Highway Freight Program Projects/Priority Project Types
- Provide input and validation on various FDOT efforts that impact goods movement, including truck parking, empty backhaul, safety, economic impacts, trend analysis, grants, prioritization, etc.

# Brainstorming for the FMTP Update



# The Freight Mobility & Trade Plan

The FMTP is an integrated and comprehensive plan that focuses on the movement of goods in, out, and around Florida. The objectives of the first plan were to:

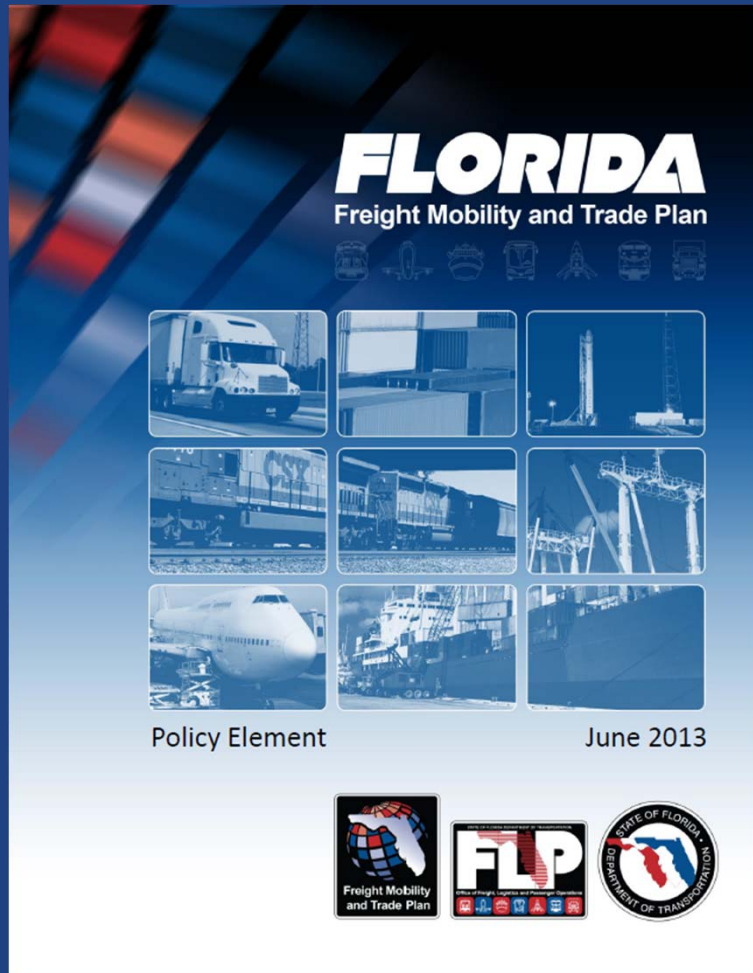
- 1** Capitalize on the Freight Transportation Advantages of Florida Through Collaboration on Economic Development, Trade, and Logistics Programs
- 2** Increase Operational Efficiency of Goods Movement
- 3** Minimize Costs in the Supply Chain
- 4** Align Public and Private Efforts for Trade and Logistics
- 5** Raise Awareness and Support for Freight Movement Investments
- 6** Develop a Balanced Transportation Planning and Investment Model That Considers and Integrates All Forms of Transportation
- 7** Transform the FDOT's Organizational Culture to Include Consideration of Supply Chain and Freight Movement Issues



# Policy Element

The first FMTP was broken up into two parts:

The *Policy Element* (2013) presented strategies to guide programs, decisions, and actions of FDOT, while informing the industry of freight-related directions.



# Investment Element



The *Investment Element* (2014) addressed how the state identifies and prioritizes freight projects.

# Questions to Consider: What's Changed?

- New office (FMO) that focuses on freight and rail
- FAST Act requirement
- No TRANSEARCH data
  - use FAF and other datasets
- New FLFAC
- Technology discussion must be more robust

# Theme: No Status Quo

- Need a fresh and new outlook
- Marry new ideas with institutional knowledge/best practices
- Vision must be flexible enough to navigate different political perspectives



# Theme: Tactical Planning

- The industry changes too quickly for long-term horizon
- Start w/ near term (tactical) planning/implementation and build upon those for long term strategies



# Theme: Technology

- Emerging trends?
- What should we promote?
- How can technology be a capacity multiplier?
- Use new technological programs & policies to focus on freight



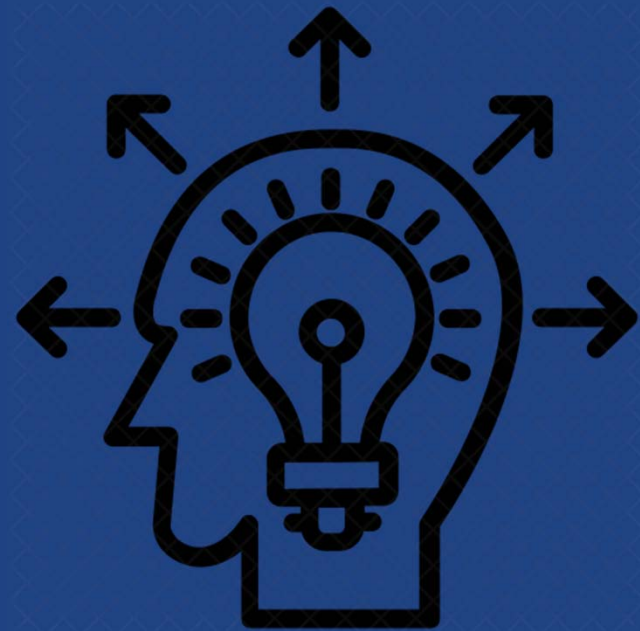
# Theme: Bridge Analysis & Recommendations

- We want to bridge the gap between analysis and projects
- Consider resiliency of the freight supply chain
  - Fuel supply
  - Commodity analysis



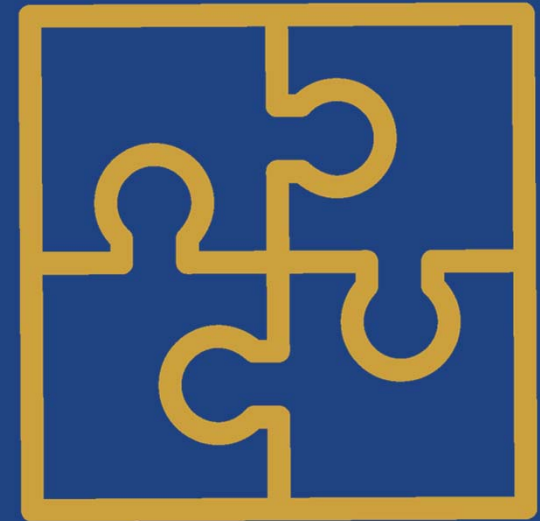
# Theme: Outward Looking Plan

- Must serve FDOT/federal purposes, but should be relevant for the private sector to benefit from
- Goal is not to sit on the shelf



# Theme: Multi-Agency Document

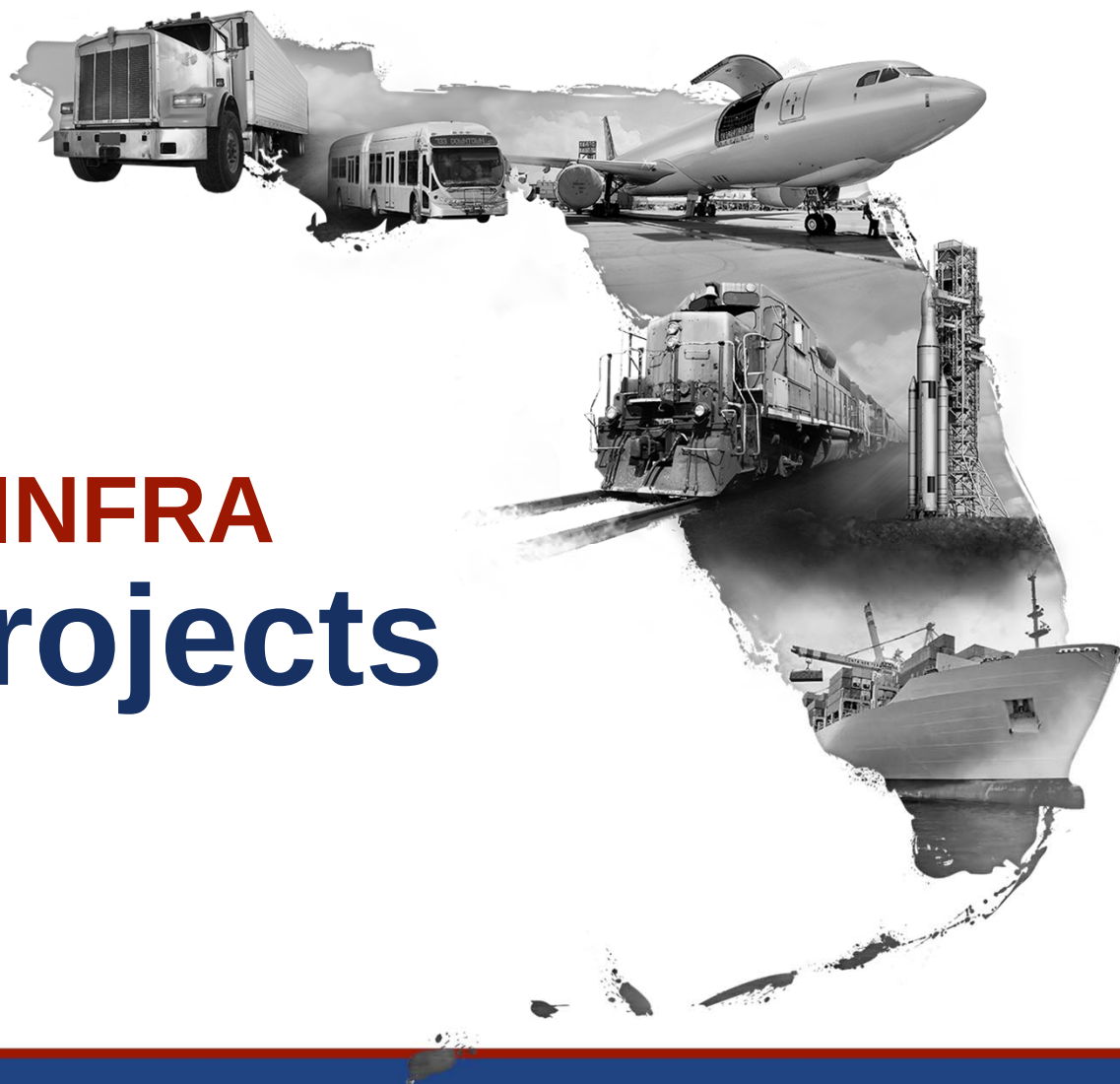
- Many things are not under FDOT's purview
- Need for interagency collaboration throughout the process
- Ultimately, one integrated effort



## Next Steps

- Currently developing full schedule of 2019 dates and outreach
- We'll share timeline and meeting notices through MPOAC to ensure local participation

# 2019 FDOT INFRA Grant Projects



# Tentative FDOT INFRA Grant Projects

- GGI Truck Travel Center
- SR 528 from E of SR 524 to E of SR 3
- Oslo Road Interchange



The *Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA)* grants program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for projects that address critical issues facing our nation's highways and bridges.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/infragrants>

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# Lessons Learned

## Outreach

- Lots of interest in participating, solicited input from various perspectives
- Minimal inconsistency in Business Forum attendance, but it lead to revisiting topics already addressed
- Great participation from Chamber, EFI, and CareerSource Florida created better product that went beyond FDOT roles

## Data/Prioritization

- Consistent and reliable data for all modes was too difficult to collect, so had to use qualitative measures for comparison
- Avoided potential proprietary data concerns, but much harder to link performance of infrastructure to highly ranked project needs

## Funding

- Confusing to many that there was no dedicated freight funding source when we began, had to make the case the needs identification efforts were worthwhile
- National Highway Freight Program now available, but plan still guides investment decisions for other funds