

Florida Freight Advisory Committee

March 20, 2025



**FREIGHT
& RAIL**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Name		Organization Represented
John	Abrams	Loves Travel Stops
George	Andrews	PortMiami
Joe	Arbona	Genesee Wyoming Railroad
Steven	Bostel	SpaceFlorida
Aubrey	Brown	CSX
Jaime	Cimino	Always Fresh Farms LLC
William	Crowe	Canaveral Port Authority
Jaha	Cummings	City of Punta Gorda
Kevin	Daugherty	Space Coast Regional Airport, Titusville
Laura	DiBella	Adams and Reese
John	Dohm	Florida TransAtlantic Holdings
Patrick	Feeney	Kenan Advantage Group
Emily	Fisher	Florida Ports Council
Bob	Ledoux	Florida East Coast Railway
Bruce	Lyon	Winter Haven Economic Development Council
Robert	Midgett	Walmart
Carol	Obermeier	Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)
Seckin	Ozkul	University of South Florida
Nick	Primrose	Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
Greg	Stuart	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Alex	Trauger	MetroPlan Orlando
Kevin	Walford	Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Gretchen	Winters	Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

[FDOT.gov/FLFAC](https://www.flhwy.com/FLFAC)

[Home](#) / [Rail](#) / Florida Freight Advisory Committee

Florida Freight Advisory Committee

Resources

[Administrative Director - Daniel Fetahovic](#)

[Email Us](#)

[Committee Framework](#)

[Documents & Publications](#)

Overview

The Florida Freight Advisory Committee (FLFAC) is charged with:

- Advising the State on freight-related priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs;
- Serving as a forum for discussion of State decisions affecting freight transportation;
- Communicating and coordinating regional priorities with other organizations;
- Promoting the sharing of information between the private and public sectors on freight issues; and
- Participating in the development of the State's Freight Plan.

Next meeting info coming soon!

Welcome and Housekeeping

Agenda

Call to Order

Welcome and Housekeeping

Current Events & Legislative Updates

Impacts of Economic/Supply Chain Disruptions

Break for Lunch

Truck Parking Updates

Empty Backhaul Updates

Public Comments

Member Comments

Adjourn

Introduction and Vision

Agenda Theme:
Strong Economy
& Supply Chain

Alignment with
FDOT's Vision



Current Events & Legislative Updates

Current Events

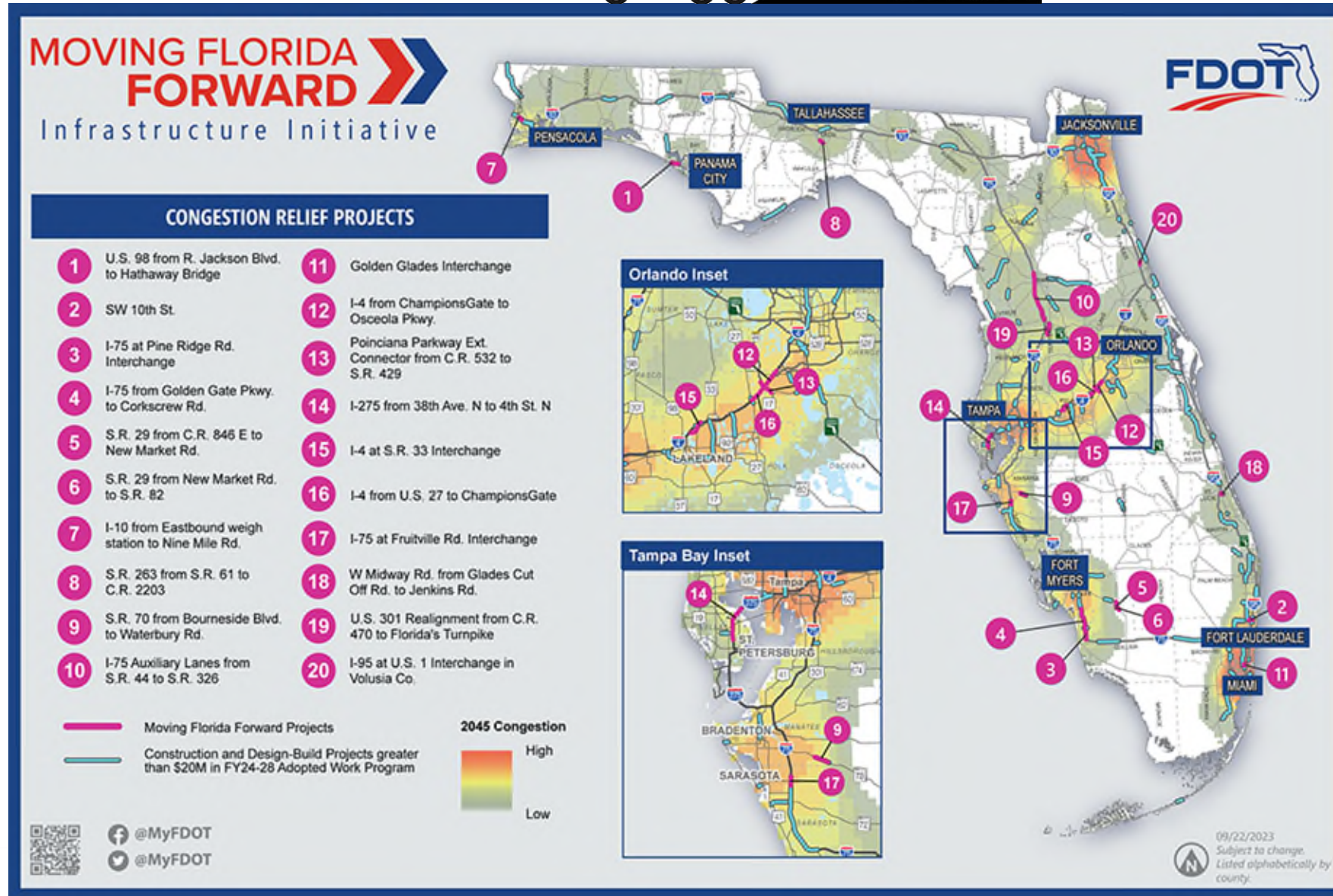


Program Updates

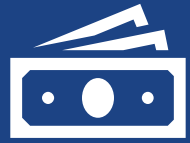


339.651, F.S.
Strategic
Intermodal
System supply
chain demands

311.101, F.S.
Intermodal
Logistics Center
Infrastructure
Support
Program



Senate Bill 1662 and House Bill 1397



Efficiency &
Accountability



Supply Chain &
Modes of
Transportation



Operational
Enhancements



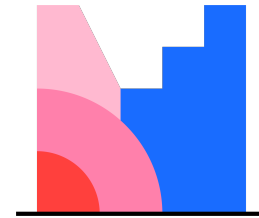
Workforce &
Innovation



Survey

Go to
www.menti.com

Code
9772 4241



Mentimeter



Impacts of Economic/ Supply Chain Disruptions

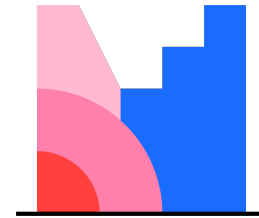
Mitigating Disruptions – Florida Updates



Survey

Go to
www.menti.com

Code
9772 4241



Mentimeter



V. Break for Lunch

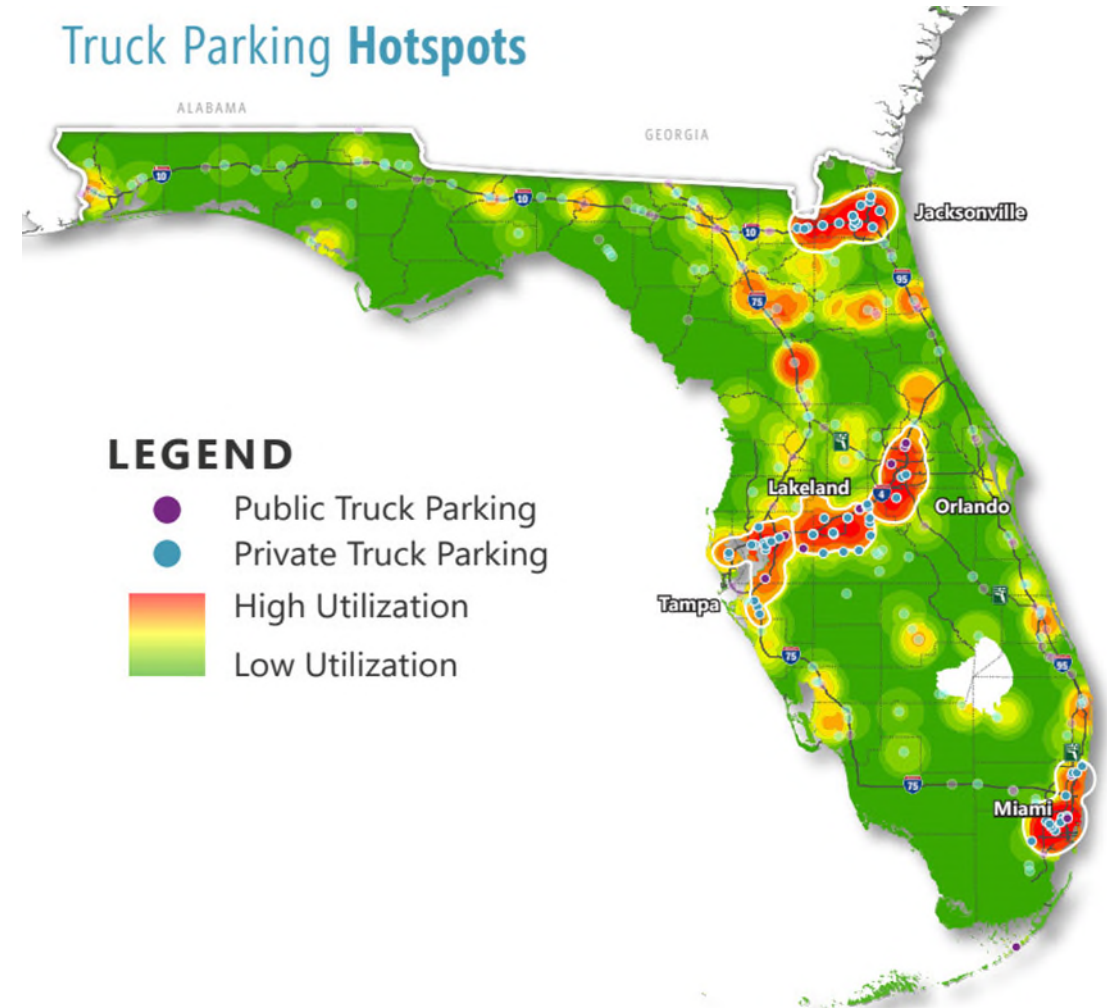
VI. Truck Parking Updates

Truck Parking Challenge

- **National Challenge:**
 - 1 space for every 11 trucks
 - Truck drivers spend on average 1 hour looking for parking each day
- **Florida Challenge:**

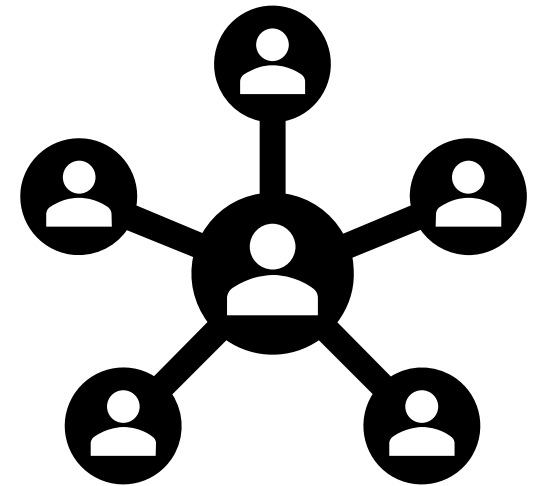
Most truck parking facilities along Florida's interstates experience overcrowding during any given 24-hour period

 - Mostly overnight (peak utilization 9pm-5am)
 - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday generally experience the highest rates



NEW Truck Parking Working Group

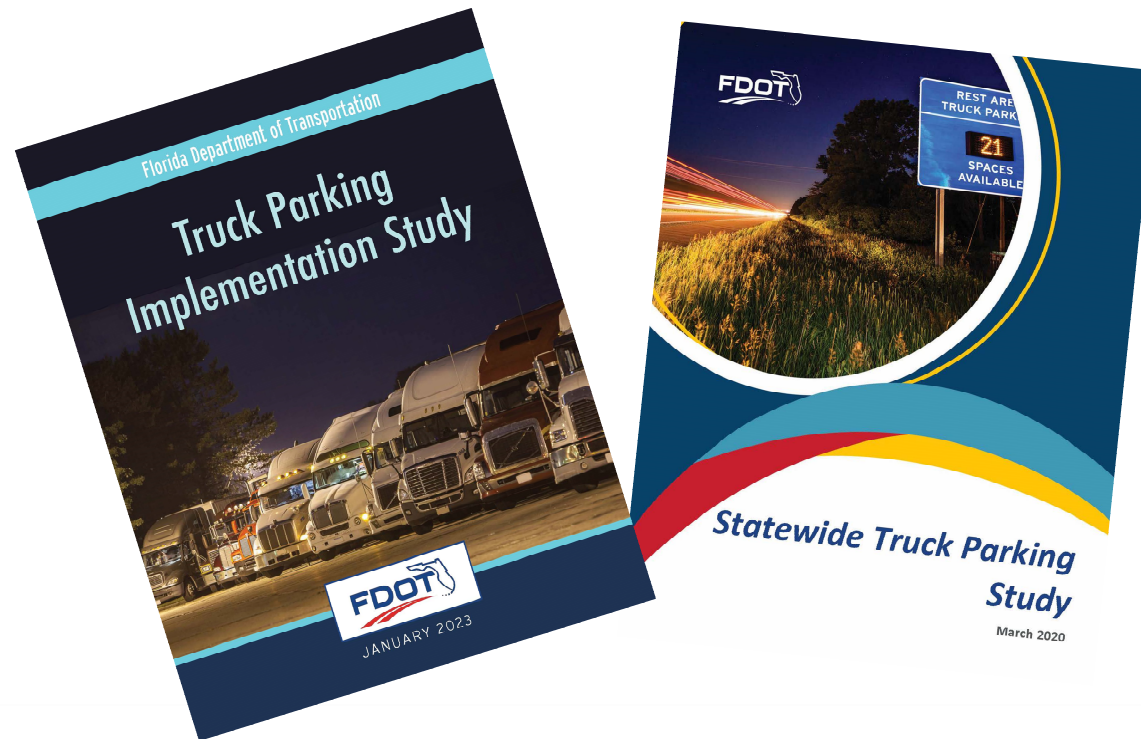
- Continuing to address the Truck Parking challenge, now with a Truck Parking Working Group recommended by Secretary Perdue
- Membership from across the Department and variety of functional areas
- **The charge: build on what's been done to create a comprehensive program**



What's Been Done?

Research, Studies, and Plans -

More than 30 studies and plans have been initiated by FDOT regarding the truck parking issue.



What's Been Done?

Past, Present, and Future Projects

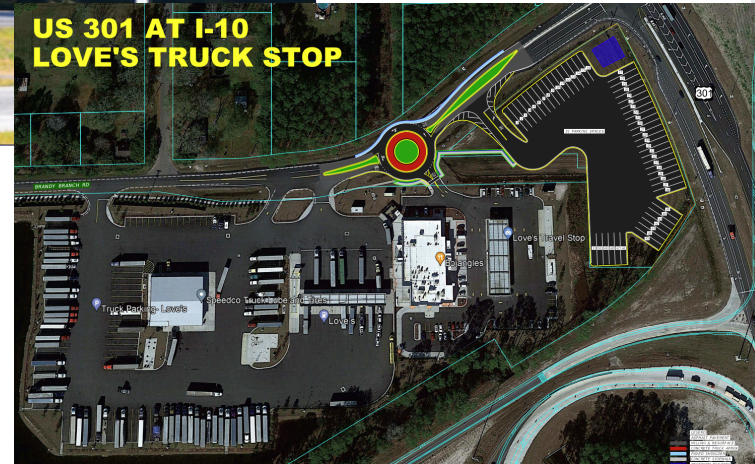


19

Partially Funded
Projects



6
Completed
projects



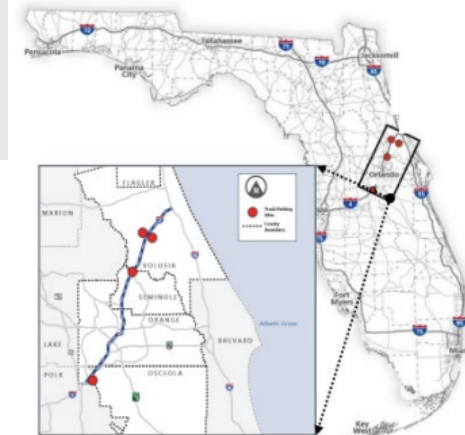
I-4 Truck Parking Facilities

INFRA Award: \$180,009,420

Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties, Florida

Applicant: Florida Department of Transportation

Truck Parking Sites Locations

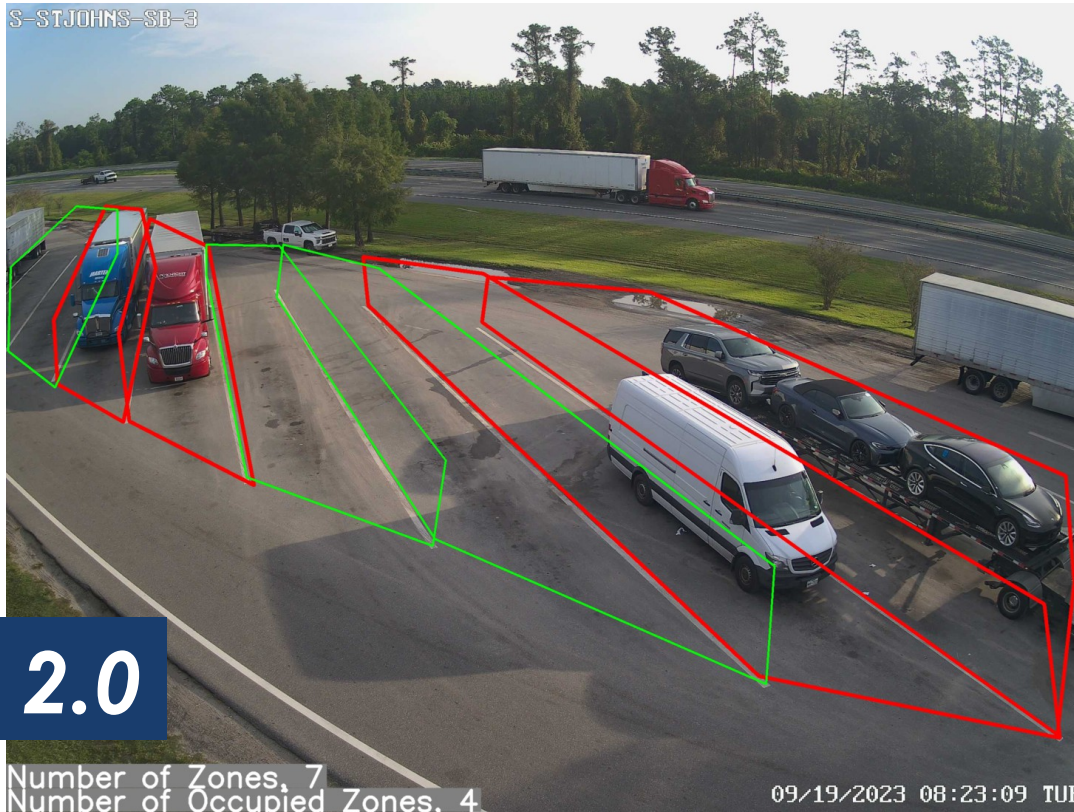


31

Fully Funded
Projects

What's Been Done?

Florida Design Manual – Freight Chapter



Back-In
Parking

Ramp /
Parallel
Parking

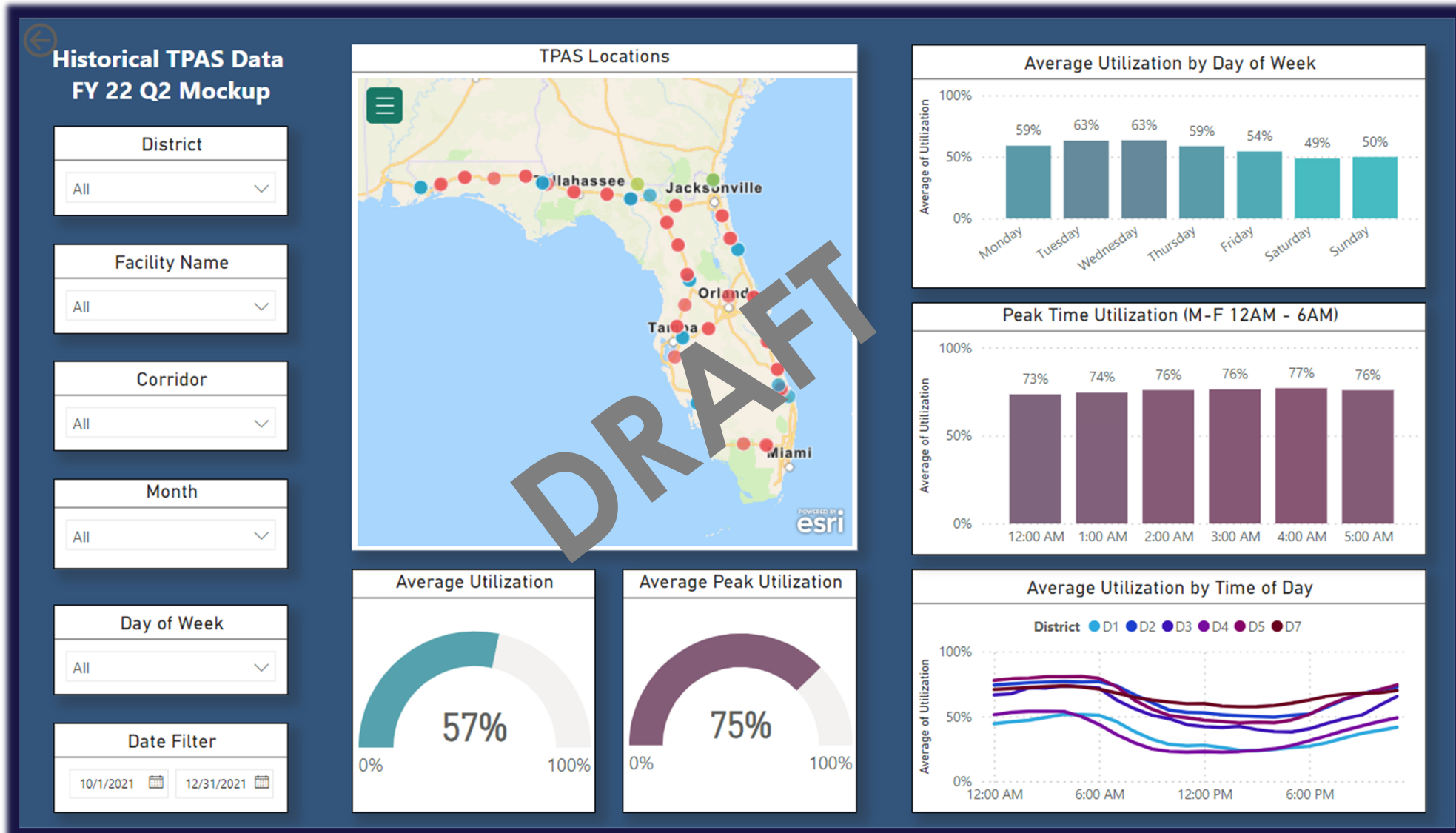
What's Been Done?

Dashboard Development

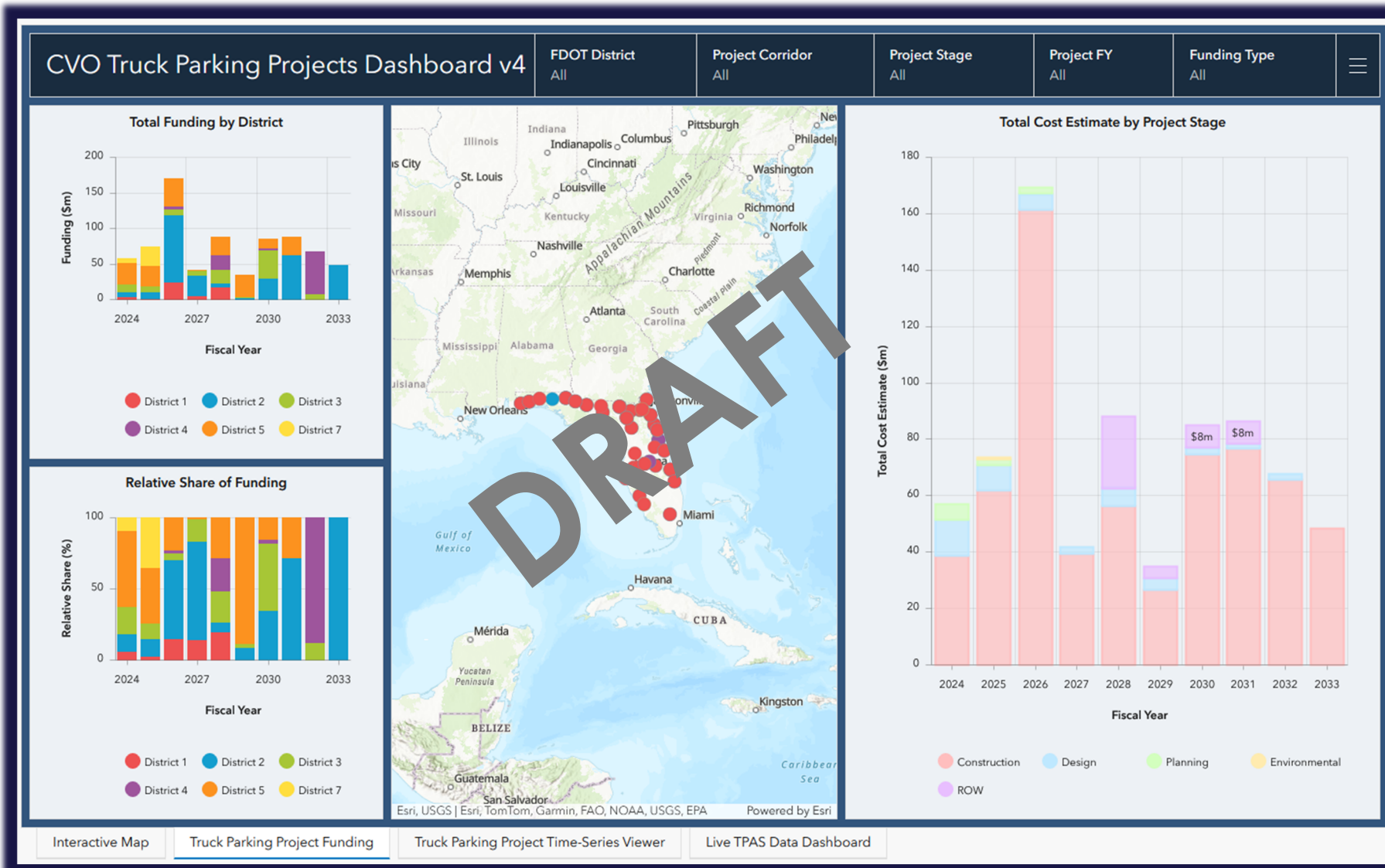


- Utilization Study
- Project and Funding
- Time-Series
- Live
- Historical

Truck Parking Dashboard Development – Project & Funding



Truck Parking Dashboard Development – TPAS History



Next Steps

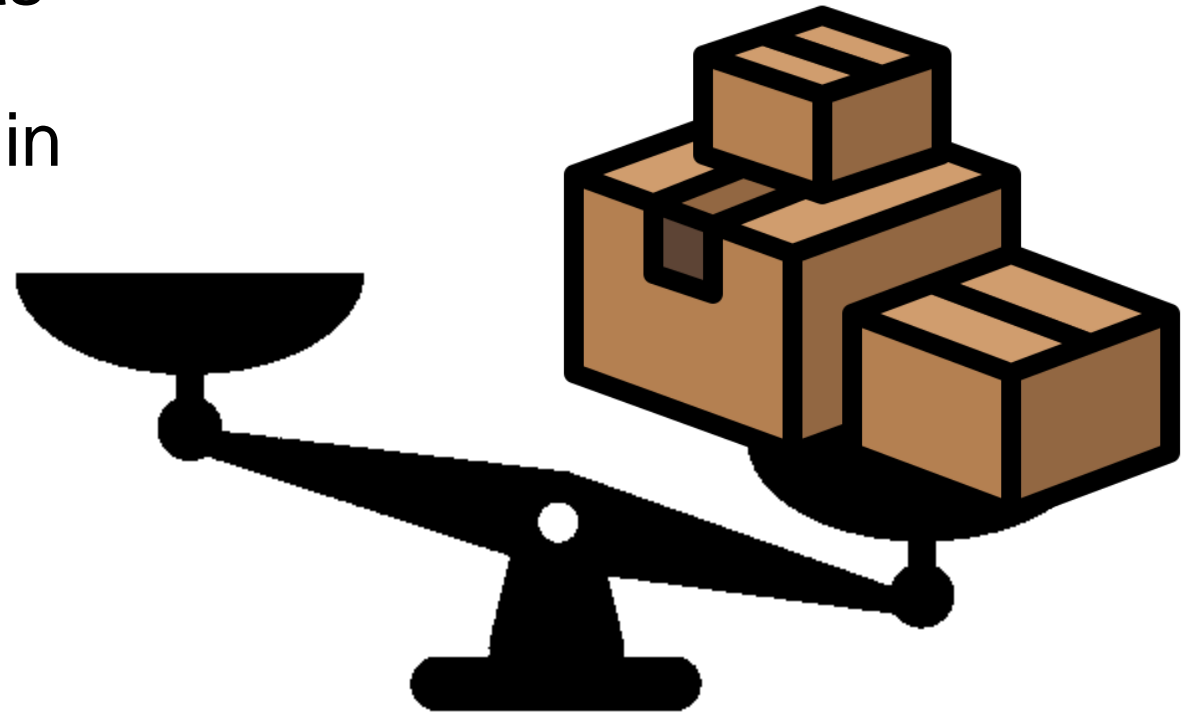
Looking ahead, the Truck Parking Working Group will build a Master Plan to create the comprehensive program

- In Reach and Outreach
 - Media campaigns
 - Coordination with neighboring states
 - Consistent messaging across partner agencies
- Policy
 - Local ordinances
 - P3
- Consistency
 - Maintenance funding for planned new spaces
 - TPAS detect all spaces
- Data & Research
 - Asphalt vs. concrete
 - Coordinated studies
 - New data needs

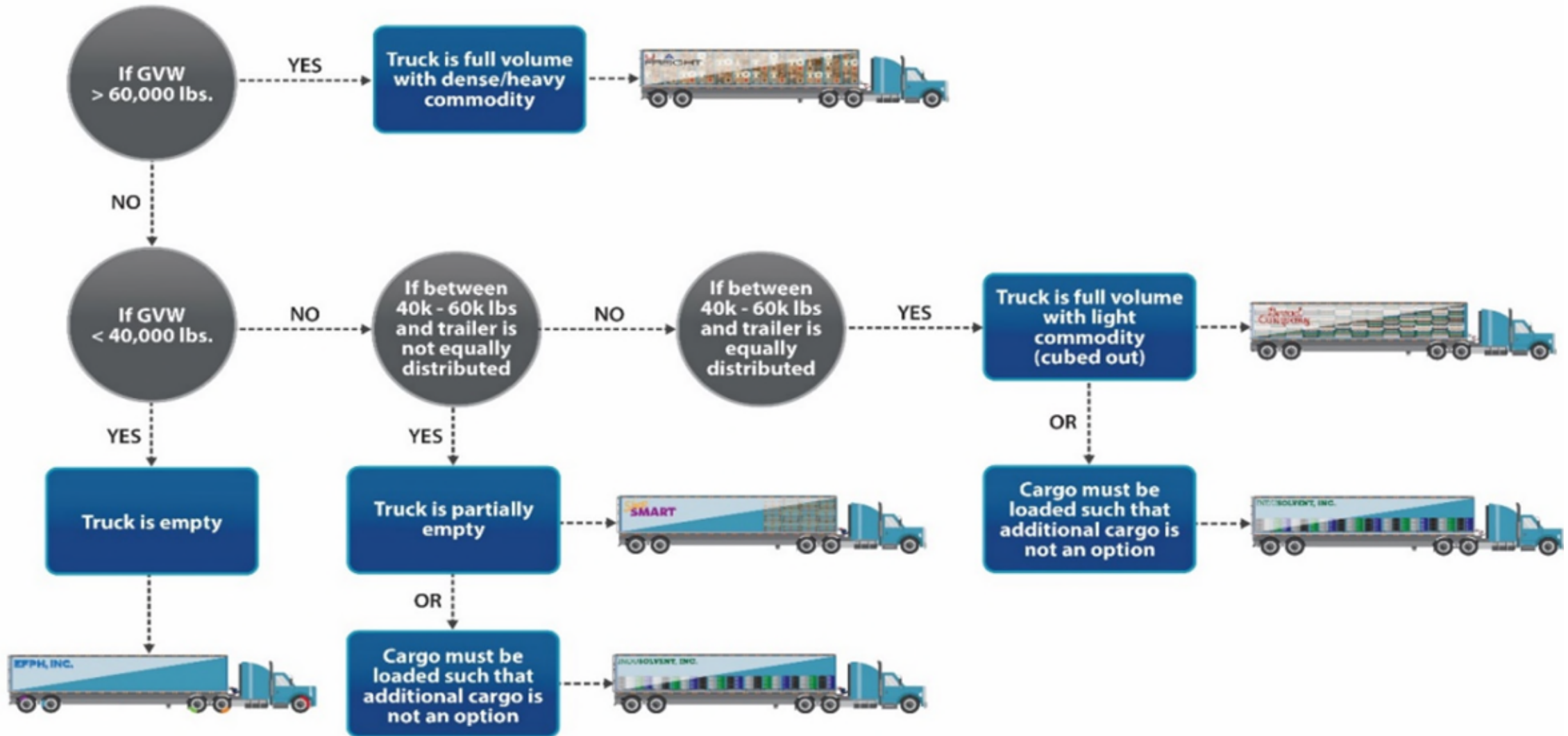
Empty Backhaul Updates

Empty Backhaul Importance

- F.S. 334.044(33) (a) – establishes the Freight Mobility and Trade Plan (FMTP) that identifies “investments that capitalize on the empty backhaul trucking and rail market in the state”
- Anecdotal ‘evidence’ suggested 75% trucks leaving the state are empty
- FDOT needed to systematically quantify Truck Empty Backhaul



FDOT Methodology



Latest Analysis - 2024

EMPTY: <40,000 lbs



15.3% 15.3% 18.2% 18.2% 33%

Axle Weight Distribution

PARTIALLY EMPTY: >40,000 lbs, <60,000 lbs



14.2% 14.2% 25.2% 25.2% 21.4%

Axle Weight Distribution

CUBED OUT: >40,000 lbs, <60,000 lbs



19.7% 19.7% 19.7% 19.7% 21.3%

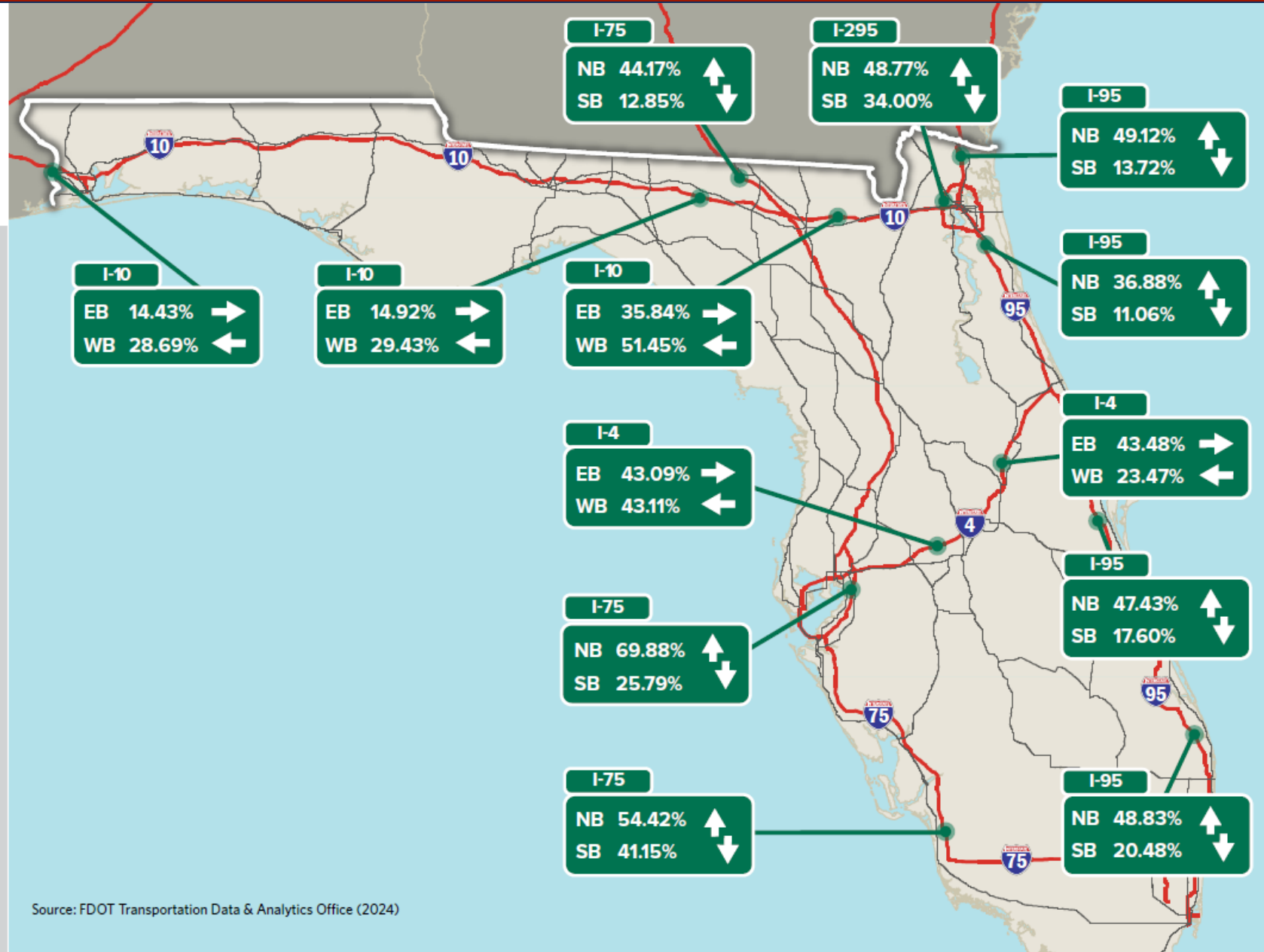
Axle Weight Distribution

FULL: >60,000 lbs



19.8% 19.8% 21.1% 21.1% 18.2%

Axle Weight Distribution



Source: FDOT Transportation Data & Analytics Office (2024)

Trends 2017-2024 Comparison

EMPTY: <40,000 lbs



15.3% 15.3% 18.2% 18.2% 33%

Axle Weight Distribution

PARTIALLY EMPTY:

>40,000 lbs, <60,000 lbs



14.2% 14.2% 25.2% 25.2% 21.4%

Axle Weight Distribution

CUBED OUT:

>40,000 lbs, <60,000 lbs



19.7% 19.7% 19.7% 19.7% 21.3%

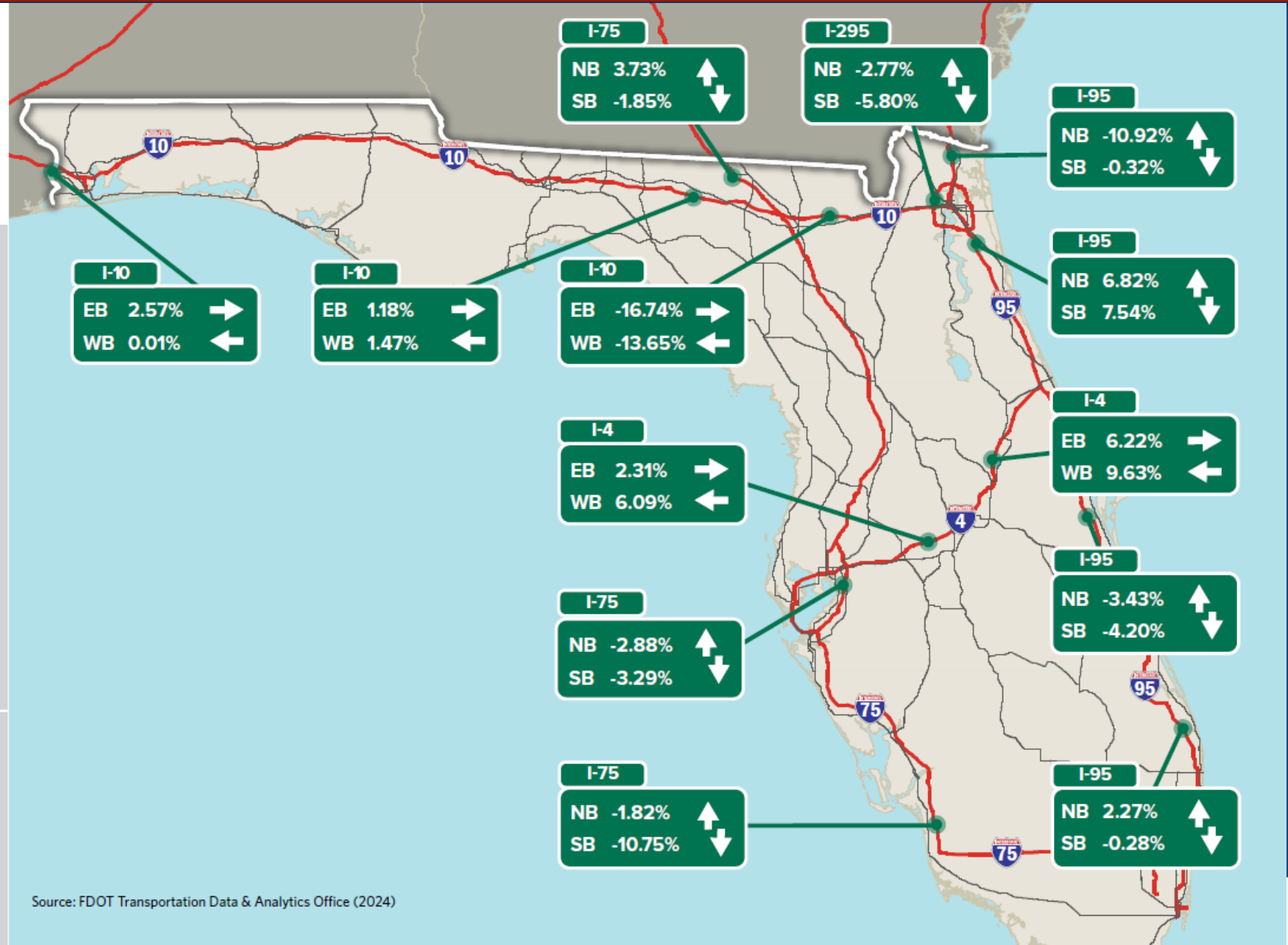
Axle Weight Distribution

FULL: >60,000 lbs



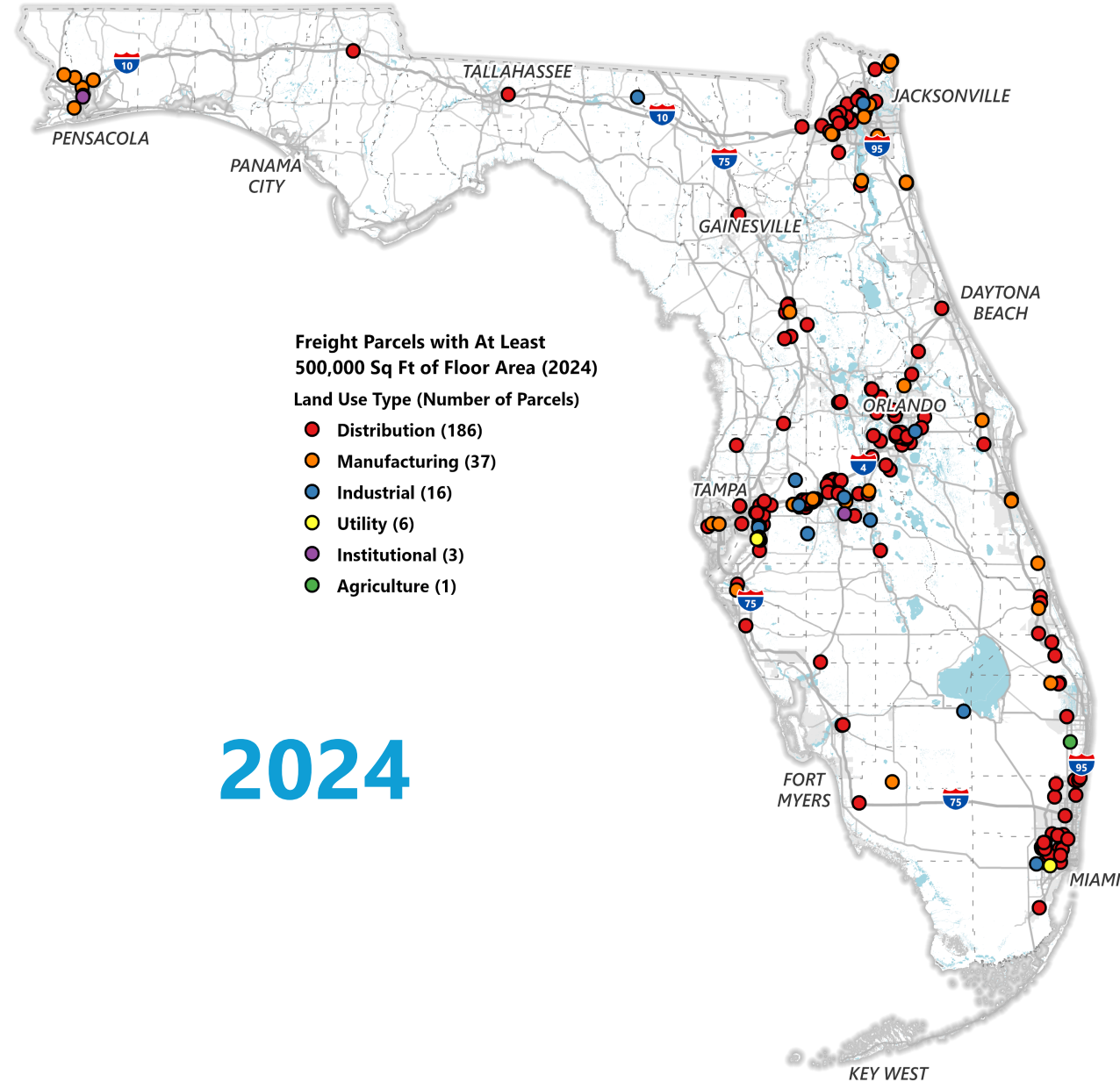
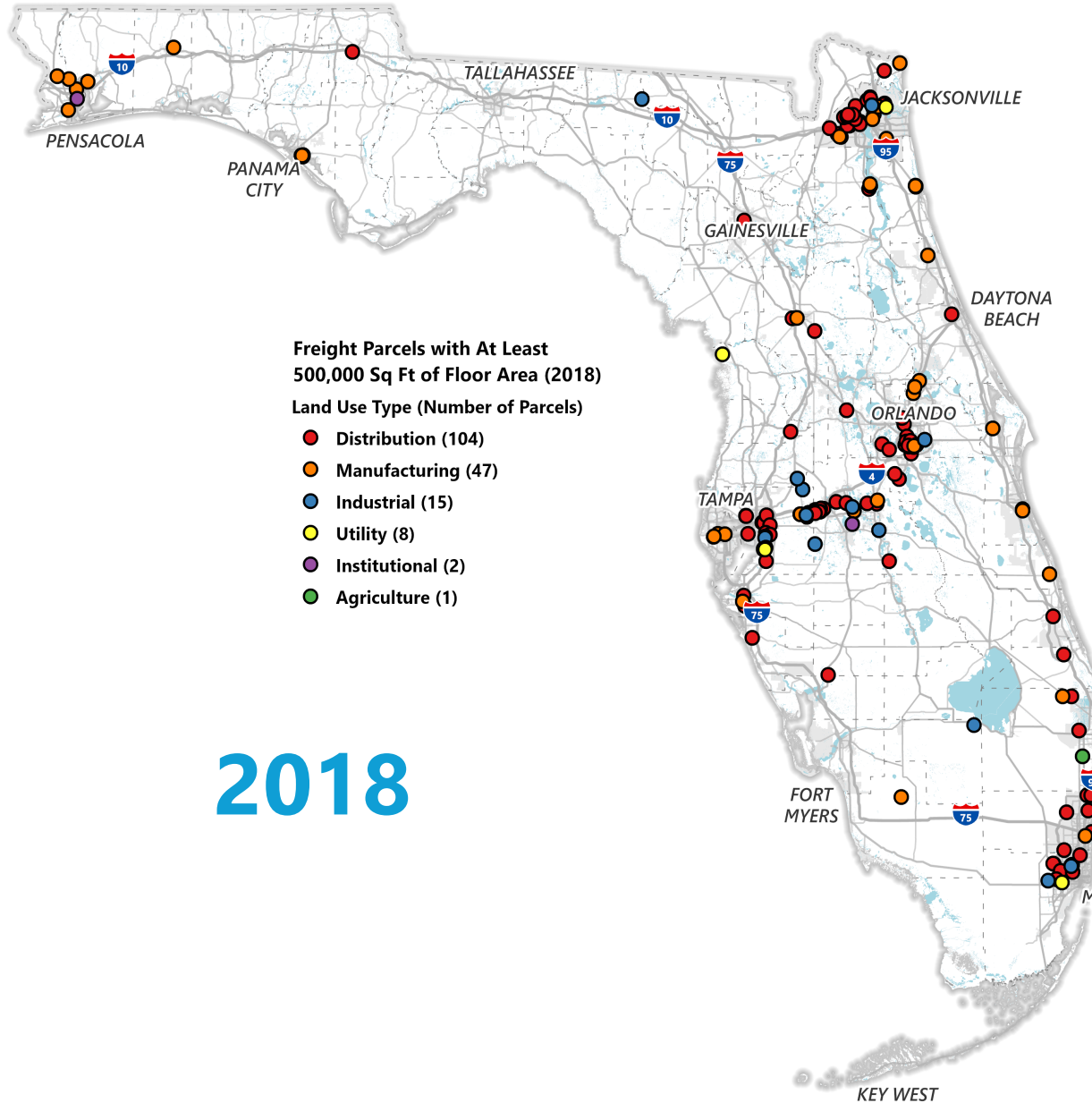
19.8% 19.8% 21.1% 21.1% 18.2%

Axle Weight Distribution



Source: FDOT Transportation Data & Analytics Office (2024)

Increase in Major Freight Parcels



Empty Backhaul Resources

Find out more!



FDOT Multimodal Data System Program

<https://www.fdot.gov/statistics/multimodaldata/default.shtm>

Initial Report to Establish Methodology

<https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/statistics/docs/truck-empty-back-haul-final-report-2018.pdf>

Next Steps

2055 Florida Transportation Plan Update



SINGLE, OVERARCHING **PLAN**



GUIDES FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION **FUTURE**



FOUNDATION FOR FLORIDA'S WORK PROGRAM



UPDATED EVERY **5 YEARS**



COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS**

Key Elements of the FTP



The FTP guides our transportation future, but it is *not* a list of projects

How Can You Help?

Complete the NEW Goals and Objectives Survey!



Purpose:
 Understand the actions we need to *continue, start, and stop* doing to accomplish our 2055 FTP Objectives

FTP Goals and Objectives Survey

Please Review the 2055 FTP Goals and Objectives below before beginning.

NOTE: Providing information is encouraged but optional; information provided will be included in the FTP documentation and is subject to disclosure under Florida's Public Records law.

Review the 2055 FTP Goals and Objectives. What objectives, if any, are missing to accomplish the 2055 FTP Goals?

What actions do we need to continue doing to accomplish the 2055 FTP Objectives?
Please reference the objective number for your specific recommendations.

What actions do we need to start doing to accomplish the 2055 FTP Objectives?
Please reference the objective number for your specific recommendations.

2055 FTP Goals:

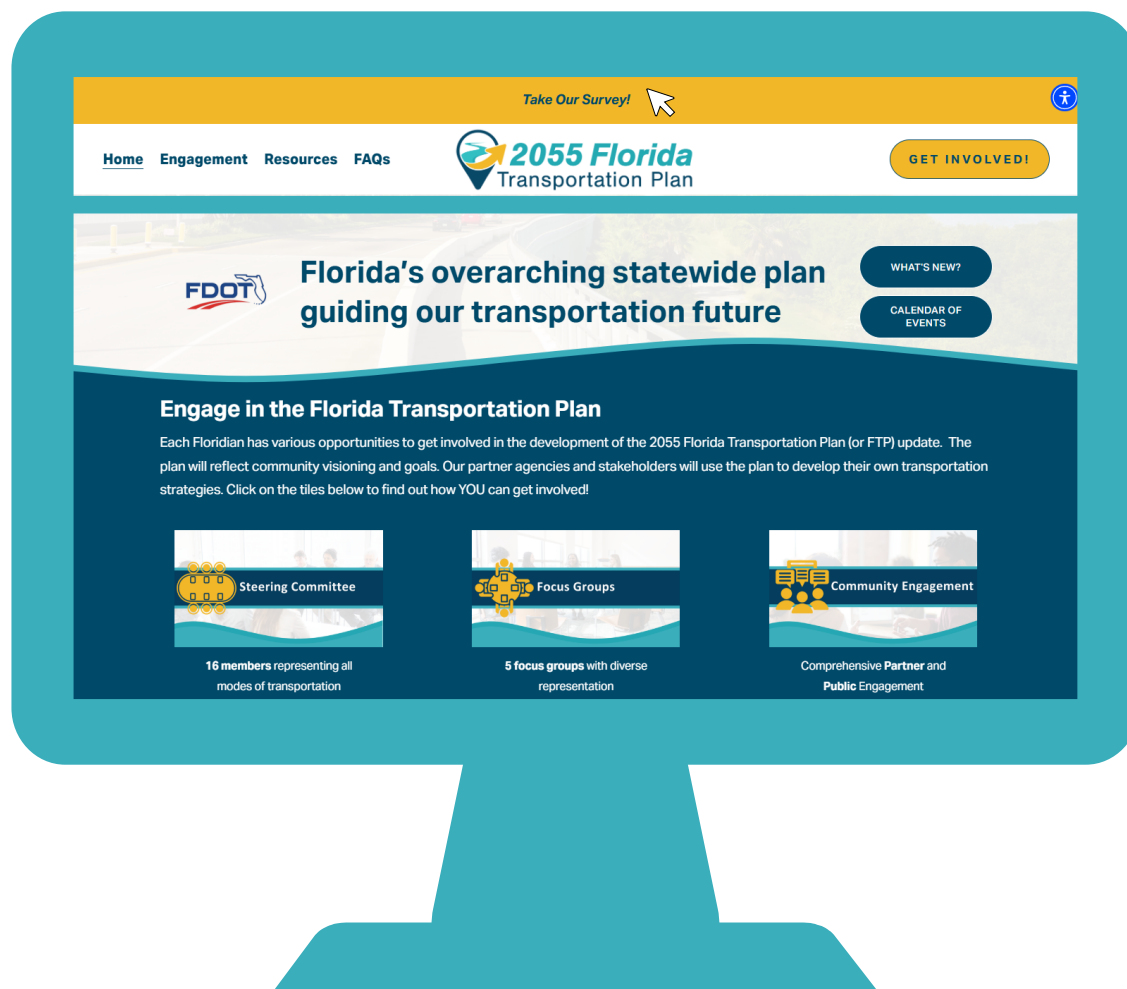
- Secure & Agile Transportation System
- Efficient & Reliable Movement of People and Freight
- Safer Travel for All Users
- Support Robust Economic Competitiveness
- Enhance & Preserve Communities and Natural Resources

2055 FTP Objectives:

1. Eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries
2. Reduce the number and severity of crashes and safety incidents
3. Strengthen transportation infrastructure and supply chains
4. Prioritize timely and efficient response and recovery



Get Engaged Today!



Scan to
learn more!



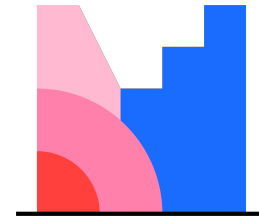
Public Comments



Survey

Go to
www.menti.com

Code
9772 4241



Mentimeter



Member Comments

Name		Organization Represented
John	Abrams	Loves Travel Stops
George	Andrews	PortMiami
Joe	Arbona	Genesee Wyoming Railroad
Steven	Bostel	SpaceFlorida
Aubrey	Brown	CSX
Jaime	Cimino	Always Fresh Farms LLC
William	Crowe	Canaveral Port Authority
Jaha	Cummings	City of Punta Gorda
Kevin	Daugherty	Space Coast Regional Airport, Titusville
Laura	DiBella	Adams and Reese
John	Dohm	Florida TransAtlantic Holdings
Patrick	Feeney	Kenan Advantage Group
Emily	Fisher	Florida Ports Council
Bob	Ledoux	Florida East Coast Railway
Bruce	Lyon	Winter Haven Economic Development Council
Robert	Midgett	Walmart
Carol	Obermeier	Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)
Seckin	Ozkul	University of South Florida
Nick	Primrose	Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
Greg	Stuart	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Alex	Trauger	MetroPlan Orlando
Kevin	Walford	Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Gretchen	Winters	Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Adjourn

Florida Freight Advisory Committee



Florida's Harborside Hometown





Daniel Fetahovic
Administrative Director
State Freight and Rail Manager
850-414-4517
daniel.fetahovic@dot.state.fl.us



**FREIGHT
& RAIL**