

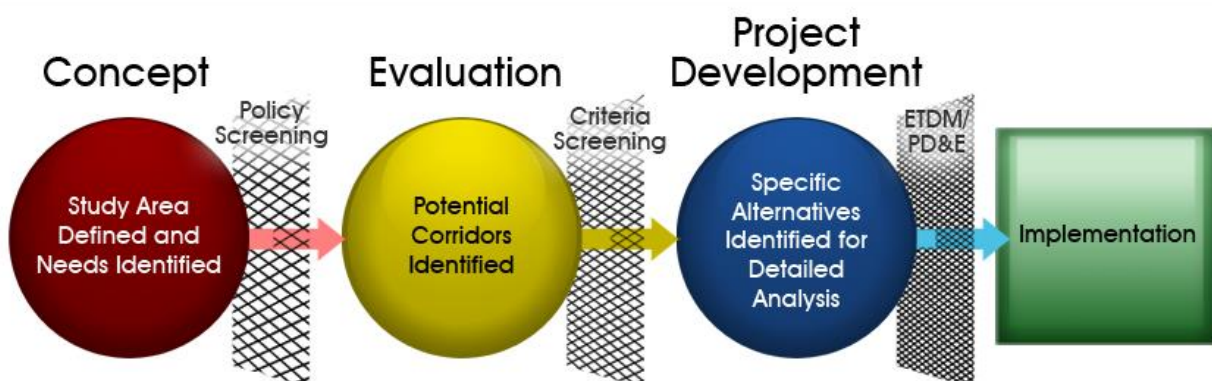
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I-75 Relief Future Corridors Study

The Future Corridors Planning Process is a statewide effort to plan for the future of major transportation corridors critical to the state's economic competitiveness and quality of life over the next 50 years, led by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This initiative builds upon the Florida Transportation Plan's goal of providing transportation solutions that support Florida's global economic competitiveness by continuing to proactively plan for future statewide and interregional transportation corridors, including coordination with regional visions, economic and trade development plans, and land use plans.

FDOT has developed a three stage process for planning future statewide corridors. The basic steps for each study area are:

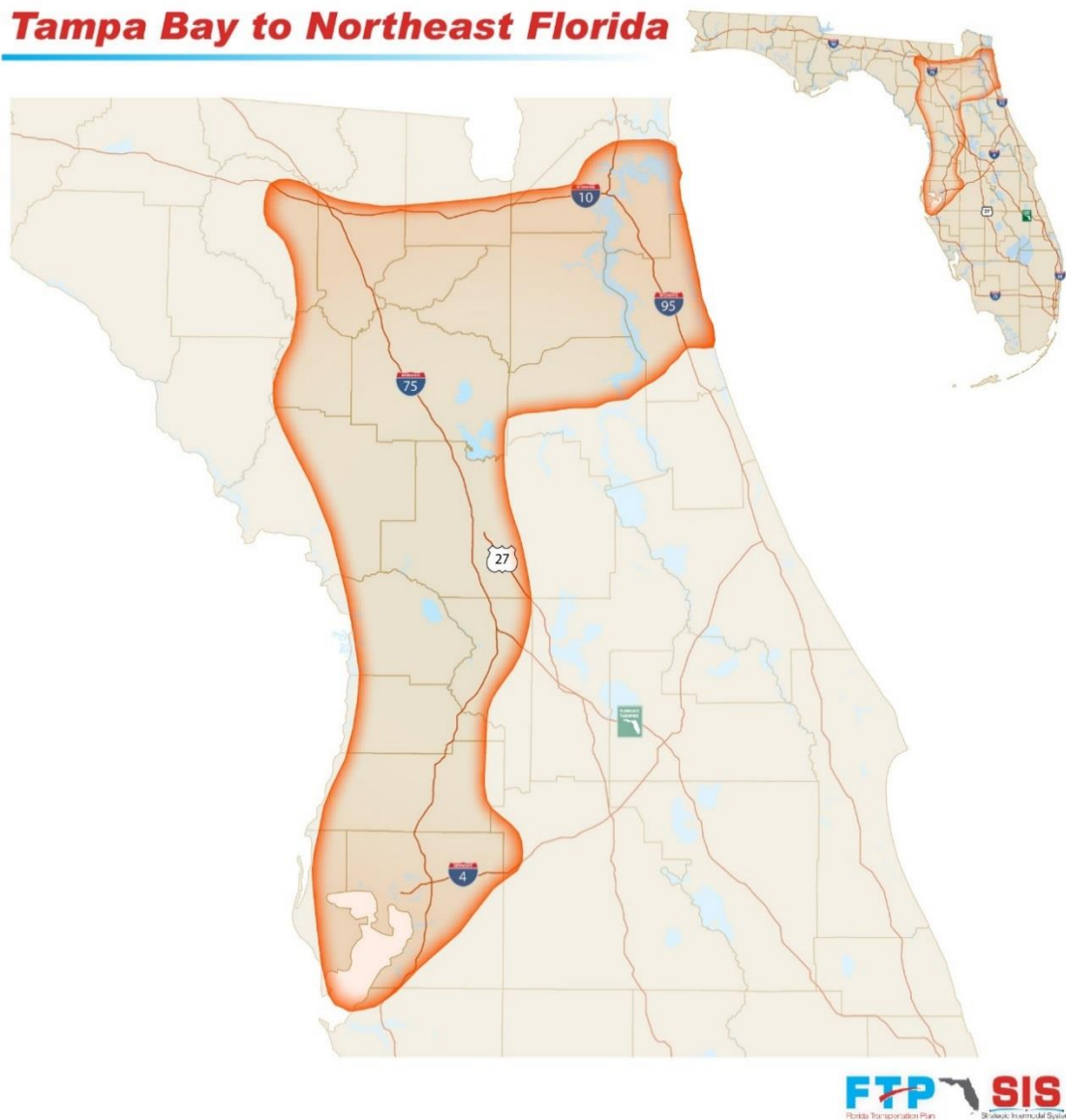
- Complete a high-level Concept report to identify statewide connectivity and mobility needs in the study area; determine whether a significant transportation investment in the study area is consistent with statewide policies and available regional and community visions and plans for future growth; identify key community and environmental issues to be considered in future stages; and identify a framework for moving forward in the study area.
- Conduct an Evaluation of one or more segments of the full study area to identify and assess potential alternative multimodal solutions to the anticipated mobility and connectivity needs; work with partners to build consensus around potential solutions; and develop an action plan for future work on viable corridors.
- Use FDOT's established Efficient Transportation Decision-Making and Project Development and Environment processes to conduct more detailed analyses of specific alternative corridor improvements, continue coordination with stakeholders, and advance projects into implementation.



Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida Study Area

FDOT is currently examining the Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida study area (shown on Map 1 below). The need for this study is based on increasing safety and congestion concerns along I-75 north of Wildwood and the need to improve connectivity for people and freight between two large regions that are not directly connected today. This study area has completed the Concept Stage with the release of the Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida Concept Report and is currently in the Evaluation Stage of the Future Corridors Planning Process with the establishment of the I-75 Relief Task Force.

Map 1



I-75 Relief Task Force

The Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida Concept Report recommended that FDOT conduct a more detailed Evaluation Study to assess the feasibility of developing a multimodal transportation corridor between the northern portion of the Tampa Bay region and I-75 between Wildwood and Lake City. The FDOT Secretary established the I-75 Relief Task Force with the purpose of providing recommendations on maximizing existing and developing new high-capacity transportation corridors to serve the Tampa Bay-Northeast Florida study area with initial emphasis on the region along and to the west of I-75. The Task Force study area comprises portions of Alachua, Levy, Marion, Citrus, Sumter, and Hernando counties (shown in Map 2 below). The Task Force's recommendations could move forward into more detailed planning or Project Development & Environment (PD&E), and could be incorporated into Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and other regional and local plans.

The Task Force is supported by an Agency Coordination Team, including MPO representatives and other regional and local agencies, to review the work of the Task Force. The Task Force is scheduled to submit its report to the Secretary by October 2016. More information about the Task Force can be found at www.I75Relief.com

Map 2:



The Future Corridors studies will consider the goals, strategies, and project priorities identified in the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as other regional and local visions and plans, recognizing that the 50-year horizon for the Future Corridors studies extends beyond the LRTP horizon.

For more information regarding Future Corridors Planning Process please visit <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/policy/corridors/default.shtm>