

COASTAL CONNECTOR

Florida's Next Generation Corridor



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is in the planning phase of the Coastal Connector, a high level study that will evaluate new transportation corridor alternatives in Citrus and Marion Counties. The study will establish a new vision for transportation by incorporating emerging transportation technologies to improve freight movement, address seasonal congestion, accommodate projected growth, and plan for emergency evacuation to create *Florida's Next Generation Corridor*.

Major transportation improvements can take decades to realize and now is the time to begin planning and investing in our future transportation systems. Delay in planning can result in continued deterioration of our roadways, increased congestion, and rising costs. The intent of this study is to keep the region moving forward by establishing a long-term vision and plan for the next generation transportation system.

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The Coastal Connector Study is following a process developed by the Florida Department of Transportation known as an Alternative Corridor Evaluation, or ACE. The ACE process helps to identify and evaluate corridor alternatives by considering transportation needs and environmental issues early in the project development process to document potential alternatives that can be carried forward into future phases. By the end of the study, enough information will be gathered to determine whether or not a new route should move forward to a more detailed evaluation.

Please visit the study website for an online version of previous held meetings in Citrus and Marion Counties. This online meeting will be accessible anywhere, anytime, and will provide the same information presented at the in-person meetings.

Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Study www.coastalconnector.com

Study Schedule:



Opportunities for community input are integrated into every step of the study to allow for meaningful participation in the process.

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