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Welcome to District Five Compass Points, a quarterly newsletter from your Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Liaisons that will share innovations and feature best practices and projects from around District Five.

Planning Organizations are essential partners in the work we do at Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and our goal is to improve dialogue and elevate our collaboration to new levels. Whether you are an engineer, a planner, or a member of a committee, we hope you will find something here to spark your curiosity and challenge you to achieve new success in your own work.

Each issue will keep communities at the center of its focus and align with FDOT priorities such as Resiliency, Safety, Robust Supply Chain, Technology, Workforce Development, and other hot topics as they evolve.

This first issue will focus on Moving Florida Forward and the investment it represents. It will also highlight efforts we've seen that take public engagement to the next level of excellence.

John E. Tyler

Secretary
FDOT District Five



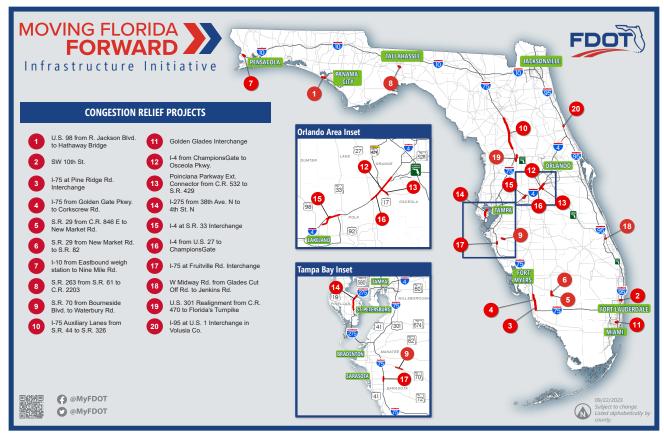
Congratulations the to Space Coast TPO which recently received the prestigious Image Award for its 2022 Annual Report from the Space chapter of Coast the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA).

This is a prestigious communications industry award and an example of excellence in conveying our mission to the public.

Communities are at the center of everything we do, and one of the most important ways we connect with the public is through MPOs and TPOs. The FDOT values the work you do, the opportunities you identify, and the issues you bring to light. You are an essential resource for our community and we are grateful to have you as partners.

If you have projects or stories to share across the District, submit your suggestions to this QR Code or contact your MPO/TPO Liaison directly. Thank you in advance for helping make this a valuable resource!





As we enter 2024, excitement for Moving Florida Forward is building. The importance of this massive investment cannot be understated. It represents a strong commitment to meeting the urgent needs that have emerged from Florida's unprecedented growth. As current and future residents and visitors use our transportation system, they will see that we are committed to maintaining the most efficient and safest infrastructure possible.

Moving Florida Forward aims to increase safety and user experience by addressing congestion, implementing infrastructure improvements, building on resiliency and focusing on construction safety.

In Volusia County, major improvements are planned at the Interstate 95 (I-95) and U.S. 1 Interchange, one of the oldest in the interstate system. Additionally, Broadway Avenue and Destination Daytona Lane will be widened from two lanes in each direction to three. This widening includes the addition of shared use paths to serve bicyclists and pedestrians. It is scheduled to begin in 2027. With massive growth projected in the region, these updates will make a big difference in interstate travel and commerce and improve safety and quality of life.

In Osceola County, the project also includes Interstate 4 (I-4) from Champions Gate to Osceola Parkway, I-4 at State Road (S.R.) 33 Interchange, and U.S. 27 to Champions Gate.

According to Secretary Tyler, "In fast-growing Osceola County, rebuilding the interstate and adding I-4 express lanes will substantially improve safety and travel time in one of the most congested segments of I-4." The Initiative also includes Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector from County Road (C.R.) 532 to State Road (S.R.) 429.

In Marion and Sumter counties, a monumental investment is planned to the I-75 corridor. The proposed improvements include the addition of auxiliary lanes and modifications to several interchanges including S.R. 326 and S.R. 40. U.S. 301 will also be reconstructed between C.R. 470 and Florida's Turnpike. These improvements are designed to reduce congestion and improve reliability. The Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative has allowed FDOT to advance these much needed improvements, with construction scheduled to start in Spring 2025.

At FDOT, strong, two-way communications with local communities is critical. Small towns and neighborhoods fear they may become alternate routes or bypasses. This investment addresses this concern. Fast-tracking these projects benefits both large cities as well as small communities and brings our region to new levels of safety and mobility.

Welcome to the new I-4 Corridors Program Office. Led by Director Keith Slater, P.E., the team of 10+ additional staff will focus on I-4 projects and Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector, For more details see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBLENwvRnkE