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COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 4 C

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM

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STATEMENT OF ISSUE

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is initiating the process of updating the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Strategic Plan adopted in 2005. As an initial step, District 3 FDOT staff would like to present the CRTPA with a briefing on the SIS Strategic Plan as well as obtain input on SIS issues needing to be addressed during the 2010 Update. The FDOT staff will provide basic information on the SIS and identify ways for the CRTPA to stay informed and involved during the current update process.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, the Florida Legislature and Governor established Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) with the following primary purposes:

1. To efficiently serve the mobility needs of Florida's citizens, businesses, and visitors; and
2. To help Florida to become a worldwide economic leader, enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness, enrich quality of life, and reflect responsible environmental stewardship.

To accomplish these goals, the SIS Plan integrated a statewide network of high-priority transportation facilities - including the state's largest and most significant commercial service airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways - into a single integrated transportation network. SIS facilities were identified as belonging to one of two groups: SIS facilities, or *Emerging* SIS facilities.

- *SIS Facilities* were those that moved high levels of people or goods and generally supported the major flow of interregional, interstate, and international trips; and
- *Emerging SIS Facilities* moved lower levels of people or goods and generally served fast growing economic regions or Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern.

Three types of facilities were designated:

- *Hubs*: Ports and terminals that move people or goods between Florida regions or between Florida and other markets in the United States and the rest of the world. These include airports, spaceports, seaports, interregional passenger terminals (intercity bus, rail, or intermodal centers), and freight rail terminals.

- **Interregional corridors:** Highways, rail lines, waterways and other exclusive-use facilities that connect major origin-destination markets within Florida or between Florida and other state or nations; and
- **Intermodal connectors:** Highway, rail lines, or waterways that connect hubs and corridors.

In January of 2005, Florida's first SIS Strategic Plan was adopted. The Plan includes a map of designated facilities, a needs assessment, a project prioritization process, a financial plan, and a summary of SIS connections to major military facilities. The facilities on this network constitute the "backbone" of Florida's transportation system and are funded as the highest priority transportation projects in the state. According to FDOT data, the system carries more than 99 percent of all commercial air passengers, virtually all waterborne freight tonnage, almost all rail freight, and more than 68 percent of all truck traffic and 54 percent of total traffic on the State Highway System.

CRTPA SIS FACILITIES

Within the CRTPA region, the following facilities are part of the SIS :

SIS Hubs and Corridors

SIS Interregional or Interstate Passenger Terminals

- Greyhound Intercity Bus Terminals - Tallahassee

SIS Highways

- I-10-Entire length across Florida
- U.S. 319 – from I-10 to the Georgia State Line

➤ **Emerging SIS Highways**

- US 19 from State Road 44 to the Georgia State Line

SIS Freight Rail Corridors

- CSX Lines - Alabama State Line east to Jacksonville, across Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson Counties.

SIS Interregional or Interstate Passenger Rail Corridors

- Amtrak Corridors - Alabama State Line east to Jacksonville, across Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson Counties.

➤ **Emerging SIS commercial service airports**

- Tallahassee Regional Airport

SIS Intermodal Connectors

SIS Road Connectors

- Tallahassee Greyhound Bus Terminal – I-10 to US 90 (Mahan Dr./Tennessee St.) to Duval St. to entrance; exit to Adams St. to US 90 (Tennessee St./Mahan Dr.), east to I-10.

➤ **Emerging SIS Road Connectors**

- Tallahassee Regional Airport – I-10 to Capital Circle NW/SW to entrance.

These SIS projects are also shown on **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** (from the FDOT SIS website - <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/SIS/atlas/>)

SIS 2010 PLAN UPDATE

According to Florida law, the SIS Plan must be updated at least once every five years. The FDOT is initiating the “2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update” process now and plans to complete and adopt the updated SIS Strategic Plan in January 2010.

To assist in the update process, the FDOT has established a 30-member Leadership Committee to guide the process. The Leadership Committee is composed of key statewide partners, including modal partners on the SIS (airports, spaceport, seaports, rail, waterways, and highways), local governments, MPOs, RPCs, and economic development, military, land use, community and environmental interests in the public and private sectors. To date, this committee has met twice to have informational briefings and to review and discuss key issues to be examined during the update.

NEXT STEPS

The FDOT district offices will invite involvement from the CRTPA in a variety of ways through the remaining ten months of the update process.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – SIS Map from FDOT SIS Website

Attachment 2 – SIS Map from FDOT SIS Website