

State Requirements

Florida Transportation Plan – Florida Statutes 2014

334.046 Department Mission, Goals, and Objectives

- (1) The prevailing principles to be considered in planning and developing an integrated, balanced statewide transportation system are: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure mobility.
- (2) The mission of the Department of Transportation shall be to provide a safe statewide transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.
- (3) The department shall document in the Florida Transportation Plan, in accordance with s. 339.155 and based upon the prevailing principles of preserving the existing transportation infrastructure, enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness, and improving travel choices to ensure mobility, the goals and objectives that provide statewide policy guidance for accomplishing the department's mission.
- (4) At a minimum, the department's goals shall address the following prevailing principles.
 - (a) Preservation.—Protecting the state's transportation infrastructure investment. Preservation includes:
 1. Ensuring that 80 percent of the pavement on the State Highway System meets department standards;
 2. Ensuring that 90 percent of department-maintained bridges meet department standards; and
 3. Ensuring that the department achieves 100 percent of the acceptable maintenance standard on the state highway system.
 - (b) Economic competitiveness.—Ensuring that the state has a clear understanding of the economic consequences of transportation investments, and how such investments affect the state's economic competitiveness. The department must develop a macroeconomic analysis of the linkages between transportation investment and economic performance, as well as a method to quantifiably measure the economic benefits of the district-work-program investments. Such an analysis must analyze:
 1. The state's and district's economic performance relative to the competition.
 2. The business environment as viewed from the perspective of companies evaluating the state as a place in which to do business.
 3. The state's capacity to sustain long-term growth.

339.155 Transportation Planning

- (1) THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—The department shall develop a statewide transportation plan, to be known as the Florida Transportation Plan. The plan shall be designed so as to be easily read and understood by the general public. The plan shall consider the needs of the entire state transportation system and examine the use of all modes of transportation to effectively and efficiently meet such needs. The purpose of the Florida Transportation Plan is to establish and define the state's long-range transportation goals and objectives to be accomplished over a period of at least 20 years within the context of the State Comprehensive Plan, and any other statutory mandates and authorizations and based upon the prevailing principles of:
 - (a) Preserving the existing transportation infrastructure.
 - (b) Enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness.
 - (c) Improving travel choices to ensure mobility.
 - (d) Expanding the state's role as a hub for trade and investment.

(2) SCOPE OF PLANNING PROCESS.—The department shall carry out a transportation planning process in conformance with s. 334.046(1) and 23 U.S.C. s. 135.

(3) FORMAT, SCHEDULE, AND REVIEW.—The Florida Transportation Plan shall be a unified, concise planning document that clearly defines the state's long-range transportation goals and objectives. The plan shall:

(a) Include a glossary that clearly and succinctly defines any and all phrases, words, or terms of art included in the plan, with which the general public may be unfamiliar.

(b) Document the goals and long-term objectives necessary to implement the results of the department's findings from its examination of the criteria specified in s. 334.046(1) and 23 U.S.C. s. 135.

(c) Be developed in cooperation with the metropolitan planning organizations and reconciled, to the maximum extent feasible, with the long-range plans developed by metropolitan planning organizations pursuant to s. 339.175.

(d) Be developed in consultation with affected local officials in nonmetropolitan areas and with any affected Indian tribal governments.

(e) Provide an examination of transportation issues likely to arise during at least a 20-year period.

(f) Be updated at least once every 5 years, or more often as necessary, to reflect substantive changes to federal or state law.

(5) PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—

(a) During the development of the Florida Transportation Plan and prior to substantive revisions, the department shall provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, other affected employee representatives, private providers of transportation, and other known interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan or revisions. These opportunities shall include, at a minimum, publishing a notice in the Florida Administrative Register and within a newspaper of general circulation within the area of each department district office.