



## **KEY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PD&E – updated 8-24-2020**

### STATUTE PURPOSE: PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. To protect the environment and natural resources ( from direct and indirect impacts of constructing the M-CORE), all of the following lands within 10 miles of each planned interchange s shall be protected by acquisition, easement or other legal instrument before construction begins on each M-CORES highway: lands identified as Clip 1, 2 or 3 in the Florida Natural Areas Inventory; all lands identified for purchase by Florida Forever, Rural and Family Lands, and other state, county and municipal conservation land acquisition programs; springs and locally designated springs protection zones and resource preservation areas; and Florida Ecological Greenways priorities 1 or 2.

### STATUTE PURPOSE: REVITALIZE RURAL COMMUNITIES

2. To revitalize rural communities (by protecting rural character, protecting agricultural lands, and protecting existing businesses in rural communities from competition at new interchanges), do not construct any interchange until all land not currently served by municipal water and sewer or not designated for future development as an industrial job center within a 5 miles radius of the future interchange is protected by conservation easement, agricultural easement, purchase of development rights or other similar instrument.

### FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY AND PROJECT NEED

3. In forecasting future traffic volumes and future toll revenues (for the purposes of evaluating the need for the project and evaluating whether or not the project meets the financial feasibility requirements of Florida Statutes), the anticipated population and anticipated employment shall be the those that were used in the Comprehensive Plan of each county and city in the study area; and the forecasts will assume cars and trucks are connected and autonomous.
4. In estimating costs of the project for the purpose of determining whether or not the project meets the minimum financial feasibility requirements of Florida Statutes, all costs for construction, land, mitigation, planning, design, etc. needed for each M-CORES to be functional that were not in the 2018 FDOT Work Program, shall be included regardless of funding source. This includes all interchange connections including terminal interchanges at I-4 and I-75, widening or construction of feeder highways, and all mitigation activities needed to meet satisfy the enabling legislation.