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FDOT Holding Regional Public Forums to Update Statewide Transportation Plans

Southeast Florida -- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is inviting people from around the state to provide input that will be used to update the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan. As part of the updating process, FDOT will hold five Transportation Visioning Regional Forums in February. The Regional Forum for Southeast Florida will be held Thursday, February 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Delray Beach Old School Square Gymnasium at 51 North Swinton Avenue in Delray Beach. Persons interested in attending the regional forum are encouraged to register in advance at www.floridatransportationplan.com.

The FTP and SIS plans are updated every five years. The Transportation Visioning Regional Forums provide an opportunity for the public, transportation and other partners to provide their thoughts about the state's transportation system of the future and to suggest bold ideas to achieve that future. Input is needed to identify and address transportation at all levels - statewide, regional and local.

The FTP defines Florida's future transportation vision and identifies goals, objectives and strategies to guide long term transportation decisions. The FTP addresses how our transportation system can meet the needs of a growing population, while helping make our economy globally competitive, our communities more livable and our environment more sustainable for future generations. It establishes the policy framework for expenditure of state and federal transportation funds through FDOT's work program. The FTP goals and objectives also provide guidance to all other transportation partners as they develop and implement future policies, plans and projects.

A key focus for the state is Florida's SIS, the statewide high-priority network of transportation facilities critical to Florida's economic competitiveness. The SIS Plan identifies policies for planning for the SIS and implementing the FTP.

Persons attending the forum in Delray Beach may park for free in the Old School Square garage. Entry to the garage is from NE 2nd Avenue. Parking also is available on the street and in other municipal lots. For persons taking Tri-Rail or other transit services, the Delray Beach Downtown

Roundabout (trolley service) provides flag service along Atlantic Avenue (http://mydelraybeach.com/news/2012/03/07/downtown-roundabout-trolley).

In addition to Delray Beach, forums will be held in Sebring, Tampa, Jacksonville and Fort Walton Beach. Person who are not able to attend one of the regional forums may provide their input on-line at www.floridatransportationplan.com.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who need special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or require translation services (free of charge) should contact Paula San Gregorio by phone toll free at 1-866-374-3368 or email at Paula.SanGregorio@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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