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Members of the M-CORES Task Forces
c/o Florida Department of Transportation

Dear Task Force Members:

On behalf of 1000 Friends of Florida, please find attached recommended language, following the format provided by FDOT at its last task force meetings, regarding high-level needs, guiding principles and implementation strategies for M-CORES. We urge you to incorporate them in the documents you will be preparing this week at the M-CORES task force meetings.

The attached recommendations are based directly on the language in state statute that defines purpose and goals. We believe the implementation actions identified here are required to accomplish the statutory purpose and to achieve the goals set in the statute.

As reflected in these recommendations, we firmly believe that before hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on planning the three corridors, there first should be a formal determination of need and financial feasibility pursuant to state (and federal where applicable) guidelines. Only if both need and feasibility are determined, should planning proceed for the applicable corridors.

We appreciate your consideration of these recommendations.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Vivian Young'.

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