

Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee
WORKSHEET PACKET
July 29-30, 2008

Worksheet #1 Draft Goal Statement

INSTRUCTIONS: Please review the statutory reference and initial draft goal statement for the development process. This statement was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Note any additional suggestions, rewording or concerns you may have. Circle words or phrases about which you have questions. We will record your suggestions in a plenary discussion and bring a revised statement for your review at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Statutory Reference

341.302 Rail program, duties and responsibilities of the department.--The department, in conjunction with other governmental units and the private sector, shall develop and implement a rail program of statewide application designed to ensure the proper maintenance, safety, revitalization, and expansion of the rail system to assure its continued and increased availability to respond to statewide mobility needs. Within the resources provided ,,,, the department shall:

(3) Develop and periodically update the rail system plan, on the basis of an analysis of statewide transportation needs. The plan shall be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155. The rail system plan shall include an identification of priorities, programs, and funding levels required to meet statewide needs. The rail system plan shall be developed in a manner that will assure the maximum use of existing facilities and the optimum integration and coordination of the various modes of transportation, public and private, in the most cost-effective manner possible. The rail system plan shall be updated at least every 2 years and include plans for both passenger rail service and freight rail service.

The goal of the Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee process is to create consensus recommendations that will be used to inform and guide the development of the Florida Rail System Plan. The consensus process, led by the Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee, will review trends, issues, and opportunities in passenger and freight rail transportation statewide and recommend policies to guide future investment decisions by the state.

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Worksheet #2 Draft Principles and Process Assumptions

*INSTRUCTIONS: Please review these revised draft principles and process offered by the Chair for your review and ranking. These are not listed in any priority order. Circle a ranking that best reflects your view about its acceptability as a principle or assumption. Note any suggestions you may have. **Please bring the completed worksheet with you on Tuesday, July 29.** We will review the rankings, discuss member suggestions and revise the principles as appropriate during a plenary discussion. A refined version of these will be discussed further and finalized at the next Advisory Committee meeting.*

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DRAFT PRINCIPLES

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Principle A: The role of the Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be to develop and present consensus recommendations to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation that will be used to inform and guide the development of the policy element of the Florida Rail System Plan.	3	2	1
Principle B: Recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be developed consistent with s. 334.046, Florida Statutes which provides that 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.	3	2	1
Principle C: Policy recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will address future mobility needs for both passenger rail service and freight rail service.	3	2	1
Principle D: The Florida Rail System Plan should contain statewide policy guidance that can be carried out within a 20-year planning horizon and within revenues that can reasonably be expected to be available.	3	2	1

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DRAFT PROCESS ASSUMPTIONS

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Assumption A:	The Florida Rail System Plan development process but must be consistent with the 2025 Florida Transportation Plan and will also produce guidance for the subsequent update of the Strategic Intermodal System Strategic Plan.	3	2	1
Assumption B:	The Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will review and build upon previous rail planning efforts, including the 2006 Florida Rail Plan, the work of the Florida High Speed Rail Authority and the Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Vision Plan, as well as relevant regional and local rail planning efforts.	3	2	1
Assumption C:	The Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will consider Florida's statewide planning framework including planning for other modes (Aviation, Seaports, Transit etc.), economic development plans, local government comprehensive plans, regional plans, and metropolitan planning organization plans and programs.	3	2	1
Assumption D:	The Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will present its final recommendations on the policy element of the Florida Rail System Plan to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation in December, 2008. The policy element will comply with all requirements of Florida Statutes and contain a clear vision and goals for the future of rail transportation in Florida. The policy element will also contain a description of the rail system in Florida, outline the roles and responsibilities of the public and private sectors in providing rail service in the state, identify needs and funding issues, and recommend prioritization policies.	3	2	1
Assumption E:	The Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee, as appropriate, will consider reports of any drafting groups (appointed and charged by the Chair to develop draft recommendations on special issues) in shaping the Advisory Committee's final consensus recommendations.	3	2	1

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Worksheet #3 Key Groups - Roles and Responsibilities

INSTRUCTIONS: Please review this draft set of roles and responsibilities for the development process prior to the meeting. Note any additional suggestions, rewording or concerns. We will take and record your suggestions in a plenary session.

The Florida Department of Transportation Executive Board, chaired by the Secretary and composed of top FDOT management, is responsible for reviewing the Florida Rail System Plan on behalf of the department. At key points in the process the Executive Board will be briefed on the progress of developing the plan and their input on policy and plan issues will be solicited.

The Florida Legislature, through leadership of relevant committees and by participation of key legislators on the Advisory Committee, will be briefed at the outset of the process, provided interim progress reports and provided the final consensus report.

The Executive Office of the Governor, through direct representation on the Advisory Committee, will be briefed, provided interim progress reports and provided the final consensus report.

The Florida Transportation Commission will review and provide guidance on the Florida Rail System Plan prior to its adoption by the Secretary. The Chair of the Commission will serve on the Advisory Committee.

The Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation will ultimately adopt the Florida Rail System Plan. The Secretary also chairs the Department's Executive Board.

The Florida Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development will be responsible for chairing the Advisory Committee and will issue the Committee's recommendations to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

The Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee will manage the process to develop consensus on a set of recommendations for the Florida Rail System Plan. The Assistant Secretary for Intermodal System Development will serve as chair and the State Public Transportation and Modal Administrator will serve as vice chair and will assist the chair as appropriate. The Advisory Committee will ultimately provide policy guidance on the Florida Rail System Plan to the Secretary and Executive Board. It will help to coordinate the development of plan recommendations by any drafting groups, and make consensus decisions on recommending any revisions or updates to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Transportation Commission, the Governor and the Florida Legislature.

Advisory Committee Members will serve on the committee representing key public and private interests. Members will directly engage in the consensus building development of recommendations for the Florida Rail System Plan policy element, request technical assistance as needed, and contribute to consensus recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee Member Designees. If applicable, members should inform the Chair of their designee. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, he or she may send their designee who can brief the member on the presentations and discussions and participate in the development of issues and recommendation, but will not participate in Committee decisions or in final decisions on consensus recommendations.

The Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Environmental Protection, and two Florida Department of Transportation Districts will each be represented and serve in ex-officio roles on the Advisory Committee and will undertake tasks as assigned by the Chair in consultation with the Advisory Committee.

Technical Liaisons are technical staffs of other agencies and organization who will support committees by performing research and providing input and/or presentations and serve as technical advisors and resource persons.

Public Role. At key moments and at all meetings in the plan development process, the public will be invited to offer input and make suggestions for the Advisory Committee to consider.

NOTE: The Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium based at FSU will assist in the design of the overall process and help to facilitate the Advisory Committee meetings and any drafting committee meetings.