



SIS Designation Update

Frequently Asked Questions



- My facility currently meets SIS and/or Strategic Growth designation, how often will this be re-evaluated?
 - *All facilities will be re-evaluated every 3 years.*
- How is Strategic Growth different than Emerging SIS?
 - *Strategic Growth facilities are generally those Emerging SIS facilities that were designated based on economic connectivity criteria and lower activity level. It is expected that Strategic Growth facilities will be treated differently from SIS from a funding eligibility perspective. FDOT is currently reviewing and reevaluating existing funding eligibility. We anticipate Strategic Growth facilities may be eligible for funding on projects not traditionally funded on SIS facilities (e.g. projects for improvements and development necessary to support smaller, fast growing facilities).*
- How will smaller facilities be affected by the creation of the Strategic Growth component?
 - *The original intent of the SIS is captured in the new Strategic Growth component, which also serves to simplify these criteria. The Strategic Growth component has adopted criteria different than SIS activity criteria and are designed to identify smaller facilities providing critical economic connections, especially those in Rural Areas of Opportunity, that have the potential to become SIS facilities in the near future. Strategic Growth facilities are differentiated from SIS facilities through designation criteria and potentially funding eligibility.*
- My facility is recommended for de-designation, when can we reapply?
 - *A facility can apply at any time if the situation and/or activity levels change. Facility owners must provide documented three-year projections for FDOT to review in order to determine if the facility is projected to meet SIS minimum activity levels within three years of being designated or they must demonstrate the facility is of compelling state interest. Three-year projections must be at or above the SIS minimum activity threshold to be considered for designation.*
- What is the purpose of using Florida totals rather than national totals to evaluate potential SIS facilities?
 - *Using Florida totals provides a simplified threshold that is more easily understood both internally and to external partners. Comparing the activity levels at individual facilities to overall activity in Florida better highlights the significance of a facility in terms of strategic state interest rather than comparing to its share of the national market.*
- Will the projects included in the SIS first-five and SIS second-five-year plans continue to be funded, even if the facility is no longer eligible for SIS or Strategic Growth designation?
 - *Yes, any project committed to in the SIS first-five or SIS second-five will be funded, even if the facility is no longer eligible for SIS or Strategic Growth Designation.*



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- What does it mean for a facility to be co-located?
 - *Facilities are considered co-located facilities if they share the same building or are within close walking distance of one another. FDOT Systems Implementation Office will coordinate with the facility and the FDOT District the applicant is located in to determine if the co-location criterion is met. Co-location is vital to the integration of modal infrastructure and services, to better accommodate the connectivity of local systems, and to ensure the state's support of facilities that serve multiple service providers.*
- How does FDOT determine if a facility is of compelling state interest?
 - *FDOT Systems Implementation Office will work with representation from the applicable modal office and the FDOT District the applicant is located in to evaluate any facility requesting to be designated as a Strategic Growth facility to determine if it is of compelling state interest. FDOT will consider the following in its evaluation:*
 - *Whether another SIS or Strategic Growth facility of the same type is present in the community or region.*
 - *Whether the facility serving a market niche not currently being served by other facilities in the area.*
 - *Whether the facility would support an economic development opportunity of statewide significance. For this criteria, FDOT will coordinate with the Department of Economic Opportunity and applicable local governments, regional planning councils, and metropolitan planning organizations to determine the degree to which the facility supports an economic development opportunity of statewide significance. This determination would consider the potential impact of the facility on job creation and capital investment (such as commitments from potential tenants or developers), and the context of the community or region in which the facility is located (such as Rural Areas of Opportunity).*
 - *Whether the facility plays a role supporting the movement of people and goods throughout the state during special events or emergency situations.*
 - *Whether the facility has had consistent or growing activity levels over the last three years.*
- When will these proposed changes go into effect?
 - *The public comment period ends August 30, 2018. Final adoption of criteria and designation changes will occur in Fall 2018. To submit a public comment on these changes, visit: <http://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/SISPublicComment.htm>*