

Innovate Pasco 2050 takes transportation planning guidance from Federal and State agencies and applies it to the local context of Pasco County. This approach enables the transportation plan to reflect the local and regional vision for how to move people and goods within and through the County without losing sight of Federal planning factors and the policy framework offered through the Florida Transportation Plan.

**Innovate Pasco 2050 Goals and Objectives**

The goals and objectives that follow help guide the development of the plan’s improvement project recommendations, project prioritization, and financial plan. At a broad scale, the plan’s goals and objectives help ensure that the work of the Pasco County MPO adheres to a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. The goals and objectives have a direct correlation to the seven goals communicated in the Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element and demonstrate how Innovate Pasco 2050 supports development of a more competitive, resilient, and sustainable county and state. The goals are presented in alphabetical order.

**Goal 1 | Accessibility and Equity**  
Maximize opportunity for local and regional connectivity and modal choice for all Pasco County residents, employees, visitors, and commerce.

- Objective 1.A** Plan for and design complete streets and multimodal transportation facilities accessible by users of different ages and abilities.
- Objective 1.B** Improve connectivity between major activity and employment centers in Pasco County and the Tampa Bay region.
- Objective 1.C** Ensure consistency with the comprehensive plans of local governments within the Pasco County MPO planning area and applicable regional plans.
- Objective 1.D** Provide for the needs of the transportation disadvantaged (TD) population and improve the coordination and support of TD services with all modes of transportation.

**Goal 2 | Communities**  
Create quality places by coordinating transportation and land use planning with the County and cities that facilitates healthy and active living.

- Objective 2.A** Coordinate land use and transportation planning decisions to provide a built environment that supports transportation modal choices and reduces trip length.
- Objective 2.B** Prioritize transportation investments that support planned development and growth areas.
- Objective 2.C** Support community social values by planning and funding transportation improvement projects that are user friendly, multimodal, and encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
- Objective 2.D** Plan and fund transportation improvement projects that improve community connectivity and foster a sense of community place.

## Goal 3 | Economy

Provide multimodal facilities and services that support economic development.

- Objective 3.A** Improve goods movement access and connections to port, rail, and airport facilities.
- Objective 3.B** Prioritize the funding of improvement projects that enhance access and connectivity to major freight, commercial, and industrial activity centers.
- Objective 3.C** Maintain consistency with the Pasco County Economic Development Strategic Plan and other pertinent plans.
- Objective 3.D** Increase transportation/enhancement projects benefitting tourism.

## Goal 4 | Environment

Protect the County's natural, agricultural, scenic, and historic resources through proactive environmental stewardship.

- Objective 4.A** Plan mitigation efforts to address transportation system impacts and threats from storms and potential sea level rise.
- Objective 4.B** Encourage the use of transportation modes that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce energy usage.
- Objective 4.C** Protect the natural environment by implementing context sensitive transportation solutions.

## Goal 5 | Infrastructure

Maintain existing facilities in a state of good repair and focus on physical infrastructure.

- Objective 5.A** Protect and enhance a state of good repair for the County transportation system.
- Objective 5.B** Preserve corridors for future planned transportation improvements.
- Objective 5.C** Increase the resiliency and sustainability of transportation infrastructure to threats, including extreme weather and other environmental disasters.

## Goal 6 | Mobility

Focus on increasing system efficiency and reducing delay








- Objective 6.A** Plan, develop, and implement transit express and bus rapid transportation routes.
- Objective 6.B** Identify and implement short-range congestion and mobility management strategies.
- Objective 6.C** Incorporate transportation system management and operations strategies and technologies to optimize system efficiency.

**Goal 7 | Safety and Security**  
Improve the safety and security of the multimodal transportation network for motorized and non-motorized users.

- Objective 7.A** Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes for all modes of travel through the implementation of the Safe System Approach that encourages safer driving behavior, design of safer roads and vehicles, promotion of safer speeds and enhancement of post-crash care.
- Objective 7.B** Prioritize planning and funding for improvements to emergency evacuation routes.
- Objective 7.C** Prioritize planning and funding for safety improvement projects that are located within identified high-crash corridors and safety emphasis areas.
- Objective 7.D** Achieve annual reductions in fatal and serious injury crashes through support of the Florida DOT Target Zero Safety initiatives.

**Correlation to the Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element**

The Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element includes seven goals that reflect the ongoing changes that are occurring statewide. The Policy Element calls for Florida’s transportation partners to reaffirm the state’s primary commitment to safety and security and pursue comprehensive approaches to achieving this goal. It broadens the state’s definition of transportation infrastructure to include supporting technologies and expands the focus beyond maintaining infrastructure in good condition to future-proofing infrastructure against existing and emerging risks. The Policy Element also expands the state’s emphasis from improving efficiency of the system to enhancing mobility for people and freight and ensuring transportation accessibility for all Floridians. Notably, the Policy Element encourages forward-looking planning for how transportation system investments will support a more competitive, resilient, and sustainable state. The following graphic summarizes the goals from the Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element.

GOALS	WHERE WE ARE TODAY	WHERE WE ARE HEADED
 SAFETY AND SECURITY	Focus on 4Es (engineering, education, enforcement, emergency services) of traffic safety to reduce fatalities and injuries	Use emerging technologies and address land use and socioeconomic factors to improve safety and security for all modes
 INFRASTRUCTURE	Maintain existing facilities in a state of good repair; focus on physical infrastructure	Evaluate and adapt infrastructure to become more resilient to risks and take advantage of innovations; expand definition of infrastructure to include technology
 MOBILITY	Focus on increasing system efficiency and reducing delay	Prioritize the movement of people and freight; accelerate new technologies and options to increase reliability and service
 ACCESSIBILITY AND EQUITY	Expand transportation choices	Enhance access for all Floridians to jobs, education, health care, and other services, especially for those who need it most
 ECONOMY	Emphasize global competitiveness and trade	Support regional and local job creation and investment as well as global commerce; support a more resilient and diverse economy
 COMMUNITIES	Support quality places	Reflect community visions and values
 ENVIRONMENT	Minimize impacts of transportation on the environment	Proactively enhance and restore natural systems for future generations

Source: Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element, Page 3

## Correlation to Federal Planning Factors

Because Innovate Pasco 2050 is a federally-required plan, a direct link is needed between the plan's goals and federal planning factors carried forward in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the most recent federal transportation planning legislation. The following table illustrates how each of the Innovate Pasco 2050 goals addresses one or more of the federal planning factors (presented alphabetically).

		Innovate Pasco 2050 Goals						
		Accessibility and Equity	Communities	Economy	Environment	Infrastructure	Mobility	Safety and Security
Federal Planning Factors	<b>Accessibility:</b> Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Connectivity:</b> Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Economic Vitality:</b> Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Efficient Management:</b> Promote efficient system management and operation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Enhance Travel:</b> Enhance travel and tourism.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>Environment:</b> Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Preservation:</b> Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Resiliency:</b> Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Safety:</b> Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Security:</b> Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>