



More Than Illusions: Establishing and Implementing Visions at State, Regional, and Local Levels

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Why Care About Visioning in Florida?

- ◆ Florida's population expected to double by 2060
- ◆ Continuing our current growth patterns (sprawl) and travel patterns (SOV), won't be a "pretty picture"
 - ✓ Much of what is green today will be converted from rural to urban use
 - ✓ Increasing roadway congestion and longer commutes
 - ✓ Issues about air quality, water, etc.
- ◆ Visioning: Alternative future to maintain our state's economic competitiveness, while continuing to offer high quality of life to our citizens and visitors



SB 360 (2005)

- ◆ Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida
 - ✓ Envision and plan Florida's Future
 - ✓ 25 and 50-year horizons
 - ✓ Address the balance between population growth and natural, historical, cultural, and man-made qualities

- ◆ Comp. plan amendments exempt from state and regional review for areas where local governments have adopted:
 - ✓ Urban service area boundary and
 - ✓ A community vision



The 2025 Florida Transportation Plan

- Develop regional visions that integrate transportation, land use, economic, comm., envir. planning to guide transportation decisionmaking and investments
- New SIS facilities need to be coordinated with regional and community visions
- Develop multimodal transportation systems that support community visions



Florida's Future Corridors Program

- Vision: Develop and maintain a statewide, integrated network of multi-modal, multi-use corridors that address our current and future transportation needs
 - Linked to regional partnerships and visions

- Future Corridors Program Action Plan:
 - Proposed re-use or new corridors consistent with adopted regional growth visions
 - If no vision is in place, develop vision in parallel with solutions to identified mobility needs; corridor can move forward if intergovernmental partnership is addressing growth issues in a consistent manner
 - For interregional corridors, develop process to reconcile differences in applicable regional vision(s)



Core Elements of a Regional Vision

- Defines clear regional identity
- Led by network of regional leaders
 - Must include affected MPOs and local elected officials
 - Must include mechanism for ongoing regional dialogue and planning
- Reflects input of region's residents and other stakeholders
 - Must document citizen engagement
 - Should have continuous availability of information (e.g., web)
- Reflects agreement on key priorities facing the region
 - Must reach consensus on goals and outcomes

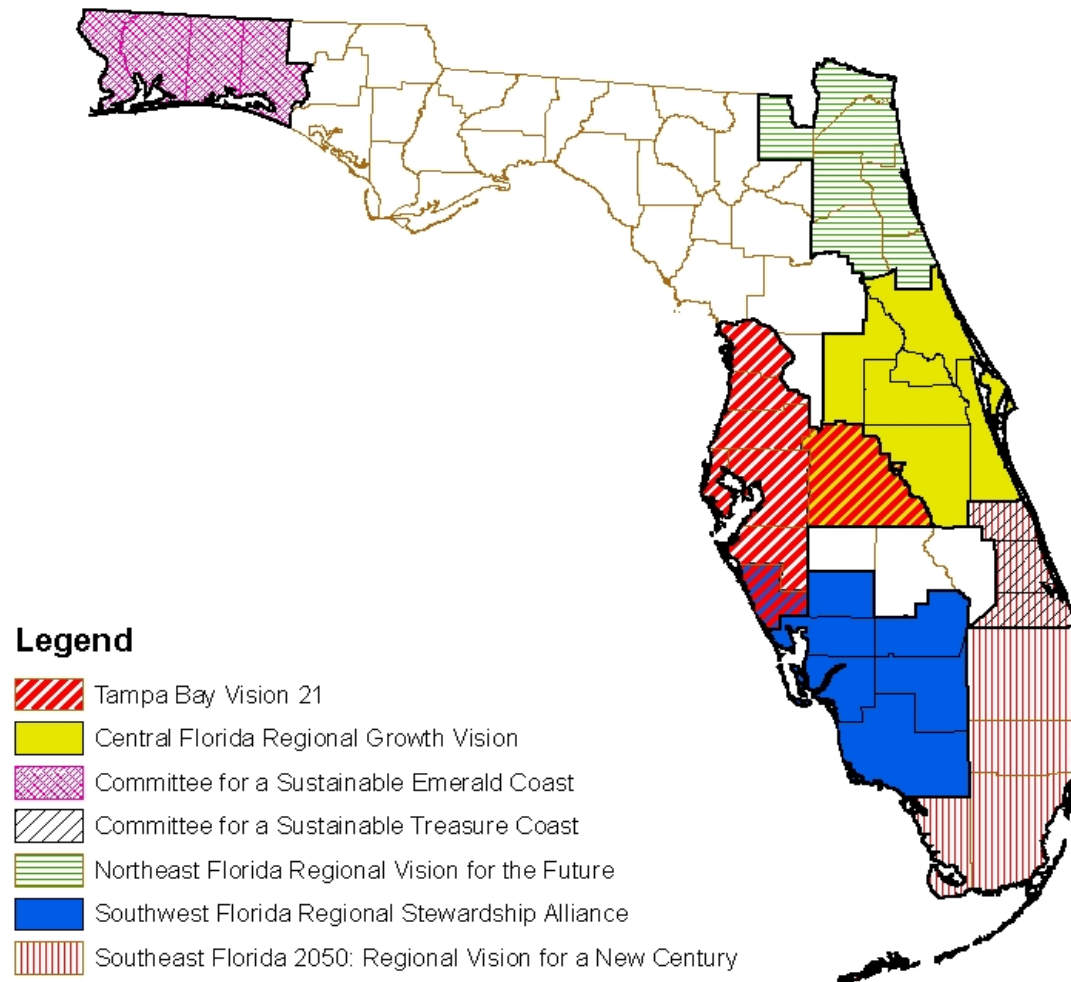


Core Elements of a Regional Vision

- Coordinates and harmonizes planning for transportation, land use, economic development, community development, and environmental investment
 - Must provide context for planning major transportation investments, including acceptable impacts on other systems
 - 50-year development scenarios preferred
- Includes implementation strategy
 - Must develop MOA or other intergovernmental partnership agreement to work toward implementation of vision
 - Must develop process for reconciling differences in community visions and local government comprehensive plans
 - Must include process for future updates to vision and implementation plan
 - Action plan outlining partner roles and responsibilities preferred
 - Process for measuring and evaluating progress toward implementation preferred



Regional Visioning Initiatives as of January 2007



Today's Session

- ◆ Metro Vision 2030
 - ✓ 9 county area Denver area

- ◆ Imagine Manatee
 - ✓ 50-year vision for Manatee County

- ◆ Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida

