

Emerging SIS Breakout Group Draft Policy Recommendations

Questions:

1. Is there a continued need for separate designation criteria and policies? Or should we fully integrate those facilities designated as Emerging SIS into the SIS?
2. If we retain a separate Emerging SIS category, should the designation emphasize policy objectives, such as connections to economically distressed areas, rather than minimum size thresholds?
3. If we retain a separate Emerging SIS category, how should we encourage proactive planning for the future of these facilities?
 - a. How can Emerging SIS investments support statewide and regional economic development goals, while also addressing environmental stewardship and community livability concerns?
 - b. Should strategies differ among urban, transitioning, and economically distressed areas?

Draft Recommendations:

- A. Maintain separate designation criteria and policies for the Emerging SIS.
- B. Continue policy of making Emerging SIS facilities eligible for SIS funding, with a reasonable allocation of funding between SIS and Emerging SIS determined each year by the Secretary based on relative priorities, including partner input.
- C. Designate Emerging SIS facilities based on criteria that primarily reflect statewide policy objectives, including the following considerations:
 1. maximizing the use of existing facilities, including identifying new roles for underutilized facilities where possible;
 2. supporting regional visions for future growth and development;
 3. economic development (including Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern);
 4. intermodal transportation needs that support national defense goals; and
 5. intermodal transportation needs that support statewide emergency evacuation and response that have not been previously identified by considerations 1 thru 4.
- D. Encourage proactive planning and intergovernmental coordination regarding future investments in Emerging SIS facilities anticipated to help accomplish statewide policy objectives and achieve regional visions.
- E. Encourage integrated planning for regions with multiple Emerging SIS facilities.

Other Issues

- Potential need to create criteria for Emerging SIS commercial spaceports.
- Potential to develop a third category of facilities identified as “proposed” for both the SIS and Emerging SIS. This category of facilities would not be eligible for funding but could be subject to proactive planning and coordination by FDOT and her sister agencies and partners.