

BE THERE: Resources for Roads to Ruin (M-CORES) task force meetings on 10/22, 23, and 30

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[Sierra Club Florida News](#) shared a link to the following article:

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Once again, we are mobilizing for the M-CORES (roads to ruin) Task Force meetings. This time there are three separate meetings on three separate days:

October 22, 2019

[Northern Turnpike Task Force Meeting](#)

College of Central Florida Citrus Learning and Conference Center
3800 S Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461 (Citrus County)

Begins at 10 a.m.

Public comment starts at 4:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

October 23, 2019

[Suncoast Connector Task Force Meeting](#)

College of Central Florida Citrus Learning and Conference Center
3800 S Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461

Begins at 10 a.m.

Public comment starts at 4:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

October 30, 2019

[Southwest-Central Connector Task Force Meeting](#)

Polk State College – Lakeland Campus

3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, FL 33803

Begins at 10 a.m.

Public comment starts at 4:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

NO ROADS TO RUIN RESOURCES:

1. New talking points: [M-CORES = Big Sham, Big Bucks, Big Questions](#)
2. [Fact sheet](#) from August 27
3. To make a visual statement, we will have red “sham” and green “no roads to ruin” cards for you to hold up during the meeting. When a speaker opposes the plan we will raise the green cards and when a speaker promotes the plan we will raise the red cards. In this way we can be “heard” throughout the day.
4. No roads to ruin stickers.

Please find a coalition partner at the meeting to get your cards, talking points, stickers and fact sheets.

Earlier this year, the state passed legislation to fast-track three major new toll roads that will destroy large swaths of Florida’s last remaining rural lands, pollute waterways, and threaten endangered wildlife, including the iconic Florida panther.

Now we fight back. Because once we pave over these wild places, there are no do overs.

WANT EVEN MORE INFO?

Check out the [M-CORES presentation made to the Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee Wednesday, October 16, 2019](#)

Finally, you may have noticed we didn’t mention the open houses that are also scheduled after each task force meeting. We didn’t mention them because they don’t serve our purposes. Our opposition needs to be seen and heard by the task force members and we need to see and hear them. The open houses may give FDOT the ability to claim more “stakeholder involvement” but open house attendees will be all but invisible to the task force members. If you are going to come out to one M-CORES event this month, please make it a task force meeting and not an open house.

Many regards on behalf of the whole NRTR Steering Committee,

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