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Regional Governance

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Partnerships for the Future
Overview

- Regional Planning Councils
- Transportation Services
- Economic Development/Transportation Collaboration
- Regional Governance
- Summary
Regional Transportation Services in Florida

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Partnerships for the Future
Regional Planning Councils

**Organization**
- 11 regions
- Councils of **local governments**
- Governed by **Board of Directors**
  - 2/3 **local** elected officials
  - 1/3 **gubernatorial** appointees
  - **Range in size** from 18 to 48
Regional Planning Councils

Mission

- Coordinate **intergovernmental solutions** for greater than local problems
- Support and promote **regional economic development**
- Provide **technical assistance** to local governments
- Provide **emergency management and preparedness** planning and training
- Convene **regional leaders** to develop regional visions
Regional Planning Councils

**Services Provided**

- Economic development planning
- **Transportation**, community and environmental planning
- Emergency preparedness planning and training
- Homeland security training
- Geographic information systems mapping
- Local government services and technical assistance
Regional Planning Councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Staff Services

- 15% of metropolitan planning organizations are staffed by regional planning councils (4/26 = 15%)
- **North Central** Florida Regional Planning Council
  (Gainesville MPO)
- **West** Florida Regional Planning Council
  (Bay, Florida-Alabama and Okaloosa-Walton MPOs)

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North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

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**Planning Services**

Land Use, Transportation Planning and Public Outreach

- **Treasure Coast** Regional Planning Council
  (Martin, Palm Beach and St. Lucie MPOs and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority)

- **South** Florida Regional Planning Council
  (Miami-Dade MPO, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and U.S. 441/SR 7 Regional Corridor Redevelopment)
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**Consultation Services**

Transportation Priority Projects and Public Outreach

- **Apalachee** Regional Planning Council  
  (Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson and Liberty)

- **West Florida** Regional Planning Council  
  (Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Washington and Walton)
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Service Delivery
Rural and Transportation Disadvantaged Services

- Central Florida Regional Planning Council
  (Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee)

Heartland Rural Mobility Coordination

- Central Florida Regional Planning Council
  (DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee and surrounding communities)
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Transportation Disadvantaged

- **Official Planning Agency** for rural counties
  Apalachee, Central, North Central, Northeast, Southwest, West and Withlacoochee Regional Planning Councils
Linking Regional Transportation with Regional Economic Systems through Collaboration in Florida

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Key Trends for the 21st Century

- **Demography:** growing population, increasing diversity
- **Economy:** global markets, innovation industries
- **Travel:** more trips, continued congestion
- **Development:** emerging megaregion, changing patterns
- **Environment:** growing challenges, sustainable practices
- **Energy:** efficiency, alternatives, clean energy
- **Modal Choices:** moving people and goods
- **Governance:** how do we work together?
Emerging Florida Megaregion


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Role in Transportation Planning

**Strategic Regional Policy Plan**

- Issues
  - Regional Transportation
  - Economic Development
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Affordable Housing
  - Natural Resources

**Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies**
Regional Planning Councils and Economic Development

**Economic Development/Transportation Collaboration**

- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations** - North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
- **Economic Development Organizations** - JaxUSA and JaxPort
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**
Regional Planning Councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations
21st Century Strategic Investments

- **Interconnected** statewide rail/public transportation systems
- **Connectivity** to established and emerging employment centers
- International **gateway** for trade and visitors
- **Global** leadership in air and space transportation systems
- **New generation** of infrastructure, vehicles, fuels and technology
Regional Planning Councils and Economic Development

Economic Development/Transportation Collaboration

- Collaboration occurs around issues of common interest
- Collaboration occurs within and across geographic boundaries
- Collaboration provides foundation for coordinated transportation investments supporting economic development
Regional Transportation Governance Systems in Florida

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Governance and Coordination to Meet 21st Century Trends

- **Intergovernmental coordination** at the state, regional and local levels
- **Regional planning** and coordination in both urban and rural areas
- Link regional **economic plans** with regional transportation decisions
Governance: Jurisdictions and Agencies

411 Municipalities
67 Counties
26 Metropolitan planning organizations
28 Fixed route transit systems
11 Regional planning councils
11 Transportation authorities
7 Florida Department of Transportation districts
2 Transportation enterprises
Counties with Metropolitan Planning Organizations

26 Urban Counties and 6 Partial Counties with Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Counties without Metropolitan Planning Organizations

28 Counties and 6 Partial Counties without Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Fixed Route Transit Systems
Transportation Authorities
Regional Planning Councils and Enterprise Florida Regions

Enterprise Florida Regions

Florida Regional Planning Councils

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21st Century Transportation System

- Economic Competitiveness
- Community Livability
- Environmental Stewardship
- Safety and Security
- Maintenance and Operations
- Mobility and Connectivity
21st Century Goals

- **Goal:** Invest in transportation systems to support a prosperous, globally **competitive economy**
- **Goal:** Make transportation decisions to support and enhance **livable communities**
- **Goal:** Provide a **safe and secure** transportation system for all users
- **Goal:** Make transportation decisions to promote responsible **environmental stewardship**
- **Goal:** Improve mobility and connectivity for people and freight

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21st Century Governance Model

Enhance regional coordination and decision making to support Florida’s future economy:

- Transition Florida’s MPO structure to focus on regional as well as local transportation issues
- Strengthen regional transportation planning and priority setting in rural areas
- Develop governance structure to promote integrated regional transit
- Strengthen regional coordination among rail, ports, transit, roads and airports
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Summary

- Services
- Collaboration
- Governance
- Next Steps
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