

# Florida Transportation Commission Workshop

## *Regional Governance*

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# Overview

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



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# Regional Transportation Services in Florida



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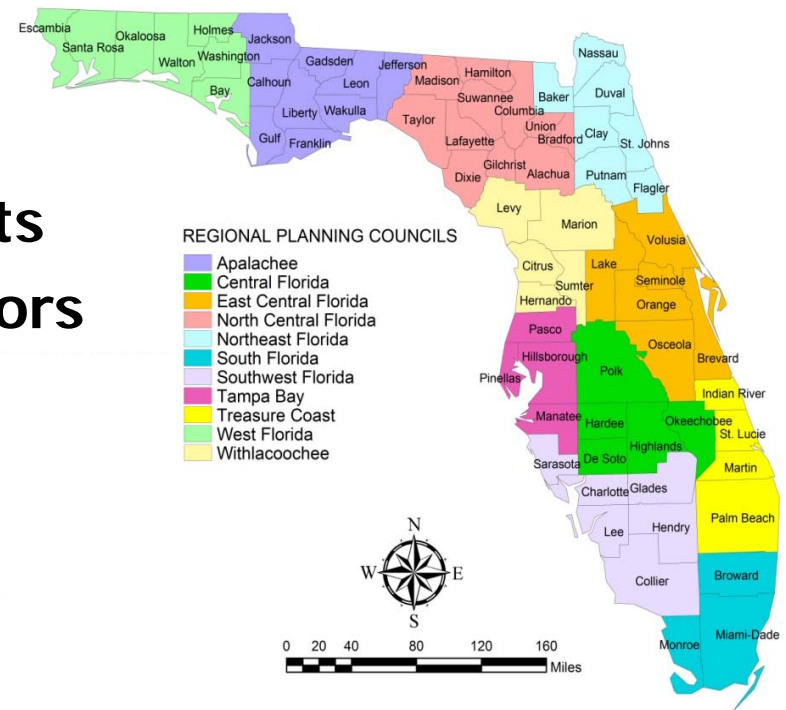


# Regional Planning Councils

## *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

Florida Regional Planning Councils



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# 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



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# 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



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# 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)

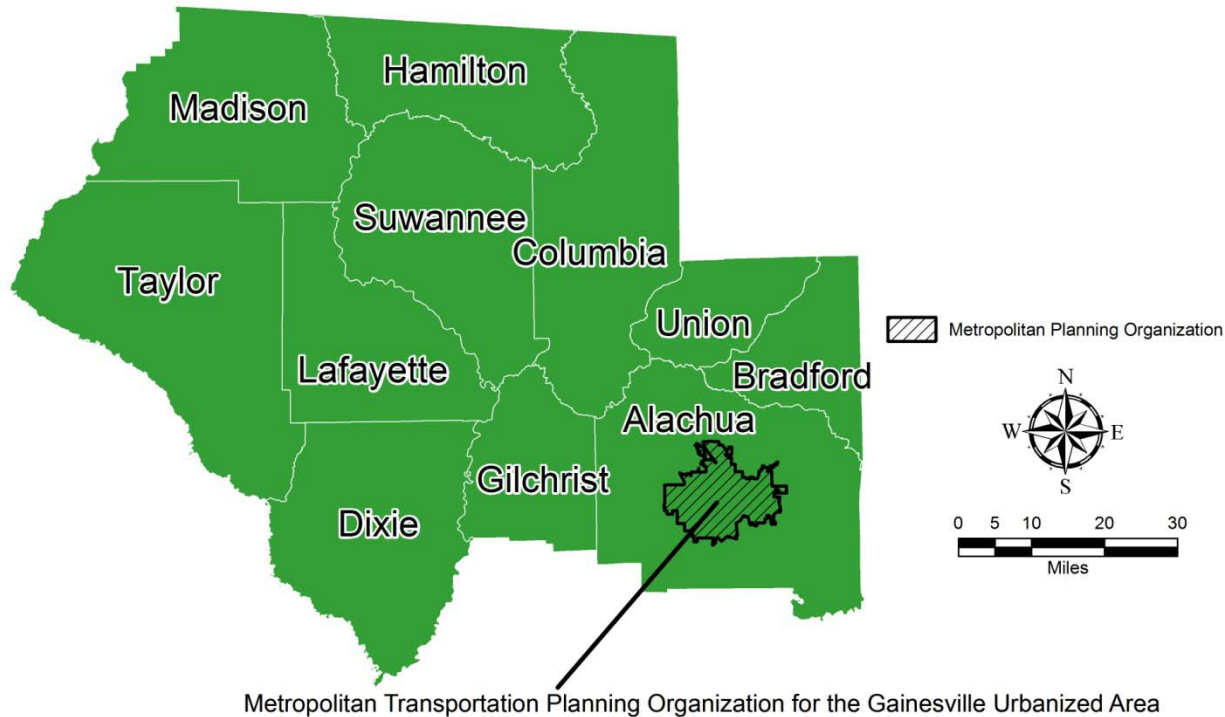


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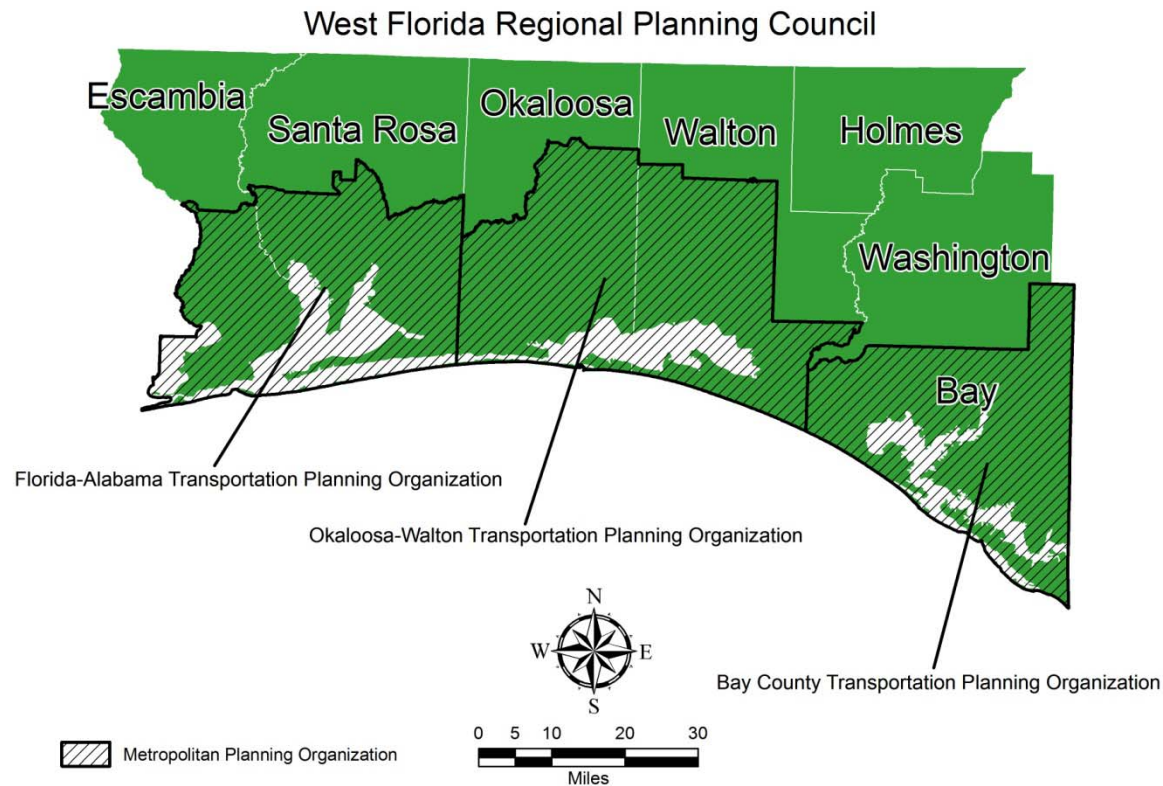
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North Central Florida Regional Planning Council





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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)

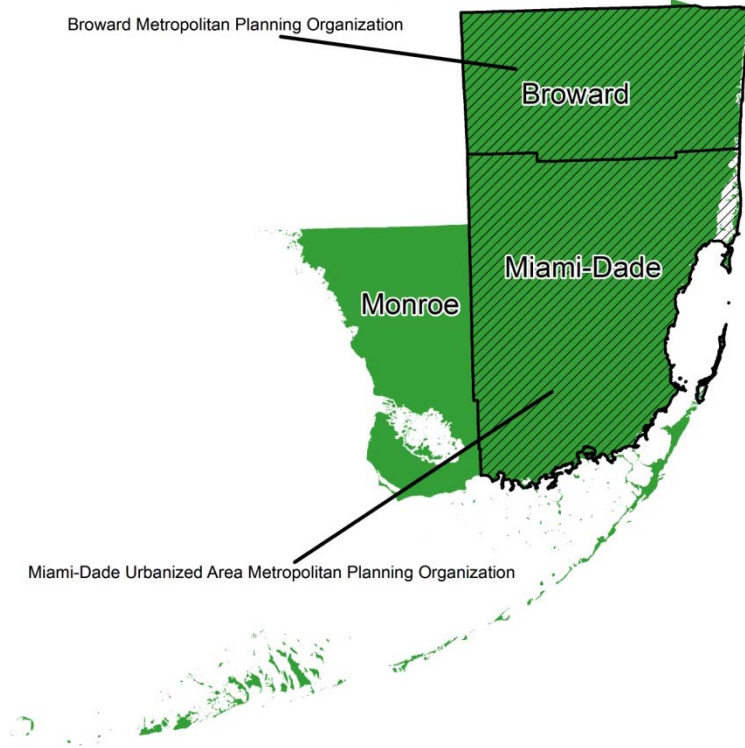


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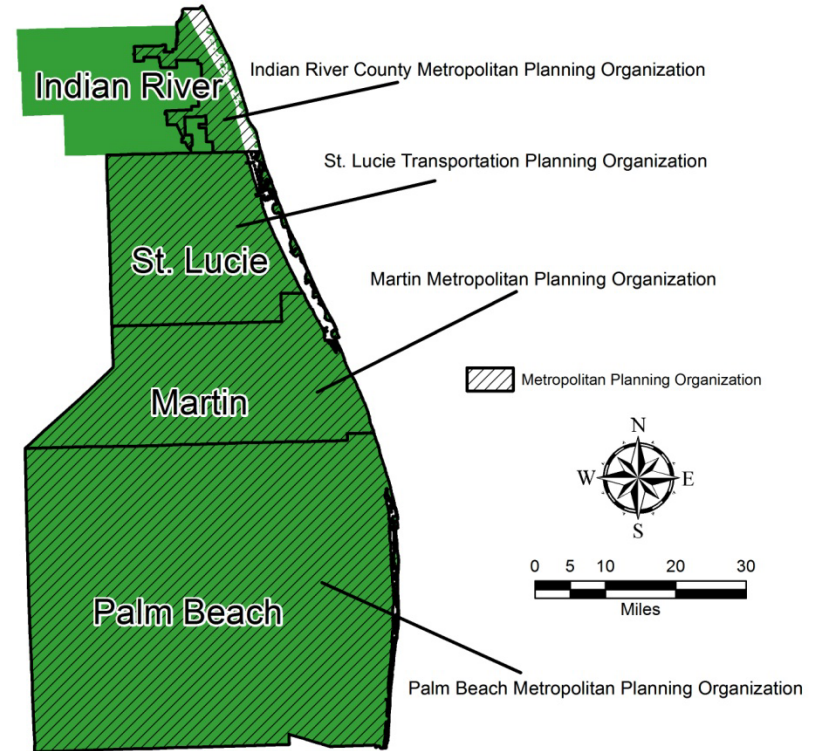


# Regional Planning Councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations

South Florida Regional Planning Council



Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council



# Regional Planning Councils

## *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)

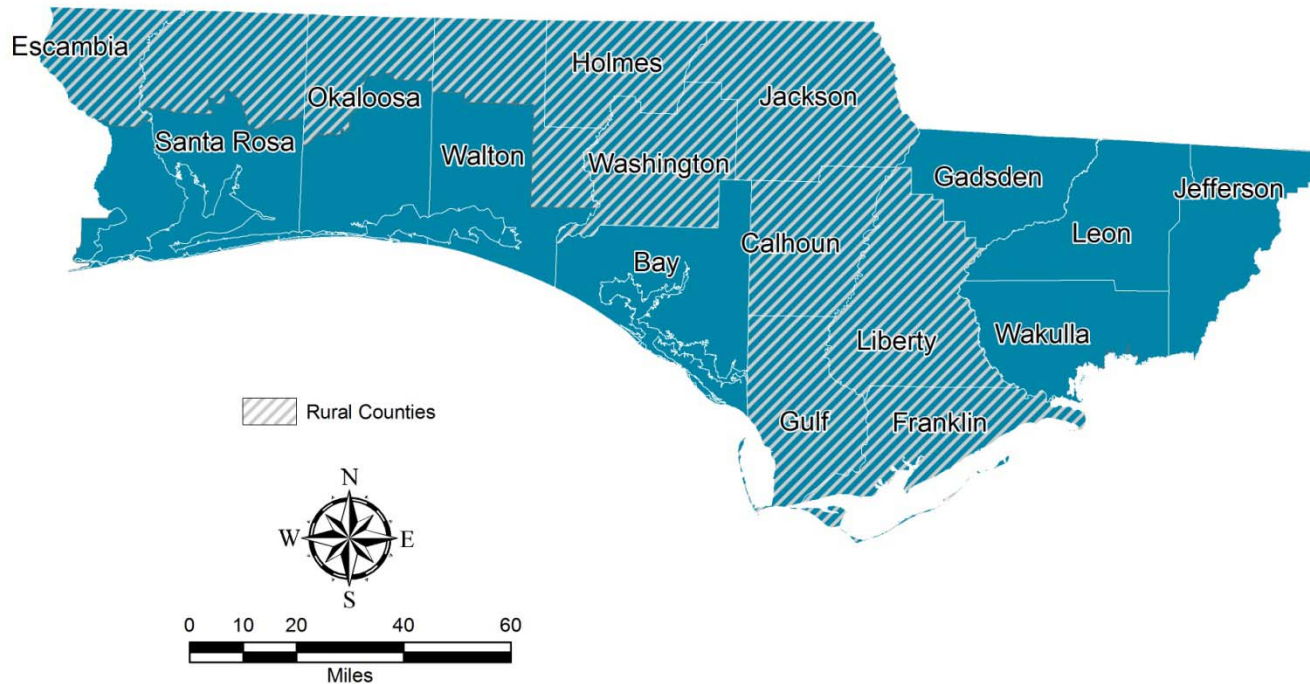


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# Regional Planning Councils

Apalachee Regional Planning Council and  
West Florida Regional Planning Council





# Regional Planning Councils

## ***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)

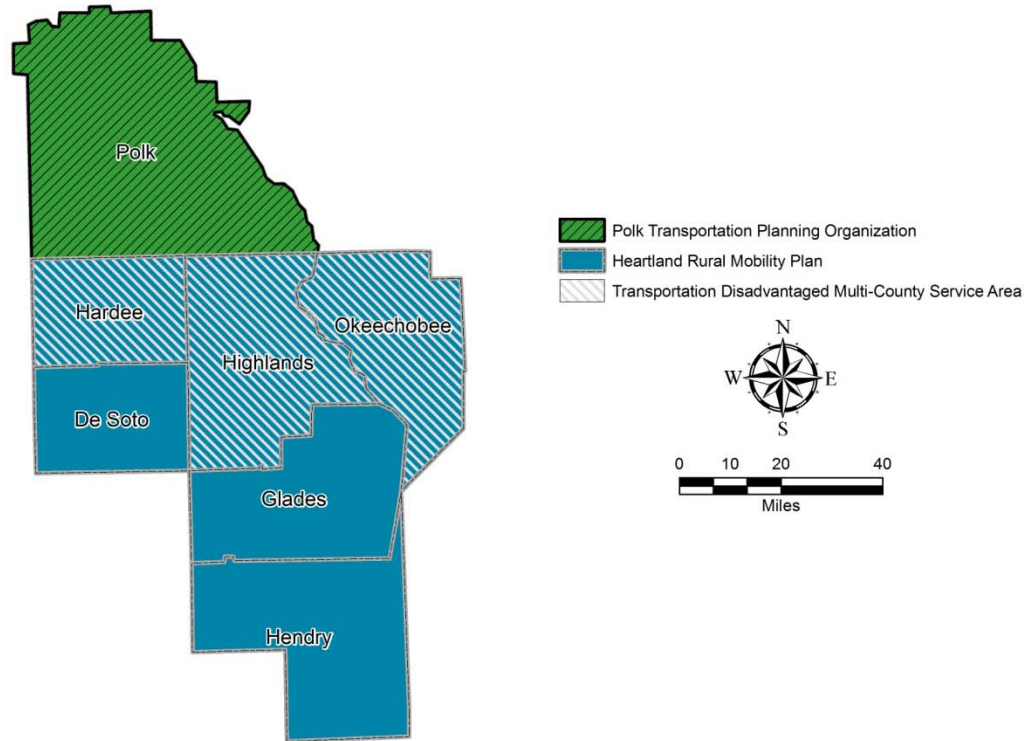


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Central Florida Regional Planning Council



# Regional Planning Councils

## ***Transportation Disadvantaged***

- **Official Planning Agency** for rural counties  
Apalachee, Central, North Central,  
Northeast, Southwest, West and  
Withlacoochee Regional Planning Councils



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# Linking Regional Transportation with Regional Economic Systems through Collaboration in Florida



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# Key Trends for the 21st Century

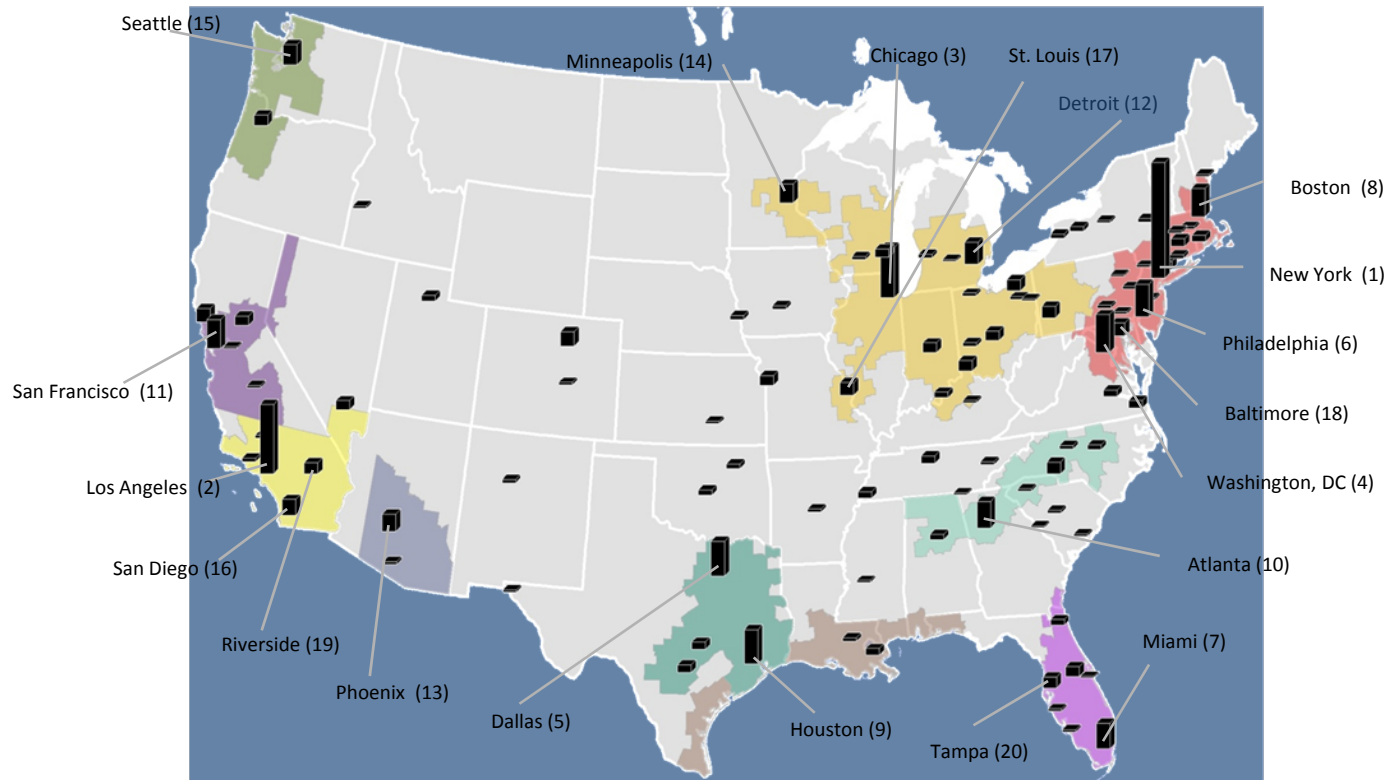
- ***Demography:*** growing population, increasing diversity
- ***Economy:*** global markets, innovation industries
- ***Travel:*** more trips, continued congestion
- ***Development:*** emerging megaregion, changing patterns
- ***Environment:*** growing challenges, sustainable practices
- ***Energy:***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



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# Emerging Florida Megaregion



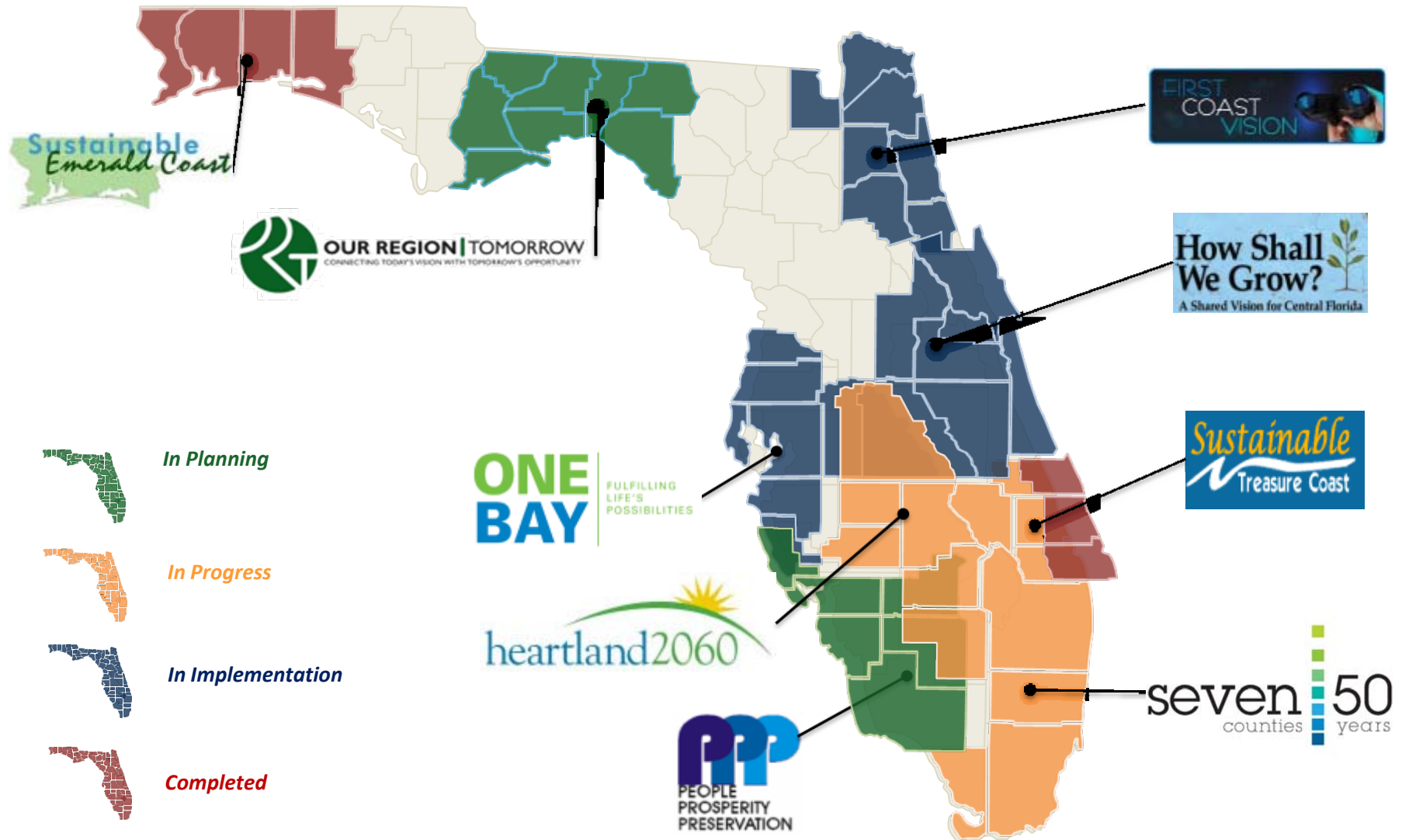
Source: *MetroNation*: How U.S. Metropolitan Areas Fuel American Prosperity.  
Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings.



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# Florida's Regional Visioning Processes



# Role in Transportation Planning

## ***Strategic Regional Policy Plan***

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

## ***Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies***



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# Regional Planning Councils and Economic Development

## ***Economic Development/ Transportation Collaboration***

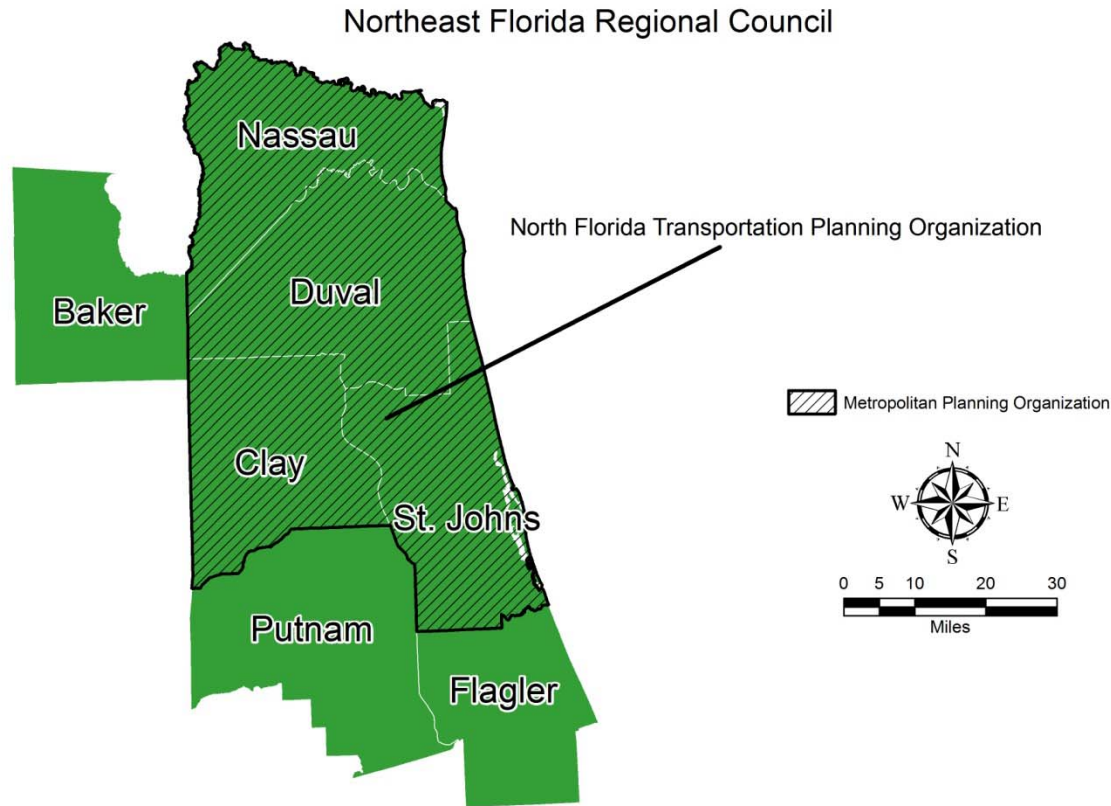
- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations -**  
North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
- **Economic Development Organizations -**  
JaxUSA and JaxPort
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**



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# 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



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# 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**



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# 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



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# Governance: Jurisdictions and Agencies

411 Municipalities

67 Counties

26 Metropolitan planning organizations

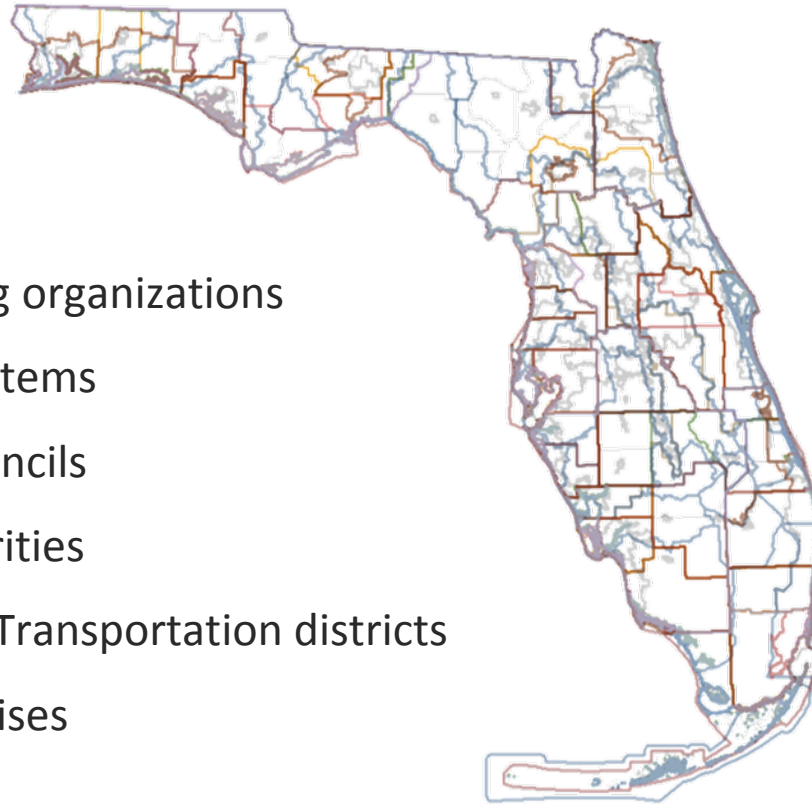
28 Fixed route transit systems

11 Regional planning councils

11 Transportation authorities

7 Florida Department of Transportation districts

2 Transportation enterprises

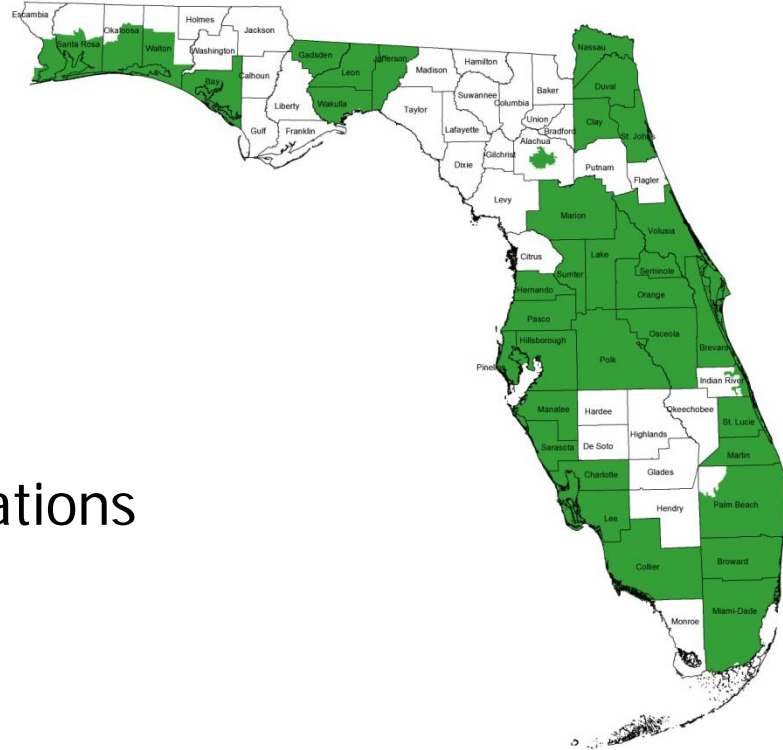


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# Counties with Metropolitan Planning Organizations

26 Urban Counties and  
6 Partial Counties with  
Metropolitan Planning Organizations

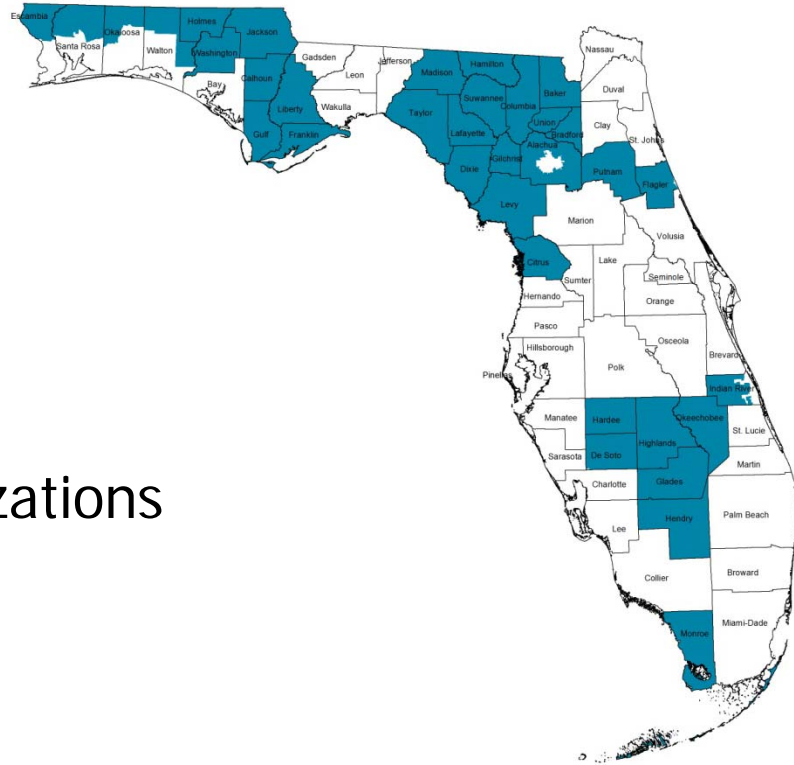


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# Counties without Metropolitan Planning Organizations

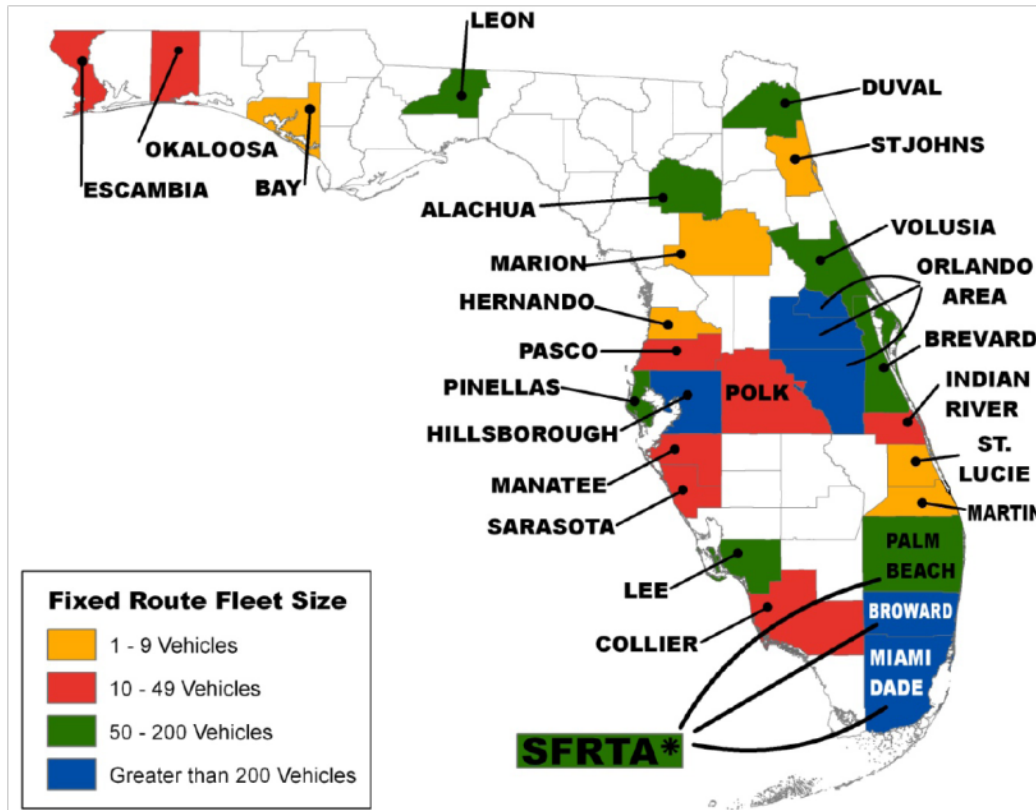
28 Counties and  
6 Partial Counties without  
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# Fixed Route Transit Systems



A map of Florida divided into counties, with several counties shaded in dark red to indicate transit agency service areas. The following logos are overlaid on the map:

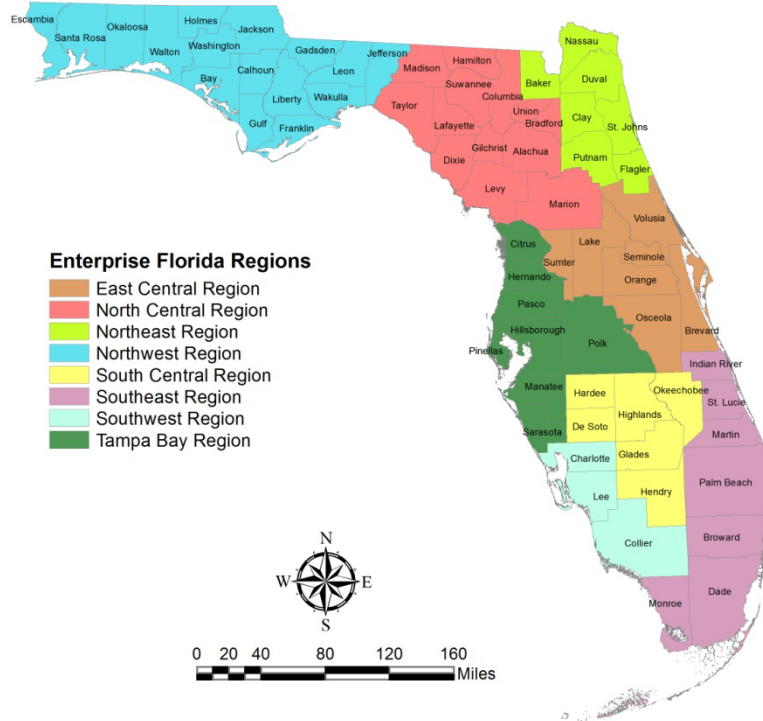
- Northeast Florida Transportation Council Authority**: Located in the northeast corner.
- Gulf Breeze Expressway Authority**: Located in the northwest corner.
- Tampa Hillsborough EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**: Located in the central-western part.
- EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**: Located in the central-eastern part.
- LYNX**: Located in the central-southern part, featuring a pink paw print logo.
- TBARTA** (Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority): Located in the south-central part.
- SWFWRA** (Southwest Florida Water Reclamation Authority): Located in the southwestern part.
- RTA** (Riverside Transit Authority): Located in the southern tip.
- MDX** (Miami-Dade County): Located in the southeast corner.



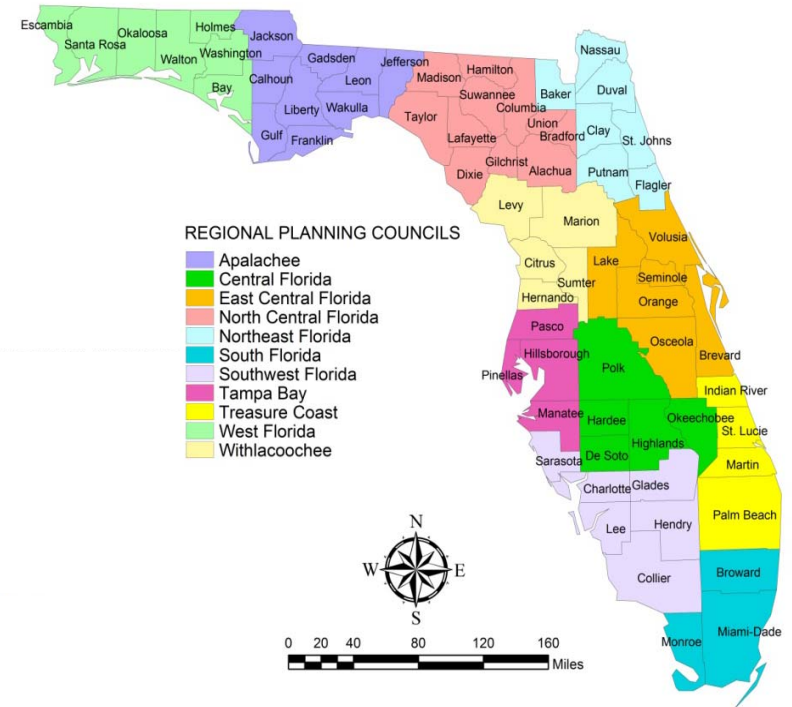


# Regional Planning Councils and Enterprise Florida Regions

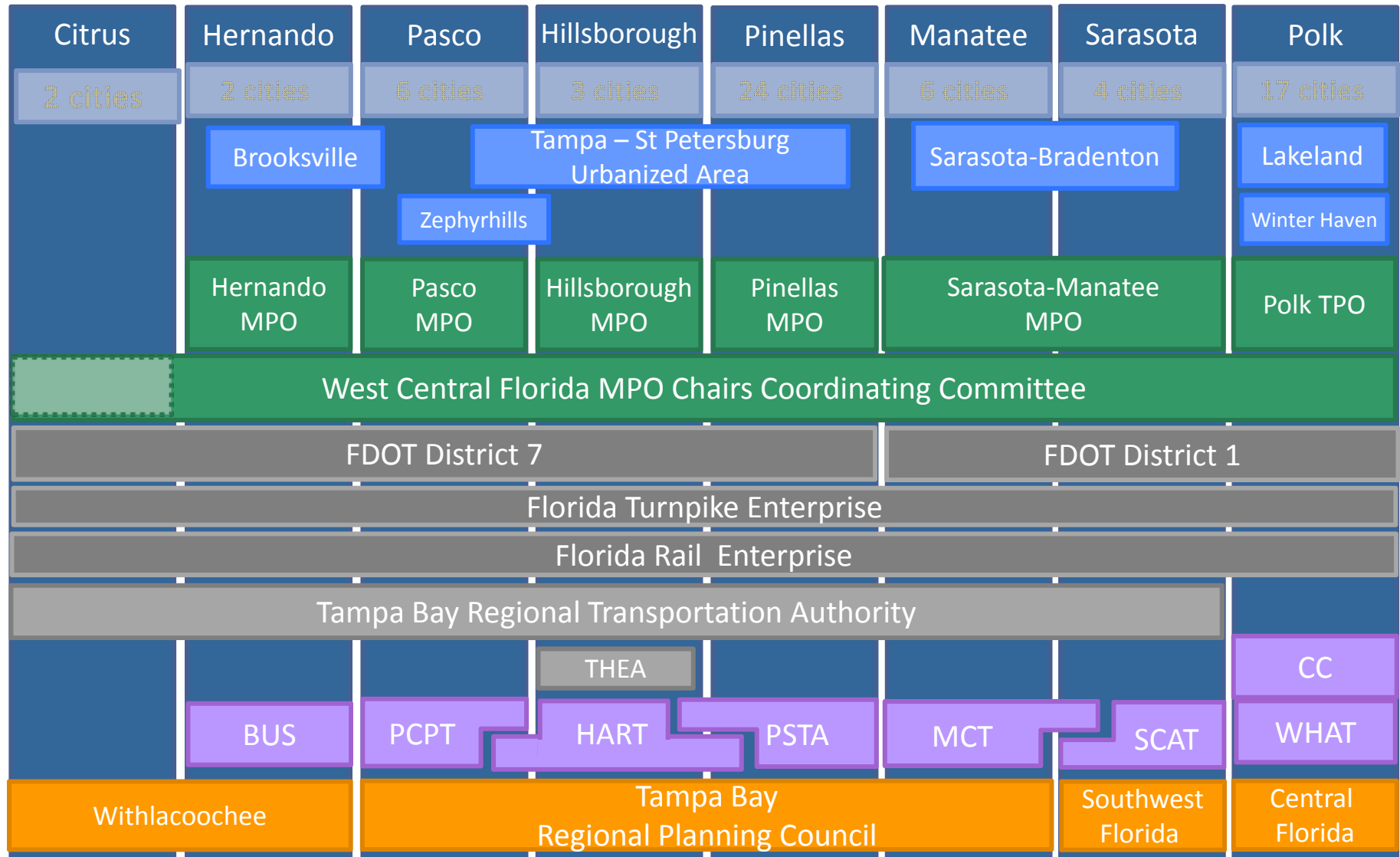
Enterprise Florida Regions



Florida Regional Planning Councils



# Regional Governance: West Central Florida



# 21st Century Transportation System

- **Economic** Competitiveness
- Community **Livability**
- **Environmental** Stewardship
- **Safety** and Security
- **Maintenance** and Operations
- **Mobility** and **Connectivity**



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# 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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# Regional Planning Councils

## *Summary*

- Services
- Collaboration
- Governance
- Next Steps



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