Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Florida Transportation Commission

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Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- MPO responsibilities
- Designation of MPOs
- Upcoming issues
The Decision-Making Framework

Federal Funds/Policies

State

State/Federal Funds

Policies & Priorities

Project Implementation

Local Funds

Metropolitan Areas

Policies & Priorities

Local Funds

Other Areas
Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Required by Federal Law

- Must designate metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) for urbanized areas with 50,000+ in population
  - Comprised of local elected and other officials
  - Conduct "continuing, comprehensive and coordinated" (3-C) transportation planning
  - Develop regional agreement on multimodal transportation investment priorities

- Allocated funds from the federal Highway Trust Fund for MPO planning activities
  - Primary source commonly called “PL funds”
  - Can be funded by local government contributions, other sources
Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- Develop 20+ year long range transportation plan and 5-year transportation improvement programs
- Develop public participation plan
- Annually submit transportation priorities to FDOT (state law)
- 26 in Florida today
Florida Urbanized Areas
1970 ~ 2000

1970 Urbanized Areas

Ft. Lauderdale - Hollywood
Gainesville
Jacksonville
Miami
Orlando

Pensacola
St. Petersburg
Tallahassee
Tampa
West Palm Beach

Source: US Census Bureau and FDOT.
**Florida Urbanized Areas**

1970 ~ 2000

1980 Urbanized Areas

Daytona Beach*
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood
Fort Myers*
Fort Pierce*
Fort Walton Beach*
Gainesville
Jacksonville
Lakeland*
Melbourne-Cocoa*
Miami
Naples*

Ocala*
Orlando
Panama City*
Pensacola
Saint Petersburg
Sarasota-Bradenton*
Tallahassee
Tampa
West Palm Beach
Winter Haven*

* Newly qualified Urbanized Area

Source: US Census Bureau and FDOT.
Florida Urbanized Areas
1970 ~ 2000

1990 Urbanized Areas

Daytona Beach
Deltona*
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood
Fort Myers-Cape Coral
Fort Pierce
Fort Walton Beach
Gainesville
Jacksonville
Kissimmee*
Lakeland
Melbourne-Palm Bay
Miami-Hialeah
Naples
Ocala
Orlando
Panama City
Pensacola
Punta Gorda*
Sarasota-Bradenton
Spring Hill*
Stuart*
Tallahassee
Tampa-St. Petersburg-
Clearwater
Titusville*
Vero Beach*
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-
Delray Beach
Winter Haven

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Source: US Census Bureau and FDOT.
Florida Urbanized Areas
1970 ~ 2000

2000 Urbanized Areas

Bonita Springs-Naples
Brooksville
Cape Coral
Daytona Beach-Port Orange
Deltona
Fort Walton Beach
Gainesville
Jacksonville
Kissimmee
Lady Lake*
Lakeland
Leesburg-Eustis*
Miami
North Port-Punta Gorda
Ocala
Orlando
Palm Bay-Melbourne
Panama City
Pensacola FL-AL
Port St. Lucie
Saint Augustine*
Sarasota-Bradenton
Tallahassee
Tampa-St. Petersburg
Titusville
Vero Beach-Sabastian
Winter Haven
Zephyrhills*

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What Is the Florida Transportation Plan?

- Florida’s long range transportation plan
- A plan for all of Florida
- Provides policy framework for expenditure of state and federal transportation funds
- Identifies implementation strategies
Overview: Jurisdictions and Agencies

411 Municipalities
67 Counties
26 Metropolitan planning organizations
28 Fixed route transit systems
11 Regional planning councils
11 Transportation authorities
7 FDOT districts and 2 enterprises
Regional Governance: Southeast Florida

Southeast Florida Transportation Council

FDOT District VI

Florida Rail Enterprise

MDX

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority / Tri-Rail

South Florida Regional Planning Council

MCT

MDT

BCT

Palm Tran

Treasure Coast Transportation Council

FDOT District IV

Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Port St Lucie UA

MPO

TPO

MPO

SRA

St. Lucie

3 cities

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Martin

4 cities

COAM

COASL

Indian River

5 cities

Vero UA

Broward

31 cities

MPO

Southeast Florida Transportation Council

BCT

Martin

4 cities

COAM

SRA

Miami-Dade

35 cities

Miami Urbanized Area

Monroe

5 cities

MPO

MDT
21\textsuperscript{st} Century Governance Model

- Create statewide vision
  - Integrate transportation with other issues; provide geographic perspective on future development and investment
  - Link regional visions to accomplish statewide goals and build Florida’s megaregions

- Enhance regional coordination and decision making
  - Transition Florida’s MPO structure to focus on regional and metropolitan scale transportation issues
  - Strengthen regional transportation planning and priority setting in rural areas
  - Develop a governance structure to promote integrated regional transit
  - Strengthen regional coordination among modal partners and operating agencies
**Designation of MPOs**

- Federal law and rule:
  - Designate a MPO for each urbanized area 50,000 or more (as defined by Census)
  - To extend feasible, only one MPO per urbanized area and group of contiguous urbanized areas
  - More than one MPO may be designated due to size and complexity
  - MPO designation/redesignation based on agreement between Governor and local elected officials
  - Designation of an existing MPO remains in effect until the MPO is redesignated
Designation of MPOs, cont.

u State law:

✓ MPO voting membership: between 5 and 19 members
  - Exact number determined on equitable geographic-population ratio by Governor, based on agreement among affected local governments
  - Other MPO voting memberships provisions: minimum number of county commissioners, alternate members, etc.

✓ Governor reviews MPO membership in conjunction with decennial census and reapportion it as needed
  - Special provisions: charter county over 1 million in population

u After each census, existing MPOs:

✓ Reassess their metropolitan planning area boundaries, voting membership
Upcoming Events/Issues

- The U.S. Census Bureau to release the list of urbanized areas based on the 2010 Census by Spring 2012
- If new urbanized area identified, a MPO must be designated to represent it
  - Can be an existing MPO
- Review changes to urbanized boundaries
  - Should some existing MPOs merge?
  - Planning area boundaries need to change?
  - Changes to voting membership needed?
Upcoming Events/Issues

Next steps

- Reach agreement on planning boundaries of MPOs and enhanced regional coordination/planning
  - Based on new, expanded, merged urbanized areas

- Request MPOs board membership apportionment plans and interlocal agreement be prepared/submitted
  - For Governor approval: ensure compliance with state and federal requirements

- Revise formulas for federal MPO planning funds
  - FDOT prepares in consultation with MPOs
Think Safety, Buckle Up