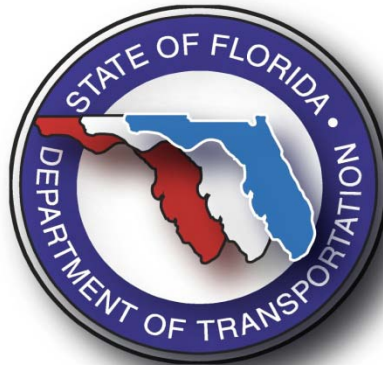


Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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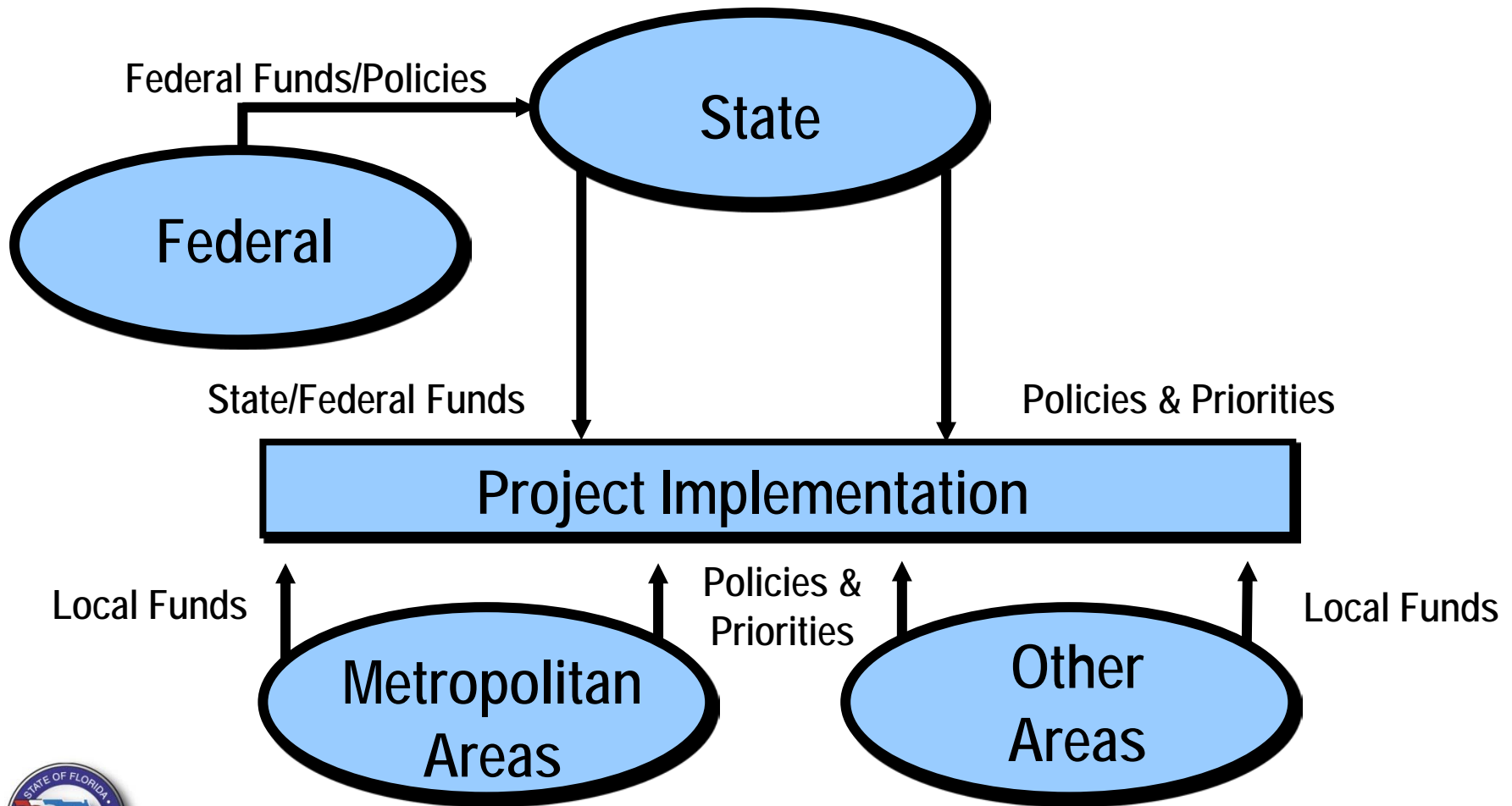
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Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- u MPO responsibilities
- u Designation of MPOs
- u Upcoming issues



The Decision-Making Framework



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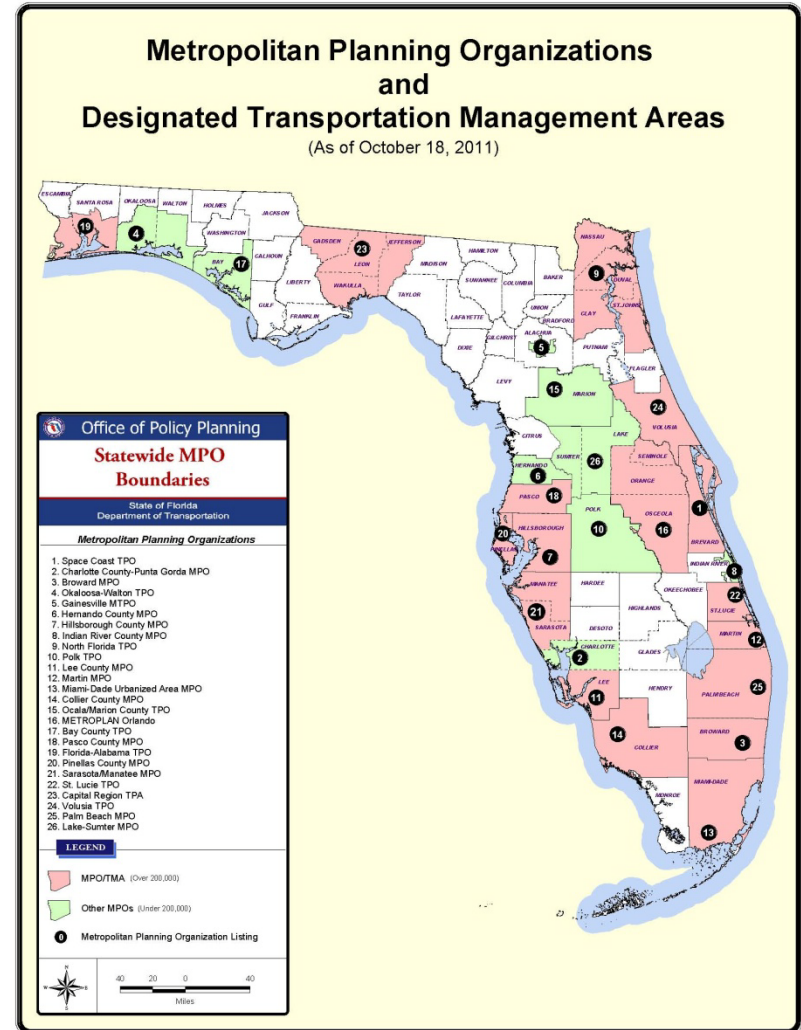
Required by Federal Law

- u 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
- u 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

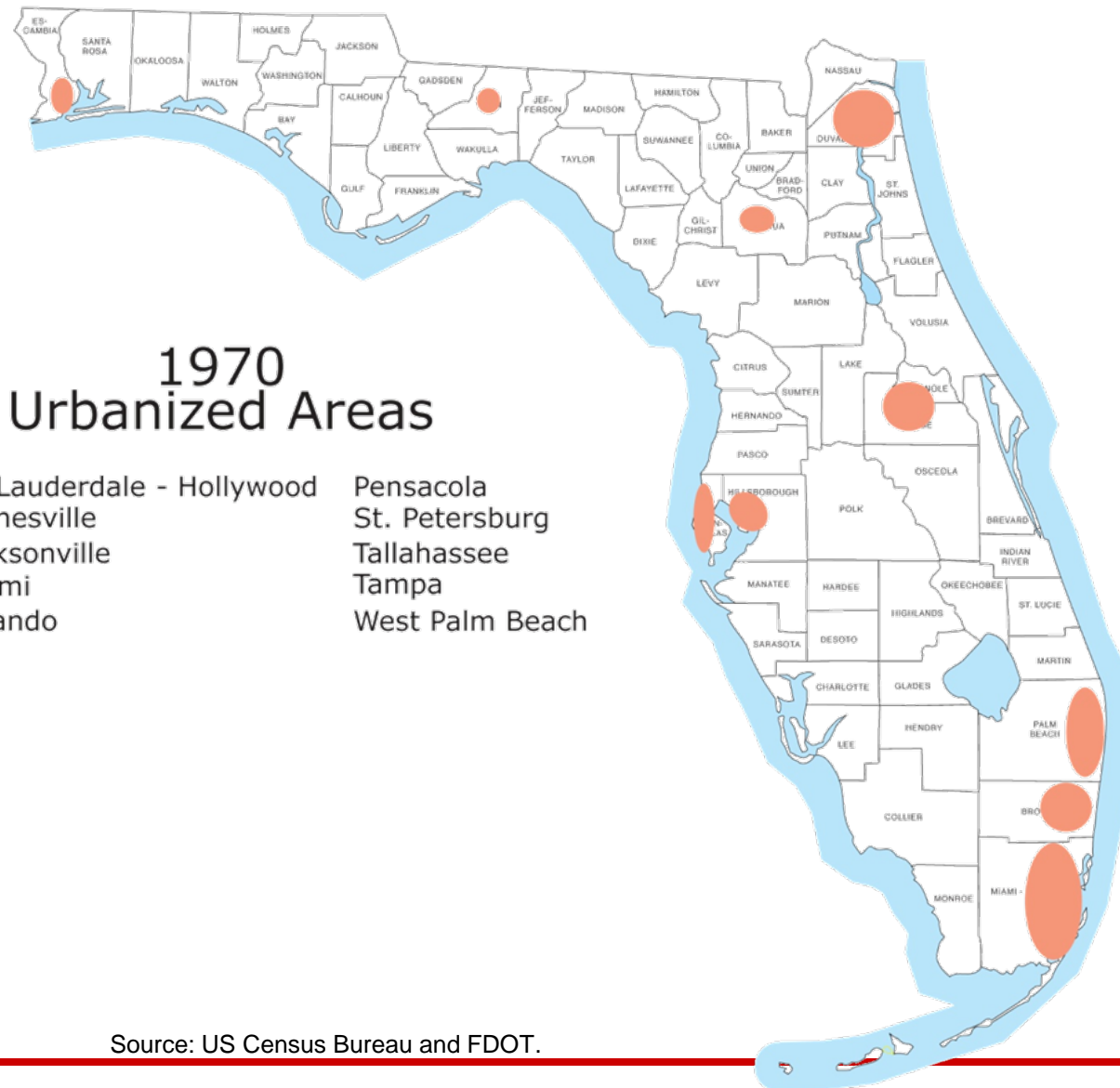


Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- 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

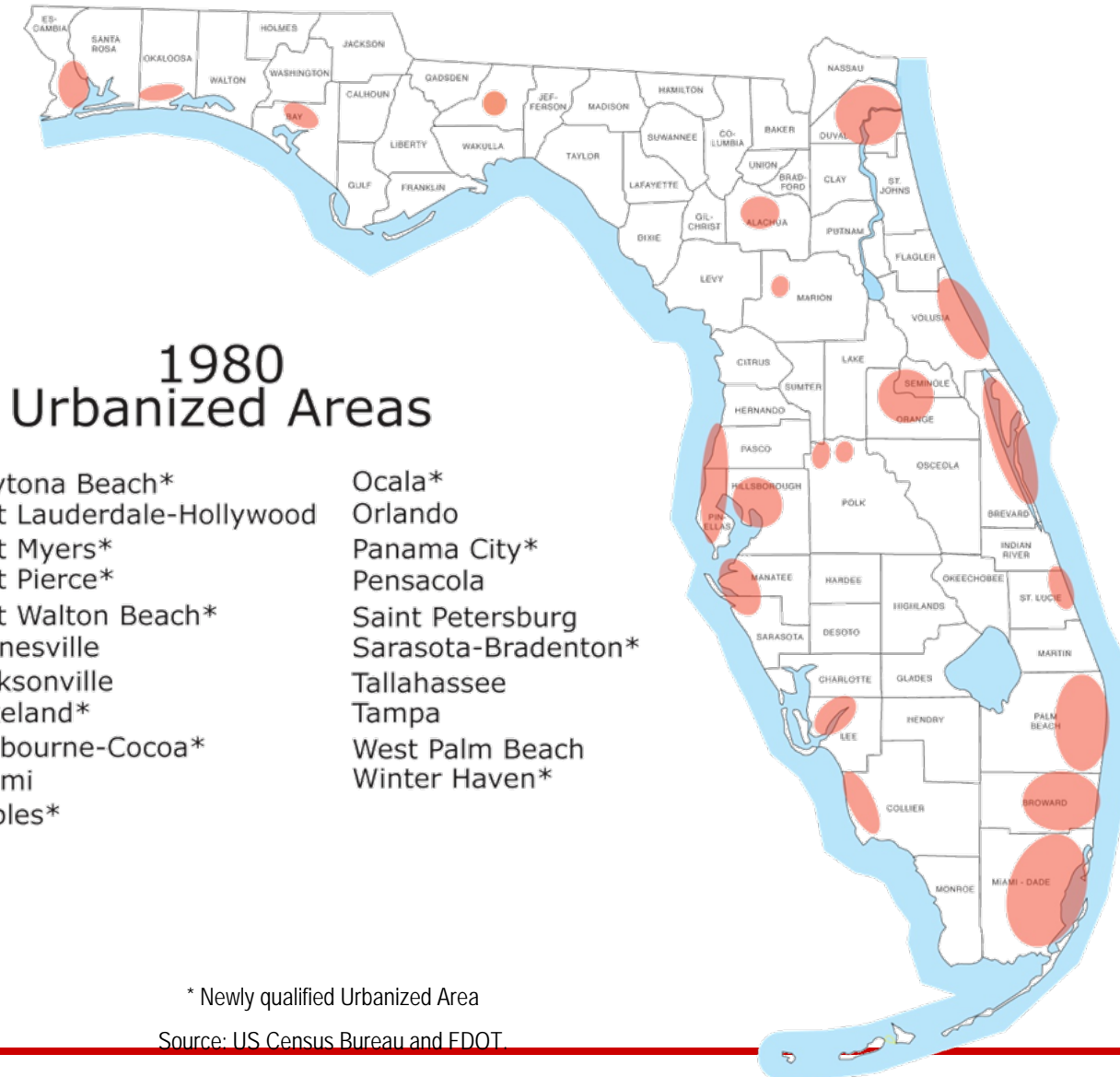


Florida Urbanized Areas 1970 ~ 2000

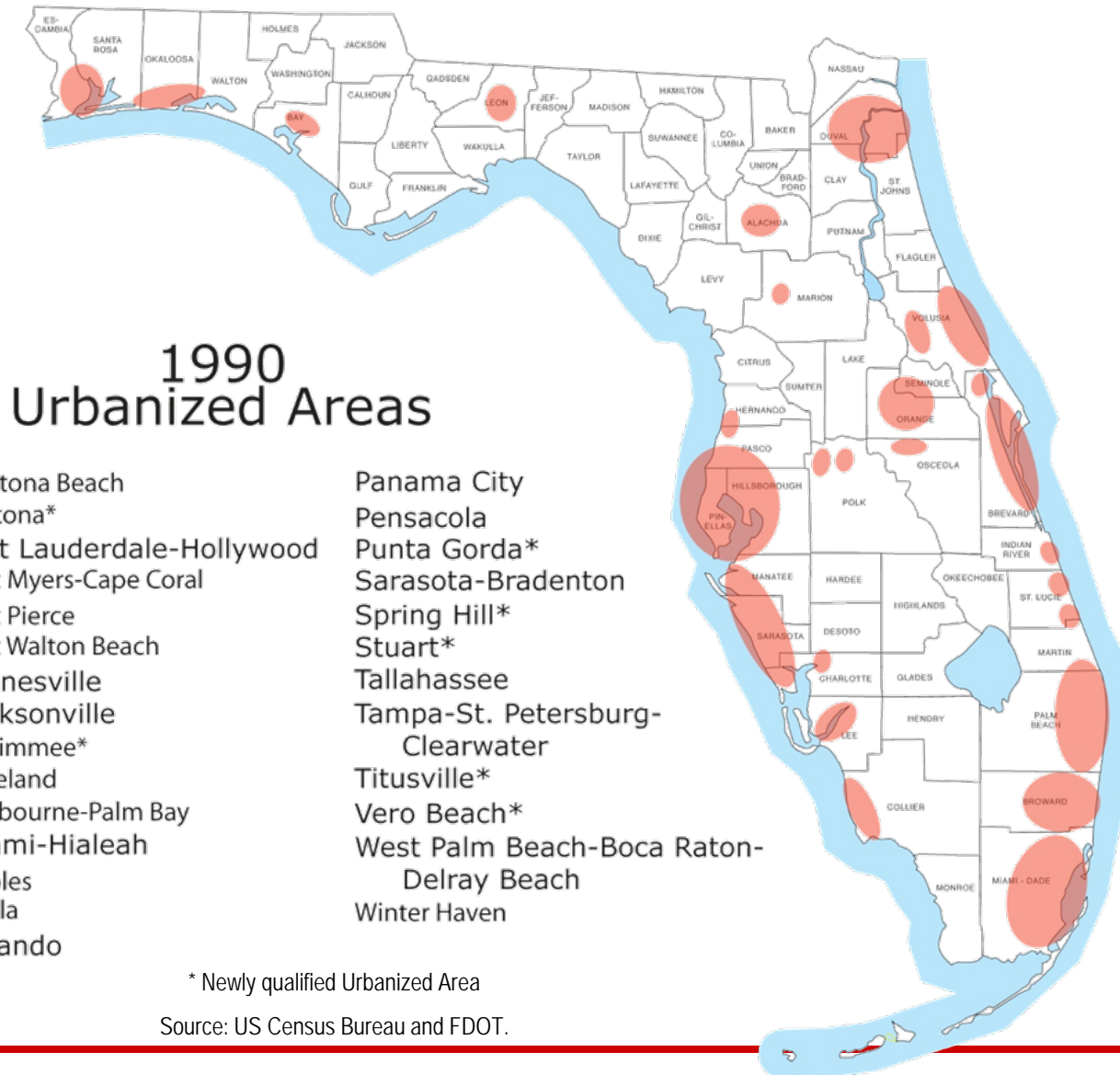


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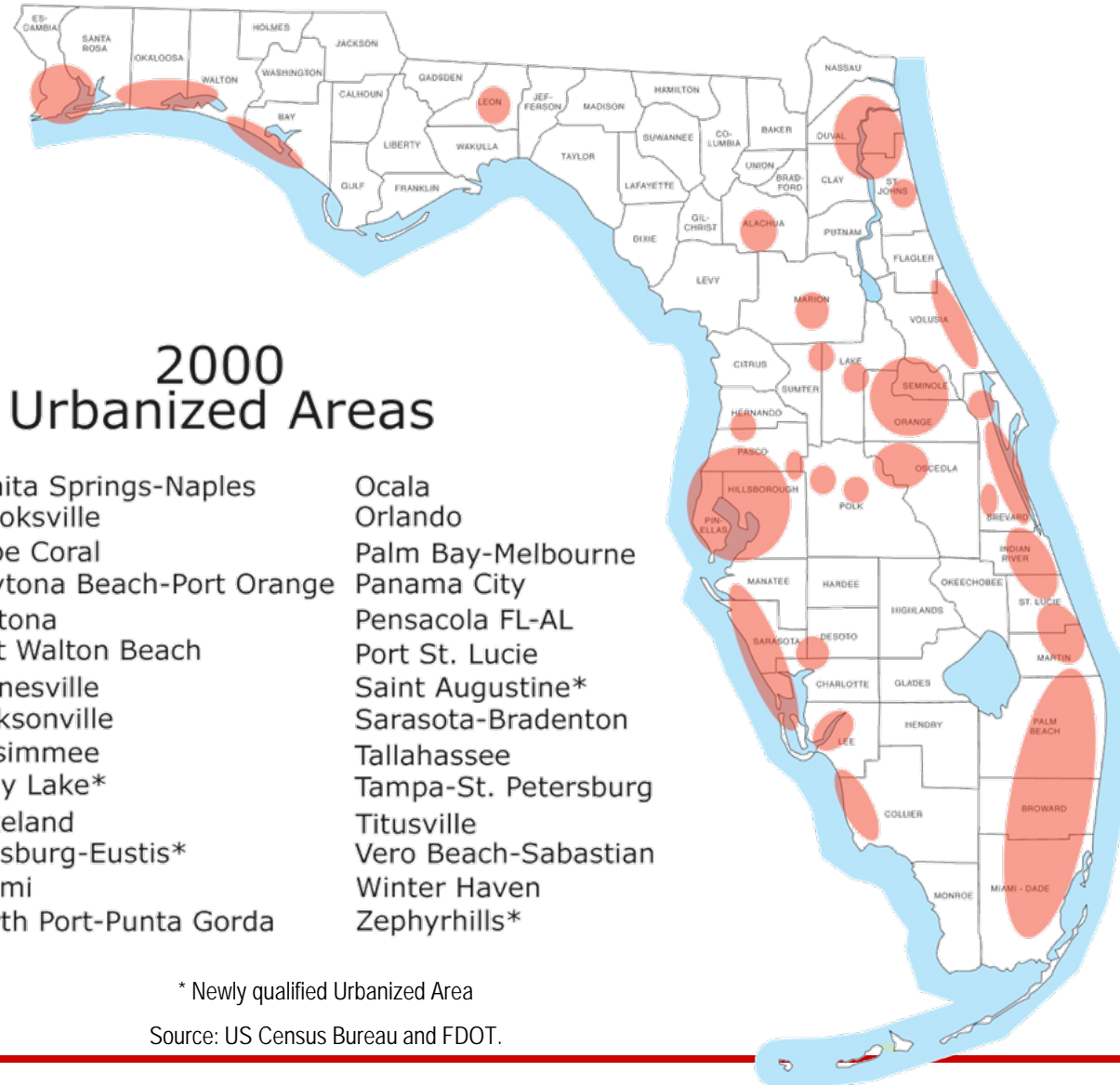
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* Newly qualified Urbanized Area

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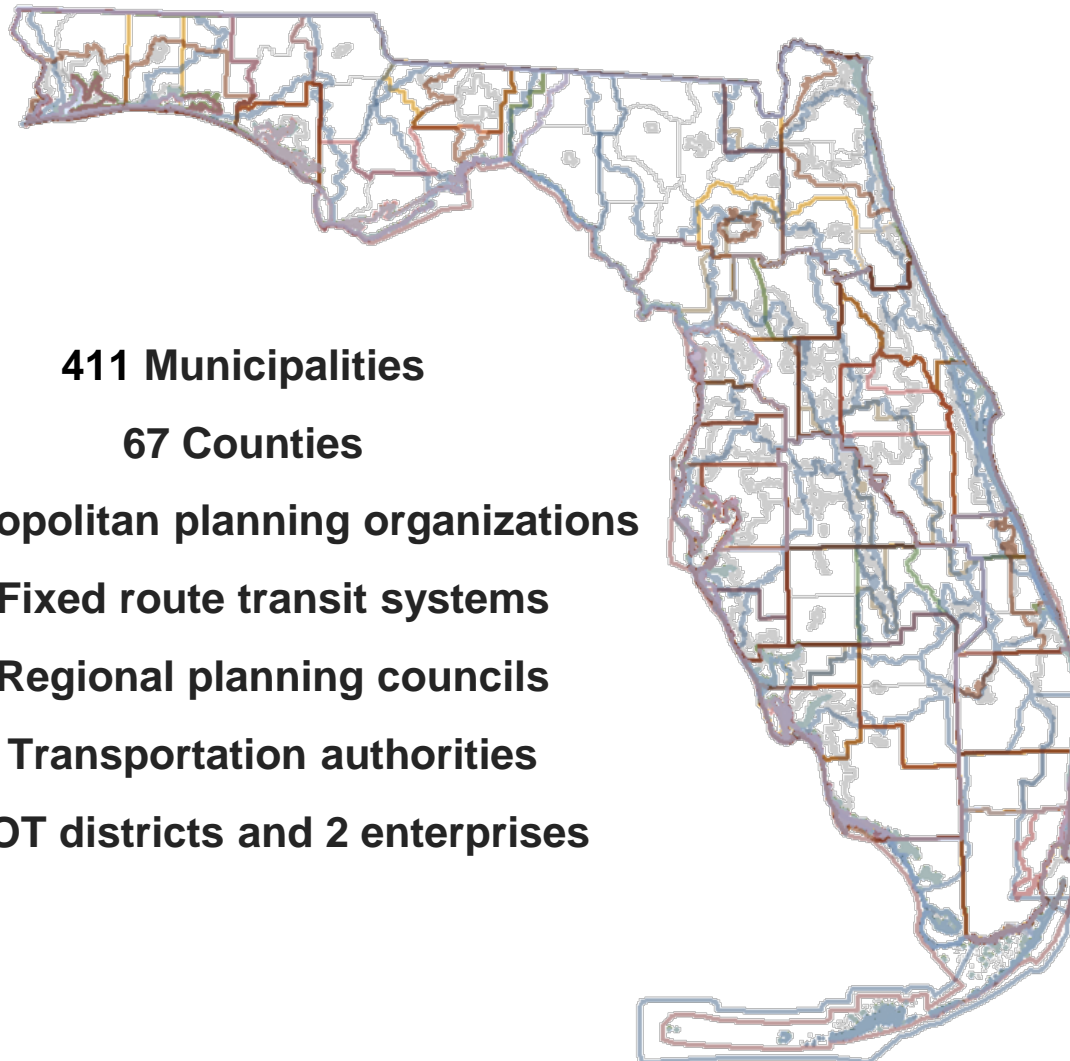


What Is the Florida Transportation Plan?

- u Florida's long range transportation plan
- u A plan for all of Florida
- u Provides policy framework for expenditure of state and federal transportation funds
- u Identifies implementation strategies



Overview: Jurisdictions and Agencies



411 Municipalities

67 Counties

26 Metropolitan planning organizations

28 Fixed route transit systems

11 Regional planning councils

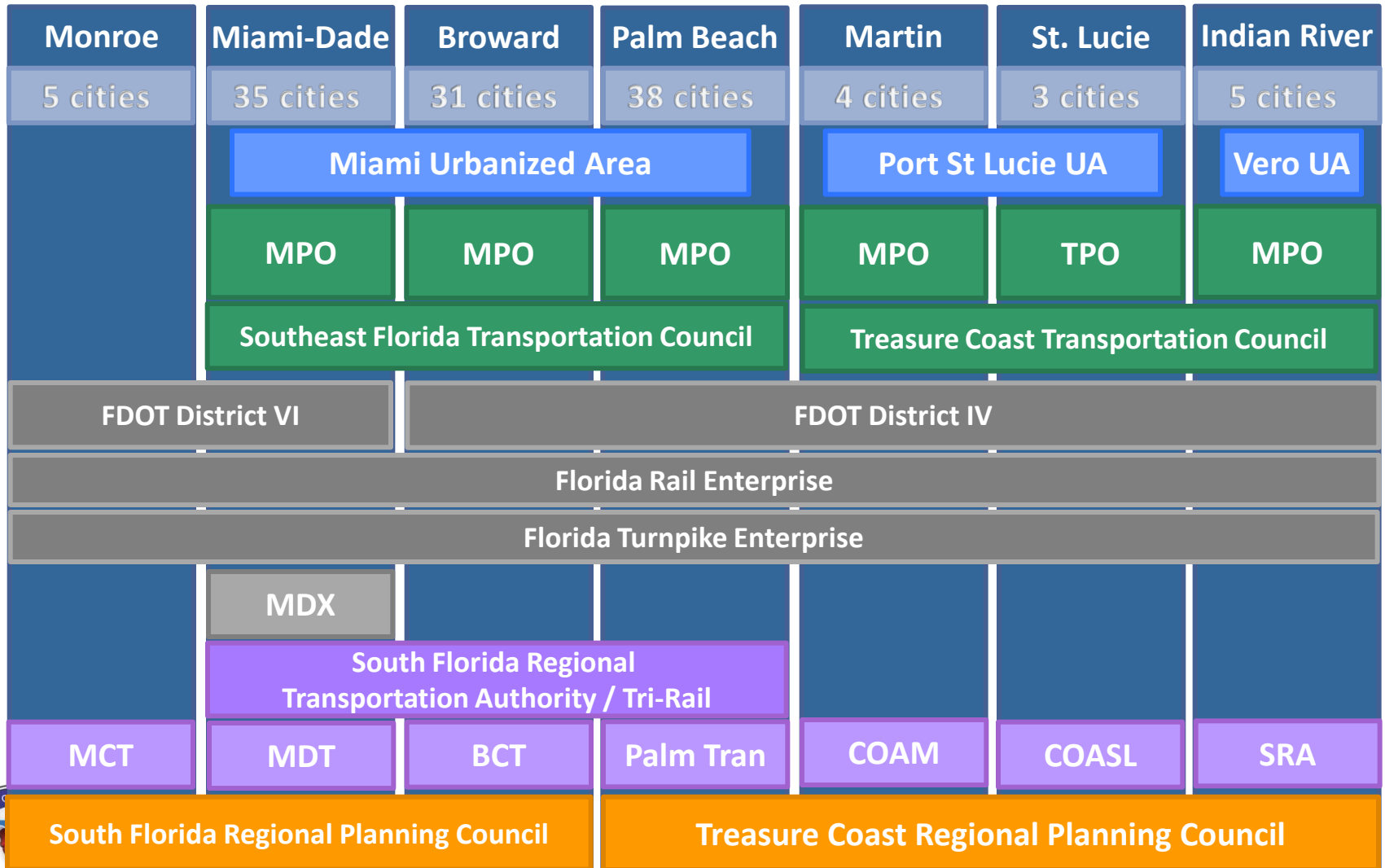
11 Transportation authorities

7 FDOT districts and 2 enterprises



County and Municipal, Census Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Regional Planning Councils, FDEP Ecosystem Management Districts, Water Management Districts, FDOT Districts, Statutorily created transportation authorities, regional visioning initiatives

Regional Governance: Southeast Florida



21st Century Governance Model

u 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

u 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

u Federal law and rule:

- ✓ Designate a MPO for each urbanized area 50,000 or more (as defined by Census)
- ✓ To extent 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

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



Upcoming Events/Issues

u 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

