Presentation Outline

• Evolution of the North Florida TPO
• Primary Responsibilities
• Regional Initiatives
• Value as a Regional Entity
• Examples of Regional Accomplishments
• Q&A
Evolution of the North Florida TPO

- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area designated in 1978
- Single county MPO representing Duval County

Census Urbanized Areas -1970

Jacksonville Urbanized Area
Evolution of the North Florida TPO

Census Urbanized Areas -1980

- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area
- Expanded to include Duval and northern portions of Clay and St. Johns Counties
Evolution of the North Florida TPO

Census Urbanized Areas - 1990

- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area
- No significant expansion
- Boundary continued to include Duval and northern portions of Clay and St. Johns Counties.
Evolution of the North Florida TPO

Census Urbanized Areas - 2000

New Era of Regionalism

- Rebranded as the First Coast MPO in 2004
- Became an Independent Agency
- Expanded to incorporate the City of St. Augustine which was eligible to become an MPO
- Also added a significant portion of Nassau County
Evolution of the North Florida TPO

- Rebranded again in 2008 as the North Florida TPO
- Expanded in 2011 to include 100% of Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties
North Florida TPO Stats

4 Counties = Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns (One of only two MPOs in the State with 4 or more counties)

Land Area = 2,636 sq. mi. (Largest geographic boundary in the State)

Population = 1,287,094 (4th largest in the State)

Staff Size = 9 (3rd fewest staff per capita in the State at 1 to 140,813. State Average is 1 to 76,123)

Average Annual Budget = $2.5M
The BIG Roundtable was sunset in 2010 after sluggish attendance. The TPO instead joined as a partner in the Regional Chamber Logistics Advisory Group which has proven to be far more effective.
15 Member Policy Board

- Two Clay County Commissioners
- One St. Johns County Commissioner
- One Nassau County Commissioner
- Mayor, City of Jacksonville
- Mayor, City of St. Augustine or St. Augustine Beach (rotating)
- Three Jacksonville City Council Members
- One Mayor from the Beaches Communities - Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach or Jacksonville Beach
- Jacksonville Port Authority Board Member
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority Board Member
- Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board Member
- St. Augustine - St. Johns County Airport Authority Board Member
- Nassau County Ocean, Highway and Port Authority Board Member
- Non-Voting Advisors include: District 2 Secretary, FDOT; a U.S. Navy representative and a representative from the Baker, Flagler and Putnam County Commissions.
Primary Responsibilities

• Long Range Transportation Plan
• Transportation Improvement Program
• Unified Planning Work Program
Additional Responsibilities / Initiatives

- Transportation Conformity
- Congestion Management Plan
- Duval County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
- Commuter Assistance Program
- North Florida ITS Coalition
- North Florida Clean Cities Program
- Freight & Rail Planning
- Transit Planning
Value as a Regional Entity since 2004

- Increased Staff / Agency Credibility
- Parochialism in the region and among Board members significantly reduced.
- Consensus on Project Priorities and Funding
- Improved and Expanded Partnerships
- Growth of Regional Initiatives
Examples of Regional Accomplishments

• North Florida ITS Coalition
  - ITS Regional Master Plan
  - Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC) funding *(Fully funded by the TPO)*
  - TIMe4Safety First Responder Training Video
  - Regional Bridge Wind Sensor Project

• North Florida Clean Cities Coalition
  - Regional Alternative Fuels Master Plan
  - Regional CNG Conversion Initiative
  - US Dept. of Energy Designation
Examples of Regional Accomplishments

• Port, Freight and Rail Planning
  - North Florida Freight, Logistics and Intermodal Plan
  - Future Rail Corridor Study (Intermodal)
  - Partnerships with Regional Chamber Logistics Advisory Group, JAXPORT and Nassau Port

• Project and Funding Consensus
  - Board members continue to support consolidation of TPO funds for single regional projects.
  - Leveraging TPO funds with partnering agencies and counties have allowed projects to advance even in a stressed economy.
Thank You

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