Regional Transportation Study Commission (RTSC)

- Senate Bill 2470 (2010)
- 7 Counties
  - 20 members
- Structure
  - Planning Committee
  - Governance & Funding Committee
- Deliverables
  - Regional Transportation Elements Plan
  - Defining characteristics of projects of regional significance
  - Implementation Plan
Emerging Crisis – Regional Mobility

- Growth
- Commute Distance and Time
- Lack of Transportation Options
- Lack of Funding
Regional Representation

Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority

Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority

Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Southwest Florida Expressway Authority

“Lack of Local Funds Hurts Road Plans”
San Antonio Express-News, May 6, 2012

“Vice President Biden, U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood
Miami Mayor Diaz Tour MIC-Miami Intermodal Center Cited as Model for Investment.”
Miami Herald, Oct 2009
Regional Transportation Plan
(Regional Corridors)

- Economic Competitiveness
- Mobility
- Connectivity
- Integrated Planning
- High level of inter-county or inter-regional travel,
- Primary connection between activity centers or municipalities,
- High percentage of freight within the corridor,
- Primary connection to marine, aviation or intermodal facilities,
- Regional emergency evacuation route, and/or
- Support for or enhancement of the functionality of another identified regional facility(s) in the corridor.
Potential Regional Project Modes & Categories

Regional Transit/Public Transportation

Regional Intermodal Facilities

Regional Roadways

Regional Bike/Pedestrian & Other Facilities
Regional Transportation Assessment & Gap Analysis – Key Conclusions

- Fund/accelerate/construct key state road projects on regional network
- Fund/construct regional projects on non-state roads
- Plan/fund/construct and operate regional transit
- Coordinate regional paratransit

“...Don’t Count on Help from State and Federal Governments”
Chicago Tribune, May 3, 2012
RTSC Recommendations

❖ Framework for Multimodal Regional Transportation Plan
  ▪ Regional Corridors Plan and Preliminary Network
  ▪ Regionally significant projects based on goals of connectivity, mobility, economic competitiveness and integrated planning
  ▪ Regional Project Modes & Categories

❖ Phased Implementation of Regional Approach
  ▪ Phase I: Form a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
    ▪ Develop the Multimodal Regional Transportation Plan
    ▪ Identify and secure a proposed funding source(s)
    ▪ Advance strategic regional projects
    ▪ Coordinate regional transit

  ▪ Phase II: Establish the Regional Transportation Entity (if needed) with a Dedicated Funding Source to Implement the Regional Transportation Plan
Purposes and Functions (Phase 1 RTC)

Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

- Develop Regional Plan
- Secure New Funding for Implementation of Regional Plan
- Advance Regional Transportation Projects
- Coordinate Regional Transit

Planning
- Regional Planners (North Florida TPO, RTC)

Implementation
- Regional Implementers (Cities, Counties, FDOT, JTA, Ports)
Development of Regional Plan

- **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Vision**
- **Goals & Objectives**
- **Needs Plan** (funded and unfunded)
- **Financial Resources**
- **Cost Feasible Plan**

**Regional Needs Assessment**

**Regional Transportation Vision**

- **Goals and Objectives**
  - Regional Network
  - Regional Funding Value
- **Project Evaluations**
- **Regional Priority Project List**
Governance Structure

- 7-county 11-member voting Board with non-voting advisors (minimum 4 core counties)

Operational Structure

- Minimal dedicated staff; contract with others (government agencies or private)

Funding

- Initial start up per capita assessment

Sunset

- Must secure funding source to implement regional plan within 5 years
Benefits of the Phased Approach

- Builds trust and consensus and increase understanding of regional transportation needs
- Develops regional plan and funding sources concurrently
- Strengthens Northeast Florida’s regional voice on transportation issues
- Utilizes existing planners and implementers will be more cost effective and avoid new bureaucracy
- Creates the leadership, education and champions
- NFRTC sunsets if not successful
Implementation

- County Resolutions
  - 4 Approved - Baker, Clay, Putnam and St. Johns
  - 1 opted out – Flagler
  - 2 pending – Jacksonville/Duval and Nassau

- County contribution capped at $0.30 cents per capita and initial contribution based on proposed budget of $215,000

- Legislation creating Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission

- JAXUSA (Regional Chamber) creating regional transportation business alliance
Thank You!

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