

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**TRANSPORTATION**  
**Senator Collins, Chair**  
**Senator Avila, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Collins, Chair; Senator Avila, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Davis, Jones, Martin, McClain, Truenow, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
		Presentation by the Department of Transportation on Rural Arterial Roadways	Presented
		Discussion on Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Discussed
		Presentation by the Department of Transportation on Resiliency Planning	Presented
		Other Related Meeting Documents	

# Rural Arterial Roads

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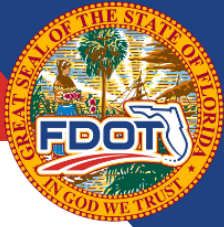
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

Will N. Watts, Jr., P.E., FDOT Assistant Secretary for Engineering & Operations

**February 11, 2025**



# 67 Counties – One State Highway System



**23,000,000+**

RESIDENTS

**18,000,000+**

LICENSED DRIVERS

**300,000,000+**

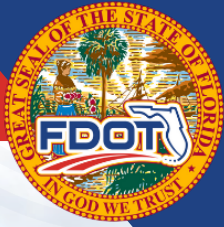
MILES TRAVELED DAILY

**800-1,200**

NEW RESIDENTS DAILY



# Locally-Driven Projects



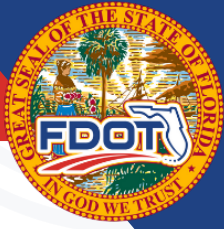
**Local  
Prioritization**

**Community  
Engagement**

**Changes in  
Conditions**



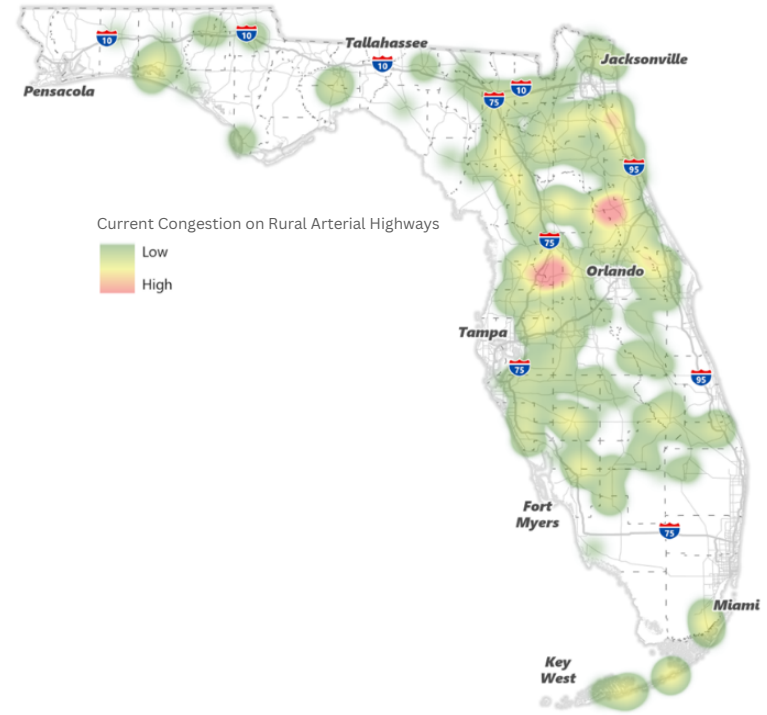
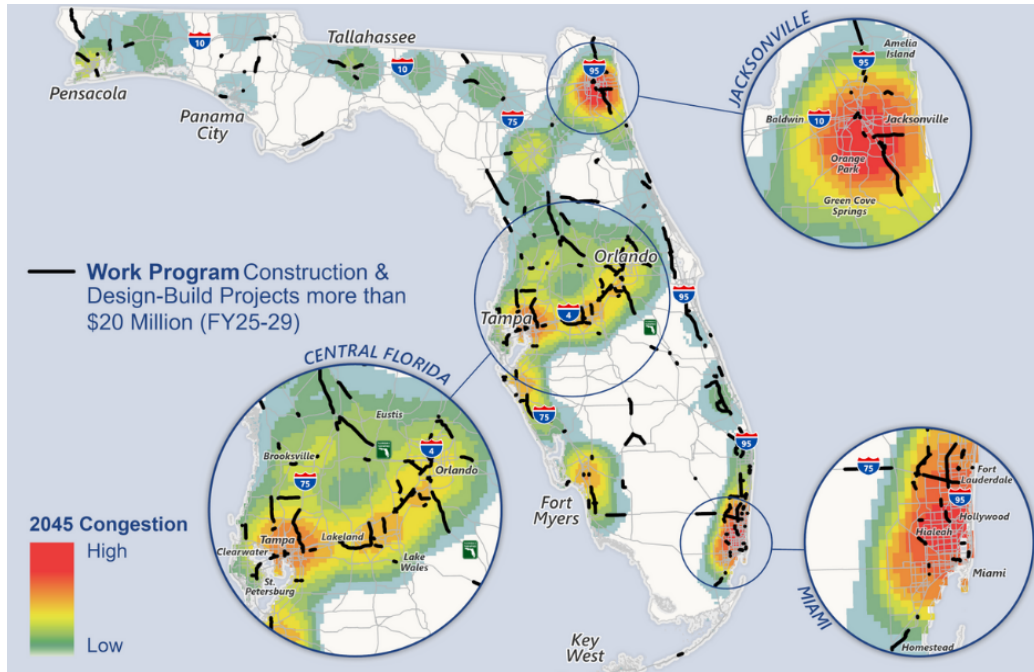
# Arterial Highway Program



**Under Governor DeSantis, Florida has increased its investments to arterial highways, which are necessary to:**

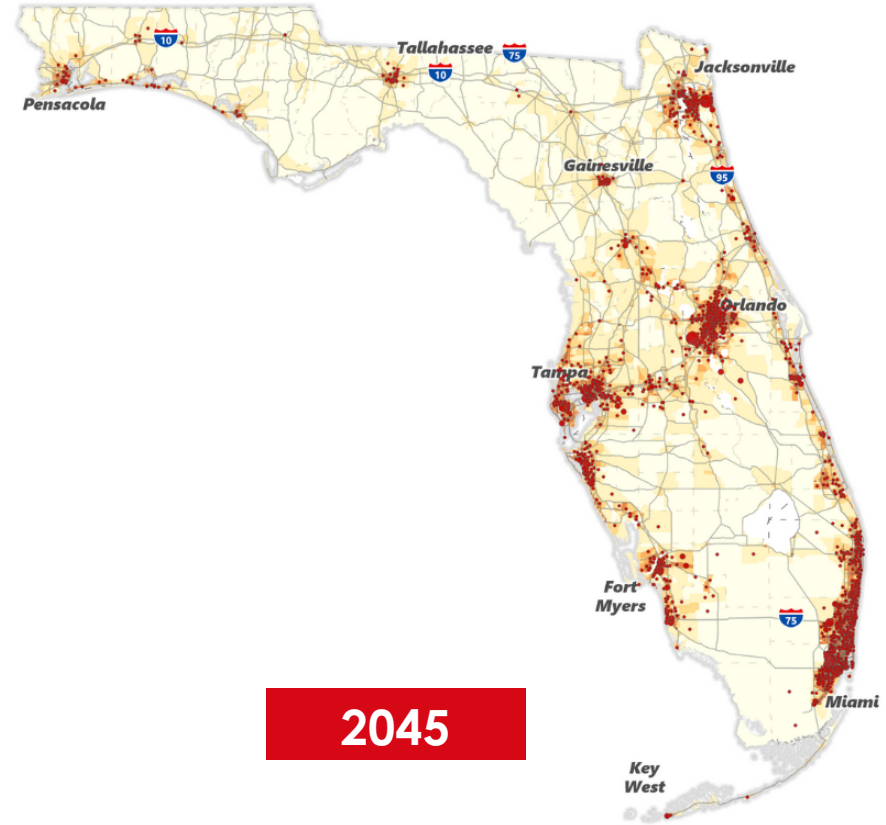
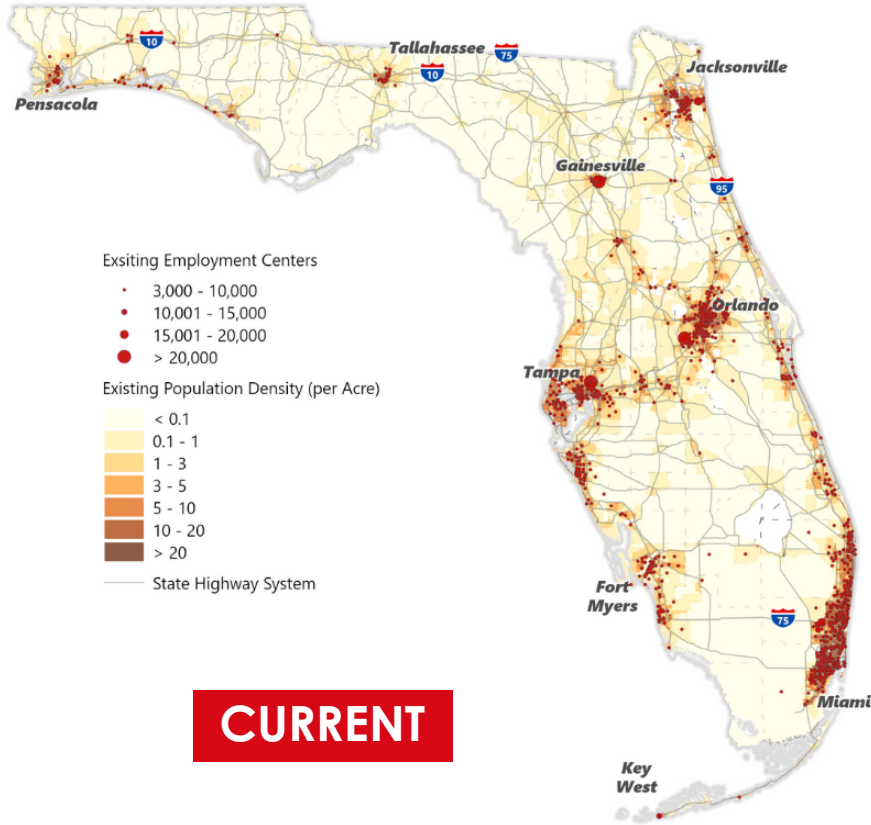
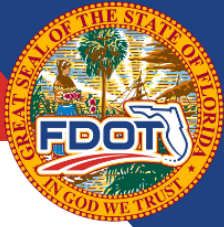
- Relieve congestion on Florida's roadways,
- Connect Florida's rural communities and more densely populated areas,
- Enhance economic competitiveness and support the supply chain; and
- Increase number of evacuation routes.

# Every Roadway Matters



ARTERIAL ROADS ARE JUST AS IMPACTFUL TO OUR ROAD NETWORK AS INTERSTATES

# Commuter Growth Patterns



# Planning for the Future



Must strategically fund projects with available revenue

## FULLY FUNDED

Total Projects: 8

Programmed Amount: \$643,992,417

## PARTIALLY FUNDED

Total Projects: 49

Programmed Amount: \$502,456,678

Unfunded Amount: \$4,711,317,510

## OPPORTUNITY PROJECTS

Total Projects: 149

Programmed Amount: \$0

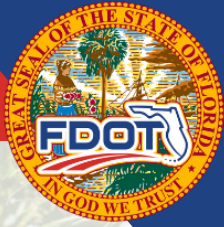
Unfunded Amount: \$11,871,654,418



Florida is Growing: More Drivers, Urban Sprawl = New Opportunities



# Questions?



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Rural Arterial Roadway Funding

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# Tampa Bay Regional MPO – Progress and Next Steps

Whit Blanton, FAICP  
Forward Pinellas

January 17, 2025



**SCTPA**  
Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance

ONE REGION, ONE VOICE



# What is a MPO or TPO?

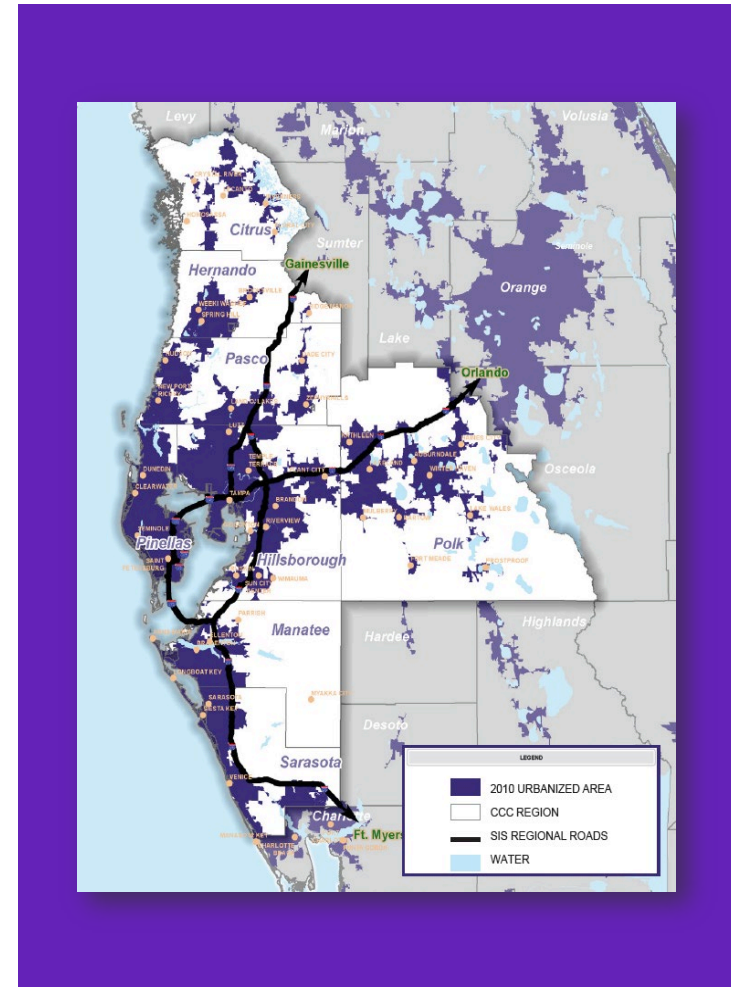
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations created by Congress to fulfill transportation planning responsibilities and receive funds to address transportation needs in urban areas over 50,000 people
- Continuing, comprehensive & cooperative planning process
  - Establish priorities for state and federal funding
  - Engage the public in decision-making
  - Additional responsibilities and authority for MPOs in Transportation Management Areas
- Tampa Bay's county-based MPOs created in the 1970s
- Federal requirements and state statutes govern MPOs in Florida





# Some Context

- Most federal transportation funding allocated to the urban area; FDOT then distributes funds based on county population
- Major sources of transportation funding are competitive
- After the 1990 Census, the Florida Governor formally requested the Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas MPOs merge as a single MPO serving the Tampa-St. Petersburg Urban Area
- SCTPA (and TMA Leadership Group) created to guide regional planning and collaboration among the MPOs



# Why Merge the MPOs?



Potential to significantly improve the region's transportation network



Strengthen relationships among elected officials, staff, and partners across the region



Tackle regional issues more effectively



Impetus from the Florida Legislature (HB 425 in 2023)

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# Important Considerations

- Concerns over structural deficiencies and communities losing influence
- No guarantee of more funding or resolving needs for transportation operations and maintenance
- Potential to shift emphasis to regional projects instead of community safety, access and mobility needs
- Could weaken countywide planning and linkage with land use
- How would a regional agency conduct public participation and engagement?

# What Have We Accomplished?

- Adopted MOU to explore a potential merger
- Submitted a Feasibility Report in December 2023 to the governor and legislature
- Reached consensus on a regional governing board consisting of 25 governing board members
  - 23 seats to be apportioned by population
  - Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (TPA) and Tampa Port Authority have voting representation by executive staff
  - Transportation operators serve as non-voting advisors
  - Small city representation to be determined by each county
- Approved scope of services for management and legal consultation



# MOU Principles

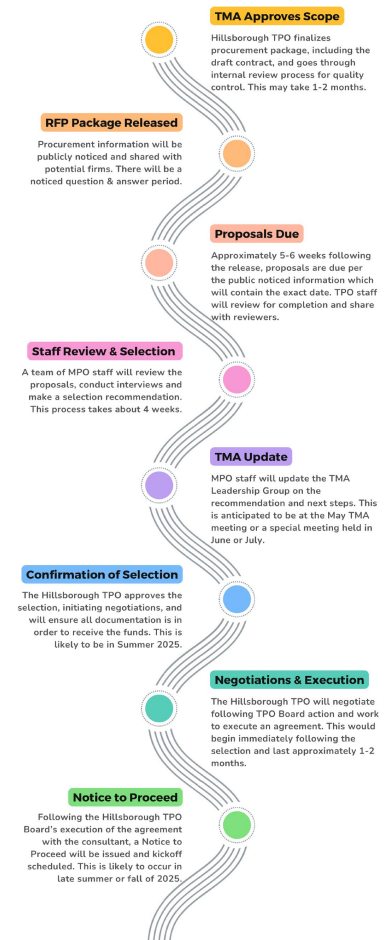
- Build collaboration and create a forum for leveraging the strength of the region to achieve better regional outcomes
- Respect the differences in characteristics, conditions and needs among the three counties and urban centers
- Determine a process that enables local voices to shape decision-making
- Establish a stable funding mechanism to support planning activities that leverage state and federal funding



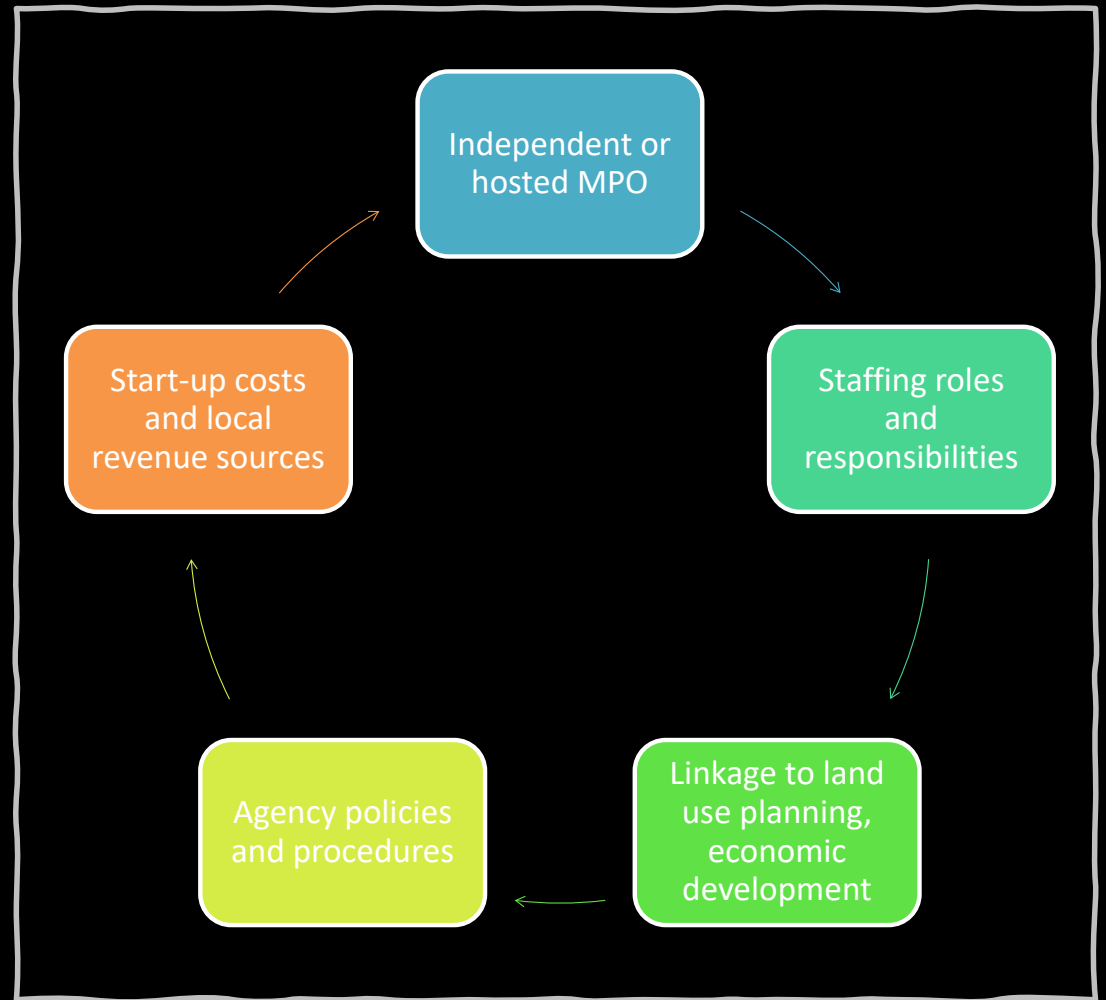
# Management and Legal Scope of Services

- Affirm the apportionment plan
- Evaluate the organizational structures in place
- Identify options and build consensus on a preferred agency structure
- Develop policies and procedures
- Obtain consensus among the general-purpose local governments representing at least 75% of the population of the urbanized area, and the central city(ies)

## Regional MPO Procurement



# Questions to Address





# Next Steps

- Develop FAQ on the merger
- Procure management & legal support
- Use federal Prioritization Process Pilot Program Grant award to explore ways to align each MPO's methods of setting transportation priorities
- Engage with the City of Tampa and Tampa Bay Partnership on the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) project
- Keep the Legislative Delegation apprised
- Continue meeting with local governments and other partners to address questions



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# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) OVERVIEW

**Florida Senate**

*Senate Committee on Transportation*

**Kim Holland, P.E., FDOT Assistant Secretary  
for Strategic Development**

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# Metropolitan Planning Organizations



Federally-mandated



Florida's first MPOs were established in **1973** in compliance with federal laws



Today, Florida has **27 MPOs** responsible for transportation planning within their boundaries

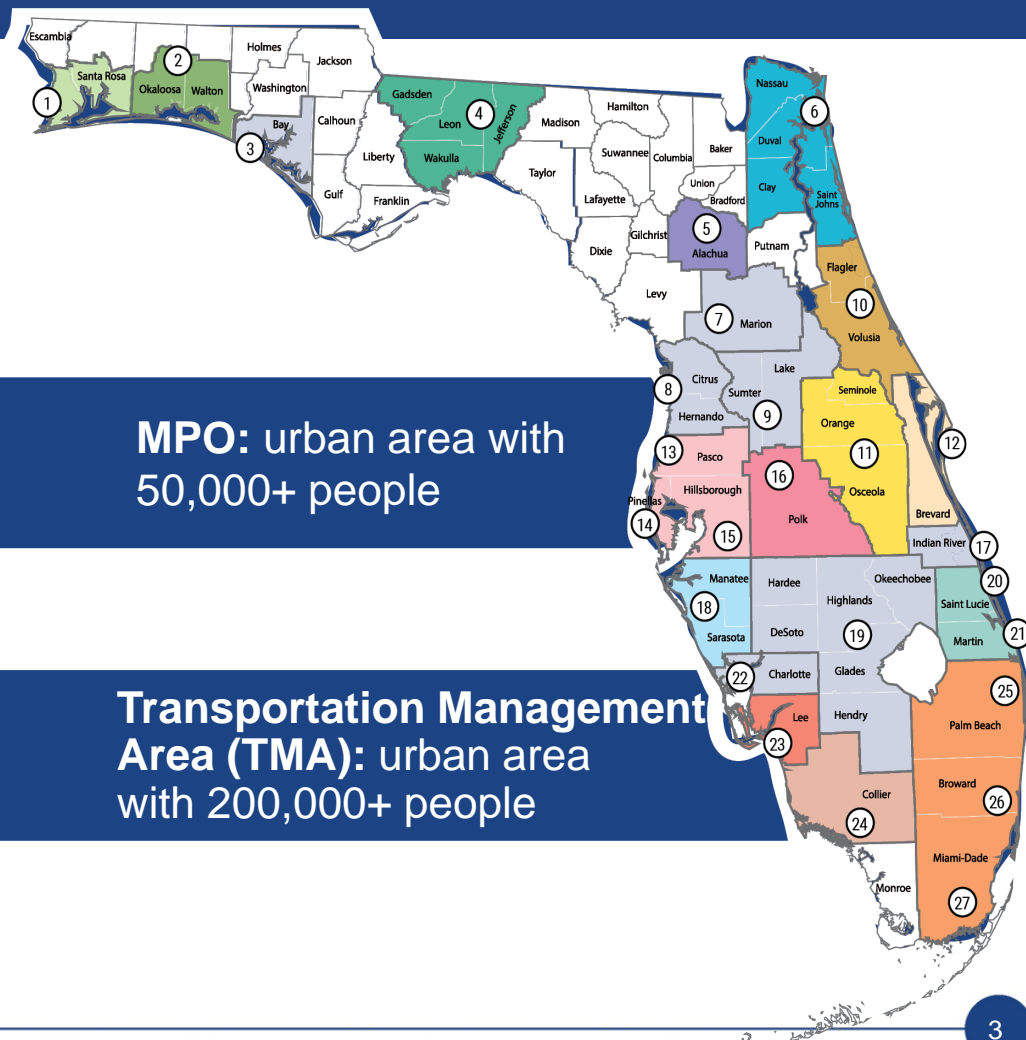


Rural communities utilize County Commissioners

# Florida's 27 MPOs

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)	Transportation Management Area* (TMA)
1. Florida-Alabama TPO	Pensacola, FL-AL
2. Okaloosa-Walton TPO	Navarre-Miramar Beach-Destin**
3. Bay County TPO	non-TMA MPO
4. Capital Region TPA	Tallahassee
5. Gainesville MTPO	Gainesville
6. North Florida TPO	Jacksonville
7. Ocala/Marion TPO	non-TMA MPO
8. Hernando/Citrus MPO	non-TMA MPO
9. Lake-Sumter MPO	non-TMA MPO
10. River to Sea TPO***	Daytona Beach-Palm Coast-Port Orange Deltona
11. MetroPlan Orlando***	Orlando Kissimmee-St. Cloud
12. Space Coast TPO	Palm Bay-Melbourne
13. Pasco County MPO	Tampa-St. Petersburg**
14. Forward Pinellas	
15. Hillsborough TPO	

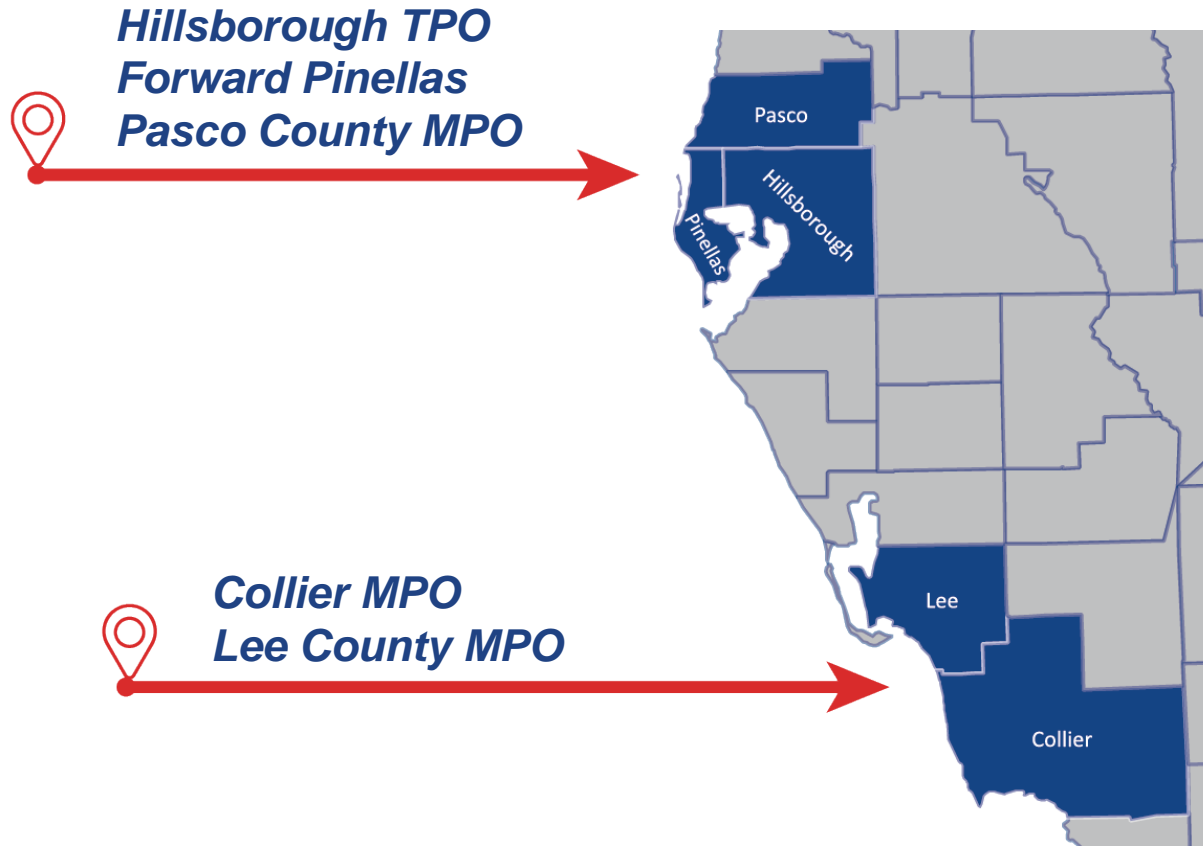
Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)	Transportation Management Area* (TMA)
16. Polk TPO***	Lakeland Winter Haven
17. Indian River County MPO	non-TMA MPO
18. Sarasota/Manatee MPO	Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice**
19. Heartland Regional TPO	non-TMA MPO
20. St. Lucie TPO	Port St. Lucie**
21. Martin MPO	
22. Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO	non-TMA MPO
23. Lee County MPO	Cape Coral
24. Collier MPO	Bonita Springs-Estero**
25. Palm Beach TPA	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale**
26. Broward MPO	
27. Miami-Dade TPO	





# Consolidation Efforts

*Regional Connectivity Reduces Congestion*





# Federal Regulations

*Outline the requirements for MPOs, including their creation, operation, and responsibilities*

- ✓ Federal funds are made available to MPOs for carrying out specific transportation planning activities (e.g., TIP and LRTP)
- ✓ MPOs must develop a UPWP that outlines its planning work and funding necessary to carry out these tasks
- ✓ MPOs must follow the 3-C planning process and ensure that transportation planning is consistent with federal, state, and local goals
- ✓ MPOs must integrate goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets from other state and public transportation provider plans and processes into their planning and programming activities



# Florida Laws

## FS 339.175 – Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Codifies MPOs in Florida law and outlines their responsibilities and requirements, including:

- Composition of MPO voting membership
- Designation of governing board and staff roles
- Preparation of a congestion management system
- Establishment of Interlocal agreements
- Creation and appointment of advisory committees
- Development of apportionment plans
- Florida-specific requirements for the LRTP and TIP

# Why Do MPOs Exist?



Federal mandate



Data-driven decision making



Community involvement



Short- and long-range planning



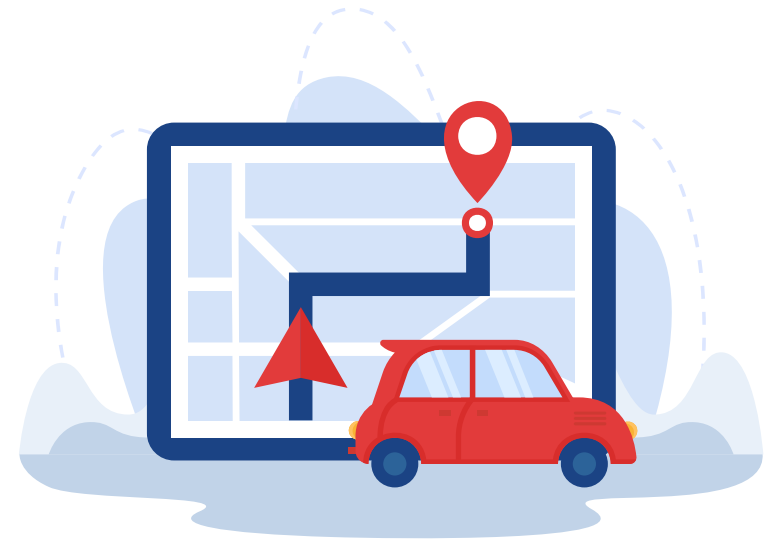
Identify and prioritize transportation improvements for each five-year cycle to align with FDOT's Five-Year Work Program



Coordinate regionally with MPOs in contiguous urban areas

# Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs)

- ✓ Serves as the foundation of a metropolitan area's vision for transportation over a 20+ year timeframe
- ✓ Reflects the MPO's project priorities for various modes
- ✓ Requires extensive public engagement, adhering to federal and state requirements
- ✓ Must align with the State's LRTP (Florida Transportation Plan)
- ✓ Updated every 5 years
- ✓ Currently in update cycle for 2050 LRTPs





# MPOAC

## FS 339.175 – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

### MPOAC roles and responsibilities:

- Works with MPOs and FDOT to ensure alignment between MPO LRTPs and the State's FTP
- Provides coordination platform for MPOs
- Offers policy guidance
- Supplies technical assistance, resources, and training
- Facilitates best practices among MPOs
- Monitors and analyzes legislative proposal that may impact MPOs

### MPOAC meets quarterly

# THANK YOU

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# Fortified Infrastructure Investments: It's What We Do.



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# FLORIDA:

## *A Coastal Peninsula*

*Throughout history, Florida has withstood hurricanes and severe weather. Fortunately, we plan for that:*

- Build to withstand winds and water.
- Preserve materials against saltwater.
- Practical investments.





# Wind and Water

*Ensuring Florida's infrastructure sustains for 75 -100 years is a fiscally -responsible approach.*

Key Focus Areas:



STRUCTURAL DESIGNS



STORM READINESS



DRAINAGE: FLOOD MITIGATION

# STRUCTURAL DESIGN

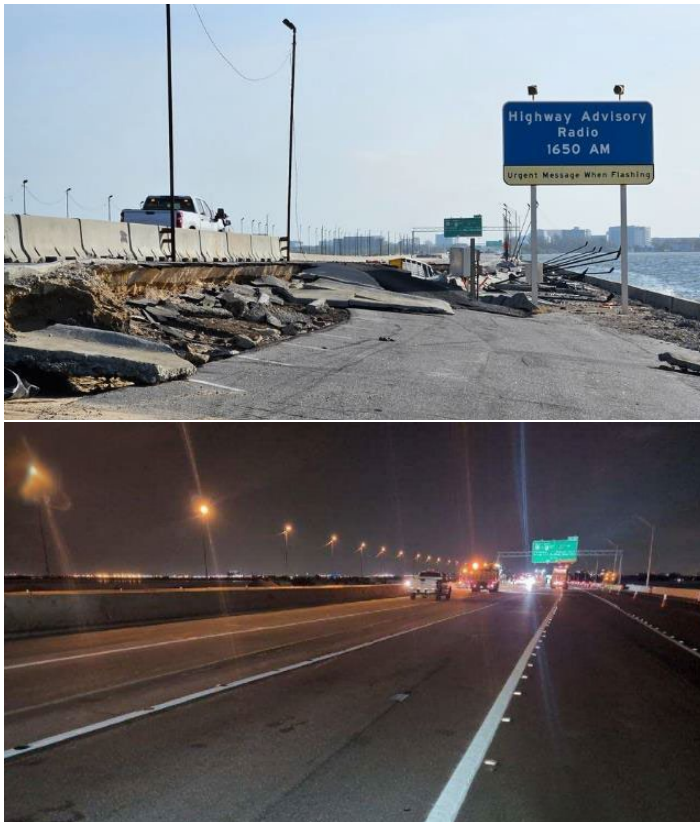
Goal: Mitigate Impacts of Storm Surge

## CHALLENGE:

High storm surge from hurricanes can cause disruptions on bridge structures during evacuations and recovery efforts.

## SOLUTION:

Design structure to withstand wind and water.



## PROJECT SUCCESS EXAMPLE: HOWARD FRANKLAND BRIDGE



- New bridge structure over 10 feet taller than original 1960 bridge structure.



# STORM READINESS

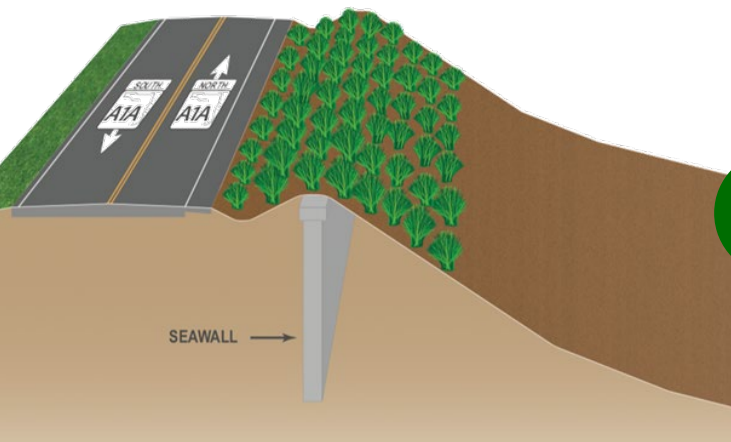
## Goal: Combat Coastline Erosion

### CHALLENGE:

Extreme wind and storm surge conditions from hurricanes can erode coastlines and damage nearby roadways.

### SOLUTION:

Armor roadways with engineering features to strengthen and protect from these impacts.



## PROJECT SUCCESS EXAMPLE: A1A BURIED SEAWALL

- Dune washed away, but buried secant pile bulkhead/seawall prevailed.
- Protects roadway from storm-related wave action and erosion.



# DRAINAGE: FLOOD MITIGATION

Goal: Enhance Drainage Systems

## CHALLENGE:

Localized flooding events are common in Florida due to natural elevation, routine heavy rainfall events, and storm surge.

## SOLUTION:

Evaluate and engineer our stormwater/drainage systems to allow for uncertain precipitation conditions and storm events to prevent damage to facilities.



## PROJECT SUCCESS EXAMPLES. 98 REHABILITATION →

- Replacement of drainage systems & regrading of ditches.
- Use of articulated block mattress to armor shoreline.



# FORTIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE



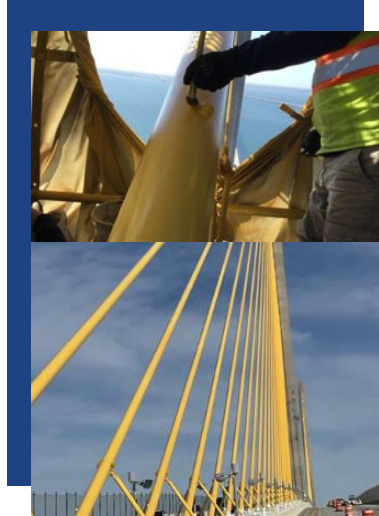
FDOT facilities are built to withstand wind and water – even hard freezes.



TRAFFIC SIGNALS



HIGH MAST  
LIGHTING



MATERIALS



PAVEMENT  
MARKINGS

# PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthening the future of Florida's transportation system requires inter-agency coordination & partnerships at all levels.

Interagency  
Mitigation  
Working  
Groups



Design &  
Construction





# THANK YOU



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34th District

February 11, 2025

**The Honorable Senator Jay Collins**  
Chairman, Transportation Committee  
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Dear Chairman Collins,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Transportation Committee at 4:00 p.m. due to a work conflict.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

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Florida State Senator – Senate District 34

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**4:00:07 PM** Chair Collins calls the meeting to order  
**4:00:10 PM** Roll call  
**4:00:14 PM** Quorum announced  
**4:00:25 PM** Chair Collins with comments, Sen. Jones is excused  
**4:00:56 PM** Pledge of Allegiance  
**4:01:07 PM** Chair Collins with comments  
**4:01:23 PM** Tab 1, Presentation by the Department of Transportation on Rural Arterial Roadways by Will Watts  
**4:09:15 PM** Chair Collins with comments  
**4:09:31 PM** Tab 3, Presentation by the Department of Transportation on Resiliency Planning by Will Watts  
**4:20:58 PM** Chair Collins with comments  
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