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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Garcia) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 1859 - 1905

and insert:

Section 35. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section 339.175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

(3) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.—

(a) The voting membership of an M.P.O. shall consist of at



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11 | least 5 but not more than 25 apportioned members, with the exact
12 | number determined on an equitable geographic-population ratio
13 | basis, based on an agreement among the affected units of
14 | general-purpose local government and the Governor, as required
15 | by federal regulations. In accordance with 23 U.S.C. s. 134, the
16 | Governor may also allow M.P.O. members who represent
17 | municipalities to alternate with representatives from other
18 | municipalities within the metropolitan planning area which do
19 | not have members on the M.P.O. With the exception of counties
20 | chartered under s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution and
21 | instances in which all of the county commissioners in a single-
22 | county M.P.O. are members of the M.P.O. governing board, county
23 | commissioners shall compose at least one-third of the M.P.O.
24 | governing board membership. A multicounty M.P.O. may satisfy
25 | this requirement by any combination of county commissioners from
26 | each of the counties constituting the M.P.O. Voting members
27 | shall be elected officials of general-purpose local governments,
28 | one of whom may represent a group of general-purpose local
29 | governments through an entity created by an M.P.O. for that
30 | purpose. An M.P.O. may include, as part of its apportioned
31 | voting members, a member of a statutorily authorized planning
32 | board, an official of an agency that operates or administers a
33 | major mode of transportation, or an official of Space Florida.
34 | As used in this section, the term "elected officials of a
35 | general-purpose local government" excludes constitutional
36 | officers, including sheriffs, tax collectors, supervisors of
37 | elections, property appraisers, clerks of the court, and similar
38 | types of officials. County commissioners shall compose not less
39 | than 20 percent of the M.P.O. membership if an official of an



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40 agency that operates or administers a major mode of
41 transportation has been appointed to an M.P.O.

42 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), and any other
43 provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, a
44 chartered county with over 1 million population may elect to
45 reapportion the membership of an M.P.O. whose jurisdiction is
46 wholly within the county. The charter county may exercise the
47 provisions of this paragraph if:

48 1. The M.P.O. approves the reapportionment plan by a three-
49 fourths vote of its membership;

50 2. The M.P.O. and the charter county determine that the
51 reapportionment plan is needed to fulfill specific goals and
52 policies applicable to that metropolitan planning area; and

53 3. The charter county determines the reapportionment plan
54 otherwise complies with all federal requirements pertaining to
55 M.P.O. membership.

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57 Any charter county that elects to exercise the provisions of
58 this paragraph shall notify the Governor in writing.

59 (d) Any other provision of this section to the contrary
60 notwithstanding, the membership of an M.P.O. in any county
61 chartered under s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution
62 whose jurisdiction is wholly contained within the county shall
63 be the county mayor, the chairperson of the county commission,
64 the chairperson of the county's transportation committee, one
65 elected official appointed by the governing body of each
66 municipality with a population of 50,000 or more residents, one
67 county commissioner appointed by the Governor whose district
68 includes at least three municipalities with a population less



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69 than 50,000 each, one county commissioner appointed by the
70 Governor whose district includes only unincorporated areas of
71 the county, one county commissioner appointed by the Governor
72 whose district includes Biscayne National Park, one school board
73 member appointed by the Governor, one nonvoting representative
74 from the county's expressway authority appointed by the
75 Governor, and one representative of the department serving as a
76 nonvoting advisor may elect to have its county commission serve
77 as the M.P.O., if the M.P.O. jurisdiction is wholly contained
78 within the county. Any charter county that elects to exercise
79 the provisions of this paragraph shall so notify the Governor in
80 writing. Upon receipt of such notification, the Governor must
81 designate the county commission as the M.P.O. The Governor must
82 appoint four additional voting members to the M.P.O., one of
83 whom must be an elected official representing a municipality
84 within the county, one of whom must be an expressway authority
85 member, one of whom must be a person who does not hold elected
86 public office and who resides in the unincorporated portion of
87 the county, and one of whom must be a school board member.

88 (7) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—Each M.P.O. must
89 develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least
90 a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must include both long-
91 range and short-range strategies and must comply with all other
92 state and federal requirements. The prevailing principles to be
93 considered in the long-range transportation plan are: preserving
94 the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's
95 economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure
96 mobility. The long-range transportation plan must be consistent,
97 to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements



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98 and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local
99 government comprehensive plans of the units of local government
100 located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. is
101 encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation
102 and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and
103 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The approved long-range
104 transportation plan must be considered by local governments in
105 the development of the transportation elements in local
106 government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto. The
107 long-range transportation plan must, at a minimum:

108 (c) Assess capital investment and other measures necessary
109 to:

110 1. Ensure the preservation of the existing metropolitan
111 transportation system including requirements for the operation,
112 resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of major roadways
113 and requirements for the operation, maintenance, modernization,
114 and rehabilitation of public transportation facilities; and

115 2. Make the most efficient use of existing transportation
116 facilities to relieve vehicular congestion, improve safety, and
117 maximize the mobility of people and goods. Such efforts shall
118 include, but not be limited to, consideration of infrastructure
119 and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances
120 in vehicle technology, such as autonomous vehicle technology and
121 other developments.

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123 In the development of its long-range transportation plan, each
124 M.P.O. must provide the public, affected public agencies,
125 representatives of transportation agency employees, freight
126 shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private



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127 providers of transportation, representatives of users of public
128 transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable
129 opportunity to comment on the long-range transportation plan.
130 The long-range transportation plan must be approved by the
131 M.P.O.

132 Section 36. Section 339.176, Florida Statutes, is amended
133 to read:

134 339.176 Voting membership for M.P.O. with boundaries
135 including certain counties.—In addition to the voting membership
136 established by s. 339.175(3) and notwithstanding any other
137 provision of law to the contrary, the voting membership of any
138 Metropolitan Planning Organization whose geographical boundaries
139 include any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) must include an
140 additional voting member appointed by the ~~that city's~~ governing
141 body for each municipality ~~city~~ with a population of 50,000 or
142 more residents, except as otherwise provided in s.
143 339.175(3)(d).

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146 And the title is amended as follows:

147 Delete lines 212 - 219

148 and insert:

149 s. 339.175, F.S.; revising the membership of certain
150 metropolitan planning organizations; requiring certain
151 long-range transportation plans to include assessment
152 of capital investment and other measures necessary to
153 make the most efficient use of existing transportation
154 facilities to improve safety; requiring the
155 assessments to include consideration of infrastructure



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156 and technological improvements necessary to
157 accommodate advances in vehicle technology; amending
158 s. 339.176, F.S.; providing an exception to the voting
159 membership of metropolitan planning organizations in
160 certain counties; amending