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AGENDA

October 11, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.



MEETING NOTICE

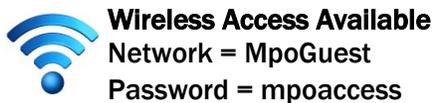
Please be advised that the next Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting will be held on:

Date: Friday, October 11, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

AGENDA



Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the meeting.

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment on Action Items

People wishing to comment on Action Items must complete a "Speakers Introduction Card" at the reception desk. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

V. Reports

Tab 1

a. Delegation Reports (Info only)

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Ocala/Marion TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

- District I
- District V
- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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Action is requested for approval of the May 31, 2019 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

b. Approval of 2020 Proposed Meeting Schedule

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c. Election of 2020 CFMPOA Officers

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At the last meeting in each calendar year, members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance shall select one of its members as Chairperson, another member as Vice-Chairperson, and a third member as Secretary. These three officers shall serve a term of one year until their successors are selected. Newly elected officers assume their offices at the first meeting of the new year. A history of the Alliance officers is provided for use and information.

VII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Discussion: FDOT TRIP Funding Process

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Presenter: All

CFMPOA Members and Directors, along with FDOT staff, will discuss the process FDOT uses to fund TRIP projects. Recently revised TRIP project lists are provided for use and information.

b. Coast to Coast Update and SUN Trails Update

Presenter: Julie Holtzhausen on behalf of Heather Garcia, FDOT D5

c. Central Florida Visitor Study

Presenter: Taylor Laurent on behalf of Heather Garcia, FDOT D5

d. Update on Four Corners Council Project

Presenter: Mr. Ronnie Blackshear, Polk TPO

VIII. Information Items

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- a. 2020 Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions are provided for information purposes only.

IX. Member Comments

X. Public Comments

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- XI. Next meeting – January 10, 2020 *(Subject to Change)*
MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

XII. Adjournment

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As required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, MetroPlan Orlando hereby notifies all interested parties that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by MetroPlan Orlando with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

TAB I



CFMPOA Delegation Report October 2019

- **US 301 Project (Sumter County)**
US 301 from SR 44 in Wildwood south to C-470 (west) in Sumterville. The PD&E phase is complete, the design phase will be shelved until further notice due to funding.
For More information please visit the Project Website: [US301 Sumter.com](http://US301_Sumter.com)
- **I-75/CR 514 PD&E Study (Sumter County near Coleman)**
Interstate 75 (I-75) at County Road (C.R.) 514 (Warm Springs Avenue) overpass. The PD&E phase has been halted until the design phase funding can be secured. This will require an amendment to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan which is currently underway.
Project webpage: [I75 @ CR 514 Project Website](#)
- **C-470 PD&E Study**
FDOT has completed the Project Development and Environment Study for C-470 in Sumter County east into Lake County across Florida's Turnpike. The design phase is on hold until pending further negotiations with Sumter County and The Villages.
Project webpage: [CR470 Project Website](#)
- **Wekiva Parkway Project**
The Central Florida Expressway Authority is now constructing all remaining segments in Orange County and new SR 453 from Orange County into Lake County from SR 429 to SR 46. The FDOT has moved into the construction phase for segments of SR 46, SR 429, and CR 46A in Lake County.
Project Website: [Wekiva Parkway](#)
- **Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail**
All segments of the Coast to Coast Trail in Lake County are fully funded through construction, in Sumter County the Coast to Coast Trail is funded through the ROW phase.
Project website: [Florida SUNTrail Website](#)
- **Lake-Orange Parkway & Schofield Road Concepts (US 27 to SR 429)**
In March 2018, the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) began a Feasibility, Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Lake/Orange County Connector. The preferred alternative will be selected at the October 10, 2019 CFX Board meeting in Orlando.
Project website: <https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/lake-orange-connector-study/>
- **SR 50 Project**
U.S. 301 in Hernando County to County Road (C.R.) 33 in Lake County.
The Design phase is funded. **Project website: [SR 50 PD&E](#)**



CFMPOA Delegation Report October 2019

- **Complete Streets Projects**

The MPO is wrapping two Complete Streets projects, East Ave. in Clermont and US 301 in Wildwood. Both projects are underway and will be completed by the end of 2019.

- The Lake~Sumter MPO is developing its first **Congestion Management Process (CMP)**. The Governing Board will review the DRAFT CMP Policy and Procedure Manual at their December meeting.

- The Lake~Sumter MPO has kicked off the major update for the **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (TRANSPORTAION 2045)**. The plan is scheduled for adoption December 2020.



MetroPlan Orlando Delegation Report October 2019

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

MetroPlan Orlando staff have initiated the update to the region's long range transportation plan. Ongoing tasks include: approval of the Public Participation Plan, setting goals and objectives, documentation of existing conditions and transportation trends, and updating the congestion management process. MPO staff is also in direct coordination with FDOT regarding the development of the Central Florida Regional Planning Model and 2045 socioeconomic/land use forecast.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Web Map

MetroPlan Orlando staff recently overhauled the agency's online companion to the TIP. The new web-based tool is powered by ArcGIS Online. By using the web map's dynamic search, sort, summary and filter tools, users are able explore the transportation improvement program and learn more about the projects impacting their daily lives. Hyperlink: <https://metroplanorlando.org/maps-tools/tipwebmap/>

Corridor Safety Studies, Phase 1

MetroPlan Orlando staff recently completed phase 1 of the corridor safety studies process. This work included gathering, reviewing and compiling safety findings from previously performed studies along identify significant bicyclist and pedestrian crash corridors; and coordination with FDOT District Five Safety, Traffic, Planning, and Design offices. In the next phase of this project, individual safety corridor studies will be performed along the study area segments determined in Phase 1 with the purpose of identifying safety issues and improvements strategies.

Work and Upcoming Studies:

Belle Isle Transportation Feasibility Study

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the feasibility of improvements outlined in the City of Belle Isle's recently adopted Transportation Master Plan. Along with the feasibility and concept development, a potential implementation plan for projects within the plan will be developed.

Traffic Signal Retiming Contract

The 2018-2019 Traffic Signal Retiming is complete, including retiming on 29 corridors throughout the MetroPlan Orlando planning area. Notable observations:

- Twenty-five of the corridors averaged an eight percent reduction in travel time; however, 14 percent had an average increase of one percent in travel time. Overall benefit to cost ratio of 13.6 to 1.
- Corridors with a higher beginning travel time tended to have a greater reduction in travel time after retiming;
- Corridors with more lanes in each direction tend to have a higher b/c ratio
- Travel time reduced by 7% on average after retiming.
- Regular signal retiming helps improve traffic flow and account for changes in traffic patterns.

CAV Readiness Study

MetroPlan Orlando is completing a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Readiness Study to evaluate the readiness of the local counties and cities for the emergence of CAVs. A CAV Industry Best Practices Review technical memorandum is complete. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the current state of the CAV industry in the MetroPlan Orlando Planning area, the state of Florida, and nationwide including best practices. The study also included an Evaluation of Local Existing Capabilities technical memorandum, which provides a review of existing connected vehicle (CV) and automated vehicle (AV) infrastructure and practices in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Several partner agencies within its planning area were interviewed to help determine the current state of CAV readiness.

The consultant team will produce a final comprehensive report that provides an industry review of current nationwide CAV deployments and standards; assesses the preparedness of MetroPlan Orlando's planning area for CAV technologies and identifies lessons learned; and provides recommendations to MetroPlan Orlando that spur development of projects, infrastructure investments, and policy solutions to facilitate equitable and safe urban environments for all transportation modes in anticipation of potential impacts of CAVs on communities.

Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Delegation Report – October 2019

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan – Racing Toward a Connected Future



The TPO kicked off the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update this summer. The TPO went through an extensive public involvement process that included six public workshops throughout Marion County. In addition, a MetroQuest survey was established which span over three months, from early July to mid September. A total of 70 citizens attended the public workshops and over 250 completed the MetroQuest survey. Currently, the draft Goals and Objectives have been compiled and are being reviewed by our various committees. The next steps will be to take a finalized version of the Vision, Goals and Objectives to the TPO Board in November for approval.

NW 49th Street at I-75 Interchange

The NW 49th Street interchange at I-75 is the top transportation priority of the TPO. The project will significantly improve transportation mobility and accessibility, in addition to facilitating economic development in Marion County. The project is currently in the PD&E phase. A public workshop for the interchange was conducted by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners on August 14 to recommend a preferred alternative. The Commission recommended a partial cloverleaf design for the interchange and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation for their consideration. The PD&E phase will conclude in spring 2020 and will then move to Design.

Regional Trails Facilities Plan

The TPO is working with a consultant to finalize a Regional Trails Facilities Plan in October. The primary purpose of the plan is to assess current conditions and facilities and how they can tie into a larger regional network of trails, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Marion County. A set of recommendations are being developed to improve connectivity between populated areas with the existing and planned trails network; provide safety and facility improvement recommendations; and identify improvements to signage, guidance information and amenities.

TPO Logo and Website

On September 24, 2019, the TPO Board approved a new logo for the organization. In addition to the logo, the TPO is moving forward with the development of a new and modern website to better serve the general public, partner agencies and leadership. The website will be completed in January 2020.



New TPO Logo



Polk Transportation Planning Organization

Polk TPO Delegation Report - October 2019

Safe Routes to Schools

The FDOT District One office announced the award of Safe Routes to Schools funding to Polk County for the Combee Academy Sidewalks project. FDOT provides federal funding to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by funding projects that remove the barriers currently preventing them from doing so. Barriers include lack of infrastructure, unsafe infrastructure, and a lack of programs that promote walking and bicycling through education/encouragement programs aimed at children, parents and the community. The Combee Academy Sidewalks project is to be designed and constructed by the County under the requirements of the Local Area Program (LAP). The awards totals \$836,660.

Lakeland – Winter Haven TMA Federal Certification Review

The Polk TPO is being evaluated by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as part of the Lakeland – Winter Haven Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review. This formal assessment provides an opportunity for FHWA and FTA to comprehensively assess compliance and provide advice and technical assistance to the TPO and its planning partners for enhancing the multimodal planning process and improving the quality of transportation investment decisions. By federal law, this review is required every four years and will include a site visit on October 9, 2019. A major component of the review is public comment, of which all comments received by November 9th will be considered in the final Federal report.



Space Coast TPO's Delegation Report to the Central Florida MPO Alliance October 11, 2019

Space Coast TPO Vision Zero Action Plan

In July, the TPO Governing Board endorsed Vision Zero as part of a comprehensive effort to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries. The approved resolution serves as a safety goal for the TPO, authorizes staff to develop a TPO Vision Zero Action Plan, and encourages local municipalities to consider developing and adopting Action Plans for their respective jurisdictions.

The work order includes data collection and analysis, development of TPO strategies and actions to support Vision Zero. It also includes a tool kit for local municipalities that can be used to develop and implement Vision Zero at the local level. A task force comprised of specialists and safety advocates in various fields will guide the development of the Action Plan. The Space Coast TPO Vision Zero Symposium and first meeting of the Task Force was held on September 25, 2019.

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

The LRTP's *Voice Your Vision* survey closed with participation by 4,000 respondents. The Goals and Objectives have been completed for presentation to the TPO Governing Board in July. The next steps will include scheduling one-on-one meetings with cities/agencies to review future plans and creation of the 2045 land use and employment maps.

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Master Plan Update

The ITS Master Plan is the TPO's guiding document for implementing technology on the transportation network. The update will focus on using technology to improve traffic flow and aim to maximize existing infrastructure to provide an accessible, safe, reliable, efficient, and secure transportation system for all users on the Space Coast. It is anticipated the project will be complete by the fall of 2020.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

The plan establishes a planning framework, strategies, and project priorities for bicycle and pedestrian projects in Brevard County allowing, municipalities, FDOT, and the SCTPO to push multi-modal projects forward. The plan was adopted on October 10, 2019.

State of the System Report

The TPO annually assesses how well the transportation system is performing. The report tracks changes in key indicators such as congestion, crashes, vehicle miles traveled and transit ridership. The roadway corridors are scored and ranked for each performance measure evaluated and used during the project prioritization process. A presentation will be presented to the TPO committees and Governing Board on October 10, 2019.

Other Studies (Space Coast TPO cont.)

- School Routes Analysis of nine schools in Palm Bay and Melbourne
- Minton Road Feasibility Study - corridor includes two bus routes, nine public and private schools, a variety of land uses, parks and housing facility for special needs adults.



River to Sea TPO's Delegation Report to the Central Florida MPO Alliance October 2019

Planning Projects – Underway and Upcoming

- **Walkability Action Institute/Action Plan** – Staff joined local partners to attend the WAI in Atlanta Georgia. Follow up activities include the development of a Walkability Action Plan and development of a complete streets policy and implementation plan. Adoption is set for October 2019.
- **Community Safety Action Plan (C-SAP)** – This safety related activity builds on previous efforts of the TPO to address issues of transportation safety. Using crash data and stakeholder input, staff is developing a plan that addresses safety through various community awareness activities, partnerships and events.
- **Bike-Ped Counts** – R2CTPO staff are participating in the bicycle and pedestrian counting initiative led by FDOT Central Office. An initial report of local count station data is anticipated in October 2019.
- **Traffic Operations and Bike-Ped Feasibility Studies** – The R2CTPO sets-aside \$200,000 each year to complete project feasibility studies for a variety of operations and safety related project improvements to be funded with TMA funds and administered through the Local Area Program (LAP). There are currently 5 studies underway in support of local government funding requests prioritized by the R2CTPO.
- **Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Readiness Study** – Under the General Planning Consultant contract, the R2CTPO is finalizing a scope of services to promote activities that will continue the advancement of transportation technology plans and programs throughout the planning area.

Public Outreach Activities

- The R2CTPO Outreach Coordinator is currently developing the annual Public Outreach Summary and Evaluation Matrix as well as the R2CTPO Annual Report. These two documents evaluate and report TPO planning and outreach activities for the fiscal year.

Amendment to the 2040 LRTP

- In February 2019, the River to Sea TPO advisory committees and board approved updated safety performance measures and targets. The R2CTPO maintained their target of a 2% annual reduction for crashes in each of the safety categories.

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

- Development of the R2CTPO Long Range Plan is progressing with data collection underway and public outreach activities beginning in October. A subcommittee has been established and the Public Outreach Plan has been approved.

Federal Certification Review

- The draft Federal Certification Review report is under review and expected to be finalized in coming weeks. Due to scheduling conflicts, presentation of the report to the R2CTPO Board by Federal Highway Administration staff is not expected until January 2020.

Beverly Beach
Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary

DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Flagler Beach

Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill

Orange City
Ormond Beach
Pierson
Ponce Inlet

Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County

TAB 2



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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**Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, May 31, 2019

MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chairwoman Deb Denys, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Jay Zembower
Honorable Christine Moore
Honorable Tim Sullivan
Honorable Nick Girone
Honorable David Moore
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Deb Denys
Honorable Chris Cloudman
Honorable Chris Nabicht
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Rocky Randel
Honorable Brian Anderson

REPRESENTING:

MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
River to Sea TPO
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Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable Cheryl Grieb
Honorable Michelle Stone
Honorable Jeff Gold
Honorable Trish Pfeiffer
Honorable Collins Smith

Lake-Sumter MPO
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Polk TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Robert Balmes
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear
Ms. Georganna Gillette
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Ms. Carol Scott
Ms. Allison Stettner

MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
FDOT - District 5

A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Deb Denys called the May 31, 2019 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed everyone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Deb Denys led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions

Chairwoman Denys gave Alliance members the opportunity to introduce themselves.

IV. Chairwoman's Announcements

None.

V. Public Comment on Action Items

Mr. T.J. Fish, City of Groveland, spoke in support of the draft regional prioritized project list. Mr. Fish applauded the Alliance for the efforts put into developing the regional PPL and differentiating the small versus large projects. He urged the Alliance to continue to acknowledge public/private partnership projects.

Mr. Billy Hattaway, City of Orlando Transportation Director, stated that he is leading the Vision Zero safety initiative for Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Mr. Hattaway offered to provide assistance to municipalities throughout the region with developing their safety initiatives.

VI. Reports

Chairwoman Denys called attention to written delegation reports which were provided for information only.

a. Delegation Reports

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Allison Stettner, FDOT District 5, reported that the work program falls on an early cycle this year. The online public hearing is scheduled for October 21st thru October 25th. Outreach day is scheduled for October 24th. She encouraged the MPO/TPOs to have their priority lists in early so that their projects can be accommodated in the work program cycle. Two PD&E's are out for a 46 mile, nine interchange stretch of I-75 from South of the Turnpike to CR 234 in Alachua County. The District Office is currently recruiting for a SIS Coordinator and an Interchange Coordinator.

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, reported that a public information session for the Polk Parkway is scheduled for June 18th. The segment from the Polk Parkway to US 17 is currently in the design phase; and the segment from US 17 to SR 60 is currently in PD&E.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action is requested for approval of the February 15, 2019 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Meehan moved approval of the February 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nabicht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Approval of DRAFT Regional Prioritized Project List

Ms. Bollenback, River-to-Sea TPO, reviewed the 2019 DRAFT Regional Prioritized Project List which consists of SIS, regional trails and regional transit projects. She called attention to the new format of an Excel spread sheet that was implemented at the request of FDOT for a uniform format. Due to the meeting schedule, the list is presented earlier. She gave an overview of what was changed on each list. A copy of the draft priority lists was provided. Ms. Bollenback explained that the policy regarding regional priorities was changed so that serious consideration could be given to adding TSMO projects and regional planning studies. She stated that staff was not able to integrate those projects this year due to set processes; however, staff is still making advancements on adding those projects by defining what types of projects will be on the list and determining where the funding will come from. FDOT has asked that the TRIP lists be updated, and staff has also been discussing if this should be done as a part of the Prioritized Project List or independently.

Mayor Girone, Lake-Sumter MPO, stated that he appreciates that the Alliance is now looking at the smaller projects, and thankful to see Lake-Sumter projects on the list. Ms. Stettner pointed out that the I-75/514 Interchange needs to be added into the LSMPO cost feasible LRTP (funding plan to add to cost feasible plan).

MOTION: Commissioner Sullivan moved approval of the 2019 Regional Prioritized Project List. Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Four Corners 2045 LRTP

Mr. Ronnie Blackshear, Polk TPO, presented information on the Polk TPO's effort to develop their 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and a Four Corners Long Range Transportation Plan (the four corners consists of portions of Lake, Orange, Osceola and Polk counties). Mr. Rafael Montalvo, UCF Institute of Government, provided information on community outreach efforts for the Four Corners Long Range Transportation Plan which included the creation of a steering and technical committee made up of various community stakeholders. Haines City Mayor Roy Tyler and Davenport City Commissioner Brandon Kneeld spoke to the

importance of the Four Corners corridor for the region. The members of the Alliance asked that Mr. Blackshear provide periodic updates as this effort progresses.

b. Regional Resilience Collaborative

Ms. Jenifer Rupert, ECFRPC, provided a brief overview of the Regional Resilience Collaborative to the Alliance members. Her presentation detailed the efforts of the ECFRPC in adopting a resolution recommitting to regionalism and supporting a program to convene stakeholders across the region to develop a structure and framework for a regional resilience collaborative.

c. 2019 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Ms. Bollenback provided a brief wrap up from the 2019 Legislative session.

IX. Member Comments

Commissioner Moore (OMTPO) requested letters of support for a SIS project (49th Avenue/I-75 Interchange) to receive TRIP funding. Mr. David Balmes, Ocala/Marion TPO Executive Director, provided an explanation of the importance of the project for Marion County. Mr. Balmes stated that the development of a TRIP priority list for the October 11th meeting is helpful, but due to this fiscal year's accelerated work program cycle, they have been directed by FDOT to obtain a letter of support from the CFMPOA. Ms. Stettner, FDOT D5, clarified that the 49th Avenue/I-75 Interchange is the number one priority on the Ocala/Marion Prioritized Project List. In addition, she noted that TRIP projects require a 50% local match. She stated that Marion County has committed funding the 50% match in the upcoming cycle. Ms. Stettner noted that the project will not be funded with SIS money, but moved forward with State funds. After significant discussion, consensus was to direct staff to bring the request back for consideration in October.

MOTION: Commissioner Sullivan moved to place the request on October 11th meeting agenda with more information. In the meantime, the item is to go through each MPO/TPO for their endorsement. Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Next meeting – To be announced
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XII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Hon. Deb Denys, Chairwoman

Attest:

Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator

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TAB 3



2020 Meeting Schedule¹

(All meetings are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.)

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Date

January 10, 2020

April 10, 2020

July 10, 2020²

October 9, 2020

NOTE(S):

¹ In 2018, the Alliance approved a meeting schedule of three (3) times per year: January/February, April, and September/October. Staff will propose winter and fall dates contingent upon the Priority Project List adoption schedule.

² Staff recommends a joint meeting with the TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee in 2020

TAB 4



Central Florida MPO Alliance Officers 2001 - 2020

2020	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Polk TPO Ocala-Marion TPO MetroPlan Orlando
2019	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Council Member Deb Denys, River to Sea TPO Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO Commissioner Michelle Stone, Ocala-Marion TPO
2018	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake-Sumter MPO Council Member Deb Denys, River to Sea TPO Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO
2017	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake-Sumter MPO Council Member Deb Denys, River to Sea TPO
2016	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Commissioner Scott Boyd, MetroPlan Orlando Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake-Sumter MPO
2015	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Council Member Stan McClain, Ocala-Marion Commissioner Scott Boyd, MetroPlan Orlando Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast TPO
2014	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Council Member Trudy Block, Polk TPO Council Member Stan McClain, Ocala-Marion Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum, MetroPlan Orlando
2013	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick, Volusia TPO Commissioner Pat Huff, Polk TPO Commissioner Stan McClain, Ocala-Marion TPO
2012	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame, Lake-Sumter MPO Vice-Mayor Leigh Matusick, Volusia County TPO Vacant, Polk TPO (Vice Mayor Tracy Garcia)
2011	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Mayor Jim Tulley, Space Coast TPO Councilman Ray Goodgame, Lake-Sumter MPO Volusia County (Commissioner Ron Vath)

2010	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Commissioner John Quinones, MetroPlan Orlando Commissioner Ray Sharkey, Space Coast TPO Councilman Ray Goodgame, Lake-Sumter MPO
2009	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Council Member Kyle Kay, Ocala-Marion TPO Commissioner John Quinones, MetroPlan Orlando Commissioner Ray Sharkey, Brevard MPO
2008	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Council Member Kyle Kay, Ocala-Marion TPO Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, MetroPlan Orlando Commissioner Ray Sharkey, Brevard MPO
2007	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO Council Member Kyle Kay, Ocala-Marion TPO Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, MetroPlan Orlando
2006	Chair Vice-Chair Secretary	Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO Council Member Kyle Kay, Ocala-Marion TPO Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, MetroPlan Orlando
2005	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Vice-Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County MPO Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO Council Member Kyle Kay, Ocala-Marion TPO
2004	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Commissioner Bob Pool, Lake-Sumter MPO Commissioner Pat Northey, Volusia County MPO Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO
2003	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Commissioner Sue Carlson, Brevard MPO Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County Commissioner Pat Northey, Volusia County MPO
2002	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Commissioner Mary Jane Arrington, MetroPlan Orlando Commissioner Sue Carlson, Brevard MPO Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County
2001	Chair Vice Chair Secretary	Council Member Pat Northey, Volusia County MPO Commissioner Mary Jane Arrington, MetroPlan Orlando Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County

Rotation:

Ocala-Marion

MetroPlan Orlando

Space Coast

Lake Sumter

River-to-Sea

Polk TPO

TAB 5



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PROPOSED
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LOCATION

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NW 35 ST

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VILLAGE

NW 35 AVE

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Lake County
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Town of Lady Lake
City of Leesburg
City of Mascotte
City of Minneola
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City of Umatilla
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Florida Central Railroad
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June 26, 2019

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RE: TRIP Funding Priority – I-75 Interchange at NW 49th Street, Marion County

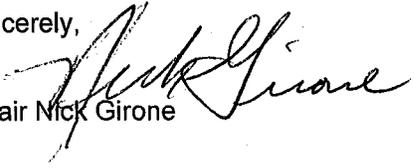
Dear Secretary Shannon:

I wish to express the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization's support for the I-75 Interchange at NW 49th Street in Marion County. This project is the subject of consideration for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding through the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). I recognize the many regional benefits of this project and am pleased to join the TPO as a partnering agency.

The proposed investment will improve safety, mobility and accessibility of transportation in Marion County from the construction of a new interchange on I-75 at NW 49th Street and an extension of NW 49th Street from NW 44th Avenue to NW 35th Avenue. The project will support the TPO's long-range vision for a new east-west corridor parallel to U.S. 27 and State Road (SR) 326, accommodate future traffic growth, and provide significant relief to the existing interchanges. The project will also improve the overall safety of the local street network, which is impacted by the growth and development of several new distribution centers. This area of the county is projected to continue to grow as a major logistics hub supporting the creation of new jobs and a vibrant economy.

Approval of TRIP funding for this project will enhance the transportation infrastructure of Marion County and support the Central Florida regional economy. We ask that you give positive consideration to this project as part of a more integrated transportation network in the region.

Sincerely,


Chair Nick Girone

C: Lake County Commissioner Leslie Campione
Sumter County Commissioner Don Burgess
Ocala/Marion TPO Executive Director Robert Balmes
Marion County Commissioner Michelle Stone
Marion County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes

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Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO) GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Mayor Kathy Meehan, SCTPO Chair, Presiding

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2019
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera
Florida Room, Building C, 3rd Floor



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Agenda

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment (non-agenda items only)

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3. Reports

- A. Executive Director's Report (page 1)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee / Citizens Advisory Committee (TAC/CAC) Report (page 24)
- C. Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Report (page 36)
- D. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report (page 42)

4. Consent Agenda

(The entire Consent Agenda will be passed in one motion and read aloud for the record)

- A. Approval RE: SCTPO Governing Board Minutes – July 11, 2019 (page 55)
- B. Acknowledgement RE: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 11 & July 11, 2019 (page 66)
- C. Approval RE: Committee Appointments (page 72)
- D. Finance and Budget (page 79)
 - 1) Adopt RE: Resolution 20-04, FY 20 Operating Budget
 - 2) Acknowledgement RE: FY 19 Third Quarterly Report
- E. Approval RE: First Amendment to the SCTPO Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICAR) Agreement (page 84)
- F. Approval RE: FY 20 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List and Letter of Support: I75 Interchange, Marion County (page 101)

5. Actions

- A. Approval RE: SCTPO Executive Director 2018 Annual Performance Evaluation (page 104)
- B. Adopt RE: 2020 Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions (page 115)

6. Presentations

- A. SR 528 Design Update, Causeway Removal Status (page 119)
- B. NASA Causeway PD&E Update (page 120)
- C. Banana River/Pine Tree Drive Complete Street Feasibility Study (page 129)

7. Adjourn

Glossary of Terms
Governing Board Strategic Plan Reference Sheet (final page)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BPTAC: September 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Space Coast Room, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor
TAC/CAC: October 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m., Space Coast Room, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor
GOVERNING BOARD: October 10, 2019, 1:30 p.m., Florida Room, Bldg. C, 3rd Floor

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**CONSENT
ITEM NUMBER 4E**

**Approval RE: FY 20 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
Priority List and Letter of Support: I-75 Interchange, Marion County**

For further information, please contact:
georganna.gillette@brevardfl.gov

Strategic Plan Emphasis Area:
Linking Transportation with Land Use

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major Growth Management legislation enacted during the 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of the program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified by regional partners. A successful project must pledge 50% of the total project cost to receive 50% from state funds.

Projects must be based upon an adopted list between regional partners. The SCTPO is a member of the Central Florida Regional Alliance (CFMPO) per an interlocal agreement. The TRIP list has been updated to include two new projects: Ellis Road and the Brevard Traffic Management Center. Upon approval by the SCTPO Governing Board, the Alliance will adopt the Regional TRIP list on October 11, 2019.

At the May 31, 2019 CFMPOA meeting, the Ocala/Marion TPO requested letters of support for I-75 / 49th Street Interchange to receive TRIP funding. It was agreed that the request would go through each MPO/TPO for their endorsement and include in the October 11, 2019 CFMPOA agenda.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve FY 20 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List and Letter of Support I-75 Interchange at 49th St., Marion County / TRIP Funding

ATTACHMENTS

- FY 20 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List
- Letter of Support I-75 Interchange at 49th St., Marion County / TRIP Funding

SPACE COAST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SCTPO)
2020 TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITY LIST (Adopted 9/12/2019)

Requesting Jurisdiction	FM #	Project Name	Project Limits	Description	Project Type*	Primary Performance Measure*	Secondary Performance Measure(s)-If Applicable	Proposed Phase*	FY	Cost**	Programmed Phase*	Programmed Phase FY	Programmed Phase Cost**
Brevard County	4269054	Ellis Road	I-95/John Rhodes to Wickham	Extend / Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	Capacity	System Performance	Pavement/Bridge	CST	2024	\$26,749,416	ROW	2021-2025	\$44,000,000
Brevard County	4415841	Traffic Management Center	Pineda Causway / West of US 1	Operations Center	ITS	System Performance	Safety	CST	2022	\$7,000,000	Design	2020	\$980,000
City of Palm Bay	4372101	Malabar Road	SJHP to Minton	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	Design	2022	\$3,900,000	PD&E	2020	\$1,000,000
Brevard County	4372041	Babcock	Micco/Deer Run to Malabar Rd	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	ROW	2023	TBD	Design	2021	\$3,932,000
Brevard County	4372031	Hollywood Blvd	Palm Bay Rd to US 192	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	ROW	2022	\$7,539,776	Design	2020	\$4,000,000
City of Palm Bay	4414121	St. Johns Heritage Pkwy	Babcock to Malabar Rd	New 2 Lane Arterial	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	PD&E	TBD	Awaiting ACER completion	Planning	2020	\$1,000,000
Brevard County	4363701	Washingtonia Extension	Ellis to Viera DRI limits	New 2 Lane Arterial	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	Design	TBD		Planning	2017	\$350,000
Brevard County	N/A	Minton Road	Malabar Road to US 192	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	Design	TBD		Planning	Preliminary Feasibility Completed by County	
Brevard County	N/A	Barnes Blvd	Murrell Rd to US 1	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	Capacity	System Performance	Safety	Design	TBD		ROW	Partial ROW by County	

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** In present day dollars, or year of expenditure if known.



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August 27, 2019

Mr. Michael Shannon, P.E.
Secretary
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We support this project as it provides support for the Central Florida regional economy and a more integrated transportation network in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Georganna Gillette". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

Georganna Gillette
Executive Director

c: Rob Balmes, Ocala/Marion TPO, Executive Director
Valerie Hanchar, Ocala/Marion TPO Chair
Jeff Gold, Marion County Commissioner

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND POLICY POSITIONS

The MPOAC supports State Legislation that:

- Expands transportation revenue sources and stabilizes transportation funding levels.
- Establishes a predictable funding level of \$250 million per year for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program.
- Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads, transit, and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.
- Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- Recognizes that federal metropolitan transportation planning funds shall not be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure.
- Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that promote creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, while simultaneously protecting citizens from malicious tampering with such technologies by making tampering a punishable offense.
- Regulates distracted driving by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless communication devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway.



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The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) represents the collective interests of Florida's 27 MPOs, and assists the MPOs in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process by serving as the principal forum for collective policy discussion. The MPOAC was created by the Florida Legislature pursuant to Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, to augment and not supplant the role of the individual MPOs in the cooperative transportation planning process.

The organization is made up of a 27 member Governing Board consisting of local elected officials from each of the MPOs and a Staff Directors' Advisory Committee consisting of the staff directors from each of the MPOs. The MPOAC annually prepares legislative policy positions and develops initiatives to be advanced during Florida's legislative session. The MPOAC actively participates in the activities of the national Association of MPOs (AMPO) and the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) in Washington DC and works with other stakeholder groups to help shape state and national policy regarding metropolitan transportation issues.

PRIORITY POLICY POSITIONS

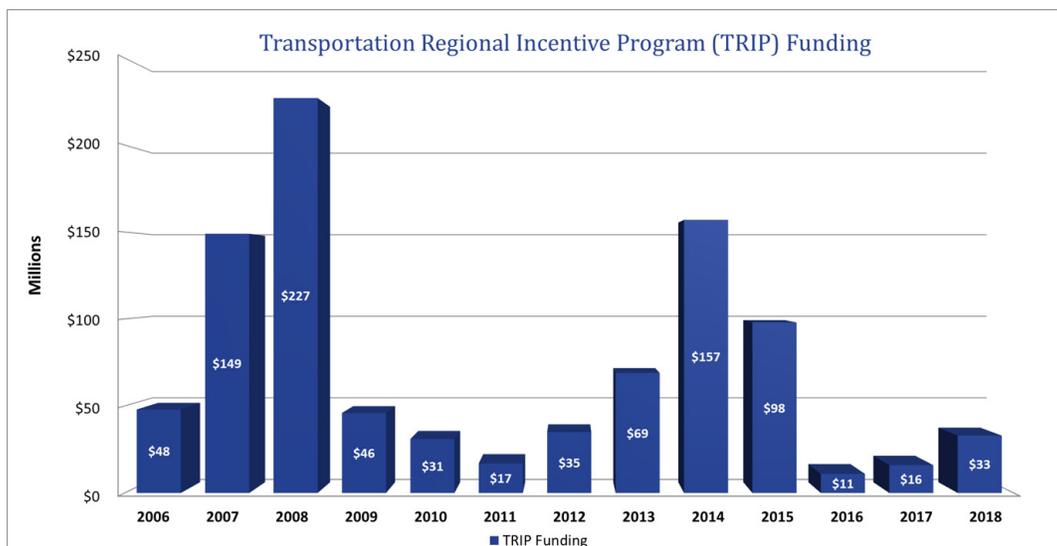
The MPOAC Supports State Legislation that:

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Key Recommendations:

- Expand the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax to allow municipalities over 150,000 in population (or the largest municipality in a county) and all counties located in MPO areas to enact up to a one cent local option surtax by referendum.
- Index local option fuel taxes to the consumer price index in a manner similar to the current indexing of state fuel taxes.
- Identify potential revenue replacement sources for the current motor fuels tax which is no longer able to fully support the current or future needs of the transportation system.
- Charge alternatively fueled vehicles a fee equal to the fuel tax paid by gasoline or diesel fueled vehicles.
- Use the existing MPO and local planning processes to select individual transportation projects rather than project specific legislative appropriations (commonly referred to as earmarks) and ensure that all such earmarks come from non-transportation funding sources (i.e. general revenue funds).

2. Establishes a predictable funding level of \$250 million per year for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP).



3. Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads, transit, and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.

Current state law does not permit SIS funds to be spent on roads, transit, or other transportation facilities that are not part of the SIS, even if proposed improvements would directly benefit users of SIS facilities by enhancing mobility options or supporting freight movement in a SIS corridor. The newly created Federal Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) apply to more than just the Strategic Intermodal System. It is appropriate to direct SIS funding to transit and roadway projects that relieve the SIS and are part of the TPM system.

ADDITIONAL POLICY POSITIONS

The MPOAC Supports State Legislation that:

- 4. Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF).**

Current state law limits the amount of funding that can be made available from the STTF for transit projects for both capital and operating expenses. These limitations, which are not in place for roadway funding, makes transit funding from the STTF less predictable for the purposes of planning and project implementation and artificially limits the ability of MPOs to implement priority transit projects. This proposal recognizes the critical role transit plays in moving people and goods within and between Florida's metropolitan areas by removing the distinction between transit and highway projects for the purpose of spending funds from the STTF.

- 5. Recognizes that federal metropolitan transportation planning funds shall not be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure.**

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) provides funding to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to carry out their federally required duties. Those federal funds are given to states who in turn distribute them to MPOs based upon a formula agreed upon by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida MPOs and then approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) has determined that the expenditure of federal funds by MPOs shall be subject to all state requirements, laws and regulations even where such laws conflict with federal laws, regulations and requirements. This limits the ability of the Florida MPOs to use federal funds for their intended purpose and impinges on their ability to carry out their responsibilities as outlined in federal rule. This proposal would clarify that federal monies passed through the State of Florida to MPOs and the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) shall not be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure.

- 6. Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that promote creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, while simultaneously protecting citizens from malicious tampering with such technologies by making tampering a punishable offense.**

Transportation technologies have undergone a revolutionary leap forward over the past several years. A variety of transportation technologies are under development including autonomous vehicles and the hyperloop. It is the responsibility of the Florida legislature to ensure that state laws and funding mechanisms support the development and implementation of these technological advances in the way people and freight will move in and between our metropolitan areas. At the same time, it is incumbent upon the Florida legislature to ensure that the health and welfare of Florida's citizens and visitors are protected from possible harm presented by these new technologies, including the malicious and intentional interference of the proper functioning of transportation vehicles and systems. This proposal supports legislative efforts to implement innovative mobility solutions and policies while protecting the health and welfare of Florida's citizens and visitors.

- 7. Regulates distracted driving by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless communication devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway.**

The 2018 Florida legislature enacted the "Wireless Communications While Driving" law that makes texting while driving a primary offense. One of the expressed concerns of opponents of this law is the potential of racial profiling during enforcement. This legislative proposal would increase roadway safety by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless devices for any purpose, making enforcement easier and reducing the potential for racial profiling.

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2020 Legislative Priorities and Positions

As of October 1, 2019

Top priorities:

- Seek funding for further expansion of the Best Foot Forward pedestrian safety program
- Change existing laws to include bicyclists as vulnerable road users (cyclists) in current Move Over Law (316.126 F.S.)

We support legislation that:

- Protects the State Transportation Trust Fund
- Protects Transportation Disadvantaged funding for paratransit (ACCESS LYNX) service
- Authorizes an exception to F.S. 934.50 to allow for the use of drone technology for traffic incident management and/or emergency response.
- Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.
- Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF)
- Restores Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding in order to promote regional planning and project development.
- Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that make Florida the national leader in creative approaches to addressing transportation needs
- Provides flexibility in the use of local option discretion taxes such as Charter County & Regional Transportation System Surtax and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax.

Monitor legislation that:

- Regulates distracted driving by prohibiting the use of handheld two-way electronic wireless communications devices and other similar distracting handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway.

Contact(s):

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2020 SPACE COAST TPO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & POSITIONS

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Support Transportation Priorities For all Modal Agencies

- ***Provide support for Space Coast TPO top priorities to include*** - Ellis road widening, US 192 / Hollywood and Evans intersection improvements, SR A1A urbanization / multi-modal improvements, South Babcock Street widening, St. Johns Heritage Parkway System.
- ***Support Connections from I-95 to the Orlando-Melbourne International Airport*** – with the new interchange access at I-95, the widening of Ellis Road from John Rodes Blvd to Wickham Road will provide a direct multi-lane connection to the airport to benefit commuters and commerce.
- ***Expand Port Canaveral's Passenger and Freight Capacity*** – Invest in strategic port projects to expand passenger and cargo facility development and support intermodal connections to the port. (SR 528 widening and SR 401 bridge replacement)
- ***Invest in Space Transportation Infrastructure*** – Continue to prioritize and fund spaceport projects in the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System five-year work program. Incorporate spaceports into all long-range transportation plans and programs with specific policies and procedures for spaceport development.
- ***Establish Passenger Rail in Brevard County*** - Continue FDOT and private sector investment in quiet zones, and one or more passenger rail stops in Brevard County.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The Space Coast TPO supports State Legislation that:

- ***Establishes a predictable funding level of \$250 million per year for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)*** – TRIP funds come predominantly from documentary stamps to provide matching funds (up to 50%) for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities.

- **Expands transportation revenue sources and stabilizes transportation funding levels –**
 - Identify potential revenue replacement sources for the current motor fuels tax which is no longer able to fully support the current or future needs of the transportation system.
 - Use the existing MPO and local planning processes to select individual transportation projects rather than legislative appropriations (commonly referred to as earmarks). Ensure that all legislative appropriations that are passed come from non-transportation funding sources (i.e. general revenue funds).
- **Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads, transit, and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS –** Current state law does not permit SIS fund to be spent on roads, transit, or other transportation facilities that are not part of the SIS, even if proposed improvements would directly benefit users of SIS facilities by enhancing mobility options or supporting freight movement in a SIS corridor.
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- **Regulates distracted driving by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless communication devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway –** The 2018 Florida legislature enacted the “Wireless Communications While Driving” law that makes texting while driving a primary offense. This proposal would increase roadway safety by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless devices for any purpose and making enforcement easier.
- **Establishes funding for Amenities on the States SUN Trail System -** During the 2015 legislative session, the Florida Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail (SUN Trail) network was established. SUN Trail funds are for the transportation element of the trail only and amenities such as wayfinding signage, kiosks and trailheads are

ineligible. This proposal supports efforts to plan for and direct additional funding for amenities to insure these statewide assets are state-of-the-art trail systems.

- **Establishes guidelines to streamline state and federal processes for each phase of a project in an effort to deliver high priority transportation projects expeditiously** – Most recently FDOT Environmental Management Office has assumed FHWA’s responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in an effort to streamline the environmental review process and project delivery time. This results in eliminating one layer of government review and cost savings on transportation projects. This proposal supports efforts to develop strategies for expediting various stages of transportation projects.

For additional information contact:

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2020 Legislative Positions

Adopted by River to Sea TPO Board 11-27-2019



***River to Sea TPO Chairperson:
Commissioner Robert Gilliland, City of Daytona Beach***

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“On behalf of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization, I want to thank you for the work you do for the State of Florida and as a representative of our planning area. As the pace of growth and development continues to increase throughout the state, we recognize the importance of maintaining an efficient and resilient transportation system that supports Florida’s economy and provides safe travel for residents and visitors alike. We look forward to working with you to tackle challenging transportation issues and to provide the support you may need during the 2020 Legislative Session.”

River to Sea TPO Chairperson, Robert Gilliland

2020 Legislative Positions

Adopted by River to Sea TPO Board 11-27-2019

- **Maintain transportation funding & increase funding flexibility**
- **Improve transportation safety by discouraging the use of handheld devices while driving & improving pedestrian and bicycling safety**
- **Increase the efficiency of existing transportation systems by maximizing the deployment of advanced transportation technologies**

Thank you for considering the legislative positions established by the River to Sea TPO. As these positions were developed, consideration was given to the positions established by organizations throughout the state of Florida including the Florida Association of Counties (FAC), the Florida League of Cities (FLC), Florida Public Transit Association (FPTA) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). We value our relationship with these organizations and appreciate the support and leadership they provide.

River to Sea TPO Legislative Issues Subcommittee

Transportation Priority -- Funding

The River to Sea TPO *supports* legislation that *preserves transportation funding and provides greater flexibility of funding* to support the safety, efficiency and preservation of the transportation system.

Background

Transportation revenue is collected to support the preservation and development of a safe and efficient transportation system that supports economic development, freight mobility, tourism, bicycle and pedestrian safety, accessibility and public transit among others. Actions that protect these programs include:

- **Indexing Local Option Fuel Taxes to Keep Pace with Inflation**

Revenue studies completed in Florida by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) and the Florida Transportation Commission have shown that transportation revenues are not keeping pace with increased costs over time. The River to Sea TPO supports efforts to index city/county fuel taxes and to further evaluate options that would provide a more sustainable revenue source for transportation.

- **Increase and Stabilize Funding Levels for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)**

TRIP funding promotes regional transportation planning and project development and has been used to fund important infrastructure improvements. The program is funded primarily through Documentary Stamp proceeds and the allocations have varied significantly in recent years from a low of \$11 million in 2016 to approximately \$157 million in 2014. The R2CTPO supports stable and consistent funding through TRIP.

- **Allow Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) Dollars to be Used on Local Road Improvements that are Needed to Support the SIS or State Facility**

Current state law limits the allocation of SIS funds and STTF funds to use on those systems. However, there are occasions where the most effective solution to managing congestion on an SIS or state facility is to improve local arterial, collector and distributor roads. The River to Sea TPO supports increasing the flexibility of SIS and STTF funds to be used “off-system” when transportation analysis recommends improvements on supporting roads that enhance freight, safety, emergency management, travel time reliability and congestion.

- **Identify Resources for the Maintenance and Preservation the State SUN Trail System**

During the 2015 legislative session, the Florida Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail (SUN Trail) network was established. The River to Sea TPO supports this program and is currently developing projects that will help to complete the Coast to Coast Trail as well as the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail. We recognize, however, that preservation of transportation infrastructure is a priority for the state and the River to Sea TPO supports efforts to plan for and direct funding to ensure these statewide assets are maintained over time.

Benefit

Efficient transportation systems are necessary to support a strong economy. Inadequate funding to support capital projects as well as operations and maintenance will lead to increased congestion and degradation of vital infrastructure. Increased traffic congestion has negative economic and environmental impacts.

Transportation Priority -- Safety

The River to Sea TPO supports legislation that improves transportation safety.

Background

These items are intended to support safety initiatives in the State of Florida as well as the national emphasis on transportation safety improvements outlined in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Florida consistently ranks at or near the top of the nation in pedestrian and bicycle injuries and fatalities. Increasing safety and reducing these rates will require education, engineering and law enforcement efforts.

The River to Sea TPO supports:

- enhanced funding for educational programs that show positive results;
- strengthening existing pedestrian and bicycle safety laws; and
- increasing performance driven funding for projects that address unsafe conditions.

The 2019 Dangerous by Design report listed the Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach Metropolitan Area as the second most dangerous metropolitan area in the nation. Florida DOT is using the Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow program along with changes in design standards to drive down pedestrian fatalities and injuries throughout the state. Though not in the top 10, Flagler County has also recorded bicycle and pedestrian crashes, which may be addressed through proactive efforts involving evaluation, education, engineering and enforcement.

Prohibit the Use of Handheld Electronic Devices While Driving

The River to Sea TPO supports legislation that would improve roadway safety by prohibiting the use of handheld electronic devices while driving. This expands the "Wireless Communications While Driving" law passed by the legislature in 2018 that made texting while driving a primary offense.

Recent crash analyses completed by the River to Sea TPO shows that crashes resulting from distracted driving occur at a rate almost five (5) times as frequent as other crash types. While further research is needed to determine the role of handheld devices in these crashes, other industry research has linked these devices to increases in vehicle crashes.

Benefit

Transportation safety is critical for residents and for the thousands of visitors who choose to vacation here. Changes in Florida law along with other crash reduction efforts improve quality of life and support economic development.

Transportation Priority -- Advancing Technology

The River to Sea TPO supports legislation that increases the efficiency of existing transportation systems by maximizing the deployment of advanced transportation technologies.

Background

Transportation technologies are advancing in ways that will transform the industry and, potentially, how people and goods will move in and between our metropolitan areas. Transportation Network Companies (TNC's) such as Uber and Lyft, automated and connected vehicles, advanced transit systems, advanced traffic signals, and drone delivery as well as technologies not yet developed, provide tremendous opportunities to improve the efficiency and safety of travel.

The River to Sea TPO supports and encourages the Florida legislature to continue establishing state laws and funding mechanisms support the development and implementation of these technological advances. Potential actions include:

- Increased infrastructure funding for projects that advance Automated, Connected, Electric and Shared (ACES) technologies.
- Increased funding and technical assistance to support the planning and implementation of Smart Cities, automated vehicle pilot projects and other technology innovations.
- Establishing laws that address the malicious and intentional interference of the proper functioning of transportation vehicles and systems.
- Continued promotion of interoperable and multi-modal smartcard technology that is compatible, universal and accessible for use by all other smartcard technology systems.
- Legislative support and funding for the regulation and infrastructure modifications needed to safely and effectively manage the expansion of micro-mobility devices.

Benefit

Advanced technologies in transportation will transform our communities and our economies. These technologies have the potential to dramatically improve safety and efficiency of our existing transportation infrastructure. They also offer improvements in air quality, mobility for transportation disadvantaged people, and quality of life advantages. Cities and states that are proactive in the deployment of transportation technology will be better positioned for success and economic stability in the future.

Additional Positions

The River to Sea TPO also supports legislation that:

- Protects the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) and the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund from efforts to reduce or divert funds.
- Offers incentives for employers that reduce peak-hour demand by allowing off-peak commuting and telecommuting options to employees.
- Increases MPO/TPO involvement in growth management, mobility planning and visioning activities to promote a stronger linkage between land-use, transportation and economic development.
- Increases the percentage of the state transportation capacity program allocated to non-SIS highways and transit programs in order to improve mobility on regional and metropolitan area transportation facilities.
- Requires TPO concurrence for public-private partnership agreements related to the lease or sale of transportation facilities that are publicly owned and operated within metropolitan areas and any subsequent modifications to such agreements.
- Maintains gross vehicle weight limitation and restrictions by not raising the maximum weight limit above 80,000 pounds (exceptions should only be granted when authorized by state and local governments and adequate compensation is paid to mitigate the impact to state and local transportation facilities).
- Provides mandatory funding for driver education programs in high schools.
- Changes the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) to allow agencies to introduce a "best-value" option that considers cost as a factor when selecting a firm.

The River to Sea TPO opposes legislation that:

- Imposes restrictions on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) governing board membership, voting, and/or terms of service.

The River to Sea TPO will monitor legislation that:

- Authorizes counties to form a regional transportation finance authority for the purpose of financing, constructing, maintaining and operating transportation projects that are consistent with MPO plans.
- Proposes to establish Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts associated with expressway or passenger rail corridors for the purposes of financing the debt issued to pay for the project.
- Promotes the continued development and expansion of bus and rail transit as well as efforts to accommodate the growing demand for alternative mobility vehicles (low-speed vehicles, electric vehicles and golf carts).
- Establishes reasonable limits on the amount of business damages awardable in an eminent domain action.
- Considers changes to the transportation analysis required for Developments of Regional Impacts (DRI).

