



2016 Legislative Priorities and Positions

As of November 4, 2015

Top priorities:

1. Funding for implementation of quiet zones along the 61-mile SunRail corridor
2. Funding for SunRail Phase III to the Orlando International Airport
3. Increased funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety awareness programs and bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements
4. Provides an appropriation to LYNX for I-4 construction mitigation.
5. Strengthen legislation to make distracted driving a primary offense.

We support legislation that:

1. Preserves the State Transportation Trust Fund, funding for paratransit (Access Lynx) service, and preserves the airport development and grant program.
2. Authorizes a local option rental car surcharge (up to \$3.00; implemented through a public referendum) with proceeds committed to regional transportation projects.
3. Increases funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) in order to promote regional planning and project development.
4. Revises language in statutes in order to better define crosswalks and addresses pedestrian safety.
5. Directs the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a plan to move Florida toward a Mileage Based User Fee, which protects individual privacy, in lieu of the traditional fuel tax.

Oppose legislation that:

1. Mandates local governments and their taxpayers to bear the cost of relocating utility equipment when the equipment is located within a public utility easement or right-of-way and needs to be relocated for public purposes.

Monitor legislation that:

1. Moves to rescind the legislation that authorized the use red light cameras.
2. Addresses and/or impacts the Central Florida Expressway Authority.
3. Seeks to consolidate transportation authorities.
4. Relates to Transportation Network Companies such as Uber, Lyft, etc.
5. Authorizes certain counties to form a Regional Transportation Finance Authority to construct, maintain, or operate transportation projects in a given region of the state, etc.
6. Impacts funding for regional Shared Use Network Trail projects.

The following items were tabled by the MetroPlan Orlando Board for further discussion at their December 9, 2015 meeting:

1. Includes a legislative mandate to privatize transit operations.
2. Expands 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
3. Report and recommendations of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Statute Review Task Force

Approved by MetroPlan Orlando Board
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