



MPOAC Staff Director's Committee

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Public Comments (non-agenda items)



MPOAC Executive Director's Report





UPWP Report

Expenditures are at your place and
MPOAC Accomplishments are in your
packet

Federal Transportation Policy Positions



2017

MPOAC FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY POSITIONS

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) represents the twenty-seven MPOs in the State of Florida. These policy positions are intended to serve as guidance to the United States Congress, the Florida Legislature, the United States Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the MPOAC's partner organizations.

MPO ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

- The MPOAC supports distributing federal planning (PLI) funds to states using the most recently available annual census data.
- The MPOAC supports policies that streamline the federal-aid process by directly allocating and increasing Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) for planning, programming and implementation purposes.
- The MPOAC supports policies which recognize that federal metropolitan transportation planning funds are not to be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure.



ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROGRAMS

- The MPOAC supports the continued development of a multi-modal National Freight Network funded, in part, by a dedicated stream of fees and taxes on freight shipments and freight vehicles.
- The MPOAC supports toll projects and public/private partnerships that are consistent with the federally established transportation planning process.
- The MPOAC supports policies that reward states for attaining federally mandated performance measures and targets, and do not redistribute funding among the states based on poor performance.
- The MPOAC supports policies that direct revenues generated from new tolls instituted on federal-aid facilities toward transportation improvements within that metropolitan area.
- The MPOAC supports maintaining the federal, state and MPO roles in transportation policy and funding, and allocating funding in an amount that supports these roles.
- The MPOAC supports allowing Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to express metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) project costs in either current year dollars or year of expenditure dollars.
- The MPOAC supports maintaining the 5 year update cycle for metropolitan transportation plans (MTPs).

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TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FINANCE AND FUNDING

- The MPOAC supports indexing existing and all future federal transportation revenue streams to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in order to keep pace with inflation.
- The MPOAC supports addressing future transportation funding needs through new and innovative mechanisms.
- The MPOAC supports the continuation of the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program.





Best Practices Working Group Report

Update on Sharepoint site and Working Group activities

Florida Legislative Update



Legislative Update Newsletter

- After each Pre-session week of committee meetings
- Weekly during session
 - Session starts January 9th

Florida Legislative Update

Factors influencing the 2018 session

- Hurricane Irma recovery
 - Priority of Speaker Corcoran
 - Will erase the \$75M budget surplus
- Bright Futures Funding
 - Priority of Senate President Negrón
- Session overshadowed by other factors
 - Compared to last pre-session



Florida Legislative Update

Bills of interest

- SB 90 – Texting While Driving – Perry
- HB 121 – Texting While Driving – Slosberg & Stark
- SB 116 – Operation of Vehicles – Baxley
 - HB 117 - Stone
- SB 176 – Red Light Cameras – Hutson
 - HB 6001 – Avila & Ingoglia



Florida Legislative Update

Bills of interest

- SB 182 – Public School Trans – Steube
 - Hazardous Walking Conditions
- HB 215 – Autocycles – Payne



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- SB 346 – Motorcycle and Moped Riders– Perry
- SB 384 – Electric Vehicles – Brandes
 - FTC look at impact to revenues
 - MPOs consider infrastructure and tech improvements in LRTPs



Other Topics

- Call for UPWP projects
 - Will begin developing a draft UPWP
 - Present draft document at next meeting
 - Suggested projects due by January 5th
- Possible Policy and Technical Committee Meeting
 - Discuss Performance Measures
 - Data
 - Target Setting
 - Implications
 - Very early 2018



Agency Reports

Florida Department Of Transportation



- Safety Performance Targets
- Safety Project Coordination with MPOs
- MPO-FDOT Joint Certification
- MPO Mobility Performance Measures
- Federal Funding Rescission