



Freight Priorities Program (FPP)

Update and 2019 Rollout

Presented to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
Freight Subcommittee Meeting
January 30th, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM



Agenda

- Program Purpose
- Lessons Learned
- Updates to the Program
- Overview of Planned 2019 Process
- Next Steps

Purpose of Program

To Provide MPOs with an Additional Opportunity to Identify High Priority Freight Projects on an Annual Basis, and Use the MPOAC as a United Voice to Endorse and Promote these Priorities on Behalf of its Members, for Consideration by FDOT



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Lessons Learned

- Opportunities for Improvement
 - Addition of Multimodal Projects Would Help MPOs Better Address Top Freight Priorities
 - Rail, Seaport, Airport, Non-State Roadways
 - Additional Data to be Collected Through Checklist Would Enhance the Program
 - Unique Project Identifier for Plan Inclusion
 - Project Cost for Requested Project
 - GIS Shape Files Illustrating Project Location
 - Improved Consistency Across Submittals Would Facilitate the Review Process
 - Level of Detail to Support Funding Eligibility and Programming Requirements
 - Links to Plans to Allow for Easy Verification
 - Giving Greater Level of Project Details to FDOT Helps Identify Funding
 - e.g., Location of Project Impacts Available Funding Programs (SIS, NHFN)

Updates to the Program

- Overview

- Project Checklist Converted from  to 
- Questions/Data Requests Have Been Reviewed and Modified Based on Lessons Learned from 2018 List
- Funding Eligibility Has Been Clarified
- Instructions Have Been Updated to Reflect Revised Checklist and to Provide Clarity Necessary to Ensure Greater Consistency Across Projects

Updates to the Program

- What Funding Programs are You Trying to Influence?
 - Funding Eligibility is Tied to Network Designations
 - NHFN and SIS Allocations are Controlled by FDOT Central Office
 - Funding for All Other State Highways are Controlled By FDOT District Offices in Coordination with MPOs
 - The Project List Contains Projects on the Entire of State Highway Network
 - Final List of Projects will Identify Network Designations to Facilitate Consideration by Appropriate Funding Program(s)

Updates to the Program

- Revised Checklist/Worksheet
 - Project Profile Section Has Been Expanded to Collect More Comprehensive and Consistent Characteristics for Each Project
 - Instructions Provide Greater Specificity of What is Required

MPOAC Urban Freight Priorities Application				
MPO Name:		Year:		
Project Number:				
Facility Name:				
	From:	To:		
Extent of Project:				
Project Name:				
Project Description:				
Describe freight usage of the facility (volumes, connections, etc.):				
Screening Questions	Yes	No	Comments/Description	URL/Link (if applicable)
Is the project identified as a freight priority by the MPO or its partners (i.e. seaport, airport, railroad)? If yes, how was this priority determined?				
Is the project included in an adopted plan (freight plan, LRTP, TIP, CIP, master plan)? If yes, which one(s)?				
Is the project on a priority freight network (e.g., NHFN, CURC, CRFCs, SIS, regional freight network)? Please describe.				
Does the project support one or more FTP goals? If so, which ones?				
Does the project have community support? Please describe the community stance (pros/cons).				
Does the project improve economic competitiveness? If yes, please describe.				
Does the project add capacity or improve operations? Identify which and describe the associated mobility improvements.				
Is the project a critical next step in a series of linked projects? If yes, please describe.				
Is the project "program ready"? Please define project status/schedule.				
Please provide the year(s) of your funding request.				

MPO Name:

Project Number:

Facility Name:

Extent of Project:

Project Name:

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Does the project add capacity or improve operational efficiency? Identify which and describe the associated modal improvements.

Is the project a critical next step in a series of projects? If yes, please describe.

Is the project "program ready"? Please define status/schedule.

Please provide the year(s) of your funding request.

Project Profile

MPO Name [Click here to respond]		Other MPO(s) Involved [Click here to respond]	
County/Countries Involved [Click here to respond]		FDOT Freight Coordinator [Click here to respond]	
Facility Name [Click here to respond]		Project Name [Click here to respond]	
Financial Management Number [Click here to respond]		Roadway ID [Click here to respond]	Direction [Click here to respond]
Extent of Project (Milepost)	From [Click here to respond]	To [Click here to respond]	
Extent of Project (Intersected Roadway)	From [Click here to respond]	To [Click here to respond]	
Project Type	☐ Capacity Expansion ☐ New Connection ☐ Reconstruction ☐ Management and Operation ☐ Maintenance ☐ Other(s)		Please specify if select "Other(s)" [Click here to respond]
Existing Truck Activity	[Click here to respond]		
Project Description	[Click here to respond]		
Describe Project Rationale	[Click here to respond]		

Url/Link (if applicable)

Project Schedule and Funding Status in the FDOT 5-Year Work Program (Costs Shown in \$Millions):

Phase	1 st 5-Year Cost					2 nd 5-Year Cost (2025-2029 Total)	Unfunded Cost	Status*
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024			
PD&E								
P.E.								
ROW Support								
ROW Land								
Construction								
CEI								
Environmental								
Other (1)								
Other (2)								
Total								

Provide URL(s)/Reference(s) to Work Program including page number(s) and project reference number(s) (FM Number):	URL/Link	Page Number	Project Reference Number
	[Click here to respond]	[Click here to respond]	[Click here to respond]

If the PD&E phase is not shown in the above schedule, please provide related work program, year, funding amount (\$millions) and status, including project references (URL/page number/project reference number):

Work Program	Year	Amount	Status*	URL/Link	Page Number	Project Number
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]

* Appropriate responses for "Status" of a project phase can be "Completed," "On-Going," "Funded," "Unfunded," or "N/A."

Define Requested Action	[Click here to respond]
Project GIS Shapefile	[Click here to respond]

Screening Questions

Q1. Is the project identified as a freight priority by the MPO and its partners (e.g., municipalities, seaports, airports, railroads)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how was this priority determined and by which entity?

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Q2. Please identify the plan(s) (e.g., freight plan, LRTP, TIP, CIP, master plan) documenting the project and provide specific reference(s):

Plan	URL/Link	Page Number	Project Number
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]

Other plan(s) not indicated above:

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Q3. Is the project on a priority freight network (e.g., NHFN, CUFC, CRFC, SIS, regional freight network)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate the network(s) and provide documentation:

Network	URL/Link	Page Number
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]
[Click here]	[Click here]	[Click here]

Other network(s) not indicated above:

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Q4. Please identify the FTP goal(s) supported by the project (please see attached list of goals with key objectives for your reference):

- ☐ 1: Safety and security for residents, visitors, and businesses
- ☐ 2: Agile, resilient, and quality infrastructure
- ☐ 3: Efficient and reliable mobility for people and freight
- ☐ 4: More transportation choices for people and freight
- ☐ 5: Transportation solutions that support Florida's global economic competitiveness
- ☐ 6: Transportation solutions that support quality places to live, learn, work, and play
- ☐ 7: Transportation solutions that support Florida's environment and conserve energy

Provide a brief statement explaining how the project supports the FTP:

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Q5. Does the project have matching fund(s) (e.g., local)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate funding source(s) and amount(s):

Funding Source	Amount (\$)
[Click here to respond]	[Click here to respond]
[Click here to respond]	[Click here to respond]
[Click here to respond]	[Click here to respond]

Other fund(s) not indicated above:

[\[Click here to respond\]](#)

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General Overview

1. **Identify up to three projects that meet the defined criteria.**
 - Projects must fall on a State Highway.
 - Projects must be post-PD&E, or have a PD&E funded and/or underway.
 - Projects should be unfunded, partially funded, or able to accept accelerated funding.
2. **Complete the Project Screening Form.**
 - The form provides an opportunity for MPOs to describe the characteristics of up to three priority freight projects that are eligible and ready for construction-related funding.
 - Training sessions will be provided via GoToMeeting. Stay tuned for the invitations. MPOAC's consultants also are available to provide technical support (Michael Williamson at 954-331-6113 or mwilliamson@camsys.com and Daniel Crotty at 754-701-1607 or dcrotty@whitehousegroup.com)
3. **Coordinate with District Freight Coordinators**
 - MPO staff should coordinate with their District Freight Coordinator to ensure FDOT is aware of the selected projects and generally supportive. This will provide the coordinators with the necessary information to advocate at the state level for projects on the NHFN or SIS and at the District level for other State Highway projects competing for district discretionary funds.
4. **Transmit the completed form(s) by March 22, 2019.**
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5. **Respond to any follow-up questions.**
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6. **An aggregate list of freight priority projects will be prepared and presented for approval:**
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Instructions: Completing the Project Screening Form

Project Profile

MPO Name:	<i>Enter MPO name.</i>
Other MPO(s) Involved:	<i>Enter all other MPOs that have partnered on the project.</i>
County/Counties Involved:	<i>Enter all counties that the project touches.</i>
FDOT Freight Coordinator:	<i>Enter the FDOT District Freight Coordinator's name.</i>
Facility Name:	<i>Enter roadway/facility name (be sure to identify the state route).</i>
Project Name:	<i>Enter the project name as it appears in approved plans (TIP, Work Program).</i>
Financial Management Number:	<i>Enter the project's FM number in the FDOT's Work Program. If the project is associated with more than one FM number, provide all relevant FM numbers.</i>
Roadway ID:	<i>Enter the facility's Roadway ID used in the FDOT GIS database.</i>
Direction:	<i>Indicate the roadway direction impacted by the project (i.e., eastbound, southbound, northbound, westbound, or both directions).</i>
Extent of Project (Milepost):	<i>Enter the facility's milepost values of the project starting (From) and ending (To) points. If the project is an interchange/intersection, keep "To" box blank.</i>
Extent of Project (Intersected Roadway):	<i>Enter the names of intersected roadways at the project starting (From) and ending (To) points. If the project is an interchange/intersection, keep "To" box blank.</i>

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Define Requested Action:

Define the requested action (e.g., allocate new funding to an unfunded project or partially funded project; advance funding to an earlier year in the work program). Note, it is critical that the project be able to be funded and/or advanced in the requested year. This text should clearly indicate the year of funding request.

Project GIS Shapefile:

Email or provide link to the project's GIS shapefile to show the exact location and geographic extents (i.e., coordinates). If you cannot email or provide a link, please contact Daniel Crotty at dcrotty@whitehousegroup.com.

Freight Coordinator:

Enter the FDOT District Freight Coordinator's name

Screening Questions

Q1. Is the project identified as a freight priority by the MPO and its partners (e.g., i.e., municipalities, seaports, airports, railroads)?

[yes/no] If yes, provide a short description of how the priority was determined and by which entity (e.g., the project was identified in the regional freight plan as a priority and adopted by FTAC; the project was identified as a priority within a port master plan).

Q2. Please identify the plan(s) (e.g., freight plan, LRTP, TIP, CIP, master plan) documenting the project and provide specific reference(s):

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Q3. Is the project on a priority freight network (e.g., NHFN, CUFC, CRFC, SIS, regional freight network)?

[yes/no] If yes, identify the network(s) and provide documentation of the designation (e.g., URLs, maps, tables).

Q4. Please identify the FTP goals supported by the project.

Identify the goals addressed by the project (see the list below for reference) and provide a brief statement explaining how the project supports the FTP.

Q5. Does the project have matching fund(s) (e.g., local)?

[yes/no] If yes, identify related funding source(s) and indicate the amount(s).

Overview of Planned 2019 Process

- Call for Projects will go out on February 18th, 2019 via Email to each MPO with a **Due Date Of March 22nd**
- MPOs will be Provided with Instructions and a Project Template
- Training Webinars will be Scheduled for the weeks of February 25th and March 4th
- One-on-One Technical Support will be Available by Teleconference at MPO Request
- MPOs Can Submit up-to-3 Eligible Projects

Overview of Planned 2019 Process

- MPOs are Encouraged to Work Directly with Their FDOT Freight Coordinators
- Projects will be Reviewed for Completeness and Vetted for Content
- Requests for Additional Information will be Submitted to each MPO
- Final Vetted Projects will be Used to Develop the 2019 Freight Priorities Project List
- Additional Backup will be Provided as Part of the List

Next Steps

- Finalize Material Based on Input
- Schedule and Provide Training to MPO staff
- Issue Call for Projects
- Conduct Project Review and Analysis of Projects
- Develop 2019 Freight Priority Project List for State Highway Projects
- Present to Freight Committee, Staff Directors, and Governing Board for Approval for Transmittal to FDOT on **April 30th**



Questions and Answers

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