

# MPOAC

## Governing Board Meeting

**Chair Mayra Uribe, Presiding**

October 24, 2024, Orlando, Florida



# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
CHAIR URIBE!**



# Opening Remarks by Chair Uribe

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# Self Introductions

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# Public Comments (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

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## **Action Items:**

**Chair Mayra Uribe**

### **Action Items:**

- **Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2024**
- **MPOAC Executive Director's Performance Evaluation**
- **Final Approval of Strategic Directions Plan**



# MPOAC Executive Director's Report

**Mark Reichert**  
**Executive Director, MPOAC**

**Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council**  
**FY 2024/2025 Budget**  
**July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**

Category	Annual Allocation (100% PL Funds)	1st Qtr Expenditures 7/1/24-9/30/24	2nd Qtr Expenditures 10/1/24-12/31/24	3rd Qtr Expenditures 1/1/25-3/31/25	4th Quarter Expenditures 4/1/25-6/30/25	Expenditures to Date	Percent of Budget Expended	Remaining Balance
<b>Operating Budget (PL Funds)</b>								
<b>Salaries/Benefits</b>	<b>\$264,000.00</b>	<b>\$52,153.10</b>				<b>\$52,153.10</b>	<b>19.75%</b>	<b>\$211,846.90</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$58,500.00</b>	<b>\$9,901.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,901.75</b>	<b>16.93%</b>	<b>\$48,598.25</b>
Travel		\$5,896.58				\$5,896.58		
Supplies		\$41.23				\$41.23		
Communications		\$133.41				\$133.41		
Property Rental						\$0.00		
Equipment Rental		\$1,677.50				\$1,677.50		
Subscriptions/Registration/Training		\$2,153.03				\$2,153.03		
<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,992.45</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,992.45</b>	<b>10.88%</b>	<b>\$24,507.55</b>
General Counsel	\$27,000.00	\$2,925.39				\$2,925.39		\$24,074.61
Public Service (Meeting) Notices	\$500.00	\$67.06				\$67.06		\$432.94
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>\$65,047.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$65,047.30</b>	<b>18.58%</b>	<b>\$284,952.70</b>
<b>Work Program Budget (PL Funds)</b>								
<b>Consultant Services</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>
Renaissance Planning Group		\$0.00						
<b>MPOAC Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>\$194,063.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$194,063.10</b>	<b>97.03%</b>	<b>\$5,936.90</b>
AMPO	\$113,563.10	\$113,563.10				\$113,563.10		\$0.00
NARC	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00				\$80,000.00		\$0.00
FBT	\$1,000.00					\$0.00		\$1,000.00
ITS Florida	\$500.00					\$0.00		\$500.00
FPTA	\$500.00	\$500.00				\$500.00		\$0.00
<b>Total Work Program Budget</b>	<b>\$450,000.00</b>	<b>\$194,063.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$194,063.10</b>	<b>43.13%</b>	<b>\$255,936.90</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$800,000.00</b>	<b>\$259,110.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$259,110.40</b>	<b>32.39%</b>	<b>\$540,889.60</b>

# MPOAC Budget Report

# AMPO/NARC Conference Summaries



Mark Reichert  
Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)  
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Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Awards Selection Committee, it is my pleasure to inform you that **Commissioner Mayra Uribe has been chosen to receive the 2024 Outstanding Elected Official Leadership award.** Congratulations! The submissions in this category were very competitive and showcased the impactful and dedicated efforts occurring across the MPO community. Despite the high quality of all nominees, your submission rose to the top when reviewed by the Selection Committee.

The award will be formally announced during the 2024 AMPO Annual Conference, on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 12:00-1:30 pm, in Salt Lake City, UT. We are looking forward to presenting Commissioner Uribe with her award at the luncheon. We welcome her to give a brief two-minute acceptance speech.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Keyrouze".

William Keyrouze  
Executive Director  
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

# MPOAC 2024 Annual Report

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# MPOAC 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)

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**Discussion Item:  
Plan for LRTP  
Reviews of  
Contiguous  
MPOs**

**Responsibilities under HB 425:**

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Multiple MPO's within a contiguous urbanized area **must coordinate the development of LRTP to be reviewed by the MPOAC.**

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The MPOAC must report annually to the FTC on the **alignment of MPO LRTP with the Florida Transportation Plan.**

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Multiple MPOs within a contiguous urbanized area **must ensure the consistency of data used in the planning process.**

# Review of LRTPs, coordination, and data consistency efforts by MPOs within contiguous urbanized areas

<b>Task 1</b> <b>Identifying MPOs within a Contiguous Urbanized Area</b>	<b>Task 2</b> <b>Survey of MPOs' alignment with the FTP and coordination in LRTP development and data consistency</b>	<b>Task 3</b> <b>Annual FTC Reporting</b>
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# Results of MPOAC Survey on Key Features of Reorganized MPOAC

**Chair Uribe leads discussion with Governing Board Members**

# Discussion Item: Survey on Key Features of Reorganized MPOAC

<i>Feature Description</i>	<b>High Priority (%)</b>	<b>Medium Priority (%)</b>	<b>Low Priority (%)</b>	<b>Weighted Average</b>
<i>The MPOAC has dedicated staff to implement activities guided by the Strategic Directions Plan and UPWP.</i>	77.14%	20.00%	2.86%	1.26
<i>The MPOAC coordinates with FDOT on legislative and program decisions.</i>	75.00%	16.67%	8.33%	1.33
<i>The MPOAC has representation from USDOT and FDOT.</i>	72.22%	22.22%	5.56%	1.33
<i>The MPOAC in-person meetings are topically focused and are decision-driven.</i>	69.44%	27.78%	2.78%	1.33
<i>The MPOAC informs legislators on the work of the MPOs and the MPOAC as needed.</i>	75.00%	13.89%	11.11%	1.36
<i>The MPOAC has stable and predictable funding.</i>	72.22%	19.44%	8.33%	1.36
<i>The MPOAC informs partners of MPOs' requirements and preferences.</i>	63.89%	33.33%	2.78%	1.39
<i>The MPOAC creates opportunities for sharing information virtually.</i>	63.89%	30.56%	5.56%	1.42
<i>The MPOAC has a Staff Directors Committee that supports the Governing Board.</i>	63.89%	27.78%	8.33%	1.44
<i>The MPOAC provides education and training to local elected officials and MPO staff.</i>	63.89%	27.78%	8.33%	1.44
<i>The MPOAC has a Governing Board of Elected Officials that provides organizational direction.</i>	58.33%	22.22%	19.44%	1.61
<i>The MPOAC's office is located within an FDOT facility.</i>	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	2.44

# High Priority

## ALL RESPONSES


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**The MPOAC has dedicated staff to implement activities guided by the Strategic Directions Plan and UPWP.**

**The MPOAC coordinates with FDOT on legislative and program decisions.**

**The MPOAC has representation from USDOT and FDOT.**

**The MPOAC in-person meetings are topically focused and are decision-driven.**



# Low Priority

ALL RESPONSES

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**The MPOAC has a Governing Board of Elected Officials that provides organizational direction.\***

**The MPOAC's office is located within an FDOT facility.**

*\* This item was scored by the Staff Director as a very low priority.*



# Summary

## Consensus on Core Priorities:

- Both groups strongly agreed on the importance of having *dedicated staff, representation from key agencies like USDOT and FDOT*, and the *need for effective coordination with FDOT*.

## Strategic vs. Operational Focus:

- Governing Board Members prioritize more strategic aspects, such as *informing legislators* and maintaining a *Governing Board of Elected Officials*.
- Staff Directors emphasized operational details like the *practicality and frequency of meetings*.

## Importance of Independence:

- The MPOAC office being within an FDOT facility was a low priority for both groups which suggests a strong desire for organizational independence.



# Partnering with the Florida Association of Counties (AOC)

**Davin Suggs, AOC, Deputy Executive Director**

**Eric Poole, Executive Director, Institute for County Government**



# Agency Reports

**Florida Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration**





# Florida Department of Transportation Report

**Jennifer Fortunas, FDOT, Director Office of Policy Planning**  
**Donna Green, FDOT, Statewide MPO Administrator**



# FDOT Agency Report

*October 24, 2024*

# Agenda

- **MPOAC Coordination Workshop**
  - MPO Interviews
  - Best Practices & Next Steps
- **Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)**
- **Questions & Answers**

# MPO Interviews

Donna M. Green, Statewide MPO Administrator

*Office of Policy Planning*



# Overview

## January MPOAC

- FDOT and MPOs discussed how to enhance coordination and collaboration
- 1-hour workshop on project prioritization and programming

## April MPOAC

- Recapped January MPOAC workshop
- Announced follow-up interviews with MPOs

## October MPOAC

**TODAY**

- Recap MPO interviews
- Discuss best practices & next steps

# About the Interviews



**May – June 2024**



**12 MPO Executive Directors & Staff**

- At least one MPO per District
- MPOs varied in size

***Thank you for participating!***



# Question 1 Responses



**Where are the opportunities for improvement in the project prioritization process with the District?**



*More frequent communication from FDOT*



*Clarification on the process and MPO/District roles and responsibilities*



*More information on funding availability*



*More draft documents during programming*

# Question 2 Responses



Have you seen improvements to the communication or process for project prioritization in recent years?

If so, what has improved recently, and what led to that change?



*MPO meetings with MPO Liaison and local partners*



*Better understanding of Work Program because their staff come to meetings*



*Increased frequency and trust in communication with FDOT*



*More transparency*



*More positive relationship with MPO Liaison*

# Question 3 Responses



## How and when can communication be improved between MPO and the Department's MPO Liaisons?



*Include District Work Program, Central Office, and local partners in communication to increase transparency while prioritizing projects*



*Provide clarification for project selection*



*Consistent communication with MPOs*



*Threshold or milestones that trigger a meeting or notification during the process*

# Question 4 Responses



How do you feel about the programming process?

Which step in the process do you agree with or have questions about?



*Acceptable but can be enhanced*



*Consider adjusting timeframes to better meet MPO needs*



*Need to*

- *Increase transparency*
- *Develop framework for formal and informal communication*



# Question 5 Responses



Would you be in favor of FDOT providing a funding workshop during MPOAC? (Process, allocation of funds, education about process, distribution of funds)



*All MPOs were in favor of a workshop*



*FMPP is the most appropriate meeting*



*Share topics early so MPOs can identify appropriate staff*



*Request to tailor workshops to the Districts to accommodate local partners*



*Consider making the workshop a recurring event*

# Question 6 Responses



**How do you feel about the MPO's role with FTP?**

**Do you feel it beneficial to update the MPO Board, Technical Committee and Citizens Committee as the plan is updated?**



*Many MPOs have representation in steering committee/focus groups*



*Regular updates and opportunities to provide input are appreciated*



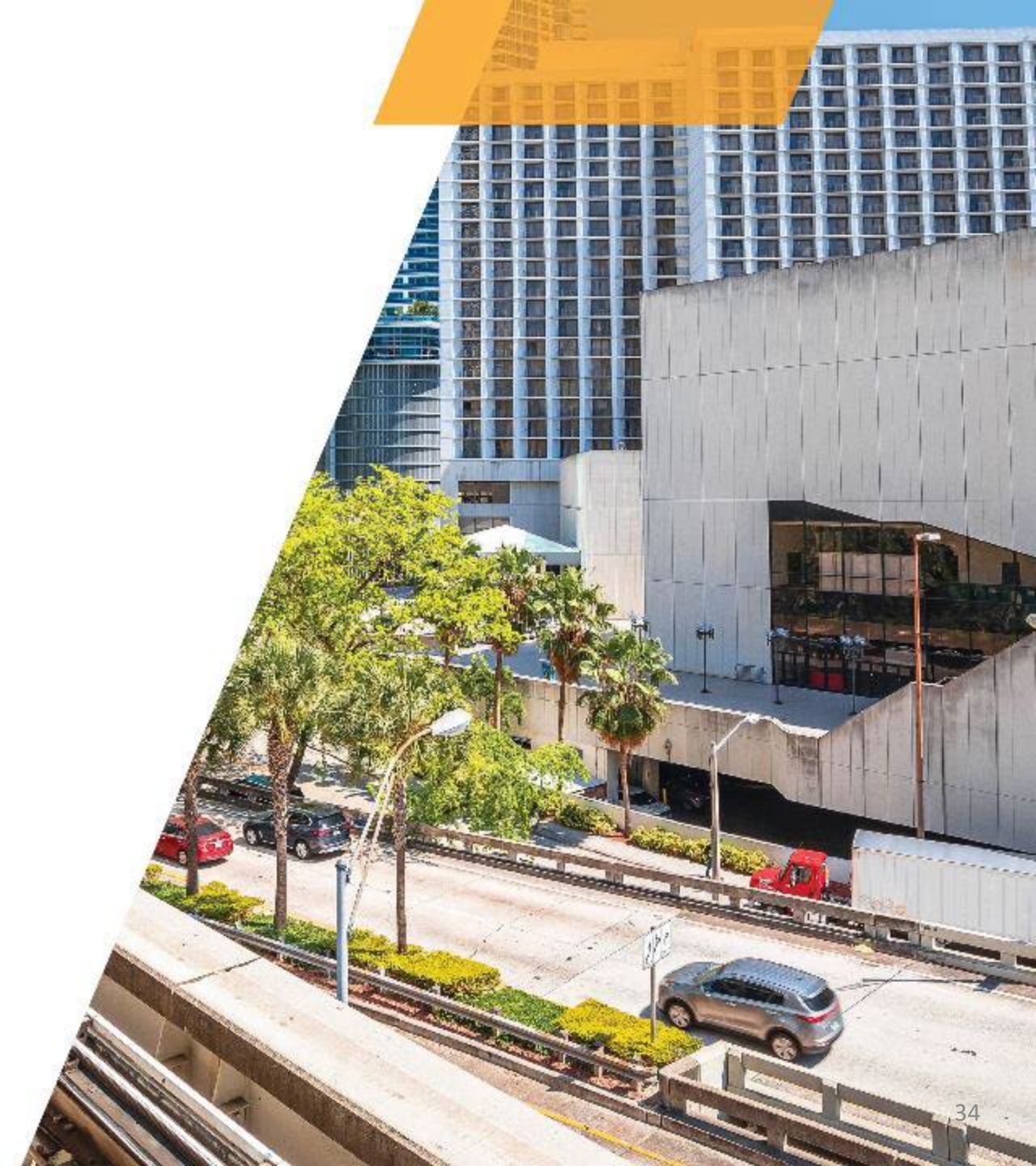
*Mixed opinions on presenting to boards/committees*



*Support a regional approach*

# Best Practices & Next Steps

Jennifer Fortunas, PE, Director  
*Office of Policy Planning*



# CUTR LOPP Development Practices in Florida Report

## *Similarities with MPO Interviews*

- Effective & continuous communication between MPOs/District is essential for aligning priorities
- Regular communication throughout the development of the LOPP and Tentative Work Program (TWP)
  - Meetings, discussions, and feedback sessions
  - District MPO Liaisons, District WP staff, & MPOs
- Coordination varies and is tailored to the needs of the MPO/District

# Common Themes

## Communication and collaboration have improved recently

- Regular/more frequent meetings
- Increased trust and more positive relationships

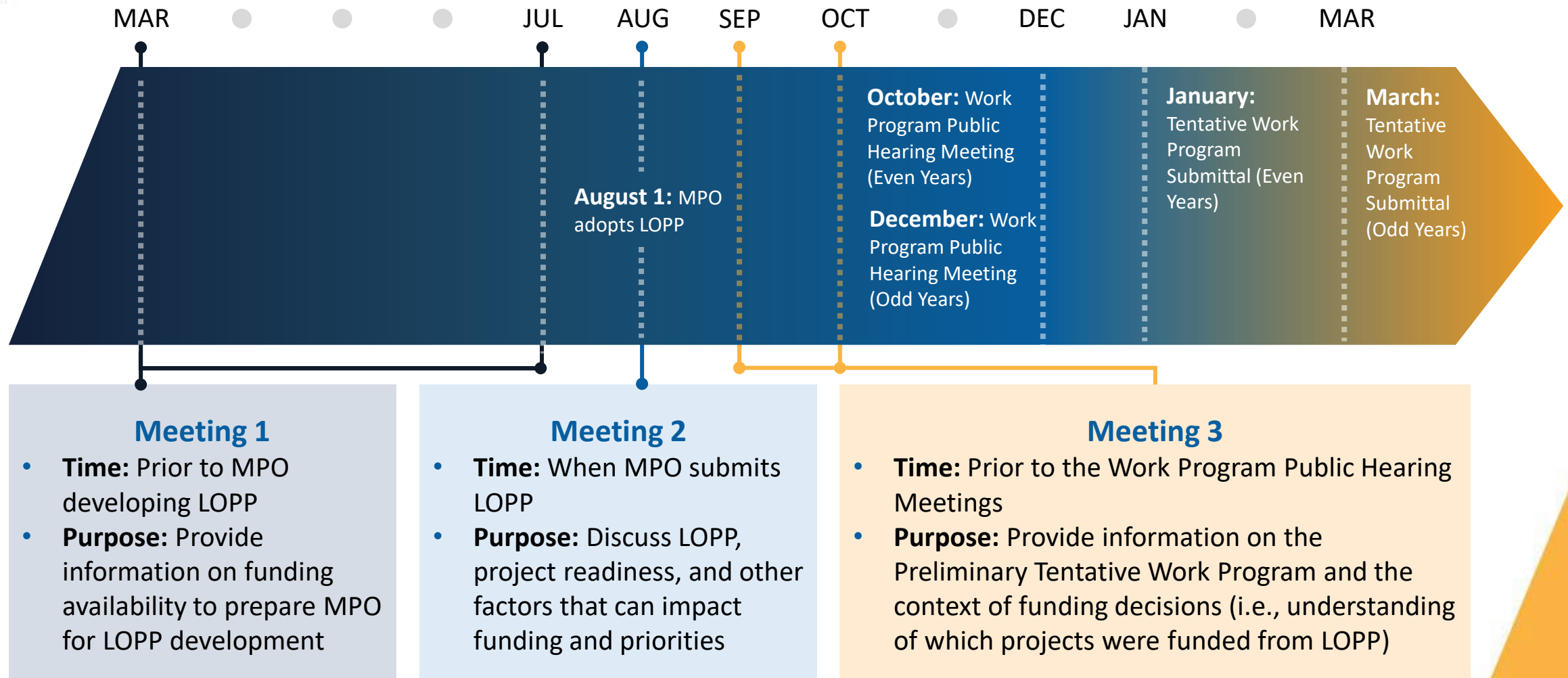
## Best Practices

- Continue communicating with the District
- Include District Work Program staff in discussions
- Encourage and facilitate relationship-building

## Opportunities for Enhancement

- Training on the Work Program process and other relevant topics
- Clarify roles and responsibilities, where needed
- Increase transparency through increased communication, coordination, and a better understanding of project selection

# Best Practices for Communication



## Meeting 1

- **Time:** Prior to MPO developing LOPP
- **Purpose:** Provide information on funding availability to prepare MPO for LOPP development

## Meeting 2

- **Time:** When MPO submits LOPP
- **Purpose:** Discuss LOPP, project readiness, and other factors that can impact funding and priorities

## Meeting 3

- **Time:** Prior to the Work Program Public Hearing Meetings
- **Purpose:** Provide information on the Preliminary Tentative Work Program and the context of funding decisions (i.e., understanding of which projects were funded from LOPP)

# Poll Everywhere



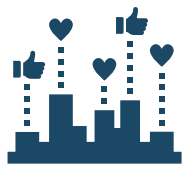
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# Next Steps



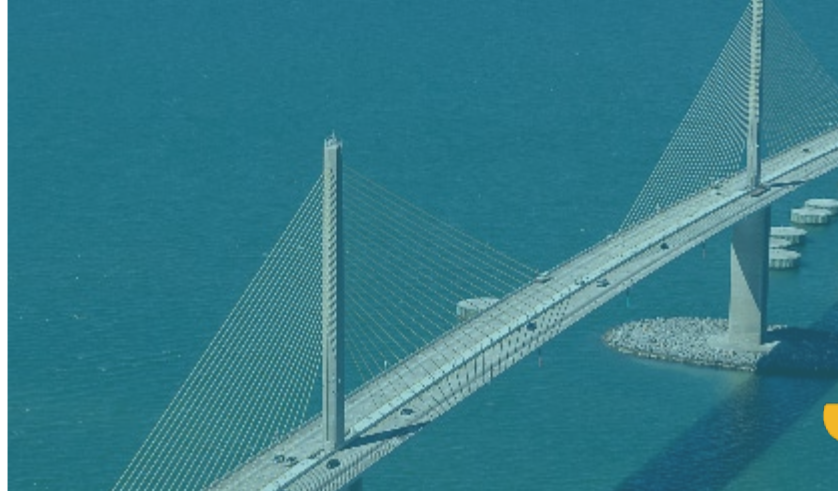
Share best practices with MPOs,  
MPO Liaisons, and Districts



Schedule training



Spring MPOAC: Follow up to track progress in  
improved collaboration



# 2055 Florida Transportation Plan

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October 24, 2024



# 2055 Florida Transportation Plan Update



SINGLE, OVERARCHING **PLAN**



GUIDES FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION **FUTURE**



**FOUNDATION** FOR FLORIDA'S WORK PROGRAM



UPDATED EVERY **5 YEARS**



COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS**

# 2055 FTP Approach



## Unique Communities

The FTP will recognize the uniqueness of communities across Florida's regions and include goals and objectives.



# Key Elements of the FTP



 The FTP guides our transportation future, but it is *not* a list of projects

# Development of Draft Goals



## SAFETY & SECURITY

Advance Safer and More Secure Travel for All Users



## MULTIMODAL OPTIONS

Provide Efficient and Reliable Multimodal Transportation Options



## COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

Preserve Florida's Natural Resources and Quality of Life



## RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

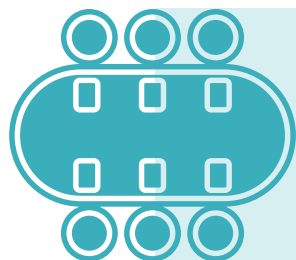
Provide Agile and Resilient Transportation Infrastructure



## ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

Support Florida's Economic Competitiveness through Transportation Investments

# Opportunities for Engagement



## Steering Committee

16 key partners and stakeholders who provide input and guide the 2055 FTP



## Statewide Webinars

Community webinars structured to receive public and partner feedback



## Focus Groups

5 Focus Groups will provide input to the Steering Committee at key milestones

*Safety, Resilient Infrastructure, Economic Development/Supply Chain, Technology, & Workforce Development*



## Regional Workshops + Virtual Open Houses

In-person and online open houses structured to receive regionally-focused public and partner feedback

Visioning

Goals & Objectives

Call to Action/Plan Development

Regional Visioning Sessions

Regional Workshops + Virtual Open House

Public Comment

Final Adoption



2024

April

May

June

July

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

2025

Jan

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April

May

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Steering Committee



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Focus Groups



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Focus Groups



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Optional Focus Groups

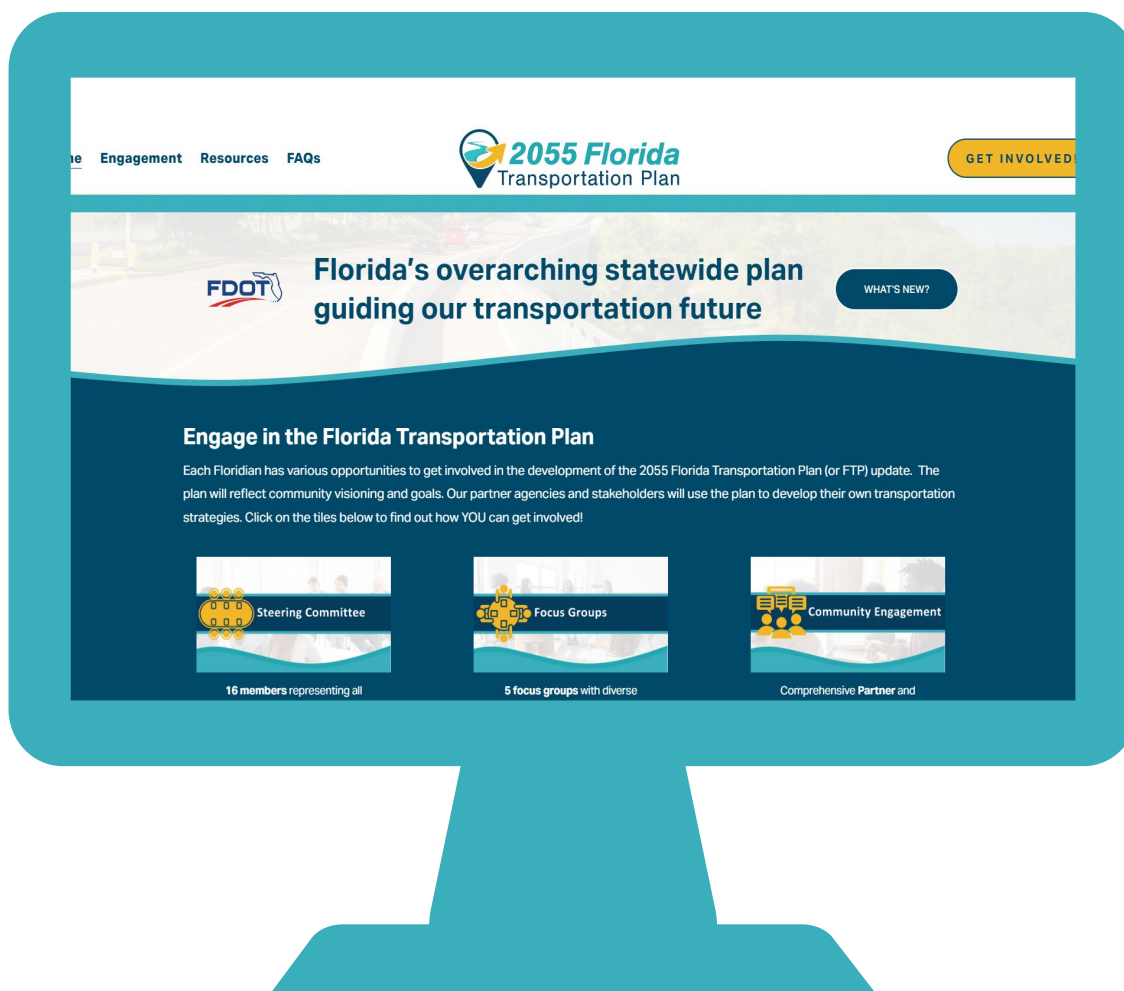


Steering Committee

Partner Engagement

Local/Regional Outreach

# Get Engaged Today!



Scan to  
learn more!





Jennifer Fortunas, PE, Director

Donna M. Green, Statewide MPO  
Administrator

*Office of Policy Planning*



# Thank you!



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# **Federal Highway Administration Report**

**Ronnique Bishop, FHWA, Acting Planning Team Leader  
Curlene Thomas, FHWA, Senior Planner**



# Updates

## MPO Advisory Council

### October 2024

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U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**





# FY 2025 STIP Approval & Planning Findings

- Statewide Assessment Meeting - May 30, 2024
- Findings
  - No Corrective Actions
  - 3 Noteworthy Practices
  - 6 Recommendations

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# FY 2025 STIP Approval & Planning Findings

## Noteworthy Practices

1. Opting out of Complete Streets Planning Requirements for FY24
2. Performance Data Integration Space
3. MPOAC Noteworthy Practice Portal



# FY 2025 STIP Approval & Planning Findings Recommendations

1. STIP Documentation with Sufficient Descriptive Materials\*
2. STIP Documentation of Flex Funds
3. Timely Submittal of STIP Related Documentation for Statewide Planning Finding\*
4. Transparency and Consistency in the Programming of MPO Federal Funds\*
5. Metropolitan Planning Areas Boundary Maps Update
6. Nonmetropolitan/Rural Planning Process

\**Recommendation modified and carried forward from FY24 approval.*

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# 2025 TMA Certification Review Site Visits

- Hillsborough TPO – 1/21/2025
- Pasco MPO – 1/28/2025
- Forward Pinellas MPO – 1/30/2025
- Capital Region TPA – 2/12/2025
- Martin MPO – 3/5/2025
- St Lucie TPO – 4/1/2025
- Sarasota Manatee MPO – 7/ 24/2025

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# Upcoming Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (USDOT)

Program	Closing Date	Division POC	Link
Planning and Other Bridge Projects	Bridge: Nov 1, 2024	Rafiq Darji/ Hector Laureano	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351567">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351567</a>
Low Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM)	Nov 25, 2024	Erika Thompson/ Joseph Sullivan	<a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/356233">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/356233</a>
National Scenic Byways	Dec 16, 2024	Sarah Boggs	<a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/356324">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/356324</a>

Division Grants Coordinator

Xiomara Nunez, [xiomara.nunez@dot.gov](mailto:xiomara.nunez@dot.gov)

<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>

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U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

# FLORIDA DIVISION



## MISSION STATEMENT



The Florida Division inspires transportation solutions in collaboration with our stakeholders to address community needs.





# **Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan**

**Gerald Goosby, FDOT, Systems Implementation Office**



# Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)

## Cost Feasible Plan

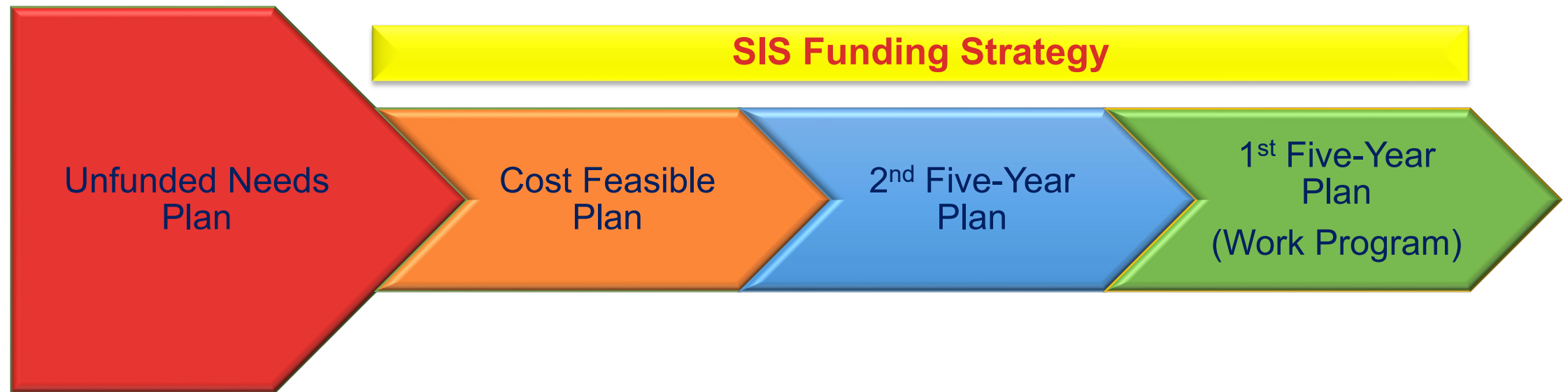


Gerald Goosby, Systems Implementation Office, FDOT



Strategic  
development

# SIS Planning Process



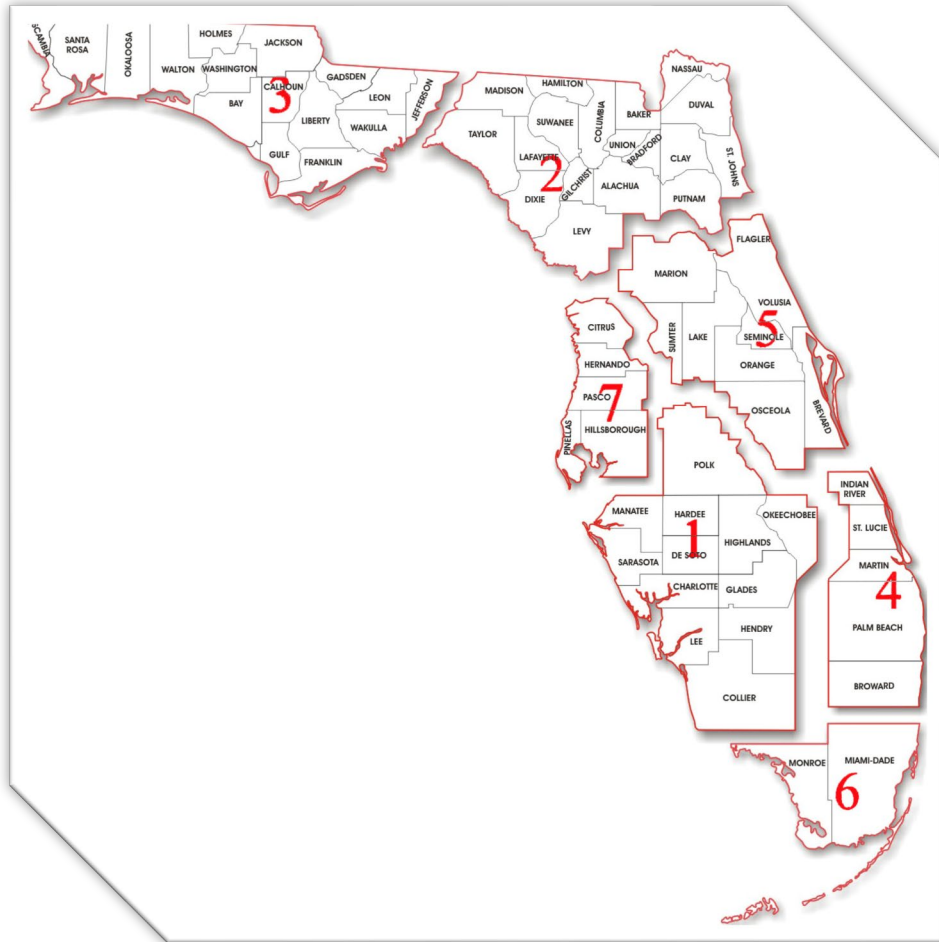
# SIS 2050 Cost Feasible Plan (CFP)

## Objective:

Develop a phased plan for capacity improvements to the 2050 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) utilizing forecasted revenues (\$28.5 billion), guided by objectives set forth in the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP).

## Process Overview:

- District SIS staff coordinated with MPOs to provide project information
- Statewide analysis determined network connectivity and priorities
- Projects were shared with district SIS teams and MPOs for review and comment
- Revisions were made based on district recommendations
- Projects were presented to district & central office leadership for concurrence



## MPO/TPO Coordination

- Coordination with MPO/TPO was a priority
- The CFP is critical to the development of Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTP)

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# Modal Reserve

- 20% set-aside for non-highway SIS modes; “modal reserve”
- To be allocated during the 1<sup>st</sup> Five-Year/SIS Work Program



Aviation



Public Transit



Spaceport



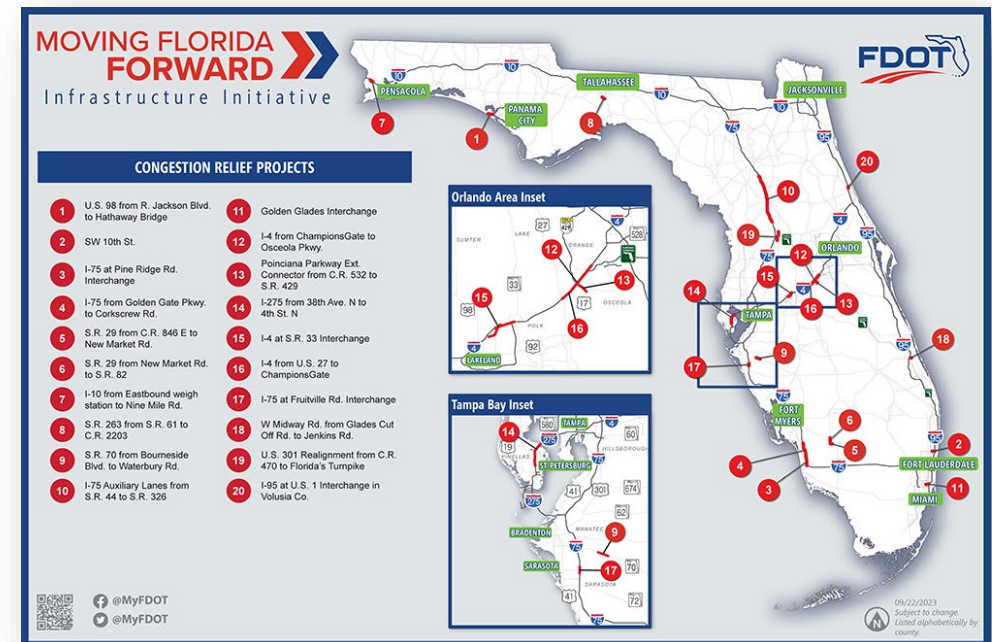
Freight and Rail



Seaport

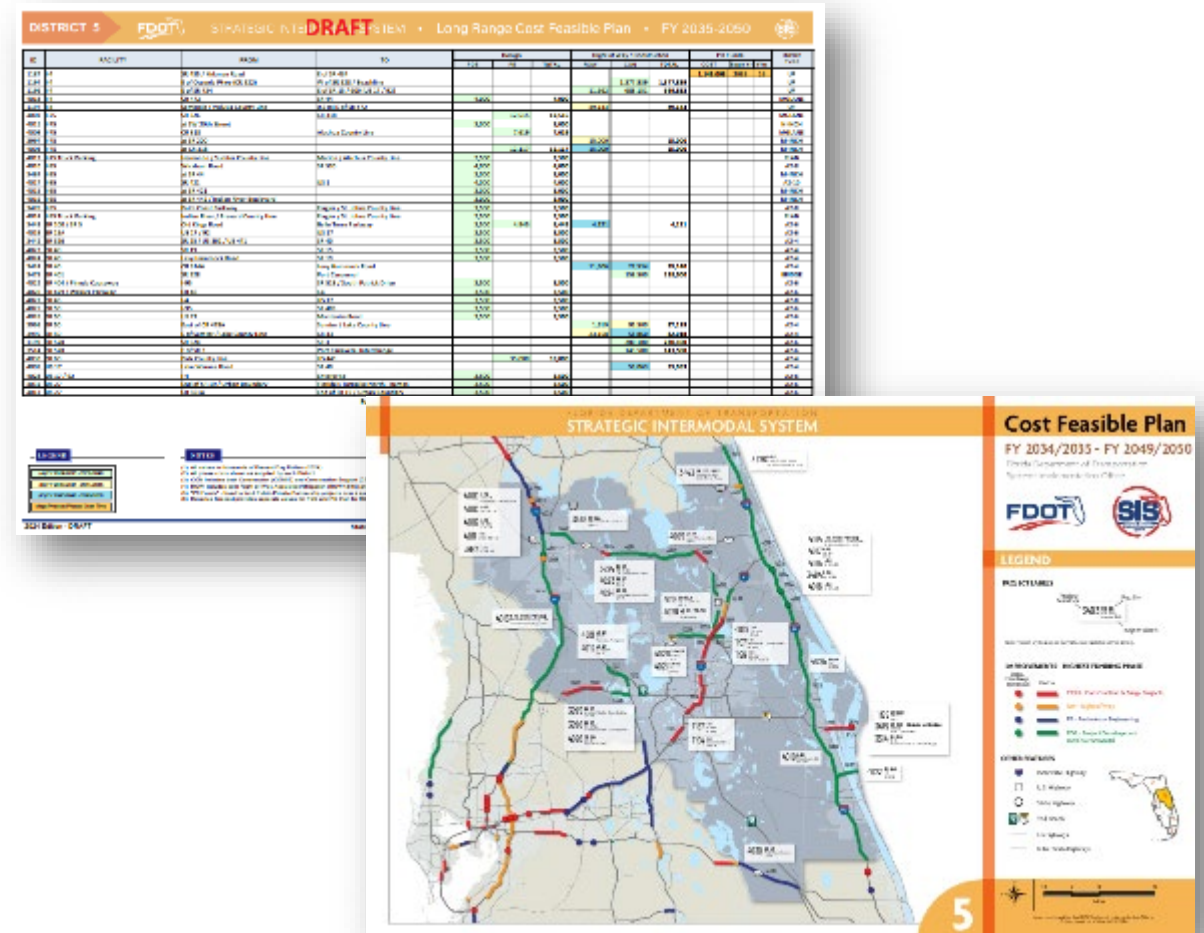
# Moving Florida Forward

- Identified projects from the final MFF list to remove from the draft CFP
- Re-allocated funding to other CFP projects
- Additional review and coordination



# CFP Highlights

- \$20.4 billion (PDC) for SIS Highway Corridors/Connectors
  - 233 projects
  - P3 repayments
- Additional 20% modal reserve
- Additional contingency funds

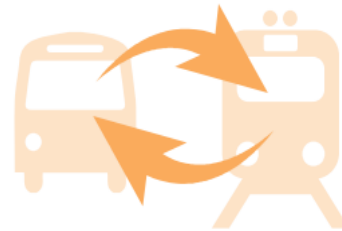


# Next Step: SIS Multi-modal Unfunded Needs Plan

Interegional Connectivity



• Intermodal Connectivity



• Economic Development



- Projects not feasible for funding
- SIS multimodal facilities
- Capacity projects

- District and local partner coordination
- Statutorily required



# Questions

**Gerald Goosby**  
**Systems Implementation Office**  
**Florida Department of Transportation**

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Strategic  
development



# MPO Member Comments

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# Adjournment

**Next Meeting – January 23, 2025**  
**Orlando, Florida**

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