

Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Meeting

MPOAC Governing Board

January 26, 2017

Call to Order
&
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- July 18, 2016 meeting minutes – in your packet

Public Comments

Executive Directors Report

- UPWP Report
 - 2 Quarterly Reports
 - Financial Spreadsheet
- MPOAC Weekend Institute Dates for 2017
 - April 21-23
 - May 19-21

Legislative Update

- Overview
- Bills Filed
 - Texting While Driving – Three Bills
 - Local Tax Referenda
 - Tolls (HOT and Express Lanes)
 - Uber/Lyft Bills

Please See the MPOAC Legislative Update

Agency Reports

Florida Department of Transportation

Agency Reports
Federal Highway Administration
Florida Division

Bylaws Revision

- Staff Directors to meet one month before Governing Board
- Will act more like a Technical Advisory Committee

Looked over the bylaws comprehensively

Overview of Changes

- Expanded definition of MPO, eliminated TPO definition
- No more Chairperson, Chairman, etc – only Chair and Vice-Chair
- Allow for two alternates to represent your organization at meetings
- No more sub-committees, just committees
- Align the appointment of leadership positions with elections
- Flexibility in naming member organizations
- Agendas distributed 10 days in advance of meeting

Election of Officers

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - One year terms for each
 - Terms start immediately

PL Reserve and Policy Summary

- Have \$2M “in the bank”
- Unique to Florida
- Not subject to Obligation Limitation
 - Very generous
- Can convert Federal Construction \$ to Planning

PL Reserve and Policy Significant Events

- Origins go back further than anyone working today
- FY2012/13 - \$1,973,525 withdrawal
 - Shortfall in funding from SAFETEA-LU to MAP-21
- Withdrawal of \$700,000 for two new MPOs

- What is an appropriate level of \$ “in the bank”?



FL LRTP Review

Jeff Kramer, AICP

MPOAC Quarterly Meetings ● January 26, 2017

Background/Purpose

- Prior Reviews in 1997, 2002, 2008 and 2013
- Purpose:
 - Observations: identify current practices and compare to previous practices
 - Suggestions: prompt change in practice ahead of next update cycle
 - Estimate statewide shortfall in metropolitan areas

Example Changes in Practice

- Statewide financial guidelines
 - Uniform horizon years; “Needs” plan guidance
- Statewide funding shortfall estimate
- Coordination between LRTPs and other plans
- Improved “user friendliness”
 - More descriptive LRTPs
- Clearer linkages between projects and goals

Estimated Statewide Shortfall

Table 1. Growth of Statewide 20-Year Funding Shortfall					
L RTP Review Year	Original Shortfall (billions)	Original Base Year	Shortfall in 2009 Dollars (billions)	Percent Growth	Cumulative Growth
1997	\$22.3	1995	\$31.4	--	--
2002	\$37.7	2000	\$47.0	43%	--
2008	\$62.5	2005	\$68.7	46%	110%
2012	\$126.4	2009	\$126.4	84%	300%

Timing to Review of 2040 LRTPs?

- The time is now
 - 18 month schedule
- Last 2040 LRTP
 - Adopted 3/2017
- First 2045 LRTP
 - Adopted 10/2019
- Scope in agenda package
 - \$175K

LRTP Adoption Schedule

MPO	Current LRTP Adoption Date	Next Adoption Due Date*
Okaloosa Walton TPO	3/15/2012	3/15/2017
Palm Beach MPO	10/16/2014	10/16/2019
Miami-Dade Urbanized MPO	10/23/2014	10/23/2019
Hillsborough County MPO	11/12/2014	11/12/2019
North Florida TPO	11/13/2014	11/13/2019
Hernando-Citrus MPO	12/9/2014	12/9/2019
Pinellas County MPO	12/10/2014	12/10/2019
Broward MPO	12/11/2014	12/11/2019
Pasco County MPO	12/11/2014	12/11/2019
River to Sea TPO	9/23/2015	9/23/2020
Gainesville MTPPO	10/5/2015	10/5/2020
Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO	10/5/2015	10/5/2020
Space Coast TPO	10/8/2015	10/8/2020
Florida Alabama TPO	11/3/2015	11/3/2020
Capital Region TPA	11/16/2015	11/16/2020
Ocala-Marion County TPO	11/24/2015	11/24/2020
St. Lucie TPO	12/2/2015	12/2/2020
METROPLAN	12/9/2015	12/9/2020
Lake Sumter MPO	12/9/2015	12/9/2020
Indian River County MPO	12/9/2015	12/9/2020
Polk TPO	12/10/2015	12/10/2020
Collier MPO	12/11/2015	12/11/2020
Martin MPO	12/14/2015	12/14/2020
Sarasota-Manatee MPO	12/14/2015	12/14/2020
Lee MPO	12/18/2015	12/18/2020
Heartland Regional TPO	3/16/2016	3/16/2021
Bay County TPO	6/22/2016	6/22/2021

Updated 8/26/16

*As per 23 CFR §450.322, MPOs in attainment areas shall review and update the LRTP every five years.

Questions?

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Legislative Policy Positions of MPOAC

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The MPOAC supports State Legislation that:

- Explores new Transportation Revenue.
- Restores funding for the TRIP (Transportation Regional Incentive Program)
- Makes distracted driving a primary offense.
- Allows SIS (Strategic Intermodal System) funds to be used on roads and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS.
- Create predictable funding for transit projects.

Implements the recommendations from the MPOAC transportation revenue study and other options for expanding transportation revenue sources.

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.

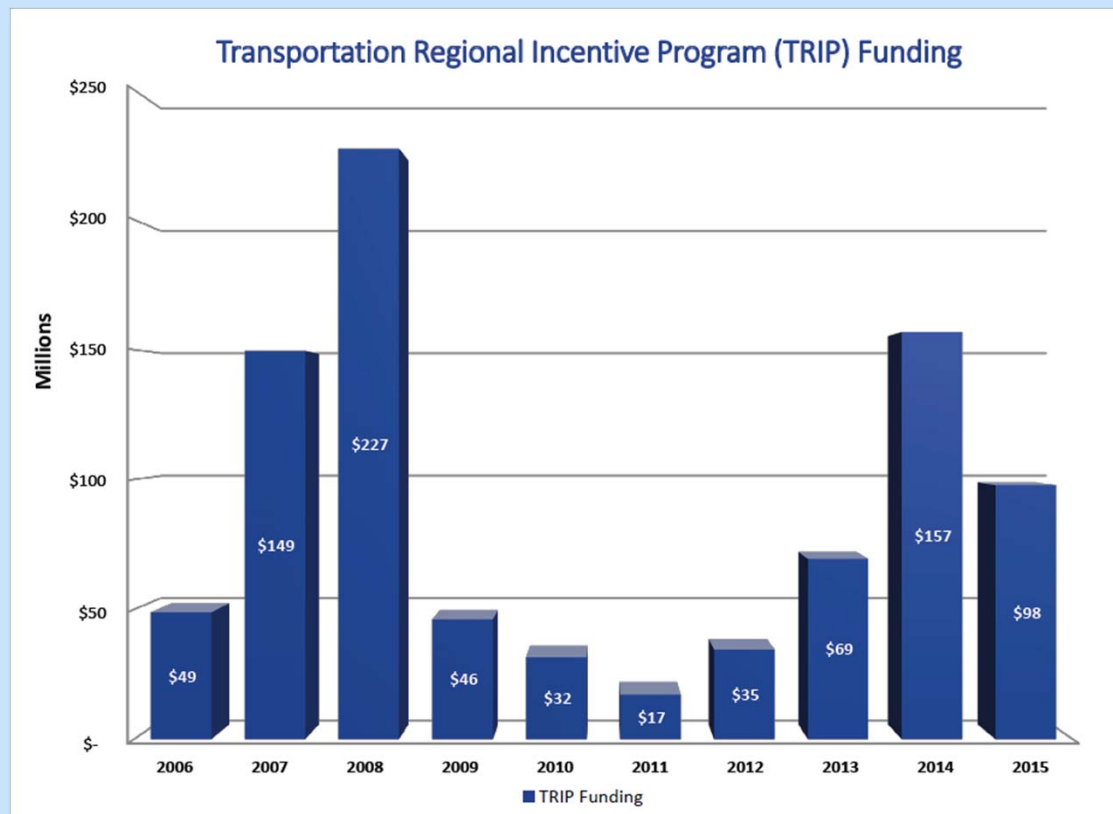
Index local option fuel taxes to the consumer price index in a manner similar to the current indexing of state fuel taxes.

Direct the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a plan and conduct one or more pilot tests to move Florida toward a Mileage Based User Fee, which protects individual privacy, in lieu of the traditional fuel tax.

Regulates distracted driving as a primary offense by prohibiting the use of electronic wireless communications devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a moving motor vehicle.

The 2013 Florida legislature enacted the “Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law.” The law prohibits operation of a moving motor vehicle while manually typing, sending or reading interpersonal communication (texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, etc.) using a wireless communications device, with certain exceptions. The law provides for enforcement of the ban as a secondary offense, meaning a driver would have to be pulled over for some other violation to get a ticket for violating the ban on texting. The 2014 and 2015 Florida Legislatures underscored the severity of distracted driving by considering bills that would have substantially increased the penalty for distracted driving. This legislative proposal would seek to strengthen the enforcement mechanism for the texting while driving ban by making it a primary offense.

Restores funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program in order to promote regional planning and project development through sustainable funding mechanisms, in addition to documentary stamp revenues.



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.

Current state law does not permit SIS funds to be spent on roads 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. This legislative proposal would broaden the State's ability to improve passenger and freight mobility on SIS corridors by making eligible the expenditure of SIS funds on non SIS roads and other transportation facilities where the benefit to users of SIS facilities can be demonstrated.

Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process.

- 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.

Potential Policy Position

(12) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL LAW.—

Upon notification by an agency of the Federal Government that any provision of this section conflicts with federal laws or regulations, such federal laws or regulations will take precedence to the extent of the conflict until such conflict is resolved. The department or an M.P.O. may take any necessary action to comply with such federal laws and regulations or to continue to remain eligible to receive federal funds.

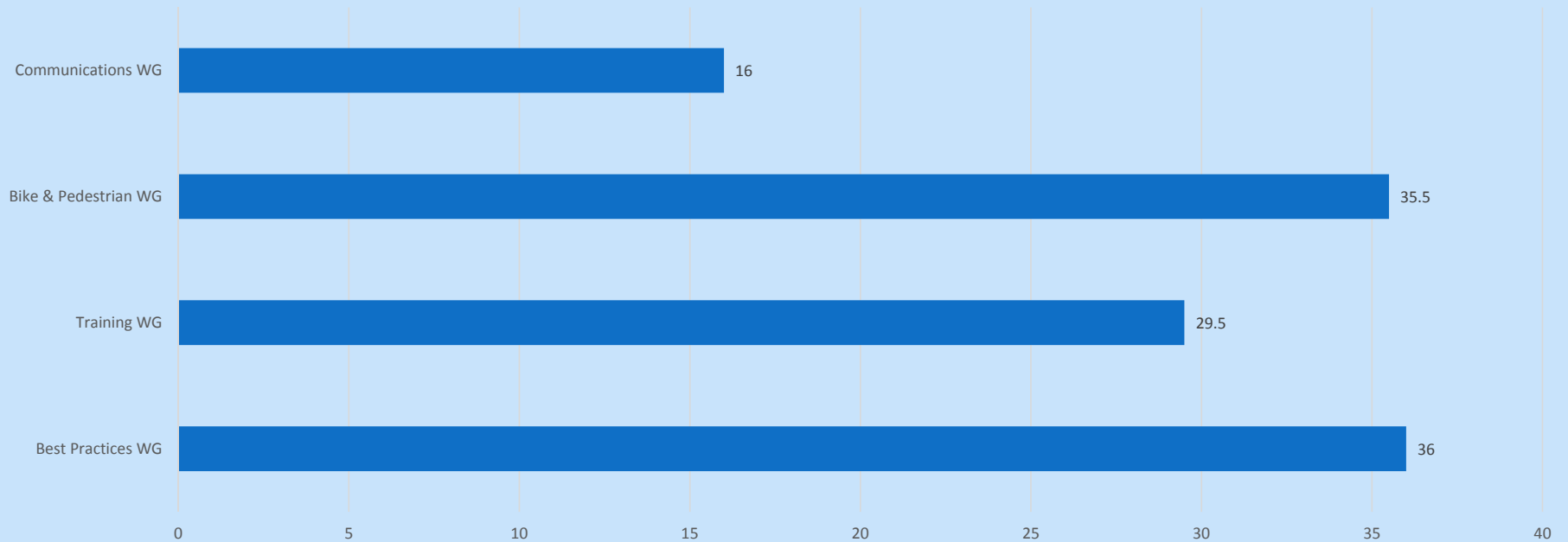
Federal monies for the MPOAC or any M.P.O. passed through the State of Florida shall not be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure. All such monies shall be expended consistent with federal requirements, laws, or regulations as determined by the MPOAC or the M.P.O., to which the monies have been appropriated, after consultation with the federal agency appropriating the funds. Expenditure of said funds consistent with this paragraph shall be deemed to have been specifically authorized by the legislature, or authorized by necessary implication, to carry out duties or functions imposed or authorized by this section or by federal law, regulation, or requirement.

Strategic Plan Implementation

Carl Mikyska

MPOAC Strategic Plan Working Groups

Strategic Directions Working Groups
Survey Results



MPOAC Strategic Plan Working Groups

Next Steps

- Form 2 committees
 - Bike & Pedestrian Committee
 - Best Practices Committee
- Select committee members and chair
- Direct your Executive Director to work with each chair to develop a work plan for committee approval

New Calendar Dates for 2017 Meetings

- **No Change to Governing Board Meeting Dates**

- 1st Quarter No Change (January 26th Meetings)
- 2nd Quarter -Staff Directors - March 2, 2017
 -Governing Board – April 6, 2017 in Cocoa Beach
- 3rd Quarter -Staff Directors - June 1, 2017
 -Governing Board – July 19, 2017 in Boca Raton
- 4th Quarter -Staff Directors – October 12, 2017
 -Governing Board – November 7, 2017 in Panama City Beach

NARC Dues Structure

- National Association of Regional Councils
 - Florida is very active in NARC
- NARC is re-structuring their dues
 - Consistency and fairness
 - No net increase in NARC income
- Would increase Florida dues
 - From \$50K per year
 - To \$85.5K (interim will be \$67,750)

Executive Director Performance Evaluation

- Why?
 - Required by the MPOAC bylaws
- In the Packet
 - Evaluation form
 - List of Executive Director activities and MPOAC Accomplishments
- MPOAC Executive Committee Conducted review
 - Overview
- Your Feedback and Input?

Communications

- Items in your packet
 - Thank you note from Florida League of Cities for MPOAC coordination and partnership
 - 2 sets of comments to the Federal Docket
- Thank YOU!!!!
 - Your direction on comments
 - Jeff for his hard work
 - Dave Lee of FDOT
 - Doug McLeod of FDOT
 - Erich Zimmerman of NARC

Member Comments

Issues and comments for the good of the cause

Adjournment

Next meeting - April 06, 2017

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