2019 Freight Priorities Program

Next Steps Workshop

Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
Freight Subcommittee Meeting
November 1st, 2018 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Agenda

- How Did We Get Here?
- What Have We Learned about Freight Setting Priorities?
- Where Would We Like to Go?
- Open Discussion
  - Implementation in 2019
  - Potential Ways to Expand the Program in the Future
- Questions/Answers
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What Have We Learned about Setting Priorities?

- Not all MPOs identify and prioritize freight projects
- Needs are often identified through a variety of activities
  - Bottleneck analyses, stakeholder surveys/partner input, capital improvement plans/master plans
  - Overall capacity improvements are typically included
- Non-roadway improvements are often included in LRTPs through reference (e.g., port master plans)
- Projects are prioritized based on freight volumes, freight intensity, mode, economic impact, system efficiencies, and more
What Have We Learned about Setting Priorities? (Cont.)

- Florida’s MPOs must have every advantage possible to compete for available funding.
- State freight priorities address the most strategic freight needs; many of these priorities will fall within MPO planning boundaries.
- MPOs drive project development and priorities within their planning boundaries.
- Each MPO should include freight considerations in project prioritization methodologies.
- Unified input by MPOs and the MPOAC to FDOT on freight priorities will help ensure local and regional freight needs are addressed in funding decisions.
Where Would We Like to Go?

• Continue with the Implementation of the FPP for 2019, taking into consideration the Lessons Learned from the 2018 FPP

• Explore opportunities to expand and enhance the Program create:
  • A Program List of MPOAC identified freight projects with statewide significance traversing multiple MPO boundaries
    – #1 Priority from 2018 MPOAC Freight Committee Next Steps Survey
  • A Program List of MPOAC identified multimodal freight projects
    – #2 Priority from 2018 MPOAC Freight Committee Next Steps Survey
Potential Ways to Expand the Program

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  • How would we define the types of projects that would get included? Are we looking at multimodal projects or limiting it to roadway corridors?
  • How are you including them in your plans now? How are they programmed?
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• A Program List of MPOAC identified multimodal freight projects
  • How would we define the types of projects that would get included? Are we looking at all modes (e.g., rail, seaport, airport, non-state roadways)?
  • Would we be looking for 3 top projects for each mode, or 3 top multimodal projects?
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Questions and Answers

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