

Strategic Plan Item		
PRIORITIZE FUNDING		
Ac	tion	Outcome(s)
A	Create State Road Modifications (SRM) scoring system	New scoring system
В	Support applications for discretionary grants	3 applications
С	Establish application process for safety projects	New application process
D	Advocate for TPA adopted legislative and policy positions	Amended laws and policies

Background

- Strategic Plan Initiative
- TPA Governing Board adopted positions in 2021
- Current contract with Holland & Knight for Federal Legislation (tracking/updates/guidance)
- Utilize Florida Metropolitan Planning Council Advisory Committee (MPOAC) for State Legislation
 - Annual topic at the MPOAC July Technical Workshop with adoption at the next quarterly MPOAC meeting
- TPA staff advocates for positions when opportunities arise:
 - Provide feedback to federal/state/regional policies and standards
 - Provide feedback during adoption of MPOAC positions



Staff Recommendation

- 1. TPA provides input in the creation of MPOAC policy positions
- 2. TPA shares MPOAC Policy Positions with TPA Governing Board
- 3. TPA stays engaged in status of policy positions
- 4. TPA Executive Director and Board assigns staff tasks on specific issues when necessary to support a policy position





MPOAC Legislative Priorities & Policy Positions

THE MPOAC SUPPORTS STATE LEGISLATION THAT:

1. Supports an **increase in transportation investment through dedicated and sustainable funding**, including innovative financing options; encourages partnerships between public and private entities; and facilitates the expedited delivery of projects.

2. **Regulates distracted driving** by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless communication devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway.

3. Adds provisions to Florida's Sunshine Law to **allow all government entities to hold virtual meetings during a declared emergency plus a period of 90 days** past the declared emergency dates.

4. Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads, transit, and other transportation facilities **not designated on the SIS** if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.

5. Establishes **flexible & predictable funding for transit projects** (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF).

6. Recognizes that **federal metropolitan transportation planning funds shall not be regarded as state funds** for purposes of expenditure.

7. Supports the **advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies** that promote creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, while simultaneously protecting citizens from malicious tampering with such technologies by making tampering a punishable offense.





Why Legislative & Policy Positions?

- 1. Grow local consensus on future Mobility Vision
 - Balance projects and land development patterns
 - Consider timely pursuit of additional revenue sources
- 2. Advance TPA and Southeast Florida Vision in State Legislature
- 3. Influence Federal transportation funding or policies

New \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill includes over \$550 billion in new spending

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Safe

1. Change State and/or Federal Law:

- Expand distracted driving law
- Obey crossing guards
- Automate speed enforcement
- Require helmets
- Include safety tech on new vehicles

2. Enhance Education:

- Annual safe walk & bicycle safety curriculum
- Driver's education in High School
- Pass test of pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle laws to obtain or renew driver's license
- Roadway safety info distributed to rental car companies



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= Safe

3. Revise Roadway Design Standards:

- Base on context classification
- Use target speed not existing speed
- Allow installation of safe pedestrian crossings treatments at mid-block and unsignalized locations



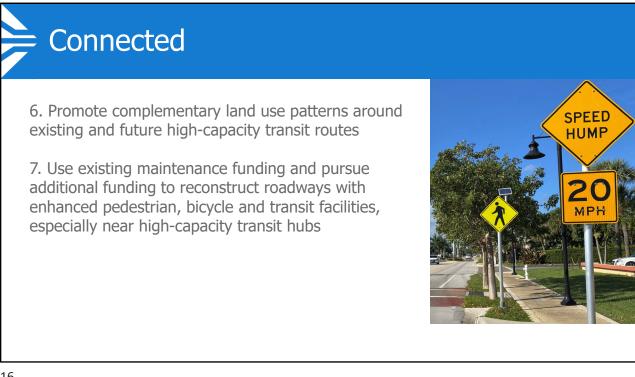


4. Advance autonomous, connected, and electric vehicles and infrastructure funding

5. Allow MPO funding flexibility to maximize efficient delivery of transportation projects on local facilities



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Multimodal

8. Advance a regionally connected, highcapacity and efficient transit system to support anticipated growth and mobility

9. Increase flexibility within existing state transportation programs to allow the funding of high-capacity transit investments and supporting infrastructure

Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Primarily operates in dedicated rail lanes



Bus Rapid Transit

(BRT)

Primarily operates in dedicated bus lanes



BRT Lite Primarily operates in mixed traffic

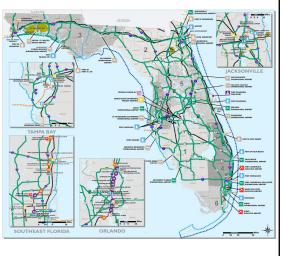


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Multimodal

10. Allow flexibility with Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds for facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or freight on the SIS

11. Seek additional funding sources at all levels to build, operate, and maintain high-capacity transit



Next Steps

- Collaborate with partners to unify priorities
 - Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)
 - Florida Metropolitan Planning Council Advisory Committee (MPOAC)
- Be proactive in providing feedback when Federal Government and State update policies
- Educate community and elected officials



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