

What is an MPO?

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Meeting

Why do MPOs Exist?

A Brief History

1940s and 1950s

- The emergence of the Interstate Highways Program
- Conflicts arise over Interstate plans
- Cities (and Counties) sought a voice

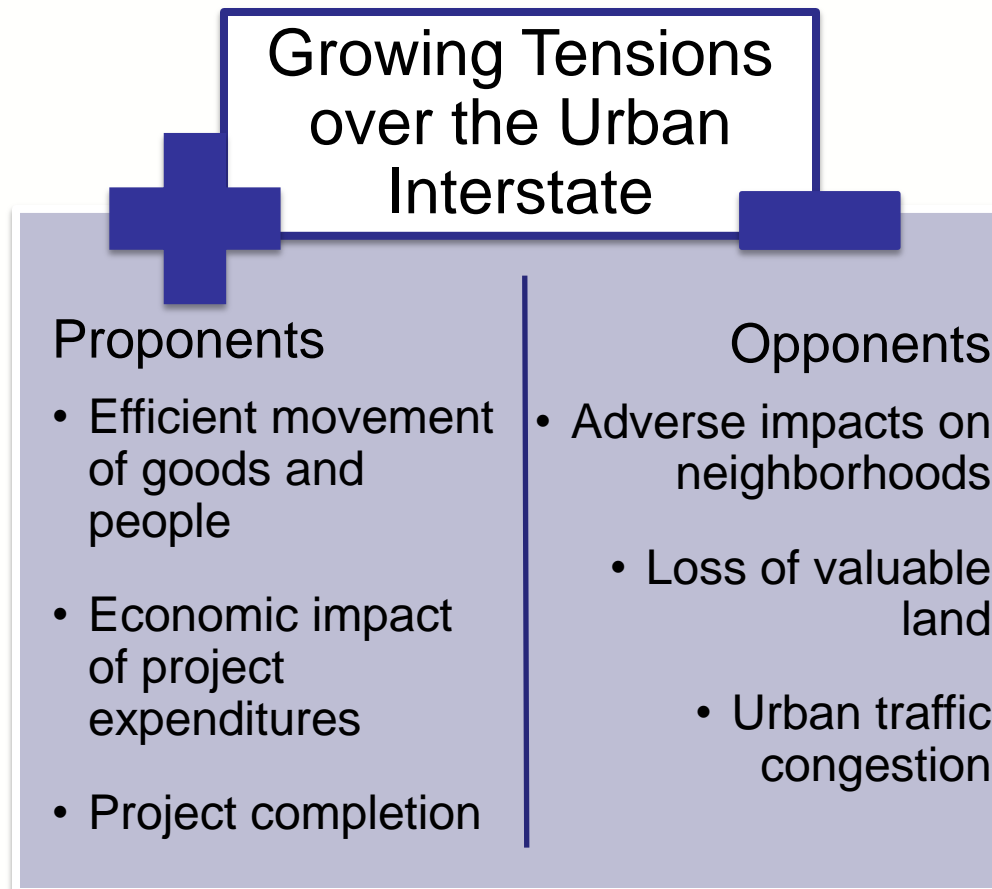
1960s

- Transit Enters the Federal Policy Picture
- Transit defined as an urban problem
- Cities sought help, but federal and state agencies were highway agencies
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969



A Brief History

Different Priorities → **Conflict**



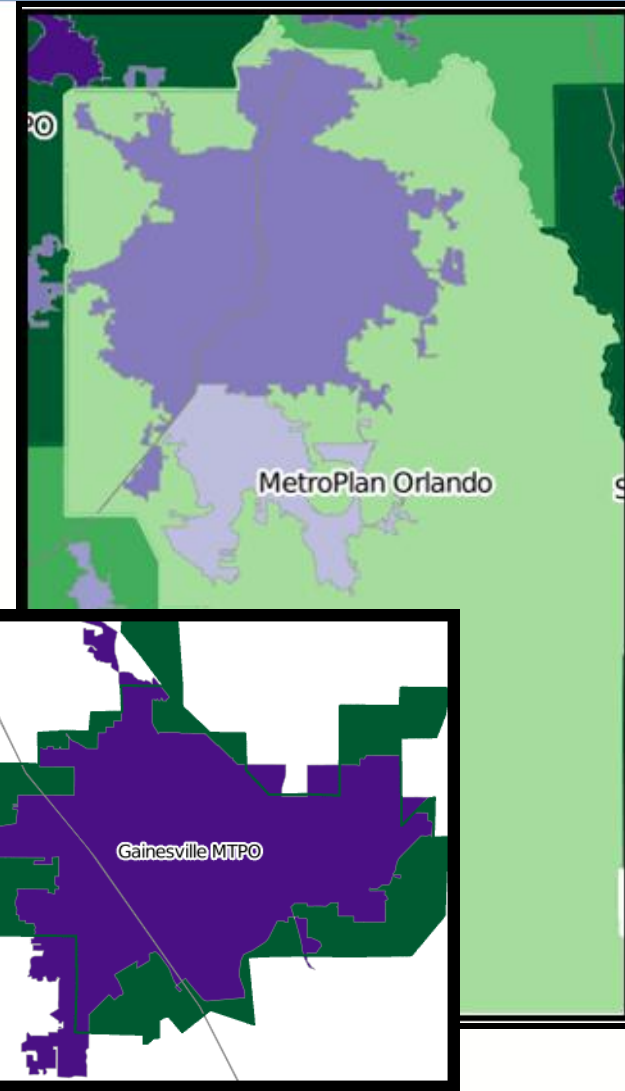
The Creation of MPOs

1973 Highway Act

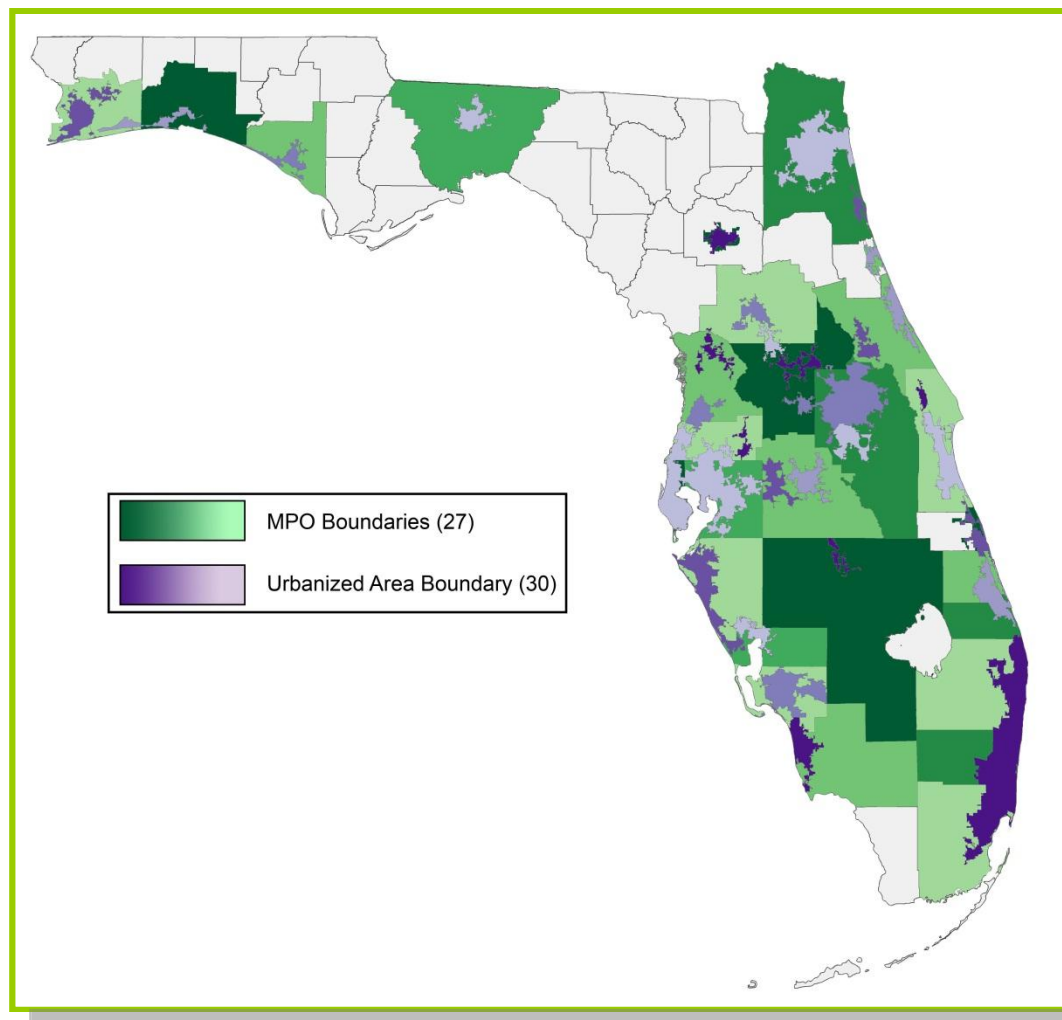
Areas with 50,000+ population, mandated to have or be a part of at least one MPO

Designated by agreement of governor and local governments

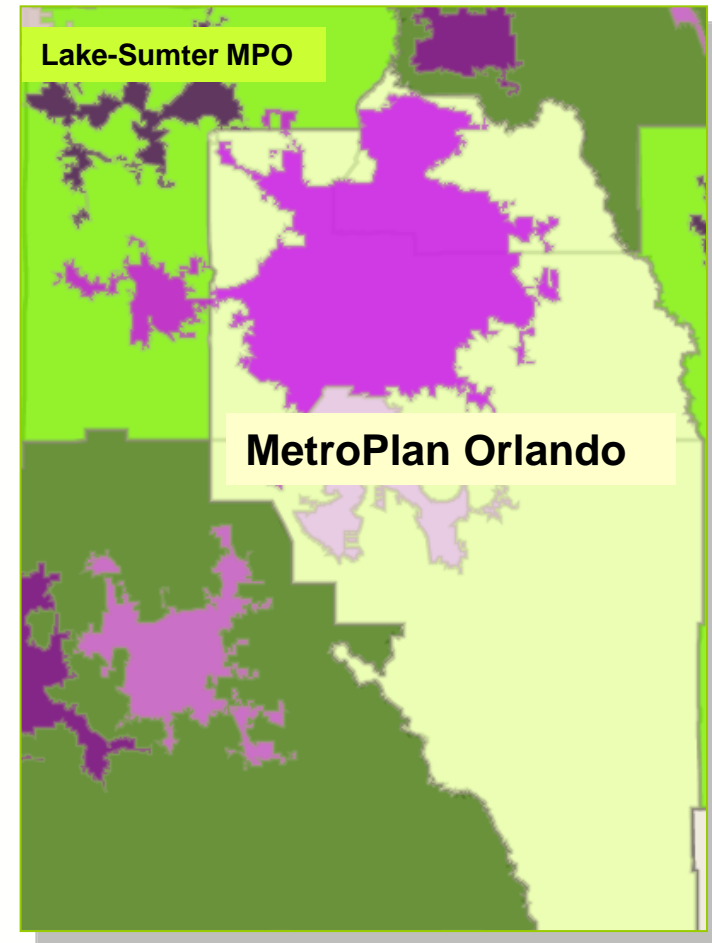
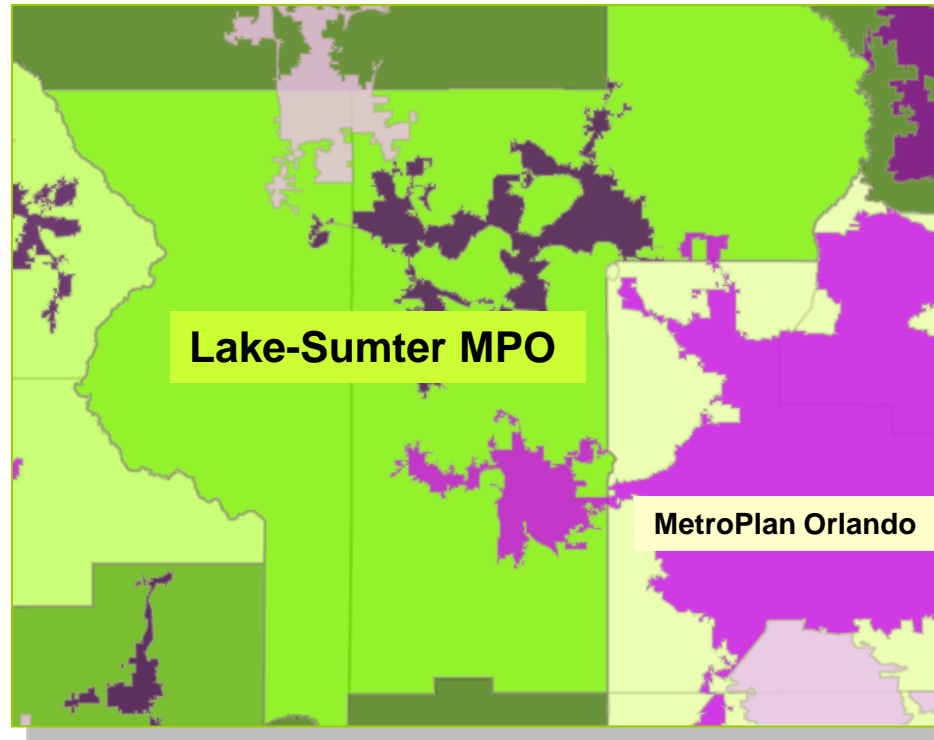
Required to approach transportation in a multi-modal manner



Urbanized Areas v. MPO Planning Areas




Boundaries



Who Participates in the MPO?

MPO Participants

- Board members
 - Representing counties, municipalities and modal providers
 - Committee members
 - Technical committee
 - Citizens committee
 - Other committees
 - MPO staff
 - Public/Stakeholders
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- A photograph showing a group of people, likely MPO staff or stakeholders, seated around a long conference table in a meeting room. They are reviewing documents and papers. The room has large windows with blinds and a television screen in the background displaying the METROLINK logo.



Role of the MPO Board

- To set the big-picture framework for transportation decisions
 - Forum for setting a community transportation vision and goals that all transportation agencies can use as guidance
- Make planning and programming decisions
 - Direct authority for MPO plans and programs
 - Discussing and vetting other agency planning and programming decisions

Role of MPO Committees

- Provide input for MPO Board to consider
 - Technical analysis
 - Specialized knowledge
 - Citizen input on specific issues

- Required committees in Florida
 - Technical Committee
 - Citizens Committee

- Examples of other committees
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian
 - Transportation Disadvantaged
 - Freight

Role of the MPO Staff

- Provide information and technical support
 - Prepare documents
 - Foster interagency coordination
 - Facilitate public input and feedback
 - Engage consultants as needed
 - Manage the planning process
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- MPO Board must ensure staff expertise and funding



Stakeholders

- Disabled
- Transportation disadvantaged
- Business and industry
- Neighborhoods and homeowners
- Senior citizens
- Schools
- Religious denominations
- Private property advocates
- Environmentalists
- Historic preservation advocates
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- Adjacent MPOs
- Regional planning councils
- Local governments
- Intergovernmental coordination and review agencies
- Airports/Seaports
- Transit providers
- Trucking interests

What are the Responsibilities of MPOs?

Broad Responsibility

- Forum for the '3 C' planning process
 - Continuing
 - Comprehensive
 - Cooperative
- Lead planning
- Coordinate programming



Product Requirements

Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Must be a five-year program
- Must be updated annually

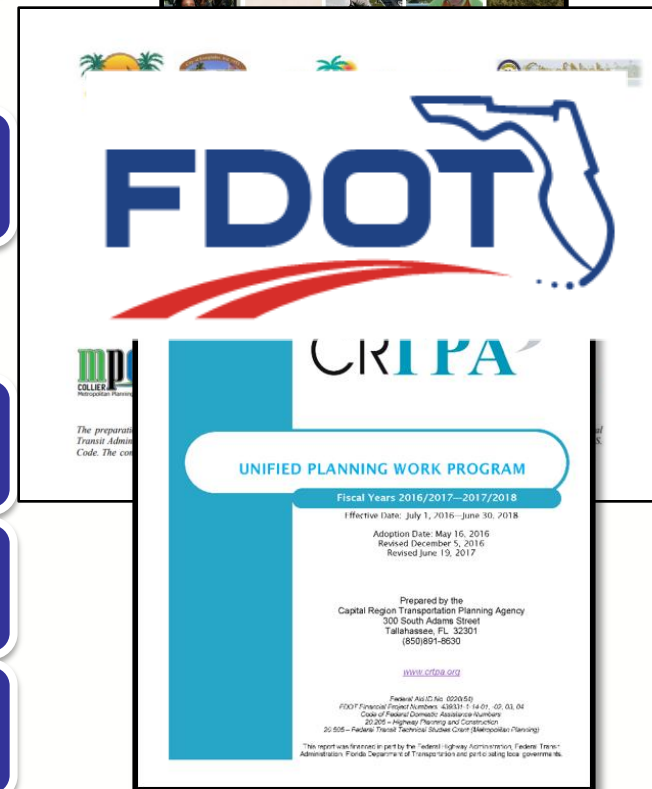
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- Must be updated annually by law
- Adopted every 2 years in practice

Participation Plan

Congestion Management Process

All in cooperation with FDOT



Process Requirements – Federal Law

Open, public,
and inclusive

Includes
consideration of
a variety of
planning factors



How do MPOs Coordinate?



Regional Cooperation

Central Florida MPO Alliance

- MetroPlan Orlando
- Lake-Sumter MPO
- Ocala/Marion TPO
- Polk TPO
- Space Coast TPO
- River to Sea TPO

TBARTA MPOs CCC

- Hernando/Citrus TPO
- Forward Pinellas
- Hillsborough MPO
- Pasco County MPO
- Polk TPO
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Southeast Florida Transportation Council

- Palm Beach TPA
- Miami-Dade TPO
- Broward MPO

Treasure Coast Transportation Council

- Martin MPO
- St. Lucie TPO
- Indian River County MPO

Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization

- Florida-Alabama TPO
- Okaloosa-Walton TPO

Many others

- 22 of Florida's 27 MPOs

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TMA Leadership
Group



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Advisory Council** - Forum to explore,
debate, and resolve issues of
statewide importance

Questions?

