



What is an MPO?

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a federally mandated and funded agency that consists of local government representatives. The MPO works collaboratively with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and partner agencies to coordinate the planning and prioritization of federal and state funds for transportation projects in the urbanized area.

History of MPOs



MPOs were created to ensure regional cooperation in transportation planning. MPOs were introduced by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, which required the formation of an MPO for any urbanized area (UZA) with a population greater than 50,000.

Congress created MPOs to ensure existing and future expenditures of governmental funds for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (“Three Cs”) planning process. Statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes are governed by state and federal law.

3 C’s Planning Process

- **Continuing**
 Planning is an ongoing process that addresses both short-term and long-term needs.
- **Cooperative**
 The process must involve a variety of interested parties through public participation.
- **Comprehensive**
 The process must cover all transportation modes and be consistent with regional and local land-use and economic development plans.

Planning Considerations

-  Population Growth
-  Federal & State Goals
-  Economic Development
-  Traffic Congestion
-  Land Use
-  Public Input
-  Safety

MISSION: *Plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system.*

VISION: *A safe, efficient, and connected multimodal transportation system.*



MPO Required Work Products

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



- 25-year transportation plan
- Updated every 5 years
- Prioritizes projects that advance State and Federal Performance Measures

- 5-year Work Program of Funded Projects
- Updated annually for new outer year
- Developed in coordination with FDOT

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Public Participation Plan (PPP)



- 2-year agency business plan
- Updated every two years

- Outlines strategies for public involvement
- Updated as needed

MPOs identify transportation needs and prioritize funds to advance state and federal goals. Each of the required planning documents work to plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system. MPOs ensure all systems work together cohesively through purposeful planning, communication, and coordination.