Regional Models of Cooperation

MPOs Working Together to Achieve a Variety of Planning Objectives

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Background

UZAs across the country:
- Have been combined
- Have become contiguous
- Have been designated

Resulting in:
- Shared commuter sheds
- Shared air sheds
- Shared economic interests
- Large projects impacting multiple MPO areas

MPOs (and others) have to work together to improve outcomes
“Regarding relationships with nearby MPOs, has your MPO done any of the following:”

- Performed joint planning tasks
- Jointly purchased data, software, hardware, or technical services
- Met with leadership on a regular basis
- Signed an MOU or interlocal agreement

97 of 133 survey respondents answered “yes” at least once
MPO Coordination in FL

MPOAC – Statewide Association of MPOs
- Statewide revenue study
- LRTP financial guidelines
- MPOAC Institute
- Policy positions

Regional MPO Alliances:
- A variety of regional planning activities and studies
- Regional LRTPs
- Regional project priorities

Martin - St. Lucie 2035 Regional LRTP

Florida MPOs in Regional Alliances
Florida’s Largest MPO Alliances
West Central Florida MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)

- 2035 Regional LRTP
- Regional CMP
- High Priority Regional Transportation Initiatives
- Regional Multi-Use Trails Plan Element
- Regional Public Participation Plan

Map of CCC Member MPOs
Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA)

- Regional Long Range Transportation Plan
- Regional Legislative Priorities
- Myregion.org
- Regional Project Prioritization Process
- Regional Tracking the Trends Document

Map of CFMPOA Member MPOs
Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)

- 2040 Regional Transportation Plan
- Annual Prioritized List of Regional Transportation Projects
- Cargo 2040
- Regional Greenway Plan
- Regional Performance Standards
- Regional Public Involvement Plan

Map of SEFTC Member MPOs
MPO Coordination in NC

NCAMPO
- Annual Conference
- Statewide policy coordination

CAMPO/DCHC
- Joint 2035 & 2040 plans
- Shared travel demand and air quality models

PART (transit agency with regional planning component)
- Regional travel demand model
- Air quality conformity
- Regional visioning/land use

CRAFT (Charlotte area)
- Regional travel demand model
- Regional freight study
- Local administered projects training
- CONNECT/MTP Linkage

North Carolina MPOs & RPOs
MPO Coordination in NY

NYSAMPO
• Annual conference
• Fact sheets
• Shared cost initiative projects
• Sustainable transportation/communities white paper

Mid-Hudson Valley TMA
• Suballocate FTA funds
• Regional CMP
• Regional travel time study

RTPC
• Regional transportation study
• Online ride share program
• Regional mobility managers group
MPO Coordination in UT

JPAC
- Common criteria for evaluating highway and transit projects
- Prioritized list of transportation improvements
- Funding strategies
- Forum for policy discussion

Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan
- All 4 MPOs in Utah
- UDOT (for rural areas)
Observations

• MPO cooperation may be in response to external pressures
  - Legislation (federal and state)
  - Business interests and other forms of advocacy
  - UZA consolidation
• MPO cooperation often occurs in the context of a broader statewide or regional effort
  - Shared funding for mutual benefit
  - Speak with “one voice”
• Cooperation can be informal in nature
• Cooperation is not uncommon in modeling and other technical activities
Questions?