REGIONAL MODELS OF COOPERATION

FLORIDIA'S REGIONAL MODELS OF COOPERATION:
Coordination and Collaboration
Between FDOT & Florida's MPOs

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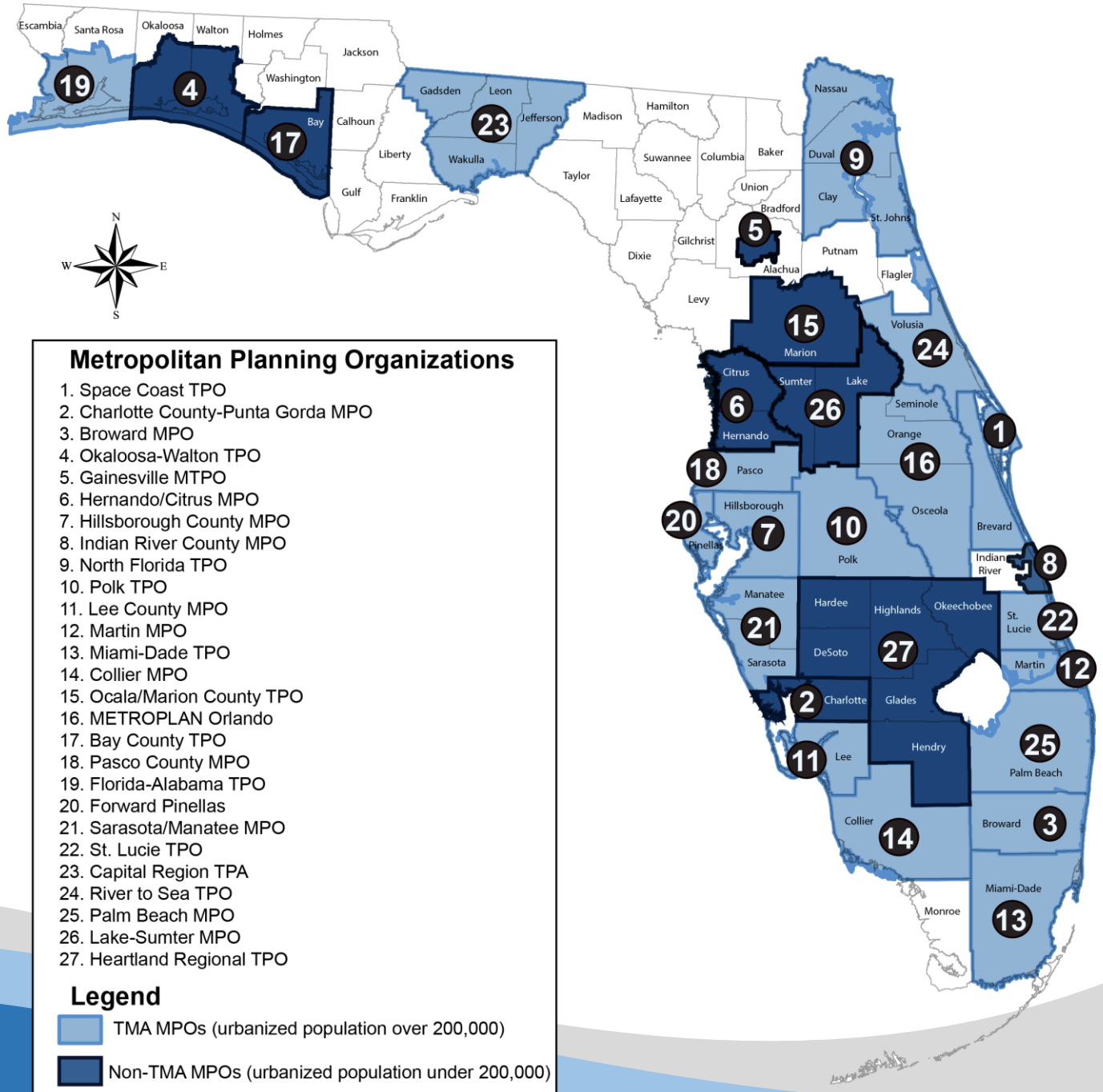
Overview

- Florida MPOs / Context
- Structure of MPO / FDOT Coordination in Florida
- Overview of Key Updates from Previous EDC Report
- Every Day Counts Program – Notable Accomplishments
- FDOT Regional Coordination Efforts – Sponsored Research & Leadership Initiative
- Going Forward

Florida and its MPOs

- **Population**
  - 2016 – 20.1 million
  - 2045 – 27.4 million
  - ≅ 252,000 people per year
- **27 MPOs**
  - 19 TMAs
  - 8 Non-TMAs
  - 5 MPOs have over 1 million people

Florida MPOs



Metropolitan Planning Organizations

1. Space Coast TPO
2. Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
3. Broward MPO
4. Okaloosa-Walton TPO
5. Gainesville MTPO
6. Hernando/Citrus MPO
7. Hillsborough County MPO
8. Indian River County MPO
9. North Florida TPO
10. Polk TPO
11. Lee County MPO
12. Martin MPO
13. Miami-Dade TPO
14. Collier MPO
15. Ocala/Marion County TPO
16. METROPLAN Orlando
17. Bay County TPO
18. Pasco County MPO
19. Florida-Alabama TPO
20. Forward Pinellas
21. Sarasota/Manatee MPO
22. St. Lucie TPO
23. Capital Region TPA
24. River to Sea TPO
25. Palm Beach MPO
26. Lake-Sumter MPO
27. Heartland Regional TPO

Legend

TMA MPOs (urbanized population over 200,000)

Non-TMA MPOs (urbanized population under 200,000)

0 MPO/TPO Identification Number

Statewide Regional Coordination

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)**
  - Office of Policy Planning coordinates with MPOs, federal, state and local agencies
  - Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership
  - Florida Model Task Force
- **Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)**
  - Created by the Florida Legislature, Section 339.175(11), Florida Statutes
  - Assist Florida's MPOs in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process by serving as the principal forum for collective policy discussion
  - Serve as a clearinghouse for review and comment by MPOs on the Florida Transportation Plan and on other issues

MPO Regional Coordination

- **Regional MPO Alliances**
  - Of Florida's 27 MPOs, 17 belong to one of 4 regional alliances
- **Stand Alone Multi-County MPOs**
  - There are 3 stand-alone multi-county MPOs in Florida
- **Contiguous MPOs**
  - 7 MPOs that are contiguous/adjacent to one another that are working cooperatively together, but are not members of a regional MPO alliance

Regional MPO Alliances in Florida

- **Central Florida MPO Alliance** (est. 1997)
  - 6 MPOs
  - 4.6 million people
- **Southeast Florida Transportation Council** (est. 2005)
  - 3 MPOs
  - 5.9 million people

Regional MPO Alliances in Florida (continued)

- **TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee** (est. 1993)
  - 6 MPOs
  - 3.6 million people
- **Treasure Coast Transportation Council** (est. 2006)
  - 3 MPOs
  - Over ½ million people

Regional MPO Alliances in Florida (continued)

- 14 million people represented by these 4 MPO Alliances
- Approximately 70% of Florida's population

FHWA's Every Day Counts (EDC) Program

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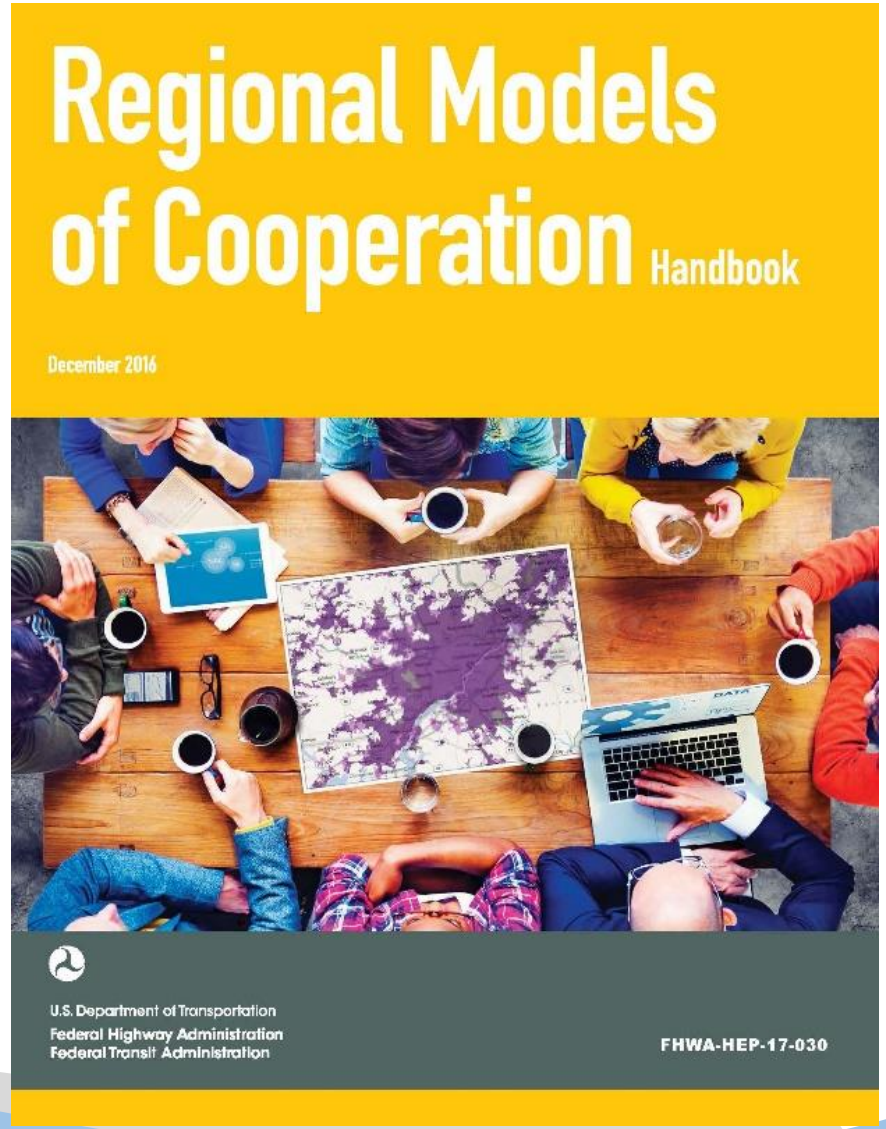
- FHWA launched in 2009 in cooperation with AASHTO to speed up the delivery of projects and to address the challenges presented by limited budgets
- Working with state/local agencies to identify new issues/innovations every two years
- Issues selected collaboratively, taking into consideration market readiness, impacts, benefits and ease of adoption
- Goal is to highlight proven innovations, process improvements, and enhanced business practices

December 2016 EDC Report Update

- Provides new information on Florida's regional MPO alliances and individual MPO accomplishments
- Contains a new section on multi-county "Stand Alone MPOs" that are not part of a regional alliance
- Updates information on individual MPOs that are contiguous or adjacent to one another, but not part of a regional alliance
- Documents FDOT regional coordination initiatives at the statewide and MPO level
- Reviews collaboration / coordination between FDOT and Florida's MPOs

FHWA's Regional Models of Cooperation – Case Studies

- FDOT's efforts on Performance Management
- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) on its Regional Transportation Plan, Regional Freight Plan, and Implementation of the I-95 Express Lanes



Notable FDOT Accomplishments

- Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and Strategic Intermodal Systems Plan (SIS) Updates
- Performance Measurement – Performance Workshops & Performance Summit
- Florida Future Corridors Initiative
- Support of the Florida MPO Planning Process

Notable MPO Accomplishments in Regional Cooperation

- Central Florida MPO Alliance – bottoms-up approach to develop 2040 Regional LRTP built on individual LRTPs & support of the Coast-to-Coast Trails
- MegaRegion joint meetings between Central Florida MPO Alliance and the TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee engages business Community
- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) partnering with FDOT in pilot testing mobility performance measures
- SEFTC developed a Regional PIP & conducts an Safe Streets Summit

Notable MPO Accomplishments in Regional Cooperation (continued)

- Broward MPO managed the Southeast Florida Freight Plan that became the Freight element of the SEFTC Regional Transportation Plan
- TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee adopted a regional project priorities list
- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group (funded by FDOT) with Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority led a regional feasibility study of premium transit options for three counties

Notable MPO Accomplishments in Regional Cooperation (continued)

- Martin-St. Lucie Regional Waterways Plan explores strategies to leverage the economic benefits of its waterways
- North Florida TPO funded the construction of a regional Transportation Management Center in 2015 to foster collaboration between agency partners
- West Florida RPC conducts the annual Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium to foster regional coordination and provide a leadership forum on cross-organizational collaboration and sharing of best practices

FDOT Sponsored Research for MPOs

- MPO Autonomous Vehicle Guidance (report due Jan. 2018)
- MPO Policy and Planning Guidance for Transit Applications of Autonomous Vehicles (report due Apr. 2018)
- Autonomous Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Florida Market Penetration Rate and VMT Assessment Study (will get underway soon)
- MPO and Transit Agency Planning Coordination (will get underway soon)

FDOT/MPOAC Leadership Initiative

- **Informal Meeting/Discussion – Sept. 28-29**
  - FDOT Staff
  - MPOAC Executive Director
  - MPOAC Chair, Staff Director
  - MPOAC Vice Chair, Staff Director
  - MPOAC Complete Streets Committee Chair
- **Chance to ask questions and discuss shared issues/concerns**
- **Agreed to meet every 6 months**

Going Forward

- Explore new ideas and creative approaches
- Share best practices among FDOT districts and MPOs
- Provide training opportunities for FDOT and MPO staffs
- Seek out traditional and non-traditional partners in the transportation planning process
- Engage in new technologies and discussion in order to solve complex regional and megaregion problems

Thank You

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