Local Government Planning

Each local government has adopted and periodically revises a comprehensive plan to guide growth, development, and the provision of government services for periods of 10 to 20 years.

Counties are responsible for building and maintaining county road systems. Local governments are responsible for most public transit systems, airports, and seaports either directly or in conjunction with special authorities created to manage and provide services. Some local authorities, such as expressway authorities, operate independently from local governments, although most authority board members are usually appointed by local governments. A few, such as the Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority in southeast Florida, serve more than one county.

Transportation authorities in many areas of the state manage specific transportation services such as toll bridges and expressways, public transit, commuter rail, aviation, and seaports. These authorities may establish long-range plans for their facilities and services. Public involvement opportunities vary among the authorities and according to the types of plans that are being prepared or updated.