



Miami-Dade TPO

MPOAC FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY POSITIONS

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) represents the twenty-seven MPOs in the State of Florida. These policy positions are intended to serve as guidance to the United States Congress, the United States Department of Transportation, and the MPOAC's partner organizations.

MPO ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

- The MPOAC supports distributing federal funds to states using the most recently available census data.
- The MPOAC supports policies that streamline the federal-aid process by directly allocating and increasing Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) for planning, programming and implementation purposes.
- The MPOAC supports policies whereby the federal government promotes local home rule authority by guarantying membership for local units and transportation providers of government on an MPO Governing Board; and requires that federal planning funds shall be limited to only the restrictions placed upon them by the federal government.

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROGRAMS

- The MPOAC supports the continued development of a multi-modal National Freight Network funded, in part, by a dedicated stream of fees and taxes on freight shipments and freight vehicles.
- The MPOAC supports toll projects and public/private partnerships that are consistent with the federally established metropolitan transportation planning process.
- The MPOAC supports policies that reward states for attaining federally mandated performance measures and targets, and do not redistribute funding among the states based on poor performance.
- The MPOAC supports policies that direct revenues generated from new tolls instituted on federal-aid facilities toward transportation improvements within that metropolitan area.
- The MPOAC supports allowing Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to express metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) project costs in either current year dollars or year of expenditure dollars.
- Align the Transportation Performance Management Reporting dates for DOTs and MPOs.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FINANCE AND FUNDING

- The MPOAC supports indexing existing and all future federal transportation revenue streams (such as Vehicle Miles Traveled, User Fees, etc.) to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in order to keep pace with inflation.
- The MPOAC supports addressing future transportation funding needs through new and innovative mechanisms (such as Vehicle Miles Traveled, User Fees, etc.).
- The MPOAC supports the Transit Capital Grant program (e.g., New Starts, Small Starts and Core Capacity) and ask that these programs be expanded for metropolitan areas.
- The MPOAC supports greater funding for non-motorized projects and programs which reduce VMT per capita and improve safety. With expanded funding of the Transportation Alternatives Program and fully sub-allocating these funds to MPOs transportation can better address the non-motorized needs while reducing emissions and safety concerns.
- MPOAC supports performance measures and targets that reduce per capita VMT.
- Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that promote creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, while simultaneously protecting citizens from malicious tampering with such technologies by making tampering a punishable offense.

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