

# MPOAC Weekend Institute 2017

## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Transportation decision-makers face numerous challenges in making complex transportation decisions. Many new MPO board members have limited prior experience with the planning and funding of the local and regional transportation system. Even board members with years of experience struggle mastering important elements of the transportation planning process, especially given the constant evolution of federal and state regulations.

The MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials provides MPO board members with an opportunity to enhance their understanding and leadership skills regarding transportation decision-making, including the key role they play in the process.

## TWO EVENTS / TWO LOCATIONS

The MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials will be held twice in 2017:

**April 21-23** at the FLC University Training Center in Orlando and **May 19-21** at the Renaissance Hotel International Plaza in Tampa. The MPOAC Weekend Institute is open to MPO board members only and space for this event is limited. Three seats at each event will be reserved for board members from each Florida MPO, with an overall limit of 25 participants per Institute. Select the event date you would like to attend and register by **March 31, 2017** for Orlando or **May 5, 2017** for Tampa. Following the registration deadlines, any unfilled seats will be offered on a first come first served basis.

### April 21 - 23, 2017 FLC University Training Center Orlando, Florida

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each Institute attendee. For reservations, contact the Courtyard Orlando Downtown hotel directly at (407) 996-1000, or visit <http://tinyurl.com/Orlando2017>.

A special rate of \$110.00 per night is available for Institute attendees who make reservations by **March 31, 2017** for this event. To receive the special rate, notify the receptionist of your participation in the MPOAC Institute when making your hotel reservations. *Any room cancellations are the responsibility of the individuals in whose name the reservation is made and not that of the MPOAC.*

The hotel offers complimentary on-site self parking if registered under the room block.

### May 19 - 21, 2017 Renaissance Hotel International Plaza Tampa, Florida

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each Institute attendee. For reservations, contact the hotel directly at (888) 236-2427 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/Tampa2017>.

A special rate of \$114.00 per night is available for Institute attendees who make reservations by **April 29, 2017** for this event. To receive the special rate, notify the reservationist of your participation in the MPOAC Institute when making your hotel reservations. *Any room cancellations are the responsibility of the individuals in whose name the reservation is made and not that of the MPOAC.*

Upon request, the Renaissance hotel offers complimentary shuttles to and from the local airport. The hotel also offers complimentary on-site self parking. Overnight valet parking is available for \$20.00.

## REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$300 is required to attend the MPOAC Weekend Institute. The registration fee may be paid by check or credit card. Be sure to indicate whether paying by check or credit card. If you elect to pay with a credit card, you will receive an emailed invitation with instructions to pay via PayPal within a week. To register by mail, send the attached registration form and check by the respective deadline date to **MPOAC Weekend Institute, c/o Brigitte Messina, 605 Suwannee St., MS 28B, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450**. Please notify Christen Miller at (727) 916-2599, [christen@cutr.usf.edu](mailto:christen@cutr.usf.edu) at least two weeks prior to each event date if you need to cancel. Cancellations after that time will not be refunded.



## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The MPOAC Institute for Elected Officials covers a variety of topics of interest to MPO Board members. The information provided during the Institute is designed for practical application in transportation planning activities performed by elected officials. The goal is to provide MPO Board members with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage in the MPO process without requiring Board members to become transportation experts.

### Institute topics include:

- **Laws and Regulations Affecting MPOs**
- **MPO Products and Process**
- **Transportation Jargon & Acronyms**
- **MPO Board Responsibilities and Authority**
- **Critical Funding Issues**

Check-in for the Institute will be held between 5:30-6 p.m. on the first day of the event. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with a working dinner. Please note that while the dinner will be a good opportunity to mingle with fellow MPO Board members from around the state, it will also be used as a training opportunity and attendance is important. Breakfast will be provided each morning, as will a deli-style buffet lunch on Saturday. These meals, along with Friday's working dinner, are included in the registration fee. Saturday evening is a "free" evening and an opportunity to experience the diversity of restaurants and activities in the area.

## INSTITUTE TRAINERS

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