

STATEWIDE COLLABORATION MEETING

Location: Turnpike Headquarters at the Turkey Lake Plaza

July 26, 2023

Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP) Meeting Questions and Answers

July 26, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Work Program – Chris Bratton

Question 1: The MPO Board meeting is on November 2, the same day the Tentative Work Program closes. Is there a way to get the Draft Tentative Work Program before November 2?

• The contents of the Tentative Work Program are made available through public hearings held by each FDOT District before the Tentative Work Program's closure in November.

Question 2: What is the deadline for the MPOs to submit objections to the Draft Tentative Work Program?

November 20

Question 3: Do MPOs receive 100 percent of FTA when available through the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)?

Yes

Question 4: Are FTA funds part of the CPG subject to the 80/20 rule?

• Yes, but this does not include old FTA funds that are not part of the CPG.

Resilience and Carbon Reduction Planning – Jennifer/April/Brian

Question 1: Can FDOT share responses to MPO comments or how comments were addressed for the Carbon Reduction Strategy?

• It is important to note that the Carbon Reduction Strategy is separate from the Carbon Reduction Program funds, which were the topic of discussion. FDOT's Central Office and District staff are currently evaluating the processes utilized during the programming of Carbon Reduction Program funds. FDOT will continue to coordinate with the MPOs on this issue to ensure the best utilization of these funds.

Question 2: What types of funds can an MPO use to prepare a carbon reduction plan?

• MPOs can use SU or other sources but cannot use carbon funds for plans.

Question 3: Should MPOs incorporate the Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP) into the long range transportation plan (LRTP)?

• A State DOT's RIP covers the entire state. If the State's RIP is approved by FHWA and incorporated into the Florida Transportation Plan, any projects funded with the PROTECT formula or discretionary funds will receive a 3% reduction in the non-Federal share. An additional 7% reduction can be applied for specific projects if the project is included in the RIP. FHWA's PROTECT formula program guidance encourages MPOs to incorporate their state's RIP into their long range plans, but it is not required for any project receiving











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PROTECT funds to receive any non-Federal share reductions approved for the state RIP. If an MPO develops its own RIP, the MPO should incorporate its RIP into its LRTP.

Question 4: FDOT uses a different sea level rise projection than some local projections. Will this impact funding?

• There are no specific requirements for what sea level rise projections need to be used for the RIP. Funding decisions are based on requirements identified in the PROTECT program statutes and the PROTECT discretionary grant Notice of Funding Opportunity.

FDOT Sourcebook – Becky

Question 1: Can the segment-level visualization include the statewide transportation improvement program (STIP), transportation improvement program (TIP), and LRTP information?

• FDOT will investigate incorporating Work Program data.

Apportionment Plans - Mike

Question 1: Can the new members vote before the Interlocal Agreement is executed?

• New members cannot vote until all parties execute the amended Interlocal Agreement.

<u>Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) De-Obligations - Mike</u>

Question 1: Why do de-obligations after UPWP close-out go into year 2 of the new UPWP?

• There are two points in time when the de-obligation of funds occurs. The first de-obligation occurs in May/June in the second year of the UPWP (for this round of UPWPs, it will occur in May/June 2024). The deadline to request the first de-obligation will be April 15, 2024. If the de-obligation request is submitted by the deadline, these funds will become part of year one of the new two-year UPWP (FY 2024/25 - 2025/26). Federal partners will review and approve the new UPWP for FY2024/25 - 2025/26 in July 2024. The second de-obligation happens as part of the UPWP closeout in September 2024. The funds de-obligated as part of the UPWP close-out become available in year two of the new UPWP (FY2024/25 - 2025/26).

FHWA Invoice Review - Mike

Question 1: Depending on the FHWA objective, can MPOs use some of the existing systems in place?

• FHWA is currently determining what they need for certain aspects of the Invoice reviews and will coordinate with the MPOs and FDOT. Some of the systems already in place (annual single audit, FDOT OIG audit, annual joint certification) may be able to be utilized by FHWA in their Invoice reviews.

<u>Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Assessment – Becky</u>











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Question 1: Can you share the GIS data so that we can bring it into our platform?

• Yes, this feature can be included, and we will take this back as a recommendation.

Question 2: Is the website publicly available?

• The site is available to the MPOs now. We invite the MPOs to use the tool to identify priority locations for their own analysis and project prioritization. Please note that the data is subject to change as we continue to refine the analyses; the final assessment will be complete by November 15, 2023.







