



STOPS Workshop for Transit Agencies and Users

The Simplified Trips on Project Software (abbreviated as STOPS) is being utilized as the ridership forecasting tool in multiple transit studies throughout the state. The Florida Department of Transportation's Transit Office is offering free workshops to train transit planning managers, directors, STOPS reviewers and appliers. Each workshop will be broken into two parts:

- The morning session is intended for transit planning managers and directors. It will cover the basics of STOPS software, give an overview of the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program, and discuss example applications of STOPS.
- The afternoon session is designed for STOPS model developers and appliers. It will cover the steps for developing and maintaining a STOPS model, as well as analyzing and presenting results from STOPS.

Three one-day workshops will be held – two in-person and one virtual. The same content will be covered in each of the three workshops.

Registration is free and open to all agencies and their consultants. Be sure to register for one of the following webinars!

Workshop #1 (Ft. Lauderdale, in-person), Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, click [here](#) to register.

Workshop #2 (Tampa, in-person), Monday, April 24, 2023, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, click [here](#) to register.

Workshop #3 (Virtual), Thursday, May 11, 2023, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, click [here](#) to register.

What is STOPS?

The 2013 Final Rule on major capital investment projects revised the measures that FTA uses to evaluate, and rate proposed major transit projects. STOPS is a ridership forecasting tool widely used by sponsors of New Starts and Small Starts projects to evaluate the measures used by FTA to rate projects and is used by transit and other public agencies throughout Florida. STOPS has evolved since its release in 2013 and is now applied to support a wider range of planning applications – such as systems planning, operations planning, and QA/QC of forecasts from local travel demand models.

The training is eligible for 7.5 [AICP CM](#) credit hours.

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