

Rural Transportation Planning Initiative

presented to

**FTP/SIS
Implementation
Committee**

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Overview



Rural Transportation Planning Initiative

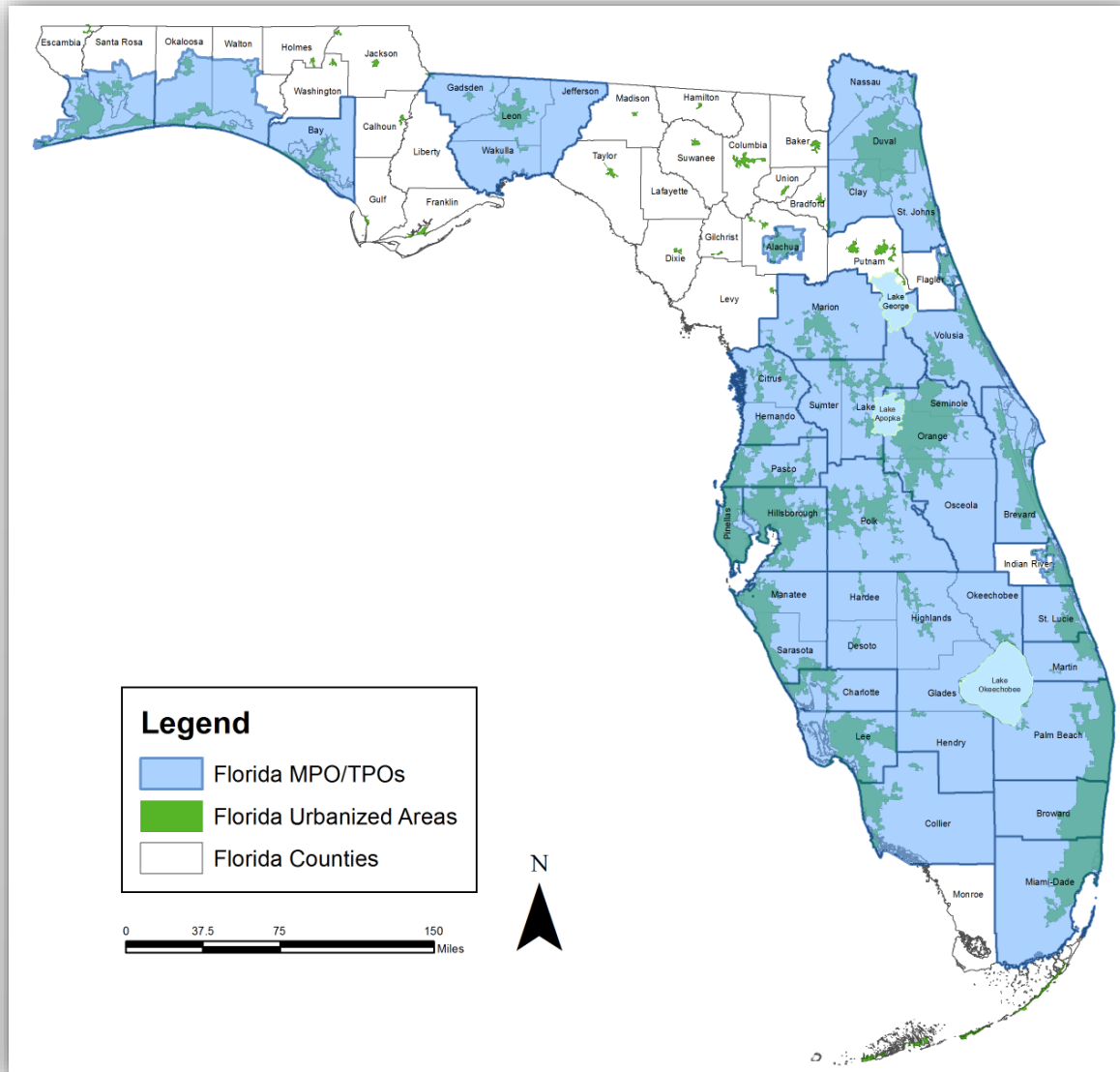
- » *Project objectives*
- » *Florida MPO and urbanized areas*
- » *Responding to rural transportation needs*
- » *FTP implementation*
- » *District interview discussion topics*
- » *Key questions*

Project Objectives



- **Elevate, strengthen and enhance FDOT's existing rural transportation planning process**
 - » 23 US Code § 135
 - » Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
 - » Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST)
 - » Numerous provisions in Florida Statutes
- **Address and explore implementation challenges (one size does not fit all)**
 - » Small enclaves and settlements within urban counties
 - » Fast-growing/transitioning communities, some of which may be at the edge of metropolitan areas
 - » Inland regions encompassing small towns, agricultural lands, conservation and recreation lands and open space
 - » Areas characterized by long term unemployment, poverty and economic challenges

Florida MPO and Urbanized Areas



Responding to Rural Transportation Needs



- **Transportation plays a significant role in all of these differing rural areas.**
 - » Transportation affects community character and influences quality of life
 - » Transportation addresses growing populations and economic activities
 - » Transportation catalyzes economic opportunities
 - » Transportation provides better connectivity to markets in other states and regions
 - » Transportation helps achieve a vision of future growth, development and community goals

FTP Implementation



- **Goal: Agile, Resilient, and Quality Infrastructure**
 - » Implement FDOT's **Transportation Asset Management Plan** and expand this plan over time to include all modes; encourage local governments and other modal providers to develop asset management plans.
- **Goal: Efficient and Reliable Mobility for People and Freight**
 - » Strengthen programs such as the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (**TRIP**), Small County Outreach Program (**SCOP**), Small County Road Assistance Program (**SCRAP**), and other local programs that address regional and local mobility needs.

FTP Implementation



- **Goal: More Transportation Choices for People and Freight**
 - » Improve **public transportation services within rural areas** and between rural and urban areas.

- **Goal: Transportation Solutions that Support Florida's Global Economic Competitiveness**
 - » Continue to **plan proactively for future statewide and interregional transportation corridors**, including coordination with regional visions, economic development and trade development plans and land use plans.

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- **Goal: Transportation Solutions that Support Quality Places to Live, Learn, Work, and Play**

- » Provide **technical support to local governments** to identify context sensitive solutions, including updates to design, parking, zoning, access management, and other policies and codes.
- » Continue to **coordinate with local governments** to better align transportation plans with existing and proposed land use plans.
- » Plan for and balance **transportation for the movement of people and freight** with compatible land uses.
- » Continue to **support regional and community visioning** processes, and use these visions to guide transportation decisions.
- » Coordinate with and **provide technical assistance to local governments** as they create or retrofit mobility solutions for their communities.

District Interview Discussion Topics



- **Level of local government outreach**
- **Planning consultation processes**
- **Identifying the key players**
- **Response to technical assistance requests**
- **Identifying gaps in local government needs**
- **Level of vision development or implementation**
- **Adequacy of resources**

Key Questions



- **Key questions for FTP/SIS Implementation Committee:**

1. What should be the top priorities in rural transportation planning?
2. How can FDOT better engage rural local governments and other rural partners in the transportation planning process?
3. What other suggestions do you have for strengthening and enhancing the rural transportation planning process?

Thank You



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