TPO Orientation

West Florida Regional Planning Council

Who we are

WFRPC - Established in 1964

Mission Statement:

The mission of the WFRPC is to provide professional planning, coordinating and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies and the public to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Northwest Florida.

Who We Serve

The WFRPC serves the counties of Northwest Florida which include:

Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington and their municipalities

Services Provided

- Transportation Planning
- Environmental Education
- Housing Assistance
- Homeland Security & Mitigation Strategies
- Land Use Planning & Economic Development

Purpose of this Orientation

To provide TPO board members & advisory committee members with an overview of :

- The purpose and process of metropolitan transportation planning, and the larger context for it

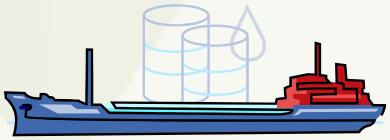
- The authority and responsibilities of a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

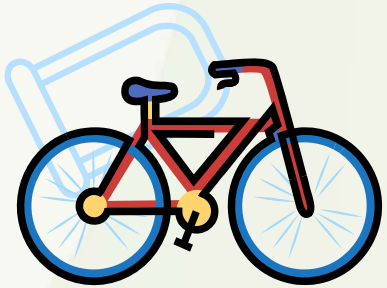
- The role of the TPO Board

What is Transportation?

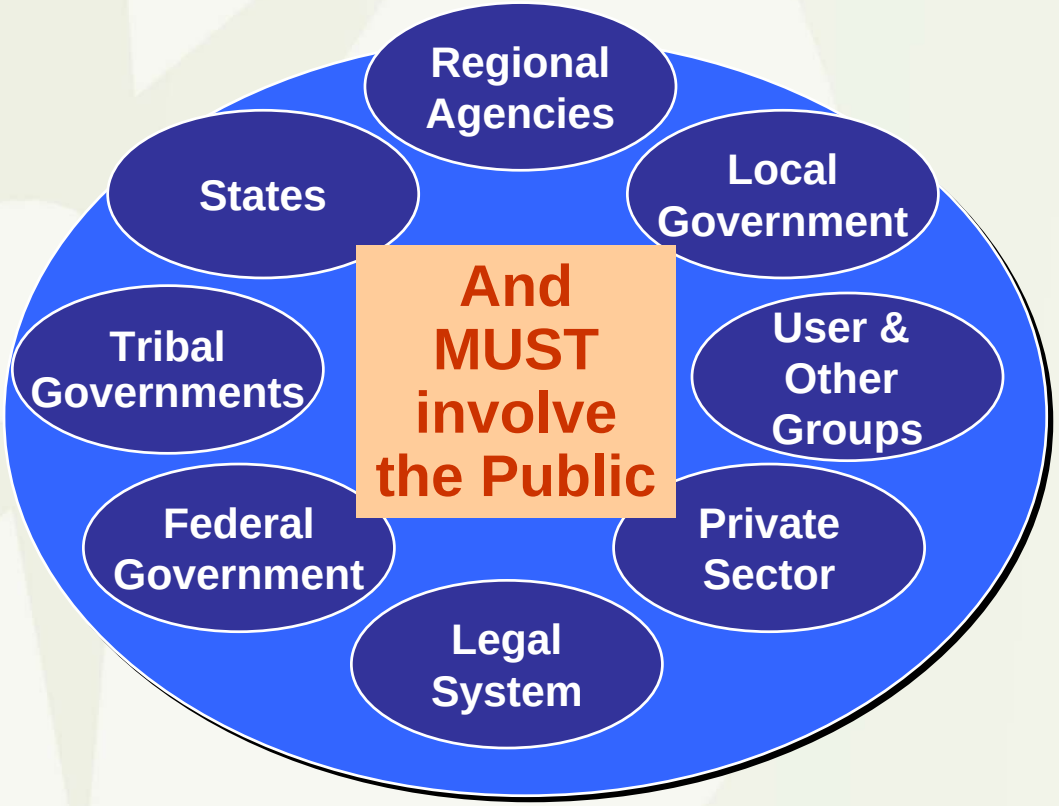
Transportation is
different modes,
working as a system,
for the safe, efficient movement
of people and goods

The transportation system is more than roadways





Regional planning involves many contributors



A Transportation Planning Organization…

- Has the authority of Federal law
- Leads the transportation planning process for the metropolitan area
- Is the region's policymaking organization responsible for prioritizing transportation initiatives
- Is a representative group of local stakeholders
- Carries out the metro transportation planning process in cooperation with the State DOT(s) and transit operators

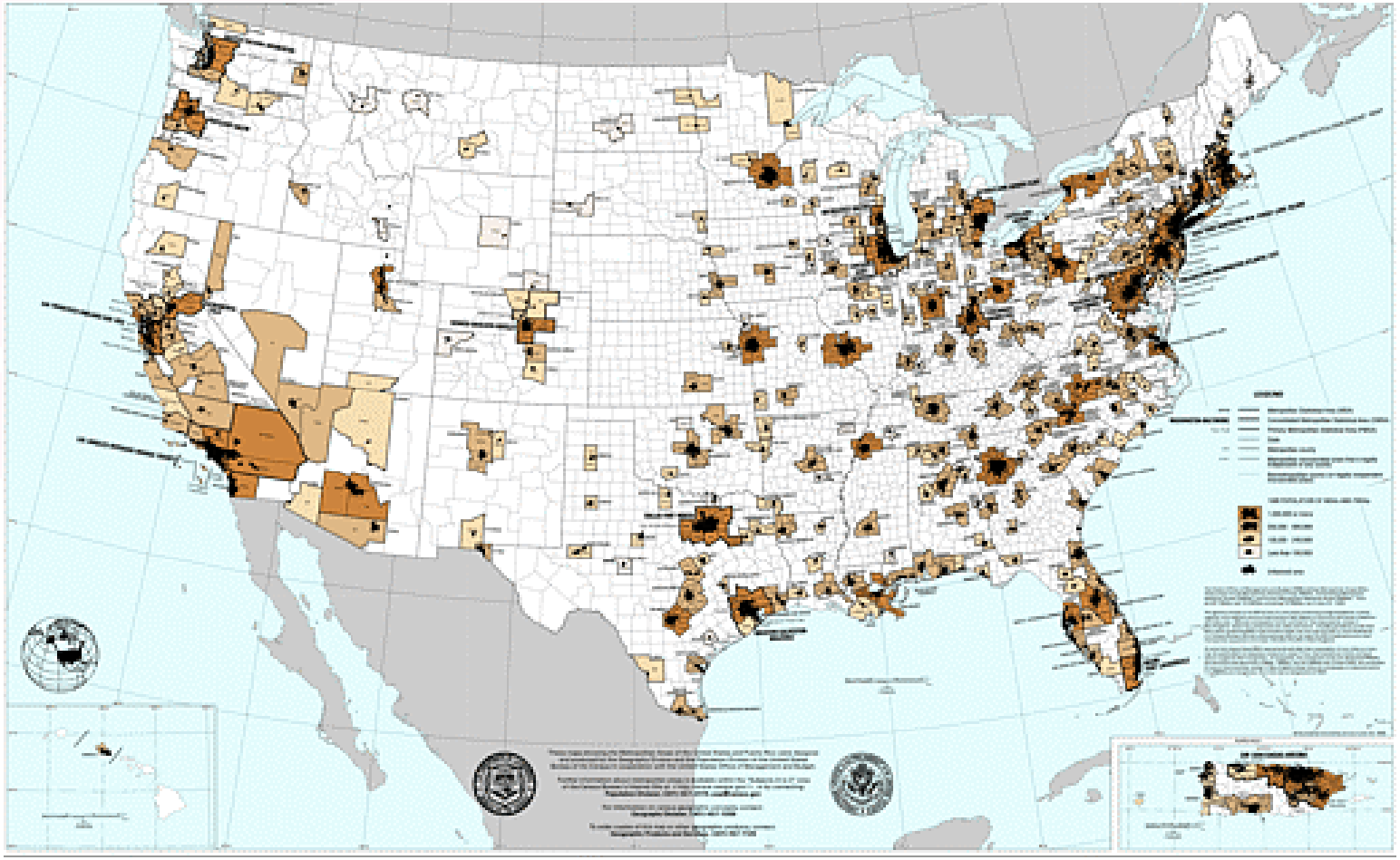
- TPO planning/study area must consist of a 50,000 person population at a minimum density of 1,000 per square mile

- The TPO is the local, intergovernmental transportation policy board within an established urbanized area

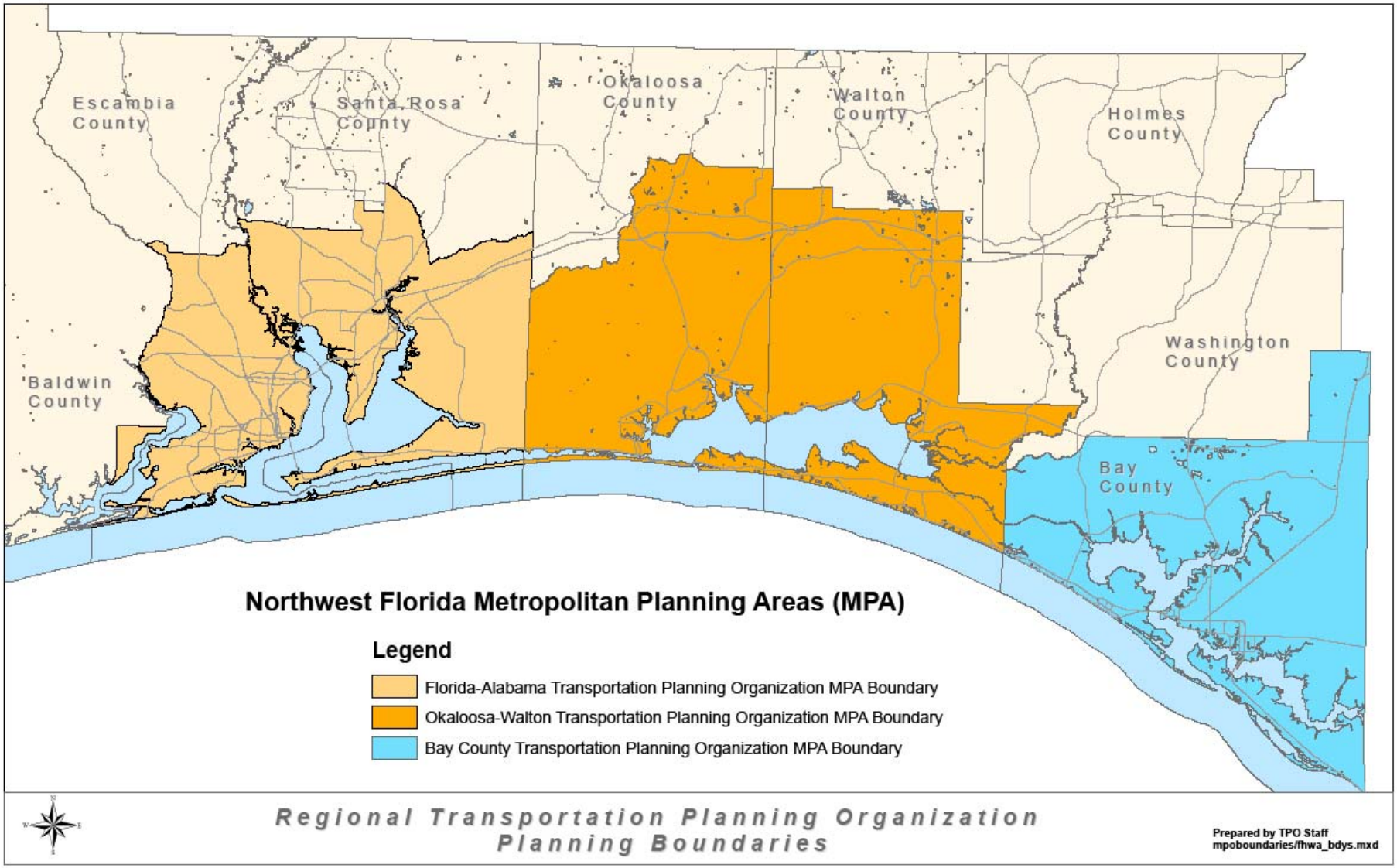
- TPO has input regarding the expenditure of federal and state transportation funds

- The central goal of the TPO is to achieve a safe, efficient, effective, integrated, harmonious, multi-modal transportation system for the urbanized area

All “urbanized areas” are required to have an MPO or be part of an MPO



History of this TPO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Washington County
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Bay County
Northwest Florida Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPA)
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TPO Membership

Advisory Boards and Committees

- Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards (TD Board)
- *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committees (appointed as needed by the TPO)

Products / Publications

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Transportation Development Plan (TDP)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
- Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)
- Corridor Management Process Plan
- Congestion Management Plan
- Public Participation Process Manual

How a project moves from planning to construction

- Develop Needs Assessment for the Long Range Plan
- Identify projects in the Cost Feasible Plan
- Set Project Priorities by September
- Presents Priorities to FDOT by October 1
- FDOT includes the Priorities in the Tentative 5-Year Work Program
- The Draft TIP is developed from the new Work Program beginning in April

FDOT Project Phases

- Planning (PLN)
- Project Development and Environmental Studies (PD&E)
- Preliminary Engineering (PE) *Design*
- Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition
- Construction (CST & CEI)

CEI / Engineering and Inspection

In making decisions, the Board should consider . . .

- Public comments and community values
- Long-term vision for the region
- Effect on system operations
- Impacts on the environment and the economy
- Comparison with alternative options
- Cost effectiveness and short- and long-term availability of funding
- Federal, State, and local regulations and plans
- Whether more information is needed

Role of the TPO staff

- Provide information and technical support to board members and advisory committees
- Prepare documents
- Foster interagency coordination
- Facilitate public input and feedback
- Manage the planning process

Effective planning pays off

- Modal connectivity to provide access, mobility, and ease in travel for all citizens
- Quality communities
- Environmental protection
- Regional economic development
- Safer transportation systems
- Equitable and efficient use of scarce financial resources

Questions