

Zephyrhills **Economic** Summit

Transportation 101

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MPO Introduction and Overview





What is the Pasco County MPO?





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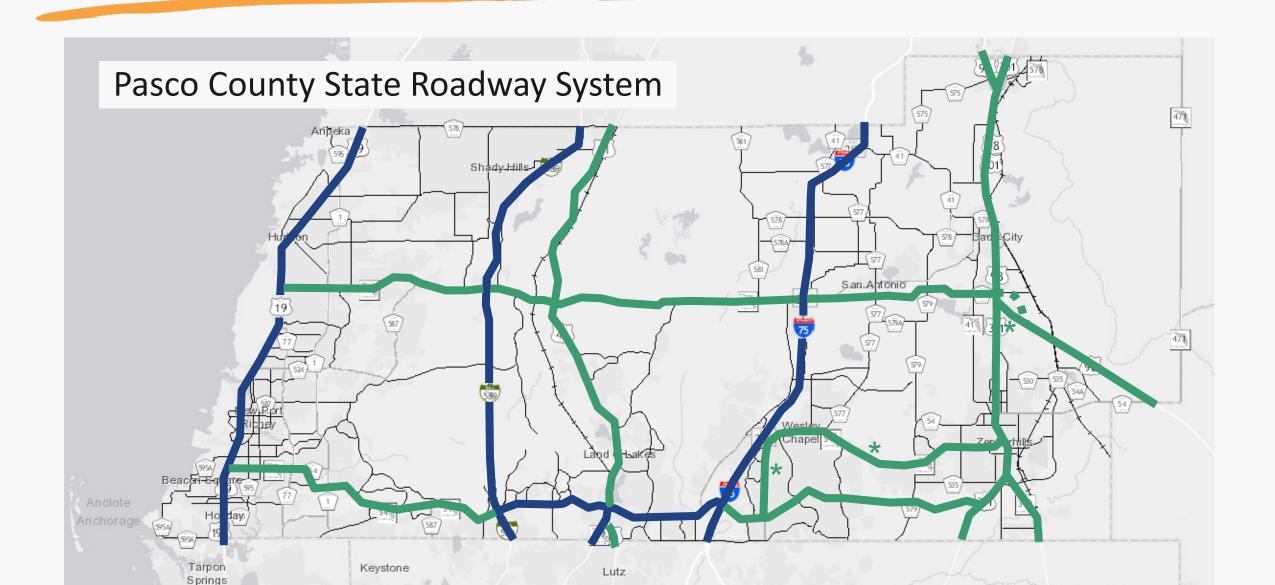


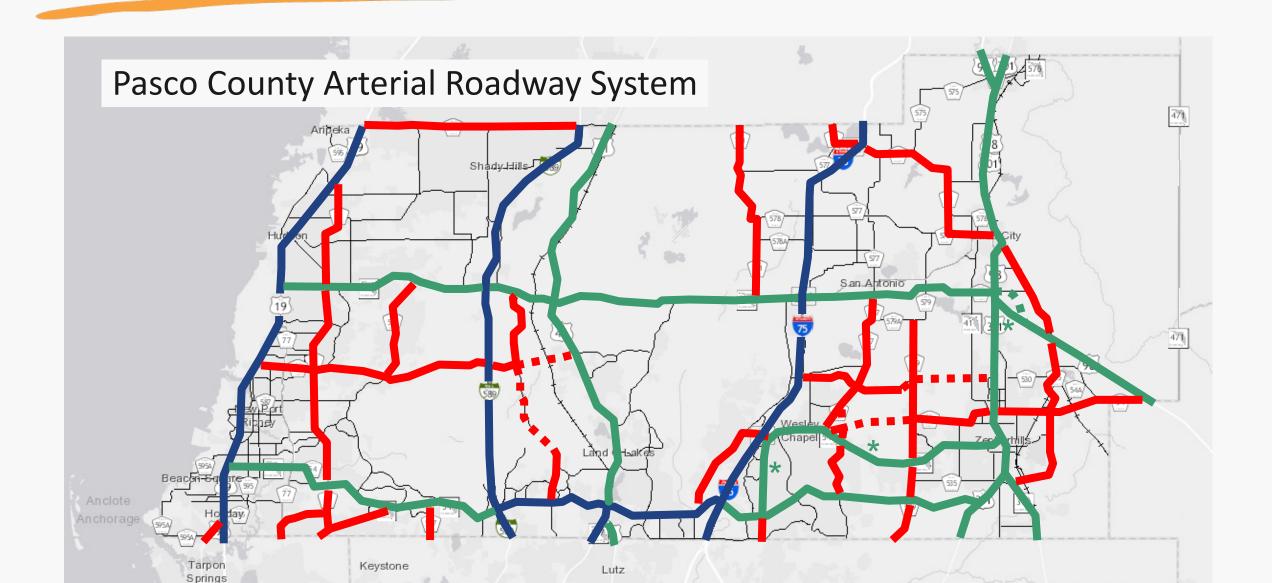
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MPO planning area consists of entirety of Pasco County







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 Tampa Bay region MPOs work cooperatively with each other to perform regional transportation planning



- The MPO's planning program is conducted through a continuous, comprehensive and cooperative planning process (3C)
- This process includes:
 - all County citizens and elected officials
 - local commerce and industry representatives
 - local government, FDOT and FHWA officials



- MPO policy and decision-making is conducted by a nine-member local board consisting of:
 - all five Pasco County Commissioners
 - representative from New Port Richey,
 Porth Richey, Dade City, and Zephyrhills



MPO Board meets regularly (6-9 times/yr)
 to review, discuss and make decisions about
 County transportation matter involving use of
 State and Federal funds

 MPO also meets regularly with other regional MPOs to discuss and determine regional transportation priorities



MPO Board receives ongoing support from a six-member staff team

- Coordinates and conducts all MPO planning activities and administrative functions
- Executes MPO Board directives
- Conducts ongoing public participation activities



Tania Gorman
Executive Director



MPO
Roles and
Responsibilities





MPO's *primary* purpose:

- Provide the community with a voice and decision-making authority with State and Federal transportation planning and funding
- The Pasco MPO acts as the "bridge" between the community and the FDOT and FHWA





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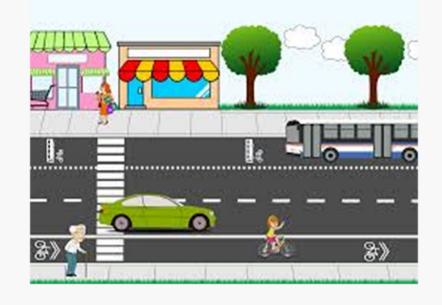


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- Allocate State and Federal transportation funds
- Inform and engage the public, elected officials, and stakeholders



MPO works to:



- identify County transportation needs
- recommend transportation improvement projects
- Identify and develop funding for projects

MPO works in close coordination with the Florida DOT

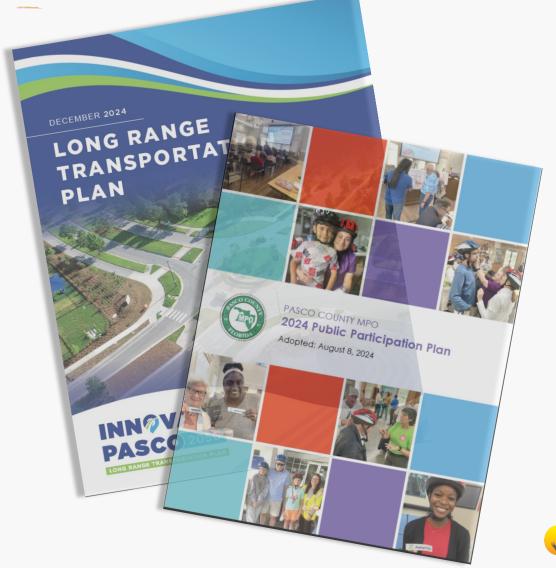


What the Pasco MPO does NOT do:

- Construct or design roadways or other transportation improvement projects
- Operate the public transit system
- Determine improvement projects developed and funded by local jurisdictions



MPO Planning Products





Primary MPO Planning Products:

- Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)





MPO Public Participation Plan

- Public participation is a key pillar of the MPO's transportation planning process
- Plan describes the MPO's strategies and techniques for informing and involving the public in the transportation planning process
- Plan details all public participation and outreach activities which the MPO undertakes





Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

One of the MPO's most important planning products

- County-wide extent
- Includes all transportation modes
- Updated on a five-year cycle





Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- Seeks to identify all current and anticipated future transportation needs in the County
- Identifies transportation improvement projects to address those needs
- The plan serves as a guide and a "road map" for County transportation decision-making





List of Project Priorities (LOPP)



- Candidate projects on this list are scored using established criteria and ranked according to their score
- List is updated and adopted by the MPO Board annually and provided to the Florida DOT for use in developing their Five-Year Work Program



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- TIP reflects short-term MPO planning and improvement project funding priorities
- Includes a list of all federally and state funded improvement projects that are committed for funding by the Florida DOT for the next five years
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Upcoming MPO Planning Initiatives





Pasco County Safety Action Plan

- comprehensive safety and crash analysis of the County's transportation system
- develop transportation safety policies
- identify strategies and improvement projects for reducing the high number of roadway crashes





Pasco County Freight Plan

Goals:

- Improve operating efficiency and performance of the County freight transportation network
- Improve accessibility and connectivity of the freight network
- Enhance economic development opportunities and strengthen the County economy





The MPO's Role in Transportation Funding Programs





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- May be used to fund the entirety of low-cost projects or in combination with other funding sources on larger projects



FDOT Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)



- Program is intended to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners
- Pasco MPO participates in this program through membership in the Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance.



FDOT County Incentive Grant Program (CGIP)

- provides funding to counties to improve a transportation facility which is located on the State Highway System or which relieves traffic congestion on the State Highway System
- 50/50 state/local match program
- To be eligible for consideration, projects must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with local MPO plans and local government comprehensive plans.



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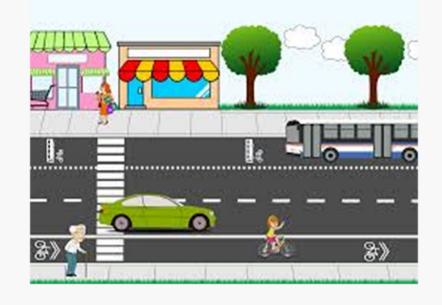


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