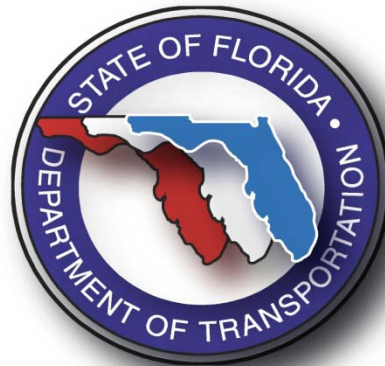


# ***Census Update***

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# *2010 Urbanized Areas and Next Steps*

- u Federal/state requirements: MPO designation, boundaries, and membership
- u Growth of urbanized areas in Florida
- u FTC review of regional transportation planning (2003)
- u MPO regional coordination
- u Upcoming activities





# *Designation of MPOs*

## **u** Federal law and rule:

- ✓ Designate a MPO for each urbanized area over 50,000 (as defined by Census)
- ✓ To extent feasible, only one MPO per urbanized area or group of contiguous urbanized areas
- ✓ More than one MPO may be designated due to size and complexity
- ✓ MPO designation/redesignation based on agreement between Governor and local elected officials
- ✓ Designation of an existing MPO remains in effect until the MPO is redesignated





# *Designation of MPOs, cont.*

## u State law:

- ✓ MPO voting membership: between 5 and 19 members
  - Exact number determined on equitable geographic-population ratio by Governor, based on agreement among affected local governments
  - Other MPO voting memberships provisions: minimum number of county commissioners, alternate members, etc.
- ✓ Governor reviews MPO membership in conjunction with decennial census and reapportions it as needed
  - Special provisions: charter county over 1 million in population

## u After each census, existing MPOs:

- ✓ Reassess their metropolitan planning area boundaries, voting membership





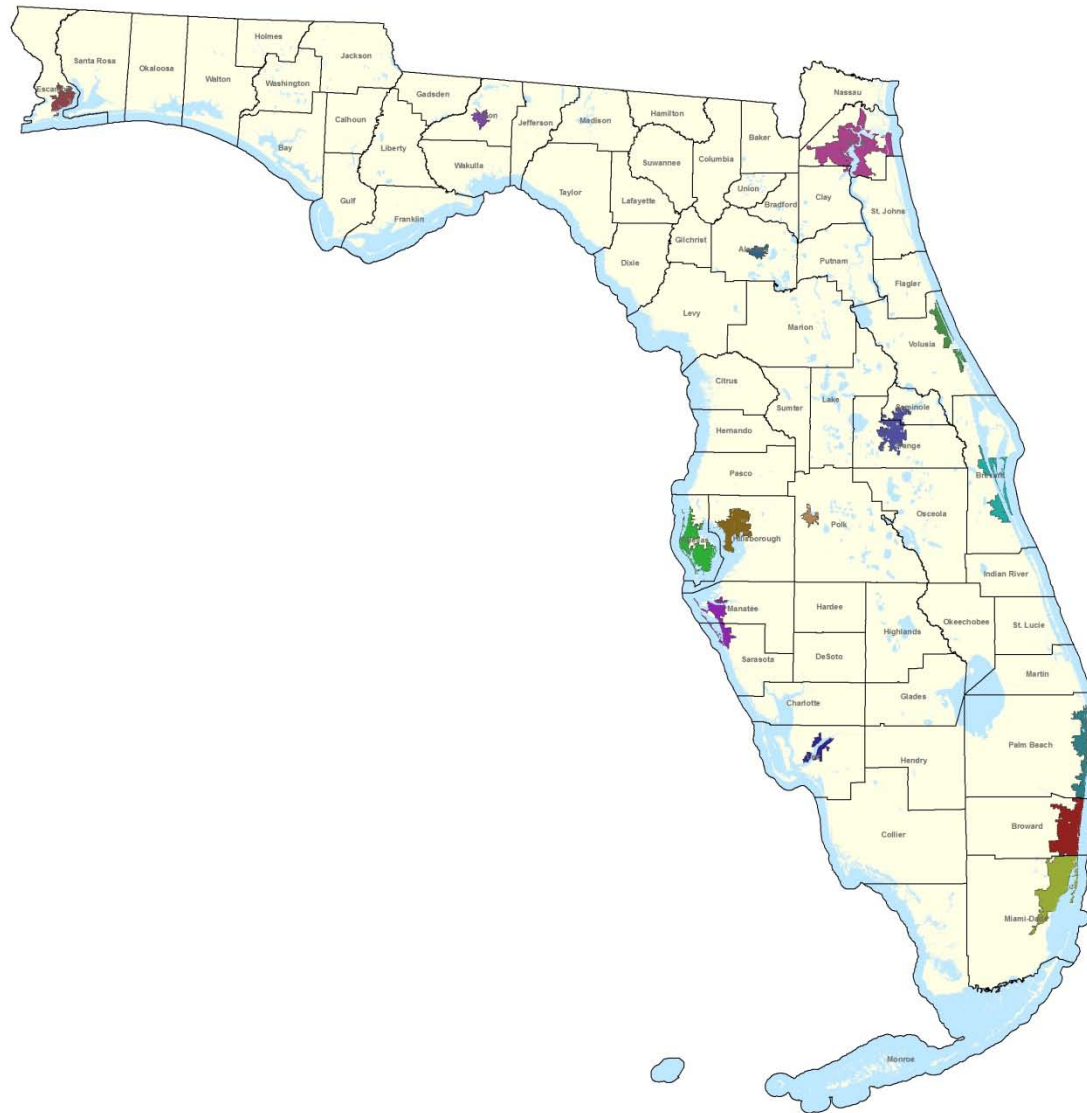
# *Highlights: Florida's 2010 Urbanized Areas*

- u Continuing growth pattern, urbanized areas:
  - ✓ Growing, expanding
  - ✓ Especially along coastline, major corridors
  
- u Two new urbanized areas:
  - ✓ Sebring-Avon Park
    - Population: 61,625
  - ✓ Homosassa Springs-Beverly Hills-Citrus Springs
    - Population: 80,962



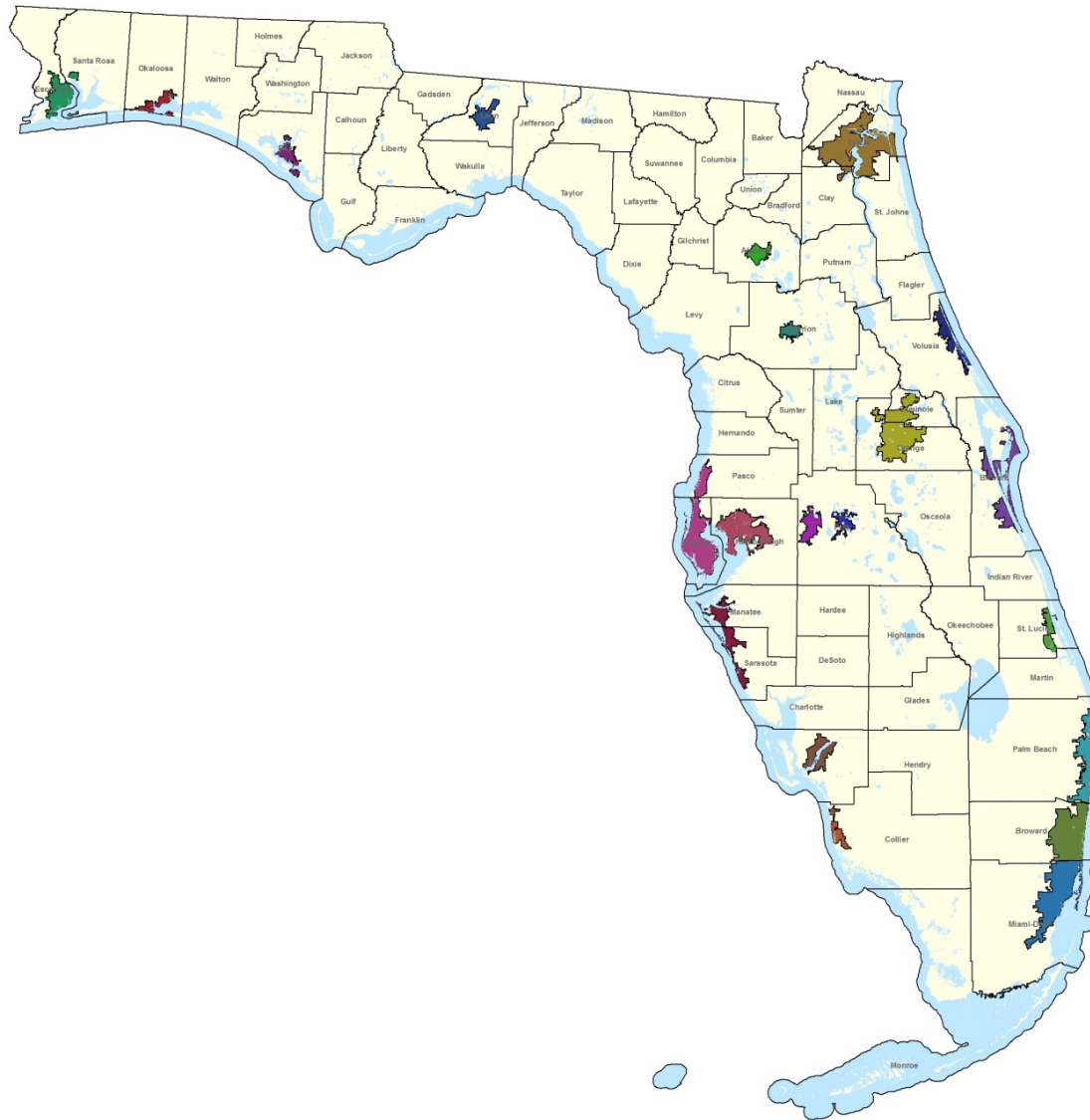


## Florida Urbanized Areas – 1970



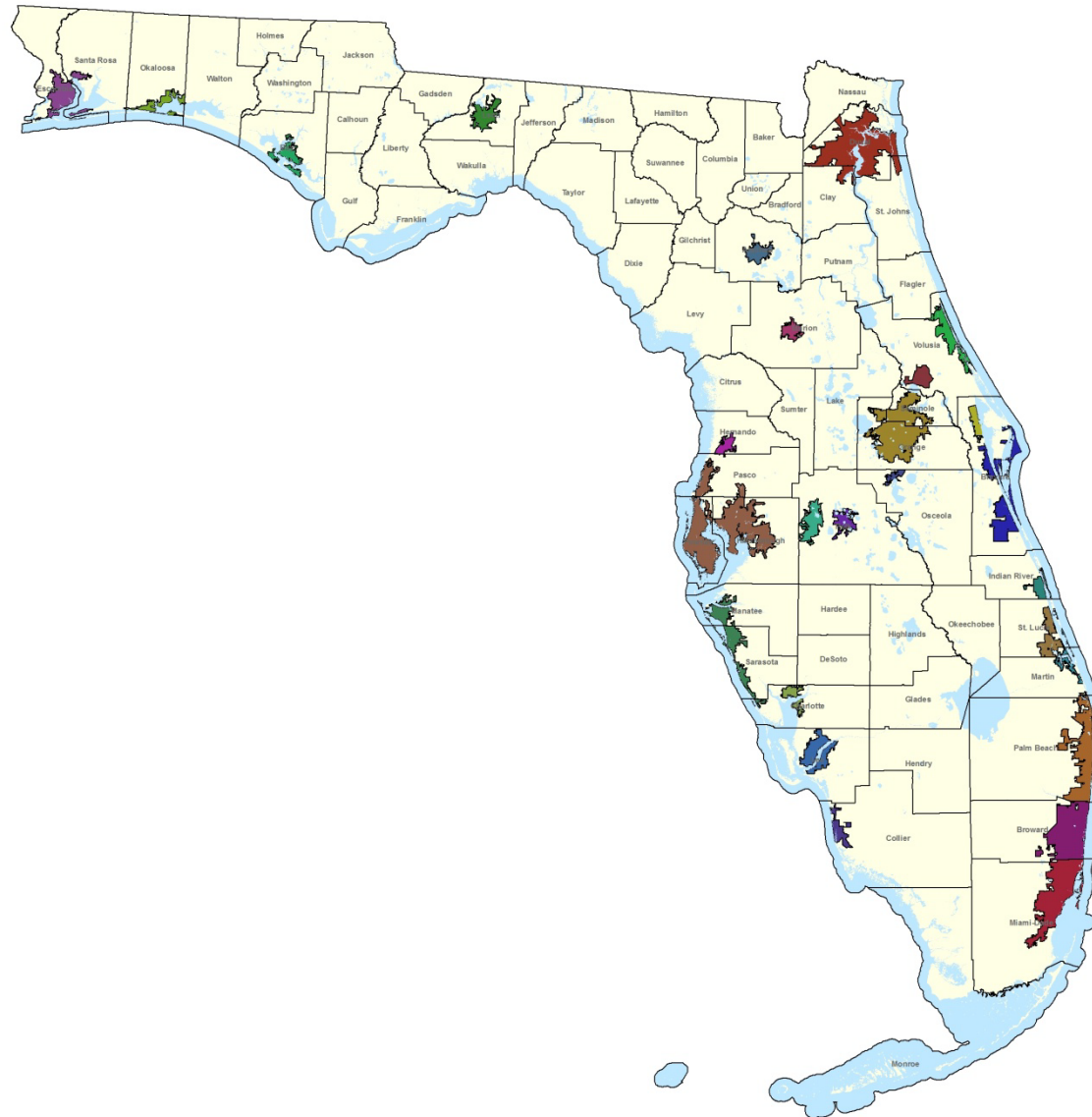


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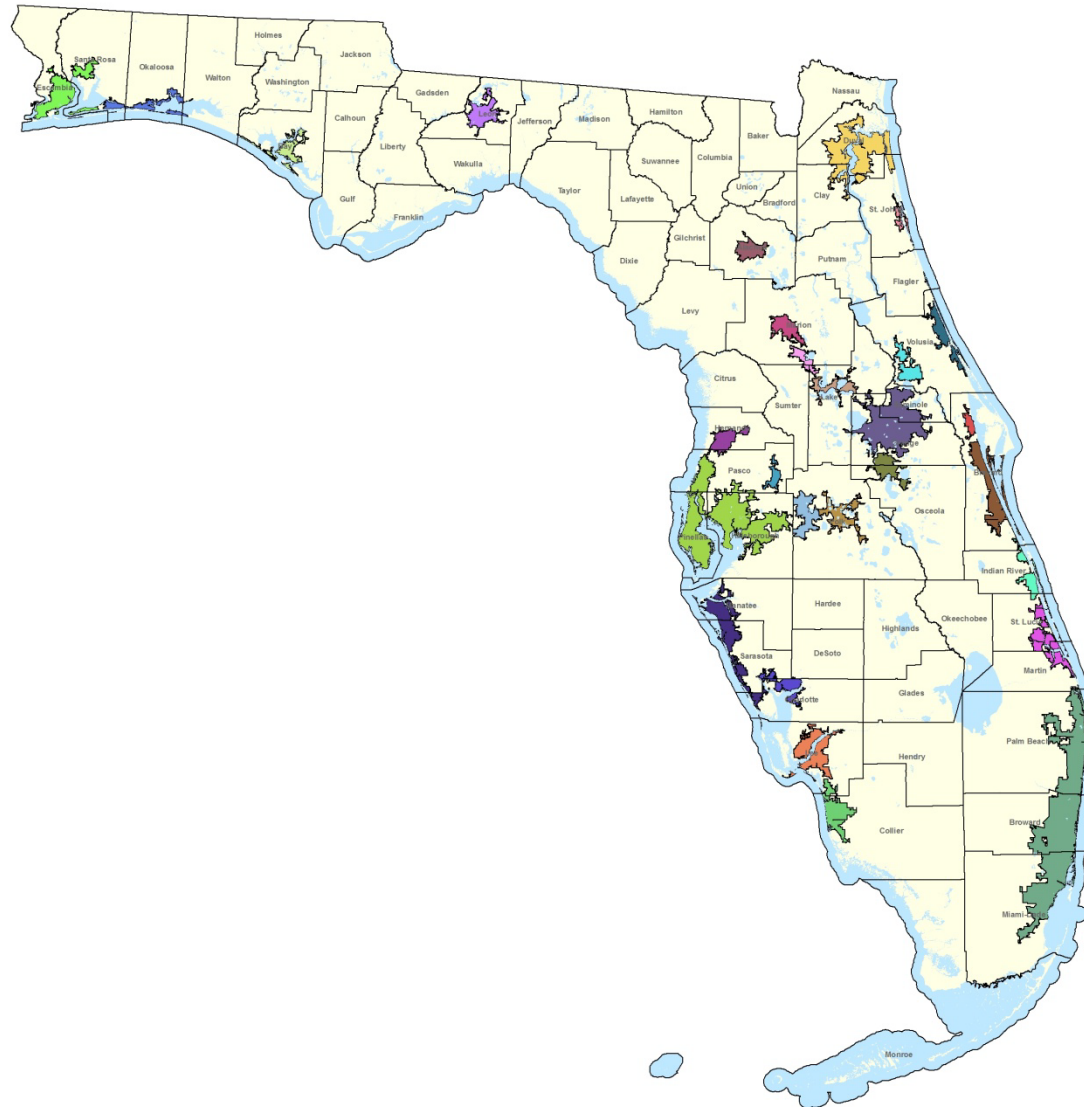


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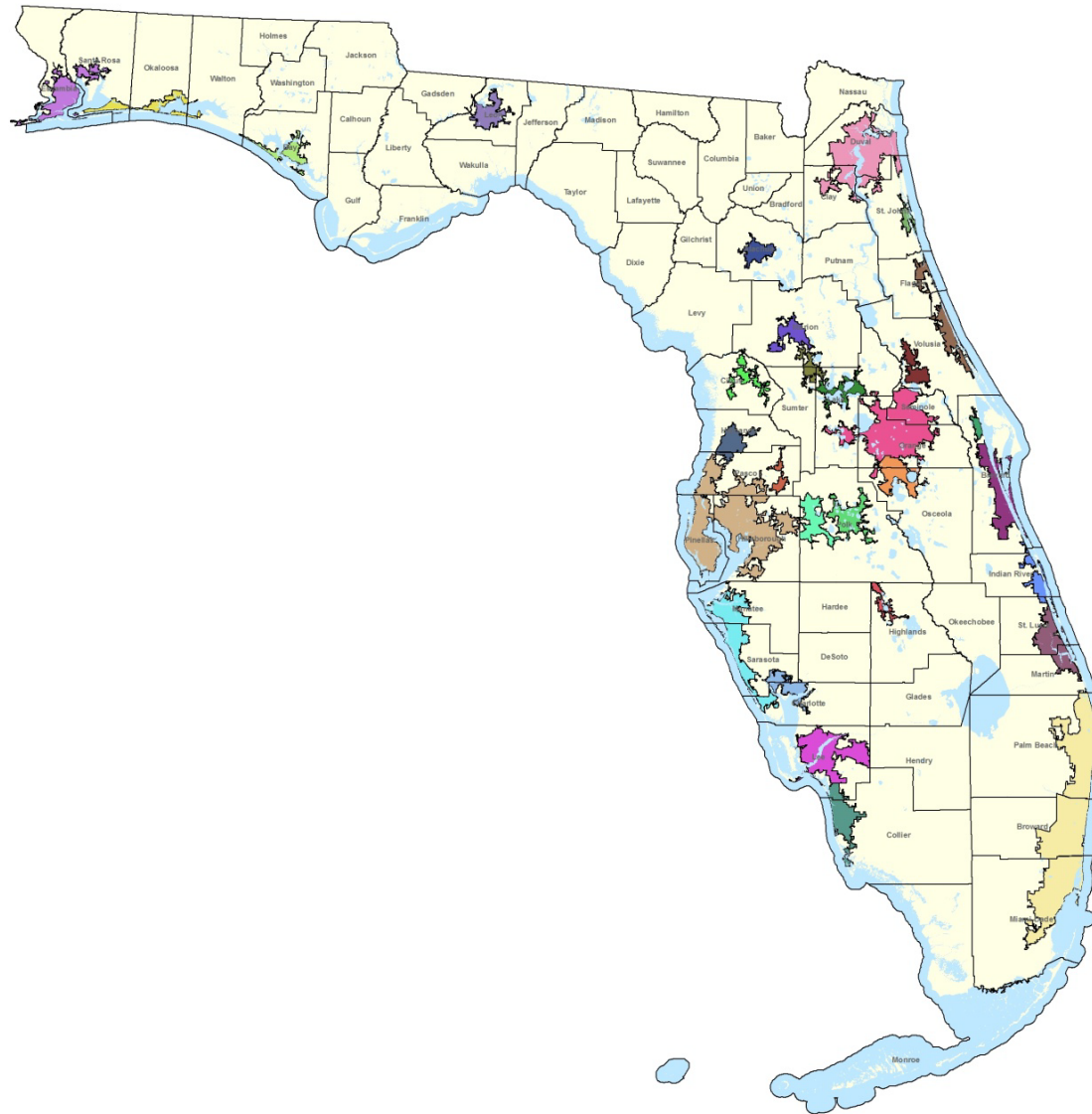


# Florida Urbanized Areas – 2000





# Florida Urbanized Areas – 2010





# *Urbanized Areas in Lee & Collier Counties – 1980*





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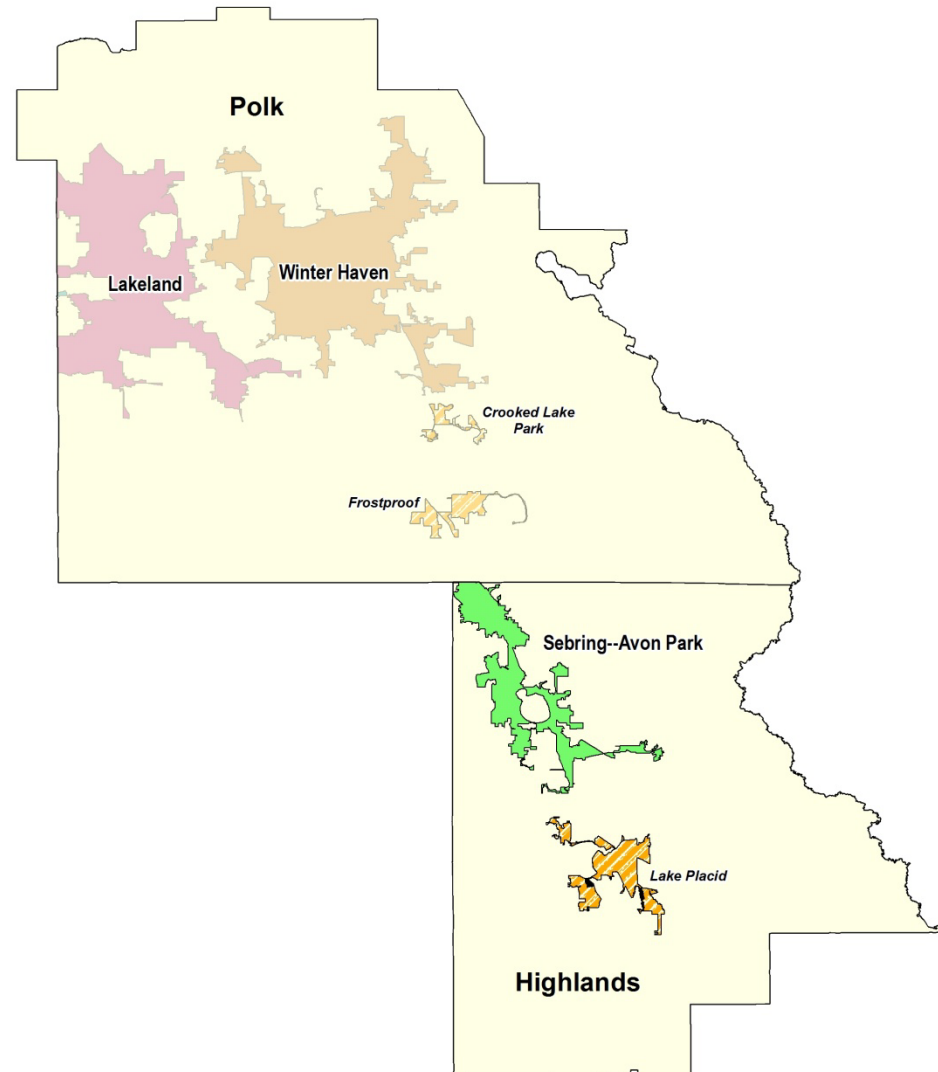


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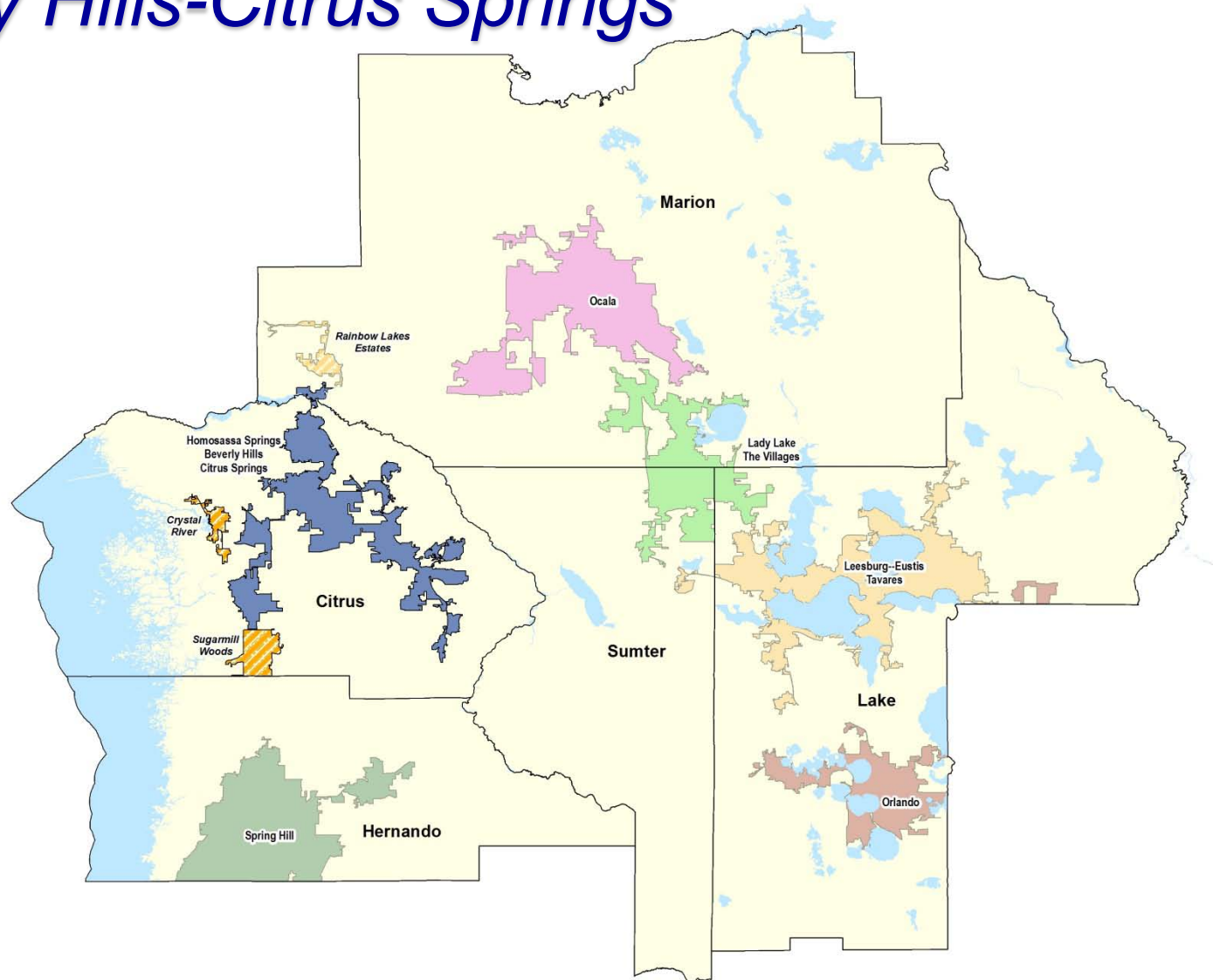


# *New Urbanized Area: Sebring – Avon Park*





# *New Urbanized Area: Homosassa Springs- Beverly Hills-Citrus Springs*





# *FTC Review: Regional Transportation Planning (2003)*

- u Observations about MPO consolidation:
  - ✓ In other states, many urbanized areas more complex than any in Florida and function with a single MPO
  - ✓ Significant barriers to forming fewer, larger MPOs
    - Precedence from the 1970's
    - Organizations/institutional arrangements have been created and developed
    - Vested interests
    - Doubtful local governments would agree to consolidation





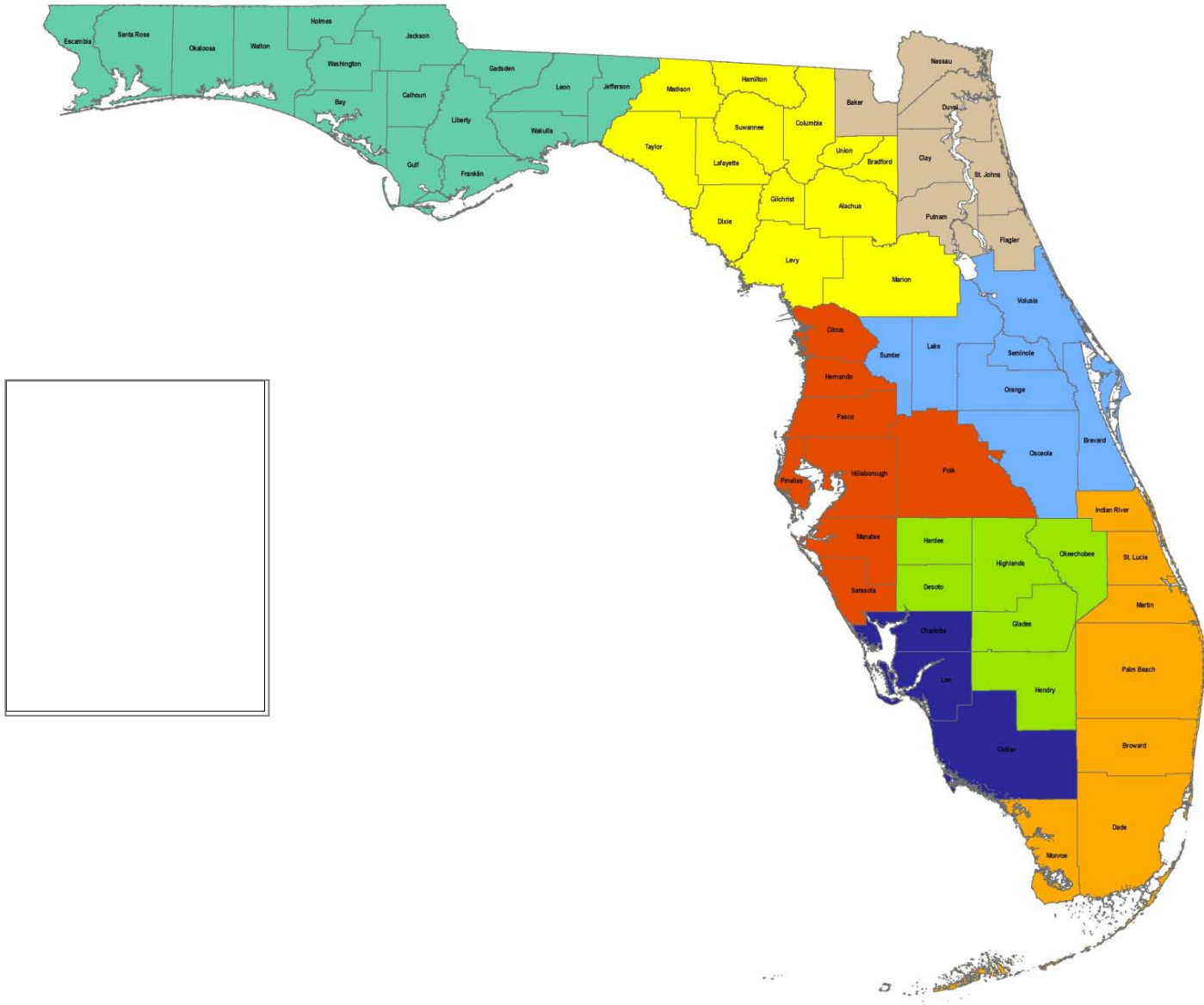
# *FTC Review: Regional Transportation Planning (2003)*

- u Observations about regional planning:
  - ✓ Effective regional transportation planning/decision-making more dependent on collaborative process than specific organizational structure
  - ✓ Coordination activities are only as meaningful as commitment to follow-through on local decisions to support regional objectives
  - ✓ Improved regional transportation planning hampered by lack of coterminous boundaries among the primary participants



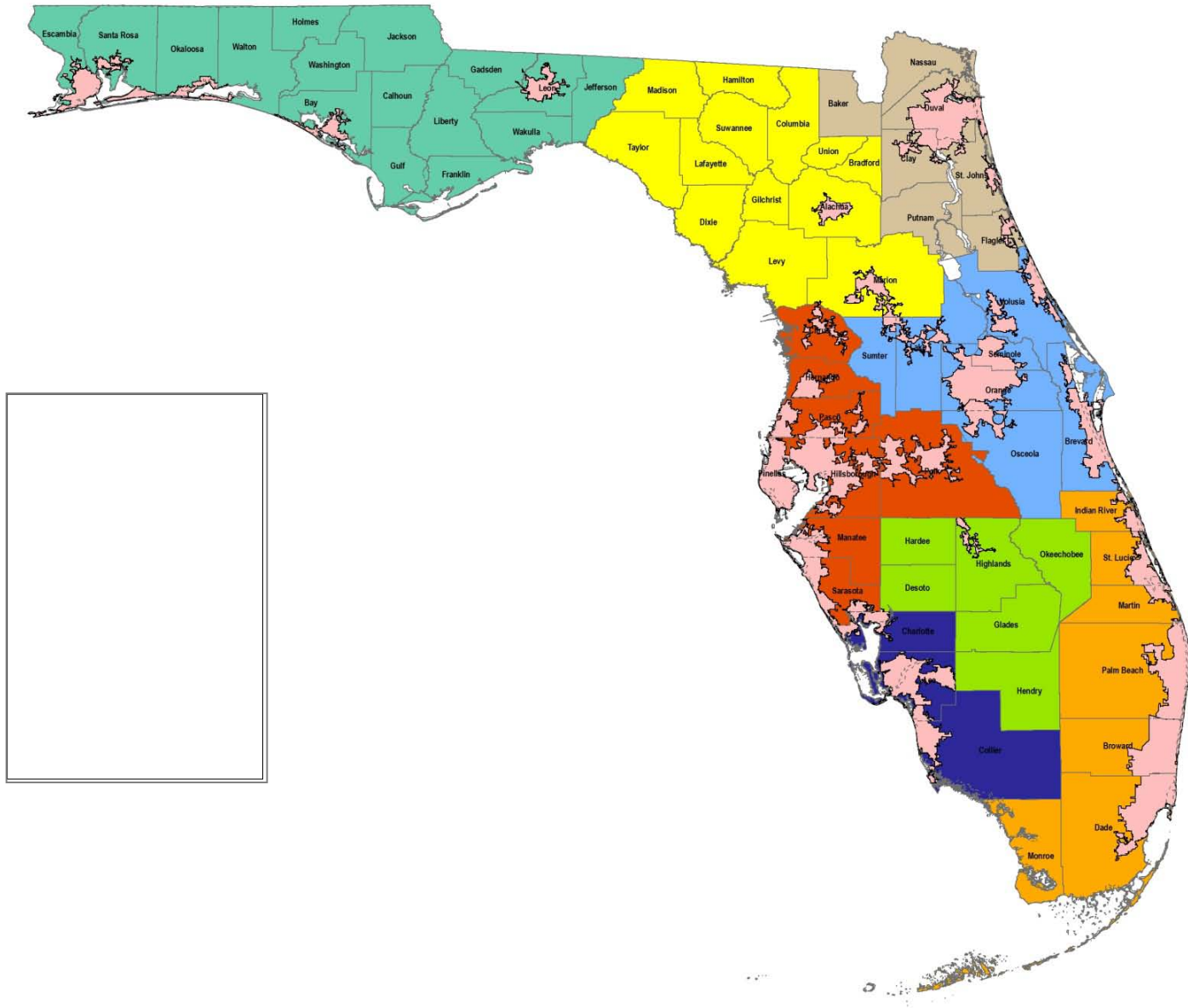


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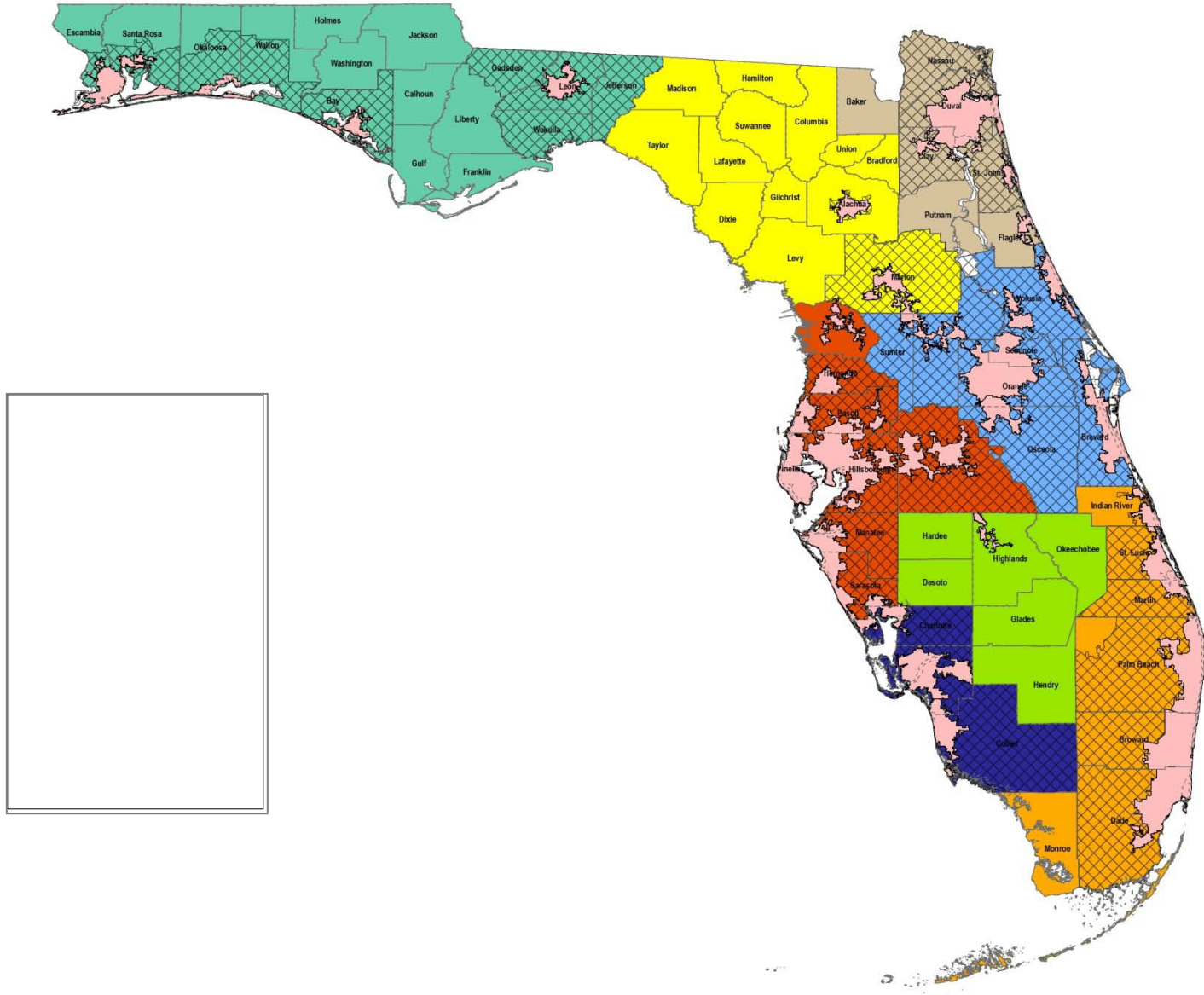


# Urbanized Areas



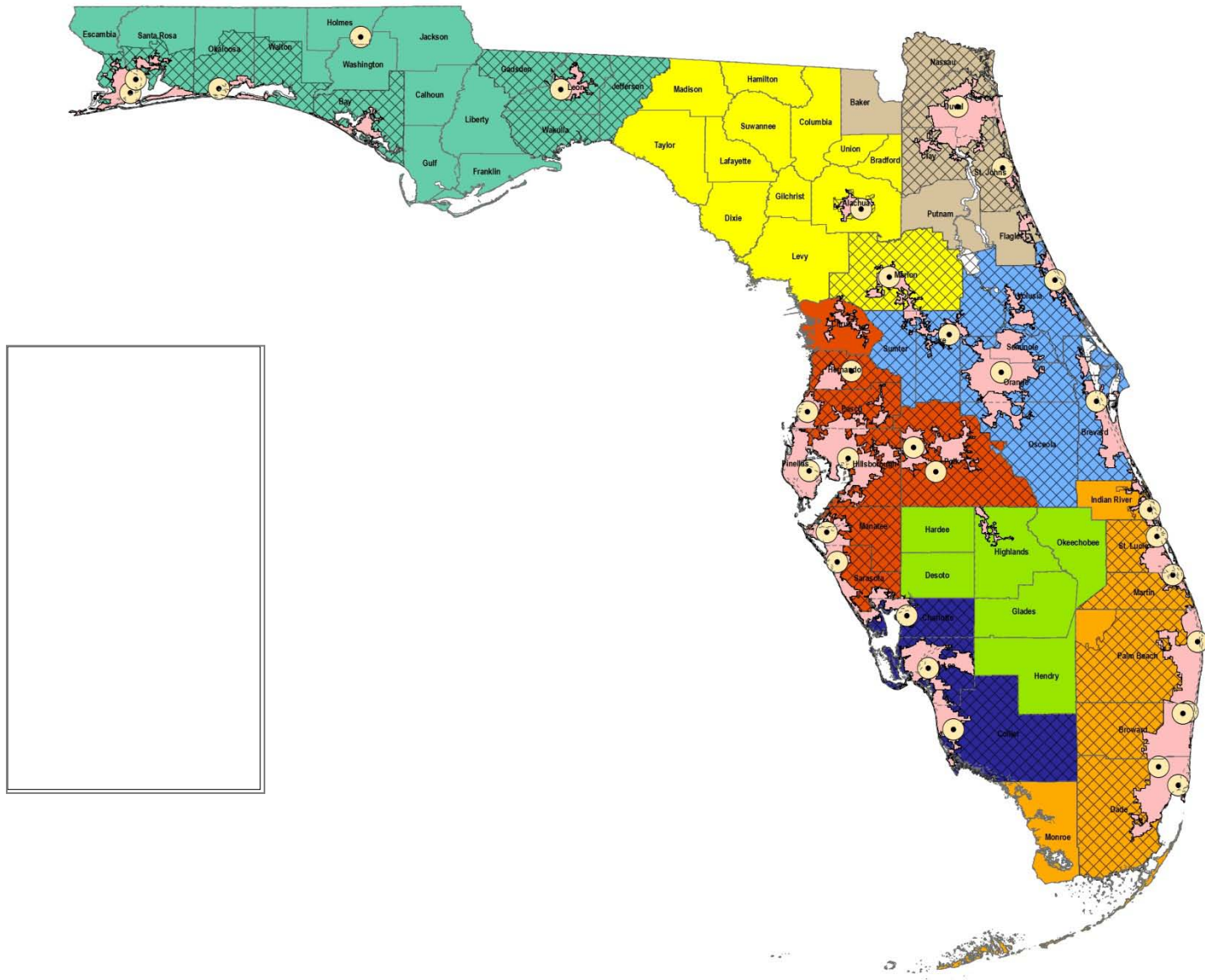


# Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)



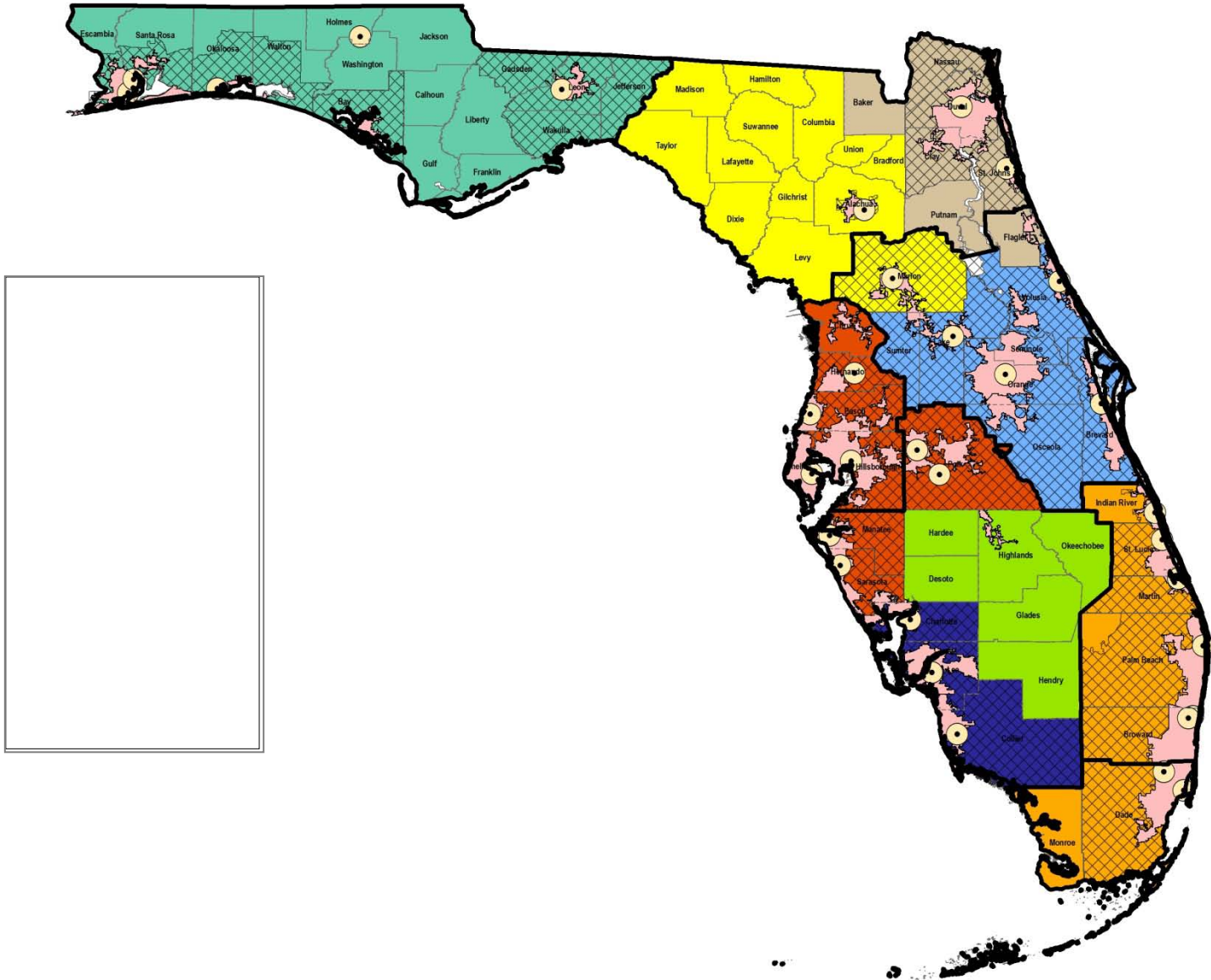


# Transit Agencies



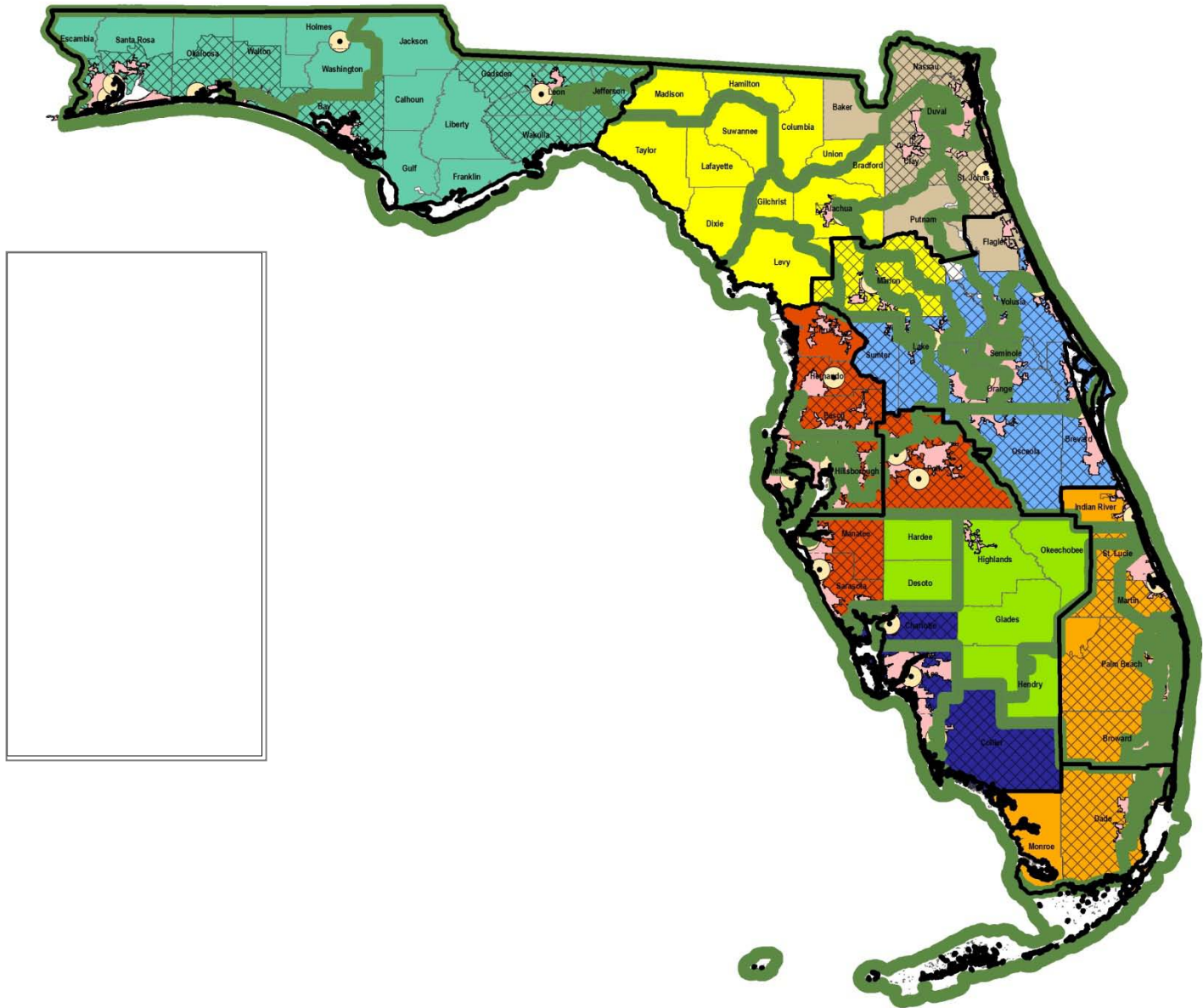


# District Boundaries



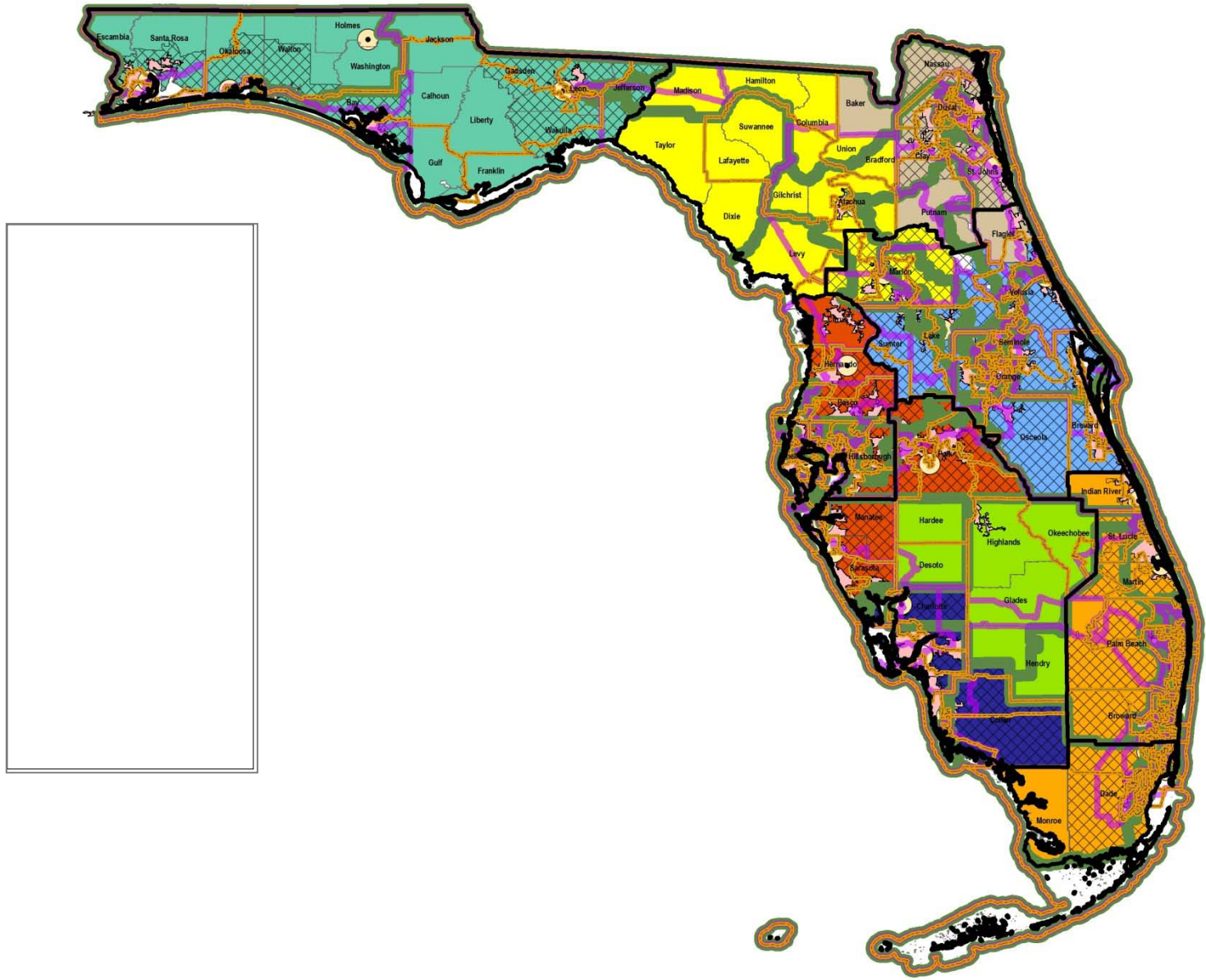


# Congressional Districts





# State Legislative Districts





# *FTC Review: Regional Transportation Planning (2003)*

## *u* Suggestions:

- ✓ Authorize MPOs to adopt regional long range transportation plans and to prioritize regional projects
- ✓ Allocate funds for regional projects identified through a process involving more than one MPO
- ✓ Encourage regional transportation planning by providing financial incentives for MPOs to consolidate, coordinate
- ✓ Financial incentives contingent upon:
  - Top down regional long range transportation plans
  - Process for selecting regional transportation priorities
  - Linking regional transportation priorities in individual MPO work products and processes





# *MPO Regional Coordination*

- u After the 2000 census:
  - ✓ 2 MPOs - expand boundaries for new urbanized areas
  - ✓ 14 MPOs - consolidate or alternatively establish coordinated planning process resulting in but not limited to:
    - Regional long range transportation, serving as basis for each MPO's transportation improvement program
    - Coordinated project prioritization and selection process
    - Regional public involvement process
- u MPO coordinated planning:
  - ✓ Interlocal agreements – regional coordination activities
    - Including TRIP program
  - ✓ Other activities vary significantly by region





# *MPO Regional Coordination*

- u Examples of MPO coordinated planning
  - ✓ Regional MPO council meetings
  - ✓ Composite long range transportation plans
    - Include transportation projects from existing MPO plans (bottoms-up) for regional transportation network
    - May reflect regional goals, but not binding
    - Treasure Coast regional plan (2030): prioritized needs on regional transportation network (not linked to funding)
  - ✓ Upcoming initiative: composite transportation improvement plan and composite transit plan for Southeast Florida
  - ✓ Some regions: regional public involvement process, data sharing and mapping, transportation model





# *MPO Regional Coordination*

- u Key Point: Coordination and composite planning products, while useful, are not binding nor linked to MPO priority setting/decision making
- u Some exceptions:
  - ✓ Lee/Collier: regional long range objectives, binding for both MPO long range transportation plans
  - ✓ Lee/Collier: joint annual priority lists for SIS, TRIP, and regional trail projects
  - ✓ Sarasota-Manatee/Charlotte County-Punta Gorda – joint annual priority for TRIP and regional trail projects
    - Decision-making alternates





# *Incentives: Regional Decision Making*

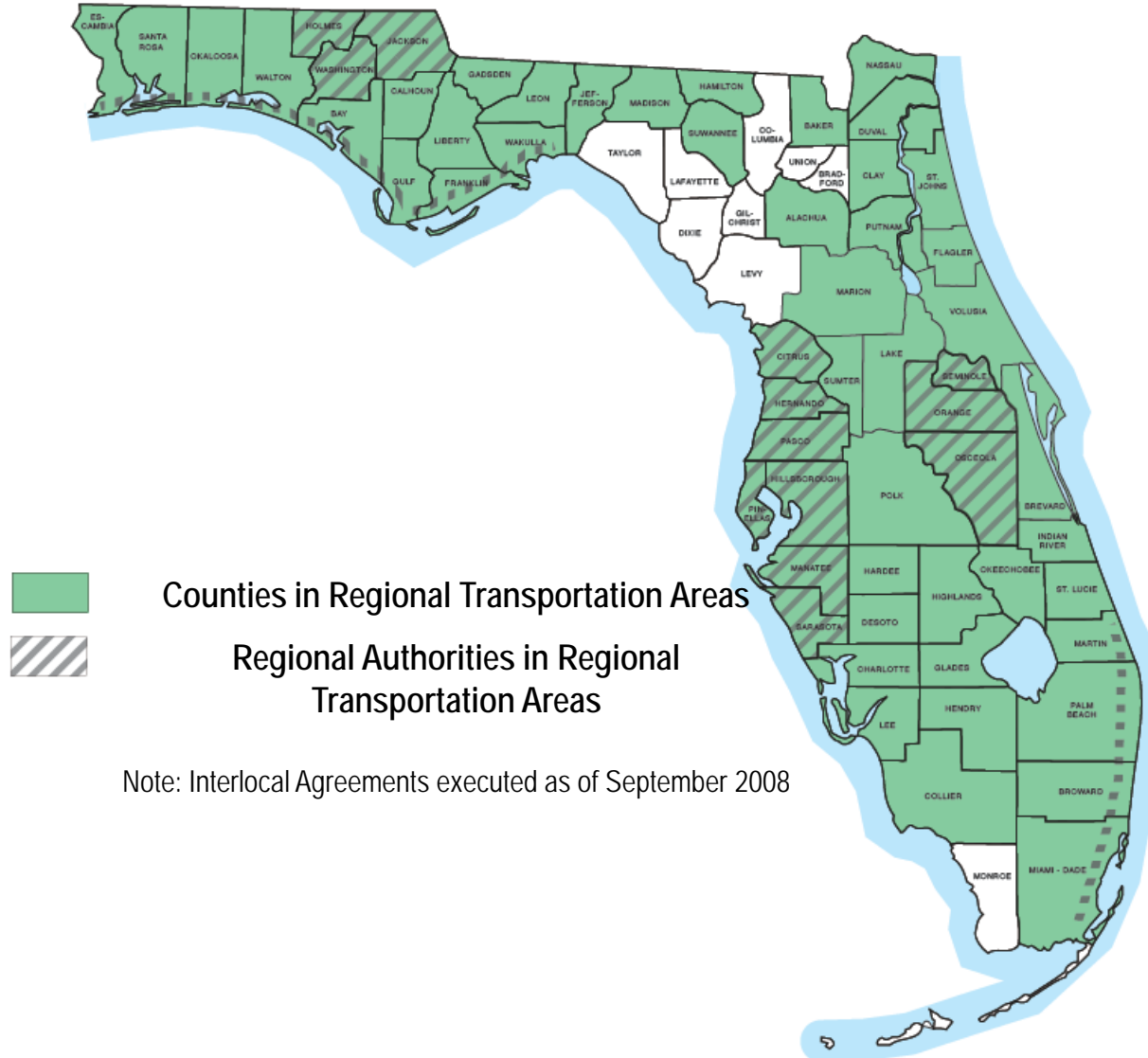
## u Transportation Regional Incentive Program

- ✓ Established in 2005, funded by documentary stamps
- ✓ Purpose:
  - Provide an incentive for regional planning
  - Leverage investments in regionally-significant transportation facilities (roads and public transportation)
  - Up to 50% of non-federal share of project costs for public transportation projects
- ✓ Significantly diminished funding, particularly after FY 2014





# Transportation Regional Incentive Program Participating Areas





# *Incentives: Regional Decision Making*

## u “PL” formula

- ✓ Federal funds for carrying out federal MPO requirements
  - State DOTs develop the formulas
- ✓ Current PL formula in Florida
  - Off-the-top distribution for statewide MPO activities
  - \$350,000 base amount for each MPO
  - Rest distributed proportionally to the MPOs
  - Prior disincentives removed:
    - MPOs that merge, retain base allocation
    - \$350,000 one-time allocation for MPOs pulling in new urbanized areas





# Issues

- u Designated MPO for each new urbanized area
- u Existing MPOs could be asked to:
  - ✓ Reaffirm existing boundaries/voting membership
  - ✓ Update metropolitan planning area boundary (*and voting membership as needed*) to reflect expanded urbanized area
  - ✓ For multiple MPOs representing single urbanized area:
    - Consider merging or enhancing coordinated planning process
    - Must coordinate on regional transportation priorities (HB 599)
    - Perhaps address differently MPOs with minor urbanized area extension into adjacent MPO





# Issues

- u Current state law: MPO voting membership
  - ✓ Originated toward single county MPOs
  - ✓ Cap on MPO voting membership needed?
- u FTC thought/input:
  - ✓ Policy recommendations: new urbanized areas, existing MPOs
  - ✓ Revitalize the TRIP program?
  - ✓ Update state law: MPO voting membership, regional coordination provisions
  - ✓ Other ideas?





*Think Safety, Buckle Up*

