

Transition to a Regional Entity

Florida Transportation Commission
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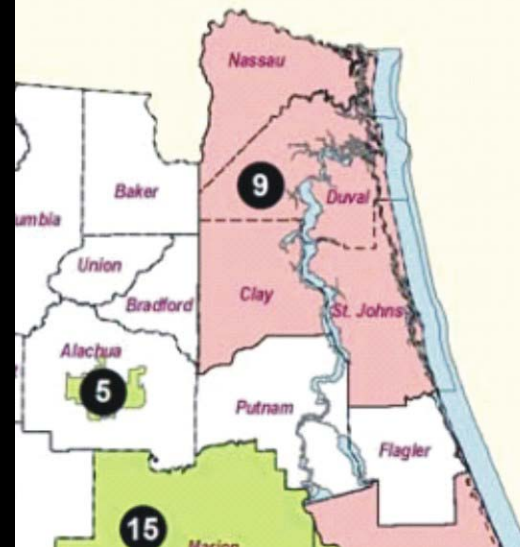
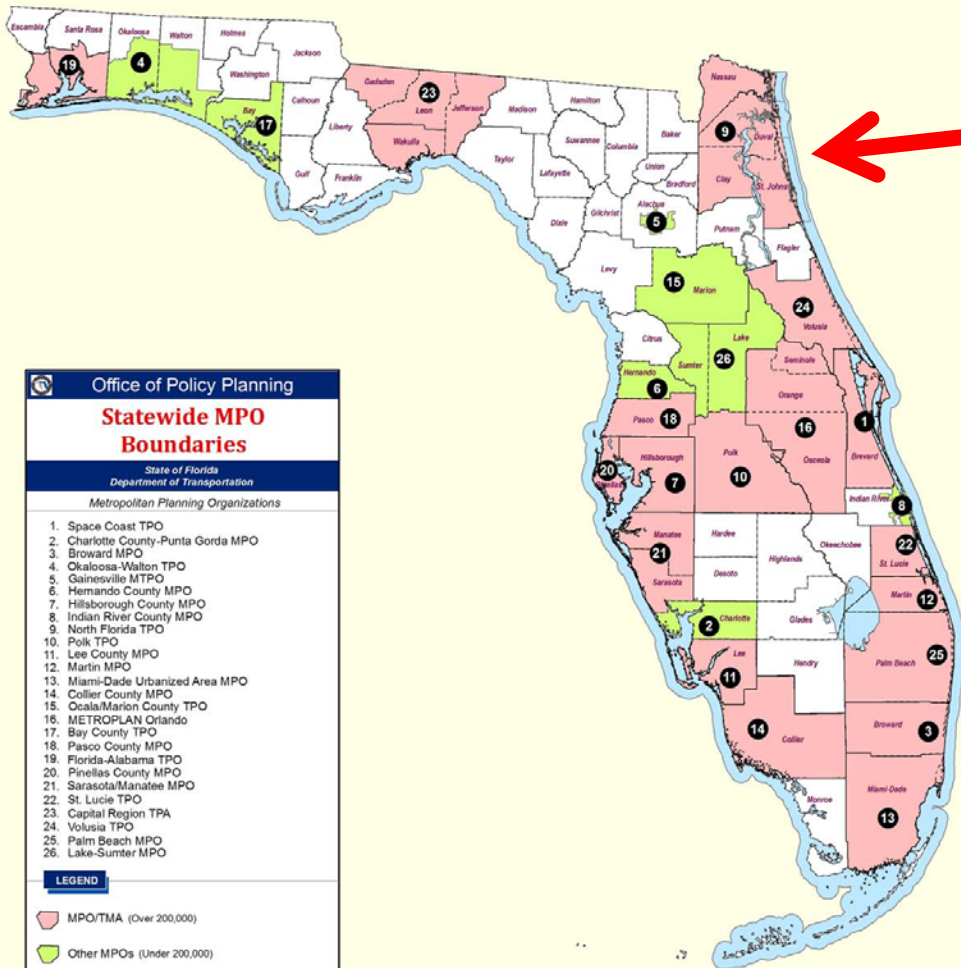


Presentation Outline

- Evolution of the North Florida TPO
- Primary Responsibilities
- Regional Initiatives
- Value as a Regional Entity
- Examples of Regional Accomplishments
- Q&A

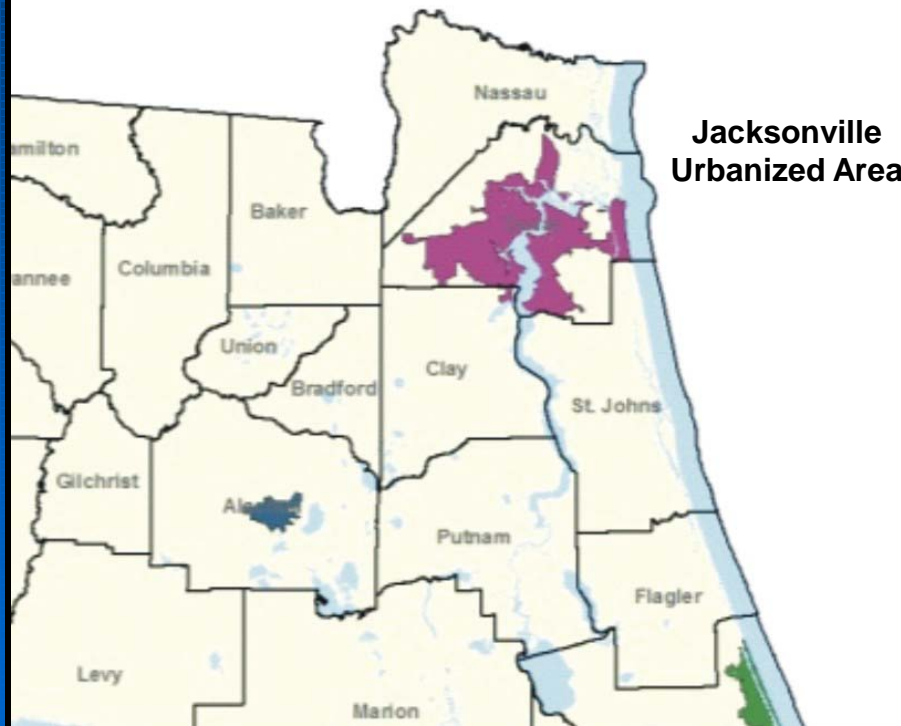
Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Designated Transportation Management Areas

(As of July 18, 2012)



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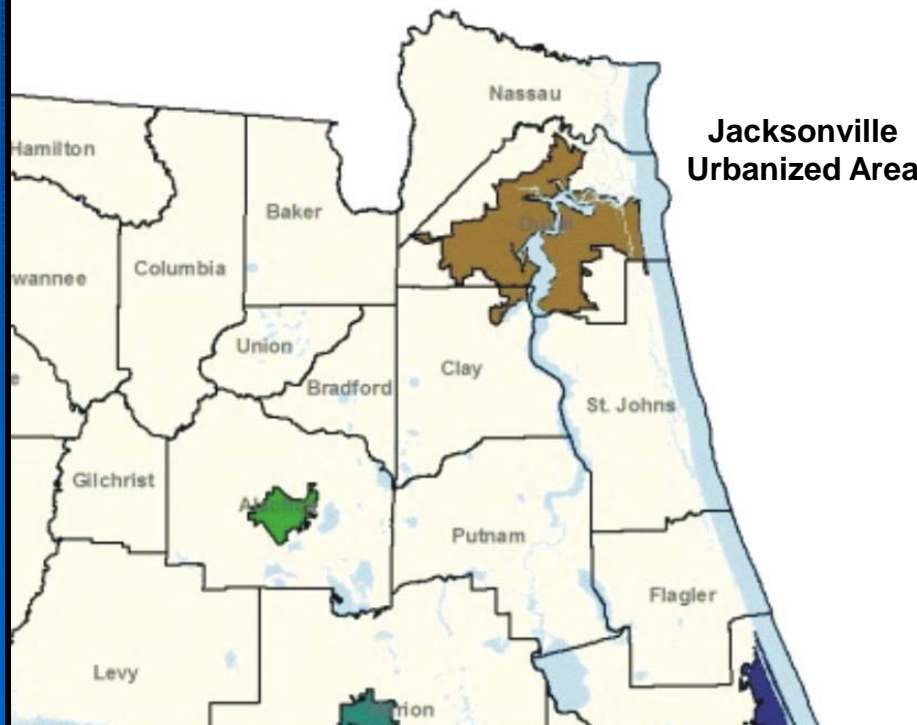
Census Urbanized Areas -1970



- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area designated in 1978
- Single county MPO representing Duval County

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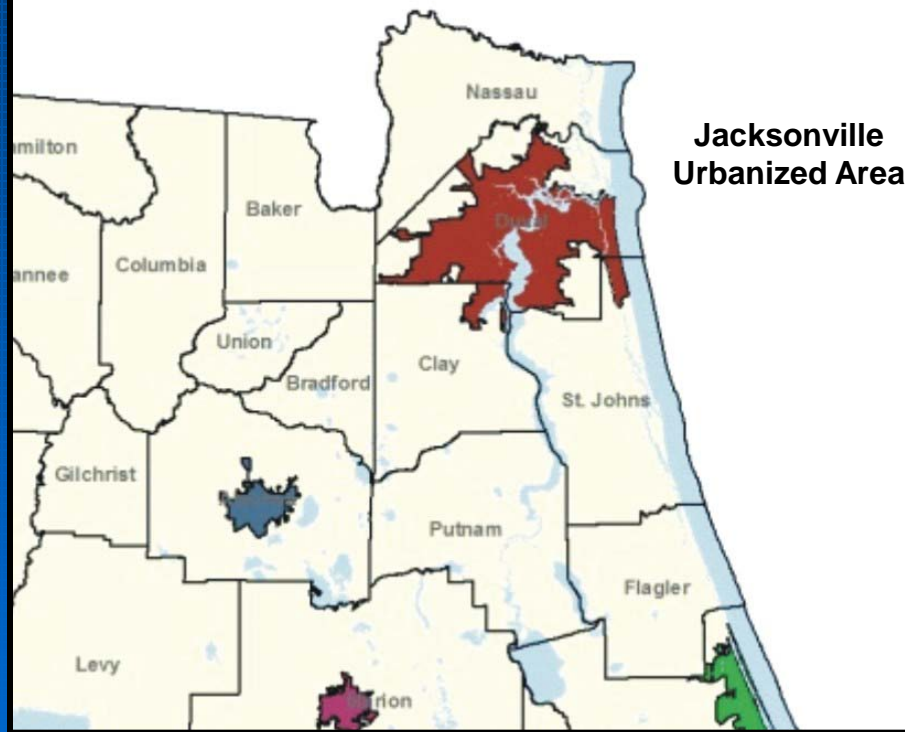
Census Urbanized Areas -1980



- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area
- Expanded to include Duval and northern portions of Clay and St. Johns Counties

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Census Urbanized Areas -1990

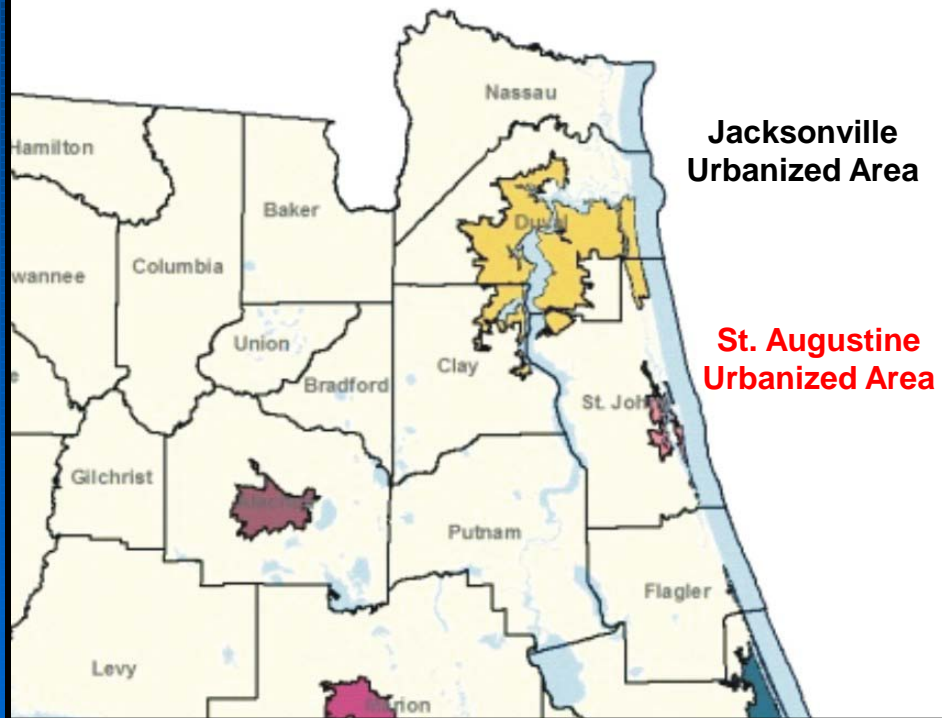


- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area
- No significant expansion
- Boundary continued to include Duval and northern portions of Clay and St. Johns Counties.

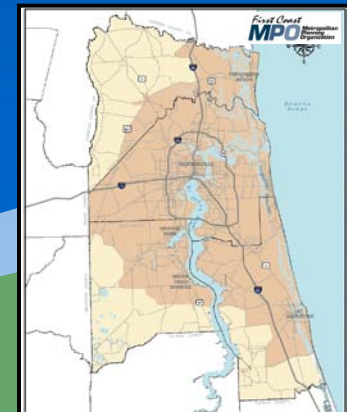
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Census Urbanized Areas - 2000

New Era of Regionalism

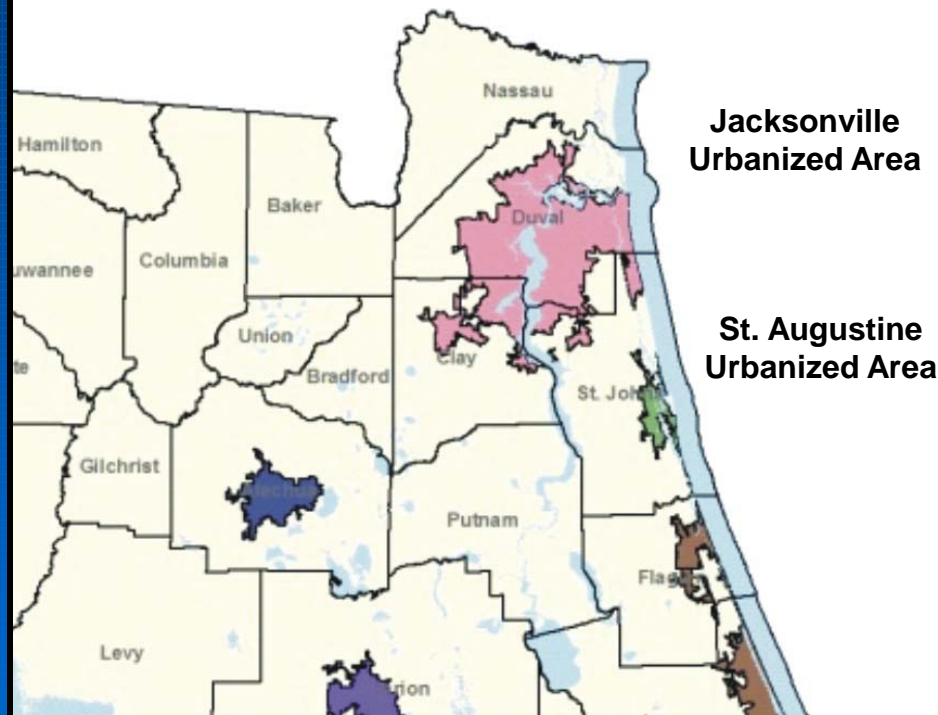


- Rebranded as the First Coast MPO in 2004
- Became an Independent Agency
- Expanded to incorporate the City of St. Augustine which was eligible to become an MPO
- Also added a significant portion of Nassau County

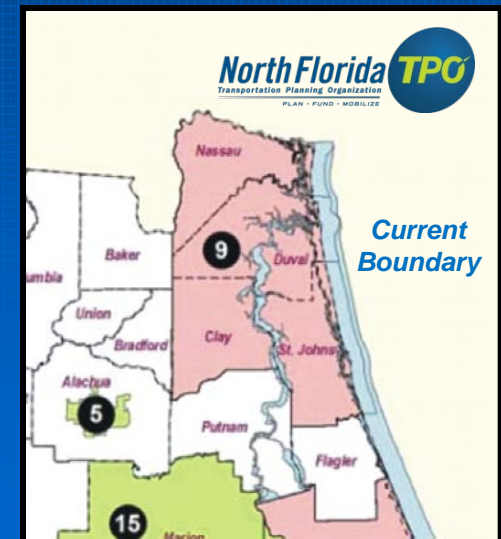


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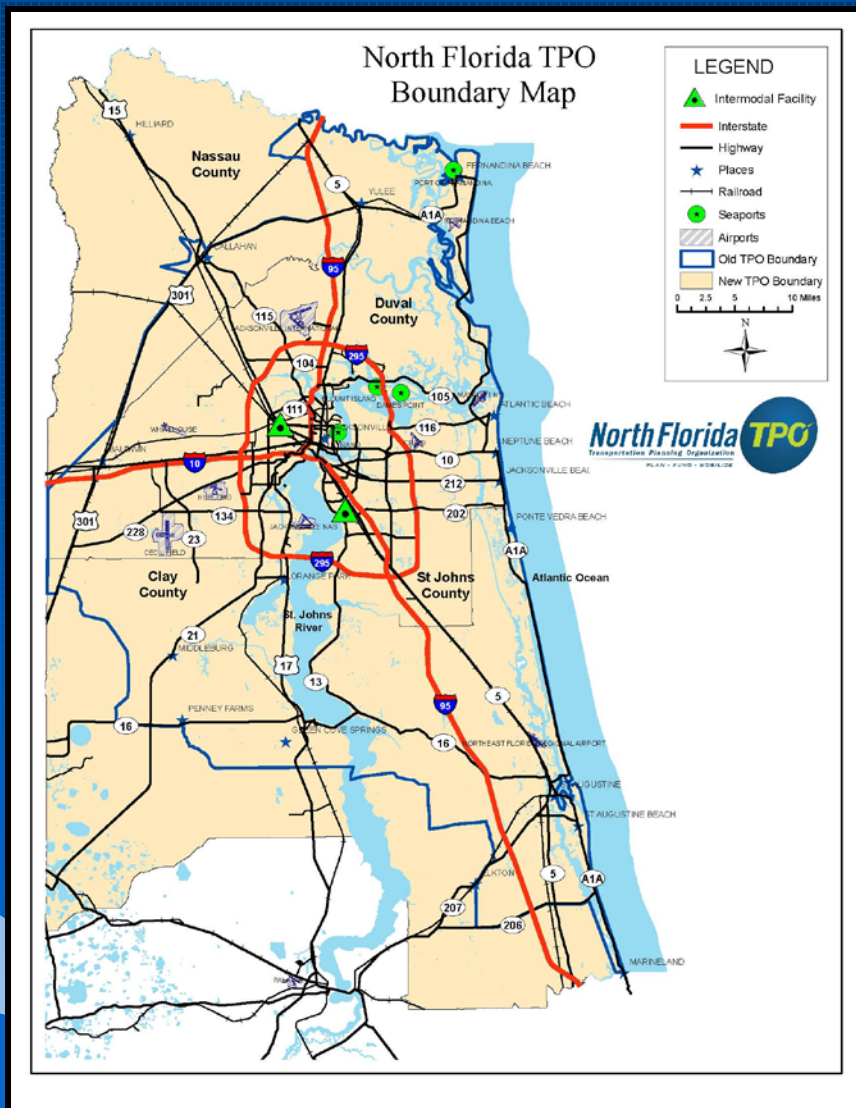
Census Urbanized Areas - 2010



- Rebranded again in 2008 as the North Florida TPO
- Expanded in 2011 to include 100% of Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties



North Florida TPO Stats



4 Counties = Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns (One of only two MPOs in the State with 4 or more counties)

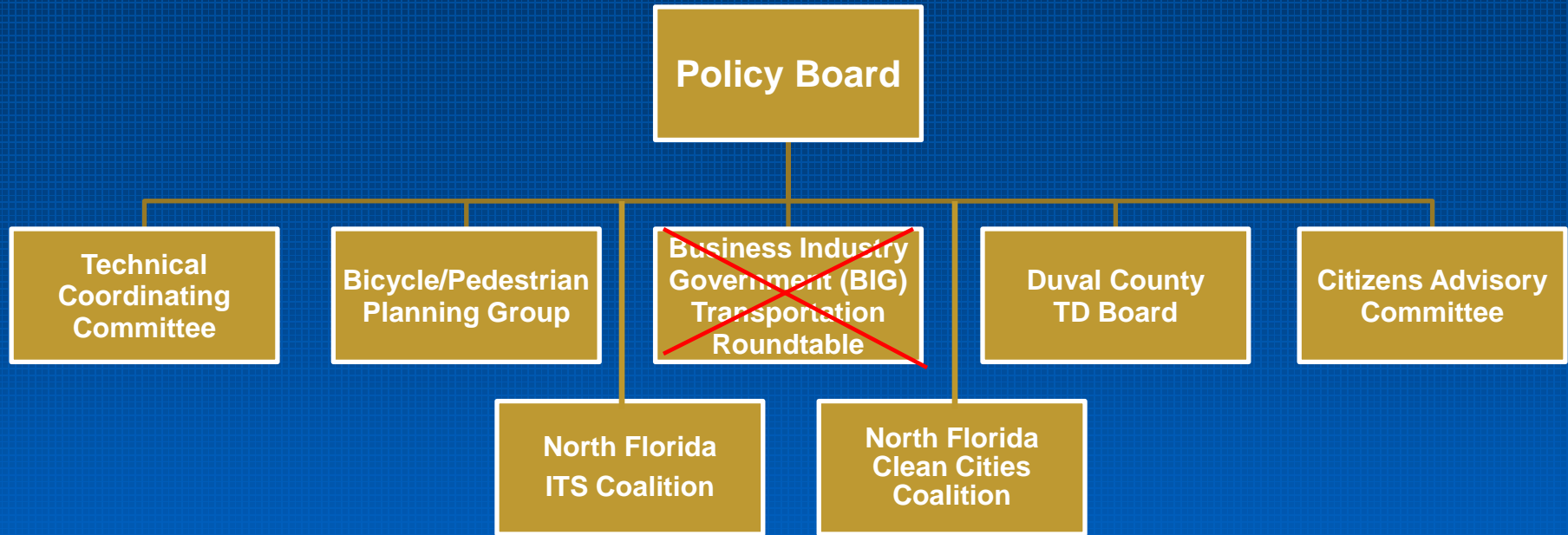
Land Area = 2,636 sq. mi. (Largest geographic boundary in the State)

Population = 1,287,094 (4th largest in the State)

Staff Size = 9 (3rd fewest staff per capita in the State at 1 to 140,813. State Average is 1 to 76,123)

Average Annual Budget = \$2.5M

North Florida TPO Structure



The BIG Roundtable was sunset in 2010 after sluggish attendance. The TPO instead joined as a partner in the Regional Chamber Logistics Advisory Group which has proven to be far more effective.

15 Member Policy Board

- Two Clay County Commissioners
- One St. Johns County Commissioner
- One Nassau County Commissioner
- Mayor, City of Jacksonville
- Mayor, City of St. Augustine or St. Augustine Beach (rotating)
- Three Jacksonville City Council Members
- One Mayor from the Beaches Communities - Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach or Jacksonville Beach
- Jacksonville Port Authority Board Member
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority Board Member
- Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board Member
- St. Augustine - St. Johns County Airport Authority Board Member
- Nassau County Ocean, Highway and Port Authority Board Member
- **Non-Voting Advisors include: District 2 Secretary, FDOT; a U.S. Navy representative and a representative from the Baker, Flagler and Putnam County Commissions.**

Primary Responsibilities

- Long Range Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Unified Planning Work Program

Additional Responsibilities / Initiatives

- Transportation Conformity
- Congestion Management Plan
- Duval County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
- Commuter Assistance Program
- North Florida ITS Coalition
- North Florida Clean Cities Program
- Freight & Rail Planning
- Transit Planning

Value as a Regional Entity since 2004

- Increased Staff / Agency Credibility
- Parochialism in the region and among Board members significantly reduced.
- Consensus on Project Priorities and Funding
- Improved and Expanded Partnerships
- Growth of Regional Initiatives

Examples of Regional Accomplishments

- North Florida ITS Coalition
 - ITS Regional Master Plan
 - Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC) funding (*Fully funded by the TPO*)
 - TIme4Safety First Responder Training Video
 - Regional Bridge Wind Sensor Project
- North Florida Clean Cities Coalition
 - Regional Alternative Fuels Master Plan
 - Regional CNG Conversion Initiative
 - US Dept. of Energy Designation

Examples of Regional Accomplishments

- Port, Freight and Rail Planning
 - North Florida Freight, Logistics and Intermodal Plan
 - Future Rail Corridor Study (Intermodal)
 - Partnerships with Regional Chamber Logistics Advisory Group, JAXPORT and Nassau Port
- Project and Funding Consensus
 - Board members continue to support consolidation of TPO funds for single regional projects.
 - Leveraging TPO funds with partnering agencies and counties have allowed projects to advance even in a stressed economy.

Thank You

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