Overview

Who is the “New Guy”?  

What is MPOAC?  

Policy Positions of MPOAC
Who is this guy named “Carl Mikyska”?

26 Years
MPO, State DOT, Federal
45 MPOs
Midwest
Home
Hobbies
Dress for Success

Training started early
What is MPOAC?

Statewide Trade Association

27 MPOs

- 15 TMA MPOs
- 30 UZAs in Florida
- 13 MPOs cover multiple UZAs
- 11 UZAs wholly contained in one MPO
- Varying organizational structures, Board sizes, counties covered, etc.
Established by the Legislature

- Augment the role of the MPOs
- Collective policy discussion
- Full-time staff since 1994

“A Forum”
Main Products

- MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials
- Policy positions
- Review of proposed legislation, NPRMs and guidance
- Studies
- Clearinghouse
Florida METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Overview

As we are moving through the session, sub-committees are beginning to wrap up their work and in the next few weeks we should see the full committees wrap up their work. This week saw committee meetings with both the Senate and House. Committee meetings of interest to the membership that took place:

- Senate Transportation Committee
- House Transportation and Airports Subcommittee
- House Economic Development and Transportation
- Senate Appropriations Committee
- House Appropriations Committee
- Senate Community Affairs

Meetings of interest next week

- Senate Community Affairs Committee
- Senate Transportation Committee
- Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee
- House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

Legislation that is of interest to the membership

SB 323 – Traffic Interaction Detection System (Branford). This bill could be re-used as the "no more red light camera" bill. I believe this summarises the intent of the bill and the bill narrowly passed out of the Transportation Committee after much debate. The Transportation Committee Chair (Branford) is a strong opponent of red light cameras and he is pushing this bill forward. The next stop for this bill is the Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 1366 – Transportation (Spanish) - Comprehensive Bill #sb1366. This bill contains the provision for Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZ). The bill was a last minute introduction and therefore does not have an analysis. A further read of the bill illuminated a 50% reduction in TRIP funds. The bill has been referred to committees but has not been called by any of the committees. This bill appears to be stalled and is not likely to make it out of the committees. The companion bill is not identical and does not contain a decrease in TRIP funding or the provision for TRZ.

The MPOAC supports State Legislation that:

- Implements the recommendations from the MPOAC transportation revenue study and other options for expanding transportation revenue sources.
- Restores funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program in order to promote regional planning and protect development through sustainable funding mechanisms, in addition to documentary stamps revenues.
- Regulates distracted driving as a primary offense by prohibiting the use of electronic wireless communications devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a moving motor vehicle.
- Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.
- Establishes state funding for railroad crossings to improve safety and establish quiet zones.

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MPOAC legislative positions – 2016 (cont.)

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Documentary Stamp Tax Revenue

Revenue Estimating Conference forecasts documentary stamp tax revenue and follows section 201.15, F.S. in allocating to various trust funds. Amount to State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) is capped at $541.75M per year.

$75M transferred to State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund within Dept. of Economic Opportunity

$ Remaining in STTF

10% to New Starts Transit Program

10% to Small County Outreach Program

Of the remainder

75% to the Strategic Intermodal System

25% to Transportation Regional Incentive Program

First $60M of TRIP to the Florida Rail Enterprise

Remaining TRIP funds to Districts by statutory formula.
MPOAC legislative positions – 2016 (cont.)

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INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS: Filling the Revenue Gap

The MPOAC identified 5 solutions the legislature could enact to raise $12.1 billion and restore the purchasing power of our transportation dollar to what it could purchase in 2000

- Expand charter county surtax to allow all counties in MPO areas (adds 12 counties) and municipalities over 150,000 in population to go to local referendum for up to a 1% sales tax
- Index local option fuel taxes in a manner similar to how state fuel taxes are indexed
- Return tag and title fee increase to STTF that were enacted by the State in 2009
- Increase the state gas tax by 2 cents per year for the next 5 years
- Increase diesel fuel tax by 5 cents with proceeds directed to commercial freight and trucking related projects

LONG TERM RECOMMENDATION: Making the Revenue Source Sustainable

Develop a plan to implement a Mileage Based User Fee in Florida that does not rely on GPS technology as a tracking device.
SHAMELESS PLUG

MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials

- April 21-23, 2017 – Tampa
- May 19-21, 2017 – Orlando

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Questions?

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answer • n. 1 some action to a question to a problem