



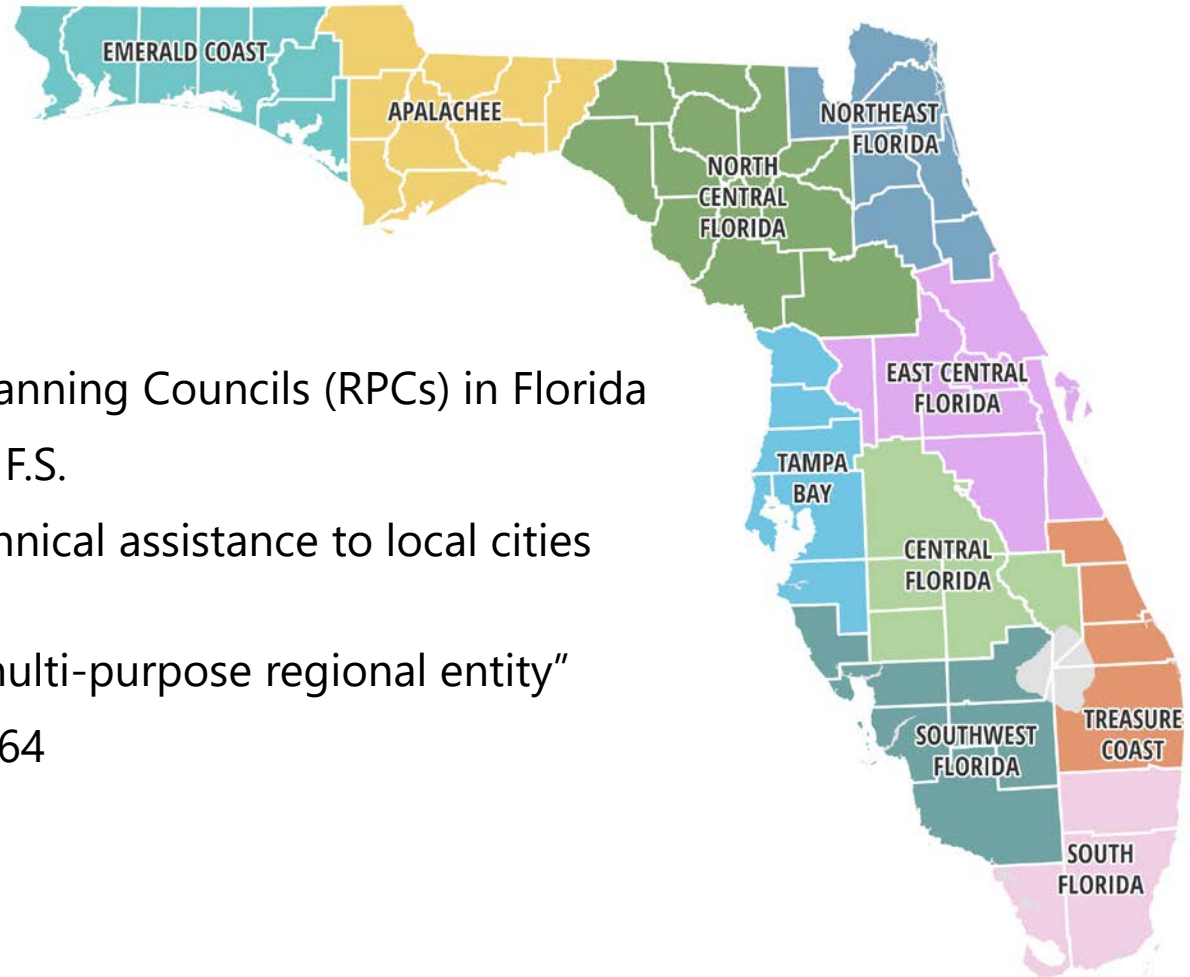
To preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida.



Austin Mount
Executive Director

WHAT IS A REGIONAL COUNCIL?

Regional Planning Councils offer services to all cities and counties throughout the state of Florida.



- There are 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) in Florida
- Created by Chapter 186, F.S.
- Provides planning & technical assistance to local cities and counties
- RPC are “Florida’s only multi-purpose regional entity”
- ECRC was founded in 1964

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emerald Coast Regional Council Board of Directors

ECRC is governed by a Board of Directors who steer the organization towards a sustainable future.

Counties Above 150K Population

- Appoint 2 members to the board

Counties Below 150K Population

- Appoint 1 member to the board

Cities

- Appoint 1 upon paid membership

Governor of Florida

- Appoints remaining seats



Council Chair
KASEY CUCHENS
Governor Appointee



Vice Chair
DICK RYNEARSON
Mayor Fort Walton Beach

SERVICE AREA



Escambia | Santa Rosa | Okaloosa | Walton | Bay | Washington |
Holmes

EXTENSION OF CITY AND COUNTY STAFF

No RFP needed

- Access to General Planning Consultant
- HDR & Atkins

Staffing by Hour or Contract

- Grant Writing/Administration
- Planning
- GIS
- Public Involvement
- Housing
- Environmental



GRANT WRITING

- City of Pensacola - \$250,000
- City of Pensacola Airport - \$12.2 million
- BARC (Santa Rosa/Escambia) - \$2 million
- Port Panama City - \$10 million
- Walton County Transit Line - \$3 million



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



Florida-Alabama
TPO
Transportation Planning Organization

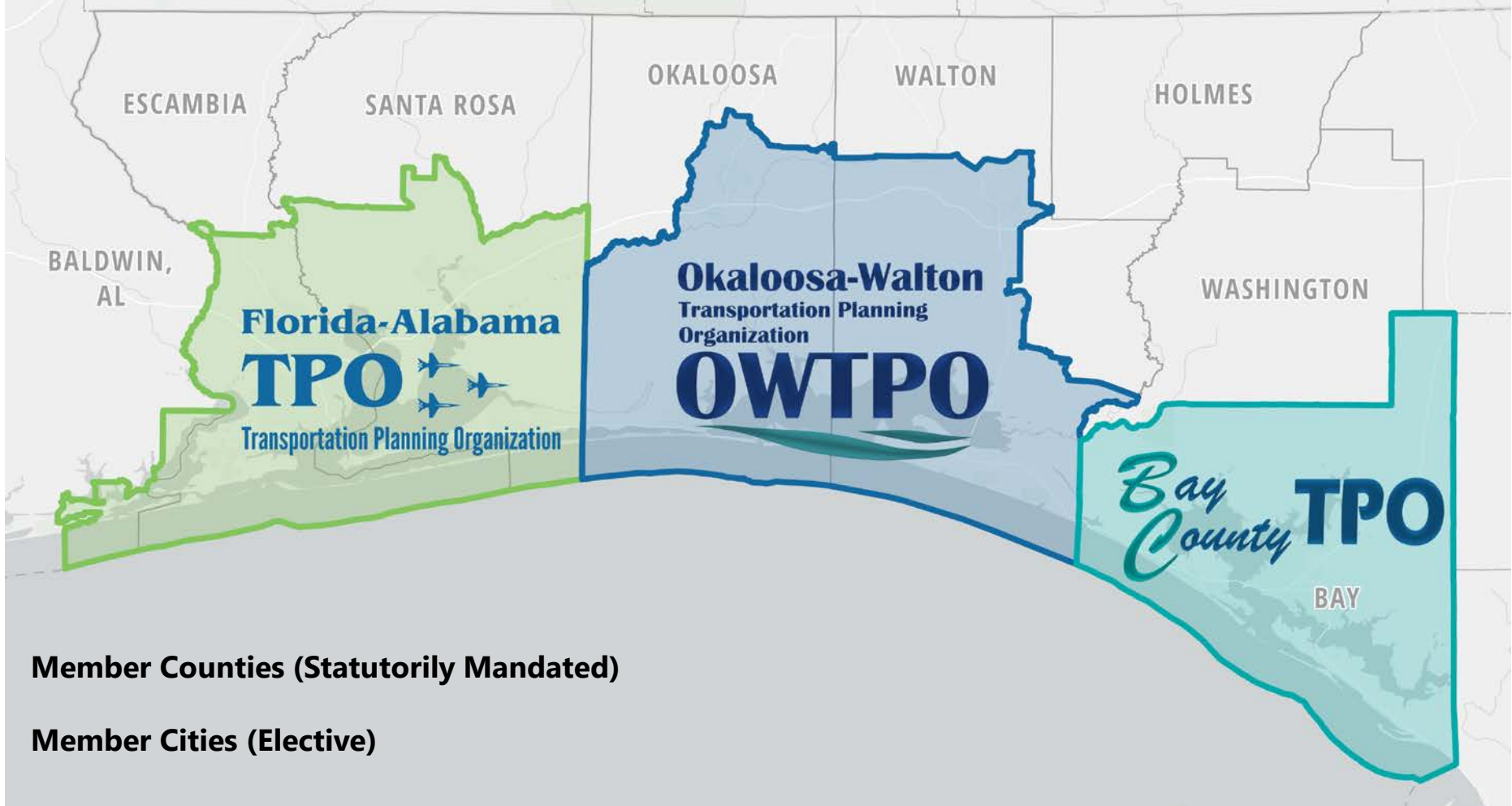
Okaloosa-Walton
Transportation Planning
Organization
OWTPO

*Bay
County* **TPO**

**Emerald Coast
Transportation
Symposium**

RideOn
Commuter Services

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (TPO/MPO)



Member Counties (Statutorily Mandated)

Member Cities (Elective)

The role of the

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

We refer to the MPOs as the Transportation Planning Organizations (TPO).



Federal and State Law require a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be designated...

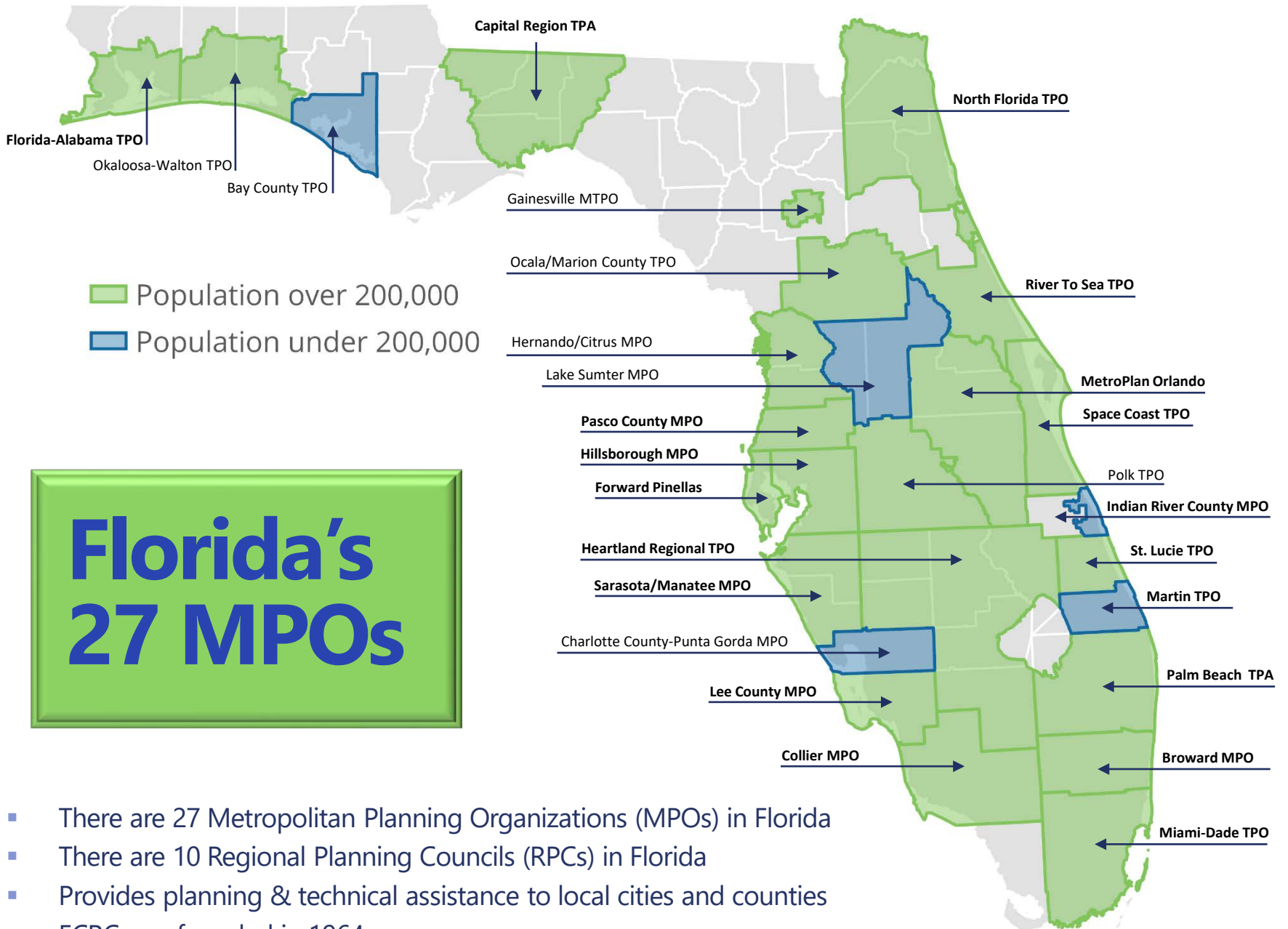
...in each urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more.



What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?

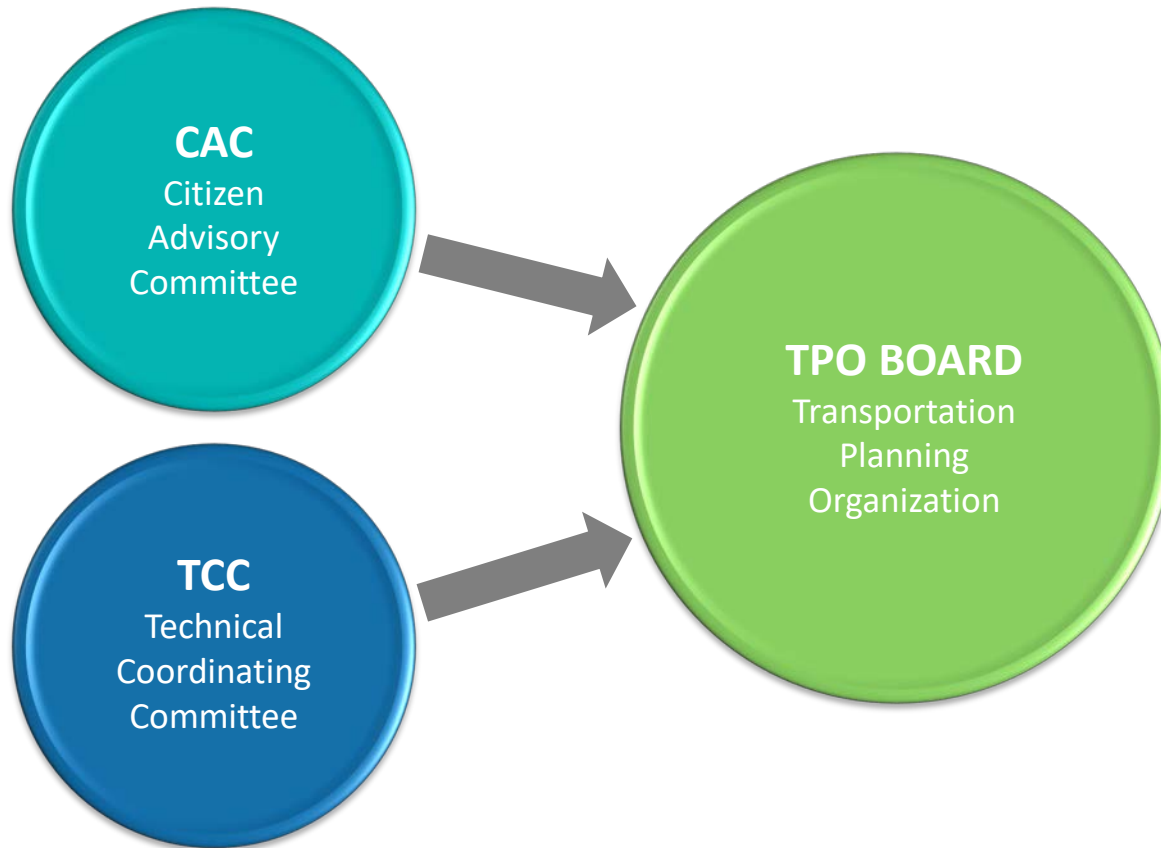
A designated forum for cooperative transportation decision making.





- There are 27 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Florida
- There are 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) in Florida
- Provides planning & technical assistance to local cities and counties
- ECRC was founded in 1964

Advisory committees support the TPO:



Who comprises the TPO Board?



County Commissioners

- 5 seats - Escambia
- 5 seats - Santa Rosa
- 1 seat - Baldwin

City Council Members

- 5 seats - Pensacola
- 1 seat - Milton
- 1 seat - Gulf Breeze
- 1 seat - Orange Beach



County Commissioners

- 4 seats - Okaloosa
- 3 seats - Walton

City Council Members

- 3 seats - Crestview
- 2 seats - Destin
- 2 seats - Ft. Walton Beach
- 1 seat - DeFuniak Springs
- 1 seat - Freeport
- 1 seat - Mary Esther
- 1 seat - Niceville
- 1 seat - Valparaiso



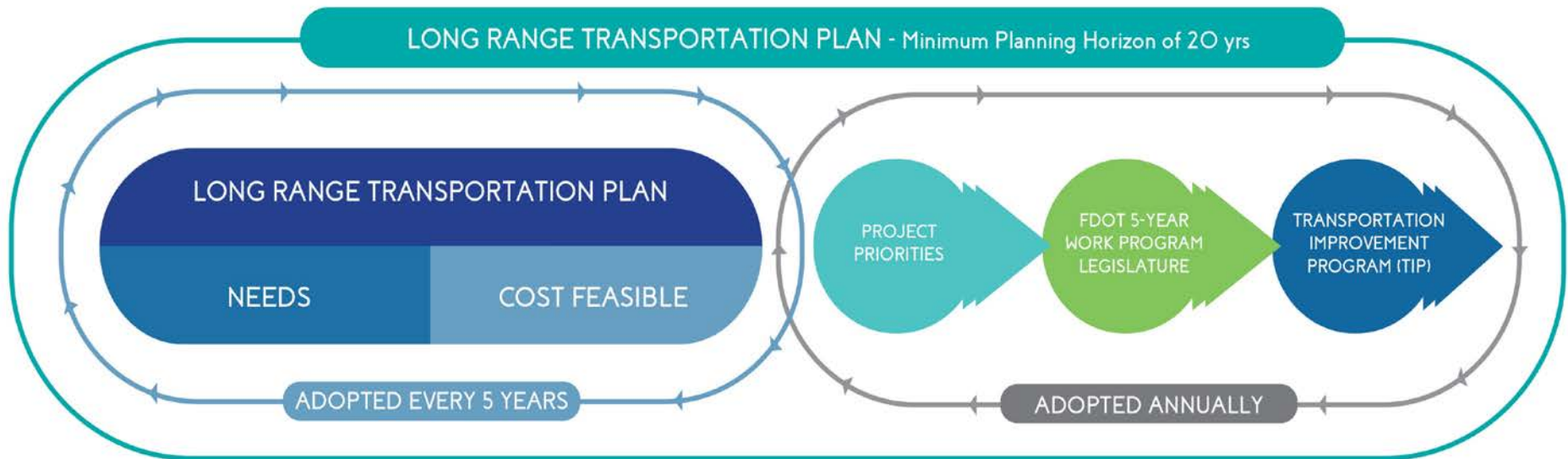
County Commissioners

- 5 seats - Bay County

City Commissioners/Mayors

- 5 seats - Panama City
- 2 seats - Panama City Beach
- 2 seats - Callaway
- 2 seats - Lynn Haven
- 1 seat - Mexico Beach
- 1 seat - Parker
- 1 seat - Springfield

TPO Planning Cycle



FIVE-YEAR CYCLE

(LRTP) LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- NEEDS PLAN
- COST FEASIBLE PLAN

YEARLY CYCLE

PROJECT PRIORITIES

FDOT FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- **20-year Planning Horizon**
Updated every 5 years
- **LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan)**
Updated every 5 years
- **Needs Plan and Cost Feasible Plan**
Outlined and Projected in LRTP
What are the needs?
What can we afford?
Wish List?
- **Developed with Public Input**



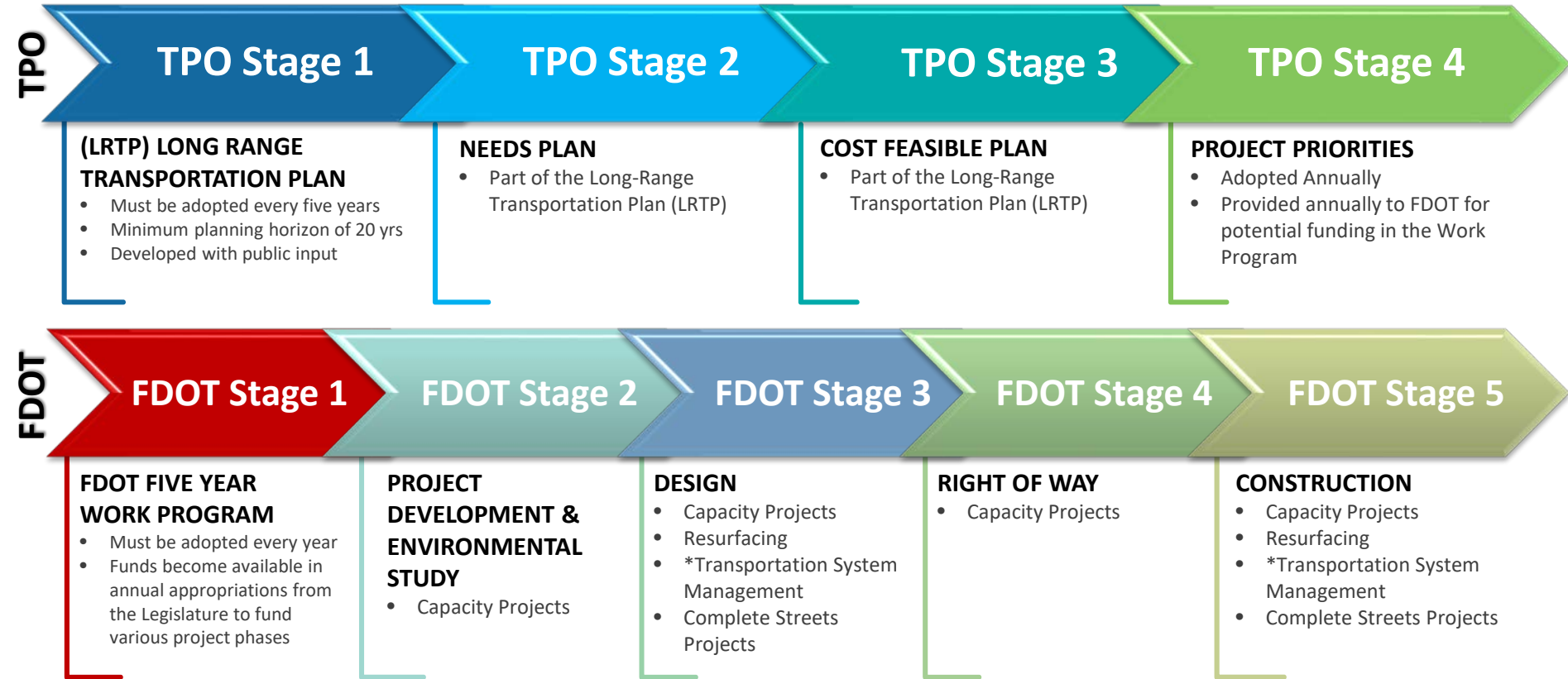
Project Priorities

Project Priorities are a list of the Cost Feasible projects from the Long Range Transportation Plan in Priority order. They are provided to FDOT annually for funding in the Work Program.



- <https://wfrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=490b66dbd4c24a46af4cc077143686c0>

Transportation Planning Process

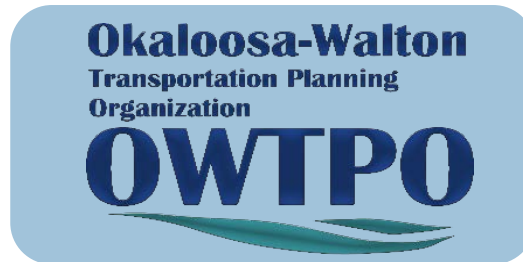


*Transportation System Management Projects are short term operational projects such as resurfacing, signal modifications, turn lanes, and median improvements

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Five-Year Plan updated annually that identifies projects funded in the FDOT Work Program

Click the TPO logo links below to view the TIP for each TPO.





Other TPO Products:

- Regional Freight
- Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Congestion Management
- Corridor Management

Other TPO Products:



- Bicycle / Pedestrian Plans
- Transportation Disadvantaged Plans
- Public Participation Process Plan

Summary

A TPO serves as the mechanism for
regional collaboration
in transportation decision making.

Thank you.