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# Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Miami Urbanized Area



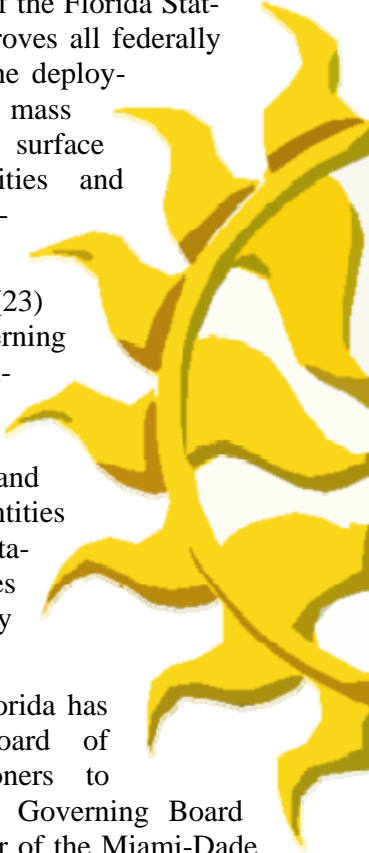
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# Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Miami Urbanized Area

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area guides the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Federal Statutes mandate the establishment of MPO's as a precondition for the flow of federal transportation funds to urban areas. The Miami-Dade MPO was established in 1977 under Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes. The MPO approves all federally required plans for the deployment of highways, mass transit, and other surface transportation facilities and services in the metropolitan area.

A twenty-three (23) member MPO Governing Board acts as the authority on all local transportation planning matters and ensures that all entities engaging in transportation-related activities conform to statutory requirements.

The Governor of Florida has designated the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the MPO Governing Board along with a member of the Miami-Dade School Board, a member of the Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), an elected official representing each city with over 50,000 residents, a representative of smaller municipalities, and a private citizen representing the unincorporated area.



## Major Duties and Citizen Committees

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.** The Metropolitan Planning Organization is required by state and federal law to maintain a Transportation Plan for the urbanized area that forecasts transportation needs over at least a twenty-year period.

### Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The LRTP includes a prioritized program of necessary projects. The Plan is updated every five years and Federal guidelines require that the transportation plan be fiscally feasible. As a growing metropolitan area, transportation needs in Miami-Dade consistently exceed available revenues. The transportation plan, therefore, always includes a section that lists the metropolitan area's unfunded needs in addition to funded projects.

### Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP document is the capital improvement element for the LRTP. Each year the TIP is updated as a program of projects and serves as the first element for the LRTP. The TIP shows funding for the projects programmed for implementation during the first five years of the twenty-year plan. The TIP is updated each year.

### Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The UPWP is developed annually. This program of studies includes policy technical analyses that support a continuous cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning program.

### Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

The CTAC was created in 1983 as a result of a Federal mandate and provides a forum for citizens to become involved in the transportation planning process.

### Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

The BPAC encourages the use of non-motorized transportation alternatives and provides a forum for citizens to become involved in promoting these alternatives.

### Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC)

The TARC reviews concepts and designs, and makes recommendations to improve or maintain the aesthetic quality of transportation projects.

### Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC)

The FTAC advises the MPO Board on moving freight and trucks more safely and efficiently. The role of freight, especially trucks, is absolutely essential for moving goods from producer to retail centers and consumers.

*The above citizen committees are appointed by the MPO Governing Board.*

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** The MPO invites the public to participate in the transportation planning process. Public input is routinely solicited during the development of plans, programs, and projects. The MPO Governing Board meets in the Miami-Dade County Commission Chamber located in the Stephen P. Clark Building, downtown Miami. All meetings are open to the public. To volunteer for one of the MPO's citizen committees call 305-375-4507.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION.** The MPO regularly works in cooperation with other local and state agencies to execute the transportation planning process. Other entities, including the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), and the Broward and Palm Beach County MPOs, work closely with the Miami Urbanized Area MPO to facilitate regional transportation planning.