

# Year in Review: Broward MPO and MPOAC State Legislative Priorities

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---	Supports an increase in transportation investment through dedicated and sustainable funding, including innovative financing options; encourages partnerships between public and private entities; and facilitates the expedited delivery of projects.	2021 FDOT budget: \$10.3 billion 2022 FDOT budget: \$12.7 billion (+23%)
Increase climate mitigation / resiliency funds.	---	<p><u>HB 7053</u> - Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience: establishes Statewide Office of Resilience headed by Chief Resiliency Officer, requires FDOT to develop a resilience action plan, requires Dept. of Environmental Protection to prepare flood resilience and mitigation report, increases Resilience Florida Grant Program funding by establishing a \$100 million minimum threshold on funding proposed for each year of the plan</p> <p><u>Result:</u> Approved by Governor 5/3/2022</p>

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Expand regulations on distracted driving.	Regulates distracted driving by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless communication devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway.	<p><u>SB 914</u> - Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: establishes that by April 1, law enforcement agencies must maintain and report annual texting and driving information to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.  <u>Result:</u> Awaiting Governor's signature</p>
Improvement of electrical grid, including increased capacity to accommodate electric vehicle charging stations, and addressing resiliency concerns through hardening measures, such as undergrounding of powerlines.	---	<p><u>CS/HB 737</u> - Electric Vehicle Transportation Electrification Plan: Requires PSC to adopt rules for electric vehicle transportation electrification plan, including incentivizing electric vehicle adoption and electric vehicle charger installation and operation, and to establish mechanisms, including incentives, which support the efficient and cost-effective use of the electric grid in a manner that supports electric vehicle charging infrastructure.  Result: Tabled in Commerce Committee</p>

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<p>Allow Metropolitan Planning Organizations to conduct virtual meetings.</p>	<p>Adds provisions to Florida’s Sunshine Law to allow all government entities to hold virtual meetings during a declared emergency plus a period of 90 days past the declared emergency dates.</p>	<p><u>SB 690</u> - Resilience-related Advisory Committees: Authorizing specified resilience-related advisory committees to conduct public meetings and workshops by means of communications media technology...  <u>Result:</u> Tabled in Senate Rules Committee</p> <p><u>SB 674</u> - Public Meetings During Declared States of Emergency: ...authorizing governing bodies to use communications media technology to conduct meetings during declared states of emergency; providing that certain remote participation by a governing body member in a meeting constitutes that individual’s presence at such meeting and counts toward a quorum...  <u>Result:</u> Tabled in Senate Community Affairs Committee</p>

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<p>Greater flexibility is needed within existing State funding programs to maximize efficient use of resources and allow for the transportation investments necessary to serve our rapidly growing urbanized area and support economic growth within our region.</p>	<p>Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF).</p>	<p>CS/SB 398 - Transportation Projects: Requires that at least 15 percent but not more than 25 percent of all state revenues deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund, excluding state revenues used for matching federal grants, shall be committed annually by the department for public transportation projects. <u>Result:</u> No action taken by end of session</p>
<p>Restore funding previously diverted into the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) to MPOs located within Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) for direct MPO programming. The State may still require this funding be used on projects which support or enhance the SIS.</p>	<p>Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads, transit, and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.</p>	<p>No legislation introduced</p>

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Allow direct MPO programming of funds allocated through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) within TMAs.	---	No legislation introduced
Remove State restrictions on MPOs board voting memberships and oppose any efforts to reduce voting membership below 25 members.	---	No legislation introduced

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---	Recognizes that federal metropolitan transportation planning funds shall not be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure.	No legislation introduced
---	Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that promote creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, while simultaneously protecting citizens from malicious tampering with such technologies by making tampering a punishable offense.	No legislation introduced

# Questions?