



2024 Legislative Priorities & Positions

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The Space Coast TPO is the transportation planning organization (TPO) for Brevard county in Central Florida. TPOs were created under federal law to direct urban transportation planning and the allocation of federal and state funds. We plan for a transportation system that enhances the quality of life and economic development by engaging the community and we aim to provide a safe, multimodal, and resilient transportation system for all.

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Top Priorities



Increased funding for transportation that does not negatively impact the State Transportation Trust Fund



Greater flexibility for transit projects (capital & operations) identified through the MPO process by removing funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF)








Expand regulations on distracted driving



We Support State Legislation That:


Allocates and advocates for transportation funding

-  Funds the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) at a predictable level of \$250 Million per year.
-  Allows direct TPO programming of funds allocated through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) within Transportation Management Areas.
-  Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF).
-  Study potential revenue replacement options for the current motor fuels tax which is no longer able to fully support the current or future needs of Florida's transportation system.
-  Charge alternatively fueled vehicles a fee equal to the fuel tax paid by gasoline or diesel-fueled vehicles, such as an electric vehicle registration fee.

BENEFIT: Additional funds and 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 in our region.

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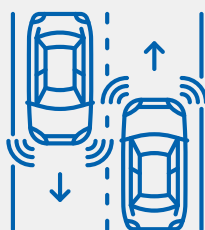
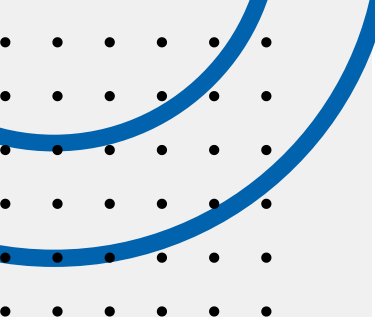
Advocates for Safety and Innovation

-  Supports safe driving by prohibiting the handheld use of electronic wireless communication devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway.

BENEFIT: would increase roadway safety and make enforcement easier.

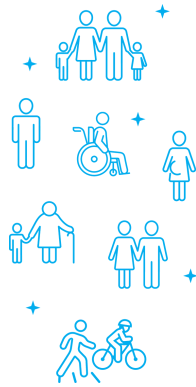
-  Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that make Florida the national leader in creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, including Autonomous, Connected, Electric, advanced traffic signals as well as technologies not yet developed.

BENEFIT: Improves the efficiency and safety of travel. Cities and states that are proactive in the deployment of transportation technology will be better positioned for success and economic stability in the future.





Move Over For People



Expands the current Move Over law to include people and protect vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and disabled individuals using mobility devices.

SCTPO's Priority Transportation Projects



Support SCTPO's List of Priority Projects consistent with the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. A few projects representing each area of the county include:



Ellis Road Widening (Central)

No. 1 Priority - The project is the **Innovation + Economic Corridor** for the Space Coast - an epicenter of aerospace and aviation. Support and advocate for an INFRA grant or other federal funds in the amount of \$46.9M (\$34.1M, local match) for construction.



SR 524 Widening S. Friday Road to Industry Road (Central)

Fund Design and Right of Way.



Malabar Road Widening (South)

Finalize design from St. Johns Heritage Parkway to Minton Road.



SR A1A (Beachside)

Fund right of way for multimodal safety improvements from Long Point Road to George King Blvd in Cape Canaveral.



SR 405/South Street Widening (North)

Fund corridor study and Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Phase.

For a complete list of ranked transportation projects visit:

tinyurl.com/2024LOPP



As the regional transportation planning agency, the Space Coast TPO provides a forum for local elected officials, transportation experts, and members of the community to work together to improve mobility for residents, businesses, and visitors.

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