

# Miami-Dade MPO TMA Federal Certification Process

April 22, 2015

Federal Highway Administration  
Federal Transit Administration

# Federal Review Team

- Stacie Blizzard, FHWA Florida Division
- Shundreka Givan, FHWA Florida Division
- Carey Shepherd, FHWA Florida Division
- Keith Melton, FTA Region IV

# Why Are We Here Today?

- FHWA and FTA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas over 200,000 population at least every four years.
- Part of this review is seeking the public's input



# Overview of the Certification Process



The review consists of 3 primary activities:

1. A site visit including discussions with the MPO, FDOT, transit operators; and the general public.
2. A report prepared by FHWA/FTA summarizing review findings and certification action.
3. A closeout presentation of the review at a future MPO Policy Board Meeting.

# Why Are You Here Today?

- To give your opinion of the metropolitan area's transportation planning process
- *What is the transportation planning process?*
  - A process by which transportation planning decisions are made and projects are selected, and prioritized for implementation with the metropolitan area.



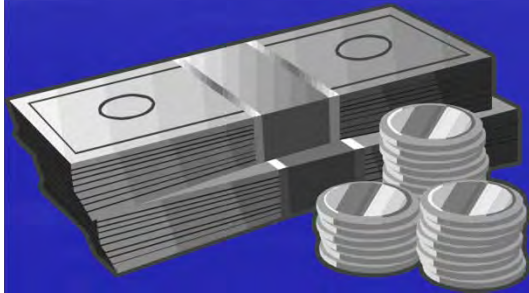
# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- *How?*
  - Through a “3-C” approach
    - Continuing
    - Cooperative
    - Comprehensive
  - Multimodal and interconnected
  - Public Input



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- *Why is the planning process important?*
  - Establishes a framework for collaboration
  - Decides how a substantial share of federal transportation funding is spent Nationwide.
  - It helps the MPO to prioritize regional needs and determine the best and most economical solution
  - Provides the framework for the future transportation system



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

## ■ *Who is involved?*

### – MPO

- Policy Board
- Technical Committee
- Citizen Committee
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- Local Coordinating Board

### – Florida Department of Transportation

### – Transit Operator

### – Local governments

- (cities and counties)

### – School Boards

### – Interest Groups

### – Transportation Authorities

### – FTA & FHWA

### – General Public



# What Will Happen to Your Comments?

- The comments received today and by mail (through May 22, 2015) will be summarized in a written report
- Comments are taken into consideration while evaluating the transportation planning process for the area



# Opportunities for Public Comment

- Are you provided with an **adequate opportunity** to participate in the transportation planning and programming process?
- Do you have **reasonable access** to the technical and policy information that is used to develop planning documents (i.e. Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan)?

# Opportunities for Public Comment (continued)

- Do you have adequate time to comment on **key decision points** in the process and do you receive information early enough in the process so staff and the MPO can utilize your suggestions or recommendations?
- Do you feel your comments are taken into **consideration** by staff and the MPO?
- What are the **positive aspects** of the transportation planning process and/or what suggestions do you have for improving the process?

# Additional opportunity for Comments

If you would like to send written comments - Please send them no later than May 22, 2015 to:

Federal Highway Administration  
Attn: Stacie Blizzard  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
Fax: (850) 942-8308  
Via Email: [Stacie.Blizzard@dot.gov](mailto:Stacie.Blizzard@dot.gov)



Thank you for your comments