



Transportation Planning for the Palm Beaches



Transitioning to an Independent MPO

What, Why, and When?

MPO Board and Advisory Committees

December 2016

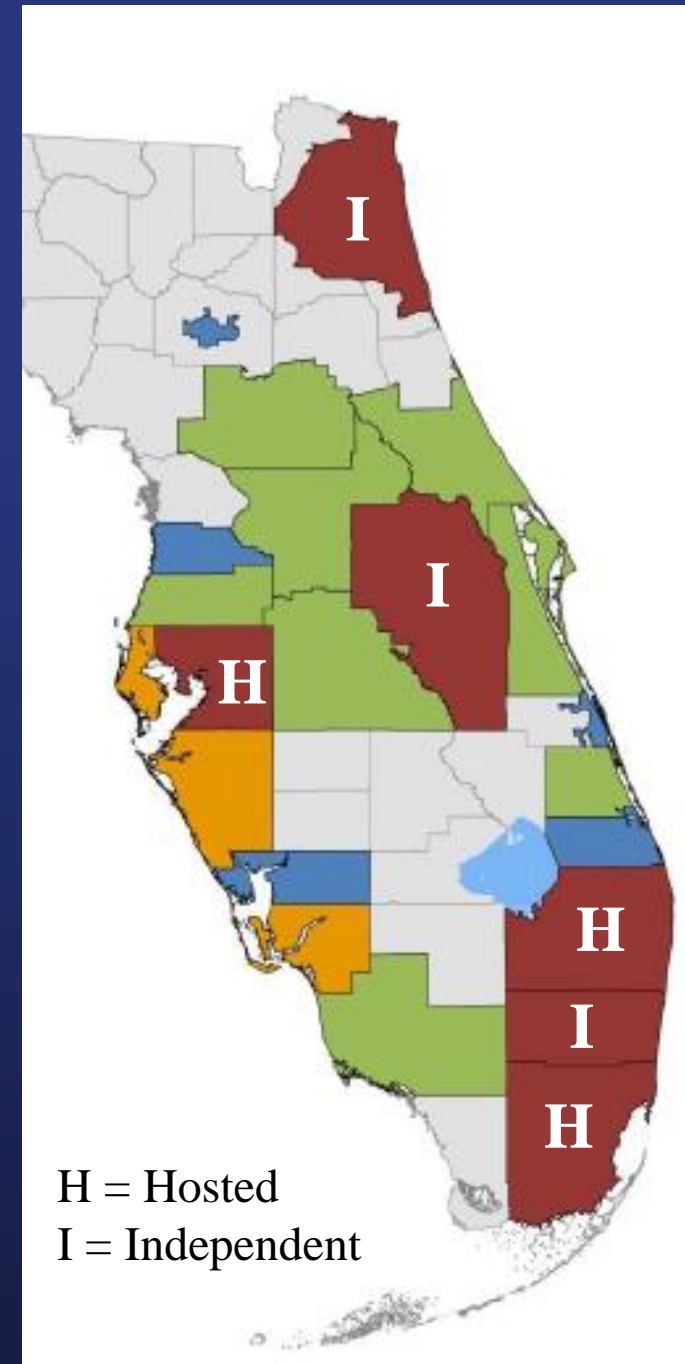
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What is an independent MPO?

- Hosted MPOs operate as a division of the host and are subject to host policies and regulations
- The Palm Beach MPO has been hosted by PBC since inception in 1979
 - May 2013 Interlocal between MPO & PBC expires Sept 2018
 - PBC provides a line of credit for MPO operations
 - PBC provides a cash match for FTA grant funding
- Independent MPOs operate under their governing boards and must meet all of their operating needs
- 6 MPOs in Florida with a population >1,000,000
 - 3 are independent, 3 are hosted





Why independence?

- Clear chain of command and responsiveness to MPO Board
 - Governance creates culture – Independence positions the MPO to lead transportation decisions
 - MPO voice is strongest when all participate – city/county collaboration
- Equitable Distribution of Local Financial Dues
 - Ownership mindset - increased member interest
- A downtown MPO office advances the vision
 - Safe, Efficient, Connected, Multimodal
 - Adequate space for board, committees and public
 - Increased community visibility





When would this happen?

1. MPO Board action item to approve terms and conditions for draft 2-party interlocal in Feb 2017
 - Create MPO Revolving Fund for Cash Flow
 - One-time contribution to MPO of 90¢/capita
 - Provide annual cash match for FTA grant, non-reimbursables
 - Annual dues of 9¢/capita
 - Both one-time and first-year dues are due Dec 2017 (FY 2018)
2. Members would execute in Spring 2017
 - All agreements come back to MPO Board for final approval
3. MPO Board actions in Summer/Fall 2017
 - Office lease, director & staff policies, legal services
4. Move in date late 2017/early 2018

