



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Interlocal Agreement for the Reestablishment of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area (MTPO)

Presenter:

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Description:

The apportionment plan for the Gainesville Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, approved by Governor DeSantis on August 8, 2024, requires an update of the Establishment Interlocal Agreement to include the new and existing voting members and non-voting members. This Interlocal Agreement must be approved by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Chair's signature for the Reestablishment of the MTPO

Prior Board Motions:

On May 26, 2004, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners approved an Interlocal Agreement establishing the MTPO

Fiscal Note:

There are no immediate fiscal impacts associated with the approval of this Interlocal Agreement.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

Federal law [23 C.F.R. 450.314(a), s.339.175(2)(b)] and Florida statutes [s.339.175(10)(a), F.S.] require responsibilities of each agency involved in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process be clearly identified by written agreement between the parties. This is accomplished through the execution of an interlocal agreement [Form No. 525-010-01] pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 [s.163.01, F.S.]. This form is used for the creation of a new MPO, as well as for the re-designation of an existing MPO.

The interlocal agreement is a standard document drafted specifically to address the metropolitan transportation planning requirements identified in Federal and State law and regulations. The parties to this interlocal agreement shall be FDOT and the governmental entities designated by the Governor

for MPO membership, including nonvoting members. [s.339.175(2)(b), F.S.]. The interlocal agreement must be reviewed and updated at least every five years, or sooner when MPO membership changes. [s.339.175(10)(a), F.S.] When an interlocal agreement is updated, the MPO serves as the coordinating body for agreement review, negotiations, and execution among all parties.

On August 8, 2024, Governor DeSantis approved the apportionment plan for the Gainesville Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. The apportionment plan revised the membership of the MTPO requiring an update of the Establishment Interlocal Agreement to include the new and existing voting members and non-voting members.

The MPO staff along with partner agency staff have reviewed the draft agreement and made changes in consultation with FDOT District 2. Once approved and executed by each agency, the MTPO must provide copies of the updated agreement to all signatories for filing purposes. Copies of the interlocal agreement must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county in which a party to the agreement is located.