

## CHAPTER 2: MPO Board & Committees

All federally supported transportation projects and programs for Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and Hillsborough County go through the metropolitan planning process. The obligation to provide information and consider public input in decision-making is explicit in federal regulations.

The MPO is created by agreement between local governments and the Governor of the State of Florida.

As indicated below, the Hillsborough County MPO Board is composed of representatives from each of the respective governments and transportation authorities. MPO board members are subject to change – up-to-date membership is available on [PlanHillsborough.org](http://PlanHillsborough.org), and advisory committee and working group details are included on the following pages.

All meetings of the MPO and its advisory committees are open to the public. Public comment is welcomed, usually at the beginning of each meeting.

### Committees & Working Groups

**Policy Committee** is a subset of the MPO board that acts as a sounding board for issues that will be brought to the MPO Board for action. In a less formal setting, members can ask questions and more fully discuss upcoming MPO action items. The Committee also provides guidance to the MPO staff on policy matters.

**Citizens Advisory Committee** consists of 23 citizen volunteers. Sixteen are appointed by each of the MPO Board members, and one citizen represents the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Six at-large members (citizens) are drawn from African-American, Hispanic, female and younger demographic groups, plus neighborhood and business representatives. Many of the CAC members are active in homeowners, business, or other civic associations.

**Technical Advisory Committee** is composed of technically qualified representatives employed by, or associated with, a public or semi-public agency for the purpose of planning, programming and/or engineering of the transportation system within the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization area boundary. It is responsible for assisting in the development of transportation planning work programs; for coordinating transportation planning and programming; for review of all transportation studies, reports, plans and/or programs, and making recommendations to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, based upon the technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of transportation related studies, plans and/or programs.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee** makes Hillsborough County a safer and more pleasurable place to bicycle and walk. The committee makes recommendations to the MPO on bicycle and pedestrian-related issues. Up to 22 volunteers comprise the BPAC. Eleven seats are held by at-large members who are appointed by the MPO. The remaining seats are held by representatives of local agencies, cities and county.

**Livable Roadways Committee** is an interdisciplinary group of volunteers from the public and private sectors who represent local governments, government agencies, companies, citizen groups

and professional organizations. The committee strives to create a transportation system that balances design and aesthetics with issues of roadway safety and function. It reviews transportation and roadway plans and policies, making recommendations for improvement. The committee discusses topics related to transit, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and roadway design, safety and function. Focused on streetscape beautification, site and building design, landscape, environmental protection, preservation and signage, the committee is committed to considering all modes of transportation in the recommendations it makes.

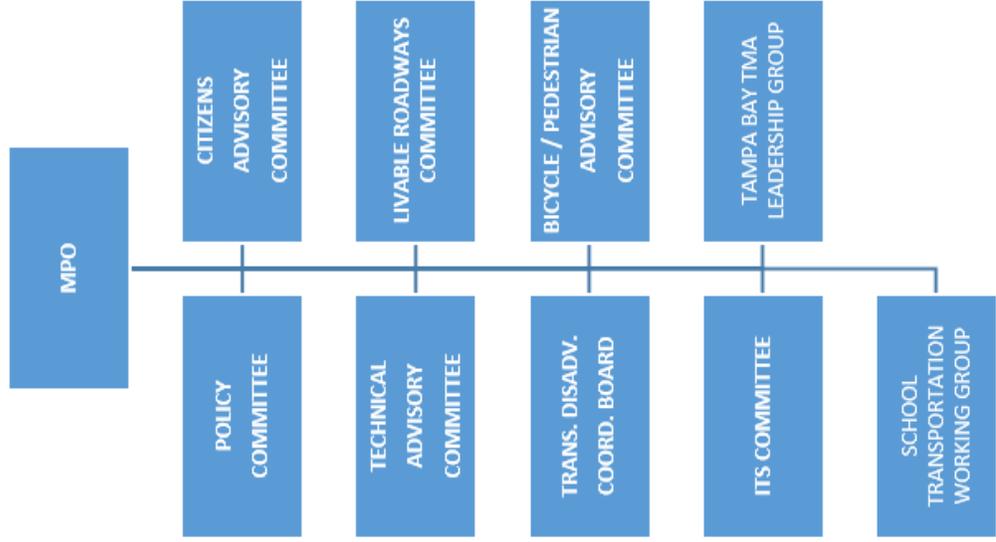
**Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board** is composed of members representing agencies and boards, citizens and a representative from the private transportation industry. A sampling of the agencies represented includes Blind Services, Children and Families, Elder Affairs, public schools and Veteran's Affairs, among others. The TDCB guides and coordinates local transportation services with the goal of improving quality of life for the elderly, those who have physical or mental disabilities, children at risk, and the economically disadvantaged.

**Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee** is composed of technically qualified representatives of agencies involved in the planning, programming, engineering and/or implementation of intelligent transportation systems projects in Hillsborough County. The ITS Committee is responsible for assisting in the development of ITS planning work programs, as well as reviewing related studies, reports, plans, projects (including consistency with regional architecture and other standards and/or programs) and making recommendations to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and/or other agencies. The ITS Committee recommendations to the MPO are based upon the technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of studies, plans and/or programs.

**Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group** is composed of three MPO board members drawn from the Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas County MPOs. It performs an advisory role to each of the three MPOs. Leadership members are responsible for conveying concerns of their respective MPOs to the TMA group, and for conveying TMA group discussion and recommendations back to the MPOs.

**School Transportation Working Group** is composed of transportation-focused professionals representing local governments, transit agencies, public safety organizations, and several functional groups within the School District. The group provides transportation coordination and long-range planning for a host of topics, from traffic circulation to walk/bike safety to school-pools and transit. Created in 2015, it is currently an *ad hoc* committee that will meet for one year. After that time, it may transition into a formally designated standing advisory committee.

# MPO Board & Advisory Committees



# MPO Board Membership

