



POLICY 2017-1

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS POLICY

1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

Improving the efficiency of the existing transportation system, supporting the principles of improving mobility, reducing funding needs and congestion, and resource consumption. The intent of the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) policy is to encourage active management of the transportation system and to implement strategies in lieu of, or strategically in conjunction with, capacity expansion. Common types of TSM&O strategies include, but are not limited to:

- a. Intelligent Transportation Systems (Traveler Information, Adaptive Signal Control, Transit Signal Priority, etc.)
- b. Active Traffic Management (Active Arterial Management, Dynamic Routing, Queue Warning, Freight Management, etc.)
- c. Emergency Management
- d. Incident Management
- e. Event Management
- f. Information Management (Archived Data, Big Data, Performance Management, etc.)

These strategies can help to increase the efficiency of the system by shifting travel demand to off-peak periods and less congested facilities, optimizing travel speeds for fuel efficiency, and utilizing existing capacity to the greatest extent possible.

2. BACKGROUND

Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) is a program within the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that is based upon:

- a. Performance measurement,
- b. Active management of the multi-modal transportation network, and

- c. Positive safety and mobility outcome delivery to Florida's traveling public.

Initially envisioned in 2008, formally endorsed as a program in 2010, and actively being implemented across the country, TSM&O offers ways to optimize the use of limited transportation funding to maximize transportation system safety, efficiency, and effectiveness.

Vision: Provide an efficient, reliable, safe, and environmentally friendly multi-modal transportation experience through inter-agency cooperation that utilizes cost effective and innovative TSM&O methods to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Lake County.

Mission: To deploy a customer-driven TSM&O program focused on mobility outcomes through real-time and effective management of the existing transportation system toward its maximum efficiency.

Formal Definition: TSM&O is an integrated program to optimize the performance of existing multimodal infrastructure through implementation of systems, services, and projects to preserve capacity and improve the security, safety, and reliability of our transportation system.

3. POLICY

The MPO will promote the planning and implementation of the TSM&O Policy throughout the MPO planning area and recommends that all member governments adopt TSM&O Policies consistent with this program. The MPO will seek incorporation of the TSM&O Policy into the development of transportation projects and plans where applicable. The concepts listed provide a broader perspective for both regional and local decision making concerning TSM&O Policy implementation:

- a. Coordinating with transportation, transit agencies, emergency service providers and our member governments to define their TSM&O projects, their concept of operations and providing assistance to meet the consistency requirements; and developing necessary integration and interfaces.
- b. Institutionalize TSM&O within the MPO Planning Area
- c. Incorporating TSM&O into entire project development cycle: Planning, PD&E, Design, Operations, Construction, and Maintenance

4. REQUIREMENTS

- a. TSM&O project sponsors must complete and submit a MPO Project Information Application and Maintenance Agreement (if applicable) covering the long term operation and maintenance of any TSM&O infrastructure.
- b. Each project should use the most appropriate TSM&O planning, design standards and procedures, i.e., Central Florida ITS Architecture, AASHTO Transportation Systems Management and Operations Guidance, and the Florida Transportation Systems Management and Operations Strategic Plan.

5. APPEALS

When a member government is not in agreement with the MPO's decision regarding TSM&O projects subject to the Transportation Improvement Program Selection Process, the jurisdiction may introduce a formal appeal by means of a resolution adopted by their local governing body. The resolution must be submitted to the MPO and proceed through the established transportation planning process. As such, the resolution will be subject to review and comment by the Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The MPO Governing Board, after considering comments from the other three committees, will make the final decision on the appeal.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval and adoption of this TSM&O Policy, it will become part of the MPO's planning process and project selection for state and federal funding. The principles of this Program will also guide MPO staff in preparation of MPO planning documents and regional transportation planning efforts to which it contributes. TRANSPORTATION 2040 will be amended to incorporate this Program in accordance with the requirements of the plan at adoption. Also, the List of Priority Projects will be amended as necessary in order to seek funding for projects as the result of the completion and resolution of support of a ITS Project Information Application.

7. EVALUATION

The MPO, through its committee review process, will evaluate this Policy and the documents associated with it on an annual basis. This evaluation may include recommendations for amendments to the TSM&O Policy, including the development of

prioritization criteria, design guidance, and subsequently be considered for adoption by the MPO Governing Board.

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Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization



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