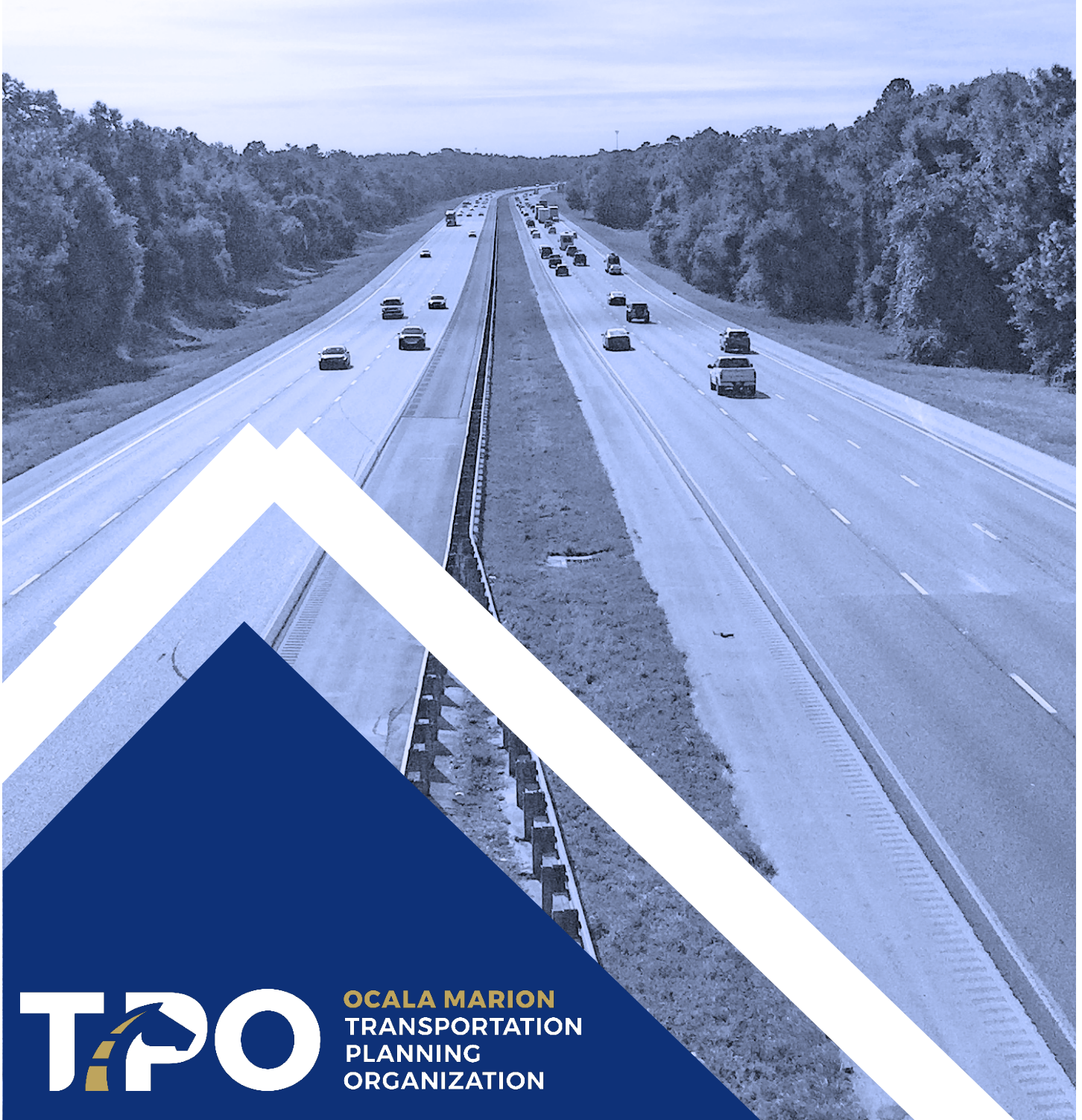


# Glossary of Terms and Acronyms



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| ACRYONYM | NAME  | DESCRIPTION   |
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| 3C       | Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive                   | A Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive (3C) process is required for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to be eligible for Federal transportation funding.   |
| AADT     | Average Annual Daily Traffic                                | Average daily traffic on a roadway segment for all days of the week during a period of one year expressed in vehicles per day.  |
| ACS      | American Community Survey                                   | The American Community Survey is an ongoing survey that provides vital information on a yearly basis about our nation and its people.   |
| ADA      | Americans with Disabilities Act                             | The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodation, communications, and governmental activities.   |
| ATMS     | Automated Traffic Management System                         | ATMS is used to improve the efficiency of the transportation network. ATMS utilizes data-analysis and communication technology to reduce congestion in real-time due to crashes and other traffic problems.   |
| BEA      | Bureau of Economic Analysis                                 | Federal agency within the Department of Commerce that provides economic data and projections.   |
| BLS      | Bureau of Labor Statistics                                  | Federal agency within the Department of Labor that tracks federal employment data.  |
| BTS      | Bureau of Transportation Statistics                         | The Bureau of Transportation Statistics was established as a statistical agency in 1992. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 created BTS to administer data collection, analysis, and reporting and to ensure the most cost-effective use of transportation- monitoring resources.   |
| CAAA     | Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990                            | The original Clean Air Act was passed in 1963, but the national air pollution control program is actually based on the 1970 revision of the law. The Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 made major changes and contains the most far reaching revisions of the 1970 law.  |
| CAC      | Citizen Advisory Committee                                  | The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) advises the TPO on local transportation issues based on the input of citizens they represent in the area. The TPO strives to keeps the composition of the CAC diverse in terms of geographic location and professions represented.  |
| CBSA     | Core Based Statistical Areas                                | CBSAs consist of the county or counties or equivalent entities associated with at least one core (urbanized area or urban cluster) of at least 10,000 population plus adjacent counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the core. Social and economic integration is measured in the form of commuting and other reoccurring travel. |
| CFMPOA   | Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance | A partnership of Transportation Planning Organizations in Central Florida created to provide transportation solutions throughout the region.  |
| CFR      | Code of Federal Regulations                                 | The codification of the rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. These are the administrative rules and regulations that clarify the impact of the United States Code (USC) or the law.   |

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| CFRPM    | Central Florida Regional Planning Model                   | Travel demand forecasting tool used by numerous planning agencies throughout central Florida.  |
| CIP      | Capital Improvement Program                               | The CIP is a multi-year schedule of programmed capital improvement projects, including cost estimates and budgeted by year. CIP documents are typically updated annually by a local government.  |
| CMAQ     | Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program | The CMAQ program funds transportation projects and programs in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas that reduce traffic congestion and transportation related emissions (ozone, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, etc.).  |
| CMP      | Congestion Management Process                             | A systematic approach required in transportation management areas (TMAs) that provides for effective management and operation. Provides information on transportation system performance and finds alternative ways to alleviate congestion and enhance the mobility of people and goods, to levels that meet state and local needs.   |
| COOP     | Continuity of Operations Plan                             | The COOP outlines guidance to TPO Staff and Board Members to ensure all federal and state required essential functions continue to be performed in the event of an extended interruption of services due to a declared emergency or disaster.  |
| CTC      | Community Transportation Coordinator                      | Community Transportation Coordinators are businesses or county departments responsible for arrangement of transportation services delivered to the transportation disadvantaged. (Definition taken from Lee MPO - <a href="http://leempo.com/programs-products/transportation-disadvantaged/">http://leempo.com/programs-products/transportation-disadvantaged/</a> ).   |
| CTD      | Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged               | Created in 1989, the CTD was created to provide statewide policy guidance to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program, which coordinates funds to provide older adults, persons with disabilities and people with limited access to employment, health care and educational opportunities (Definition taken from NCFRPC - <a href="http://www.ncfrpc.org/TD/td.html">http://www.ncfrpc.org/TD/td.html</a> ). |
| CTST     | Community Traffic Safety Team                             | An organization created to inform the public about transportation safety issues. Major events conducted by the Marion County CTST include "Walk Your Child to School Day", a mock DUI scenario, and a Battle of the Belts competition.   |
| DBE      | Disadvantaged Business Enterprise                         | The DBE program ensures that federally-assisted contracts for transportation projects are made available for small businesses owned/ controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (Definition taken from FHWA - <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/dbe/">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/dbe/</a> ).  |
| DOPA     | Designated Official Planning Agency                       | An agency that assists the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) in the coordination of safe, efficient, cost effective transportation services to those who are transportation disadvantaged. (Definition taken from CTD - <a href="https://ctd.fdot.gov/communitytransystem.htm">https://ctd.fdot.gov/communitytransystem.htm</a> )  |
| DRI      | Development of Regional Impact                            | A large-scale development project that may impact multiple counties or jurisdictions   |



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| EIS      | Environmental Impact Statement                           | Report developed as part of the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, which details any adverse economic, social, and environmental effects of a proposed transportation project for which Federal funding is part of the project.  |
| EPA      | Environmental Protection Agency                          | The federal regulatory agency responsible for administering and enforcing federal environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and others.   |
| ETDM     | Efficient Transportation Decision Making                 | Developed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to streamline the environmental review process, ETDM helps protect natural resources by involving stakeholders early in the transportation planning process. Specifically, ETDM is used to identify the impacts may occur from planned transportation projects.  |
| FAA      | Federal Aviation Administration                          | FAA provides a safe, secure, and efficient global aerospace system that contributes to national security and the promotion of US aerospace safety.  |
| FAST Act | Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act              | The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act is five-year legislation that was enacted into law on December 4, 2015. The main focus of the legislation is to improve the Nation's surface transportation infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, transit systems, and rail transportation network.  |
| FDOT     | Florida Department of Transportation                     | Originally named the Florida State Road Department, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was created in 1969. FDOT's mission is to ensure the mobility of people and goods, enhance economic prosperity, and preserve the quality of the environment and community (Definition taken from State of Florida- <a href="https://jobs.myflorida.com/go/Department-of-Transportation/2817700/">https://jobs.myflorida.com/go/Department-of-Transportation/2817700/</a> ). |
| FHWA     | Federal Highway Administration                           | A branch of the U.S. Department of Transportation that administers the federal-aid highway program, providing financial assistance to states to construct and improve highways, urban and rural roads, and bridges.   |
| FMTP     | Freight Mobility and Trade Plan                          | FDOT's Freight Mobility and Trade Plan (FMTP) defines policies and investments that will enhance Florida's economic development into the future.  |
| FSUTMS   | Florida Standard Urban Transportation Modeling Structure | FSUTMS is a computerized planning model that allows users to better predict the impact of transportation policies and programs by providing a standardized framework for the development, use and sharing of models.  |
| FTA      | Federal Transit Administration                           | A branch of the U.S. Department of Transportation that administers federal funding to transportation authorities, local governments, and states to support a variety of locally planned, constructed, and operated public transportation systems throughout the U.S., including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, streetcars, monorail, passenger ferry boats, inclined railways, and people movers.   |
| FTP      | Florida Transportation Plan                              | Florida's long-range plan that guides current transportation decisions. The plan outlines transportation issues and solutions related to improving safety, efficiency, population growth, economic development, and access to transit and other modes of transportation.  |

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| FY       | Fiscal Year/<br>Federal Fiscal Year                                  | The TPO's Fiscal Year is from July 1 to June 30. The Federal Fiscal Year is from October 1 to September 30.   |
| GIS      | Geographic Information System  | Computerized data management system designed to capture, store, retrieve, analyze, and display geographically referenced information.   |
| HOV      | High-Occupancy Vehicle   | Vehicles carrying two or more people.   |
| HSIP     | Highway Safety Improvement Program                                   | The goal of the HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands.  |
| HUD      | Department of Housing and Urban Development                          | HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a program with many resources that are used to help address a wide array of community development needs, including sidewalks and other transportation infrastructure.   |
| IIJA     | Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act                               | Commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, IIJA was signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021. IIJA includes \$550 billion in new funding for transportation infrastructure. IIJA authorizes \$1.2 trillion in total spending.   |
| IRI      | International Roughness Index  | International Roughness Index (IRI) is used by transportation professionals around the world as a standard to quantify road surface roughness. IRI is highly useful for assessing overall roadway pavement ride quality; a higher IRI value indicates a rougher road surface.   |
| ITS      | Intelligent Transportation Systems                                   | Electronics, photonics, communications, or information processing to improve the efficiency or safety of the surface transportation system.   |
| LOS      | Level of Service   | Level of Service (LOS) is a term that describes the operating conditions a driver, transit users, bicyclist, or pedestrian will experience while traveling on a particular street, highway or transit vehicle. LOS is used in transportation planning as a data friendly tool to help aid in the decision making process regarding road capacity. LOS data allows planners to make more informed decisions regarding transportation projects.   |
| LOPP     | List of Priority Projects  | The List of Priority Projects (LOPP) is a formalized list developed each year by the TPO in collaboration with local government partners, and as required by state statute. The LOPP contains the highest priorities for future transportation projects and investments to receive consideration for federal and state funding.   |
| LRTP/MTP | Long-Range Transportation Plan (or Metropolitan Transportation Plan) | A document that serves as the defining vision for the region's transportation systems and services. The LRTP addresses a planning horizon of no less than a 20-years and is developed, adopted, and updated every five years by the TPO. The most recent LRTP was adopted in December 2015. The plan can be viewed on the TPO website at: <a href="https://ocalamariontpo.org/plans-and-programs/long-range-transportation-plan-lrtp/">https://ocalamariontpo.org/plans-and-programs/long-range-transportation-plan-lrtp/</a> . |

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| LOTTR         | Level of Travel Time Reliability                    | The Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR) is the ratio of the 80th percentile travel time to the normal travel time (50th percentile) throughout a full calendar year. Data for this measure is derived from the FHWA National Performance Management Research Data set (NPMRDS).  |
| MAP-21        | Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century       | The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed into law in 2012. Funding surface transportation programs at over 105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. MAP-21 creates a streamlined and performance-based surface transportation program and builds on many of the highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian programs and policies established in 1991. |
| MPA           | Metropolitan Planning Area                          | The geographic area determined by agreement between the transportation planning organization (TPO) for the area and the Governor, in which the metropolitan transportation planning process is carried out.   |
| MPO           | Metropolitan Planning Organization                  | An MPO, also known as a TPO, is a forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for metropolitan planning areas. In order for a TPO to be designated as an MPO, an urban area must have a population of at least 50,000 as defined by the US Census Bureau.  |
| MPOAC         | Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council | A planning and policy organization created to assist individual MPO/TPOs across Florida in building a more collaborative transportation planning process.   |
| MSA           | Metropolitan Statistical Area                       | A Core Based Statistical Areas associated with at least one urbanized area that has a population of at least 50,000. The metropolitan statistical area comprises the central county or counties or equivalent entities containing the core, plus adjacent outlying counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the central county or counties as measured through commuting.  |
| NTD           | National Transit Database                           | The National Transit Database (NTD) is the repository of data for the financial, operating and asset conditions of the nation's transit systems.  |
| NEPA          | National Environmental Policy Act of 1969           | Established requirements that any project using federal funding or requiring federal approval, including transportation projects, examine the effects of proposed and alternative choices on the environment before a federal decision is made.   |
| NHPP          | National Highway Performance Program                | The NHPP provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS), for the construction of new facilities on the NHS.  |
| NHPP (Bridge) | National Highway Performance Program (Bridge)       | Reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, or preservation of a bridge on a non-NHS Federal-aid highway (if Interstate System and NHS Bridge Condition provision requirements are satisfied) [23 U.S.C. 119(i)].   |
| NHS           | National Highway System                             | This system of highways designated and approved in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 103(b) (23CFR500).   |

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| PD&E     | Project Development and Environmental Study     | A study conducted to determine feasible building alternatives for transportation projects and their social, economic and environmental impacts. PD&E studies are required per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). (Definition taken from FDOT, District 7 - <a href="https://www.fdotd7studies.com/what-is-a-pde-study.html">https://www.fdotd7studies.com/what-is-a-pde-study.html</a> ). |
| PEA      | Planning Emphasis Area                          | Planning Emphasis Areas set planning priorities that are supportive of the statewide Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), and give importance to topics that all MPOs are encouraged to address in their respective planning programs.   |
| PM       | Performance Management                          | Performance Management (PM) serves as federally required strategic approach that uses system data and information guide investment and policies to achieve national goals.   |
| PPP      | Public Participation Plan                       | The Public Participation Plan documents the goals, objectives and strategies for ensuring all individuals have every opportunity to be involved in transportation planning decisions. The plan is designed to provide a transparent planning process that is free from any cultural, social, racial or economic barriers and offers multiple opportunities for public participation and input.       |
| PTASP    | Public Transportation Agency Safety Action Plan | A plan that is developed by transit agencies to identify responsibilities for safety and day to day implementation of a safety management system.  |
| RPC      | Regional Planning Council                       | Organizations designated by Florida law to provide planning and technical expertise to local governments in order to promote regional collaboration.   |
| SHSP     | Strategic Highway Safety Plan                   | This is a statewide and coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for eliminating highway fatalities and reducing serious injuries on all public roads.  |
| SIS      | Strategic Intermodal System                     | A network of transportation facilities important to the state's economy and mobility. The SIS was created to focus the state's limited resources on the facilities most significant for interregional, interstate and international travel (Definition taken from FDOT - <a href="https://www.fdot.gov/planning/sis/default.shtm">https://www.fdot.gov/planning/sis/default.shtm</a> ).              |
| SOV      | Single-Occupancy Vehicle                        | Any motor vehicle operated or driven by a single person.   |
| STBG     | Surface Transportation Block Grant Program      | The STBG federal funding promotes flexibility in State and local transportation decisions and provides flexible funding to best address State and local transportation needs.  |
| STIP     | Statewide Transportation Improvement Program    | The STIP is a statewide prioritized listing/program of transportation projects covering a period of four years that is consistent with the long-range statewide transportation plan, metropolitan transportation plans, and TIPs, and required for projects to be eligible for funding under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.   |
| STP      | Surface Transportation Program                  | Federal-aid highway funding program that supports a broad range of surface transportation capital needs, including many roads, transit, sea and airport access, vanpool, bike, and pedestrian facilities.  |

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| TAC      | Technical Advisory Committee                          | The Technical Advisory Committee provides technical expertise to the TPO by reviewing transportation plans, programs and projects primarily from a technical standpoint. The TAC is comprised of professional planners, engineers, and other state and local professionals.  |
| TAMP     | Transportation Asset Management Plan                  | The TAMP outlines the process for effectively operating, maintaining and improving the physical transportation assets in Florida (e.g., roads, bridges, culverts).   |
| TAZ      | Traffic Analysis Zone                                 | A defined geographic area used to tabulate traffic-related land use data and forecast travel demand. Traffic Analysis Zones typically consist of one or more Census blocks/tracts or block groups.   |
| TD       | Transportation Disadvantaged                          | Transportation Disadvantaged includes individuals with physical and economic challenges and senior citizens facing mobility issues.  |
| TDLCB    | Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board | The TDLCB coordinates transportation needs of the disadvantaged, including individuals with physical and economic challenges and senior citizens facing mobility issues. The Board helps the TPO identify local service needs of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) community to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).  |
| TDM      | Transportation Demand Management                      | Programs designed to reduce demand for transportation through various means, such as the use of public transit and of alternative work hours.  |
| TDP      | Transit Development Plan                              | The Transit Development Plan (TDP) represents the community's vision for public transportation in the Ocala Marion TPO service area for a 10- year span. Updated every five years, the Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of transit services in Marion County. Specifically, the TDP details SunTran's transit and mobility needs, cost and revenue projections, and community transit goals, objectives, and policies. |
| TDSP     | Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan             | The TDSP is a tactical plan outlining the services provided to the transportation disadvantaged population served by the Community Transportation Coordinator (Marion Transit). The TDSP is update every year, and also undergoes a major update every five years by the TPO.  |
| TIP      | Transportation Improvement Program                    | A TIP is a prioritized listing/program of transportation projects covering a period of five years that is developed and formally adopted by a TPO as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan, and required for projects to be eligible for funding under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.  |
| TMA      | Transportation Management Area                        | An urbanized area with a population over 200,000 (as determined by the latest decennial census) or other area when TMA designation is requested by the Governor and the TPO (or affected local officials), and officially designated by the Administrators of the FHWA and FTA. The TMA designation applies to the entire metropolitan planning area.  |
| TMIP     | Travel Model Improvement Program                      | TMIP supports and empowers planning agencies through leadership, innovation and support of planning analysis improvements to provide better information to support transportation and planning decisions.  |



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| TOD      | Transit Oriented Development               | Transit-oriented development, or TOD, is a type of community development that includes a mixture of housing, office, retail and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable neighborhood and located within a half-mile of quality public transportation (Definition taken from Reconnecting America-www.reconnectingamerica.org).            |
| TPM      | Transportation Performance Management      | FHWA defines Transportation Performance Management as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals.  |
| TPO      | Transportation Planning Organization       | A TPO, also known as an MPO, is a forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for metropolitan planning areas. In order for a TPO to be designated, an urban area must have a population of at least 50,000 as defined by the US Census Bureau.  |
| TRB      | Transportation Research Board              | The mission of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) is to promote innovation and progress in transportation through research.  |
| TRIP     | Transportation Regional Incentive Program  | Created in 2005, the program provides state matching funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities.   |
| TTTR     | Truck Travel Time Reliability Index        | The Truck Travel Time Reliability Index (TTTR) is defined as the ratio of longer truck travel times (95th percentile) compared to normal truck travel times (50th percentile) on the interstate system.   |
| UA       | Urban Area                                 | A statistical geographic entity delineated by the Census Bureau, consisting of densely settled census tracts and blocks and adjacent densely settled territory that together contain at least 50,000 people.  |
| ULB      | Useful Life Benchmark                      | The expected lifecycle or the acceptable period of use in service for a transit capital asset, as determined by the transit agency or by a default benchmark provided by the Federal Transit Administration.  |
| UPWP     | Unified Planning Work Program              | UPWP means a Scope of Services identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. |
| USC      | United States Code                         | The codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of United States.  |
| USDOT    | United States Department of Transportation | When used alone, indicates the U.S. Department of Transportation. In conjunction with a place name, indicates state, city, or county transportation agency.   |
| YOE      | Year of Expenditure                        | The current dollar in the year (adjusted for inflation) during which an expenditure is made or benefit realized, such as a project being constructed.   |
| VMT      | Vehicle Miles Traveled                     | A measurement of miles traveled by vehicles within a specified region for a specified time period (Definition taken from Wikipedia).  |