

## ACRONYMS

**AA – ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS** - planning study to identify and evaluate alternative transit modes and potential alignments. Based on a comprehensive assessment of costs, benefits, and impacts, the study will develop recommendations for the specific alternative that best meets the needs of the community.

**AADT – AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC** – The total volume of traffic on a highway segment for one year, divided by the number of days in the year.

**AASHTO – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS**

**ADA – AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT** – Federal legislation outlining specific rights of persons with disabilities, and providing that publicly funded mass transit agencies must provide complementary paratransit service within the fixed-route service area to those persons unable to use fixed-route service because of a disability.

**APTA – AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION**

**ARRA – AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

**ARRF – AGGREGATE RAIL RIDERSHIP FORECAST**

**ATMS – ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** – An Intelligent Transportation System process that employs a variety of detectors, cameras, and communication systems to monitor traffic, optimize signal timings on major arterials, and control the flow of traffic.

**ATU – AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION**

**AVL – AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION SYSTEM**

**BAC – BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – An MPO appointed committee comprised of representatives of various government agencies, law enforcement officials and private citizens interested in bicycle issues. The BAC advises the MPO in the process of planning and developing bicycle facilities and promoting bicycle use in Pinellas County.

**BACS – BAY AREA COMMUTER SERVICES** – A private, non-profit organization funded by FDOT to operate a regional commuter assistance program in areas not served by Transportation Management Initiatives (TMIs) and responsible for developing and promoting alternatives to SOV travel through private businesses, citizens, and public agencies.

**BEBR – UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS RESEARCH**

**BIG C – BARRIER ISLAND GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL**

**BRT – BUS RAPID TRANSIT** – A flexible high performance form of rapid transit that combines features of rail systems with those of over-the-road vehicles, and is characterized by being able to operate in special purpose lanes or on city streets. BRT stations are used as a link between the community and the transit system. Service is frequent enough that passengers do not need a schedule. Moreover, service is integrated with other regional transportation systems, enhancing mobility and promoting intermodal connectivity. ITS technology keeps track of vehicles, provides passengers with updated travel information, and improves safety.

**CAC – CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Private citizens representing municipal area and at-large membership appointed by the MPO to review transportation issues and topics that will be considered by the MPO. The CAC forwards recommendations to the MPO regarding these issues and topics.

**CBD – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

**CCC – CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE** – A regional coordinating committee that oversees transportation planning activities in the West Central Florida region. The CCC is made up of the chairs from six member MPOs for the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota-Manatee. Citrus County is represented on the

CCC with limited voting. In addition, the Region's FDOT District Secretaries, TBARTA and the Regional Planning Councils are represented on the CCC in a non-voting capacity. The CCC meets quarterly to develop regional solutions to transportation problems and to ensure a consistent planning approach among the six MPOs.

**CDL – COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE**

**CIP – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM** – A five/six year schedule of capital improvements adopted by local governments and transportation agencies.

**CIT – COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX**

**CMAQ – CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY** – A program under SAFETEA-LU which provides funding for projects that contribute to the attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Eligible projects include intersection improvements, transit projects, and Transportation Management Organizations/Initiatives.

**CMP – CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS** – A systematic process designed to emphasize effective management of existing transportation facilities through the use of travel demand and operational strategies.

**CMS – CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** – The process local governments use to ensure that level of service standards on public services and facilities are adopted and maintained. In addition, CMS' require that public services and facilities necessary to accommodate the impact of development projects are in place prior to their approval.

**CNG – COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS**

**COA – COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS**

**CTC – COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR** – Transportation entity responsible for ensuring that coordinated transportation services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged population in the designated service area. In Pinellas County, the Pinellas County MPO is the community transportation coordinator.

**CTST - COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM** - The Pinellas Community Traffic Safety Team meets monthly with the primary goal to reduce the number of traffic fatalities, crashes, and injuries on all roadways in Pinellas County. The Team membership includes representatives from Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Emergency Response agencies.

**CUTR – CENTER FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

**DART – DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE**

**DBE – DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM** – A U.S. Department of Transportation Program that helps small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, including minorities and women, to participate in contracting opportunities for federally funded capital improvement projects.

**DCA – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**DOPA – DESIGNATED OFFICIAL PLANNING AGENCY** - Agency designated by the state Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to provide planning services to the local transportation disadvantaged service area. In Pinellas County, the Pinellas County MPO is the designated official planning agency.

**DRI – DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT** – Any development which, because of its character, magnitude, or location, would have a substantial effect on the health, safety or welfare of citizens in more than one county. This includes the traffic generated by developments above a certain size.

**EA – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** - Process of estimating and evaluating significant short-term and long-term effects of a program or project on the quality of its location's environment. It also includes identifying ways to minimize, mitigate, or eliminate these effects and/or compensate for their impact.

**EIS – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT** - Detailed study based on environmental assessment (EA) to determine the type and level of effects an existing facility is having, or a proposed project would have, on its natural environment.

The adequacy of an EIA is based on the extent to which the environmental impacts can be identified, evaluated, and mitigated.

**EOC – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER** - The physical location where an organization comes together during an emergency to coordinate response and recovery actions and resources.

**EPA – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**ETAT – ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM**

**ETDM – EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING** – An FDOT initiative intended to improve and streamline the environmental review and permitting process by involving resource protection agencies and concerned communities from the first step of the planning process. Agency interaction continues throughout the life of the project, leading to better quality decisions and an improved linkage of transportation decisions with social, land use and ecosystem preservation decisions.

**FAC – FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE** – A compilation of the rules and regulations of state agencies that have been filed with the Department of State pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S.

**FDACS – FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

**FDEP – FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**FDOT – FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** – Formed in 1969, FDOT is a decentralized agency responsible for the development, maintenance and regulation of public transportation systems and facilities in the state. The mission of FDOT is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

**FEDC - FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**FFGA - FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT** - The designated means for providing new starts funds to projects with a Federal share of \$25 million or more. An FFGA establishes the terms and conditions for Federal financial participation in a new starts project; defines the project; sets the maximum amount of Federal new starts funding for a project; covers the period of time for completion of the project; and facilitates efficient management of the project in accordance with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and policy.

**FHWA - FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION** – The federal agency that develops regulations, policies and guidelines to achieve safety, economic development and other goals of FHWA programs through the construction and improvements of the nation's transportation infrastructure and highway system.

**FIHS – FLORIDA INTRASTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM** – A statewide network of limited and controlled access highways primarily intended for high speed and high volume traffic movements constructed and maintained by FDOT.

**FPTA – FLORIDA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION**

**FRA – FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION**

**FRE – FLORIDA RAIL ENTERPRISE** - Established on December 16, 2009, as part of House Bill 1B, is the agency responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, operating and promoting Florida's high-speed rail system. The Enterprise also will acquire corridors, coordinate development and operation of publicly funded passenger rail systems and contract with other entities.

**FTA – FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION** – The agency that develops policy on public transit issues and allocates capital and operating funds for public transit projects.

**FTC – FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**FTE - FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE**

**FTP – FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – Establishes long range goals to provide a policy framework for the expenditure of federal and state transportation funds in Florida. Every five years, the FDOT takes the lead in updating this plan to respond to new trends and challenges to meet the future mobility needs of Florida’s residents, visitors and businesses.

**FY – FISCAL YEAR**

**GIS - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM** – Socioeconomic and land use data utilized for the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan is derived from this GIS which is administered by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners Business Technology Services Department.

**GPS – GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM**

**GPTMS - GREATER PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**HART - HILLSBOROUGH AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT**

**HSR – HIGH SPEED RAIL**

**HOT - HIGH OCCUPANCY TOLL** - A road pricing scheme that gives motorists in single-occupant vehicles access to high-occupancy vehicle lanes (or "HOV lanes"). Tolls are collected either by manned toll booths, automatic number plate recognition, or electronic toll collection systems. Typically, these tolls increase as traffic density and congestion within the tolled lanes increases, a policy known as congestion pricing. The goal of this pricing scheme is to minimize traffic congestion within the lanes.

**HOV – HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE** – Any vehicle carrying two or more passengers. The term usually refers to private vehicles.

**ITN – INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK** - A financially self-sufficient transportation program, for the provision of transportation services for elderly citizens who can no longer safely drive their own automobiles.

**ITS – INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS** – Encompass a broad range of communications based information, control and electronics technologies. When integrated into the transportation system infrastructure, and in vehicles themselves, these technologies help monitor and manage traffic flow, reduce congestion, provide alternate routes to travelers, enhance productivity, respond to incidents, adverse weather or other road capacity constricting events.

**JARC – JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE** – 49 USC Section 5316 a FTA grant program to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low income individuals.

**JCAC – JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Sarasota-Manatee, Polk and Pinellas county CAC representatives who meet to discuss and review transportation issues of regional significance.

**JPA – JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT** – A general agreement on the terms of legal joint participation between two or more government agencies and/or public partnerships in planning or implementing a process or capital project, which is subject to the legal terms and constraints agreed upon in the executed document.

**LAMTD – LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**LCB - LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD** – A 15 member board comprised of representatives of the MPO Board, social service agencies, PSTA, private transportation providers, School Board, FDOT and citizens responsible for governing the Pinellas County Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

**LEP - LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN** – A strategy developed by the MPO to help recognize and assist a person who does not speak, read, write or understand English very well.

**LPA – LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE** – The selected physical design concept and scope for a major corridor transit investment. The LPA will also generally describe the proposed location of stations, the operating plans for the transit

service (hours of operation, how often vehicles run, etc.), and any design options to be further evaluated during the next phases, Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

**LOS – LEVEL OF SERVICE** – A qualitative measure of roadway performance expressed in letter grades ranging from A through F, with A roads operating under optimum free-flow conditions and F roads operating under the most deficient conditions characterized by forced-flow traffic with considerable delays.

**LRT – LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT** - A form of urban rail public transportation that generally has a lower capacity and lower speed than heavy rail and metro systems, but higher capacity and higher speed than traditional street-running tram systems. The term is typically used to refer to rail systems with rapid transit-style features that usually use electric rail cars operating mostly in private rights-of-way separated from other traffic but sometimes, if necessary, mixed with other traffic in city streets.

**L RTP - LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – A long-range (20 to 25-year) strategy and capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in transportation facilities that takes into account all major modes of transportation including automobile, bicycle, air, rail, surface freight, and pedestrian travel. In air quality maintenance areas, the plan is updated every three years and may be amended as a result of changes in federal, state and local funding, socioeconomic conditions, major improvement studies, congestion management process plans, interchange justification studies and environmental impact studies.

**MBE – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

**MCAT – MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT**

**MOU – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** - Document that expresses mutual accord on an issue between two or more parties. MOUs are generally recognized as binding, even if no legal claim could be based on the rights and obligations laid down in them. To be legally operative, a MOU must (1) identify the contracting parties, (2) spell out the subject matter of the agreement and its objectives, (3) summarize the essential terms of the agreement, and (4) must be signed by the contracting parties.

**MPO – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**MPOAC - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL** – A statewide organization created by the Florida Legislature to augment the role of the individual MPOs in the cooperative transportation planning process. The MPOAC assists MPOs in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process by serving as the principal forum for collective policy decisions.

**MRP – MARKET REFERENCE POINT**

**MSTU – MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT** – A tax assessed on benefiting properties, typically for capital improvement projects such as paving, drainage, and water and sewer projects.

**MTC – MARION TRANSIT CENTER (TAMPA, FL)**

**NAAQS - NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** – Minimum air quality standards established by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

**NEPA – NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

**NEXTEA – NATIONAL ECONOMIC CROSSROADS TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT**

**NTD – NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE**

**O&D – ORIGIN AND DESTINATION**

**O&M – OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE**

**OPPAGA – OFFICE OF PROGRAM POLICY ANALYSIS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**PATS - PINELLAS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY** – Refers to Pinellas County as the area for which the MPO is responsible.

**PCPT – PASCO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**PCTS – POLK COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICES**

**PD&E - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY** – A process developed to ensure that the design of transportation projects appropriately reflects and incorporates the unique engineering and community characteristics of the area. The FDOT created the process to ensure that projects receiving Federal aid follow the policies and procedures outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act.

**PIE – ST PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**PIP – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN** - A guideline for public involvement activities to be conducted by the MPO. The PIP contains the goals and policies of the MPO for actively engaging the public in the transportation planning process, and is reviewed and updated at least every three years.

**PMI - PINELLAS MOBILITY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE** - A study of alternative multi-modal strategies to deal with future traffic congestion based upon the effect of and on land use patterns, local transportation policies, development regulations, and the environment. The emphasis of the PMI is on advanced technology public transportation, including monorail as well as bus rapid transit.

**PSA – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PSAP – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN** - A plan developed by community stakeholders that is intended to improve pedestrian safety in the community.

**PSTA - PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – The Pinellas County transit agency.

**PTA – POLK TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**PTAC - PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – MPO appointed committee comprised of representatives of state and local governments and the National Safety Council as well as private citizens. The PTAC assists the MPO in its efforts to serve the needs of pedestrians in Pinellas County.

**PTSTF – PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE** – A Pinellas County MPO advisory committee composed of law enforcement officials and county staff. The Task Force monitors and addresses issues related to safety on the Pinellas Trail.

**RA – REGIONAL ANCHOR**

**ROD – RECORD OF DECISION** - The formal decision document which is recorded for the public.

**ROW – RIGHT OF WAY**

**RPC – REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**RSAC – RAIL STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Committee convened to create consensus recommendations to inform and guide the development of a rail system.

**RTA - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS** – State-sponsored traffic demand modeling program used to forecast traffic volumes and to simulate future travel conditions for personal and commercial vehicles and public transit in FDOT District Seven.

**RTSA – RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE AREA**

**SAFETEA-LU - SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS** – An Act of the US Congress authorizing federal highway and transit programs for fiscal years 2005 through 2009. SAFETEA-LU establishes numerous new transportation programs and reauthorizes many of the programs created under ISTEA and TEA-21.

**SCAT – SARASOTA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT**

**SFRTA – SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**SIP - STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** – A federally approved State Plan that documents emission control strategies for criteria pollutants (such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, lead, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide), which are applicable in air quality nonattainment and attainment/maintenance areas to protect the air quality in the airshed. State Implementation Plans can be extensive, containing state regulations or other enforceable documents and supporting information such as emission inventories, monitoring networks, and modeling demonstrations.

**SIS - STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM** – A transportation system comprised of facilities and services of statewide and interregional significance, including appropriate components of all modes.

**SRQ – SARASOTA-BRADENTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**SRTNA – STRATEGIC REGIONAL TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**STEPS – SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**STP - SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM** – One of the key federal funding programs in SAFETEA-LU. It provides flexibility in expenditure of "road" funds for non-motorized and transit modes and for a category of activities known as transportation enhancements. It also broadens the definition of eligible transportation activities to include pedestrian and bicycle facilities and enhancement of community and environmental quality with ten categories of activities. The STP provides flexible funding that may be used by states and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the National Highway System, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intra-city and intercity bus terminals and facilities.

**STSC - SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE** - The School Transportation Safety Committee was established by the MPO in 1998. The STSC is made up of representatives of the School Board, Board of County Commissioners and local municipalities. The STSC was formed to consider transportation and safety matters that involve both the School Board and local jurisdictions.

**SWFWMD – SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**TAC – TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – a PSTA committee that helps PSTA improve transit services and programs by advising PSTA's transit staff, Executive Director, and Board of Directors.

**TAZ - TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ZONE** – A traffic analysis zone is a special area delineated by state and/or metropolitan planning organizations for compiling and tabulating traffic-related land use and socioeconomic data- used as planning assumptions to forecast travel demand. Traffic analysis zones are also used as the origin and/or destination for trip making. A TAZ usually consists of one or more Census blocks, block groups, or Census tracts.

**TBARTA - TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY** – An authority formed by the legislature in 2007 to study regional transportation opportunities in the Tampa Bay Region.

**TBEST – TRANSIT BOARDINGS ESTIMATION AND SIMULATION TOOL**

**TBRPC – TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**TBRPM – TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING MODEL**

**TBRTM – TAMPA BAY REGIONAL TRANSIT MODEL**

**TCAP - TRI COUNTY ACCESS PLAN** – The locally coordinated public transit human service transportation plan for the urban area which includes Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties. Projects selected for JARC and New Freedom funding must be derived from this plan.

**TCEA – TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY EXCEPTION AREAS** - Specifically defined areas within which alternative guidelines are allowed for exceptions to the concurrency requirements for all types of development. These alternative TCEA guidelines are intended to reduce the adverse impact that transportation concurrency requirements have on urban redevelopment or downtown revitalization by promoting planning strategies that relate to the local circumstances of a specific geographic area.

**TCC - TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE** – Over 30 member committee representing local governments, the School Board, PSTA and the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management that assists the MPO by reviewing transportation plans and programs and making recommendations based on their technical adequacy.

**TD - TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED** – Those persons who, because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent on others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities. These persons also include children who are handicapped or high risk or at risk as defined in Ch. 411, F.S.

**TDM - TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT** – Using various techniques, such as vanpooling, increasing transit use, and telecommuting, to reduce the demand for SOV travel and vehicle-miles traveled (VMT).

**TDP - TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – PSTA's planning, development and operational guidance document required for Florida Public Transit Block Grant funding. The TDP is used in creating the mass transit elements of the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, the TIP and the FDOT Work Program.

**TEA-21 - TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY** - Federal legislation that provided funding for transportation improvements, including roads, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and mass transit systems and that set forth requirements for MPOs and other agencies utilizing these funds for planning or construction activities. TEA 21 replaced the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). TEA-21 was replaced with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005.

**THEA – TAMPA HILLSBOROUGH EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

**THE Bus – THE HERNANDO EXPRESS BUS**

**TIF – TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE** – Charges assessed by local governments on new development projects that attempt to recover the cost incurred to provide transportation facilities required to serve the new development.

**TIF – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** - Allows cities to create special districts and to make public improvements within those districts that will generate private-sector development. During the development period, the tax base is frozen at the predevelopment level. Property taxes continue to be paid, but taxes derived from increases in assessed values (the tax increment) resulting from new development either go into a special fund created to retire bonds issued to originate the development, or leverage future growth in the district.

**TIP - TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** – A five-year program of transportation improvements adopted annually by the MPO that incorporates state and federal work programs along with the capital improvement programs/elements of local governments within the MPO's jurisdiction.

**TMA - TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA** – Areas subject to special requirements under SAFETEA-LU that benefit from preferential treatment with regard to air quality needs and local authority to select transportation projects. Any urban area over 200,000 in population is automatically a TMA, which subjects it to additional planning requirements but also entitles it to funds earmarked for large urbanized areas under the Surface Transportation Program.

**TMC – TRANSIT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – A TBARTA committee made up of the executive directors of the transit agencies in the region.



**TMI - TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE** – Organization formed to encourage and coordinate the participation of local businesses in transportation demand management activities. These agencies are also known as transportation management organizations (TMO).

**TMO – TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

**TMOCG – TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION COORDINATION GROUP**

**TOD – TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT** – Compact, mixed use development within walking distance of public transportation.

**TPA – TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**TPO – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**TRIP – TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM** – A Florida program that provides state funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities.

**TRT – TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM**

**TSM - TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT** – A program involving the implementation of traffic control measures, such as HOV lanes, signal timing adjustments, median closings, and access management strategies to increase the operating efficiency of the traffic circulation system.

**TTF – TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE**

**UPWP – UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM** – Identifies all transportation planning activities under the auspices of the MPO that are to receive federal funding and state grant monies.

**UATC – UNIVERSITY AREA TRANSIT CENTER**

**USC OR CFR - UNITED STATES CODE OR CODE OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS** – The codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. It is divided into 50 titles that represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation. Each volume of the CFR is updated once each calendar year and is issued on a quarterly basis.

**USDOT – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**USF – UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

**USFWS – U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

**UTSA – URBAN TRANSIT SERVICE AREA**

**V/C RATIO – VOLUME TO CAPACITY RATIO** – A measure of traffic congestion along a roadway, expressed as the ratio of traffic on a particular segment of road to the total capacity of that roadway segment.

**VMT - VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED**

**WCFAQCC - WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE** – Formed to provide a continuing forum for the many public and private agencies of the region that deal with air quality.

**WCFRPM – WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING MODEL**

**WHAT – WINTER HAVEN AREA TRANSIT**

