

Definitions

ACCESS MANAGEMENT - The regulation and control of vehicular access to public roads to insure the safe and efficient operation of the roadway system.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) - 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.

BACKLOGGED – A term applied to roads that are not designated as constrained, are operating at peak hour level of service E or F, and are not scheduled for construction in the first three years of either the Florida Department of Transportation’s Adopted Work Program or the Six-Year Schedule of Improvements within the Pinellas County Capital Improvements Element.

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

BICYCLE FACILITIES - Any travel corridor designed to accommodate non-motorized traffic, including bike and pedestrian paths and bike lanes on roadways.

COLLECTOR - A road which provides connection to minor public facilities, interconnection of minor thoroughfares, access to concentrated land uses, or access to diffuse land use areas.

COMMUNITY TRAILS - Paved bicycle and pedestrian facilities that provide a high level of safety and efficiency for the user.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) - 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.

COMMUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - Program designed to encourage commuters to participate in transportation demand management initiatives, including vanpooling, telecommuting, and guaranteed ride home programs.

CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - The process Pinellas County uses to ensure that development orders and permits issued by the County do not result in an unacceptable degradation of the adopted levels of service in the County Comprehensive Plan.

CONCURRENCY TEST STATEMENT - An annually adopted ordinance that establishes level of service conditions for public services and facilities.

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

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) - A program under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act which provides funding for projects that contribute to the attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Eligible projects include intersection improvements, transit projects, and Transportation Management Organizations/Initiatives. Pinellas County is not currently eligible for CMAQ Program funding.

CONSTRAINED - A condition in which capacity improvements cannot be implemented on a particular road because of physical or policy barriers.

COUNTYWIDE TRUCK ROUTE PLAN - A plan adopted by the MPO that designates roads suitable for travel by heavy trucks and vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

CORRIDOR - A term used in reference to a road and the adjacent land. As applied in the Pinellas County Concurrency Management System, corridors include the area within one-half mile of the road centerline and terminus.

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL PLANNING AGENCY (DOPA) - 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.

DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI) - 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 generation of developments above a certain size.

FLORIDA INTRASTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (FIHS) - A system of designated roadways created in 1990 by the Florida Legislature to provide for high-speed and high-volume traffic flow, including limited- and controlled-access facilities (e.g., Interstate highways, Florida's Turnpike, expressways, and other facilities of regional significance).

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION - The assignment of roads into categories according to the character of service they provide in relation to the total road network to assist in determining appropriate regulatory controls and roadway design criteria.

HEADWAY - On a fixed bus route, the amount of time between successive arrivals of a bus.

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT - Federal legislation passed in 1965 providing for the clean-up and beautification of federal highways.

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) - The application of advanced technology and operational strategies in an integrated manner to increase the effectiveness of the surface transportation system.

INTERMODAL FACILITIES - Transportation facilities which provide for linkages between travel modes, such as rail or bus stations at airports.

INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT (ISTEA) – 1991 Federal legislation which provided funding for transportation improvements, including roads, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and mass transit systems. Its current successor legislation is the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM - Funding provided under SAFETEA-LU and preceding legislative acts for non-traditional highway projects, such as rails-to-trails programs, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and preservation of historical transportation facilities, as a means of “humanizing” transportation systems and improving their environmental aspects.

FRED MARQUIS PINELLAS TRAIL – The main line of the County’s trail network, the 34-mile Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail currently extends from St. Petersburg to Tarpon Spring.

JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) - An agreement between the State and another entity to jointly participate in a planning or capital project.

LEVEL OF SERVICE (for roads) - 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.

LIMITED ACCESS - A street or highway especially designed for through traffic and over, from, or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no right or easement of access.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES – Planning concept that revolves around land development, building and street design elements that create environments where people want to work and live.

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) – As the designated LPA for Pinellas County, the County Planning Department is responsible for carrying out planning responsibilities defined in Chapter 163, F.S., associated with the delivery of public services and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners.

LONG TERM CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT CORRIDOR - Concurrency designation designed to correct existing level of service deficiencies on transportation facilities and to set priorities for reducing backlogged conditions within a ten or 15-year planning period. Requirements for the establishment of a long term concurrency management corridor are set forth in Rule 9J-5, F.A.C.

MILLION GROSS TON MILES (MGTM) - A measure of rail usage incorporating the weight of freight and rolling stock carried per length of railroad line.

MINOR ARTERIAL - A road that accommodates higher-speed, longer-length trips, and serves one of seven significant trip purposes listed under federal guidelines

MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT - Defined by the Urban Land Institute as developments with three or more significant revenue-producing uses, such as office, retail, residential, hotel/motel, entertainment, cultural, recreation, etc., which are mutually supportive in well-planned projects.

MPO LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Plan adopted by the Pinellas County MPO which sets forth the future transportation system of Pinellas County, and takes into account all modes of transportation, including automobile, bicycle, air, rail, surface freight, and pedestrian travel.

MPO LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - A process of updating the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan to account for and analyze changes in transportation patterns, socioeconomic conditions, technology, and policies since the most recent adoption date.

MPO TRAILWAYS PLAN - Identifies proposed countywide trail network as well as funding and strategies for its implementation.

MULTI-MODAL - Any planning process, capital improvement, or transportation system which takes into account all available modes of travel, including vehicle, mass transit, rail, aviation, bicycle, and pedestrian activity.

PARATRANSIT SERVICE - Demand-response transportation provided in lieu of fixed-route bus service, including taxi and wheelchair van transportation.

PARTIALLY-CONTROLLED ACCESS - A street or highway to which the right of access is highly regulated to maximize the operational efficiency and safety of the through traffic using the facility. Owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have a right of access to or from such facilities in a manner determined by the jurisdiction which controls the facility.

PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES/WAYS - Any corridor that safely accommodates pedestrian traffic, such as sidewalks and the Pinellas Trail.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS - Local option one cent sales tax passed by referendum in 1989 and extended through referendum in 1997 and 2007, providing funds for capital improvements in Pinellas County through 2020.

PINELLAS TRAIL LOOP – The foundation of the future trail network in Pinellas County, the Pinellas Loop includes the existing and planned sections of the Pinellas Trail and the Progress Energy Trail. It will be an uninterrupted 75-mile facility upon completion.

PINELLAS MOBILITY INITIATIVE (PMI) - 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.

PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - A road which accommodates higher-speed, longer-length trips, and serves at least two of seven significant trip purposes listed in federal guidelines.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS (RTA) traffic demand model - State-sponsored modeling program used to forecast traffic volumes and to simulate future travel conditions for personal and commercial vehicles and public transit in FDOT District 7.

RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - A program managed by the Pinellas County Public Works Department to implement traffic calming techniques to address neighborhood concerns regarding local traffic conditions in unincorporated Pinellas County.

SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS (SAFETEA-LU) - 2005 Federal legislation which provides funding for transportation improvements, including roads, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and mass transit systems.

SCENIC/NONCOMMERCIAL CORRIDOR - A specially designated roadway for which policies exist to preserve traffic capacity and to protect the aesthetic qualities of the roadway corridor.

SCHOOL SIDEWALK PROGRAM - A program established by Pinellas County in which sidewalk needs near schools are identified, prioritized, and scheduled for construction.

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) – Statewide system of high-priority regional transportation facilities that includes the State’s largest and most significant commercial airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways.

TAMPA BAY REGION - Area served by the Tampa Bay Regional Council, and comprised of Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

TELECOMMUTING - An arrangement whereby employees work at a location other than the conventional office site, usually from home or an office close to home, resulting in the electronic transfer of information rather than movement of people to and from the workplace.

TRAFFIC CALMING - The use of various devices, such as speed humps and narrow lanes, to modify the behavior of motorists traveling through residential areas.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT - A former element of the Comprehensive Plan which contained the goals, objectives, policies, and major findings of the Comprehensive Plan related to traffic circulation. This element has been incorporated into the Transportation Element.

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

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.

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PROGRAM - Program created by Ch. 427, F.S., to coordinate and provide funding for transportation services to transportation disadvantaged persons.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA 21) – Legislation passed in 1998 that replaced the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and that was succeeded by SAFETEA-LU.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE - An assessment levied by local governments against land development activity to help fund road improvements required to provide for public services and facilities needed to provide for new growth.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) - 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.

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (TMI) - 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's).

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (TMP) - A plan submitted by a developer, in accordance with Pinellas County Concurrency Management System requirements, to minimize the impacts of proposed development and to increase mobility within corridors affected by the project.

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

TRIP ATTRACTION VARIABLES - Based on employment conditions, trip attraction variables are used by the Regional Transportation Analysis traffic demand model to simulate the attraction of vehicle trips to destination points in Pinellas County.

TRIP PRODUCTION VARIABLES - Based on land use conditions and population statistics, trip production variables are used by the Regional Transportation Analysis traffic demand model to simulate the generation of vehicle trips from points of origin in Pinellas County.

U.S. HIGHWAY 19 ACTION PLAN - A 1998 plan developed by the Florida Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Pinellas County MPO and affected local governments, that identifies short-term small-scale improvements designed to minimize the impact of development and to increase mobility along U.S. Highway 19, from the Pasco/Pinellas County line to Gandy Boulevard, until such time as the facility is improved in accordance with the 2015 road network identified in the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

VANPOOL - A group of six or more passengers sharing a prearranged ride to and from work in a van.

VOLUME TO CAPACITY (V/C) 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.

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