

Lake-Sumter MPO Presentation

MPO Public Involvement Programs and Organizational Concepts

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Public Involvement

- Mandated in Planning Rules
- Must Have Public Involvement Plan
- Be Pro-active not Re-active
- Start Early in Planning Processes
- Provide Adequate Notice



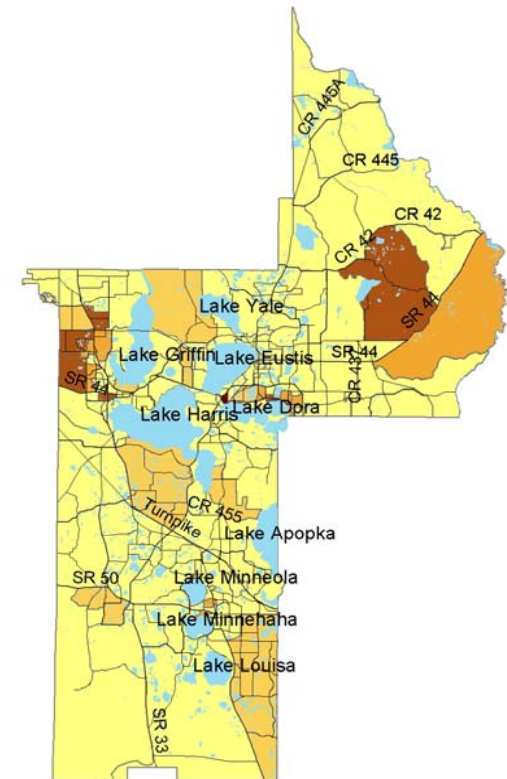
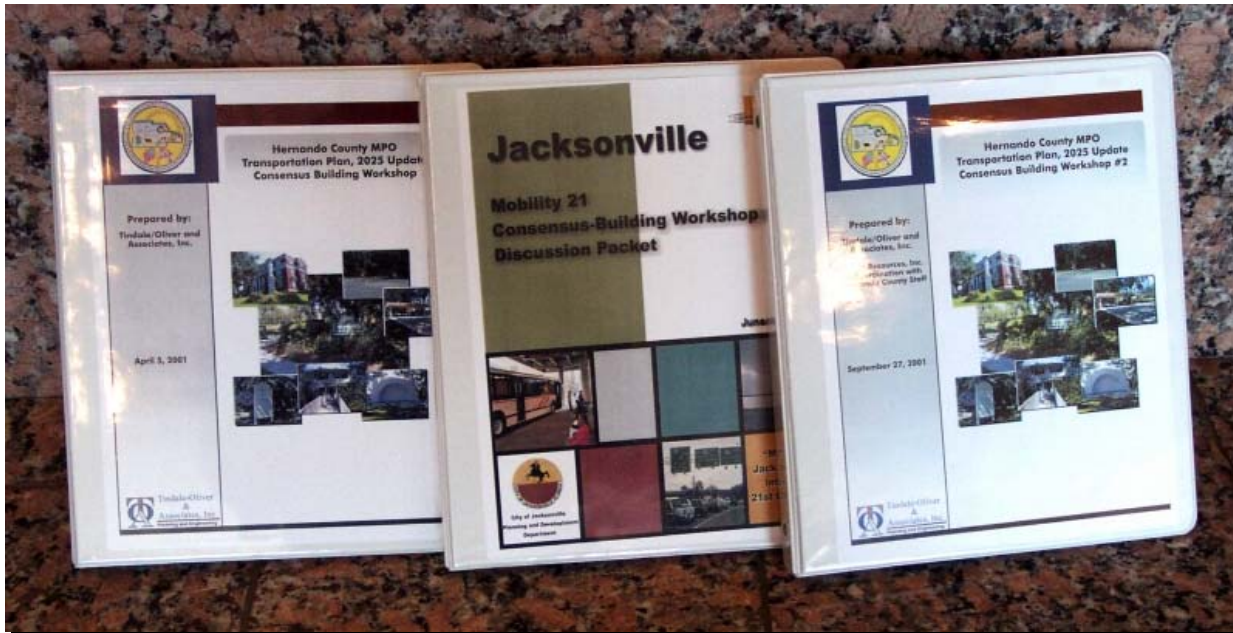
Public Involvement

- Consider Needs of Underserved
- Relentless Front End Work
- Focus on Outcomes
- Documentation



Public Involvement

- User Friendly Materials
- Consensus-Building Workbooks
- Maps, Tables, and Graphics



Public Involvement

- Public is a Willing Participant
- Consensus-Building
- Community Buy-In
- No Surprises
- It Costs Money



Public Involvement

➤ Other Techniques

- Newsletter
- Visioning
- Surveys
- Brochures
- Outreach
- Web Site
- Media
- Mall Exhibits

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

MOBILITY 21

NEWSLETTER FOR CITY OF JACKSONVILLE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

August 7, 1998 Volume 1, Issue 1

"Moving
Jacksonville
into the
21st Century"

A Multi-modal Transportation Master Plan was recommended by the Transportation Subcommittee of the Mayor's Growth Management Task Force. "The responsibility for an effective transportation system does not reside solely with transportation agencies. Instead, the responsibility lies with transportation professionals, policy makers, elected officials, businesses, property owners, and all citizens in Jacksonville." *Excerpt from Recommendations.*

Jax Transportation Plan Underway

Based on recommendations from the Transportation Subcommittee of the Mayor's Growth Management Task Force, a Transportation Master Plan has been initiated by the City of Jacksonville that includes roads, buses, bikes, sidewalks, and other forms of transportation. The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive, long-range plan for the enhancement of all forms of transportation in Jacksonville. An 18-month



project, the Plan includes 12 major goals and 11 project tasks. A consultant was recently selected to develop the Plan under the direction of Jeannie L. Fewell, Project Manager and Director of Planning & Development for the City of Jacksonville. She will be assisted by Geoff Pappas, a Senior Transportation Planner on staff.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 1998 and will be completed by February 2000. The result of this project will be a user-friendly document that can be understood by all citizens and can be used as a blueprint to guide other transportation planning activities throughout the City of Jacksonville. In addition, a multimedia presentation will be developed to enhance the ability of the Consultant and City staff to convey information to policy makers and the general public.

Tindale-Oliver Selected for Jax Master Plan

Tindale-Oliver and Associates (TOA), a transportation planning and engineering firm out of Tampa, Florida, was selected to work with the City of Jacksonville in the development of a Transportation Plan. TOA has successfully completed numerous Transportation Plans for various agencies throughout Florida, including Pinellas, Pasco, Charlotte, and Volusia counties, among others. In addition, TOA is currently working on Plans for the Pensacola area and Lake County. For the Jacksonville Plan, TOA will focus its efforts on developing a Plan ensures active public involvement throughout the plan development process, and results in a blueprint to "Move Jacksonville Into the 21st Century."

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Public Involvement

- Visualization/Imaging



Public Involvement

- Community Outreach
- Environmental Justice (EJ) Discussion Groups
- Changed All Modes in Plan



Public Involvement

- Enhanced Transportation Decision Making (ETDM)
 - New state process
 - Documents comments
 - Projects with fatal flaws
 - No surprises

FLORIDA'S ETDM PROCESS Efficient Transportation Decision Making... ...While Protecting Florida's Environment

The Florida Department of Transportation has developed an innovative process for planning and implementing transportation projects.



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MPO Organizational Concepts

- Regional Planning Council
- Extension of City/County Staff
- Independent Agency

MPO Organizational Concepts

Regional Planning Council (RPC)

- RPC is the MPO
- RPC Provides Staff Functions
- Maintains Independence
- Examples
 - West Florida RPC

MPO Organizational Concepts

City/County Government Extension

- MPO Function Within Government
- Staff Have Other Responsibilities
- Less Independence
- Examples:
 - Ocala/Marion and Hernando County

MPO Organizational Concepts Separate Government Entity

- Self Operating MPO Organization
- Staff Funded by MPO Organization
- Staff Independent From Government
- Examples:
 - METROPLAN ORLANDO and Hillsborough County
City-County Planning Commission

MPO Organizational Concepts

Future Considerations

- Many Communities in Lake County
- Difficult to Maintain Independence Under County Umbrella
- Consider Separate MPO organization
- Develop Budget and Staffing Plan

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