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Transportation Planning Organization

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2018 LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

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The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization legislative priorities for 2018 are:

- **Reducing distracted driving** by regulating the use of electronic wireless communication devices as a *primary offense*.
- **Promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety** through a statewide public awareness and education campaign and by strengthening both bicycle and pedestrian safety efforts.
- **Restoring funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)** to promote regional planning and project development.

The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization also supports legislation that:

- Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS.
- Promotes alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles and maintains incentives to purchase alternative fuel vehicles.
- Preserves the transportation disadvantaged coordinated system and provides additional funding to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund for paratransit services.
- Allows indexing of local option fuel taxes to the consumer price index in a manner similar to the current indexing of state fuel taxes.
- Recognizes the impact of electric and automated vehicles on transportation revenue and the ability to maintain Florida's roads, bridges and transit systems and initiates a study to determine a funding mechanism to replace or supplement fuel tax revenues.

The North Florida TPO does not support legislation that:

- Unilaterally changes MPO Policy Board membership and voting structure. Special consideration should be given to regional MPOs allowing them to right-size their boards to ensure equitable representation and voting.