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LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

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The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization legislative priorities for 2023 are:

- Strongly encourage smart city legislation to provide funding and programs that implement and use emerging transportation technologies and systems. Support the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that promote creative approaches to addressing transportation needs. Smart North Florida, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves as the Innovation Partner for public sector entities in the Northeast Florida region. This one-of-a-kind Smart City accelerator deploys and validates technologies that could be used at the municipal, county and state level.
- Oppose any 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.
- Promote bicycle and pedestrian safety through a statewide public awareness and education campaign and by strengthening both bicycle and pedestrian safety efforts.

The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization also supports legislation that:

- 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.
- Requires indexing of local option fuel taxes to the consumer price index in a manner similar to the current indexing of state fuel taxes.
- Maintains funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) to promote regional planning and project development.
- 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.

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