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LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

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The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization legislative priorities for 2021 are:

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- **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.
- **Encourage smart city legislation to provide funding and programs that implement and use emerging transportation technologies and systems.** A Smart City uses innovative and emerging technologies to collect, analyze and apply data from many sources to create a reliable transportation system that enhances economic vitality and quality of life.
- **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.
- Restores 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.
- Preserves the transportation disadvantaged coordinated system and provides additional funding to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund for paratransit services.
- Promotes alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles and maintains incentives to purchase alternative fuel vehicles.