

FREIGHT PRIORITIES PROGRAM

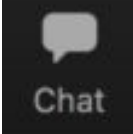
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Freight Priorities Program: Project Application Training

February 26, 2025

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FREIGHT & RAIL COMMITTEE
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- We want to encourage participation throughout the presentation!
- If you have a question or comment, please:
 - Use the hand raise feature (located on the “Reactions” button), and a meeting host will unmute you.
 - Type your remark into the chat feature 
- This presentation will be recorded and available to view on the FPP portal website.

Agenda

1. Program Purpose
2. Process Overview
3. Roles and Responsibilities
4. Project List Example
5. Historic Performance
6. Support Materials
7. Online Application Portal
8. Application Demo
9. Schedule
10. Questions



Training Session Goals

Training Session Goals

1. Understand the purpose and the process of the Freight Priorities Program (FPP)
2. Cover project eligibility
3. Learn how to submit online project applications
4. Understand what assistance is available to agencies
5. Note important dates in the Program schedule

Program Purpose

Provide MPOs with an opportunity to identify high priority freight projects on an annual basis

Use the MPOAC as a united voice to promote these MPO priorities

Position projects for future funding opportunities



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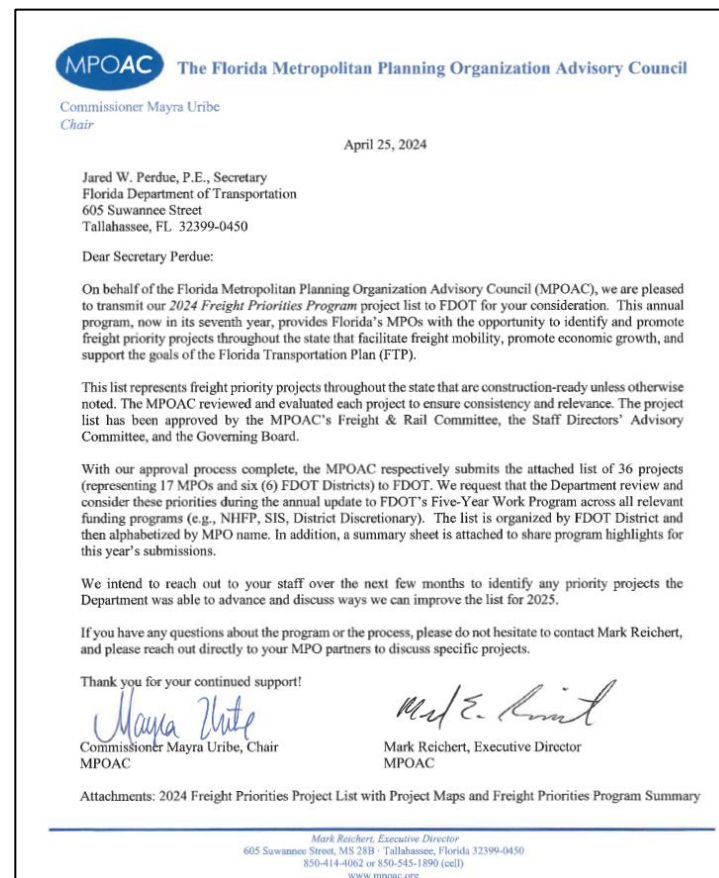
- Identify freight needs in your region
- Prioritize the projects that address those needs
- Account for annual changes



Program Purpose

Use the MPOAC as a united voice to promote these MPO priorities

- Collect each agency's highest freight priority projects into a single product
- Endorsed by the MPOAC
- Transmit to FDOT Leadership, Central Office, and District Offices



Program Purpose

Position projects for future funding opportunities

- Highlight network designations to target funding
 - FDOT Central Office controls allocations to:
 - **National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)**
 - **Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)**
 - FDOT District Offices, in coordination with MPOs, control funding for:
 - **State Highway System (SHS)**
- Contribute to discretionary grant pursuits and other non-state funding sources
 - INFRA, BUILD, etc.



Process Overview

1

Each MPO chooses up to 6 total freight projects to submit.

Limit of 3 State Highway System (SHS) roadway projects.

Limit of 3 Non-SHS roadway projects.

Projects need to meet requirements set by the Freight & Rail Committee.

2

Projects are submitted through the online application portal found at www.my-fpp-portal.org

Each agency will have its own unique login credentials.

Past project submission data will be prepopulated if resubmitting projects.

February 28th – March 28th

3

Staff will respond to follow-up questions from consultant team.

Follow-ups questions will be generated through the online portal and be sent via email to designated agency contacts.

Calls/virtual meetings will be available.

4

Project List will be created by the consultant team.

Draft Project List sent to participating agencies to confirm information included.

5

Final project list will be presented to MPOAC for approval.

Endorsed by the Freight & Rail Committee, Staff Directors, and Governing Board.

Fully endorsed list transmitted to FDOT. Timeline aligns with FDOT's annual Work Program update.

Process Overview

Project Requirements

- Projects are split into two categories;
 - State Highway System (SHS) roadway projects
 - Non-SHS roadway projects

SHS Roadway Projects

- Included in the program since its launch in 2018
 - ✓ Roadway project located on the State Highway System
 - ✓ Maximum of 3 per MPO
 - ✓ Minimum of a funded PD&E
 - ✓ Projects must be able to accept accelerated funding



Process Overview

Project Requirements

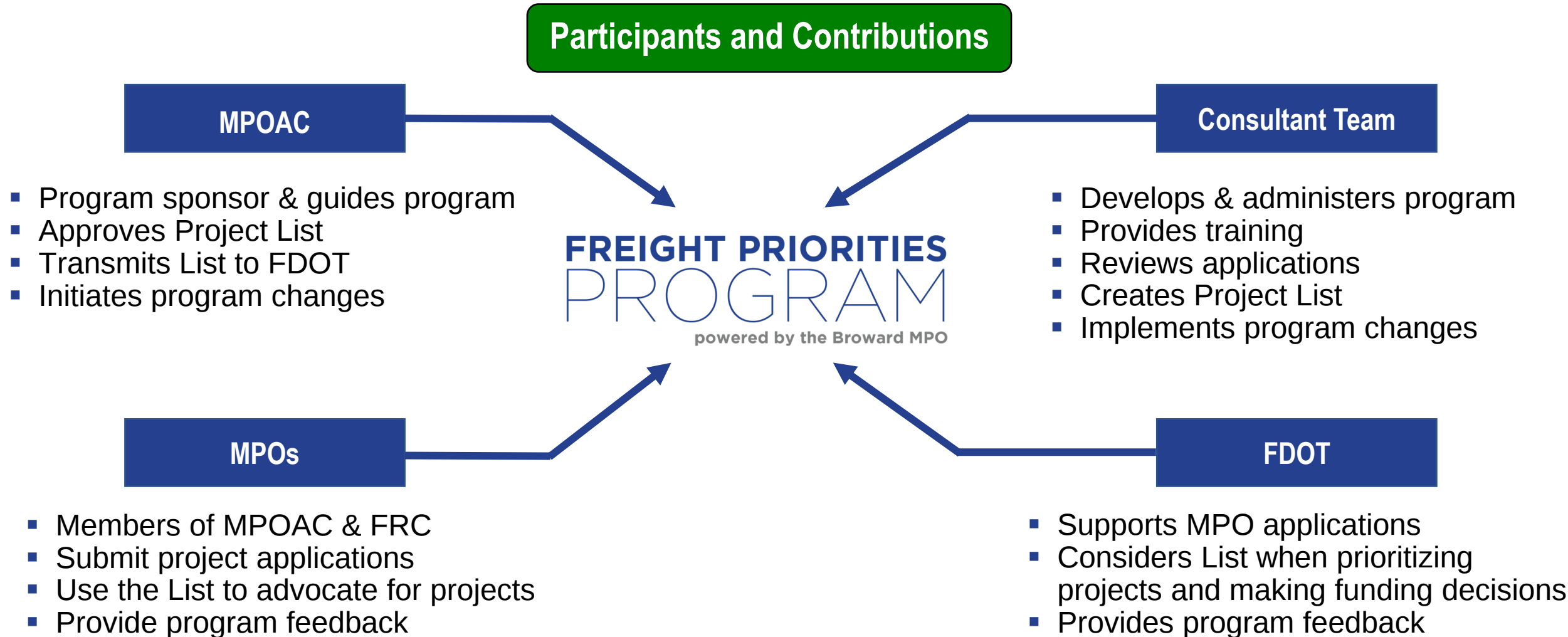
Non-SHS Roadway Projects

- Committee expanded eligible project types in 2022

- ✓ Non-SHS Roadway, Intermodal Logistic Center Access, Truck Parking, and Rail Projects
- ✓ Maximum of 3 per MPO
- ✓ Minimum of a funded PD&E if required
- ✓ Projects must be able to accept accelerated funding



Roles & Responsibilities



Project List Example

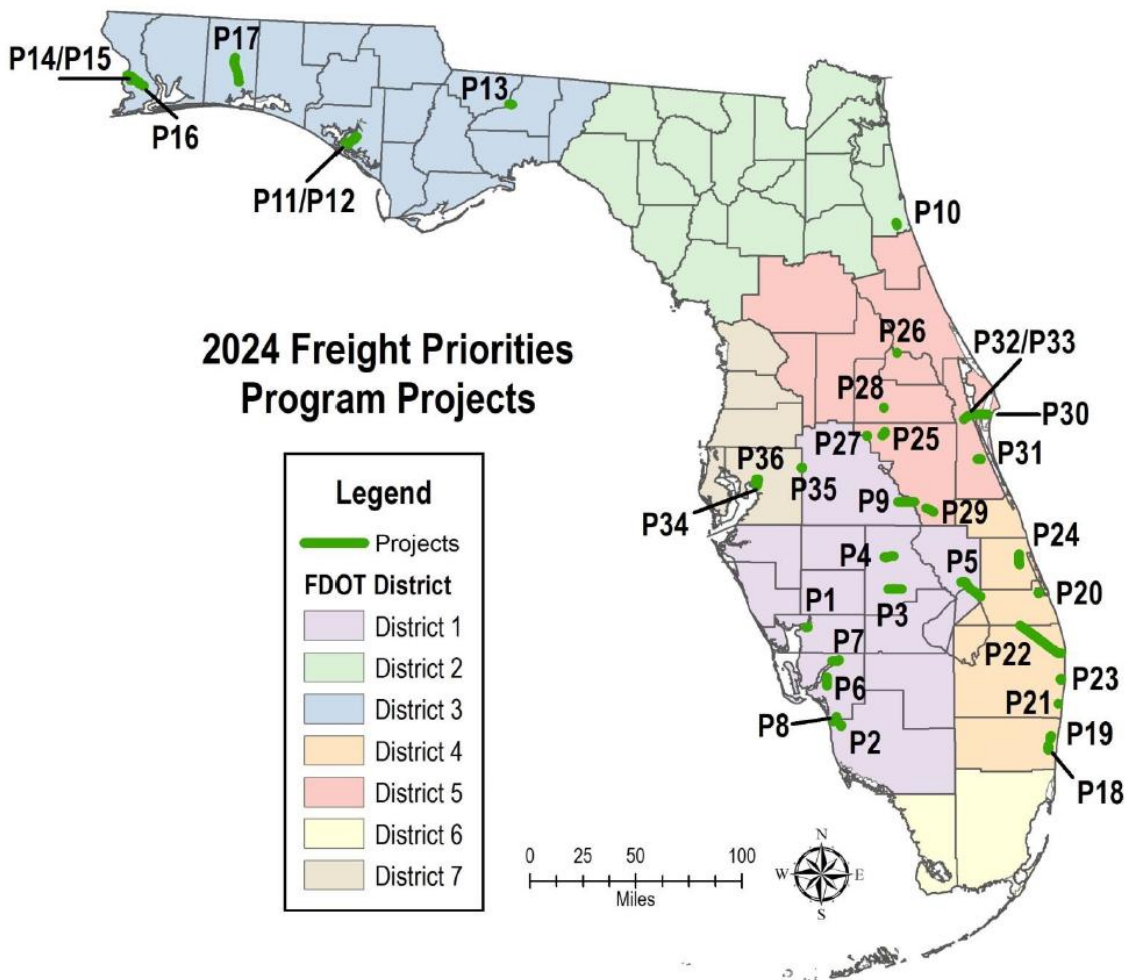
District Level List

2024 Project Priority List – FDOT D3 [Freight Coordinator: Holly Cohen]

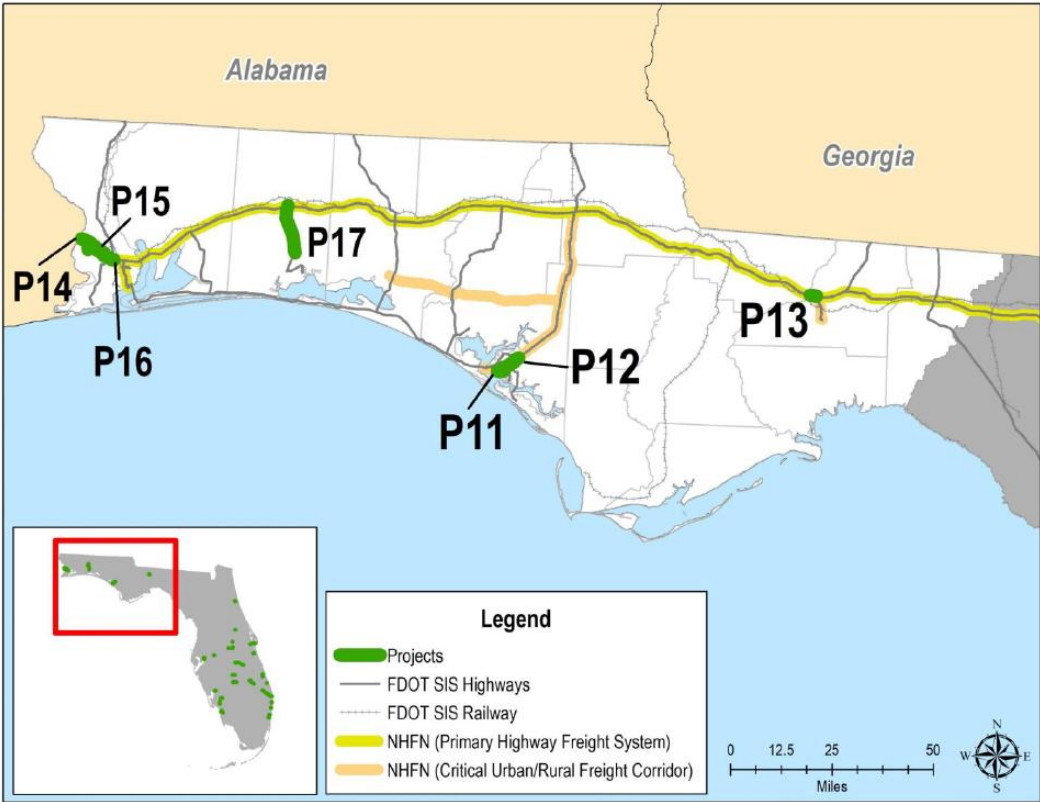
Map ID	Project Name	County	Project Type	FM Number	DFC Priority	PD&E Status	Project Request (Millions)	Network Designations*			
								SHS	NHFN	SIS	RFN
Bay County TPO											
P11	SR-75 (US-231) from SR-30A (US-98) to SR-368 (23rd St.)	Bay	Roadway	217910-7	Yes	Completed	\$27.9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P12	SR-75 (US-231) from SR-368 (23rd St.) to South of Pipeline Rd.	Bay	Roadway	217910-8	Yes	Completed	\$115.8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Capital Region TPA											
P13	SR-8 (I-10) Widening from Gadsden Co. Line to West of SR-263 Capital Circle	Leon	Roadway	222530-6	No	Completed	\$73.8	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Florida-Alabama TPO											
P14	SR-8 (I-10) from Alabama State Line to Weigh Station	Escambia	Roadway & Interchange	433113-1 437905-1	Yes	Completed	\$180.8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P15	SR-8 (I-10) from EB Weigh Station to Nine Mile Rd.	Escambia	Roadway & Interchange	437905-2	Yes	Completed	\$162.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P16	SR-8 (I-10) from Nine Mile Rd. to US-29	Escambia	Roadway & Interchange	437905-3	Yes	Completed	\$21.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Okaloosa-Walton TPO											
P17	SR-85 from SR-123 to I-10	Okaloosa	Roadway	220171-4 220171-5 220171-6	Yes	Completed	\$18.5	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Project List Example

Statewide & District Level Maps

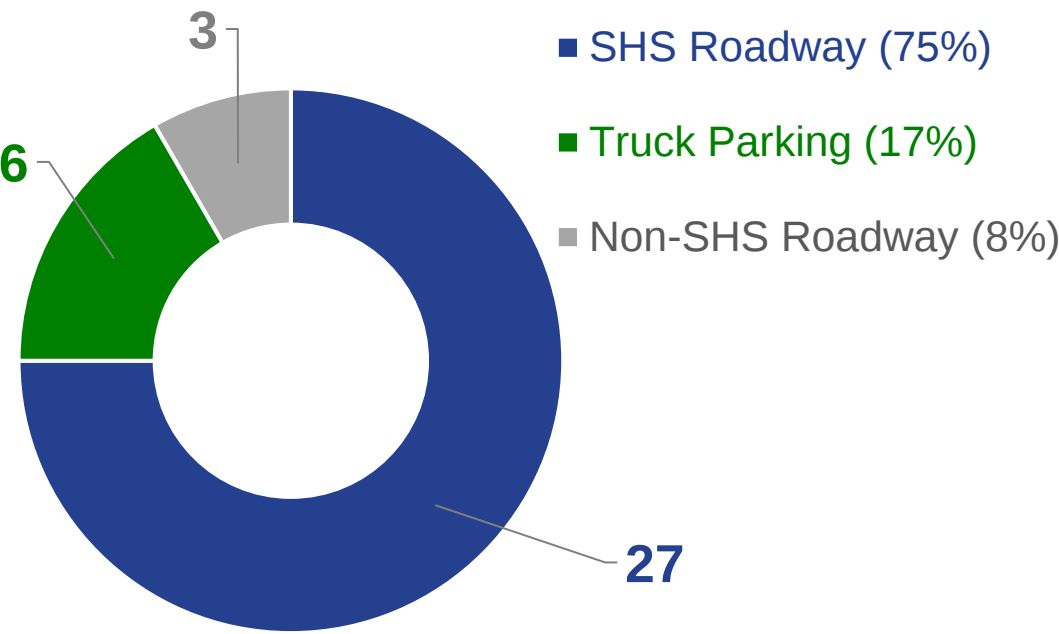


2024 FPP Projects District 3



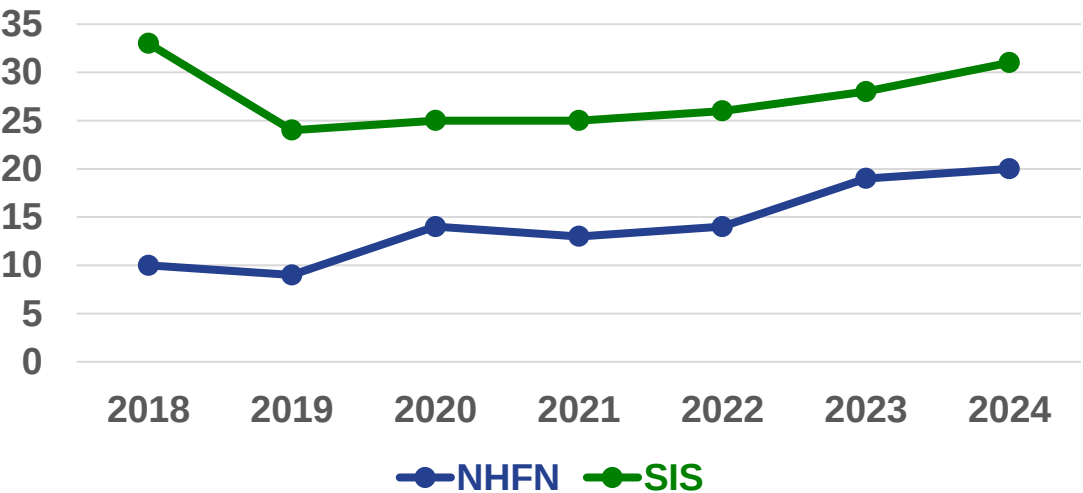
Historical Performance

2024 Submitted Project Types

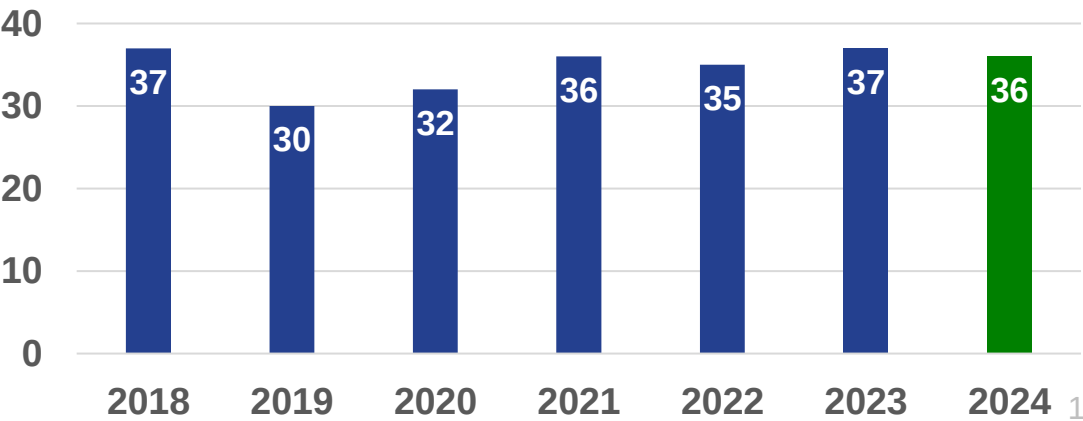


❖ 36 Total Projects

NHFN & SIS Projects



Project Submissions



Historical Performance

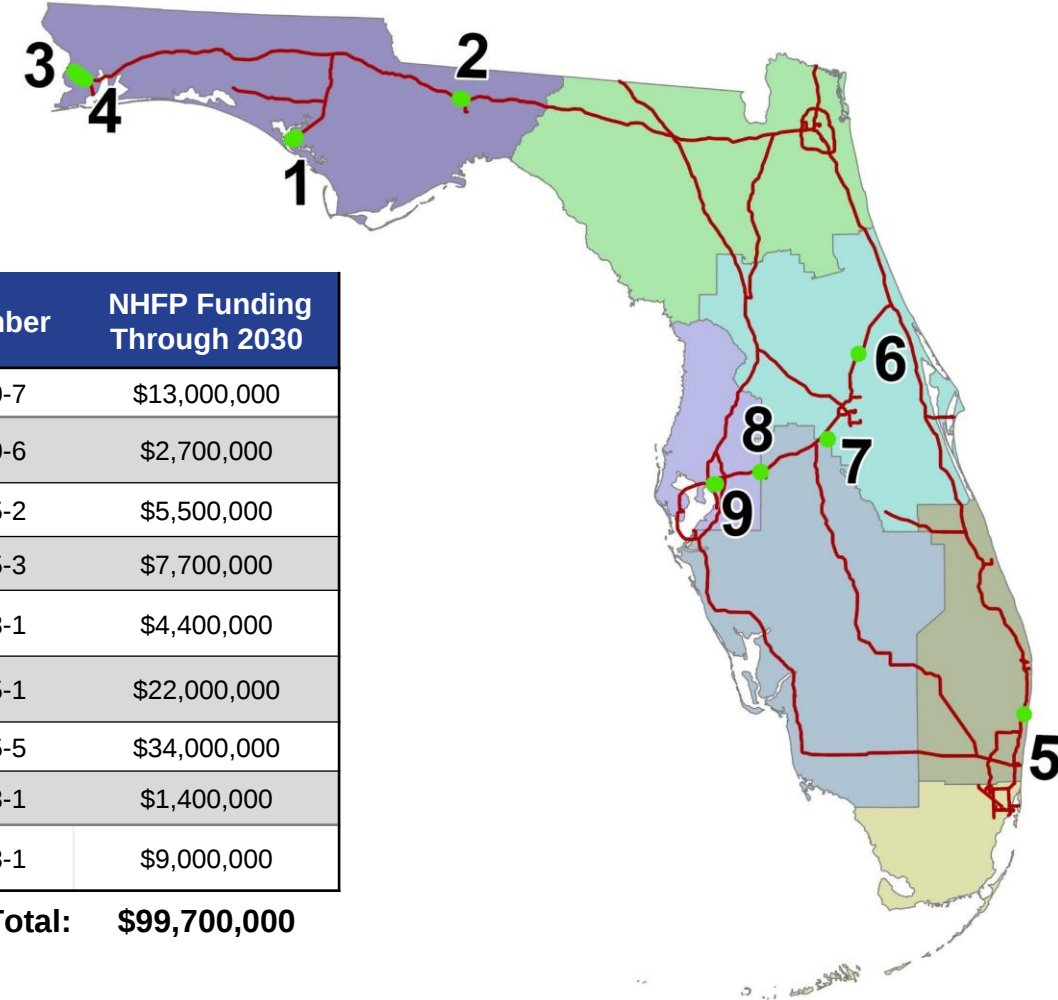
National Highway Freight Program Funding

2024 FPP Projects Programmed with NHFP Funding

No.	MPO	District	Project Name	FM Number	NHFP Funding Through 2030
1	Bay County TPO	3	SR-75 (US-231) from SR-30A (US-98) to SR-368 (23 rd St.)	217910-7	\$13,000,000
2	Capital Region TPA	3	SR-8 (I-10) Widening from Gadsden Co. Line to West of SR-263 Capital Circle	222530-6	\$2,700,000
3	Florida-Alabama TPO	3	SR-8 (I-10) from EB Weigh Station to Nine Mile Rd.	437905-2	\$5,500,000
4	Florida-Alabama TPO	3	SR-8 (I-10) from Nine Mile Rd. to US-29	437905-3	\$7,700,000
5	Palm Beach TPA	4	SR-9 (I-95) at Congress Ave. & Peninsula Corporate Dr. Truck Parking	452068-1	\$4,400,000
6	MetroPlan Orlando	5	Truck Parking – Central Florida Corridor: Seminole County Site	446445-1	\$22,000,000
7	MetroPlan Orlando	5	Truck Parking – Central Florida Corridor: Osceola County Site	446445-5	\$34,000,000
8	Hillsborough TPO	7	I-4 Trucking Parking Facility	448698-1	\$1,400,000
9	Hillsborough TPO	7	SR-60 (Adamo Dr.) from West of 45 th St. to West of Yeoman St.	450768-1	\$9,000,000

Total: \$99,700,000

Funding amounts provided by FDOT Central – Freight & Rail Office



Support Materials

Instructions

- Question-by-question application guide
- Your first source for assistance
- Color-coded to by project type category
- Document will be available on the online portal

INSTRUCTIONS

2025 Freight Priorities Program (FPP) Overview

1. Changes to the 2025 Freight Priorities Program
 - No significant changes to the program.
 - MPOs will be able to submit up to three State Highway System projects.
2. Identify up to three SHS roadway projects
 - Roadway projects should fall within the SHS.
 - Projects must be post-PD&E.
 - Projects should be unfunded.
3. Identify up to three non-SHS roadway projects
 - Projects should be a non-SHS roadway, parking, or rail project.
 - Projects must be post-PD&E for the project.
 - Projects should be able to participate in funding programs they are eligible for.
4. Complete the online project application
 - A 60-minute Zoom training will be held on February 28th (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.).
 - On February 28th, each planning organization will have access to their accounts and be able to submit their application.
 - The Committee's consultant will be available for additional information or clarification.
 - The consultant team will be a joint effort between Tom Brandenstein at MPOAC and Haitao Yu at hvyu@camsa.com.
5. Collaborate with your partner MPOs
 - MPO staff should work with their partner MPOs on projects they are planning on submitting to ensure they are aware of any additional project requirements.
 - Your DFC will likely know the requirements for the Work Program scoring criteria, and the criteria for the Priority Project list, because they are working together to complete the application.



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INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions: Completing the Online Project Application

All Projects	SHS Only
Questions in boxes shaded blue will apply to all project submissions.	Questions in boxes shaded green will only apply to SHS roadway project submissions.

General Information	
Question	Desired Response
1a. Project Name:	Enter the project name as it appears in your approved plans (TIP, Work Program).
2a. Facility Name:	Enter the roadway/facility name (identify the state route if applicable).
3a. Project Category:	Select the appropriate project category from the dropdown list. • State Highway System Roadway • Non-SHS Roadway • Intermodal Logistics Center Access • Truck Parking • SIS Rail • Non-SIS Rail This choice will direct you to the correct project information questions depending on your selection.
4a. Are any other MPOs involved in the project?	Select Yes/No. If Yes, select the other participating agencies.
5a. Which counties are involved in the project?	Enter all counties that are involved in the project.
6a. Are there any private partners involved in the project?	Select Yes/No. If Yes, enter all private partners that are involved in the project.
7a. Is this a District Freight Coordinator Priority Project?	Select Yes/No.
Click Continue to move to the next set of questions.	



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Support Materials

DFC Checklist

- Encourages collaboration with your District Freight Coordinators
- Advantageous to align priorities with your District Office
- District Coordinators will know which projects are well suited for FDOT's Work Program scoring criteria and are contenders for discretionary grants

DFC CHECKLIST

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), has developed the **Freight Priorities Program (FPP)** to annually **identify and promote** high-priority freight projects within the planning boundaries of Florida's Metropolitan Planning Organizations for consideration in FDOT's 5-Year Work Program and other potential funding sources. One of the FPP's objectives is to **foster collaboration** among the MPOAC's members and its partners to develop a critical list of freight projects that represent the unified input of the MPOAC.

Why is Interfacing with Your FDOT District Freight Coordinator (DFC) Important?

A critical resource that each MPO should consider in the FPP process is the knowledge and input of their **FDOT District Freight Coordinator (DFC)**. Part of each DFC's job is to **understand the federal and state funding processes** (e.g., [Work Program](#), [Freight Mobility and Trade Plan](#), [National Highway Freight Program](#), [Strategic Intermodal System](#)) that can support freight projects in Florida. **They will know which projects** within your region align well with the criteria for each program, as well as which ones **stand a better chance for funding** when the FPP list reaches higher levels of review.

It benefits each MPO to work directly with their DFC to make a more informed decision about which project(s) they should nominate for the MPOAC's FPP. **Remember that your DFC must also submit a District Priority Project list**, which Central Office will consider, so it is beneficial to know if any MPO freight priorities may also be on their list because those projects could score higher during FDOT's internal project prioritization process.

Note that **this exercise is meant to create a stronger partnership between the MPOAC and FDOT and to inform your decision-making**. We are not encouraging MPOAC members to allow FDOT to choose MPO priorities. We are simply calling for more coordination between the FPP and the DFC's District Priority Lists. Below is a checklist that can help your MPO choose which projects to submit for this year's FPP.

What to Cover when Working with your FDOT District Freight Coordinator

- ☐ Identify your MPO's assigned [District Freight Coordinator](#). If your FDOT District has a vacancy for that position, work with Holly Cohen from Central Office.
- ☐ Let your DFC know that your MPO is considering submitting a project(s) as part of this year's MPOAC Freight Priorities Program.
- ☐ Ask them to share the list of projects they are considering for their District Priority Project List that are located within your MPO's planning boundary. Note that their list may still be in development.
- ☐ Compare their list to the projects you may be considering from your MPO's products (e.g., Regional Freight Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Long Range Transportation Plan).



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Support Materials

Feedback Form

- Provide feedback on program, portal, and application questions
- Can influence adjustments to the program or raise topics for discussion at Committee meetings
- Return form to consultant team

FEEDBACK FORM

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Do you have thoughts on the changes to project eligibility with the inclusion of new project types that were introduced?

Do you find the online application process user-friendly?

Are there any negatives or pain points with the application portal?

What features or changes would you like to see to make the application process easier to use for your agency?

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2025 Freight Priorities Program (FPP) Overview

The MPOAC Freight Priorities Program Support Team welcomes agency feedback on the 2025 Program. Please use this form to provide your thoughts on the online application and program as a whole. There is no requirement to fill out all the sections, you may complete as much as you would like. Make sure to include any features or changes you would like to see made to the portal. As we look to improve the system and program each year, we will use these responses as a guide to inform changes. Once you have completed filling out the form please return it to either Tom Brandenstein (tbrandenstein@whitehousegroup.com) or Haitao Yu (hyu@camsys.com).

Did you attend a FPP training sessions? Do you have any feedback or suggestions on the presentations or material?

Do you have any feedback or suggestions on the provided FPP support documents? (FPP Instructions, DFC Checklist, etc.)

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Welcome Page

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Online Application Portal

Application Page

Information tabs

Project filter dropdown

New application

Submit application
for review

3 step application

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Hello, Training! Log off

Training - FPP Projects

Instructions Training Materials Review Key Designated Contacts

FPP Application - Review Step Color Key

- = MPO Input Required
- = Review in Process
- = Review Completed. Go to the Next Step
- = Review Completed. Not Authorized to Continue
- = Step Not Available. Inactive Until Prior Step Review Is Completed

2025 FPP Applications

Show: All Projects (6)

FPP-ID	Project Name	Steps	
TTTT-2022-004	SR 20 Widening - Training Feedback Example	1 2 3	Create FPP Application Submit Manage
TTTT-2022-005	SR 75 (US 231) from SR 30A (US 98) to SR 368 (23rd St) - Test	1 2 3	Submit Manage
TTTT-2022-006	Test non-SHS	1 2 3	Submit Manage
TTTT-2023-001	TB - 2024 - SHS Test	1 2 3	Submit Manage
TTTT-2023-002	TB - 2024 - Non-SHS	1 2 3	Submit Manage
TTTT-2023-003	SR9/I-95I-95 Interchange at Oslo Road	1 2 3	Submit Manage

MPOAC FRC Report Website Issues MPOAC

Online Application Portal

Designated Contacts

- Agency login credentials will be sent to each agency's executive director and designated contacts on **February 28th**
- Designated contacts can be changed at any time
 - Maximum of five per agency
- All portal-generated communications will be sent to the designated contacts
 - **NOTE:** Portal-generated emails will display being sent from "Tom Brandenstein" with a "tbrandenstein@whitehousegroup.com" address display. Please check to see if your email is automatically filtering to your spam folder.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a navigation bar at the top containing four tabs: 'Instructions', 'Training Materials', 'Review Key', and 'Designated Contacts'. The 'Designated Contacts' tab is selected. Below the tabs, the heading 'Designated Contacts for Training' is displayed. A paragraph of text states: 'Designated contacts are notified by email of important events during the FPP application process. Please email [Tom Brandenstein](#) to update agency contact information.' Below this text is a table with two columns: 'Name' and 'Email'. The table has two rows. The first row is labeled 'Primary' on the left and contains 'Training' in the 'Name' column and 'rodbunner@ses-transport.com' in the 'Email' column. The second row is labeled 'Secondary' on the left and contains 'Tom Brandenstein' in the 'Name' column and 'tbrandenstein@whitehousegroup.com' in the 'Email' column.

	Name	Email
Primary	Training	rodbunner@ses-transport.com
Secondary	Tom Brandenstein	tbrandenstein@whitehousegroup.com

Online Application Portal

Designated Contacts

Agency	Member	Alternate
Bay County TPO	Kandase Lee	TBD
Broward MPO	Greg Stuart	Paul Flavien
Capital Region TPA	Greg Slay	Jack Kostrzewa
Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO	D'Juan Harris	Lakshmi N. Gurram
Collier MPO	Anne McLaughlin	Sean Kingston
Florida-Alabama TPO	Kandase Lee	TBD
Hillsborough TPO	Johnny Wong	Elizabeth Watkins
Martin MPO	Beth Beltran	Ricardo Vazquez
MetroPlan Orlando	Alex Trauger	Gary Huttman
Miami-Dade TPO	Aileen Bouclé	Kevin Walford
North Florida TPO	Jeff Sheffield	Clark Letter
Ocala Marion TPO	Rob Balmes	TBD
Okaloosa-Walton TPO	Dawn Schwartz	TBD
Palm Beach TPA	Valerie Neilson	Andrew Uhler
Pasco County MPO	Tania Gorman	TBD
Sarasota/Manatee MPO	David Hutchinson	Ryan Brown
St. Lucie TPO	Peter Buchwald	Yi Ding

Agency	Executive Director	Friend of the Committee
Forward Pinellas	Whit Blanton	Chelsea Favero
Gainesville MTPO	Scott Koons	“
Heartland Regional TPO	Marybeth Soderstrom	“
Hernando/Citrus MPO	Robert Esposito	“
Indian River County MPO	Brian Freeman	“
Lake-Sumter MPO	Michael Woods	“
Lee County MPO	Don Scott	Ron Gogoi
Polk TPO	Ryan Kordek	“
River to Sea TPO	Colleen Nicoulin	“
Space Coast TPO	Georganna Gillette	Laura Carter

- ❖ If your agency would like to change or add a contact to the Designated Contacts list, please contact Tom at tbrandenstein@whitehousegroup.com

Online Application Portal

Review Process

- Reviewed by consultant team
 - Built in verifications ensure all questions are answered before submission
 - Identification numbers will be used when referencing specific questions
- Comments sent to designated contacts and viewable within the portal by selecting the “MPOAC Feedback” button
 - Button located on the questions page of an application or within the “Manage” button
 - Only visible when a Review has been completed

9s. What is the existing truck activity at the project location?

MPOAC - Project Review

FPP Project Review Options

Allow MPO Project Modificat 

Reviewer Comments

Please add additional information to question 9s.

Submit

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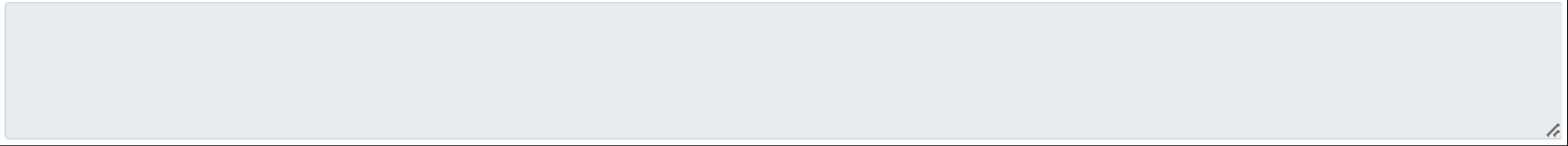
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Online Application Portal

Question Spotlight

- Question 10s. / 7n.
 - Include the dollar amount for the requested action

10s. Define the requested action (Please include the amount of funding for the requested action):



Online Application Portal

Question Spotlight

- Funding Table for SHS roadway projects
 - Wiped from previous year inputs
 - Should be refilled with most up-to-date funding information
 - Should match [FDOT Five Year Work Program](#) table or provide a URL to another source

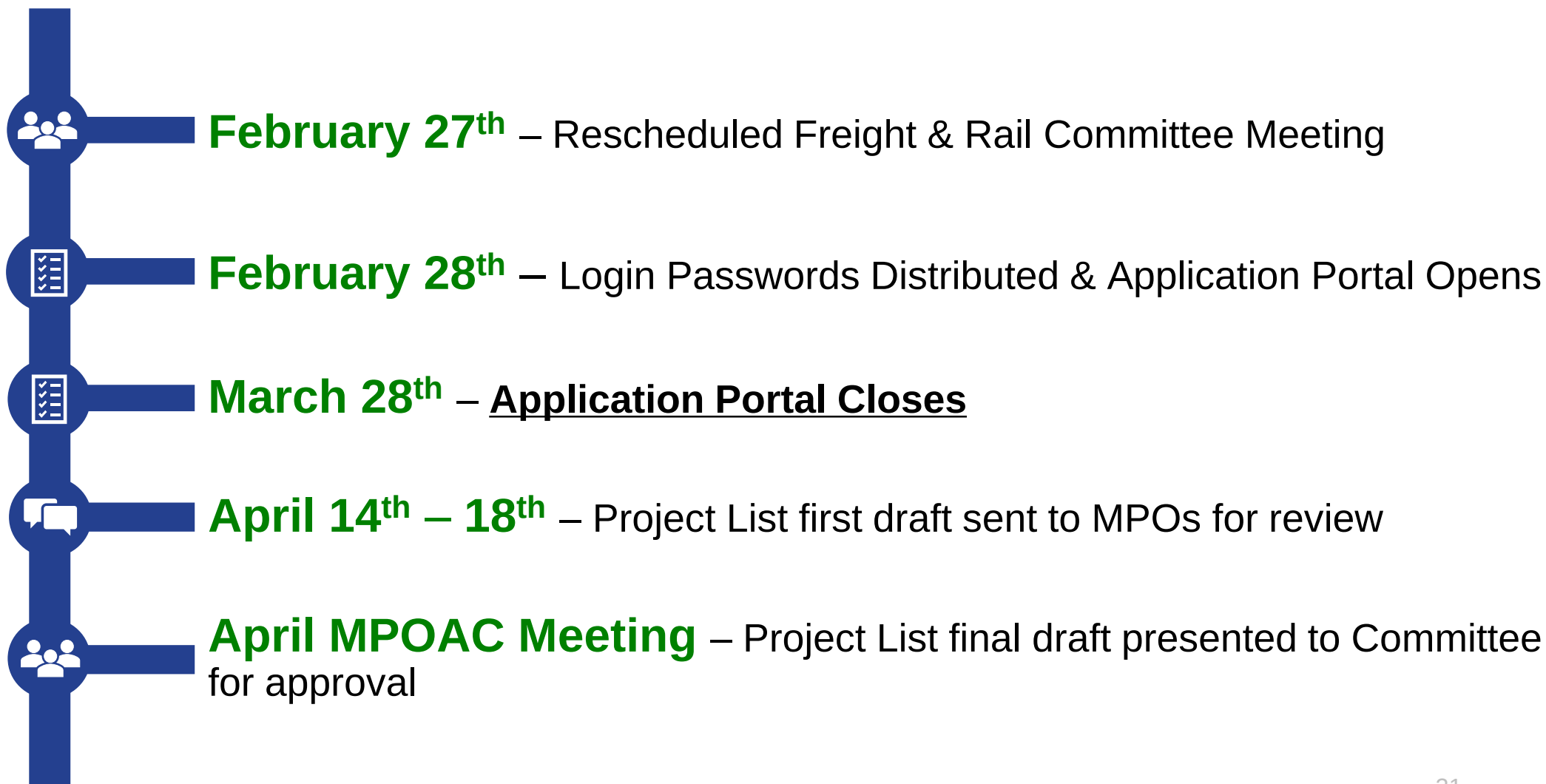
Project Schedule and Funding Status in the FDOT 5-Year Work Program (Costs Shown in \$Millions):

Phase	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2nd 5-Year Cost (2031-2035 Total)	Unfunded Cost	Status
PD&E	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	On-Going
P.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
ROW Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
ROW Land	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
CEI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Environmental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Other (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Other (2)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Demonstrations

1. Website navigation and logging into your account
2. Submitting a new project application
3. Preparing a project for resubmission

Schedule



Questions?

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