CONFERENCE OVERVIEW
Transportation decision-makers face numerous challenges in making complex transportation decisions. Many new MPO board members have limited prior experience with the planning and funding of the local and regional transportation system. Even board members with years of experience struggle mastering important elements of the transportation planning process, especially given the constant evolution of federal and state regulations.

The MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials provides MPO board members with an opportunity to enhance their understanding and leadership skills regarding transportation decision-making, including the key role they play in the process.

TWO EVENTS / TWO LOCATIONS
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March 29-31, at the FLC University Training Center in Orlando and May 31–June 2 at the Renaissance Hotel International Plaza in Tampa. The MPOAC Weekend Institute is open to MPO board members only and space for this event is limited. Three seats at each event will be reserved for board members from each Florida MPO, with an overall limit of 25 participants per Institute. Select the event date you would like to attend and register by March 7, 2019 for Orlando or May 10, 2019 for Tampa. Following the registration deadlines, any unfilled seats will be offered on a first come first served basis.

REGISTRATION
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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE
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Institute topics include:

- Laws and Regulations Affecting MPOs
- MPO Products and Process
- Transportation Jargon & Acronyms
- MPO Board Responsibilities and Authority
- Critical Funding Issues

INSTITUTE TRAINERS

March 29 - 31, 2019
FLC University Training Center
Orlando, Florida

Harold (Hal) M. Beadall, JD
Transportation Specialist
PCSC Coordinating Center
Florida State University

Jeff Kramer, AICP
Senior Research Associate
Center for Urban Transportation Research
University of South Florida

Scott C. Paine, Ph.D.
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Florida League of Cities

Kristine Williams, AICP
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University of South Florida

May 31 - June 2, 2019
Renaissance Hotel International Plaza
Tampa, Florida

Florida League of Cities
FCRC Consensus Center
Tampa, Florida

Florida State University
FCRC Consensus Center
Tampa, Florida

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