MPOAC Weekend Institute 2020

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
The MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials will be held twice in 2020:

- **March 20-22, 2020** at the FLC University Training Center in Orlando and **April 17-19, 2020** at the Renaissance Hotel International Plaza in Tampa. The MPOAC Weekend Institute is open to MPO board members only and space is limited to a total of 25 participants per Institute. Florida MPOs may send up to three board members to each event on a first-come, first-served basis. Select the event date you would like to attend and register by March 6, 2020 for Orlando or April 3, 2020 for Tampa.

REGISTRATION
A registration fee of $300 is required to attend the MPOAC Weekend Institute. The registration fee April 17-19, 2020 for Tampa may be paid by check or credit card. Be sure to indicate whether paying by check or credit card. If you elect to pay with a credit card, you will receive an emailed invitation with instructions to pay via PayPal within a week. To register by mail, send the attached registration form and check by the respective deadline date to MPOAC Weekend Institute, c/o Johnathan Waldron, 605 Suwannee St., MS 28B, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450. Please notify Christen Miller at (813) 974-6387, christen@cutr.usf.edu at least two weeks prior to each event date if you need to cancel. Cancellations after that time will not be refunded.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE
The MPOAC Institute for Elected Officials covers a variety of topics of interest to MPO Board members. The information provided during the Institute is designed for practical application in transportation planning activities performed by elected officials. The goal is to provide MPO board members with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage in the MPO process without requiring Board members to become transportation experts.

Institute topics include:
- **Laws and Regulations Affecting MPOs**
- **MPO Products and Process**
- **Transportation Jargon & Acronyms**
- **MPO Board Responsibilities and Authority**
- **Critical Funding Issues**

Check-in for the Institute will be held between 5:30-6 p.m. on the first day of the event. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with a working dinner. Please note that while the dinner will be a good opportunity to mingle with fellow MPO Board members from around the state, it will also be used as a training opportunity and attendance is important. Breakfast will be provided each morning, as will a deli-style buffet lunch on Saturday. These meals, along with Friday’s working dinner, are included in the registration fee. Saturday evening is a “free” evening and an opportunity to experience the diversity of restaurants and activities in the area.

INSTITUTE TRAINERS

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**TALLASCO, FL 32399-0450**
Upon request, the Renaissance hotel offers complimentary shuttles to and from the local airport. The hotel also offers $10 on-site self parking. Overnight valet parking is available for $23.00.

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each Institute attendee. For reservations, contact the hotel directly at (888) 236-2427 or visit http://tinyurl.com/Tampa2020.

A special rate of $150.00 per night is available for Institute attendees who make reservations by **Feb. 20, 2020** for this event. To receive the special rate, notify the receptionist of your participation in the MPOAC Institute when making your hotel reservations. Any room cancellations are the responsibility of the individual in whose name the registration is made and not that of the MPOAC.

The hotel offers $20 on-site self parking if registered under the room block.

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each Institute attendee. For reservations, contact the Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Downtown directly at (407) 996-1000 or visit https://tinyurl.com/Orlando2020.

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Leadership Development

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Transportation Research

**Center for Urban Transportation Research**

**Florida State University**
Transportation Research