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# Legislative Positions

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## Sarasota/Manatee MPO Positions

1. Support preservation and protection of the State Transportation Trust Fund to assure funds are used only for transportation purposes
2. Support restoring the statutory commitment directing documentary stamp tax revenues for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)
3. Support legislation that authorizes a stable funding source which does not reduce funding to existing transportation programs, through a rental car surcharge to finance regional transportation authorities over 30 years
4. Support a dedicated source of funding for public transportation projects and programs
5. Support legislation allowing both charter and non charter counties by referendum to implement a County Transportation System Surtax
6. Support "Red Light" Camera Legislation

7. Support creation of a Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission to study existing transportation funding sources, needs and options

8. Support an Economic Stimulus Bill to promote transportation infrastructure improvements to promote jobs and opportunities for businesses and constituents

## FACTS

▶ The Sarasota/Manatee MPO area encompasses the entire counties of Sarasota and Manatee, nine (9) cities, the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport and Port Manatee Seaport; 2007 U.S. Census population Sarasota 364,734 and Manatee 315,108

▶ The Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Project Priority List will take another 68 years to complete at current funding levels

▶ The Sarasota/Manatee MPO's 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) projects a funding deficit of \$2.82 billion