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Legislative Positions

Sarasota/Manatee MPO Positions

1. **Transportation Trust Funds should only be used for transportation. The State Transportation Trust Fund has been raided for non-transportation purposes in the amount of \$200-\$400 million per year**
2. **Follow the statutory commitment directing documentary stamp tax revenues for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)**
3. **Establish a stable funding source for regional public transportation programs, such as TBARTA, using an additional \$2.00 rental car surcharge or other funding mechanism**
4. **Support legislation allowing both charter and non charter counties to implement a County Transportation System Surtax if part of a regional system or a regional transportation authority**
5. **Support “Red Light” Camera Legislation**

6. **Establish a Statutory Funding Cap of 65% of any “New Discretionary Highway Capacity Funds” to the SIS**
7. **Allow SIS Designated State Funds to be Used for improvements to Non-SIS Facilities**

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; estimated 2009 U.S. Census population Sarasota 389,320 and Manatee 318,404**
- **The Sarasota/Manatee MPO’s Project Priority List will take another 62 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**