



## 2013 Legislative Priorities and Positions

(Approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board - January 9, 2013)

### Top priorities:

1. Enact legislation to prohibit the use of hand-held electronic devices while driving.
2. Protect the State Transportation Trust Fund and the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund
3. Authorize a \$2.50/day local option rental car surcharge (implemented through a public referendum) with proceeds committed to regional transit projects.

### We support legislation that:

1. Increases funding to improve pedestrian safety awareness programs and pedestrian facility improvements.
2. Preserves the existing coordinated system for paratransit (Access Lynx) service.
3. Allows for multiple counties to come together for implementation of either the Infrastructure Sales Tax or the Charter County Transportation Surtax through a regional voter referendum with the outcome binding on all counties.
4. Allows for the one-cent municipal option sales tax for cities with a population in excess of 150,000.
5. Returns all motor vehicle fees to the State Transportation Trust Fund.
6. Seeks funds from the legislature for the implementation of quiet zones along the 61-mile SunRail corridor.
7. Includes proviso language from the legislature for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to work with the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation and appropriate metropolitan planning organizations to “Close the Gaps” in the statewide trail system with a plan submitted to the legislature by December 30, 2013 and progress reports submitted each year for the next three years.

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**We will monitor legislation that:**

1. Could establish another regional transportation authority in Central Florida
2. Proposes changes in Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes pertaining to MPO operations and Board composition.

**Other**

Make clear to the Central Florida legislative delegation that MetroPlan Orlando supports public-private partnerships as a means of advancing the development of our regional transportation system.