

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – MPO'S ROLE

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Memphis Urban Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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# What is the Memphis MPO?

Shelby County, TN

- Entire county

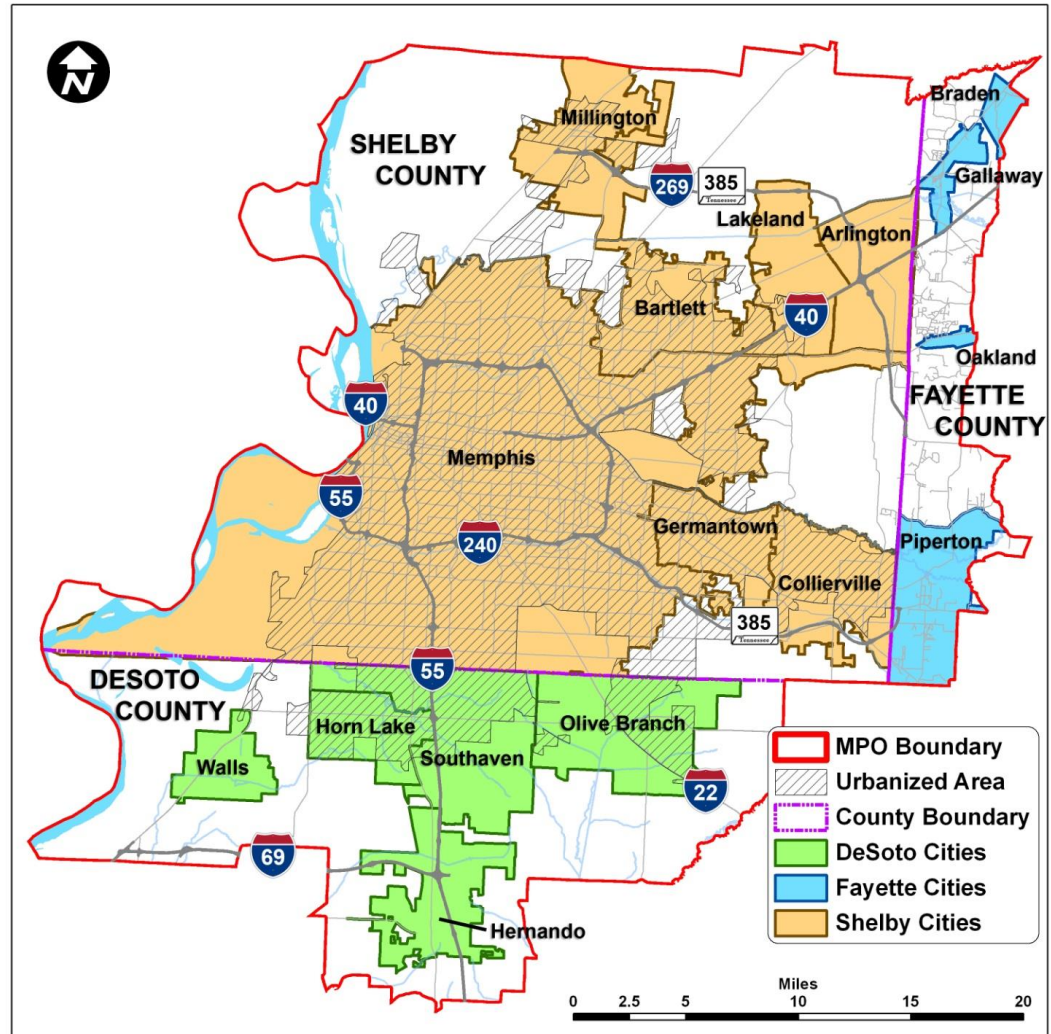
DeSoto County, MS

- Northern 10 miles

Fayette County, TN

- Western 4 miles

\* Federal Law requires a regional outlook for transportation planning. As such, planning needs have to reflect the region's shared vision for its future.



# The Role of the MPO

**Federal Funding for  
Transportation:  
MAP-21**



**Funding Allocated to  
Each State  
TN, MS**



**Memphis  
Urban Area  
MPO**

# MPO Planning

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)– 20 Years

Automobile, Transit, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Freight, Rail, Airport, Port



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Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Every 4 Years

*\*Note:* freight facilities are generally privately managed and operated, but their impact on local roads and highways requires investments from state and local jurisdictions



# How Does MPO Address Freight Planning?

- Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)
  - Public Private Participation – **Chair** Mayor Mark Luttrell, Shelby County and **Vice Chair** Mr. Don Colvin, FedEx
    - **Private Sector:** Rail, Truck, Logistics, Real Estate, Intermodal
    - **Public Sector:** Airport, Port Authority, Economic Development, University of Memphis, Federal/State/Local Government (Tri State Region)
- MPO Plans and Studies
  - Identifying Regional Needs through stakeholder input
    - Over \$900 million in planned transportation investment over the next four years (Fiscal Years 2014-2017) i.e. 60 out of 146 projects with improvements to goods movement
    - For Example – Third Bridge, Lamar Ave, Holmes Road, I-269

# Next Steps

- Leveraging an increased federal focus on freight
  - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)
    - National Freight Policy- increased infrastructure investment
    - National Freight Network- targeted corridors for investment
    - National Freight Strategic Plan- implement best practices for improving goods movement efficiency now and into the future
- Freight Stakeholder Survey – identify critical issues
  - Regional Freight Profile – inventory regional assets
  - Truck Route Master Plan – define current and future corridors
  - Regional Freight Plan – coordinate future investment with future needs
  - Incorporate Freight Plan into LRTP

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