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Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 2, 10 a.m.
Technical Coordinating Committee

June 2, 6 p.m.
Citizens Advisory Committee

June 3, 9 a.m.
Transportation Disadvantaged
Coordinating Board

June 10, 10 a.m.
TPO Board Meeting

June 16, 2-4:30 p.m.
2060 Florida Transportation Plan
Regional Workshop
FDOT Urban Office Training Facility
2198 Edison Avenue

June 25, 10 -11:30 a.m.
North Florida Clean Cities Coalition
North Florida TPO Board Room

TPO Receives Environmental Award

The TPO recently received the Environmental Achievement Award for Government at the Jacksonville Mayor's Annual Environmental Luncheon. The event highlighted the accomplishments of the environmental community and honored those who made significant strides and achievements throughout the year. The TPO was recognized for leading the development of our region's Clean Cities Coalition to reduce foreign energy dependence, increase local economic opportunities and improve air quality.



Floridians Want More Transit

Since December, [The Florida Public Transportation Association](#) has been conducting an [online survey](#) regarding statewide attitudes among Floridians regarding public transit. Key findings include:

- 93% think that public transit is becoming increasingly important to Florida's future
- 79% agree that, "Florida needs to invest now in transit infrastructure to competitively attract jobs, tourists, retirees, and new business centers in the future"
- 66% of respondents say that, during a trip in Florida within the last month, they consciously wished that they had a convenient public transit option as an alternative to the costs and hassles of traffic and parking

American Power Act

On May 12, 2010 Senators Kerry and Lieberman introduced the [American Power Act](#) to increase energy independence and improve air quality. Of particular note is Section 1711 which addresses Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions through Transportation Efficiency. The bill amends the transportation planning process of states and metropolitan planning process to require the adoption of greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and strategies for inclusion in transportation plans and programs.

[The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations \(AMPO\)](#) has expressed concerns with how revenue from transportation-based motor fuel fees is directed in the proposed legislation, in that it would impose new fees on surface transportation system use and dedicate the vast majority of resulting revenue to activities entirely unrelated to improving the nation's transportation infrastructure.

We'd like to know [your take](#) on the proposed legislation.