



**ADVANCING**  
REGIONAL DECISION-MAKING

**Regional MPO Update  
Presentation to the  
Joint BOCC Roundtable**



June 5, 2026



# TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

1. Update on current Regional MPO efforts
2. Input from Joint BOCC Roundtable
3. Upcoming Steps & Timeline

# REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

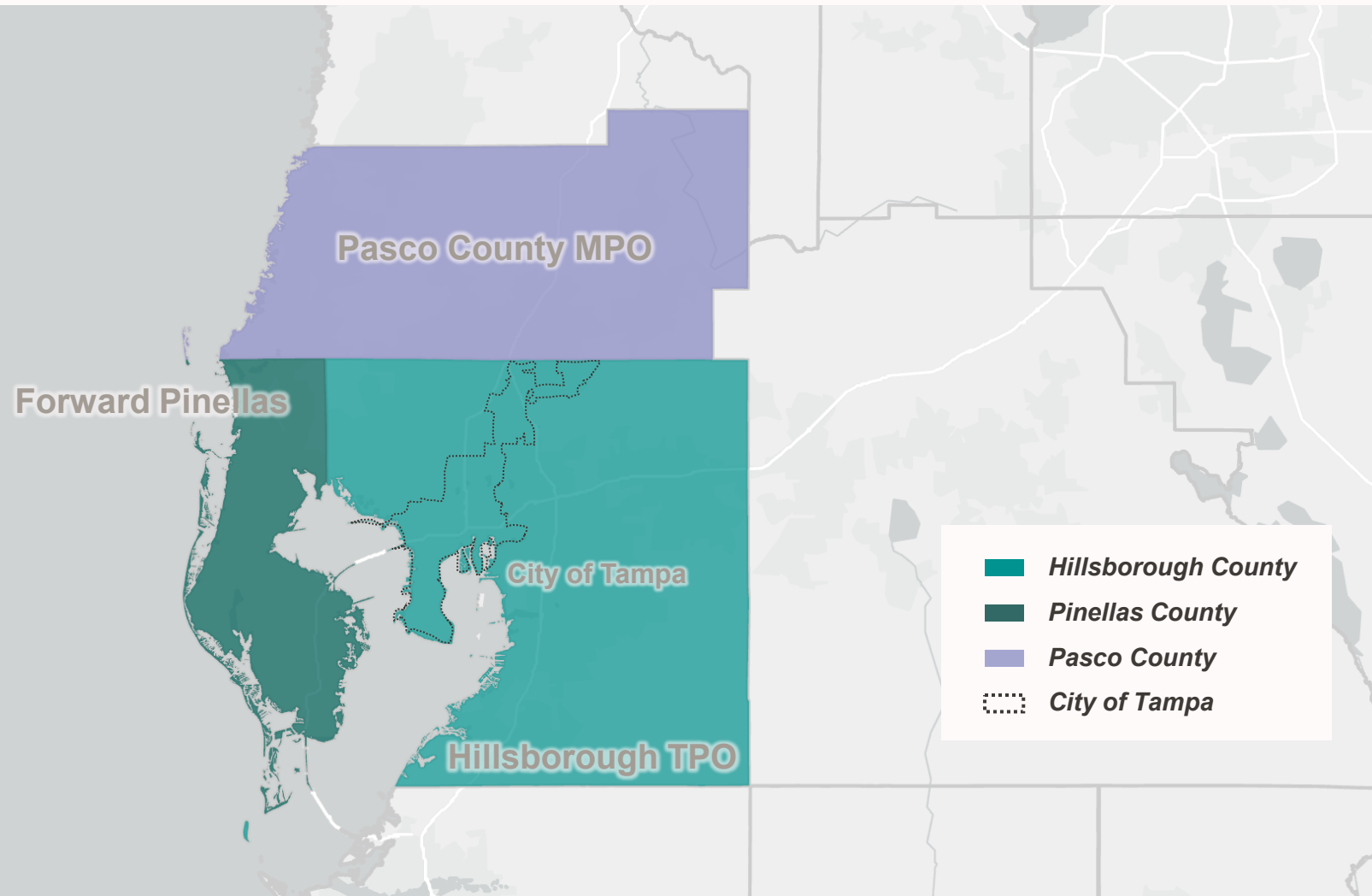
## 2020 Population

**Hillsborough TPO** **1.5M**  
City of Tampa > 50,000  
2 Cities < 50,000  
Population

**Pasco County** **0.6M**  
6 Cities < 50,000  
Population

**Forward Pinellas** **1.0M**  
4 Cities > 50,000  
20 Cities < 50,000  
Population

Source: 2020 U.S. Census



# Purpose of Regional MPO Efforts

- Recognition of the policy context for transportation and a broad unified voice across the region
- Fulfill core statutory requirements and allow for policy direction as determined by a new MPO Board
- Build on 2023 report to Florida Legislature and the Governor's Office and fulfill 2023 Memorandum of Understanding
- Accomplish TMA-agreed upon scope of services (FDOT JPA)

# WHAT WOULD A REGIONAL MPO DO?

Coordinate transportation planning across urbanized area

Prioritize federal transportation investments (e.g. SU funding)

Direct transportation investments in immediate 5 years (TIP) and for the next 20-30 years (LRTP)

Support state-mandated Transportation Disadvantaged Program across three counties

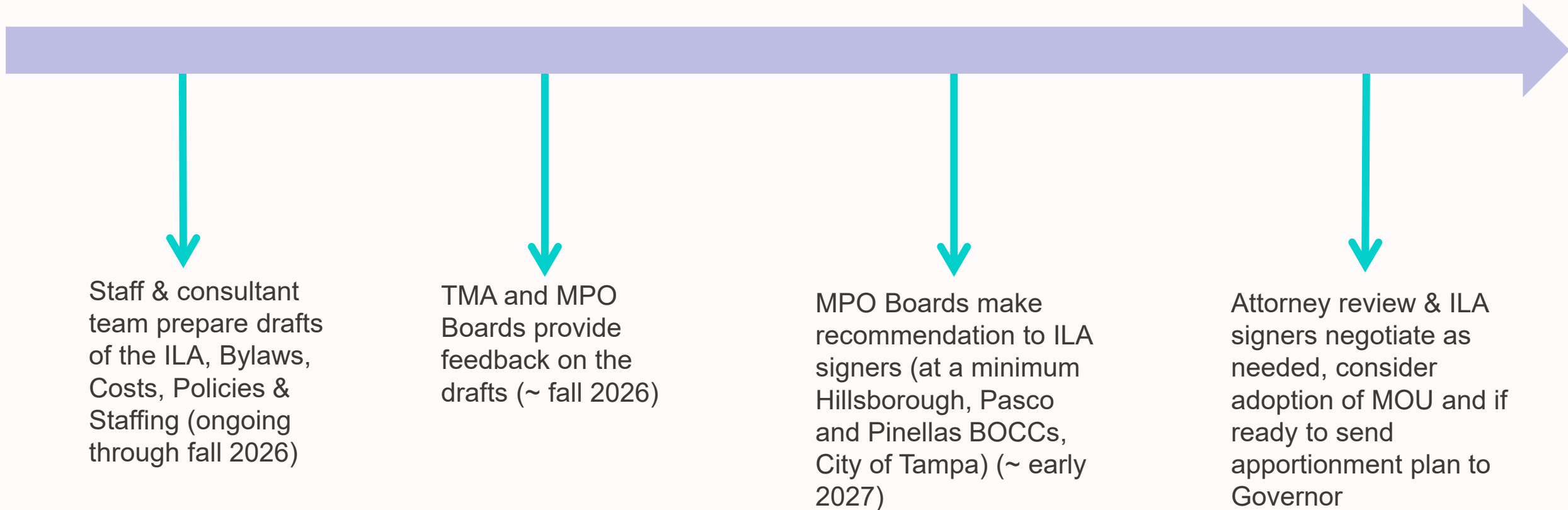
Replace current MPOs as they are today, and need for TMA Leadership Group

Conduct public outreach

Speak with a unified voice representing region

Strengthen regional coordination and ability to seek discretionary grants

# PROCESS FOR DESIGNATING REGIONAL MPO



# PROJECT DELIVERABLES

<b>Deliverable</b>	Draft Preferred Apportionment Plan	Draft Interlocal Agreement	Draft Bylaws
<b>Status</b>	In Progress: MPOs voted on recommendation for off-the-top and countywide allocations	In Progress	In Progress
<b>Next Step(s)</b>	Each MPO vote on recommendation for the seats in its county's delegation	Incorporate draft apportionment plan, feedback from potential signatories	Incorporate feedback from potential signatories

# PROJECT DELIVERABLES

<b>Deliverable</b>	Organizational Structure Evaluation Tech Memo	Draft Internal Policies and Procedures	Recommended Staffing Organizational Chart
<b>Status</b>	Complete: on website	In Progress: part of May authorization for Phase 2	In Progress: part of May authorization for Phase 2
<b>Next Step(s)</b>	N/A	Development of draft	Development of draft

# PROJECT DELIVERABLES

<b>Deliverable</b>	Agency Cost Details and proposed annual budget for first two years	Organizational Alternatives Report with Costs	Memorandum of Understanding Document with commitment to execute draft preferred apportionment plan
<b>Status</b>	In Progress: part of May authorization for Phase 2	In Progress: part of May authorization for Phase 2	In Progress: draft developed
<b>Next Step(s)</b>	Development of draft	Development of draft	Provide draft with ILA, bylaws, policies to reviewers

# Input from Joint BOCC Roundtable

**Executive Committee:** MPOs of this size often have an Executive Committee

- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer/Secretary
  - Rotation of positions by county
- Mirror Tampa Bay Water with an even number of members?
  - One at-large member from each county delegation?
- Committee role and responsibilities?
  - Policy recommendations
  - Executive Director evaluation

# Input from Joint BOCC Roundtable

**Voting:** Florida Statute currently requires the TIP & LRTP to be approved by a simple majority of those present at the meeting.

- Should any additional voting requirements be considered in the ILA or Bylaws?
  - A majority of each county delegation to approve:
    - Bylaws
    - LRTP
    - TIP

# Input from Joint BOCC Roundtable

**Funding/Hosting:** Hosts may provide upfront funding because MPO grants are reimbursement-based.

- There is a spectrum of fully hosted to independent-leaning to fully independent MPOs in Florida.
- What financial considerations should be taken into account with a regional MPO?
  - Per capita charge for all signatories?
- As the options for hosting/independent are being considered, what would be helpful information to provide to decisionmakers?



# WHAT'S NEXT

1. **Creation of draft set of complete documents (ILA, Bylaws, MOU, start up costs, policies)**
2. **Determine recommended apportionment plan (who signs ILA)**
3. **MPO Boards review draft, provide input and recommendation (anticipated by end of 2026)**
4. **Attorney review & ILA signers negotiate and consider supporting MOU (contingent on #3)**



# THANK YOU



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