

2035 LRTP PROJECT OVERVIEW

The update of the Miami-Dade County Long Range Transportation Plan to the Year 2035 is a primary activity in Miami-Dade County's transportation planning process to meet federal and state requirements for an update of the Transportation Plan every five years.

Federal law requires that the LRTP address minimum of a 20-year planning horizon from the date of the MPO adoption. The most recent LRTP update was adopted in November of 2004 and this proposed 2035 LRTP Update is anticipated to be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board in October 2009.

One of the major emphases of this Plan Update will be the consideration of the projects in the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) that are currently unfunded in the budget and what priority these remaining projects should have in to the LRTP. Despite the availability of transportation revenue from the half-penny sales tax, there will continue to be an emphasis on increasing the efficiency of the current infrastructure, particularly in light of the soaring construction costs. This emphasis will include more in-depth consideration of intermodal improvement opportunities, freight movement, Intelligent Transportation System technologies, and Congestion Management Process (per SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users Transportation, 23 CFR 450.320 and accompanying regulations) techniques than in previous updates. Innovative ways to enhance mobility throughout the county will be sought. Additionally there will continue to be an increased emphasis on operations and management of both the highway and transit systems. Further, quality-of-life issues and non-motorized modes of transportation will continue to be given increased attention as a part of the Plan Update. Review and comply with provisions in SAFETEA-LU regulations, 23 CFR 450 and the eight planning factors found in 23 CFR 450.306.