

# FDOT Work Program/STIP Public Involvement Process

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) incorporates public involvement in the development of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Work Program planning process as codified in federal and state statutes (23 CFR 450.210 and 339.135, F.S.). The Work Program is a list of all planned transportation system improvements funded through FDOT for a five-year period. The STIP is a required federal planning document that covers a four-year period. Projects in the STIP and Work Program are drawn from the same database of projects. As a result, the STIP is a 4-year subset of the projects from FDOT's Five-Year Work Program.

Federal law (23 CFR 450.210) requires that each State include the opportunity for public review and comment during the development of the STIP. The law emphasizes early and continuous public involvement opportunities, reasonable public access to technical and policy information, and adequate public notice of activities. State statutes (339.135, F.S.) specifies that each FDOT District hold at least one public hearing and requires coordination with each metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The law also requires that the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) conducts a statewide public hearing for the Work Program.

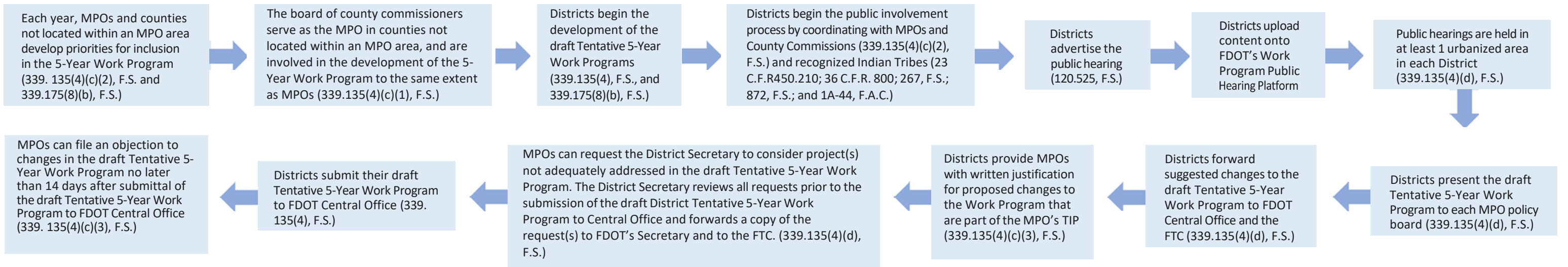
The public involvement process begins at the District level (and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise). Each fall, the Districts coordinate with MPOs and counties outside of MPO areas to develop a draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Each FDOT District then conducts a public hearing to allow the public to participate. To enhance the public participation experience, FDOT developed a statewide web-based platform where the public can review the draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program, review projects through a GIS mapping application, learn about the scheduled public hearings, and submit comments. This Work Program Public Hearing website supports FDOT's process of encouraging participation by providing virtual options for participation in addition to the in-person public hearings.

After the public hearings, the Districts present the draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program to each MPO board for final review where the public can participate and comment. All Districts then submit their draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program to FDOT Central Office where it is compiled into a statewide Tentative Work Program and submitted to the Governor, Legislature, FTC, and FloridaCommerce. The FTC then conducts its own statewide public hearing in accordance with state law. This provides another opportunity for the public to comment and share their input. The Tentative Five-Year Work Program is then submitted to the Governor and legislature for budget approval. The FDOT Secretary adopts the Work Program by July 1<sup>st</sup> and then the STIP is submitted to FHWA for approval prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

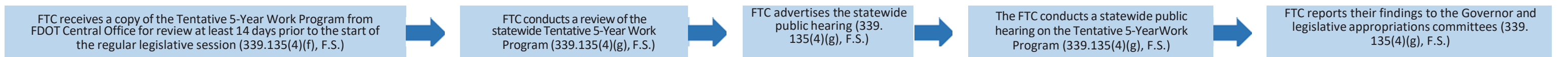


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## FDOT District Offices



## Florida Transportation Commission (FTC)



## FDOT Central Offices

