



## **Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization**

### **2016 Federal Legislative Priorities**

Adopted October 26, 2015

- Support significant federal transportation legislation that increases funding levels and provides a long-term, self-sustaining and predictable transportation and infrastructure program.
- Reduce unnecessary federal regulations in order to lower project costs and expedite project construction, including elimination of federal restrictions that prevent implementation of innovative transportation mobility alternatives.
- Support more equitable rate of return of federal gas tax revenues to the State of Florida of 97%, as referenced in MAP-21.
- Continue efforts to provide transportation funding streams for increased flexibility and improved efficiency, and eliminate federal restrictions that hold back implementation of innovative transportation mobility alternatives.
- Support continued investments for Port Manatee, strategically serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties and all Southwest Florida, as the closest deepwater cargo port in the United States to the Panama Canal and Cuba.