What is a Planning Organization?
101 Series Lesson Plan

—Who are the Planning Organizations
—How do they differ (COG/MPO)?
—What do they do?
—How are they structured?
—What are their responsibilities?
Who are the Planning Organizations?

Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Akron Urban League
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City of Cleveland
City of Youngstown
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Cleveland State University
Cuyahoga County
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Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
Fund for Our Economic Future
Lorain County Growth Partnership
Mahoning County
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning & Development Organization
Policy Bridge
Regional Prosperity Initiative
Stark County
Stark County Regional Planning Commission/
Stark County Area Transportation Study
Summit County
Summit County Health District
Trumbull County

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Who are the Planning Organizations?

What is a Planning Organization?
What do Planning Organizations do?

- Maintains required certifications and planning documents to qualify the region for federal and state funding.
- Is responsible for a variety of federal, state, and local planning and project implementation programs.
What is a Planning Organization?

- Is a transportation policy-making and planning body with representatives of local, state & federal government and transportation authorities.
- Ensures federal spending on transportation occurs through a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing (3-C) process.
- Is required in urbanized areas with over 50,000 people.
What is a Planning Organization?

How are they structured?

- General Policy Board
- Finance Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Executive Director
- Transportation Planning
- Comprehensive Planning
- Administration
- Procurement
- Fiscal
- GIS
- Transit
- Congestion Management
- Public Works
- Environmental
- Highway
- Specialized Transportation
- Public Information
- Economic Development
- And more...
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How are they structured?

General Policy Board
- Elected officials representing the political jurisdictions of the planning area.
- Recommends and coordinates local plans, policy statements and service programs.

Finance Committee
- Elected officials from the General Policy Board.
- Responsible for budget development and fiscal recommendations.

Technical Advisory Committee
- Engineering and planning officials from the area.
- Assists with technical reviews, studies and in depth investigations.

Citizens Advisory Board
- Residents from the area.
- Responsible for maximizing and insuring citizen representation and participation.

SAMPLE STRUCTURE FROM EASTGATE

General Policy Board

Finance Committee

Technical Advisory Committee

Citizens Advisory Board
What is a Planning Organization?

What are their responsibilities?

Maintain a Long Range Transportation Plan
- Required 20-year regional transportation plan that qualifies the region for federal funding.
- Comprehensive review of all modes of transportation and recommended improvements.

Administer the Transportation Improvement Program
- Short range (4-year) transportation plan.
- Approximately $9.2 million allocated to Eastgate each year.
- Surface Transportation, Congestion Mitigation and Transportation Enhancement projects.
- Brings additional federal dollars to region.
  - In Fiscal Years 07-09, over $110 million in federal transportation dollars secured with less than a 10% local match from community general funds.
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**Maintain required certifications and planning documents to qualify the region for federal and state funding.**
- Long Range Transportation Plan
- 208 Water Quality Management Plan
- Transit Development Plan
- Regional Economic Development Plan
- Intelligent Transportation Inventory
- Congestion Management Plan
- Watershed Action Plans

**Involve the public.**
- Public Involvement Process
- Environmental Justice

**Establish a fair and impartial setting for regional cooperation.**

**Manage a variety of federal, state, and local planning and project implementation programs.**
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Clean Ohio Program
- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Ohio Public Works Commission
- Rideshare Program
- Specialized Transportation Program

**Provide services.**
- Traffic Counting
- Traffic Crash Data
- Aerial Photograph Library
- Procurement Program
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Coming together to create a vibrant, sustainable and competitive Northeast Ohio

NEO Sustainable Communities Consortium