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Tom has worked with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for 33 years. He has served in a number of positions around the United States. His most recent assignments with the FHWA include the following:

Division Administrator, Charleston, West Virginia (Since August 1999)  
Acting Associate Administrator for Civil Rights, FHWA HQ, 2008-2009  
Central Artery/Tunnel Project Administrator, Boston, Massachusetts  
Assistant Division Administrator, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

He completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering at North Carolina State University and is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

### HISTORY

The name of FHWA has changed over the years, but the agency has been in existence since 1893 and began under the United States Department of Agriculture as the Office of Road Inquiry. The FHWA was established in 1967 as one of the operating administrations of the United States Department of Transportation. Over the years the name of the nation's highway agency has changed from:

- Office of Road Inquiry (1893-1898)
- Office of Public Road Inquiries (1899-1905)
- Office of Public Roads (1905-1915)
- Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering (1915-1918)
- Bureau of Public Roads (1918-1939)
- Public Roads Administration (1939-1949)
- Bureau of Public Roads (1949-1967)
- Federal Highway Administration (1967-Present)

The most recent law under which FHWA operated was the 2005 Act called (SAFETEA-LU) Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. As of February 2011, FHWA is operating under an extension of this Act and a reauthorization bill is being debated in Congress.

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## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are agencies that came into law via the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 for the purpose of providing local input for urban transportation planning. Federal transportation funds are allocated to cities with populations of greater than 50,000 for the express purpose of providing transportation planning for the MPO area.

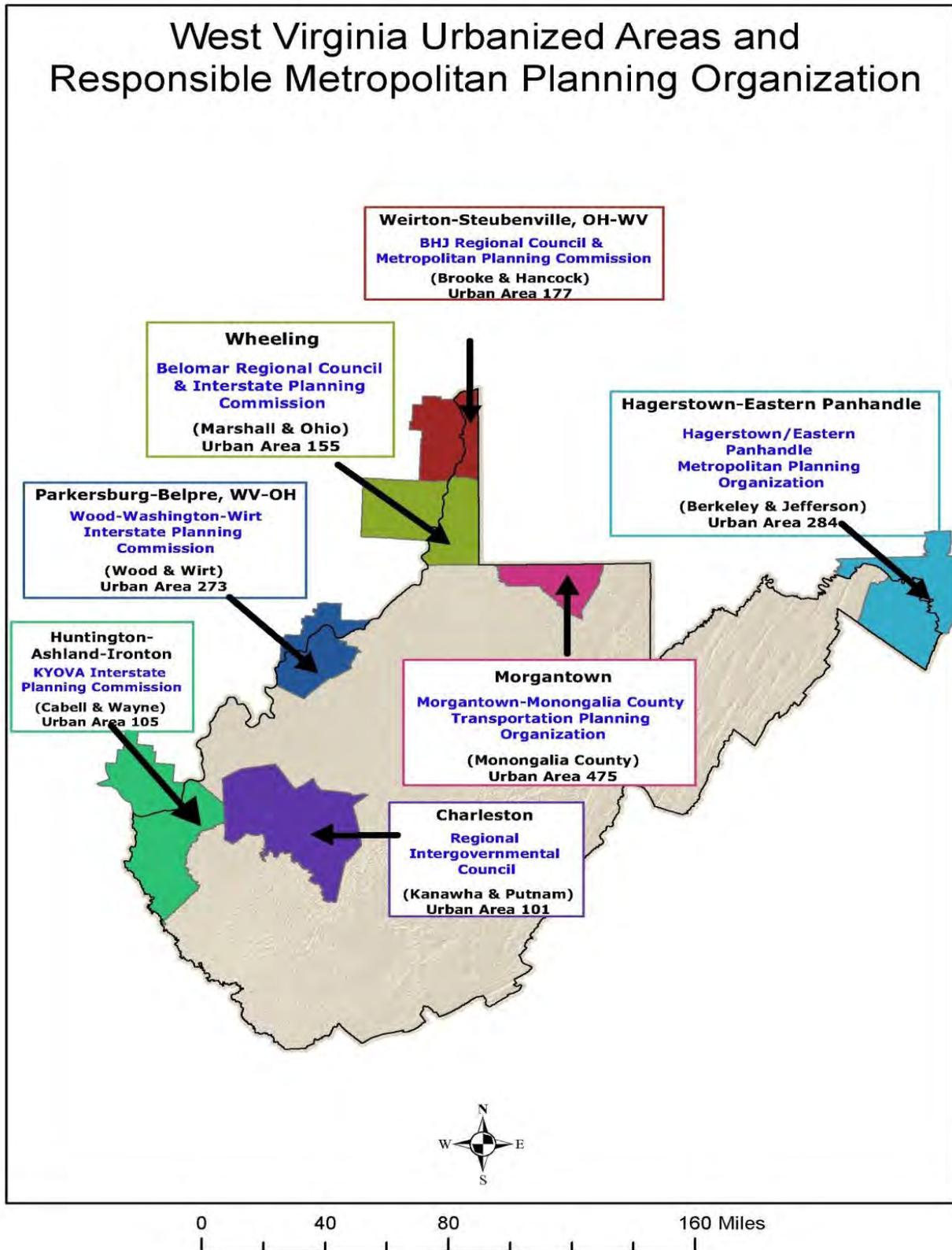
The mission of an MPO is to provide comprehensive, coordinated and continuous (the "3Cs") transportation planning for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods consistent with the region's overall economic, social and environmental goals. Special emphasis is placed on providing equal access to a variety of transportation choices and effective public involvement in the transportation planning process. There are more than 300 MPOs across the country. Most MPOs are part of a city, county or area regional planning council.

In West Virginia, there are currently seven Metropolitan Planning Organizations as summarized on the following pages. Information can also be found on the following website link.

<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/planning/statewide/Pages/wvmmpo.aspx>

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### CHARLESTON URBANIZED AREA- URBAN AREA CODE 101 Regional Intergovernmental Council (RIC)

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Counties within Transportation Planning Area:  
Kanawha & Putnam (WV)  
Website: <http://www.wvregion3.org/>



### HAGERSTOWN-MARTINSBURG URBANIZED AREA- URBAN CODE 284 Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Counties within Transportation Planning Area:  
Washington (MD), Franklin (PA),  
Berkeley (WV), Jefferson (WV)  
Website: <http://www.hepmpo.net/>

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## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

HUNTINGTON-IRONTON URBANIZED AREA- URBAN AREA CODE 105  
KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission



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Counties within Transportation Planning Area:  
Lawrence (OH), Cabell & Wayne (WV)  
Website: <http://www.wvs.state.wv.us/kyova/>

MORGANTOWN URBANIZED AREA- URBAN AREA CODE 475  
Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Website: <http://www.plantgether.org/>

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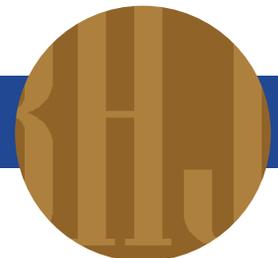
PARKERSBURG- BELPRE URBANIZED AREA- URBAN AREA CODE 273  
Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission



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Counties within Transportation Planning Area:  
Washington (OH), Wood (WV)  
Website: <http://www.triplew.org/>

WEIRTON-STEUBENVILLE URBANIZED AREA- URBAN AREA CODE 177  
BHJ Regional Council & Metropolitan Planning Commission



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Counties within Transportation Planning Area:  
Brooke & Hancock (WV), Jefferson (OH)  
Website: <http://www.bhjmpc.org/>

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## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

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Belomar Regional Council and Interstate Planning Commission



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Website: <http://www.belomar.org/>