

The Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum

A Case Study

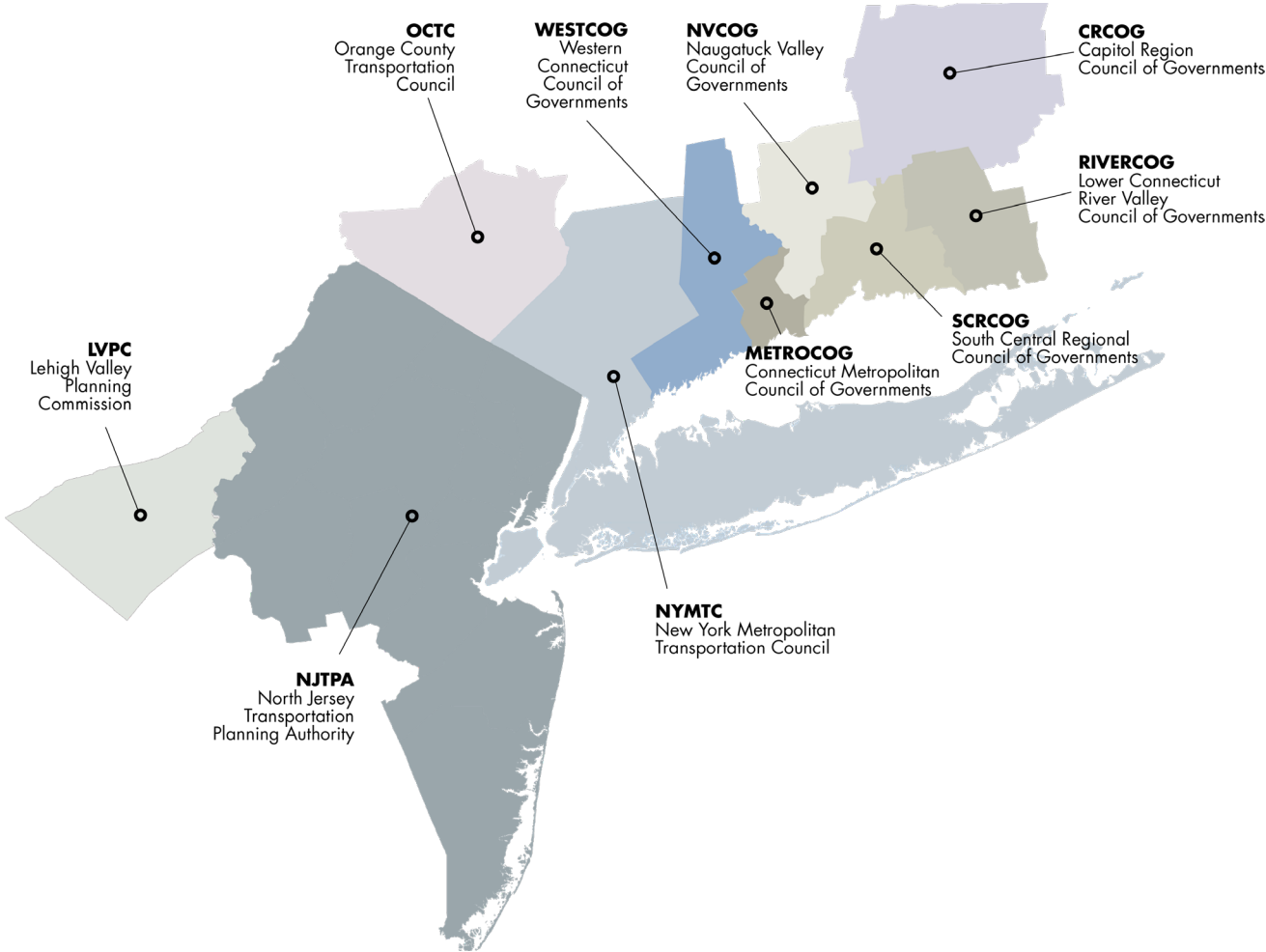
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What is the MAP Forum?



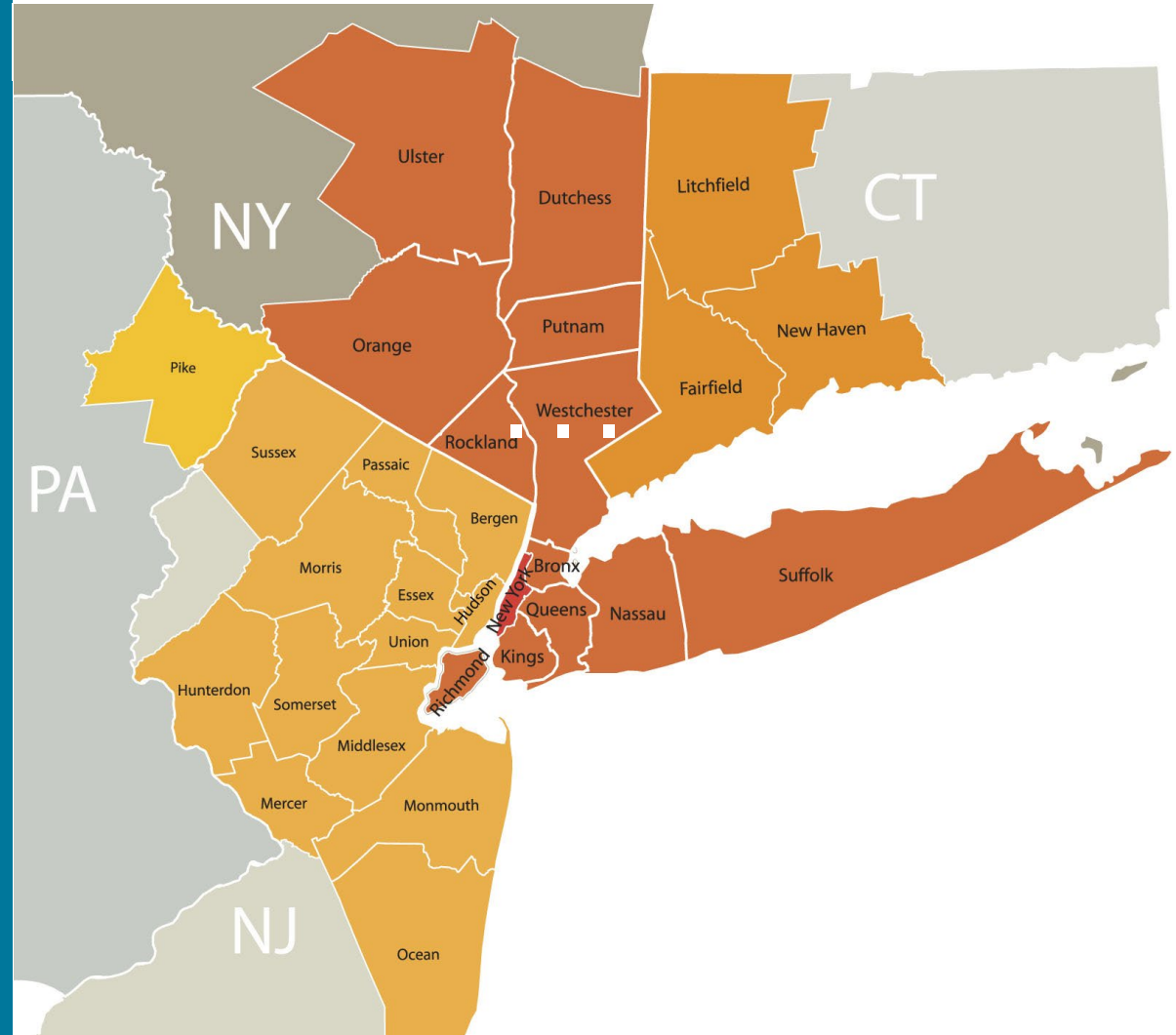
- A voluntary agreement between ten metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and councils of governments (COGs) in four states which acknowledges:
 - **Socio-economic and environmental interdependence**, as evidenced through shared ecosystems, interconnected transportation systems and inter-related patterns of employment and population; and
 - That the members are within or are adjacent to a **federally-designated Transportation Management Area (TMA)** and
 - The members together constitute **one of the nation's largest travelsheds.**

MAP Forum Member MPOs & COGs

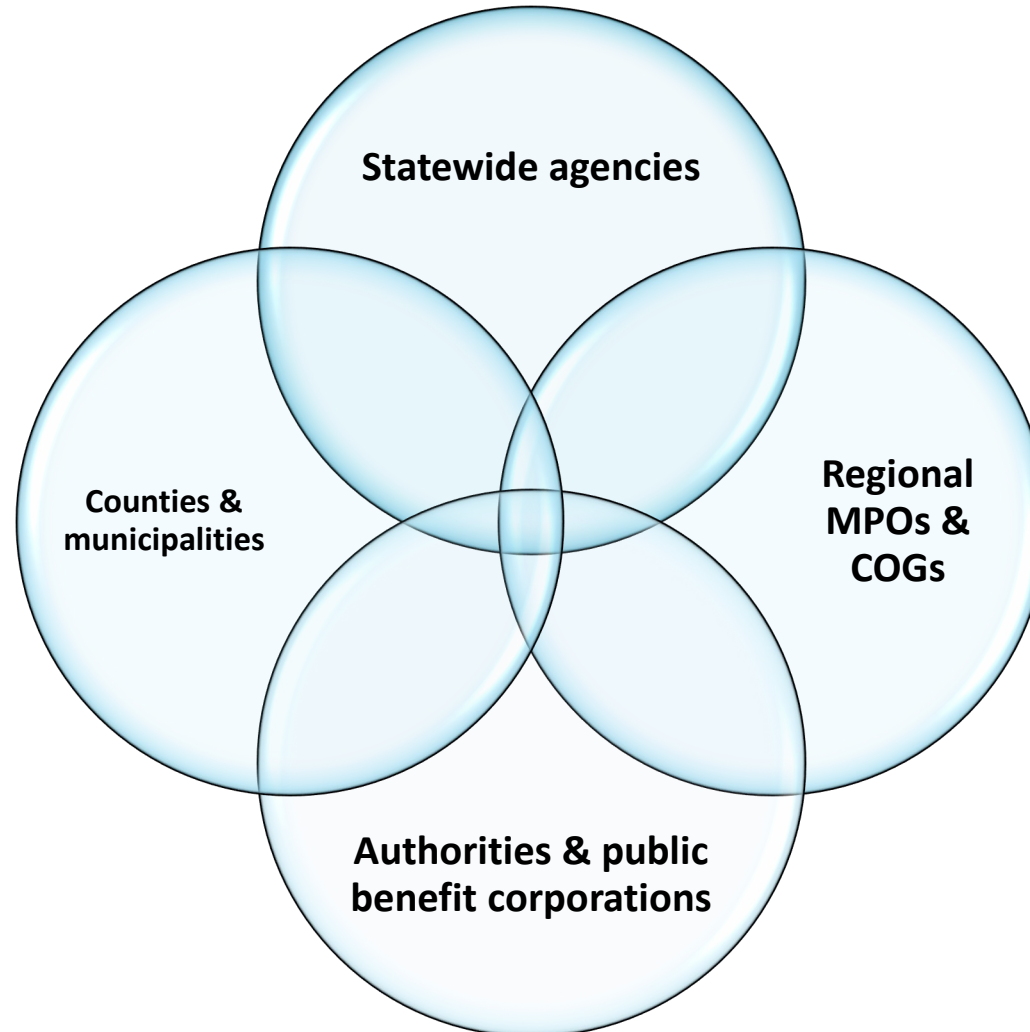


A political/
jurisdictional
context . . .

*A large, complex
multi-state region . .*



Transportation Planning in the Multi-State Region



An historical context . . .

Regional cooperation in the New York City metropolitan region

The “City of Greater New York” – A Metropolitan Government?

1874 - the section of the Bronx west of the Bronx River annexed to the City and County of New York (Manhattan)

1894 - the City of Brooklyn expanded by annexing all of the other towns and cities in Kings County

January 1, 1898 -- consolidation of the existing City of New York with the East Bronx, Brooklyn, the western part of Queens County, and Staten Island

1899 - Queens County's three eastern towns separated to form the new Nassau County.

Evolution of Regional Planning in the Public Sector

1956 – Metropolitan
Regional Council

1959 – NY-NJ
transportation study
group

1961 – Tri-State
Transportation
Committee

1965 – Tri-State
Regional Planning
Commission

1982 – Commission dissolved

1982 to present – smaller
councils focused on
transportation

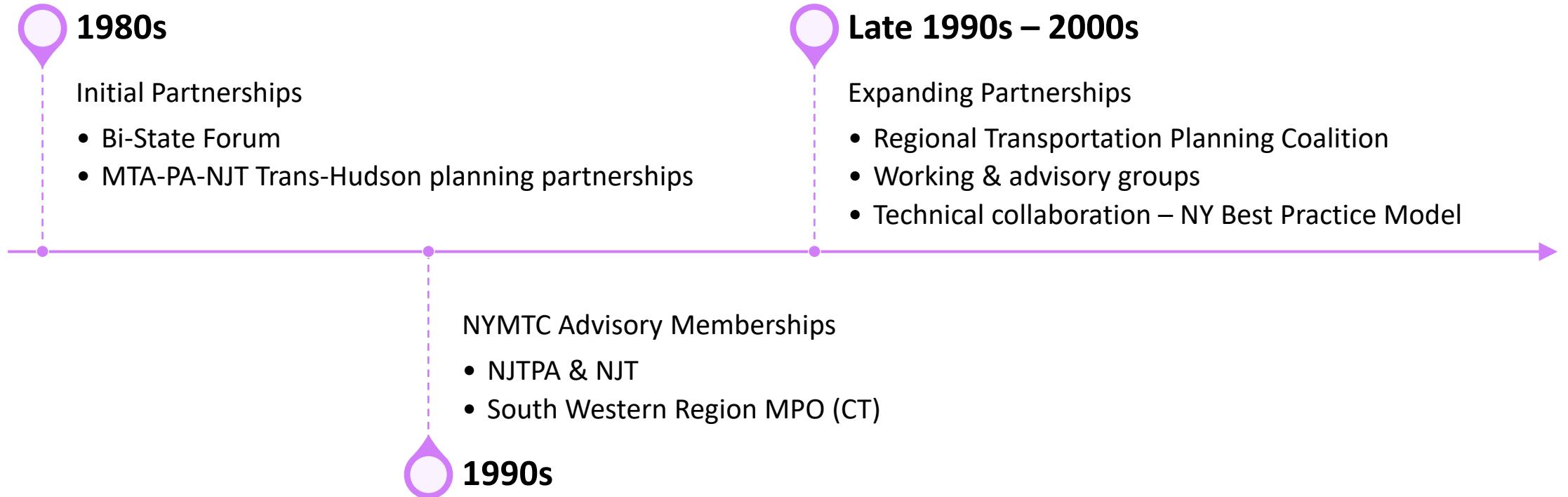


In Tri-State's wake . . .

Eight smaller MPOs
with a focus on
transportation
planning

MPOs organized at
different scales in
each of the states

Initial Development of Partnerships



New Needs, New Partnerships

Regional Transportation Planning Coalition formalized as the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum

New York-Connecticut
Sustainable Communities
Consortium and Together
North Jersey

New York-New Jersey-
Connecticut Hurricane Sandy
Transportation Vulnerability
Assessment and Adaptation
Analysis Project

A regulatory context . . .

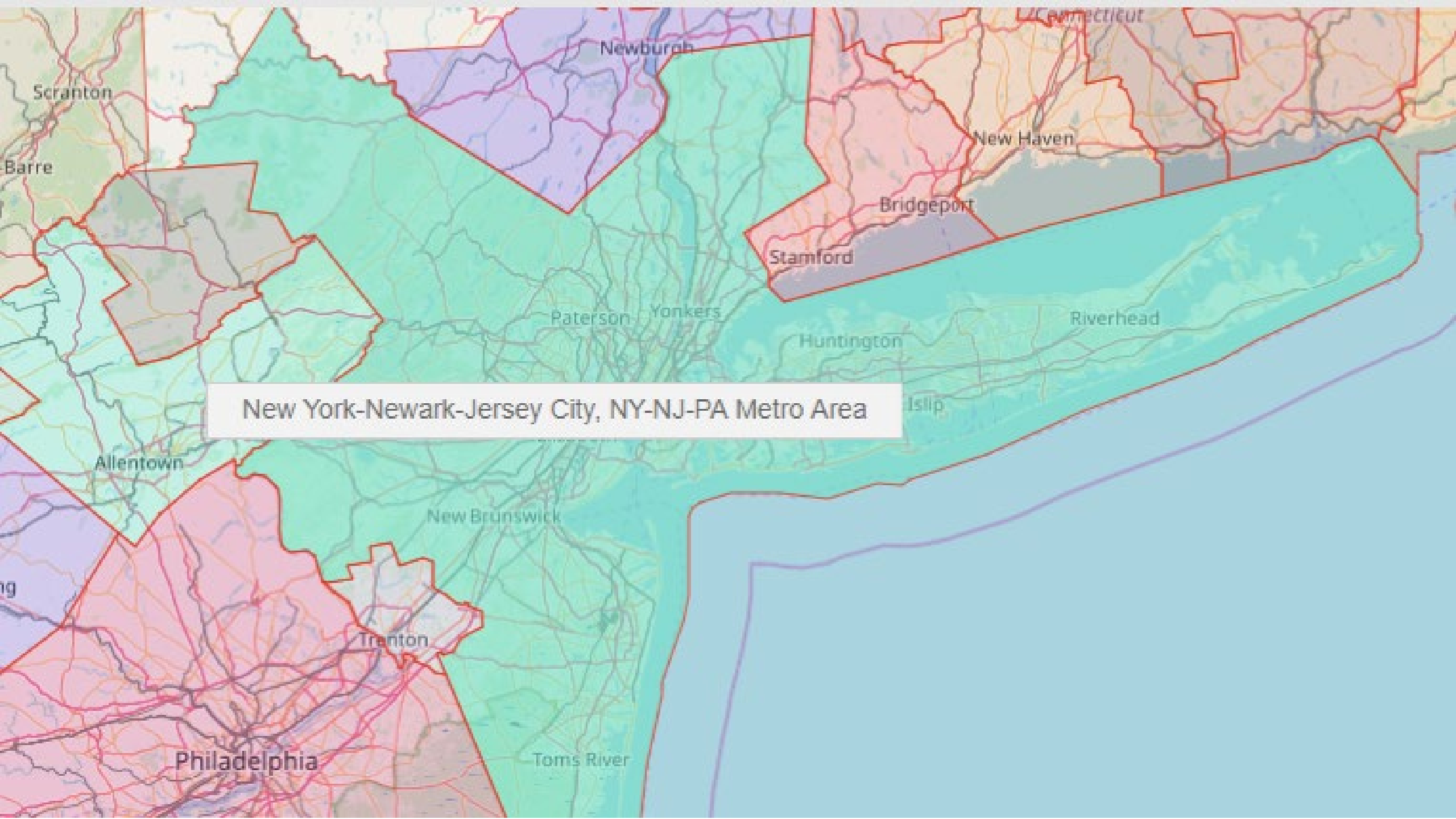
Federal Requirements

- The MAP Forum constitutes a multi-state, multi-party agreement which addresses:

- The requirements of 23 CFR 450.314(e) –

If more than one MPO has been designated to serve an urbanized area there shall be a written agreement among the MPOs, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) describing how

- *The metropolitan transportation planning processes will be coordinated to assure the development of consistent metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs,*
- *Particularly in cases in which a proposed transportation investment extends across the boundaries of more than one MPA.*
- *The metropolitan transportation planning processes for affected MPOs should, to the maximum extent possible, reflect coordinated data collection, analysis, and planning assumptions.*



New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area

Multi-State Coordination

- The MAP Forum facilitates coordination in the development of the mandated planning products, as well as:
 - An opportunity for each member's products and activities to take into account those of the others;
 - Avoiding duplication of effort where possible;
 - Reflecting consistency of approaches where possible; and
 - Considering the interests of all participating members.

Evolution of the MAP Forum. . .

Organizational Development

Late 1990s

- Regional Transportation Planning Coalition

2017

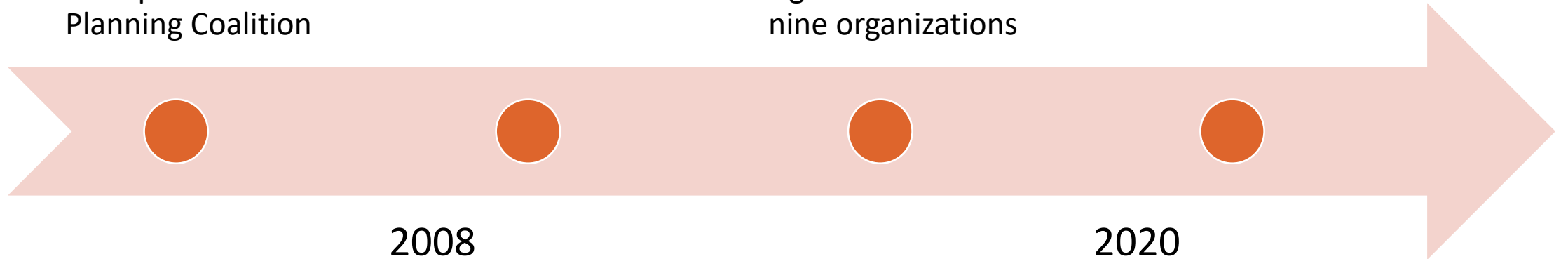
- Revised MOU signed between nine organizations

2008

- Initial MOU signed between five organizations

2020

- Tenth organization added



Expanded Membership and Partnership

NEW MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Reorganized COGs (CT) - **2017**
- Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (PA) --
2017
- Orange County Transportation Council (NY) –
2017
- South Central Regional Council of
Governments (CT) – **2017**
- Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of
Governments (CT) - **2017**
- Capitol Region Council of Governments (CT) -
2020

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- South Jersey Transportation Planning
Organization (NJ)
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning
Commission (NJ & PA)
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of
Governments (CT)

Work Program Development

Key considerations

- MAP Forum MOU provides organizational and strategic guidance
- MAP Forum resources are derived from member organization staff and funding
- MAP Forum activities rely solely on member organization resources and their limitations

Initial program

- Process integration – products, data & analysis
- Multi-jurisdictional projects and planning issues
- Boundary projects

Subsequent Program Development

Shared resources

- Website/information portal <https://map-forum-njtpa.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Dashboard
- Review of modelling, forecasting and data capabilities
 - Obtained FHWA technical assistance in coordinating and optimizing data collection and analytical capabilities

Joint activities

- Multi-MPO narrative
- Public health emergency
- Study coordination
- Freight and resilience data coordination

Working groups

- Freight
- Mobility
- Resilience

Joint studies

- Clean Freight Corridors
- Freight Land Use
- Waste Movement



Questions?