

Planning Acronyms

LDC- Hillsborough County Land Development Code

LRTP - Long Range Transportation Plan: A 20-year forecast plan required of state planning agencies and MPO's; must consider a wide range of social, environmental, energy and economic factors in determining overall regional goals and consider how transportation can best meet these goals.

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization: The forum for cooperative transportation decision-making; required for urbanized areas with populations over 50,000.

Suncoast Expressway

The 42-mile-long Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) proceeds north from the Veterans Expressway to [US 98](#) in [Hernando County, Florida](#), near [Chassahowitzka](#).^[8] Drivers of automobiles traveling the entire length of the Suncoast Parkway pay \$3.00 US toll. The Suncoast Parkway is the first [Florida's Turnpike Enterprise](#) toll road to feature [open road tolling](#). The three mainline toll plazas on the [Suncoast Parkway](#) feature bypasses where those paying cash remain on the mainline and stop at the toll plaza while those with [Sunpass](#) or related transponders exit the mainline roadway, bypass the toll plaza and then re-enter the mainline. This differs from other [open road tolling](#) locations in Florida where transponder users remain on the mainline and bypass toll booths built to the side.

Veterans Express Way

The Veterans Expressway is the north-south portion of what was the [Northwest Hillsborough Expressway](#), originally proposed in the 1960s as the northwest beltway around Tampa's outer limits. As the plans finalized, the communities along the route grew, leading to rising land costs and opposition to the expressway dividing the towns. [Lutz](#) was especially vocal, eventually rallying state politicians to cancel the expressway construction altogether. By the mid-1980s, the expressway was broken in two segments, the Veterans Expressway and the Lutz Expressway. In the early 1990s, the [Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority](#) began to build the Veterans Expressway, but was depleted of funds, leading to [Florida's Turnpike Enterprise](#) purchasing the right of way using the existing design to complete construction of the expressway. State Road 589 was designated the Veterans Expressway in 1992 and was completed in October 1994.