



PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

PO Box 1110 Tampa, FL 33601-1110
(813) 307-4754

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

Ken Hagan
Pat Kemp
Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr.
Sandra L. Murman
Kimberly Overman
Mariella Smith
Stacy R. White

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Michael S. Merrill

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Christine M. Beck

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Peggy Caskey


MEMORANDUM

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

John W. Lyons

DATE: November 13, 2019

TO: Johnny Wong, PhD, Senior Planner, Hillsborough County MPO

FROM:  John W. Lyons, PE, PSM, Assistant County Administrator – Public Works

SUBJECT: Responses to Questions/Comments - October IOC Meeting

Please see below responses to the questions/comments made at the October IOC meeting.

1. *Request to provide a table listing all projects, especially resurfacing project.*

Please see attached project lists for the Resurfacing, Bridge and Sidewalk Repair programs. The 2020 Project Plan submittal contains project lists for the other programs.

2. *Questions about whether projects are treating existing or projected deficiencies.*

The projects included in the 2020 Project Plan address existing deficiencies.

3. *Request to identify which projects are using funds reserved for new auto lane capacity.*

Only the four projects listed in the Remaining Funds Work Plan category include new auto lane capacity. The projects are listed in the 2020 Project Plan as "Corridor Complete Street Improvements Program – With Vehicle Capacity", and the list includes Gibsonton Drive, Lutz Lake Fern Road, Orient Road, and Sligh Avenue.

4. *Request to clarify the definition of a "Complete Street."*

The attached Program Overview and Methodology prepared by Kimley Horn for the 2020 Project Plan, describes the types of enhancements included in the Corridor Complete Streets Improvements projects.

5. *Question about lane additions on pg6 and whether that project description aligns with description in 2045 LRTP.*

These projects descriptions align with the descriptions in the draft 2045 LRTP, which were provided to the MPO by Hillsborough County.

6. *Question about how projects are prioritized in Hillsborough County*

The attached Program Overview and Methodology prepared by Kimley Horn for the 2020 Project Plan, describes the initial project screening and preliminary data analysis that were used to formulate this first year plan. In addition, consistent with the charter amendment, the County's 2020 plan also includes planning and development efforts for future projects. Specifically, funds have been allocated for countywide master planning, to include setting guiding principles for identification, prioritization and implementation, as well as consideration of community plans, existing and future land use, and multi-agency local and regional transportation plans.

7. *Request to provide additional detail or clarification about how project delivery expenses will be allocated.*

Program and project delivery includes annual contractual and software services, vehicles, equipment, and in-house personnel required to plan, program and deliver the expanded transportation surtax programs. Details on how the funds will be distributed between personnel, operating and capital budgets, will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval as a Budget Amendment to allocate the Surtax funds.

8. *Request for additional detail about the CCTVs.*

Closed-circuit (CCTV) traffic cameras are used by Hillsborough County Traffic Engineers to observe vehicle traffic on the County's roadway network. The cameras are typically mounted to the top of a traffic signal and are connected with optical fibers buried alongside the road to the County's traffic management center (TMC). The cameras allow traffic engineers to monitor traffic conditions as well as identify and support incident response, such as a crash.

9. *Question about whether developers are required to fund/partially fund new road construction.*

Hillsborough County's mobility fee program provides for new impact-generating development to mitigate its proportionate impacts on the mobility network through payment of a mobility fee, the revenues of which contribute to fund new capital improvements necessitated by new development.

10. *Question about how projects are coordinated with other agencies, e.g. Columbus.*

Hillsborough County coordinates regularly with partner agencies. Staff coordination meetings are conducted quarterly with the City of Tampa and FDOT, and with other municipalities as needed, on ongoing projects and initiatives.

JWL:jb
Attachments

cc: Michael S. Merrill, County Administrator
Lucia E. Garsys, AICP, Deputy Development & Infrastructure Administrator
Christine M. Beck, County Attorney
Samuel Hamilton, Chief Assistant County Attorney