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Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 8:30 AM

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Workshop on Transportation Improvement Program Priorities

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Committee Members & Welcome of Other MPO Board Members (Clerk)

III. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2021 and March 10, 2021

IV. Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker, please

V. Discussion Items

a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Process (Johnny Wong, MPO Staff)

   - Funded Projects, FY 22 - 26
   - Priorities for Future Funding, FY 27 or as funds are available
b. **Priority Project Candidates for This Year** (Beth Alden, MPO Director)
   - City of Plant City (Mark Hudson)
   - City of Tampa (Vik Bhide)
   - City of Temple Terrace (Celeste Lau)
   - HART (Chris Cochran)
   - Heights Mobility Plan interagency collaboration (Alex Henry, FDOT)
   - Hillsborough County (John Patrick)
   - Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (Bob Frey)

c. **FDOT Work Program outlook** (FDOT representative)

VI. **Old & New Business**

VII. **Adjournment**

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MPO Policy Meeting of Wednesday, February 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The Chairman, Commissioner Pat Kemp called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance. The regular monthly meeting was held in-person and virtual via Webex.

The following members were present in person:

Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Charles Klug and Joe Waggoner.

The following members were present virtually:

Commissioner Mariella Smith, Commissioner Kimberly Overman and Councilman Guido Maniscalco.

MPO Board Members Councilman Joseph Citro and Derek Doughty were present in person and Jessica Vaughn was present virtually.

A quorum was met in person.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 26, 2020 and September 22, 2020 and January 13, 2021

Chair Commissioner Cohen sought a motion to approve the May 26, 2020, September 22, 2020 and January 13, 2021 minutes. Councilman Maniscalco so moved; it was seconded by Councilman Citro. Roll Call Vote 7-0. Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josephine Amato, Director for Safe Bus for Us, provided names of children that were killed walking to school. Ms. Amato provided data and facts that school buses for children is an immediate need for lifesaving intervention.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

Cameron Clark, MPO Attorney, accepted nominations for the Chair of the Policy Committee. Commissioner Harry Cohen and Commissioner Mariella Smith nominated Commission Pat Kemp. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Pat Kemp was elected Chair of the Policy Committee.

Cameron Clark, MPO Attorney, accepted nominations for the Vice Chair of the Policy Committee. Commissioner Harry Cohen and Commissioner Pat Kemp nominated Councilman Guido Maniscalco. There were no other nominations. Councilman Guido Maniscalco was elected Vice Chair of the Policy Committee.
**Discussion Items**

**A. School Siting Coordination in South Hillsborough County**

Amber Dickerson, School District of Hillsborough County, Growth Management, presented the outline of the school siting traffic infrastructure issues, evaluate the critical need for school sites and assess the consequences of no school sites. Ms. Dickerson reviewed the proposed construction projects and project revenues for construction and maintenance. There are six potential school sites in Hillsborough county which are Rhodine Road, Waterset, Wes Property, Bishop Road, Cypress Ridge Road and Berry Bay Farms. The school district was unable to purchase land or build schools required to support residential growth. There was a lack of transportation infrastructure funding and the school district was legally prohibited from funding transportation infrastructure. The consequences of no transportation infrastructure to support school sites are the impact fees increased, no school sites for propshare mitigation and overcrowding at all school levels. The short-term solution is the school district exemption or waiver from non-contiguous transportation improvements and the long-term solution is to form a public school siting taskforce to address streamlining the siting process and address transportation needs.

Commissioner Smith noted the MPO or Policy has no role to take action or able recommendations to this topic. The County Commissioners and School District need to have a discussion to what to do in the short term and change the process so the school district can be a partner in the planning process. Commissioner Smith commented on the potential school sites and proposed solutions. Commissioner Overman has concerns about how to solve this problem. Commissioner Overman noted the MPO does the research that brings forward what we need to do so they need to bring forward the clear goals of planning. Commissioner Kemp finds that it is inappropriate that this presentation has landed at the policy committee because they do not have the jurisdiction. Commissioner Kemp also pointed out these roads are not on the TIP. Beth Alden clarified the MPO does not have a rule of the siting of schools. The MPO is continuously addressed if the MPO can help with transportation around school siting so this topic is only informational and if we want to continue forward with the Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Cohen believes it would be inappropriate not to support the safety of our students. Jessica Vaughn inquired about the task force and how members were nominated and requested access to the power point. Amber Dickerson made a few clarifications and believes there should be open conversations between the government and staff. Cameron Clark commented on the court opinion mentioned by Commissioner Smith and schools are exempt from paying impact fees.

**B. Hillsborough County School Route Safely Improvements**

Josh Bellotti, Hillsborough County Public Works, presented the school routes safety improvements. The goal is to support routes to schools for all school transportation users. This program is identified in the County’s 2020 and 2021 Surtax plans. The SRTS Program Development Team consists of the Hillsborough County Public Works and Transportation Consultants. The SRTS Advisory Committee consists of school staff, HC Public Schools, Sheriff’s Office, Crossing Guards, PTA representatives, sidewalk stompers and CUTR. They have identified area and routes for the Leto High, Pierce Middle and Alexander Elementary and determined primary walking routes used by students. The proposed improvements are pedestrian facilities, speed management, maintenance, traffic signal timing modifications, additional signs and school fencing. Mr. Bellotti presented the infrastructure proposed improvements phases. The improvements categorized into 3 different phases. Phase one can be implemented quickly, Phase two include improvements that can be constructed before a major improvement and Phase three include improvements that will bring the SRTS projects to completion.
C. Transportation System Performance at Current funding Levels

Beth Alden, MPO Director, presented the transportation system performance at current funding levels by reviewing the trend investment and sales tax scenario for the good repair and resilience, vision zero, smart cities and real choices. The existing funding for Federal and State Sources are FDOT, Metropolitan & Regional Programs, FTA Formula Funds and Statewide Fuel Taxes collected for local governments. The existing funding for local sources are Local Option Fuel Taxes (LOFT), Local Option Sales Tax, Mobility Fees, Transit Funding and County Revenues for Transportation. Ms. Alden reviewed the unlevied funding that were found by our consultants and these assumptions were categorized by source, rationale and growth rates along with a summary of total revenues for FY 2020-2045.

Commissioner Kemp commented on the driver's license fee, vehicle registration fee and tolls. Joe Waggoner inquired about unlevied funding. Commissioner Overman noted that is helpful to include some planning and research the MPO is doing and have them part of the task force and talking to our legislatures.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.
MPO Policy Meeting of Wednesday, March 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The Chairman, Commissioner Pat Kemp called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance. The regular monthly meeting was held virtually via Webex.

The following members were present virtually:

Commissioner Pat Kemp, Joe Waggoner, Commissioner Mariella Smith, Commissioner Kimberly Overman and Councilman Guido Maniscalco.

The following members were absent: Commissioner Harry Cohen (medical leave) and Paul Anderson

Other MPO Board Members present virtually Derek Doughty, Melanie Williams, Councilman Citro and Cheri Donohue.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 10, 2021

There was no action on the approval of minutes due to all virtual meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris vela provided a public comment on The South Selmon PDE seeks to "improve Safety, Connect Communities and Reduce Congestion." These three goals are for the expressway only. Other impacts such as potential environmental health impacts and more cars leaving the expressway into neighborhood streets may burden Vision Zero goals in South Tampa and Downtown neighborhoods.

Commissioner Kemp believes that MPO should take this topic up in new business.

Discussion Items

A. MPO Non-Discrimination Plan Purpose, Update Process & Historical Background

Beth Alden, MPO Director, introduced the discussion on the MPO Non-Discrimination Plan. Joshua Barber, MPO Staff, provided a project background noting the Hillsborough MPO Title VI and Nondiscrimination Plan adopted by MPO in March 2018 and explained what the nondiscrimination plan covers. The 2021 plan will be expanded to include The Hillsborough City-County Planning Commission and support MPO’s resolution on racial equity. The federal law required agencies receiving federal funds to ensure nondiscrimination in the provision of agency activities. Mr. Barber review the scope of work and began presenting the history of discriminatory planning in Hillsborough County. Mr. Barber provided a brief summary of some key political parties, policies, and displacement patterns from 1900-1964. The outcomes by late 1960s were destruction of major Black and Latin neighborhoods, displacement for economic development and highway construction, further segregated neighborhoods, exclusion from housing market and wealth generation and exclusion from political office and planning efforts.
Commissioner Maniscalco noted this was one of the best presentations he has seen and commented on the racism in the Tampa area and thinks this presentation should be seen by all in the Tampa Bay area. Commissioner Overman commented how valuable this information is and be provided to the affordable housing and the county commission. Melanie Williams commented how she is overwhelmed, grateful and appreciative that this information is available. Commissioner Kemp agreed this is a very powerful story. Commissioner Smith is deeply moved by the presentation and appreciates all of MPO’s work in this presentation and especially Mr. Barber and recognized Ms. Lazarus.

B. Demographics and Community Engagement

Dayna Lazarus, MPO Staff, explained the preview of the mapping methods for the Nondiscrimination Plan 2021 update of the Dot Density Method and Threshold Method. Ms. Lazarus provided a map of race and ethnicity today in Hillsborough County. There are disparate outcomes including poverty, home ownership and transportation to work. The Dot Density map shows the actual number of people of a particular group and the map shown was by racial and ethnic groups. The Threshold maps looks at a particular group that is over a certain number and the map shown was a concentration of racial minority population black groups. Ms. Lazarus provided the Hillsborough County percentiles. They created intersection maps with a concentration of low-income and minority residents. The community engagement methods for nondiscrimination plan 2021 update included a survey, field outreach, storytelling forum and focus groups. The purpose of engagement components are to generate recommendations in the 2021 nondiscrimination plan and building relationships for long-term engagement. The three engagement phases are early engagement, active engagement and ongoing engagement. They are working on the active engagement which will last about 5 months. The purpose of the survey is to collect contacts and quantitative data on accessibility issues and on opinions/experiences with direct and systemic discrimination from underserved communities. They provided a virtual and paper survey. The purpose of the field outreach is to verbally administer surveys with members of underserved communities and ensure oversampling. They produced materials, GIS maps, went into the field and identified community hot spots. There goal was 50 survey but received over 200. They did field outreach to meet people face-to-face. The storytelling forum purpose is to provide an opportunity to everyone in Hillsborough County to offer their stories/experiences and ideas for solutions. They leveraged community partnerships, utilized virtual platform, kicked off the meeting with a presentation on the history of discriminatory planning and facilitated storytelling discussion with attendees. The purpose of the focus groups is to dig deeper into accessibility challenges faced by State and Federally protected communities, discuss solutions and identify recommendations. They recruited people who did the survey and meet certain criteria and hosted 5 virtual focus groups. Ms. Lazarus provided example recommendations.

Commissioner Kemp would like part 2 of these presentations in future policy meetings. Beth Alden heard our history has formed where we go next in our communities and how to turn these trends around and thanks Mr. Barber and Ms. Lazarus.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Process

**Presenter**
Johnny Wong, PhD, MPO Staff

**Summary**
Staff will provide a brief presentation explaining the process and timeline for developing the annual update to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP includes the list of funded projects for the period from FY 2022-2026 and the list of priorities for future funding.

The TIP is a performance-based planning document that identifies & ranks priority projects within the MPO’s planning area. The TIP also highlights regionally significant projects; priority projects that have been funded for construction; and it documents projects listed as funded in Hillsborough County in the FDOT District 7 Work Program, and significant projects in each jurisdiction’s Capital Improvements Program.

**Recommended Action**
None. For information and discussion.

**Prepared By**
Johnny Wong, PhD, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
An interactive map of funded projects in the current TIP is on this page: [http://www.planhillsborough.org/transportation-improvement-program-tip/#tiptool](http://www.planhillsborough.org/transportation-improvement-program-tip/#tiptool)

The list of priorities for future funding, adopted June 2021: [http://www.planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2026_Priorities_DRAFT_v4_Table2v2.pdf](http://www.planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2026_Priorities_DRAFT_v4_Table2v2.pdf)
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Priority Project Candidates for This Year

**Presenter**
Beth Alden, MPO Director, facilitator for group discussion

**Summary**
This workshop is to discuss the funding requests from the local governments. It will be presented as an informal group discussion which will give an opportunity for the agencies to highlight their candidate projects and answer questions from the board members. Most of the agencies have provided a letter listing their requests; Hillsborough County’s letter is forthcoming.

The MPO’s role is to prepare a clear list of projects in priority order, for FDOT to use in assigning funds.

The projects should be ready to go—in other words, there is a local agency ready to move forward with the engineering or construction, willing and able to provide any necessary documentation so that FDOT can verify the project is eligible.

Further, the projects on the MPO priority list should make progress towards the performance measures adopted by the MPO, in areas such as State of Good Repair, Safety, and Travel Time Reliability. The performance-based investment programs of State of Good Repair & Resilience, Vision Zero, Smart Cities, and Real Choices, are described in the "It’s TIME Hillsborough" long range transportation plan.

In addition, to assist FDOT staff in assigning funding to the projects, Hillsborough MPO typically shows on the priority list the potential funding categories for which each project might qualify. MPO staff may also advise the local agencies about the size of the funding pots for which the projects are competing, so that local the agencies can scale their projects appropriately.

With these steps and others, the MPO staff seeks to maximize the opportunities for federal and state funding to be assigned to essential local projects.

Staff held preliminary meetings with representatives from each agency, individually, in February 2021. Staff presented the timeline for TIP development, explained the project development process, and discussed project status of existing projects including funding allocation. The local governments were also given an opportunity to identify potential projects for the upcoming year.

The following agencies will discuss their priorities at this meeting:

- City of Plant City
• City of Tampa
• City of Temple Terrace
• HART
• FDOT – focusing on the Heights Mobility Plan interagency collaboration
• Hillsborough County
• Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

**Recommended Action**
None. For information and discussion.

**Prepared By**
Vishaka Shiva Raman, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
• List of projects requested by the local governments
• Letters from the following jurisdictions:
  o City of Plant City
  o City of Tampa
  o City of Temple Terrace
  o HART
Projects submitted to the MPO

This attachment is a supporting document to highlight the TIP Project Priorities submitted by the Jurisdictions to the MPO.

City of Plant City

The following are some of the highlights from the TIP priority project request letter that was submitted to the MPO.

- Intersection improvements: Plant City has requested for intersections improvements due to an increase in traffic which causes traffic backup at James L Redman Parkway/ Alexander St, James L Redman Parkway/ Jim Johnson Road and along South Park Road/ Coronet road.
- Sidewalk improvements: Plant City seeks funding for improving sidewalk around Tomlin Middle School and Marshall Middle School to provide a safe walking and biking environment.
- Other projects are request for a Canal Trail Feasibility Plan to be included in the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); a new two lane road from Coronet Road to South County Line Road, expansion of US 92 from Park Road to South County Line, and a new road to connect North Park Road and North County Line Road.

These projects are consistent with the Imagine 2040 Plant City Comprehensive Plan and would be eligible for federal and/or state funds that require Local Agency Program (LAP) certification.

City of Tampa

The following are highlights from the priority projects that were requested by the City of Tampa.

- Vision Zero Safety Projects to reduce crashes: Green Spine Cycle Track along Nuccio Parkway, 15th Street and Cass Street, Sulphur Springs K-8 Various Locations, Floribraska Ave, Doyle Carlton Dr at Laurel St Intersection Improvement, SR 60/Kennedy Blvd from Westshore Blvd to Hillsborough River Corridor Improvements, El Prado Boulevard Sidewalk and safety enhancements as part of the Heights Mobility Plan.
- Good Repair and Resilience Projects: SR 60/Kennedy Blvd from Westshore Blvd to Brevard Avenue Corridor Improvements, Platt Street and Columbus Drive Movable Bridges.
- Smart Cities/ Technology and Operations: Integrated Corridor Management Systems o Florida Avenue/Tampa Street from Kennedy Blvd to Bearss Avenue.

City of Temple Terrace

The following are some of the highlights from City of Temple Terrace Priority Request

- Complete Streets Project - Bullard Parkway/ Temple Terrace Highway from Glen Arven Ave to 78th St
- Sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements - Davis Road from Morris Bridge to Temple Terrace Highway
- Underpass - Fowler Ave at Raintree Blvd Golf Cart Crossing as part of the 2019 Low Speed electric Vehicle Study
- Light Vehicle/ Foot Bridge – Whiteway Dr over Hillsborough River
- Mobility Fee Study Request – City of Temple Terrace Mobility Fee Study

**HART**

The priority projects that HART requested are focused on upgrading and replacing the software and capital. There is a request for the expansion the maintenance facility and a new satellite maintenance facility. The following are some of the requested project priorities for including in TIP.

Infrastructure: Heavy Maintenance facility and satellite maintenance facility

System Upgrade: Bus Replacements and CAD/AVL system replacement, Electric Bus, Scheduling software

Capital: Bus stop capital improvements

Other priorities: Modern Streetcars, CSX Study, Real estate acquisition.
March 11, 2021

Ms. Beth Alden, AICP  
Executive Director  
Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
601 East Kennedy Boulevard, 18th Floor  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Re: Transportation Priorities of the City of Plant City for 2021

Dear Ms. Alden:

Per your request, listed below for your consideration are the City of Plant City’s priorities to use during this year’s development of the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). They are in order of importance [highest first]:

- **Alexander Street/James L. Redman Parkway – Intersection Improvements.** The total estimated cost of this project is $2,000,000. The improvements that would aid in traffic flow through this intersection include an improved east bound right turn lane on Alexander Street south bound onto James L. Redman Parkway for semi-truck traffic. A new right turn lane on James L. Redman Parkway onto west bound Alexander Street, which would greatly reduce the traffic backup that now occurs at this centrally located commercial node in Plant City.

- **Alexander Street/Jim Johnson Road – Intersection Improvements.** The total estimated cost of the project is $2,000,000. Improvements to this intersection will aid traffic flow by widening the intersection, allowing for a dual left turn lane onto Jim Johnson Road from Alexander Street. This intersection will require widening at the crossing of CSX Railroad.

- **South Park Road/Coronet Road – Intersection Improvements.** The total estimated cost of the project is $2,000,000. Improvements to this intersection will aid traffic flow by widening the intersection, allowing for dedicated left turn lanes onto Park Road from Coronet Road and East Alsobrook Street. Other intersection improvements would include a relocated right turn lane onto Coronet Road from Park Road and a relocated right turn lane from East Alsobrook Street onto Park Road.
• **Sidewalk improvements around Tomlin Middle School** – The total estimated cost of this project is $254,560. Provide a series of sidewalk improvements near and around Bryan Elementary School and Tomlin Middle School. Due to the pending elimination of courtesy busing, an improved walking and biking environment is needed around the most impacted schools in Plant City. By addressing the identified missing links in the sidewalk network of the surrounding neighborhoods, it will provide for a safer walking and biking environment for students traveling to and from either Bryan Elementary School or Tomlin Middle School. This is a recommended improvement from the Plant City Walk-Bike Plan, June 2017.

• **Sidewalk improvements around Marshall Middle School** – The total estimated cost of this project is $496,600. Provide a series of sidewalk improvements near and around Marshall Middle School. Due to the pending elimination of courtesy busing, an improved walking and biking environment is needed around the most impacted schools in Plant City. By addressing the identified missing links in the sidewalk network of the surrounding neighborhoods, it will provide for a safer walking and biking environment for students traveling to and from Marshall Middle School. This is a recommended improvement from the Plant City Walk-Bike Plan, June 2017.

• **Canal Connector Trail Feasibility Plan** – To be included in the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Connecting Parks. Boundaries would include connecting Brewer Park (W. Grant Street), Snowden Park (S. Waller Street), Midtown (S. Wheeler Street), Cooper Park (E. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd.), Gilchrist Park (E. Gilchrist Street), Cherry Street Park (E. Cherry Street), along the Canal to S. Frontage Road, and McIntosh Park (Knights Griffin Road). See attached.

• **Rice Road** – New two lane road from Coronet Road to South County Line Road. The estimated cost of a PD&E for this project is projected to be $2,500,000. Significant industrial growth is expected in this area and further it would implement a recommended improvement from the Freight Logistics Zone Study, May 2016. Also, this would provide an additional east-west thoroughfare between US 92 and SR 60, which would benefit truck traffic and industrial growth in eastern Hillsborough and western Polk Counties.

• **US 92** – Expand to four lanes from Park Road to South County Line. The estimated cost would be provided by FDOT. Significant industrial growth is expected in this area and further it would implement a recommended improvement from the Freight Logistics Zone Study, May 2016. In addition, this would reduce truck traffic on Interstate-4.

• **East Sam Allen Road** – New four lane facility from North Park Road to North County Line Road. The estimated cost of a PD&E for this project is projected to be $2,150,000. Also, significant population growth is expected in this area and further it would implement a recommendation from the Northeast Plant City Area Master Plan, June 2008.

For those projects that are eligible for and receive federal and/or state funds that require Local Agency Program (LAP) certification, we would request they be sponsored and managed by either Hillsborough County or the Florida Department of Transportation, as appropriate. All of these proposed projects are consistent with the Imagine 2040: Plant City Comprehensive Plan.
Also included above and attached for your consideration is one transportation planning project the *Canal Connector Trail Feasibility Plan* to be included in the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please contact either Rob Wassum, P.E. our City Engineer at (813) 659-4200 ext. 4154 or Julie Ham our Planning and Zoning Manager at (813) 659-4231.

Sincerely,

Bill McDaniel
City Manager
City of Plant City

CC: Plant City City Commission
Canal Connector Trail Feasibility Plan

A publicly accessible commuter trail is currently an amenity absent in the City and thus the development of one was a major recommendation that came from the recently completed Plant City Walk-Bike Plan (2017). The creation of such a trail would activate underutilized public lands, establish an alternative (non-automotive) transportation corridor, while creating a sense of place and gathering spot for Plant City. As part of the Walk-Bike Plan, a trail project was identified and given the working name of Canal Connector Trail. This trail would augment the existing on-street system connecting residential communities, commercial areas, and points of interest to a key route for cyclists and pedestrians traversing Plant City. Adding additional parks (Brewer, Snowden, Midtown, and Cooper) to the canal connector, trailheads could be developed in those parks and as a midpoint stop at South Frontage Road. The land and rights-of-way required for much of this trail project is already owned by Plant City. The Canal Connector Trail Feasibility Plan boundaries would include connecting Brewer Park (W. Grant Street), Snowden Park (S. Waller Street), Midtown (S. Wheeler Street), Cooper Park (E. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd.), Gilchrist Park (E. Gilchrist Street), Cherry Street Park (E. Cherry Street), along the Canal to S. Frontage Road, and McIntosh Park (Knights Griffin Road). The trail would feature some of the following amenities:

- Twelve foot Shared-Use Path
- Native Landscaping
- Safe, logical transition from On-Street Bikeways to Trail
- Pedestrian-Scale Lighting
- Neighborhood Access Points
- Shaded Seating and Water Fountains

The Canal Connector Trail Feasibility Plan would further refine the planning of the project and answer important questions prior to the PD&E Study and the ultimate construction of this non-motorized commuter facility in Plant City. This study would address and make recommendations on such items as:

- Identifying constraints and potential solutions (i.e. canal crossings and environmentally sensitive areas) in the potential alignment for the Canal Connector Trail.
- Describing needed right-of-way or easement acquisition, if any, to complete the Canal Connector Trail.
- Recommending the number and locations for supporting amenities such as Trailheads, Benches, Water Fountains, Parking Spaces, Directional and Informational Signage, etc.
- Noting any needed safety improvements for non-motorized travel modes (i.e. bicyclists and pedestrians) and adjacent property owners along the Canal Connector Trail.
- Developing preliminary cost projections for design and construction of the Canal Connector Trail.
- Scoping the work required to address additional planning issues identified by the Project Team that may be evaluated in this or future studies on the Canal Connector Trail.
March 19, 2021

Beth Alden, AICP, Executive Director
Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Tampa, Florida 33602

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Priorities (FY2022/23 – 2026/27)

Dear Ms. Alden:

The City of Tampa thanks the Hillsborough MPO for working with us to secure critical dollars for the following transportation projects. This list also includes projects within the City of Tampa led by other agencies:

- Green Spine Cycle Track
  - Phase 3B – Nuccio Parkway from 7th Avenue to 13th Avenue (FPID 439476-3)
  - Phase 3C – 15th Street from 13th Avenue to 21st Avenue (FPID 439476-4)
  - Phase 2A – Cass Street from Howard Avenue to Willow Avenue (FPID 439476-5)
- Floribraska Avenue – from Tampa Street to 9th Street (FPID 436640-1)
- Sulphur Springs K-8 Various Locations - Safe Routes to School Project (FPID 443582-1)
- El Prado Boulevard Sidewalks
  - Phase 1 – from Omar Avenue to S. Lois Avenue (FPID 443516-1)
  - Phase 2 – from S. Lois Avenue to Bayshore Blvd (FPID 443516-2)
- Doyle Carlton Drive at Laurel Street Intersection Improvement (FPID 443968-1)
- Integrated Corridor Management Systems
  - Florida Avenue/Tampa Street from Kennedy Blvd to Bearss Avenue (FPID 443444-2)(FDOT)
- SR 60/Kennedy Blvd from Westshore Blvd to Brevard Avenue Corridor Improvements & Resurfacing (FPID 436489-1) (FDOT)
- SR 60/Kennedy Blvd from Westshore Blvd to Hillsborough River Corridor Improvements (FPID 437644-1) (FDOT)
- Platt Street Movable Bridge (FPID 443923-1) (Hillsborough County)
- Columbus Drive Movable Bridge (FPID 443924-1) (Hillsborough County)
• Heights Mobility Study program of projects (FPIDs 440511-2, 440511-7, 440511-4)(FDOT)

The City of Tampa respectfully submits the following projects for the FY 2022/23 – 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This list reflects new requests and outstanding requests from prior cycles. This list also includes projects within the City of Tampa led by other agencies.

Safety/Vision Zero:

• N 50th Street from SR 60 to Busch Boulevard (FPID 445651-1) (FDOT)
• Heights Mobility Study program of projects (FPIDs 440511-1, 440511-5, 440511-6, 443492-1, 443583-2) (FDOT)
• SR 574/E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. from 40th Street to I-4 (FPID 435911-2) (FDOT)
• SR 580/W. Busch Boulevard from Dale Mabry Highway to N 56th Street (FPIDs 435908-1, 435908-2) (FDOT)
• SR 574/W. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. from Dale Mabry Highway to 40th Street (FPIDs 436419-2 & 443349-1) (FDOT)
• Dale Mabry Highway at Spruce Street – Intersection Safety Improvements (FPID 445648-1) (FDOT)
• Fowler Avenue from Florida Avenue to US 301 – safety & operations improvements (FPID 445652-1, 447696-1) (FDOT)
• Interbay Boulevard from West Shore Boulevard to Bayshore Boulevard – Walk/Bike Safety Improvements (FPID 446877-1)
• Twiggs Street from Ashley Drive to Nebraska Avenue – Walk/Bike Safety Improvements (FPID 448508-1)
• Walk/Bike Safety Outreach and Education Programs (FPID 444199-1)
• SR 60/Adamo Drive at 26th Street – New Traffic Signal
• Spruce Street/Boy Scout Boulevard at Manhattan Avenue – New Traffic Signal
• Brush Street from Whiting Street to Kennedy Boulevard – intersection & corridor safety
• West Shore Boulevard Intersection Improvements from Fair Oaks Avenue to Neptune Way

Real Choices When Not Driving

• Tampa Streetcar Extension Phase 4 Feasibility Study
• I-275 Greenway from West Shore Boulevard to Hillsborough River (including walk/bike overpass at Dale Mabry Highway)
• West Shore Boulevard Complete Street (Hillsborough County)
• Adamo Drive Greenway Gap from 22nd Street to 34th Street (FDOT)
• Howard Frankland Bridge Trail Connections (FDOT)
• Ashley Drive from Tyler Street to Laurel Street – North Downtown Grid Multimodal Improvements
• Ashley Drive from Kennedy Boulevard to Tyler Street – Walk/Bike Safety Improvements
• Reo Street Improvements at SR 60 interchange from Gray Street to Cypress Street

• Tampa Multi-Modal Network and Safety Improvements (BUILD Grant)
  o Phase 1 – West Riverwalk from Platt Street to Brorein Street
  o Phase 2 – West Riverwalk from Kennedy Boulevard to Palmetto Street/Rome Avenue
  o Phase 3 – Platt Street from Rome Avenue to Bayshore Boulevard
  o Phase 4 – Rome Avenue from Platt Street to Columbus Drive
  o Phase 5 – Columbus Drive from Rome Avenue to N. Boulevard
  o Phase 6 – Ridgewood Park from N. Boulevard to Columbus Drive

Major Projects for Economic Growth
• City of Tampa Downtown Streetcar Extension & Modernization (Phase 3) (InVision: Tampa Streetcar) (FPID 437608-1, 437608-2)

Major Regional Trail Projects
• South Tampa Greenway – from Picnic Island Park to Manhattan Avenue

Unified Planning Work Program – Requests for Planning Studies:
• Comprehensive School Safety Study for 5 schools in the City of Tampa
• Speed Management Program Before & After Studies
• Vision Zero Corridor Studies and Roadway Safety Assessments (RSA) for the following County Roads within City Limits:
  1. Waters Avenue
  2. North Armenia Avenue (north of Tampa Bay Boulevard)
  3. Sligh Avenue
  4. Gandy Boulevard
• Research & Best Practices Report – This would provide an overview of traffic calming solutions by street types, along with eco-friendly strategies for urban street retrofit projects, including street trees and other green infrastructure measures.
• Transportation Innovation Speaker Series – This program would bring experts from around the world to Tampa to present innovative topics in transportation to help educate practitioners, inform advocates and shape policy.
• Advanced Parking Management System (APMS) Feasibility Study – This study would develop recommendations for integrating parking services and infrastructure with other elements of the transportation system, using traditional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) tools and emerging technologies.
• Project prioritization tool to assist City planners in prioritizing projects through a data-driven process.
• Bridge guidance on budgeting and designing for pedestrian and bicycle crossings.
For additional information regarding these UPWP study requests, and for coordination during the scoping of transportation studies in the City of Tampa, please work with Danni Jorgenson, P.E., Chief Planning Engineer. She can be reached at (813) 274-3279 or danni.jorgenson@tampagov.net.

Thank you for your consideration of these important requests. If you have any questions, or for additional information please feel free to contact me directly at (813) 274-8066 or via email at vik.bhide@tampagov.net.

Sincerely,

Vik Bhide, Director
City of Tampa Mobility Department

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    File (2187-21-VB.LET)
March 19, 2021

Ms. Beth Alden  
Executive Director  
Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization  
601 E. Kennedy, Blvd., 18th Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602  

Re: Transportation Priorities of the City of Temple Terrace for FY 2021/2022-2025/2026  

Dear Ms. Alden,  

The City of Temple Terrace is pleased to present our FY21/22 recommended transportation priorities for the MPO’s consideration with respect to the upcoming Transportation Improvement Plan.  

- Bypass Canal Trail  
  a. Temple Terrace Priority #1; MPO Priority #29  

- Bullard Pkwy/Temple Terrace Hwy from Glen Arven Ave to 78th St. – Complete Streets Ongoing.  
  a. Temple Terrace Priority # 2; MPO Priority # not listed  
  As identified in the 2017 Bullard Pkwy Complete Streets Study.  

- Davis Rd from Morris Bridge Rd to Temple Terrace Hwy – Sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements, including repairs of existing sidewalks.  
  a. Temple Terrace Priority # 3; MPO Priority # not listed  

- Fowler Ave at Raintree Blvd Golf Cart Crossing (Underpass) PD&E.  
  a. Temple Terrace Priority # 4; MPO Priority # 31  
  In association with the 2019 Low Speed Electric Vehicle Study, staff is requesting this PD&E be included in the MPOs Unified Planning Work Program for the evaluation of a subsurface crossing (underpass) at the Fowler Ave/Raintree Blvd intersection.  

- Whiteway Drive - Light Vehicle/Footbridge over Hillsborough River.  
  a. Temple Terrace Priority # 5; MPO Priority # not listed
City of Temple Terrace Mobility Fee Study.
   a. Temple Terrace Priority # 6; MPO Priority # not listed

The City is requesting an evaluation of our mobility fee to ensure it adequately reflects proposed improvements to our transportation infrastructure.

For those projects that are eligible for and receive federal and/or state funds that require Local Agency Program (LAP) certification, we are requesting they be sponsored and managed by Hillsborough County in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, as appropriate. Furthermore, all the proposed projects are consistent with the Imagine 2040: Temple Terrace Comprehensive Plan.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 813-506-6413.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Charles W. Stephenson
City Manager
March 15, 2021

Beth Alden, AICP
Executive Director
Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization
601 East Kennedy Blvd., 18th Floor
Tampa, FL 33602

RE: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PRIORITIES FY 2027 - HART

Ms. Alden,

HART is seeking funding support from the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the following projects in FY 2027. The projects are listed in priority order.

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The projects support key 2045 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Goals, including goals related to Good Repair and Resilience, Smart Cities, Real choices when not driving, and Major Investments for Economic Growth as outlined in the LRTP. If funding were to become available prior to FY 2027, HART requests funding consideration for the projects.

Thank you for considering our request. Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information at LeGrandA@gohart.org or 813-384-6566.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Adelle Marie Le Grand, AICP
Chief Executive Officer