

2023 calendar

with a look back at the
past year



Hillsborough TPO
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From the TPO Director



Recent Milestones.....

Plan Hillsborough proudly received an American Planning Association Florida Chapter Award of Excellence at the 2022 Florida Planning Conference, for the Future Leaders in Planning (FLiP) Jr program, a collaboration of the TPO, the Planning Commission, and Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association. APA Florida recognized the program for its efforts to get children and families involved in planning through a grassroots, highly interactive, youth-centered approach. More details about the program are on the Plan Hillsborough Gives Back page. The TPO Board celebrated the recognition at its October 2022 meeting (pictured).



Also in 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected the TPO's Air Quality Monitoring Study as one of the 132 projects from 37 states to receive a grant for Community Air Pollution Monitoring. The TPO was awarded \$389,875, the largest discretionary grant award ever received by Plan Hillsborough. With the funds, the TPO will expand its small pilot project to serve more communities along interstate highway corridors, in partnership with the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission and College of Public Health. Data will be reported in real time on websites like purpleair.com!

The American Planning Association's 2022 State of Transportation Planning Report featured our TPO's Nondiscrimination & Equity Plan of 2021,

alongside three other notable practices in equity-based transportation planning from Chicago, San Francisco, and Atlanta, because of extensive equity metrics and detailed methodology. Said the APA, "The Hillsborough TPO recognized that underserved and underrepresented people were historically disenfranchised from the decision-making process, disproportionately burdened by negative planning outcomes, and needed special accommodations to be included in planning processes."



And Plan Hillsborough is now the proud recipient of a League of American Bicyclists' "Bicycle Friendly Business" Award (inset)! We've joined the movement of over 1,400 local businesses, government agencies, and Fortune 500 companies across the United States in transforming the American workplace to be more welcoming to our customers and employees who

bike. Our office is within a short bike ride for tens of thousands of residents, with a rack immediately outside, and covered, secure bike storage available in the adjacent parking garage. TPO Director Beth Alden said, "Bicycling is a great choice to get Downtown, and getting even better as our governments collaborate on road and greenway improvements! We're very pleased to offer this great option to our staff and the public."

TPO Executive Director Beth Alden, AICP, continued to be elected by her peers as Chair of the Florida MPO Advisory Council's (MPOAC's) Noteworthy Practices Workgroup and was newly elected Vice Chair of the MPOAC Freight & Rail Committee in 2022. Photo courtesy of Café Con Tampa.



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"Cover photo: Tampa International Airport's latest art installation, a larger-than-life pink flamingo titled "HOME," has created an unforgettable impression for the 18 million travelers that travel to Tampa Bay by air each year. Created by renowned artist Matthew Mazzotta, this 21 foot tall pink beauty was installed in March 2022."

Meet the TPO Board

The Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is responsible for short-term (5 years) and long-term (20+ years) transportation planning and priorities to meet the multimodal needs of Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City, and Unincorporated Hillsborough County. Mandated by state and federal law, the TPO is accountable for ensuring that public transportation dollars are wisely spent and reflect meaningful public engagement, and collaborative and comprehensive planning.



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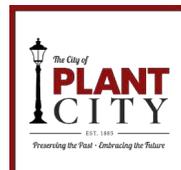


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2022 Project Highlights

In addition to key projects featured on the calendar pages, highlights here showcase more TPO projects from a busy and fulfilling year.

The Long Range Plan: Health Impacts

Building on our 2019 Health in All Policies (HIAP) Resolution, the TPO in 2022 completed an evaluation of the potential benefits to public health of implementing the Long Range Plan's package of Complete Streets projects. The study evaluated communities around five High-Injury road segments for occurrences of health issues such as high blood pressure, asthma, and diabetes as well as other demographics such as rent burdens. What the study found was that higher traffic proximity and poor air quality equated to poorer health outcomes. The study then recommended context-appropriate designs for each of the five roads, to lessen poor health outcomes by improving safety, incentivizing non-car commutes, and reducing proximity to traffic and air pollution.



Public Participation Plan Update

New engagement strategies involving press releases, mailers, roadside signs, and social media posts were just a few additions to the 2022 update of our Public Participation Plan (PPP). The TPO Board approved these changes to increase transparency and engagement opportunities especially for amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The changes were recommended as a result of our 2022 Measures of Effectiveness Report on PPP activities for the previous two years, and a pilot program that increased public engagement for TIP amendments during that time period. The pilot program resulted in dozens of comments from the general public. Previously, the TPO had received comments on TIP amendments only from advisory committee members. The Effectiveness Report and PPP amendments also benefited from the suggestions and feedback of the TPO's advisory committees and members of the public.



Multimodal Level-of-Service

The TPO's level-of-service report is now multimodal! The 2022 Multimodal Level of Service (MMLoS) Report is essentially a report card on road conditions for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and bus riders. Our latest release contains a comprehensive inventory of major roadways from across all areas of Hillsborough County. Last updated in 2020, the report is a reference for local governments, planners, engineers, developers, and members of the public, and is available on the PlanHillsborough.org website.

State of the System

The State of the System Report completed in 2022 illustrates current conditions since the last report in 2018. This report is the

result of a year of data collection on infrastructure conditions including pavement and bridges, crashes, air quality and exposure

to emissions, travel time and reliability, and access to multimodal transportation, such as transit availability and ridership. The report also includes a snapshot of local and state government spending on projects that improve each of these performance metrics. Ongoing transportation performance management helps to align investments with the goals set in the Long Range Transportation Plan and identify high priority projects for consideration in the Transportation Improvement Program.



Transportation Disadvantaged Workshop

Always making our community their number one priority, the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB)

members held their annual workshop on April 22. The group reviewed their role in overseeing the Sunshine Line and Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Hillsborough County along with ways they can better reach

community members who don't have access to transportation due to a disability, low income, or older age. Some topics of discussion included identifying what a robust engagement strategy would look like and additional ways the TDCB can help increase awareness of Sunshine Line.



Smart Cities Plan

The final draft of the TPO's Smart Cities Mobility Plan was released in 2022. Existing & cutting-edge technologies like navigation apps, real-time traffic management, vehicle-to-infrastructure communications, smart street lights & many others can solve real-world problems by providing information to travelers, adjusting traffic management systems, and facilitating payments. Through extensive engagement with local governments and the citizens of Hillsborough, the Plan inventories existing technology deployments, and identifies and prioritizes opportunities for expansion. The Plan also addresses myths and concerns about some technologies like red light running cameras. The result is an intuitive Plan that identifies smart technologies so they can be used to solve problems facing our residents.





Adding to the Funded Projects List

In January 2022 as well as later in the year, the TPO added several projects to the Transportation Improvement Program when funding opportunities arose. Projects included rail crossing safety improvements (such as on Polk St in Downtown Tampa, pictured), street lighting upgrades, protected crosswalks on Dale Mabry Hwy, a PD&E study to widen Gibsonton Dr, and constructing merge lanes on I-75 and on I-4 not far from the I-75/I-4 interchange.

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Holiday County Offices Closed	3	4 CAC 6 PM	5 ITS 1:30 PM	6  SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM	7
8	9 TAC 1:30 PM	10	11 POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM	12	13	14
15 	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday MLK Day Parade 2PM County Offices Closed	17	18 LRC 9 AM	19	20	21  Gasparilla Childrens Parade
22 Lunar New Year	23	24	25 BPAC 5:30 PM	26	27	28  Pirate Invasion 11:30AM Gasparilla Day Parade 2PM
29	30	31				

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Safe Access to Parks

In spring 2022, the TPO wrapped up a new study looking at ways to calm speeds and improve walk & bike safety on major roads next to parks. Copeland Park, Sulphur Springs Park, and the Upper Tampa Bay Trail (pictured) were used as examples. The study introduced “fix-it” ideas that can be replicated at many other parks, based on community feedback and proven safety interventions. In the fall, it was recognized with an Outstanding Contribution to the Community award from the Planning Commission!



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February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			CAC 6 PM	Groundhog Day	SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM National Wear Red Day	
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
	TAC 1:30 PM		POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM			Gasparilla Knight Parade 6PM
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18
Super Bowl LVII		Valentine's Day	LRC 9 AM			
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
	President's Day	Mardi Gras	BPAC 5:30 PM Beginning of Lent		TDCB 9:30 AM	Gasparilla Distance Classic
26	27 	28				
Gasparilla Distance Classic						

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State of Good Repair

Keeping HART's transit fleet in good working order makes everyone happy – bus drivers, riders, and other drivers on the road included! In 2022, the TPO agreed to be one of HART's funding partners to overhaul the outdated bus maintenance facility. Five years' worth of federal grants previously set aside for HART by the TPO were reprogrammed to support this fundamental, strategic investment. Other partners in this investment include FDOT, Hillsborough County, the City of Tampa, and FTA.



Photo Courtesy of HART

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CAC 6 PM	2	3 SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM Employee Appreciation Day	4 Gasparilla Festival of the Arts
5 Gasparilla Festival of the Arts	6 TAC 1:30 PM	7 	8 POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM Holi Day begins	9	10	11 Rough Riders St. Patrick's Day Night Parade 8 PM
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13	14 	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 First Day of Spring	21 	22 LRC 9 AM BPAC 5:30 PM Ramadan begins	23	24 TMA 9:30 AM Pasco	25 Primary Election Day
26	27	28 	29	30	31 SCTPA = Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance CAC = Citizens Advisory Committee ITS = Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee TMA = SCTPA's Tri-County Leadership Group Visit www.PlanHillsborough.org for meeting locations and links to participate virtually.	



Tampa's "Green ARtery"

... is a walk/bike loop corridor through neighborhoods and parks, with connections to the Hillsborough River, McKay Bay, and Downtown. With 2022 recommendations from the TPO's *USF-to-Green-ARtery Trail Study*, the Uptown community is now one step closer to having a safe way to bike and walk there. The study evaluates three routes from Fowler Ave to the Hillsborough River, with connections to the University of South Florida, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, and University Mall.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2 Palm Sunday	3 TAC 1:30 PM	4	5 CAC 6 PM Passover Begins	6 ITS 1:30 PM End of Lent	7 SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday	10	11	12 POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM	13 Passover Ends	14	15
16	17 Patriot's Day	18 Tax Day	19 LRC 9 AM	20	21 Ramadan ends	22 
23/30	24	25	26 BPAC 5:30 PM Administrative Professionals Day	27	28 TDCB 9:30 AM Arbor Day	29

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RAISE Grant for the Heights



In the spring of 2022, USDOT announced an \$18 million grant from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Heights Mobility project. FDOT's winning grant application included sidewalk widening, new crosswalks, intersection improvements, stormwater system upgrades, and a rapid bus lane on the Florida Ave/ Tampa St one-way pair in Tampa Heights and Seminole Heights. The reconfiguration of these roads was proposed by the TPO in a 2015 feasibility study, fleshed out by FDOT as Heights Mobility.



May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 	6
	TAC 1:30 PM		CAC 6 PM		SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM	
7	8	9	10	11	12 	13
			POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM			
14	15	16	17	18	19 	20
Mother's Day			LRC 9 AM		National Bike to Work Day	Armed Forces Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 
			BPAC 5:30 PM			
28	29	30	31			
	Memorial Day County Offices Closed					

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Temple Terrace Mayor Andy Ross welcomed the eastern Busch Blvd crosswalks at the 2021 ribbon cutting. (Photo courtesy of FDOT)

Prioritizing Safety in the Transportation Improvement Program

Carrollwood, Twin Lakes and Forest Hills will see a much safer Busch Blvd as a result of the TPO's adopted priority list, which resulted in almost \$15 million in federal grants being allocated in June 2022 to build safety features on Busch. The project is a continuation of FDOT's Busch Blvd multimodal safety study, which earlier led to construction of four protected crosswalks on the eastern segment in Temple Terrace and Sulphur Springs (pictured). Other major projects newly funded in the 2022 TIP included new lanes at the I-75/Fowler Ave and US92/Macintosh Rd intersections, and more.



June 2023

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4	5 TAC 1:30 PM	6	7 CAC 6 PM	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14 TPO PUBLIC HEARING 6 PM Flag Day	15	16 STRATEGIC PLAN RETREAT TBD-Hillsborough	17 National Dump the Pump Day
18  Father's Day	19 Juneteenth Holiday County Offices Closed	20	21 LRC 9 AM First Day of Summer	22	23 TDCB 9:30 AM TMA 9:30AM Hernando SCTPA 10:30AM Hernando	24
25	26 	27	28 BPAC 5:30 PM	29	30	



County Opens a New East-West Route

In July 2022, commissioners and citizens celebrated the opening of the new Apollo Beach Flyover overpass now connecting Apollo Beach with U.S. 301. This extension of Paseo Al Mar Blvd. across I-75 was part of a plan for road network improvements and new connections prepared by the TPO in 2002 to support planned growth in southern Hillsborough County. The TPO's *South County Corridor Study* was integrated into the Planning Commission's SouthShore Areawide Systems Plan of 2005, then into the County's comprehensive plan and land development code, and later carried forward by the County into project development and construction.



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 	4	5	6	7	8
		Independence Day County Offices Closed		ITS 1:30 PM		
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
Parents Day			BPAC 5:30 PM WORKSHOP			
30	31					

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Should I Stay or Should I Go?

When Hurricane Ian's forecast cone landed on Tampa Bay in 2022, some residents in evacuation areas stayed home, and other residents not in evacuation zones took to the roads. The TPO's Storm Evacuation Forecast & Shelter-In-Place Scenarios Study, completed in August, flagged traffic bottleneck areas, and evaluated strategies. The most effective strategy turned out not to be road improvements, but encouraging just the evacuation-zone residents to hit the roads, at the advised times.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3	4	5
			CAC 6 PM		SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM	
6	7	8 	9	10	11	12
	TAC 1:30 PM		POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM			
13	14	15	16 	17	18	19
			LRC 9 AM			
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
			BPAC 5:30 PM		TDCB 9:30 AM	
27	28	29	30	31		

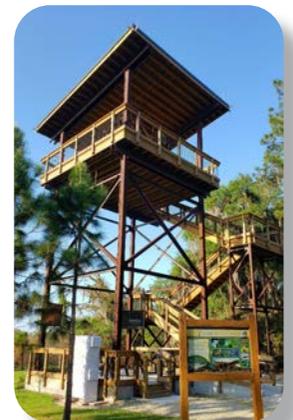
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Plant City Residents Say Yes to Trail Concept

With strong support from 250 survey respondents, the TPO approved the Plant City Canal Trail Feasibility Study in fall 2022. The study, requested by the City, identified four ways to create a safe walk/bike corridor connecting Downtown northward through several neighborhoods and ultimately to the McIntosh Preserve (Inset).



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM	
3	4	5	6 	7	8	9
	Labor Day County Offices Closed		CAC 6 PM			
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
National Grandparents Day	TAC 1:30 PM		POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM		Rosh Hashanah Begins	
17	18	19	20	21	22 	23
Rosh Hashanah ends			LRC 9 AM		TMA 9:30 AM Hillsborough World Car-Free Day	First Day of Fall
24	25	26	27	28	29 	30
Yom Kippur begins	Yom Kippur ends		BPAC 5:30 PM			

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Supply Chain Resilience

A supply chain is the entire system of making and delivering a consumer good, from the raw materials and machinery used in manufacturing, to final delivery to a store or customer. Hillsborough County has many supply chain assets, including the Port, Airport, CSX Intermodal, I-75 and I-4, and countless private distributors, but is not immune to supply chain disruption. In fall 2022, the TPO wrapped up an initial study of how five critical product types get to our residents – Food/Groceries, Water & Wastewater, Housing Material, Urgent Healthcare Services & Medicine, and Fuel – and flagged key transportation facilities.

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 	7
	TAC 1:30 PM		CAC 6 PM	ITS 1:30 PM	SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
	Columbus Day		POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
National White Cane Safety Day	Boss's Day		LRC 9 AM			
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28 
			BPAC 5:30 PM		TDCB 9:30 AM	
29	30	31				
		Halloween				

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Back to School Better

In fall 2022, the TPO completed for the City of Tampa an assessment of eight school areas, to flag ways to improve how children and families get to school. Schools were chosen based on traffic crashes, road characteristics, community services, students receiving free lunch, and other factors. Parents and principals gave feedback, safety engineers listed quick-fix recommendations, and the team partnered with Sidewalk Stompers to spread the word about options.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			CAC 6 PM All Saints Day		SCTPA Staff 1:30 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings Time Ends	TAC 1:30 PM	Election Day	POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM		Veterans Day Holiday County Offices Closed	Veterans Day Holiday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Diwali Day			LRC 9 AM			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Thanksgiving Day County Offices Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday County Offices Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
			BPAC 5:30 PM			

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New Tech Checks Air Quality



Although air quality has generally been improving in Hillsborough County in the last two decades, nearly one-fifth of residents live within 1,000 feet of high-volume roadways where levels of traffic-related air pollution can be elevated. The County has monitors capturing high-quality air data, but there are too few to observe variations close to and away from major roads. To bridge this gap, the TPO, USF College of Public Health, and County Environmental Protection Commission have begun installing new, compact, low-cost air quality monitors (inset) that broadcast data online in real time. They're installed at public locations like schools, churches, and parks, in partnership with community groups who share the data. In November 2022, the TPO was awarded a \$389,000 USEPA grant to expand this project beyond its initial, small pilot phase!

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Low Cost Air Quality
Monitoring Pilot Study

Measuring Our Community Air Quality

Why measure air quality here?

- Air pollution is higher near heavy traffic
- Some communities may have higher exposures
- Collecting air quality data will help to design healthier communities

How is air quality measured?

- Look up to find the small community air monitor measuring pollution levels
- Levels are shared on a public website available to everyone

What's the air like right now?

Scan or click to learn more:

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December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TMA 9:30 AM/ SCTPA 10:30 AM Polk	2
3	4	5 	6 Joint TAC/CAC 12:00 PM	7 Hanukkah begins	8	9
10	11	12 	13 POLICY 8:30 AM TPO 10 AM	14	15 TDCB 9:30 AM Hanukkah ends	16
17	18	19 	20 LRC 9 AM	21 First Day of Winter	22	23
24/31 Christmas Eve New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day County Offices Closed	26 Kwanzaa begins County Offices Closed	27 	28	29	30

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Plan Hillsborough Gives Back

Garden Steps



The TPO's own Dr. Johnny Wong, Executive Planner for Performance-Based Planning & Programming, was selected by the Tampa Bay Smart Cities Alliance to join their Leadership Team. Dr. Wong will collaborate with innovators from Tampa, USF, FDOT, and other agencies to move the region forward in deploying cutting-edge technologies that cut across multiple disciplines, including transportation, energy infrastructure, and health.

The TPO is a partner of the Coalition of Community Gardens in the *Garden Steps* project, to improve access to fresh veggies in "food desert" neighborhoods, funded by a grant from the AETNA Foundation. This year the coalition focused on demonstration gardens on 22nd Street at and near Middleton High School as part of the Healthy 22nd St initiative; and outreach and education to local communities, including the 5th annual "Grow Gardens" grassroots empowerment conference in August (pictured).



TPO Assistant Executive Director Allison Yeh was invited to speak on transportation resilience and adaptation at several conferences, including the National Adaptation Forum and the Florida Resilience Conference, and she prepared peer reviews of papers submitted to the National Academy of Sciences' Transportation Research Board.



Future Leaders in Planning Jr. Program



Plan Hillsborough's summer program for young students, FLiP Jr., returned even stronger in 2022 at Dowdell Middle Magnet School in Palm River, at Town and Country Elementary, and at the Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association. The kids learned about land use principles, transportation, growth, civic engagement, sustainability and equity. What set this year apart was the focus on action and ownership, where the kids got to choose and work on what they deemed to be the most pressing issues in their communities.



When the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) decided to develop a new certificate course, they reached out to TPO Assistant Executive Director Gena Torres to serve as an instructor on the Safe Systems approach. Gena developed content for a 60-minute module, focusing on how partnerships and political support are key to eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries

Earth Day



The TPO celebrated Earth Day by supporting several community events. TPO Chair, Commissioner Harry Cohen and several staff joined with the Environmental Protection Commission for a port area cleanup event (pictured). Staff also supported Eco Fest

at MOSI, featuring over 50 exhibitors; and a Coalition of Community Gardens event at Middleton High School.

USF Fellowship Sponsor

The TPO continued to partner with the University of South Florida's (USF) Masters in Urban & Regional Planning program by welcoming two students as part-time interns for 22/23: Beneetta Jose and Jasmine Moral. This year our program expanded to include a new intern from the USF College of Public Health, Yonghong Luo, a Ph.D. candidate focusing on air quality. By familiarizing these emerging planners with community priorities, their talents and fresh ideas can serve as a great -- and affordable! -- asset right here in our county.



Get Involved with the TPO!

Your TPO values diversity and inclusivity in transportation planning. We invite you to participate in shaping the future of Hillsborough County!

Public comment is always welcome in writing, on our Facebook page, via email to planner@plancom.org, at community workshops and special forums, or during the public comment portion of TPO Board and Committee meetings.

The TPO Board also receives recommendations from standing committees (right), whose perspectives and insights help shape policies, projects, and plans. Citizen representatives serve on four of these committees and are appointed by the TPO. Visit planhillsborough.org or contact the TPO for an application.

Stay in touch by subscribing to our monthly newsletter or to a committee email list. Self-subscribe by visiting our website News page; unsubscribe at any time.

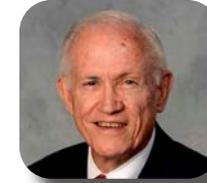
Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit & Local Heroes

As one of six MPO/TPO member agencies in the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance, the Hillsborough TPO helps organize a regional Safe Streets Summit every year. The 2022 Summit was led by Polk TPO and held in Lakeland, with an interactive transportation safety “experience” featuring simulations and walking tours. Guest speakers included Melissa Wandall, President of the National Coalition of Safer Roads, and Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

Each year at the Safe Streets Summit, the MPOs and TPOs celebrate the great work of their community members advancing the vision of safe streets with zero deaths. In 2022, the Hillsborough TPO was proud to present a “Vision Zero Hero” award to Emily Hinsdale, co-founder of Sidewalk Stompers (shown with TPO staffer Lisa Silva and Lakeland Mayor Bill Mutz), and a “Bob the Builder” award to Robert Frey of the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority.



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830,900 \longrightarrow 1.2 mil

jobs in 2015

jobs by 2045

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- A vibrant, diverse, bustling metropolitan area that is the center of the interconnected Tampa Bay region
- A future with physical infrastructure and community services that support population and job growth
- Creation of a broad range of employment opportunities fostering a resilient local economy, stimulating job growth, and promoting overall prosperity
- Natural, recreational, historic, and cultural assets that continue to be enjoyed, because they have been preserved, maintained, and enhanced for future generations

Meridian Ave, Downtown Tampa. Courtesy of Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority.



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The Hillsborough TPO is also part of the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance, a group of MPOs that come together to coordinate a seamless multimodal transportation system across county lines.