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## Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 5:30pm. – 7:30pm

County Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor – Plan Hillsborough Committee Room

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## Agenda

### I. Call to Order & Introductions

### II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum (Gail Reese, TPO Staff)

### III. Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes.

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### IV. Members’ Interests & Future Topic Requests

### V. Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2023

### VI. Action Items

- A. Election of Officers, Attendance Review and Declaration of Vacancies (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff)
- B. Consideration of New Citizen at Large Membership Application (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff)
- C. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Freight & Goods Movement and Hillsborough County Truck Route Plan (Lauren Brooks, AECOM)

## VII. Status Reports

- A. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects  
(Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff)
- B. 2050 Plan Outreach Survey Objectives  
(Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff)
- C. Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US301 PD&E  
(Ashley Henzel, FDOT)

## VIII. Old Business and New Business

## IX. Adjournment

## X. Addendum

- A. TPO Summary and Committee Reports
- B. FDOT Press Release on the Governor's proposed transportation budget for the next fiscal year
- C. Project Factsheet – I-75/SR 93A from N of CSX RR/Broadway Ave to S of SR 582/Fowler Ave
- D. Project Factsheet – I-75 Widening from South of Tampa Bypass Canal to South of Fowler Ave
- E. Project Factsheet – I-4 Operational Improvements of Eastbound Exit Ramp to I-75 from East of Tampa
- F. Project Factsheet – SR 583/N 56<sup>th</sup> St and SR 50/Cortex Blvd Safety Improvements at Various Locations

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HYBRID MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Tim Horst called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

**Members Present:** Tim Horst, Katrina Corcoran, Christopher Fellerhoff, Cpl. Julian Anderson, Noliyanda James, Alain Watson, John Marsh, Samantha Flores, Daniel Rodriguez, Brentin Mosher, Jonathan Forbes, Peter Davitt, David Aylesworth, John Kubicki, Victoria Klug

**Members Excused/Absent:** Jim Shirk, Martin Santiago, Abigail Flores, Jamie Morris, Faye Miller, Sally Thompson, David Cillitti

**Others Present:** Ben Gordon, Christopher English, Elizabeth Watkins, Gena Torres, Wade Reynolds, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Lucas Cruse (Patel, Greene & Assoc); Sarah Goolsby (Benesch); Jensen Hackett (FDOT)

**An in-person quorum was met (9)**

**II. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker) (Timestamp 0:02:14) – None**

**III. Member's Interest (Timestamp 0:02:29)**

- **Critical Mass ride is combined with the December ride on the 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Webinar on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3PM – annual Michael R Schwade Bicyclist of the Year**
- **There was a discussion about the Bike Rodeo for Gasparilla Kids Parade in 2024**
- **Plan Hillsborough has gotten the Mobility Section of the Comprehensive Plan passed and will be effective in early 2024**

**IV. Approval of Minutes (Timestamp 0:05:37)**

**Katrina Corcoran moved to approve the minutes from October 25, 2023; seconded by Peter Davitt. The motion passed unanimously.**

**V. Action Items**

**A. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:06:17)**

- Reviewed what this needs assessment is about
- Went over the program overview

- Bus service – worked with HART; reviewed the performance measures and how many people and jobs could be serviced along with the funding requirements
- Trails and Sidepaths – went over what is included, projects projected, how many people will be served, and funding requirements

**Recommended Action: Approve the Draft 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving and forward to the TPO Board for consideration.**

**Peter Davitt moved to approve as presented and forward to the TPO Board for approval, seconded by Katrina Corcoran. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. 2050 Needs Assessment for Goods Movement and Hillsborough County Truck Route Plan (AECOM) – Deferred**

**C. 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:20:57)**

- Went over the 2024 meeting calendar for the TPO Board and Committees

**Recommended Action:** Review and approve the 2024 TPO Board and Committees Meeting Calendar.

**Discussion:**

It was asked if all dates are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. November 20<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Jonathan Forbes moved to approve the Draft 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar; seconded by David Aylesworth. The motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. Old Business and New Business (Timestamp 0:25:29)**

**A. The next meeting is January 24, 2023.**

**B. BPAC Top Ten Project Update and Next Steps**

- Went over where this project is now
- Looked at the draft report
- Some of the language was updated

**Discussion:**

There have been bicycle boxes painted down Gray Street since the list was developed. It was the main access during Car Free Day. It was noted that it would be worth working with partners to find out if other projects are being implemented. It was brought up that the flashing beacons should be RRFB (rectangular). Azele from Henderson to Dale Mabry, it was noted that the driving has gotten worse in this segment. It was brought up that a safety study may have been done recently for Kennedy. The list is in a good state and the committee has had input on it. The next step would be to pass it to the jurisdictions through the TPO. Chair Horst asked that responses be shared with the committee.

**Peter Davitt moved to accept the list and give TPO Staff permission to make minor updates as necessary without the committee's approval on an as-needed basis based on information received from jurisdictions; Victoria Klug seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

- C. The scooter company change with the city just happened. Jonathan Forbes asked for an update on compliance with the new program and company.**

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

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# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

Election of Officers, Attendance Review and Declaration of Vacancies

### Presenter

Ben Gordon, TPO Staff

### Summary

The TPO Bylaws require that the members' attendance be reviewed, and officers be elected each year. There are no term limits for standing committee officers, therefore they can be re-elected and serve indefinitely. The Bylaws state:

*Officers of Standing Committees: The committee shall hold an organizational meeting each year for the purpose of electing a committee chair, a committee vice-chair, and, at the discretion of the committee chair, an officer-at-large. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members.*

The 2023 officers for the committee were:

- Chair                    Tim Horst
- Vice Chair             Jim Shirk
- Officer-at-large     Peter Davitt

Members can nominate themselves or any other member. No second is needed. After all nominations have been received, nominations are closed, and each nomination is voted on individually until one member receives a majority of votes for an officer's position.

Committee member attendance is essential for the committee to be able to conduct business. The TPO may review and consider rescinding the appointment of any member of any committee who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings. Members who have exceeded three absences are contacted to determine their intentions regarding committee membership. If no response is received, the seat may be declared vacant, and a new member sought.

### Recommended Action

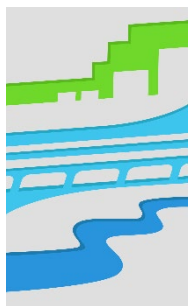
Review attendance for 2023 and hold election of Officers for 2024

### Prepared By

Ben Gordon, TPO Staff

### Attachments

2023 Attendance and Committee Member List



**2023 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE**

BPAC MEMBER/ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	Appointed	Term Expires	1/25/23	2/22/23	3/22/23	4/26/23	5/24/23	6/28/23	7/26/23	8/23/23	9/27/23	10/25/23	11/29/23	ATTENDED		ABSENSES	
				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	IP	VIRTUAL	ABSENT
Tim Horst	Citizens-At-Large	9/12/2018	9/12/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	10	0	0	1
A -															0	0	0	0
Jim Shirk (Vice Chair)	Citizens-At-Large	11/10/2015	11/10/2017	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	10	0	0	1
A -															0	0	0	0
Katrina Corcoran	Planning Commission	1/11/2022		Y	Y	Y	Y		E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9	0	0	1
A - Danny Collins		1/11/2022						WA							0	1	0	0
Christopher Fellerhoff	Hillsborough County Community Planning	12/7/2021		W	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	8	1	0	0
A - Terrance McKloski		12/7/2021							YA		YA				2	0	0	0
Abigail Flores	Hillsborough County Public Works Dept.			N	W	N	N	Y	W	Y	Y	N	N	N	3	2	6	0
A -															0	0	0	0
Savana Vidal	Hillsborough County Sheriff			W	W	N	N	W	W	V					0	4	2	0
Julian Anderson											W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0
A -															0	0	0	0
Noliyanda James	Department of Health	2/8/2023		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	W	10	1	0	0
A - Nicole Sutton				YA											1	0	0	0
Alain Watson	EPC	10/2/2012	6/30/2014	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	W	10	1	0	0
A -															0	0	0	0
John Marsh	City of Tampa Planning	10/2/2012	6/30/2014	Y	Y	E	N	N	V	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	0	2	1
A -															0	0	0	0
Kelly Fearon	City of Tampa Transportation	4/13/2022		N	Y	Y	Y	W	Y	Y	W	V	V	V	5	2	1	0
A - Stephen Benson		1/13/2021													0	0	0	0
Karla Price	City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Dept.	11/10/2015	11/10/2017	N	W	N	N	E	V	V	V	V	V	V	0	1	3	1
A -															0	0	0	0
Jamie Morris	City of Temple Terrace	12/14/2022		N	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	0	0	10	0
A -															0	0	0	0
Josh Blackman	City of Plant City			N					V						0	0	1	0
Samantha Flores		8/9/2023								W	N	Y	W	W	1	3	1	0
A - Frank Coughenour															0	0	0	0
A - Robyn Baker					YA	WA	YA	E							2	1	0	1
Lynda Crescentini	HART	10/2/2012	6/30/2014	W	W	N									0	2	1	0
Daniel Rodriguez							Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	6	0	1	1
A -															0	0	0	0
Jason Jackman	USF/CUTR				Y	Y	W	W	W		N				2	3	1	0
A - Brentin Mosher				WA								YA	YA	WA	2	2	0	0
Jonathan Forbes	Citizens-At-Large	5/8/2019	5/7/2021	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	8	0	0	3
A -															0	0	0	0
Peter Davitt	Citizens-At-Large	12/14/2022		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11	0	0	0
A -															0	0	0	0
David Aylesworth	Citizens-At-Large			Y	Y	E	W	W	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	7	2	0	2
A -															0	0	0	0
John Kubicki	Citizens-At-Large	11/8/2017	11/8/2019	W	Y	E	Y	E	W		W	W	W	Y	3	5	0	2
A -															0	0	0	0
Faye Miller	Citizens-At-Large	2/14/2014	2/14/2016	W	N	N	W	W	W	E	N	N	W		0	5	4	1
A -															0	0	0	0
Victoria Klug	Citizens-At-Large	11/10/2021		Y	Y	E	Y	N	E	W	Y	E	Y	Y	6	1	1	3
A -															0	0	0	0
Martin Santiago	Citizens-At-Large	11/10/2021		W	Y	E	Y	W	N	W	Y	E	Y	E	4	3	1	3
A -															0	0	0	0
Sally Thompson	Citizens-At-Large	11/8/2017	11/8/2019	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	W	Y	E	E	7	1	0	3
A -															0	0	0	0
Wanda Vinson	Citizens-At-Large	4/10/2019	4/9/2021	W	W	N	E	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	0	2	1	1
A -															0	0	0	0
David Cillitti	Citizens-At-Large	12/14/2022		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	10	0	0	1
A -															0	0	0	0

Membership	25	IN PERSON	11	16	11	14	10	10	14	13	13	13	9
		VIRTUAL	8	5	1	3	7	5	3	4	2	4	5
		VACANCIES	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	2	3	3	3
		MEMBERSHIP LESS VACANCIES	25	25	25	25	24	21	22	23	22	22	22
		NEEDED FOR QUORUM	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
QUORUM ACHIEVED	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	

<b>LEGEND:</b>	Y	In Attendance
	N	Not in Attendance
	W	Attended via Web
	YA	Alternate in Attendance IP
	WA	Alternate in Attendance Virtually
	E	Excused
	N/A	Not Member
	V	Vacant Potision
	12	Needed for Quorum
	9	Amended Quorum 9/14/2021
		= Absences





# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

Consideration of New Citizen At-Large Membership Application

### **Presenter:**

Ben Gordon, TPO Staff

### **Summary:**

BPAC currently has one vacancy for a new Citizen At-Large member, and the previous October nominee was unable to accept the position. With multiple applications still pending, BPAC will discuss the various applicants, recommend one for BPAC membership, and forward to the TPO Board for approval.

### **Recommended Action:**

Select and recommend one applicant for BPAC membership.

### **Prepared By:**

Ben Gordon, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

BPAC Membership Applications



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## BPAC Vacancy Applications (Citizen At-Large Member)

### Brandyn D Littleton (Lithia, FL)

**Place of Employment**

Halff Associates

**Gender**

Male

**Race / Ethnicity**

White / non-Hispanic

**Birth Year**

1983

**Are you a United States citizen?**

Yes

**Do you have a disability?**

No

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**Continuous resident of Hillsborough County since (Hillsborough County residency is not mandatory for all types of appointments.)**

2022-08-01

**Education**

Lake Highlands High School, Dallas, Texas - Graduated 2001

**List all post-secondary educational institutions attended**

University of North Texas - BS, Geography 2005

University of North Texas - MS, Applied Geography (Urban Environmental Management) 2011

**Have you ever held a professional license or certificate?**

Yes

**If "Yes", please provide title, issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action has been taken, please state the type and date of the action taken**

Professional Wetland Scientist, #2909 (2/19/2018)

**State your experience and interest or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment**

I am an environmental professional and consultant in the A/E industry with expertise in natural resource assessment and policy, GIS and mapping, permitting for private and public development, energy development, and asset management. Over my nearly 20-year career, I have been involved in a wide spectrum of projects including oil/natural gas development, solar development, residential/commercial/industrial development, transportation, utilities (distribution and transmission), ecological restoration, water resource planning and infrastructure design, and comprehensive planning. Within these projects I conducted tree surveys, baseline ecological assessments, aquatic resource delineations, functional/qualitative resource assessments, threatened and endangered species evaluations, groundwater sampling, floodplain modeling, vegetation surveys, wildlife habitat appraisals, and provided design guidance to engineering teams based on these assessments.

I recently relocated to the Tampa Bay area (from Texas) to begin a new journey as Operations Manager for Halff's Tampa office. I am looking forward to leading growth in all aspects of our business and improving lives and communities in the Tampa Bay Region. Halff is a company built on the concept of servant leadership, and my goal as Operations Manager is to represent our cultural values both internally and externally for the Tampa office.

I am specifically interested in joining the Livable Roadways Committee to help serve my community by sharing my experience and expertise related to environmental impacts associated with transportation development and to help guide the planning of our transportation system in a resilient and sustainable manner.

**If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the office to which you have been appointed?**

No

**Name any business, professional civic or fraternal organizations of which you are a member, and the dates of your membership.**

Society of Wetland Scientists  
Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation  
Urban Land Institute

**Do you or any member of your family sell goods or services to Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, Plant City or Temple Terrace?**

Yes

**If "Yes", please explain**

My company (Halff), sells engineering professional services to these entities.

**Christopher Anthony Gonzalez (Plant City, FL)**

**Place of Employment**

BayCare Health System

**Gender**

Male

**Race / Ethnicity**

Hispanic

**Birth Year**

1994

**Are you a United States citizen?**

Yes

**Do you have a disability?**

No

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**Continuous resident of Hillsborough County since (Hillsborough County residency is not mandatory for all types of appointments.)**

2021-10-15

**Education**

Lake Highlands High School, Dallas, Texas - Graduated 2001

**List all post-secondary educational institutions attended**

Florida Gulf Coast University Fort Myers

**Have you ever held a professional license or certificate?**

Yes

**If "Yes", please provide title, issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action has been taken, please state the type and date of the action taken**

Registered Nurse. Issued 7/14/2022 by the State of Florida Department of Health.

**State your experience and interest or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment**

State your experience and interest or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment: I have a personal interest in multimodal transportation. I personally attempt to get around without using my personal vehicle as much as I can and most of the time I use my bicycle. Riding my bicycle is enjoyable to me and I wish that it could be easier and safer to do so in Hillsborough County. I am applying to the BPAC as I wish to help make positive changes in my community

**If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the office to which you have been appointed?**

No

**Name any business, professional civic or fraternal organizations of which you are a member, and the dates of your membership.**

N/S

**Do you or any member of your family sell goods or services to Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, Plant City or Temple Terrace?**

No

**If "Yes", please explain**

**Ilia Lachinov (Tampa, FL)**

**Place of Employment**

Trenam Law, GIS analyst. Bike Houston, GIS intern

**Residence**

Residence: 208 S Armenia Ave, Tampa FL 33609

**Do you prefer to be contacted at your home or work address?**

Home

**Gender**

Male

**Race / Ethnicity**

White / non-Hispanic

**Birth Year**

1998

**Are you a United States citizen?**

Yes

**Do you have a disability?**

No

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**Continuous resident of Hillsborough County since (Hillsborough County residency is not mandatory for all types of appointments.)**

2023-02-14

**Education**

Associates degree of science, 2022

**List all post-secondary educational institutions attended**

Virginia Commonwealth University  
Houston Community College

**Have you ever held a professional license or certificate?**

Yes

**If "Yes", please provide title, issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action has been taken, please state the type and date of the action taken**

CPR certification

Pool operator certification

**State your experience and interest or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment**

State your experience and interest or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment: Hello, my name is Ilia and I just recently moved to Tampa. Previously, in Houston I was part of the core volunteer group at Bike Houston, a bike advocacy non-profit. During my time volunteering, I participated in door-to-door public education about ongoing projects, where we would go around and speak to business and property owners about planned projects happening on their street. We would explain the benefits, project timeline, and answer any question to the best of our ability. The volunteer group attended city council meetings to speak on Bike/Ped safety related issues, unfortunately most times we would go after an untimely death of someone in the community who had become a victim of traffic violence. I participated in other local government meetings such as the Houston bicycle action committee, livable places action committee, super neighborhood meetings, county commissioner meetings, public works meetings and TIRZ (tax initiative re-investment zone) meetings to voice support for projects and gather new information. I participated in community rides where we would try to grow interest and membership for the group. Lastly, I helped organize socials and fundraising events for Bike Houston. After volunteering with Bike Houston for a year or two I was asked to intern and help build a map of the different bike infrastructure projects in the city, as well as provide any other useful information that could benefit the executive director and employees in their mission of making Houston safe to bike for people of all ages and abilities. Currently, I am assisting them with creating a presentation for the upcoming mayoral race. I thoroughly enjoyed doing all of this work in Houston and would love to help make Tampa a safer place for people walking, biking, rolling or using any alternative methods of transportation!

Thank you

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No

**Name any business, professional civic or fraternal organizations of which you are a member, and the dates of your membership.**

BikeHouston - 2021

**Do you or any member of your family sell goods or services to Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, Plant City or Temple Terrace?**

No

**If "Yes", please explain**

N/A

**Marsha Odor (Hillsborough County, FL)**

**Place of Employment**

Retired

**Do you prefer to be contacted at your home or work address?**

Home

**Gender**

Female

**Race / Ethnicity**

White / non-Hispanic

**Birth Year**

1951

**Are you a United States citizen?**

Yes

**Do you have a disability?**

No

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**Continuous resident of Hillsborough County since (Hillsborough County residency is not mandatory for all types of appointments.)**



2001-01-03

**Education**

Bachelors of Arts, National Board Certified Teacher, Life & Health Insurance Agent, Registered Representative, Retirement Income Certified Planner

**List all post-secondary educational institutions attended**

Judson University, National Louis University, American College of Financial Services

**Have you ever held a professional license or certificate?**

Yes

**If "Yes", please provide title, issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action has been taken, please state the type and date of the action taken**

Life Insurance Agent - 2009 - no disciplinary action  
Registered Representative - 2017 - no disciplinary action

**State your experience and interest or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment**

I have lived in unincorporated Hillsborough County since 2001, in Palm River. I am a supporter of public transportation and ways to to increase use of safe and accessible trails for bicycle and pedestrian use, and well as connect the current ones.

**If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the office to which you have been appointed?**

No

**Name any business, professional civic or fraternal organizations of which you are a member, and the dates of your membership.**

2007 to present  
Shoresh David Messianic Synagogue - 2021 to present

**Do you or any member of your family sell goods or services to Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, Plant City or Temple Terrace?**

No



# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Freight and Goods Movement and Hillsborough County Truck Route Plan

### **Presenter:**

Lauren Brooks, AECOM

### **Summary:**

This project comprised two main tasks. First, the update of the Hillsborough Truck Route Plan included outreach to residents, agency partners and other stakeholders. This was then combined with origin and destination analysis, as well as evaluation criteria of each route to determine needed additions or removals of roadways from the plan.

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Freight and Goods Movement Technical Memo outlines the need for facilities based on expected population and job growth throughout the region. This includes previously identified projects, as well as needs through 2050 and evaluation criteria to prioritize freight projects based on their performance.

### **Recommended Action:**

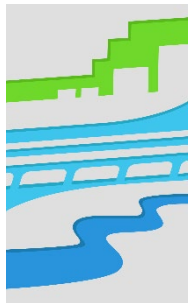
Recommend that the TPO Board receive the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Freight and Goods Movement and Hillsborough County Truck Route Plan Update

### **Prepared By:**

Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

[2050 LRTP Update Web Page](#)  
[Existing Hillsborough County Truck Route Map](#)



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# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects

### **Presenter:**

Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff

### **Summary:**

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Hillsborough County is a blueprint for the future, and it conveys the community's transportation vision and priorities. A key part of building the LRTP is to model future traffic volumes and the expected level of congestion on major roads.

One of the most important next steps in the process is to brainstorm and test major projects to determine their performance results. Major projects include any capacity additions, including road widenings, extensions, or elevations, as well as fixed guideway transit projects like water ferries, bus rapid transit (BRT), and rail service.

Over the next three months, each project will be tested in the model and a performance report will be generated. These will also be compared to scores for existing projects from the 2045 plan.

### **Recommended Action:**

None, for information only

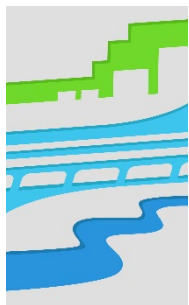
### **Prepared By:**

Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

[2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Map of Major Projects](#)

List of new projects to be tested for 2050 LRTP



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Reference Num/ Agency	Project Corridor	From	To	Description	Project Type
HART/ COT	Invision Streetcar Extn	Fort Brooke Garage	Palm Ave	Extension along Tampa/ FL one way pairs	Transit
HART/ COT	Arterial (50th/56th) BRT	USF	Downtown		Transit
HART/ COT	CSX South Tampa Multimodal Corridor	Downtown	SW peninsula of Tampa	Opportunity for other sized-guideway/ transit atgrade premium transt from airport to Westshore, downtown, E Tampa etc	Transit
HART/ COT	Airport to Downtown Transit	Airport	Downtown	Connecting via downtown to serve Brandon/ Riverview/ Valrico area	Transit
HART/ COT	East West BRT	Brandon	Westshore		Transit
HART/ COT	New Water Taxi	downtown Tampa	downtown St. Petersburg	New transit	Transit
HART/ COT	Selmon Expressway BRT	South County	US 301	With and Without South County Extn	Transit
County	I-75 Interchange north of Manatee County Line	New	I-75 N of Manatee Co Line	New Interchange	Interchange
County	CR 39 Widening	SR 60	SR 674	Widening 2 to 4 lanes	Highway
County	CR 672	Clement Pride	Balm Riverview Rd	Widening 2 to 4 lanes	Highway
TAC- Temple Terrace Board	I-75 interchange at US 301/Harney Road.	US 301	Harney Rd	New Interchange	Interchange
Board	Managed Lanes on I-275	SR 60 Westshore Interchange	Downtown	Request for FDOT to study managed lanes	Study
Board	Lee Roy Selmon/Crosstown Extn from current terminus near US 301 to Big Bend Road	US 301	Big Bend Rd	New road	Highway
County and Board	Lithia Pinecrest Widening	Fishhawk Blvd	Lumsden Rd	Widening 2 to 4 lanes, Currently PDE HC 69649000	Highway
FTE	Suncoast Parkway	Van Dyke Rd	County Line	Widening	Highway



# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

2050 Plan Outreach Survey Objectives

### **Presenter:**

Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff

### **Summary:**

Over the past several months, the TPO Board and committees have provided feedback and support for the various 2050 Plan Needs Assessments. The next step for the 2050 Plan Update will be to obtain meaningful public input from community residents and stakeholders to guide recommendations for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

A *MetroQuest* survey is under development to solicit feedback on priorities, major projects and funding options. To incentivize participation, several prizes are being offered to recruit survey respondents. The survey is expected to launch next week and remain open through April.

TPO staff is seeking guidance on Board member goals for survey distribution and responses, and to offer specific groups or communities that we should seek input from.

### **Recommended Action:**

Provide feedback on engagement objectives and suggestions on community groups to receive a presentation.

### **Prepared By:**

Gena Torres, TPO Assistant Director

### **Attachments:**

[Presentation slides](#)



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# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301, PD&E

### **Presenter:**

Ashley Henzel, FDOT Staff (GEC)

### **Summary:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7, in coordination with Hillsborough County, is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study on Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301.

The focus of the study will be to consider the widening of Gibsonton Drive from four to six lanes, including providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and to assess the social, economic, cultural and natural environmental impacts.

FDOT is seeking feedback from the community, which can be provided by leaving comments on the webpage, contacting the project manager, and/or attend a Public Hearing on the project, scheduled for February 20, 2024, beginning at 5:30pm

### **Recommended Action:**

Provide feedback to FDOT.

### **Prepared By:**

Gena Torres, Assistant Director

### **Attachments:**

1. [Presentation slides](#)
2. [FDOT Gibsonton Drive PD&E webpage](#)



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**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD  
HYBRID MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** *(Timestamp 0:05:48)*

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was held in person and virtually via WebEx.

**II. Roll Call** *(Gail Reese, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:06:14)*

The following members were present: Commissioner Gwen Myers, Mayor Andrew Ross, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Councilmember Alan Clendenin, Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Mayor Nate Kilton, Charles Klug, Joe Lopano, Bob Frey, Scott Drainville

The following members were absent/excused: Planning Commissioner Hemant Saria, Commissioner Wostal, School Board Member Vaughn

A quorum was met in person.

**III. Approval of Minutes** *(Timestamp 0:09:35) – October 11, 2023.*

**Chair Myers sought a vote to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Owen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**IV. Public Comment On Agenda Items** *(Timestamp 0:07:00)* (up to 3 minutes per speaker) Additional comments made via [Social Media](#) and [Email](#) may be requested. – None

**V. Committee Reports and Advance Comments** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair and Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:07:35 and 0:11:06)*

**A. CAC Meeting November 1, 2023** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair) – the written report is available upon request

- Approved the following:
  - The Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance Regional Priorities for Major Projects. This passed by a vote of 11-0 with the inclusion of the Streetcar Extension.
  - The Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Turnpike Enterprise’s Tentative Work Programs. The CAC approved the FDOT Tentative Work Program with a vote of 10-1. A separate motion passed 10-1 to approve the FTE Tentative Work Program specifically to resurface the Veterans Expressway/Suncoast Parkway (from Mile post 14.2 to mile post 17.5)
- Heard a status report on the 2050 Long Range Plan Preliminary Discussion of Cost Feasible Scenarios
- In October, the CAC took action on the 2050 Needs Assessment for Equity which is on the agenda today

**B. Other Committees**

- Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Meeting October 13
  - The TDCB did meet quorum, so action items have been moved to the December meeting.
  - The TDCB heard status reports on the Sunshine Line, HART, and FDOT Tentative Work Program Fiscal Year 2025-2029.
  - The TDCB also named two new voting members: David Michaels as the new representative for Local Veterans, as well as Neugenia Joseph who will be an official voting member alternate representing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.
- Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting October 18
  - Approved Action Items:
    - Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029. The committee made a motion to shift 50% of capacity project funding to transit and bicycle-pedestrian projects. The FDOT Work Program second motion requested a comparison of Distract 7 Work Program spending categories to the other districts in Florida.
    - 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
  - The LRC meeting heard status reports on:
    - 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion on Cost Feasibility Scenarios
- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting October 25
  - Approved Action Items:
    - Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029
    - 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
      - i. Members expressed concern that the Needs Assessment made increased traffic speeds an equal priority with traffic safety, but were informed that the Needs Assessment does not include any particular priority ranking.
    - Consideration for new Member at Large
      - i. BPAC voted to recommend Gene Peters for approval as the new Member at-Large
  - Heard status reports on
    - 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion on Cost Feasibility Scenarios

**Emails and Social Media:** No emails were received, social media comments and letters are available upon request. These were provided to the TPO Board on October 10, 2023.

## VI. Consent Agenda *(Timestamp 0:09:57)*

### A. Committee Appointments

- TAC – Marcela Maltass by the Florida Department of Health
- TDCB – David Michaels by Local Veterans; Neugenia Joseph as an alternate for the Agency with Person with Disabilities
- LRC – Sarah Templeton by the Institute of Transportation Engineers; Nicole Dufva and Brian Ramirez as alternates for the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

### B. Community Air Monitoring Project: USF College of Public Health Agreement

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Owen; the voice vote passed unanimously.**



## VII. Action Items

### A. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida Turnpike Enterprises (FTE) Tentative Work Program FY 2025 – 2029 (Brian Hunter, FDOT and Victoria Williams, FTE Staff) (*Timestamp 0:19:10*)

#### FDOT

- Went over what the Tentative Work Program is, when it starts and ends, and where it is now
- Reviewed the programming strategy – preserve existing, fund next phases, add new; MPO/TPO priorities, regional priorities, FDOT/SIS priorities
- Looked at new projects, newly funded project phases, deferred projects, projects of interest
- Went over the funding/investment
- Went over the timeline

#### FTE

- Went over the FTE and their responsibilities; have 16.5 miles of turnpike roads in Hillsborough County; the FTE must self-fund
- Looked at the FTE revenues and expenditures
- Reviewed how the FTE prioritizes projects
- Went over the work program projects for Hillsborough County – the resurfacing of the Veterans Parkway / Sun Coast

#### TPO

- Went over the letter comment from the TPO to FDOT and FTE
- Highlighted projects being funded by FDOT on the TPO priority list
- Requesting that going forward for 2024, FDOT prioritize the US 41 Grade Separation

**Recommended Action:** Recommend approval of the FDOT and FTE Tentative work programs.

#### Discussion:

It was asked what the \$93 million for transit is designated for. It is for various projects. A breakdown can be provided. Clarification was asked on whether FDOT funds go into the FTE projects. The FTE is self-funded. Appreciation was expressed for the grants to the Port and Aviation. It was asked if the Gibsonton project also included the widening. No, it is for the interchange only; FDOT is working with the County on this. It was asked how it would work if Gibsonton widening became a priority. It would need to be added to the LRTP and then up to the County to add it to the TIP. Clarification was asked about canceled projects and how that works. FDOT regularly communicated with the Engineering department to make sure all projects were aligned with the needs of the county. They can be reprogrammed in the future. THEA expressed thanks for the FRAME project and having it expanded all the way from Orlando to Tampa. It was requested that, in the future, if this could be combined with the Five-Year plan, it would be helpful to understand where things are and how they interact. Understanding where the projects are in the ranking would be helpful. It was noted that FDOT does have a ranking and can show what is around the projects. The FDOT website is GIS-based. Projects can be looked at around specific areas and addresses. It was noted that bike/ped is still not making up half of this program. FDOT has bike/ped programs in other projects; working on finding a way to indicate identifying bike/ped

in projects. It was expressed that moving people in the Urban Core is important but the east and south county needs to move vehicles.

Clarification was asked about the through lanes on the veterans. Through lanes do not assess any additional tolls. It was asked if a segment is barred from charging because it was paid for through general funds. FTE will find out and provide that. Additional clarification was asked if the expansion and resurfacing projects are receiving FDOT funds. No, those projects are funded through toll revenue. It was asked if there is a plan to re-activate a toll on the southern portion of the Veterans.

**Councilmember Clendenin moved to approve the FDOT and FTE Tentative Work Programs letter of comment; seconded by Charles Klug. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation (Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff; Rich Margiotta, Cambridge Systematics) (Timestamp 1:02:05)**

- Review of the 2050 Plan ingredients; needs assessments; combining the needs assessments and revenue forecast and public input
- Went over the methodology of the Needs Assessment Development using various scenarios
  - Scenario 1 – Trend
  - Scenario 2 – Performance
- Looked at the impact of Congestion Management Treatments
- Reviewed potential reductions in congestion and improvements to safety with investment

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Draft 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation and forward it to the TPO Board for consideration.

**Discussion:**

It was noted that this analysis did not cover the freeways. It was also pointed out that as people travel, one crash can really cause delays and congestion. It was brought up that ramp metering has not been presented to the TPO Board in the last seven years; an explanation of how ramp metering is accomplished includes storing vehicles on the collector roads. A presentation around ramp metering was requested. There was discussion about utilizing the hard shoulders which was one of the things recommended. This has been deployed in many areas around the country. It is not adding a new lane, it is using hardened shoulders within the footprint. A presentation on this topic was also requested. The shoulders are controlled dynamically and used only with congestion. Hardened shoulders are used on freeways only. Clarification was asked about what the TPO Board is being asked to approve. This is not establishing a policy for the board or implementing agencies. It is something to be taken to the public to show what could happen. It was noted that there is discomfort when stating if an investment of \$X is made it will result in X fewer crashes and fatalities. It was brought up that it is important that the TPO Board understand the strategies being presented.

**Commissioner Owen moved to approve the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation, seconded by Joe Lopano. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

C. **2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity** (Connor Trejos-MacDonald TPO Staff; Riva Heinrich, Kittelson & Assoc) (*Timestamp 1:28:25*)

- Review of what an Equity Needs Assessment is and how it is conducted
- Went over why this Needs Assessment is being done now
- Showed the Transportation Disadvantaged areas around Hillsborough County
- Went over the Overview of how Equity items appear in the different areas of the LRTP
- Looked at the TDTA areas ranked by TDTA disparities
- Reviewed the project recommendations – projects close critical infrastructure gaps
- Went over the study recommendations
- Went over the committee recommendations – CAC and TAC

**Recommended Action:** Accept the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity

**Mayor Ross moved to accept the 2050 Needs Assessment for Equity; seconded by Joe Lopano. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

VIII. **Executive Director's Report** (*Timestamp 1:38:30*)

- A. November 17<sup>th</sup> special TPO Board meeting at 10 AM on the 18<sup>th</sup> Floor.
- B. December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2024 TPO Board & Committee Meeting Calendar and Officers & Committee Assignments to Consider.

It was requested that the proposed calendar be sent to the members.

IX. **Old Business & New Business** (*Timestamp 1:43:54*)

- A. Congratulated Johnny Wong on his first weeks in his new role and Scott Drainville in his new role as HART CEO.
- B. Mayor Ross asked what the TPO Board's role is going to be with the Brightline project. That will be brought up at the November 17th meeting. It has been reported on in the media in recent days. Will bring Brightline back in 2024 for an update. There was discussion on who was invited/went to a meeting with Brightline. There was an indication that the City of Tampa was taking the lead as the ending point would be in the city. Funding clarification was requested when they do come for an update.
- C. Commissioner Kemp requested that something be brought back in the form of a resolution that Amtrak goes every day from Tampa to Miami and comes back. One trip there and back does not have great opportunities for use and experiences delays. Amtrak is receiving funding for increased presence around the country. It was requested that an official request be made to Amtrak to expand service to and from Orlando. Would like a presentation and then write a letter to FTA and/or Congresswoman Castor.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM

**The recording of this meeting may be viewed on YouTube:** [Meeting Recording](#)



**Hillsborough TPO**  
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## **Committee Reports**

### **Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on November 15**

The LRC approved action items:

- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving
- 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar

### **Special TPO Board Meeting on November 17**

The TPO Board approved action items:

- Report to the Florida Legislature Regarding Tampa Bay MPO
- SCTPA Regional Priorities for Major Projects

The TPO Board heard status reports on:

- Coordinated Trails Planning in Hillsborough County
- Decision-making Steps to Create a Regional MPO

### **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting November 29**

The BPAC approved action items:

- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving
- 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar

The BPAC discussed new business:

- BPAC Top Ten Project Next Steps The Committee completed and approved a document based on its Top Ten Dangerous Locations list with information and specific requests for each location.

### **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of December 4**

The TAC approved action items:

- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Good Repair and Resilience
- 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar

### **Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting December 6**

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

## Cheryl Wilkening

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**Subject:** FW: Governor DeSantis' Focus on Florida's Future Budget Invests an Unprecedented \$15.6 billion in Florida's Transportation System

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**From:** Reichert, Mark <[Mark.Reichert@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Mark.Reichert@dot.state.fl.us)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:38:43 AM

**Subject:** FW: Governor DeSantis' Focus on Florida's Future Budget Invests an Unprecedented \$15.6 billion in Florida's Transportation System

Good morning, MPOAC Governing Board Members and Staff Directors. Please see the FDOT press release on the Governor's proposed transportation budget for next fiscal year.

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**From:** FDOT Communications Office <[FDOTCommunicationsOffice@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:FDOTCommunicationsOffice@dot.state.fl.us)>

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## **Governor DeSantis' Focus on Florida's Future Budget Invests an Unprecedented \$15.6 billion in Florida's Transportation System**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis revealed his Focus on Florida's Future Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Governor's proposed \$15.6 billion budget for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reflects a significant investment in transportation infrastructure across Florida. The Governor's budget proposal directly targets critical congestion relief and safety projects and aims to support the resiliency of Florida's existing and future transportation infrastructure.

By focusing on these key areas, FDOT will continue to be a global leader in transportation technology and infrastructure, while continuing to promote a strong and effective supply chain.

“Governor DeSantis' proposed investments in our transportation infrastructure demonstrate his unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for Floridians and local communities. As Florida's population continues to grow, it is crucial that we have a robust transportation network to support our state,” **said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** “This budget proposal reaffirms the Department’s commitment to addressing congestion relief, resiliency, improving safety on our roadways, and strengthening Florida’s supply chain. I commend Governor DeSantis for his continued investments in Florida’s transportation facilities and infrastructure now and in the future.”

Governor DeSantis’ Focus on Florida’s Future Budget provides \$14.5 billion for projects in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 FDOT Work Program, a collaborative plan of strategic transportation projects that includes:

- \$5.4 billion for highway maintenance and construction to remain a national leader in maintaining existing roadways while expanding the system by 135 new lane miles
- \$1.9 billion in resurfacing to include 3,115 lane miles
- \$381.7 million for scheduled repairs of 62 bridges and the replacement of 15 bridges
- \$109.6 million in seaport investments
- \$334.4 million in aviation investments
- \$997.7 million in rail and transit investments
- \$210.1 million for safety initiatives
- \$215.3 million for community trail projects and \$70.3 million for the SUN Trail Network
- \$181.3 million for small county programs

In addition to the aforementioned investments, the Governor is also recommending an additional \$630 million to further the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative and \$25 million to provide commercial truck parking relief along the State Highway System. The \$15.6 billion budget also includes \$75 million in partnership with FloridaCommerce to provide grants to enhance Florida’s supply chain and innovative delivery models, including vertiports, airports, inland ports, seaports, freight railroads, intermodal logistic centers, and fuel pipelines.

While many states rely heavily on the federal government to fund their transportation infrastructure needs, federal funding accounts for just 24% of Florida’s record transportation budget. Rather than support the continued politicization of transportation funding being pushed by the Biden Administration, the Governor’s \$15.6 billion recommended budget focuses on prioritizing road projects that reduce congestion and expedite the movement of goods through the state’s supply chain. As such, the budget includes conforming legislation to prevent the continued politicization of transportation infrastructure by:

- Withholding funding from public transportation entities that violate Florida’s protections against COVID-19 mandates;

- Withholding state funding from public transit providers who use state funds to promote social, political, or ideological interests on taxpayer-funded buses, trains, and transit infrastructure; and
- Ensuring state transportation planning practices focus on pecuniary factors, rather than social, political, or ideological interests.

FDOT's mission is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. Together with communities and partners, FDOT strives to ensure Floridians are proud that the Sunshine State is the best place to live, learn, work, and play, and that residents and visitors alike are offered the best transportation system and a variety of travel options. For more information, visit [FDOT.gov](http://www.fdot.gov).

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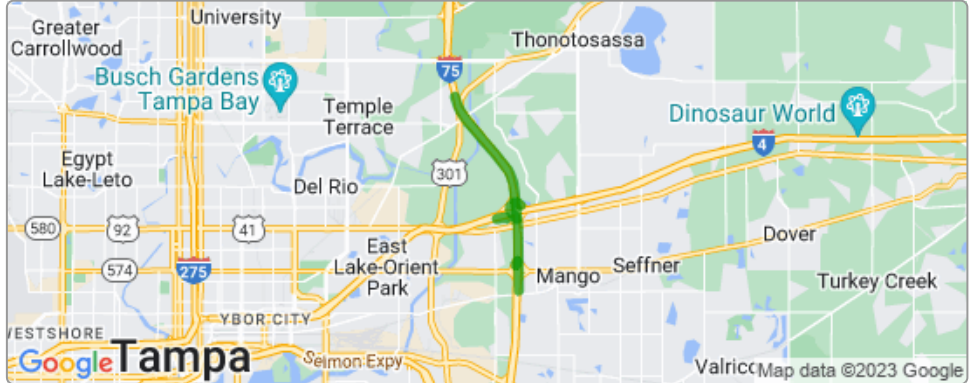
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I-75 Pavement Rehabilitation from N. of CSX R/R at Broadway Ave. to S. of SR 582/Fowler Ave. 443630-2-52-01

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	Rigid Pavement Rehabilitation
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	From N. of CSX R/R at Broadway Ave. to S. of SR 582/Fowler Ave.
<b>Length</b>	6.037 Miles
<b>City</b>	Brandon
<b>County</b>	Hillsborough
<b>Road</b>	I-75
<b>Design Cost</b>	\$1.13M



**About**

This project includes rigid pavement rehabilitation for concrete pavement slabs of the existing roadway, shoulders and select I-75 exit and entry ramps.

Lighting, signage, and pavement marking safety enhancements will also be included in this project.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in 2024.

Contact Information	
<b>Design Manager</b>	Mark Dunn 813-975-4248 Mark.Dunn@dot.state.fl.us
<b>Media Contact</b>	Kris Carson 813-975-6202 Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us

I-75 Widening From South of Tampa Bypass Canal To South of Fowler Ave 445317-1-52-01,  
445317-2-52-01

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	Add Lanes and Reconstruct
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	from north of Broadway Ave. to south of SR 582/Fowler Ave.
<b>Length</b>	1.295 Miles
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<b>Road</b>	I-75



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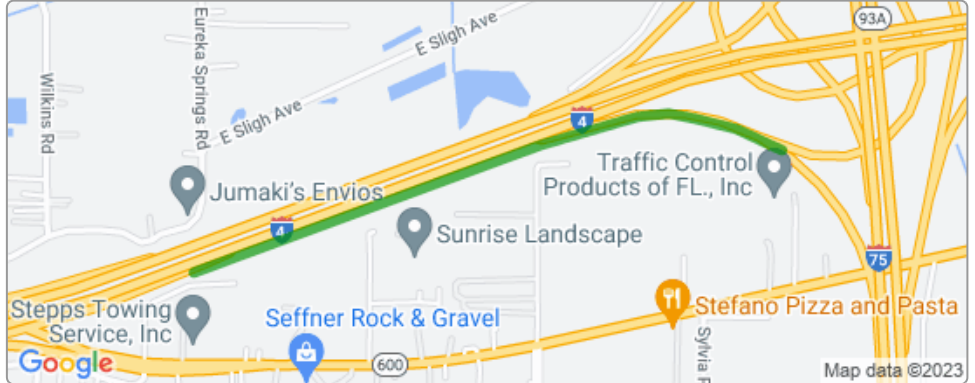
This project will add a lane in both the southbound and northbound direction of I-75 between the Tampa Bypass Canal and Fowler Avenue in Hillsborough County. The bridges over the Tampa Bypass Canal and Harney Road will also be widened, and the bridge structures over US 301 will be replaced.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024

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I-4 Operational Improvements of Eastbound Exit Ramp to I-75 from East of the Tampa Bypass Canal to West of I-75 446132-1-52-01

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	OpAdd Auxiliary Lane(s)
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	From east of Tampa Bypass Canal to west of I-75
<b>Length</b>	1.05 Miles
<b>City</b>	Tampa
<b>County</b>	Hillsborough
<b>Road</b>	I-75
<b>Design Cost</b>	\$1.02M



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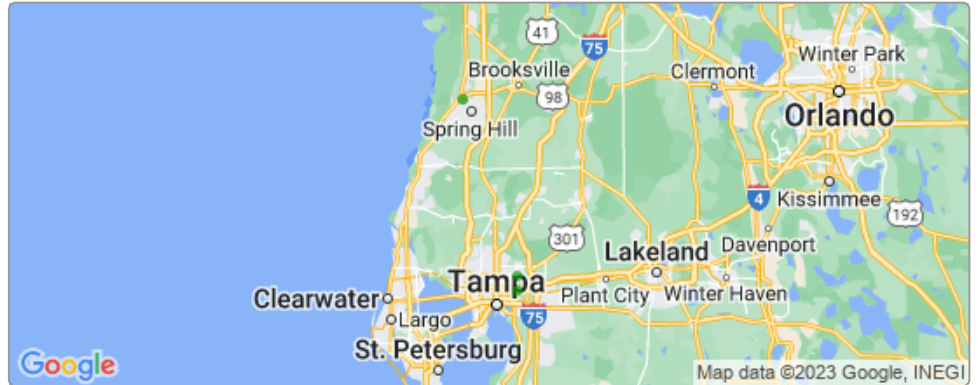
The intent of this project is to create an interstate operational improvement that would provide an additional auxiliary lane along the outside lanes of eastbound I-4 between the on-ramp from eastbound Hillsborough Avenue and the off-ramp to northbound and southbound I-75.

Design activities are currently underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

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SR 583/N 56th Street and SR 50/Cortez Boulevard Safety Improvements at Various Locations 452412-1-52-01

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	Resurfacing, Sidewalk, Traffic Signals, Signing/Pavement Markings, and Lighting. Also included are associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	At North 56th Street at East Lake Mall Entrance; North 56th Street at Temple Heights Road; and Cortez Boulevard at Deltona Road
<b>Length</b>	4.554 Miles
<b>City</b>	Spring Hill Tampa
<b>County</b>	Hernando Hillsborough
<b>Road</b>	56th St Cortez Blvd
<b>Design Cost</b>	\$309,000



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This project consists of safety improvements at three separate intersections.

The safety improvements entail providing missing crosswalks at the intersections of 56th St./East Lake Mall (Net Park), and 56th St./Temple Heights Road in Tampa, as well as the intersection of SR 50/Cortez Blvd. at Deltona Blvd in Spring Hill.

Improvements include the installation of crosswalk striping, median reconfiguration, ADA compliant ramps, pedestrian signals, lighting, and milling and resurfacing as needed to replace pavement markings.

\*\*Please see project map images below for specific safety improvement locations.

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