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Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, February 5, 2024, 1:30 pm
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Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Introductions**
- II. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum (Gail Reese, TPO staff)**
- III. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please**
- IV. [Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2024](#)**
- V. Action Items**
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(Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff)

VII. Old Business & New Business

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HYBRID MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Williams, called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM (Chair Sims took over the meeting upon arrival)

Members Present: Jeff Sims, Mike Williams, Brian McCarthy, Jonathan Scott, Bob Campbell, Jesus Peraza Garcia, Alex Henry, Jay Collins, Melissa Lienhard, Marcela Jimenez Ramirez, Sarah Caper

Members Absent/ Excused: Michael English, Robert Frey, Laura Lenhart, Gina Dew, Rob Wassum

Others Present: Wade Reynolds, Lionel Fuentes, Elizabeth Watkins, Harmoni McGee, Vishaka Shiva Raman, Gena Torres, Lisa Silva, Amber Simmons, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Katrina Corcoran (Planning Commission Staff); Siaoisi Fine, Billy Schmidt (FDOT); Larissa Krinos, Lauren Brooks (AECOM)

An in-person quorum has been met.

II. Public Comment (*Timestamp 0:00:00*) – None

III. Approval of Minutes (*Timestamp 0:00:00*)– November 4, 2023 and December 4, 2023

Jay Collins moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2023, seconded by Bob Campbell. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Bob Campbell moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023 with update changing the title from November to December (change made on 1/8/2024), seconded by Jay Collins. The voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items

A. TIP Amendment: I-75 from Tampa Bypass Canal to Fowler Avenue (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:00:01*)

- Went over project overview
- Looked at the summary of changes – construction acceleration the addition of funds
- Review of the project timeline
- Went over outreach for amendment; noted positive new story supporting this amendment

Recommended Action: Approve the TIP Amendment to add funding and advance the construction phase to FY 2024 for I-75 from south of Bypass Canal to south of Fowler Avenue.

Discussion:

It was noted that this is a much-needed project. It was asked if this has any impact on the trail at the Bypass Canal. It could, but not significantly. It was asked if this project would address the bottleneck in this area for evacuations. This project will expand the shoulder which would allow for emergency shoulder use.

Bob Campbell moved to approve the TIP Amendment to add funding and advance the construction phase to FY 2024 for I-75 from south of Bypass Canal to south of Fowler Avenue and recommend it to the TPO Board; seconded by Jonathan Scott. The voice vote passed unanimously.

B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Freight and Goods Movement and Hillsborough County Truck Route Plan (Lauren Brooks, AECOM) *(Timestamp 0:07:41)*

- Review of objectives for the studies/assessment
- Went over the set-up for Truck Route Update – made three networks; removed limited access facilities for analysis only
 - Defined a truck – 2 or more axels
 - Looked at analysis inputs – people and data
 - Analysis – Factors and Evaluation Criteria
 - Went over findings including lower-performing routes, county roads
- LRTP study
 - Went over Projects, Costs, and Investment Levels
 - Reviewed the tiers of projects
 - Went over the project impact to cost ratio tiers

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.

Discussion:

It was noted that CR 672 serves a landfill, strawberry fields, and the mineral industry. It was asked why this is now coming into the update. This was identified as an underserved community. The development in the area was likely not captured and Sumner High School was not there during the last update. It was asked how freight centers were identified. Primarily looked at future activity hubs, CSX rail yards, the airport, and port facilities. It was asked what the space is between the truck routes. Several routes need further study. Would like to work with Hillsborough County on additional studies. There was a question on what part of CR 672 is being noted. There was a discussion about the sections noted on the map. It was asked if Agricultural Economic Development was considered. It was not. There was a discussion about the final package and update. This is a minimal update to get something enforceable on the books. It was asked why the current route is unenforceable by the HCSO. That is not known. It was pointed out that enforcement by HCSO is a complaint heard from citizens. Truck traffic is a big subject of complaints.

Bob Campbell moved to recommend that the TPO Board receive the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Freight and Goods Movement and Hillsborough County Truck Route Plan for approval, seconded by Jay Collins. The voice vote passed unanimously.

C. Election of Officers (Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:45:24)*

- **Went over committee attendance** – it was noted that there is no need to vacate any representation at this time. December 2023 was the only month the quorum was not met.
- Election of Officers
 - Chair – Jeff Sims
 - Vice Chair – Mike Williams
 - Officer at Large – Jay Collins

It was moved that the current officers remain in their positions by Jesus Peraza Garcia; seconded by Melissa Lienhard. The voice vote was unanimous.

V. Status Reports

A. Plan Hillsborough 2024 – 2029 Strategic Plan Update (Katrina Corcoran, PC Staff) *(Timestamp 0:52:19)*

- Went over the background of the plan
- Looked at the project timeline and the timeline
- Reviewed the highlights from the All-Staff Survey and the Board Retreat
- Looked at the overview of the draft and the four pillars and goals – the numbering does not indicate priority: Integrated and Connected Communities, Partnerships and Community Engagement, Resilient Natural and Built Environment, Technology and Operational Enhancements
- Went over the next steps and presentation schedule

Discussion:

The pillar regarding community engagement; it was asked how more participation can happen, particularly with community members where English is not their first language. The broader goal is in the agenda packet; working with staff on the implementation once adopted. It was noted that the EPC is seeing what is happening with the environment with all the development. Glad to see that balancing is one of the pillars.

VI. Old Business & New Business *(Timestamp 1:04:23)*

A. The next meeting is February 5, 2024

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/featured



Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

TIP Amendments: HART Fixed Guideway 5309/5337 and Fowler Ave from 51st St to Riverhills Dr

Presenter:

Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff

Summary:

Amend two projects in the Transportation Improvement Program:

1. Add HART Fixed Guideway FTA Section 5309/5337 (FPN 415172-1) project to the TIP. This project will receive an annual allocation of \$750,000 of FTA Section 5309/5337 funds. The funding will be used to support the rebuilding of five streetcars.
2. Update Fowler Ave from 51st St to Riverhills Dr (FPN 442670-1) project by changing the eastern termini from Bruce B. Downs Blvd to 51st Street and reduce construction funding by \$5,000. This is a resurfacing project that also includes signalization, signage, pavement markings, safety, and drainage improvements.

Recommended Action:

Approve the TIP Amendments to add the HART Fixed Guideway FTA Section 5309/5337 project; and update termini and funding of Fowler Ave from 51st St to Riverhills Dr project.

Prepared By:

Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff

Attachments:

1. Comparative Report
2. [Presentation Slides](#)



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**FDOT
5 Year TIP
Hillsborough County, District 7**

FLP: TRANSIT

Status: Amended **Amendment Date:** 2/14/2024 **Amendment Number:** 7

Item Number: 415172 1 **Description:** HART FIXED GUIDEWAY SECTION 5309/5337 **LRTP:** State of Good Repair and Resilience, p. 31

Related Project: **Extra Description:** SECTION 5309/5337

Project Length: 0 *NON-SIS*

Type of Work: CAPITAL FOR FIXED ROUTE

Fund	<2024	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
CAPITAL - Managed by HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY								
Added FTA	\$8,932,789	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,682,789
Totals:	\$8,932,789	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,682,789
Item 415172 1 Totals:	\$8,932,789	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,682,789

FTA – Federal Transit Administration



**FDOT
5 Year TIP
Hillsborough County, District 7**

HIGHWAYS

Status Adopted **Adopted Date:** 06/14/2023

Item Number: **446270 1** Description: SR 582/E FOWLER AVE FROM W OF BB DOWNS BLVD TO W OF RIVERHILLS DR LRTP: State of Good Repair and Resilience, p. 31

Related Project: Extra Description: 6 LANES

Project Length: 3.524 *NON-SIS*

Type of Work RESURFACING

Fund	<2024	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
CONSTRUCTION - MANAGED BY FDOT								
DDR	\$0	\$4,183,072	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,183,072
DIH	\$0	\$301,261	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$301,261
DS	\$0	\$616,746	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$616,746
SA	\$0	\$10,684,075	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,684,075
Totals:	\$0	\$15,785,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,785,154
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING - MANAGED BY FDOT								
DDR	\$7,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,175
ACSA	\$1,964,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,964,500
DIH	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
DS	\$18,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,232
Totals:	\$1,999,907	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,999,907
Item 446270 1 Totals:	\$1,999,907	\$15,785,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,785,061

DDR - District Dedicated Revenue
 DIH – State In-house Product Support
 DS – State Primary Highways and PTO
 SA – STP, Any Area
 ACSA – Advance Construction (SA)



Status Amended	Amendment Date: 2/14/2024	Amendment Number: 8
Item Number: 446270 1	Description: SR 582/E FOWLER AVE FROM N 51ST ST TO W OF RIVERHILLS DR	LRTP: State of Good Repair and Resilience, p. 31
Related Project:	Extra Description: 6 LANES	
Project Length: 1.906		*NON-SIS*
Type of Work: RESURFACING		

Fund	<2024	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	>2028	All Years
CONSTRUCTION - MANAGED BY FDOT								
Modified DDR	\$0	\$2,687,672	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,687,672
DIH	\$0	\$301,261	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$301,261
DS	\$1,478	\$616,746	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$618,224
Modified SA	\$0	\$6,369,005	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,369,005
Added ACCM	\$0	\$177,685	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177,685
Added ACNR	\$0	\$495,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$495,400
Added ACSA		\$4,132,385	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,132,385
Added ACSS		\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
Totals:	\$1,478	\$15,780,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,781,632
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING - MANAGED BY FDOT								
DIH	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
DDR	\$7,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,175
DS	\$18,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,232
ACSA	\$1,964,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,964,500
Totals:	\$1,999,907	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,999,907
Item 446270 1 Totals:	\$2,001,385	\$15,780,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,781,539

ACCM – Advance Construction (CMAQ)
 ACNR – Advance Const Nat Hwy Perform Resurfacing
 ACSA – Advance Construction (SA)
 ACSS – Advance construction (SS, HSP)





Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2024 Safety Performance Targets

Presenter:

Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff

Summary:

Under the MAP-21 legislation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires state DOTs and MPOs to adopt performance targets for five safety measures, which must be reviewed and updated annually.

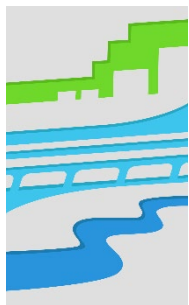
Achieving zero traffic deaths is the long-term aspirational goal of the Hillsborough TPO. The FHWA has encouraged MPOs to select realistic targets based on crash data analysis. Using a methodology developed for the *It's Time Hillsborough 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan*, TPO staff use historical crash and safety investment data to forecast performance.

For calendar year 2023, TPO staff is proposing to set safety performance targets as follows:

- Number of Fatalities (2024 year-end total): ≤ 197
- Number of Fatalities (Five-year rolling average of fatalities): ≤ 216
- Number of Motorcycle Fatalities (Five-year rolling average): ≤ 37.93
- Number of Serious Injuries (Five-year rolling average of serious injuries): ≤ 941
- Number of Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (Five-year rolling average of fatalities + serious injuries): ≤ 240
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (MVMT) (Five-year rolling average): ≤ 1.49
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 MVMT (Five-year rolling average): ≤ 6.52

These targets represent five-year rolling averages (2020-2024) with a 0.93% crash reduction factor applied. **The 0.93% crash reduction factor represents the annual reduction achievable given existing funding, as identified in the Vision Zero investment program in the 2045 LRTP.**

The TPO Board prioritizes projects for federal and state funding, many of which meet the criteria for safety projects under the Vision Zero program. The 2023-2024 Transportation Improvement Program has numerous funded projects that enhance the safety of facilities on the high-injury network. Upon implementation, these projects will make progress toward improving safety in future years.



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Recommended Action:

Approve the Calendar Year 2024 safety performance targets.

Prepared By:

Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff

Attachments:

[Presentation Slides](#)



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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:

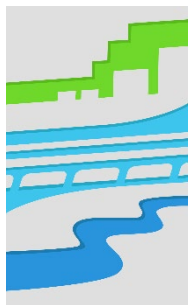
Provide feedback to FDOT.

Prepared By:

Gena Torres, Assistant Director

Attachments:

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



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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



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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Access 2050 LRTP Outreach Survey

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 has been launched to solicit feedback on priorities, major projects and funding options. To incentivize participation, several prizes are being offered to recruit survey respondents. The survey will remain open through April.

TPO staff is seeking survey participation as well as input and recommendations on community groups that we should present to.

Recommended Action:

Take the Access 2050 Transportation Survey, provide feedback on engagement objectives and suggestions on community groups to receive a presentation.

Prepared By:

Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff

Attachments:

Access2050.org



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Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301

Project Development & Environment Study

WPI Segment No. 450438-1

JANUARY 2024

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

We invite you to get involved! The public plays an important role in the project development and decision-making process of this study. Opportunities for you to provide your input will be available throughout the study by means of submitting comments or attending the public hearing. Project newsletters like this one will be mailed out to all property owners adjacent to the study area and to federal, state, and local officials at key points during the study. There are multiple ways to get involved — call, write, or email us. You can also join us at our public hearing or invite us to speak at one of your own small group meetings.

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www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gibsonton-dr-fern-hill-to-us301/

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Study Began	Summer 2022
Data Collection	Summer 2022 thru Fall 2023
Preparation of Documents	Ongoing
Public Hearing	February 20, 2024
PD&E Study Approval	Summer 2024

PROJECT FUNDING

Hillsborough County Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 to Fiscal Year 2027/2028.

Phase	Fiscal Year(s)
Design	Not Currently Funded
Right of Way Acquisition	Not Currently Funded
Construction	Not Currently Funded

Hearing Date
February 20, 2024
 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Formal presentation 6:30 p.m.

In-person Session Location
 Riverview Public Library
 9951 Balm Riverview Road
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Registration to Virtual Session
www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gibsonton-dr-fern-hill-to-us301/

Join the Conversation about the Gibsonton Drive PD&E Study
 We want your comments and suggestions throughout the study.

Questions?
 We're here to help.
 Give us a call, send us an email, or let us come speak to your group:

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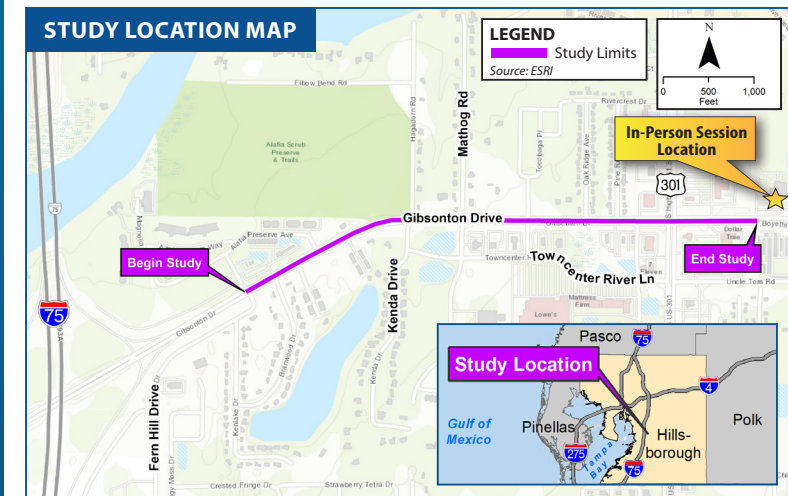
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Dear Property Owner/Interested Citizen,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven, in coordination with Hillsborough County, will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2024, regarding the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for the proposed improvements to Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301 in Hillsborough County, a distance of approximately 0.95 miles. This Public Hearing is being held to provide the opportunity for public comment on the proposed widening of Gibsonton Drive from four lanes to six lanes, including providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The proposed improvements at the I-75/Gibsonton Drive interchange as well as improvements at Gibsonton Drive/Fern Hill Drive intersection are proposed under other projects.

This newsletter also serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within a minimum of 500 feet of the centerline of the alignment; however, this does not mean that all properties would be directly affected.

This public hearing is being conducted both in-person and virtually to present information to and receive public input from interested persons regarding the proposed improvements to Gibsonton Drive. Citizens who choose to attend the virtual hearing session must do so through a computer, tablet or smartphone via GoToWebinar. **Virtual attendees must register online** at the project website: www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gibsonton-dr-fern-hill-to-us301/. Additional information related to the public hearing is included in the newsletter insert.



Maps, drawings, project videos and other project information will be available at the hearing session and for review online starting on **February 16, 2024**, at www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gibsonton-dr-fern-hill-to-us301/. Project reports will be on display from **January 29, 2024**, to **March 1, 2024**, on the project website and at the following locations:

- Riverview Public Library: 9951 Balm Riverview Road, Riverview, Florida 33569
 Monday-Thursday: 10 am to 9 pm; Friday & Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm; Sunday: Closed
- Florida Department of Transportation, District 7: 11201 N. Mc Kinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612
 Monday-Friday: 8 am to 5 pm; Saturday & Sunday: Closed

To become part of the official public hearing record, comments must be postmarked by Friday March 1, 2024. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

FDOT welcomes and appreciates everyone's participation. If you have questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please contact Ashley Henzel, P.E., FDOT Project Manager at ashley.henzel@dot.state.fl.us or visit our project website at www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gibsonton-dr-fern-hill-to-us301/.

Sincerely,

Kirk Bogen, P.E.

Environmental Management Engineer

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E study is conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal and state requirements. The study is to ensure that the implementation of transportation projects reflect and incorporate the unique engineering and community characteristics of the area. During the study, the FDOT and Hillsborough County will determine the location and conceptual design of feasible "build" alternatives for transportation improvements and analyze each of their social and economic, cultural, natural and physical environmental effects. The "no-build" alternative, which leaves Gibsonton Drive in its present state and provides for only routine maintenance, will remain an option throughout the study.

STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to address future roadway capacity issues as well as improve safety conditions on Gibsonton Drive, which is an important east-west connection between I-75 and US 301. The project will also provide improved mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists along Gibsonton Drive. This segment of Gibsonton Drive experiences high crash rates that are higher than the statewide average for similar facilities. Gibsonton Drive is an important freight route that serves as an alternate route to I-75 and has the potential of safely accommodate higher truck volumes. Gibsonton Drive is also a designated Hurricane Evacuation Route.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project traverses the unincorporated census designated place of Riverview and provides access to I-75 from the communities of Riverview, Boyette, Fish Hawk and Lithia. The class of action for this project is a Type 2 Categorical Exclusion. The proposed improvements will include widening Gibsonton Drive, the construction of stormwater management facilities (SMF) and floodplain compensation sites (FPC), various intersection improvements, median modifications, and multimodal facilities (pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodation). The No-Build alternative, which involves no new capacity or operational improvements, remains a viable alternative throughout the study process, although it does not accomplish the purpose and need for this project.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The existing Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301 has four travel lanes, two in each direction. The existing right of way is a minimum of 125 feet wide, but varies throughout the corridor from 125 feet to generally 150 feet.

TRAFFIC & CRASH DATA

Crash data along Gibsonton Drive within the project limits was obtained from the FDOT crash records database for the 5-year period including 2018 through 2022. A total of 910 crashes were reported including 280 of them involving injuries and 2 fatalities.

Traffic along Gibsonton Drive in 2022 ranged from an average of 38,400 to 56,600 vehicles per day. Projected traffic by year 2045 is expected to range from 52,500 to nearly 71,000 vehicles per day.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The preferred alternative is to widen the existing four-lane divided urban arterial from Fern Hill Drive to US 301 to a six-lane divided urban arterial with a 22-foot median. There will be two 11-foot and one 12-foot travel lanes with curb and gutter with a 10-foot wide sidewalk in each direction. Horizontal widening alignments were adjusted to minimize right-of-way requirements, impacts and costs.

Up to 30 feet of additional right-of-way is required along the north side of the roadway between Hagadorn Road and US 301 and up to 7 feet of additional right-of-way is needed on the south side of Gibsonton Drive approaching the US 301 intersection. Additional right-of-way is proposed for one off-site SMF and one off-site FPC site which are located adjacent to Gibsonton Drive.

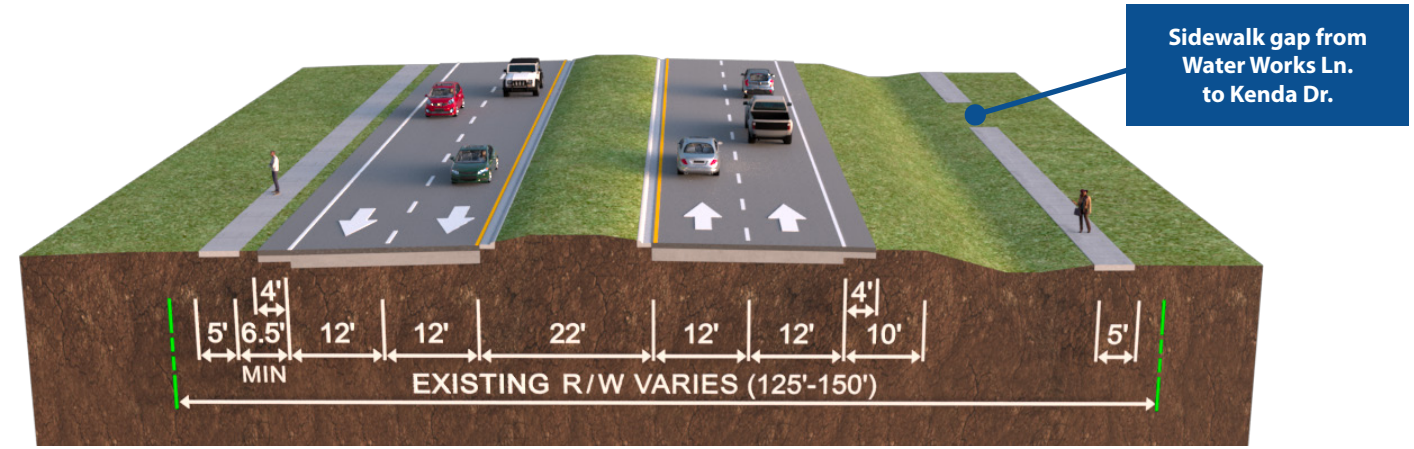
EVALUATION MATRIX

An evaluation matrix comparing the No Build and Build alternatives is shown below. This matrix compares preliminary cost estimates (ROW acquisition, wetland mitigation, engineering and construction), as well as natural, physical and social environmental factors.

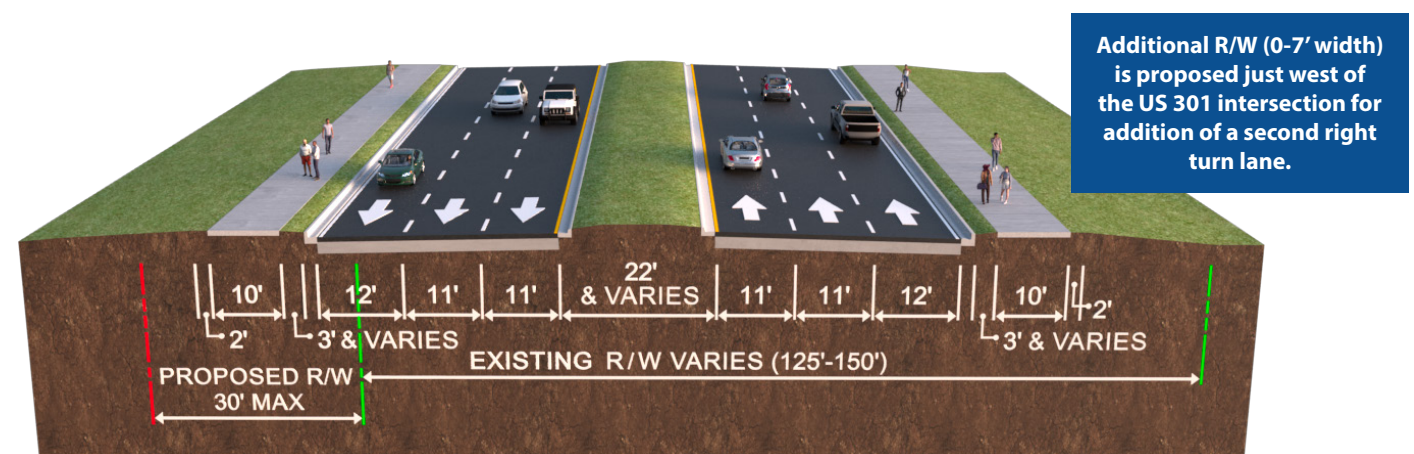
Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Preferred Alternative
Potential Business/Residential Impacts		
Number of business relocations	0	1
Number of residential relocations	0	3
Potential ROW Impacts		
Number of affected parcels	0	20
Area of ROW anticipated to be acquired for road widening (acres)	0	0.95
Area of ROW anticipated to be acquired for Stormwater Pond and Floodplain Compensation Site (acres)	0	3.19
Potential Environmental Effects		
Archaeological/Historical Resources	0	0
Section 4(f) sites	0	0
Noise impacted receptors	0	12
Wetlands that are not Other Surface Waters (acres)	0	0.17
Protected Species Involvement	None	Low
Petroleum and hazardous material sites (risk ranking)	None	0 (High) 6 (Medium)
Estimated Costs (Present Day Costs in \$ Million rounded up to nearest \$0.1 Million)		Total Project
Design (10% of construction)		\$2.4
Right of Way Gibsonton Drive Roadway Widening		\$6.7
Right of Way for Stormwater Pond and Floodplain Compensation Site		\$3.2
Wetlands Mitigation for Wetland impacts that are not other surface waters (0.17 acres)		\$0.1
Construction Inspection (10% of construction)		\$2.4
Construction Cost ¹		\$23.5
Total Project Estimated Costs		\$38.3¹

¹ Construction cost estimate prepared December 2023.

EXISTING ROADWAY TYPICAL SECTION (Looking East)



PREFERRED ROADWAY TYPICAL SECTION (Looking East)



RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION PROCEDURE

We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the Right of Way acquisition process and your rights, the FDOT has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures.

These brochures and other educational materials will be available at the public hearing along with representatives from the FDOT's Right of Way acquisition and relocations departments. Copies of the brochures may also be found on our website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/documents.shtm.

We are interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. Please feel free to speak with the FDOT's Project Manager or a Right of Way Representative at your convenience either at the workshop or by phone at (813) 975-6495.



US 41 Widening from Pendola Point/Madison Avenue to Denver Street 430056-2-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Widening
Phase	Design
Limits	From south of Pendola Point /Madison Avenue to Denver Street
Length	1 mile
City	Tampa
County	Hillsborough
Road	US 41
Design Cost	\$1.5 million
ROW Cost	\$4.9 million



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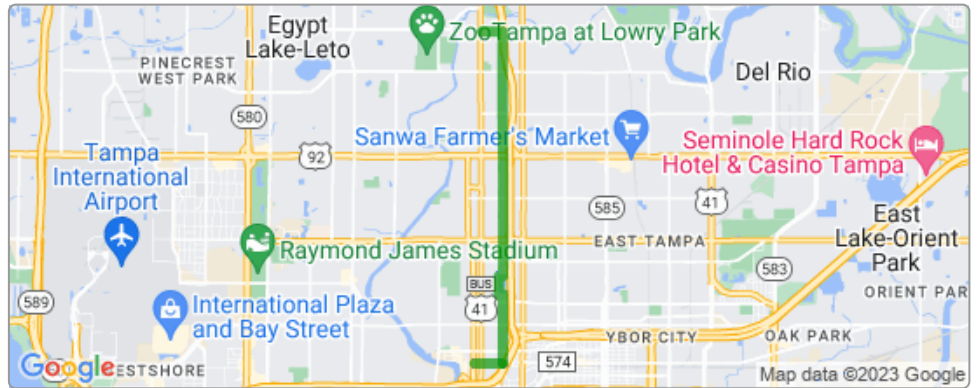
This project will include milling and resurfacing, widening, pavement markings, drainage improvements, pedestrian / bicyclist enhancements, signage, and a shared use path on the east side of the road.

This project is currently in the design phase. Right of way acquisition and construction are not funded at this time.

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Central Avenue Safety Project 440511-6-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Bike Lane/Sidewalk
Phase	Design
Limits	From W. 7th Avenue to USB-41/N. Florida Ave.
Length	4.292 miles
City	Tampa
County	Hillsborough
Design Cost	\$1.2M



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About

This project will construct a bikeway on N. Central Avenue from W. 7th Avenue to US Bus. 41/Florida Avenue in Tampa.

Additional improvements include ADA ramps, curb returns, bulb outs for on-street parking, pavement striping for crossing and designations, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), signals, and minor drainage improvements.

The project is currently in design. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.