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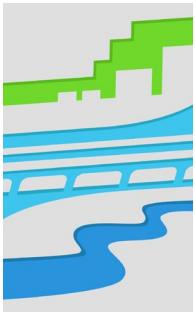
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Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

Friday, February 23, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
County Center, 18th Floor – Plan Hillsborough Committee Room

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Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- 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. **Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2023**
- V. **Action Items**
 - A. [Attendance Review, Declaration of Vacancies and Election of Officers](#) (Wally Gallart, TPO Staff)

- B. Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc. Coordination Contract
(Karen Smith, Sunshine Line)

VI. Status Reports

- A. 2024 Safety Performance Targets (Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff)
- B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects
(Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff)
- C. HART for All
(Frank Wyszynski, HART)
- D. Access 2050 LRTP Outreach Survey
(Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff)
- D. Sunshine Line Update (Jerry Stickney, Sunshine Line Staff)
- E. HART Update (Jesus Peraza Garcia, HART Staff)

VII. Old Business and New Business

- A. Next meeting April 26th

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Addendum

- A. [TPO Meeting Summary and Committee Reports](#)
- B. [HART Governance and Operational Management Analysis](#)
- C. FDOT Factsheet – US41 Widening from Pendola Point/Madison Avenue to Denver Street
- D. FDOT Factsheet – Central Avenue Safety Project
- E. FDOT Factsheet – SR583 N. 56th St and SR50 Cortez Blvd Safety Improvements at Various Locations
- F. Letter of Support CRA Board Friends of Tampa Union Station

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
HYBRID MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES**

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Myers called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Members Present In-Person: Commissioner Gwen Myers, Glenn Brown, Neugenia Joseph, Artie Fryer, Tracy Noyes, Ian Martin, Kristina Melling, Beth Pasek, Deborah Lekenta, Jennifer Waskovich, Alexcia Wiggins, Councilman Gil Schisler, Cassandra Blaylock,

Members Excused/ Absent: Craig Forsell, Mark Harshbarger, David Michaels, Indihra Chambers, John Vargas

Others Present: Jerry Stickeny and Karen Smith (Sunshine Line, non-voting); Wally Gallart, Connor Trejos-MacDonald, Elizabeth Watkins, Cheryl Wilkening (TPO Staff); Sarah Goolsby (Benesch); Suzanne Monk (FDOT); Leslie McNeil, Rosa Valaska (Sunshine Line employees)

An in-person quorum has been met.

II. Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker - None

III. Approval of Minutes (*Timestamp 0:00:00*) –October 13, 2023

The voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items

A. Annual Operating Report (Karen Smith, Sunshine Line) (*Timestamp 0:00:01*)

- Went over reporting requirements
- Review of report highlights – driver shortages, community outreach, trips, bus pass distribution

Recommended Action: requesting the Chairman certify that the TDCB has reviewed the report and the Planning Agency has received a copy.

The motion was made and seconded; the voice vote passes unanimously.

Discussion:

It was asked when this was submitted to the state; in September. Clarification was asked about trips to and from employment. There are specific hours these types of trips are provided. Users should call Sunshine Line to work out solutions. Cross County trips

B. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Evaluation (Sarah Goolsby, Benesch) *(Timestamp 0:09:37)*

- Went over the CTC Evaluation Overview – required evaluation
- Reviewed five-year trip trend
- Looked at the comparison results for 2021, 2022, and 2023
- Went over the Door-to-Door and Bus Pass survey results
- Identified three recommendations for the coming year – reviewed those recommendations

Discussion:

There was discussion about how the survey was made available and if there were digital options such as email, text, QR Code on the transit vehicles. No, this was a mailout survey. There was a discussion about how many drivers are needed to bring the level to pre-COVID levels. There are currently 12 vacancies. Talked about solutions being worked on. Additional conversation was had with survey options for additional participation. It was asked what type of information requests were received. There was a question about adding digital signatures for the applications; this will be an option with new software being put in for 2024. Sunshine Line is working to reduce barriers to hiring new drivers. A copy of the complaints received was requested. Went over the breakdown and addressed concerns. Talked about possible solutions.

The voice vote passed unanimously to accept the results of the CTC Evaluation.

C. Election of Officer – Member-at-Large (Wally Gallart, TPO Staff) – deferred to the February 2024 meeting during the annual election of officers

D. 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar (Wally Gallart, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:44:26)*

- Went over the proposed 2024 TPO Committee and Board meeting calendar

The voice vote passed unanimously to accept the 2024 Meeting Calendar.

V. Status Reports

A. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff; Sarah Goolsby, Benesh) *(Timestamp 0:45:41)*

- Reviewed what this needs assessment is about
- Went over the program overview
 1. Bus service – worked with HART; reviewed the performance measures and how many people and jobs could be serviced along with the funding requirements
 2. Trails and Sidepaths – went over what is included, projects projected, how many people will be served, and funding requirements

Discussion:

It was asked if there was going to be a trail connection on the Howard Frankland Bridge. Yes. It was asked who was going to make the final decisions on the trails. It will be the jurisdictions and operators. This study is to show what could happen. It was pointed out that the communities of

concern have a lot of overlap with the priority quarters. That iteration could be pulled out. It was asked how the increase in trails would increase transportation specifically for those who are disadvantaged. It will give people options to get around particularly when partnered with the buses. The TDCB recommends that the trails that would benefit the TD population be elevated to priorities. The health of the population being able to get out to walk and bike safely and children are part of the transportation disadvantaged.

B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Good Repair and Resilience (Dr. Pedro Serigos, Cambridge Systematics) *(Timestamp 1:03:22)*

- Went over the outline of the Needs Assessment
- Review of the Scope – Objectives – analysis of current and future needs
- Looked at Data and Assumptions – pavement, bridge, and transit assets from each stakeholder
 1. Went over the pavement, bridge, transit, and resilience needs
- Looked at the Main Conclusions of the assessment
 1. Pavement and bridge – current spending levels are insufficient
 2. Transit – over \$105 million of backlogs in transit building maintenance; current spending sufficient to maintain current bus fleet; HART operations scaled-back service compared to 2019 with a reduction in bus fleet size. Additional analysis will need to be conducted if the fleet needs changes.
 3. Resilience – current spending on stormwater accounts for 11% of funding needed to improve stormwater/drainage on critical roads that are moderate to highly vulnerable; funding needed to harden/protect critical roads is about 82% of the entire current road maintenance budget.

Discussion:

It was asked where the transportation disadvantaged are being considered in these needs? Those are taken into consideration with the Equity Needs Assessment and the Real Choices When Not Driving Assessment. It was asked how this is being communicated back to the powers that be who are looking for funding alternatives. This assessment has been presented to the other committees as well as the TPO Board. The funding will be looked at in the Cost Feasible study and with the surveys coming in 2024. This is used to develop the LRTP. It was asked who gets the report. It is published online and the TPO receives the report. It was noted that these reports need to go to people who will actively look at the report. There is also money sitting in limbo. It was brought up that the TPO partner agency staff aided in getting the data for the assessments. This is the beginning of the conversation for the LRTP. Board members will be briefed, one-on-one conversations will be had with mayors, councils, and staff.

C. 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion of Cost Feasible Scenarios (Wally Gallart, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 1:15:23)*

- Federal and State Programs
- Metropolitan and regional grants
- Transit and TD
- Local governments
- Summary of available and potential new revenues, FY 2031 – FY 2050
 1. Potential local funding

- Looked at the spending patterns in the current 5-year CIPs and Work Program
- Reviewed local governments: funding vs. needs – building and improving the system – funded FY 22 – FY 27
 1. Funding priorities by funding buckets
- Putting the pieces together – needs assessments and revenue forecast, public input, Board consideration of preferred scenario
- Presented a preliminary survey for the TPO Board to fill out

Provide feedback to TPO staff on spending priorities and/or funding strategies to explore

Discussion:

It was asked about the decrease of the gas tax dollars due to EVs. The legislature is considering an EV registration fee. It was asked about how the safety side was looked at. Will bring that back. There was a discussion about how potential new taxes would be brought to the public.

D. Sunshine Line Update (Jerry Stickney, Sunshine Line Staff) *(Timestamp 1:31:48)*

- Service Update
- Many things were discussed during the CTC Evaluation discussion
- Handed out the operation breakdowns to board members
- The dip in the Calls Answered numbers correlates with the decrease in CSRs
- Looking to replace some of the larger vehicles with smaller ones for efficiency. Will keep larger vehicles for group trips
- On November 14th, TD Tampa Bay cross-county trips, due to funding and lack of availability, PSTA will not be taking additional clients into the program.
- Continuing to work with the food programs
- Waiting on the new vehicles to come in, should be here for the February meeting
- Wrapped up end-of-year with the department; looked at the Excellence in Service. The focus this year was a safety mindset. Seven different instances where staff assisted clients who needed EMS help.

E. HART Update (Jesus Peraza Garcia, HART Staff) *(Timestamp 1:38:04)*

- Went over the on-time performance and the pick-up and drop-off performance; cancellations and no-shows; ridership is decreasing during the holidays
- Provided information on passenger in-vehicle time
- Looked at taxi trips

Discussion:

Appreciation was expressed regarding adding the in-vehicle time. It was noted that system users stated that they could not get service during school hours. It was asked who is utilizing the school transportation. It is Special Education schools and their students. It was requested that additional information about the school time conflicts and hours be brought back to the February meeting.

VI. **Old Business & New Business** (*Timestamp 1:42:19*)

- A. **Next meeting: February 23, 2024, at 9:30 AM** (the Chair stressed the meeting is required in-person)
- B. The new Ride Guides are out, and members are encouraged to take them to help get to the public. An electronic copy of the Ride Guide was requested.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** – adjourned at 11:15 AM

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Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item

Attendance Review, Declaration of Vacancies and Election of Officers

Presenter

Wally Gallart, TPO Staff

Summary

The TPO Bylaws require that the members' attendance be reviewed, and officers be elected each year. 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.

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 TDCB Chair must be an elected official appointed by the TPO Board. The 2024 TDCB Chair is Commissioner Myers. The other 2023 TDCB Officers were:

- Vice Chair: Councilman Gil Schisler
- Officer-at-large: Vacant

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.

Recommended Action

Review attendance for 2023 and declare vacancies. Hold election of Officers (Vice Chair and Officer-at-large) for 2024.

Prepared By

Wally Gallart, TPO Staff

Attachments

2023 Attendance and Committee Member List



2023 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD ATTENDANCE

TDCB MEMBER/ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	Appointed	Term Expires	2/23/23	4/28/23	6/9/23	8/25/23	10/13/23	12/15/23	ATTENDED		ABSENT	
				IP	VIRTUAL	EXCUSED	EXCUSED						
Commissioner Gwynn Myers (Chair)	Hillsborough County Commissioner	12/14/2022		Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	0	0	1
A -										0	0	0	0
Gloria Mills (Vice Chair)	Citizen Advocate/ User of the System	11/1/2011		Y	E	Y	V	V	V	2	0	0	1
A -										0	0	0	0
Glenn Brown	Children at Risk	7/30/2012		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	0	0	0
A -										0	0	0	0
Debra Noel	Agency for Person w/ Disabilities			E			Y			1	0	0	1
A - Mike Lacey					YA	YA		YA		3	0	0	0
A - Neugenia Joseph									WA	0	1	0	0
A - Brett Gottschalk										0	0	0	0
Artie Fryer	Citizen Advocate	3/8/2011		Y	Y	N	W	N	Y	3	1	2	0
A -										0	0	0	0
Craig Forsell	Member-At-Large: Elderly	11/1/2017		N	Y	Y	N	E	N	2	0	3	1
A -										0	0	0	0
David Newell	Florida Dept of Transportation	10/23/2018				N	W	Y		1	1	1	0
A - Tracy Noyes		11/1/2011		YA	YA		YA		YA	4	0	0	0
Emily Hughart	Florida Agency for Health Care Admin.	12/9/2016		Y	Y		Y	Y		4	0	0	0
A - Ian Martin						YA			YA	2	0	0	0
Kristina Melling	Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs	4/3/2012		Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	4	0	2	0
A - Ctairedine Senate		11/1/2011								0	0	0	0
Beth Pasek	Florida Dept. of Children & Families			W	Y	Y	N	E	Y	3	1	1	1
A -										0	0	0	0
Mark Harshbarger	Florida Dept. of Education/Div. of Blind Svc.	8/6/2013		Y	Y	N	N	E	N	2	0	3	1
A -										0	0	0	0
Nancy Castellano	Local for-profit Transportation	11/1/2011		N	WA	N	WA	E	WA	0	3	2	1
A - Deborah Lekenta										0	0	0	0
Dr. Leslene Gordon, PhD	Local Medical Providers	3/8/2011		E	N	V				0	0	1	1
Jennifer Saskovich							Y	Y	Y	3	0	0	0
A - Allison Nguyen										0	0	0	0
Alexcia Wiggins	Hillsborough County Schools	12/7/2021		Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	5	0	0	1
A -										0	0	0	0
Councilmember Gilbert Schisler (VC)	Local Transit System Board Chair HART	1/5/2015		E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	0	0	1
A - Councilmember Luis Viera										0	0	0	0
John Pelkey	Local Veterans	11/1/2011								0	0	0	0
Kristen Thomas		6/8/2022		W	N	W	E	Y		1	2	1	1
David Michaels									N	0	0	1	0
A - Meghan Krieger		6/8/2022		WA						0	1	0	0
Indira Chambers	Regional Workforce Development Board	10/19/2021		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	4	0	2	0
A -										0	0	0	0
John Vargas	User of System	1/11/2022		W	W	W	E	E	E	0	3	0	3
A -										0	0	0	0
Cassandra Blaylock	Economically Disadvantaged			E	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	4	0	0	2
A -										0	0	0	0
Jerry Stickney (non-voting)				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	0	0	0
A - Karen Smith (non-voting)										0	0	0	0

Membership		IN PERSON	10	14	12	11	10	12
		VIRTUAL	4	2	2	3	0	2
		MEMBERSHIP LESS VACANCIES	19	19	18	18	18	18
	19	NEEDED FOR QUORUM	10	10	10	10	10	10
		QUORUM ACHIEVED	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

LEGEND:	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 Position
	10.5	Needed for Quorum
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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item

Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc. Coordination Contract

Presenter

Karen Smith, Sunshine Line

Summary

Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc. currently has a Coordination Contract with Hillsborough County that is expiring. This new contract will replace the expired contract. This agency is a recipient of 5310 funding through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); FDOT requires all recipients to have a Coordination Contract with the local Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).

Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc. provides transportation services to residential clients with disabilities to vocational training, education, recreational, and employment opportunities.

Last year, Quest, Inc. provided 7,810 one-way passenger trips for 48 unduplicated clients with 15 vehicles at an average cost of \$72.56 per trip.

The CTC is requesting approval to enter into a new Coordination Contract with Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc.

Recommended Action

Approve new Coordination Contract with Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc.

Prepared By

Wally Gallart

Attachments

None





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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.

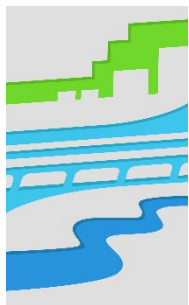
Achieving zero traffic deaths is the long-term aspirational goal of the Hillsborough TPO. The FHWA has encouraged MPOs to select realistic targets based on crash data analysis. Using a methodology developed for the *It's Time Hillsborough 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan*, TPO staff use historical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

No Action. Status report only.

Prepared By:

Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff

Attachments:

[Presentation Slides](#)



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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

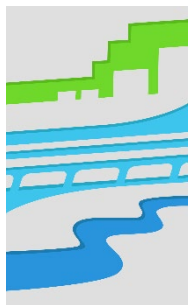
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Wade Reynolds, AICP, TPO Staff

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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HART For All

Presenter

Frank Wyszynski, HART

Summary

“HART For All” is a campaign that aims to enhance the understanding of disabled riders on the optimal utilization of HART services. The initiative also focuses on educating HART employees about the best practices in accommodating users with disabilities.

Recommended Action

None, for information only.

Prepared By

Wally Gallart

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Board & Committee Agenda Item

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Access 2050 LRTP Outreach Survey

Presenter:

Committee Liaison or Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff

Summary:

Over the past several months, the TPO Board and committees have provided feedback and support for the various 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 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 15, 2024.

TPO staff is seeking [survey](#) participation, sharing of the survey to networks, as well as input and recommendations on community groups that we should present to.

Recommended Action:

Take and share 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

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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



About

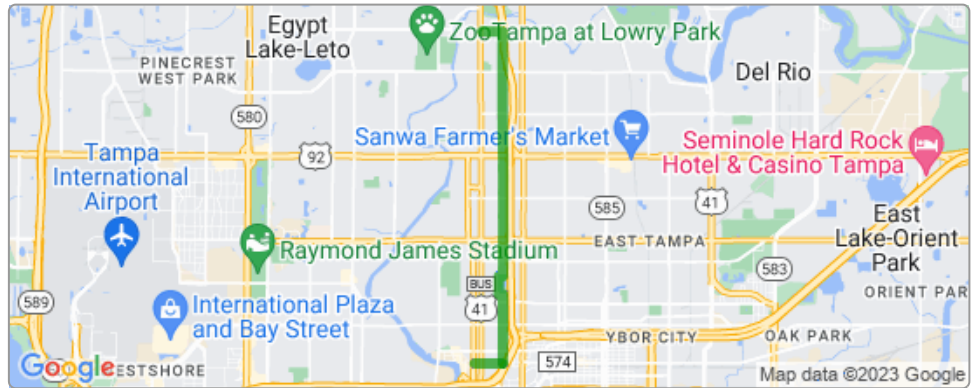
This project will include milling and resurfacing, widening, pavement markings, drainage improvements, pedestrian / bicyclist enhancements, signage, and a shared use path on the east side of the road.

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



About

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

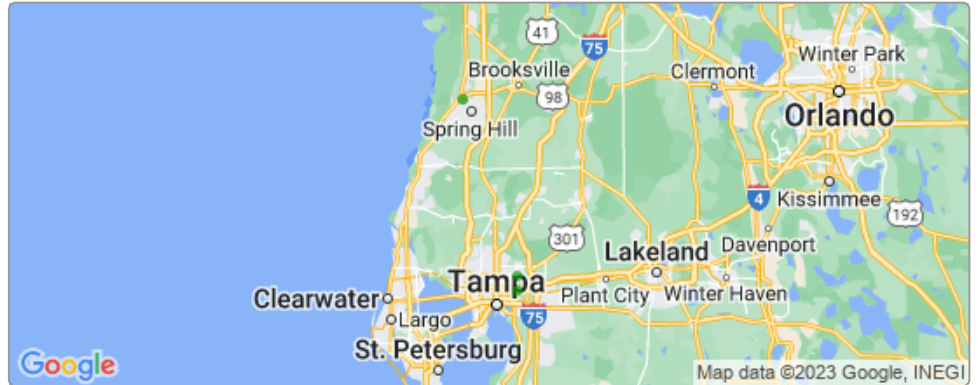
Additional improvements include ADA ramps, curb returns, bulb outs for on-street parking, pavement striping for crossing and designations, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), signals, and minor drainage improvements.

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

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



About

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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February 7, 2024

The Honorable Chair Gwendolyn Henderson
Members of the City of Tampa Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board
306 E. Jackson Street
Tampa, FL 33602

RE: CRA Request for Additional \$1.5 Million in Funding for Repairs to Historic Tampa Union Station

Dear Chair Henderson and Members of the CRA Board:

We are pleased to provide this letter of support of the request for the CRA to provide an additional \$1.5 million in funding for necessary repairs to historic Tampa Union Station. Thank you for considering this request for this important community asset.

Our all-volunteer nonprofit organization, and its predecessor, includes individuals who advocate for the preservation and expanded use of Tampa Union Station. These efforts, which included raising millions in public and private funds, successfully rescued Tampa Union Station from likely demolition and restored the building for passenger rail use prior to its donation to the City of Tampa in 1998.

Tampa Union Station, located on the CSX main line serving Tampa, currently hosts Amtrak's northbound and southbound *Silver Star* trains as well as Amtrak buses which connect to the state's other New York-Florida train service, the *Silver Meteor*.

Like any building, Tampa Union Station requires periodic repairs. In 2021, Friends of Tampa Union Station first appealed to the CRA Board for funding for key renovations to this building so that it can successfully remain one of Tampa's "front doors" for visitors and residents.

To this end, we recently worked with the City of Tampa Grants Office to secure a \$414,000 State of Florida Special Category Historic Preservation Grant toward the current renovation project. In 2020 and 2021, we raised public and private funds – and successfully managed and completed – the restoration of the historic Baggage Building at Tampa Union Station.

We support the request for an additional \$1.5 million in funds for this Design Build renovation project. The combination of inflation in construction pricing and the identification of pressing repair needs at Tampa Union Station, including termites and water damage, makes the allocation of additional funds necessary.

We respectfully request the CRA and City staff to do the following:

1. **Current Renovation: Proceed with the renovation project as soon as possible.** We encourage the CRA Board and the City staff to hammer out a schedule which everyone can agree on – and move forward as a unified team to avoid more delays and cost increases.

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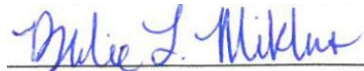
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- 2. Future Activation: Draft and issue the Request for Proposals.** Tampa Union Station is an underutilized City of Tampa asset with a significant potential for uses beyond its current sole role as an Amtrak station. CRA staff should proceed with drafting the planned Request for Proposals for the operation and management of Tampa Union Station that is complementary to an active train station. This is particularly important considering the expiration of Amtrak's lease in August of this year.
- 3. Passenger Rail Preservation: Work with the Hillsborough TPO, Florida DOT, and other agencies to expand passenger rail use at Tampa Union Station.** Historic Tampa Union Station is the second busiest Amtrak station in the State of Florida, and it has the capacity to serve additional trains. In light of Brightline's decision to build another station in Ybor City for its trains, Tampa Union Station has plenty of capacity for new or expanded Amtrak service as well as future commuter rail services.

The volunteers of Friends of Tampa Union Station stand ready to support the CRA and the City of Tampa staff with any and all of these efforts.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



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President
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