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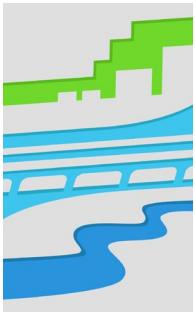
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## Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 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: March 27, 2024**
- VI. **Status Reports**

A. [Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data](#) (Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff)

- B. Community Air Monitoring Network (Lizzie Baker, TPO Staff)
- C. New Rules for City of Tampa Micromobility Program (Austin Britt, City of Tampa)

## **VII. Old Business and New Business**

- A. BPAC July Workshop Discussion

## **VIII. Adjournment**

## **IX. Addendum**

- A. [TPO Summary and Committee Reports](#)
- B. [FDOT Project Factsheet US301 from Balm to Whitt Road](#)
- C. [FDOT Project Factsheet US301 & Symmes Road Intersection Improvements](#)
- D. [Hillsborough County BOCC Priority Letter](#)
- E. [Freight Priorities Program Project Application SR60](#)
- F. [Freight Priorities Project Application I4 Parking](#)
- G. [Freight Priorities Program Project Application US41](#)
- H. [Federal Courts Strike Down FHWA's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Rule](#)
- I. [Community Health Assessment Survey](#)
- J. [E-Bike and E-Scooter Rules Change](#)
- K. [FDOT Recognizes Work Zone Awareness Week April 15-19](#)

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HYBRID MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Tim Horst called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

**Members Present:** Tim Horst, Jim Shirk, Katrina Corcoran, Christopher Fellerhoff, John Merine, Cpl. Julian Anderson, Joel Yap, Alain Watson, Brent Buffington, Samantha Flores, Daniel Rodriguez, Jason Jackman, Jonathan Forbes, Peter Davitt, David Aylesworth, John Kubicki

**Members Excused/Absent:** John Marsh, Faye Miller, Brandyn Littleton, Mike Disco (Martin Santiago), Sally Thompson, Edward Newsome, David Cillitti

**Others Present:** Ben Gordon, Amber Simmons, Sarah Caper, Lisat Silva, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Jensen Hackett (FDOT); Brandie Miklus (Pritchett Steinbeck Group); Mary S, D3

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

**II. Public Comment** (3 minutes per speaker) (*Timestamp 0:03:09*) – None

**III. Member's Interest** (*Timestamp 0:03:22*)

- Chair Horst is now with the City of Tampa. Will be taking over as the primary for the City of Tampa in the Mobility Department with John Marsh as an Alternate. Other committees have elected officials and City Staff as their Chair.
- Critical Mass ride on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Temple Terrace Ride with the Mayor was postponed to April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Slow Roll at University Area is on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9A
- Slow Roll on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Westshore at 9A

**IV. Approval of Minutes** (*Timestamp 0:22:58*)

John Kubiki was listed as absent but was present virtually at the February 28, 2024 meeting. Attendance records and minutes were updated by the recorder on March 28, 2024.

**Jim Shirk moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by David Aylesworth. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**V. Action Items**

- A. Gulf Coast Corridor Support Letter** (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:24:04*)

- Went over the letter sent by the TPO Executive Director
- The priority list has been done and the Gulf Coast Corridor will be ranked 4th
- Encouraged members to send communications to FDOT

**Discussion:**

Talked about the top three trails ahead of the Gulf Coast Corridor. The top two have been committed to by FDOT. Staff will confirm whether there is any potential to move these around. It was noted that the majority of the people in Florida live on the coast. It would be good to have complete trails at the coast. It was brought up that the letter sent by Dr. Wong requests that the Gulf Coast Corridor be moved to number one. This topic came up at the Regional Greenways meeting; it was asked that Sally Thompson and a member of the government send their interest in moving this up the list. That was done. Language was provided.

**Jim Shirk moved to have the BPAC create an email be written by the individual members of the BPAC to move the Gulf Coast Corridor to the top of the priority list pending confirmation of the finality of the current list, seconded by Peter Davitt. The voice vote passed with one abstention by John Kubiki.**

**VI. Status Reports**

**A. Preliminary Draft of FY 25-26 UPWP (Amber Simmons, TPO Staff;) (Timestamp 0:12:37)**

- Review of what the UPWP is
- Went over the contents of the UPWP
- Looked at the budget
- Went over the schedule and milestones
- Reviewed the Summary of the FY23 & 24 projects
- Looked at the critical path projects for FY 25 & 26
- Looked at the requests for planning and analysis

**Discussion:**

It was asked what the UPWP is, at a high level. It outlines the TPO Budget for two years and outlines the studies that will be done. It was asked if any projects carry over from the FY 23 & 24 UPWP. Amber Simmons reviewed the projects that will continue. Clarification was asked on what “de-obligated funds” are. Whatever is not being spent by the end of the year, we have to let FDOT know so they can be rolled into the next budget. This will include projects rolling over.

**B. BPAC Multimodal Counts Next Steps (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:33:36)**

- All the count data is available on the Plan Hillsborough website; a couple of summaries are included
- Went over the data on the counts from locations recommended by the BPAC
- Continuing to talk to the consultants to produce additional result information

**Discussion:**

Talked about the way the data could be done graphically. Overlaying on a STRAVA heat map may be one. There was a discussion on how the counts are targeted to the road and not the entire

intersection. It was noted that the counts were done with consideration to the days they were done such as during the week for schools.

**VII. Old Business and New Business** (*Timestamp 0:43:58*)

- A. The next meeting is March 27, 2024**
- B. Hillsborough County has carved out 12 counts for county-operated trails out of the overall traffic count program. Those will start on April 3 – April 6. Are planning on using the data to make sense out of some of the data from the street light count from 2023. Went over the locations. Will try to bring a presentation back in the fall.**
- C. Emergency closure of a bridge on the Upper Tampa Bay Trail as the result of an inspection. The county is doing its best to advance the replacement of that bridge.**
- D. The northern portion of the Green Spine Trail is being extended further north and should be done in April 2025.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM

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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb\\_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/videos)



# Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data

### Presenter

Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff

### Summary

Over the past several months, TPO staff have been identifying future transportation network deficiencies, soliciting candidate major projects from local government partners, and modeling each project to assess its benefits.

This presentation will briefly recap the process for identifying candidate major projects to consider in the Access 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and discuss how each candidate may address a unique need for specific communities across Hillsborough County, while also advancing the conversation by presenting some preliminary model results from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model (TBRPM).

### Recommended Action

None. For discussion and comment.

### Prepared By

Wade Reynolds, AICP, TPO Staff

### Attachments

[Presentation Slides](#)





# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

Community Air Monitoring Network

### **Presenter:**

Lizzie Baker, Planning Commission

### **Summary:**

The Community Air Monitoring Network is a partnership among the Hillsborough TPO, University of South Florida's College of Public Health, the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, and numerous community-based entities and which builds upon efforts from the Low-Coast Air Quality Monitoring Pilot Study (2021-2023).

The project is funded by federal discretionary grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), which provide funding through March 2026. As part of this effort, air quality in underserved communities along I-275, I-4, and I-75 is being studied using low-cost air quality monitors and the data collected will then be analyzed by subject matter experts at USF.

The results of the data analysis will be communicated to interested parties by way of community capacity building efforts. Building on seven community air monitoring sites established during the pilot study, an additional 20-25 sites will be established in a phased effort from now through March 2026. The TPO is currently leading the site selection process to identify the next phase of future community air monitoring sites and is working on early community-building activities. TPO staff will provide an update on the project, its current status, and upcoming steps.

### **Recommended Action:**

None. For information only.

### **Prepared By:**

Lizzie Baker, Planning Commission

### **Attachments:**

None.



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## Board & Committee Agenda Item

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New Rules for City of Tampa Micromobility Program

### Presenter

Austin Britt, City of Tampa

### Summary

The City of Tampa has recently introduced new rules for micromobility vehicles such as e-scooters and e-bicycles, with riders now expected to park at city-approved docking stations. These new rules will be enforced through fines and a “bounty” incentive program for riders who find and return misplaced vehicles. Austin Britt, the Parking Planning Coordinator for the City of Tampa, will provide an overview of the rule changes and what they mean for micromobility in Tampa.

### Recommended Action

None; for information only

### Prepared By

Ben Gordon, TPO Staff

### Attachments

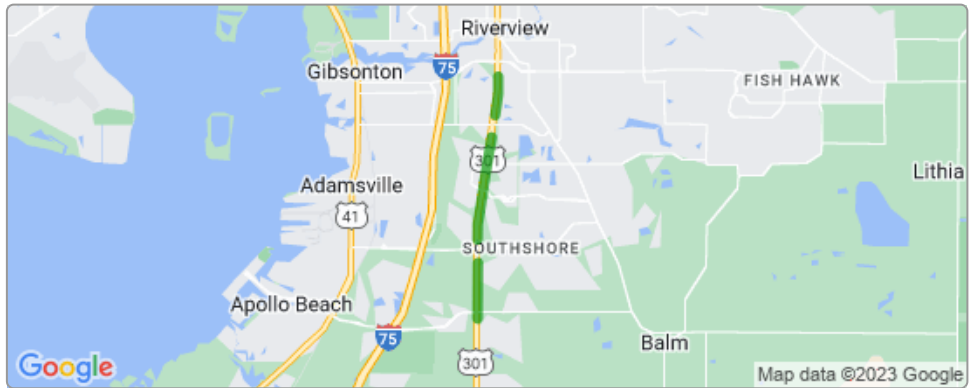
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US 301/SR 43 from S. of Balm Rd./Paseo Al Mar Blvd. to S. of Whitt Rd. 445936-1-52-01

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	Resurfacing, Traffic Signals, and Signing/Pavement Markings. Also included are associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	From south of Balm Rd./Paseo Al Mar Blvd. to south of Whitt Rd.
<b>Length</b>	4.771 Miles
<b>City</b>	Riverview
<b>County</b>	Hillsborough
<b>Road</b>	US 301
<b>Design Cost</b>	\$1.48M



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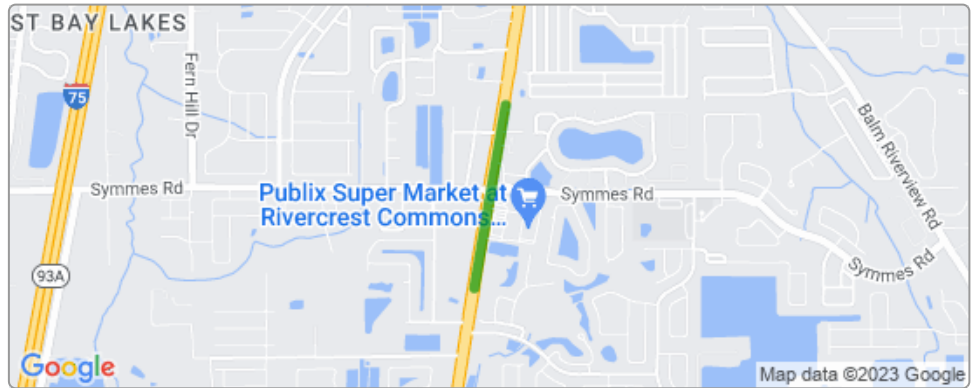
The purpose of this RRR project is to preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement through milling and resurfacing. The work also includes minor drainage improvements, bringing ADA features into conformance with current standards, and perform general safety modification work.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Summer 2024.

Contact Information	
<b>Design Manager</b>	Eyra Cash, P.E. (813) 975-6164 Eyra.Cash@dot.state.fl.us
<b>Media Contact</b>	Kris Carson (813) 975-6060 Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us

## US 301/SR 43 Intersection Improvements at Symmes Road 445392-1-52-01

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	Rigid Pavement Reconstruction, Traffic Signals, and Signing/Pavement Markings. Associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	Intersection of US 301/Symmes Rd, extending along US 301 from one quarter-mile south of Symmes Rd to one quarter-mile north of Symmes Rd
<b>Length</b>	.530 Miles
<b>City</b>	Riverview
<b>County</b>	Hillsborough
<b>Road</b>	US 301
<b>Design Cost</b>	\$482000



### About

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the intersection of US301 at Symmes Rd. with rigid pavement to provide a sustainable pavement with a longer service life. The work also includes minor drainage improvements, bringing ADA features into conformance with current standards, and perform general safety modification work.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Summer 2024.

### Contact Information

#### Design Manager

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 (813) 975-6164  
 Eyra.Cash@dot.state.fl.us

#### Media Contact

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 Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us



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March 28, 2024

Johnny KA Wong, PhD, Executive Director  
Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization  
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Tampa, Florida 33601

RE: Hillsborough County BOCC Priority

Dear Dr. Wong:

The Board of County Commissioners on their March 06, 2024, listened to a presentation on the potential Urban Service Area expansion by Melissa Zornitta, Executive Director of Planning Commission and Adam Gormly, Director Development Services. It was followed by a robust Board discussion on options presented. The Board decided to move forward to expand the urban service area for the Balm/Riverview and Wimauma Village Residential/WVR2 now and asked staff to do additional study on Expansion Areas for the Interstate 4 (Corridor)/Plant City and Little Manatee South (U.S. Highway 41) areas and bring back to the Board information including infrastructure needs and possible funding options.

The Board also moved to transmit correspondence to the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board informing it of the possible expansion of the urban service area consistent with the recommendations made at the meeting and further, request the TPO Board to prioritize road and infrastructure projects in the proposed expanded urban service area sections over all other road projects in the County, this includes road widening, road paving, road repair, and infrastructure improvements in the newly established urban service area. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (813) 276-8428. We are ready to assist you and our partners on advancing these projects.

Sincerely,

*John Patrick*  
John Patrick,

3/28/24

Division Director, Community and Infrastructure Planning

cc: Commissioner Gwen Myers, Chair TPO Board  
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Gregory S. Horwedel, Deputy County Administrator  
Melissa Zornitta, Executive Director, Planning Commission  
Kimberly Byer, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works Administration

## General Information

- 1a. Project Name: SR 60/Adamo Drive From W of 45th St to W of Yeoman St  
FDOT Contact Information: FDOT District: 7, FDOT District Freight Coordinator (DFC): Mike Brown
- 2a. Facility Name: SR 60
- 3a. Project Category: State Highway System Roadway
- 4a. Are any other MPOs Involved in the project? No
- 5a. Which counties are involved in the project? Hillsborough
- 6a. Are there any private partners involved in the project? No
- 7a. Is this a District Freight Coordinator Priority Project? Yes
- Project Application Review Result:
- Review Comments:

## State Highway System Information

1s. Project Type:	New Bridge Construction, Management and Operation
2s. Provide a brief description of the project:	Provide grade separation between SR 60 and CSX Rail
3s. Describe the project rationale:	Up to 15 trains/day traverse Adamo Drive at this location. The proximity to the Port of Tampa and CSX Intermodal Yard necessitate frequent crossings of the State Highway at this location and frequently cause congestion for motorists and freight operators.
4s. What is the FM Number(s)?	450768-1
5s. What is the FDOT Roadway ID(s)?	10110000
6s. What is the direction of the project?	East-West
7s. What is the extent of the project? (Milepost)	From: 1.590 To: 2.740
8s. What is the extent of the project? (Intersected Roadway)	From: W of 45th To: W of Yeoman
9s. What is the existing truck activity at the project location?	2263 AADT (Trucks)
10s. Define the requested action:	Fund Construction of \$67,500,000 Grade Separation for Adamo Drive/SR60 and CSX Railroad
11s. What funding programs is the project eligible for?	NHFP, SIS, STBG, SHIP
12s. Upload a map showing the location of the project:	Filename: SR60 Map.jpg See Step 2 for file download link
13s. Select PD&E status and please provide reference documentation and accompanying information:	See below
PD&E Phase Status:	Completed
URL/Link:	<a href="https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/sr60-50th-to-falkenburg/">https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/sr60-50th-to-falkenburg/</a>
Page Number:	1
Project Number:	405525-1-22-01
Work Program:	2005
Year:	2005
Amount:	\$0.00

Project Schedule and Funding Status in the FDOT 5-Year Work Program (Costs Shown in \$Millions)

Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2nd 5-Year Cost	Unfunded Cost	Status
PD&E	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	Completed
P.E.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
ROW Support	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
ROW Land	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Construction	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
CEI	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Environmental	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Other (1)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Other (2)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Total	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	

14s. Provide URL(s)/Reference(s) to Work Program including page number(s) and project reference number(s) (FM Number):

See below

URL/Link:

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Project Reference Number:

450768-1



## Project Screening

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| 1c. Is the project identified as a freight priority by the MPO and its partners (e.g., municipalities, seaports, airports, railroads)? | Yes  |
| How was this priority determined and by which entity?  | FDOT District 7  |
| 2c. Identify the plan(s) (e.g., freight plan, LRTP, TIP, CIP, master plan) documenting the project and provide specific reference(s):  | No Plan Reference Documents Identified   |
| 3c. Identify project matching fund(s) sources (e.g., local):   | No Matching Funds Identified   |
| 4c. Is the project on a priority freight network?  | Yes  |
| Regional Freight Network (RFN) URL/Link and Page Number:   | URL/Link:<br><a href="https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-atlas.pdf?sfvrsn=4ecf90b5_4">https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-atlas.pdf?sfvrsn=4ecf90b5_4</a><br>, Page Number: 28            |
| Other Network Name:  | URL/Link:<br>State Highway System  |
| 5c. Identify the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) goal(s) supported by the project (select all that apply):                           | 1: Safety and security for residents, visitors, and businesses<br>2: Agile, resilient, and quality transportation infrastructure<br>3: Connected, efficient, and reliable mobility for people and freight<br>5: Transportation solutions that strengthen Florida's economy<br>6: Transportation systems that enhance Florida's communities |
| 6c. Provide a brief statement explaining how the project supports the FTP:   | SR 60 is a major freight corridor immediately adjacent to the Port of Tampa. The subject rail line is a heavily traveled CSX line serving both the Port and the CSX Intermodal center with approximately 15 trains/day.  |

## General Information

- 1a. Project Name: I-4 TRUCK PARKING FACILITY
- FDOT Contact Information: FDOT District: 7, FDOT District Freight Coordinator (DFC): Mike Brown
- 2a. Facility Name: I-4 TRUCK PARKING FACILITY
- 3a. Project Category: Truck Parking
- 4a. Are any other MPOs Involved in the project? No
- 5a. Which counties are involved in the project? Hillsborough
- 6a. Are there any private partners involved in the project? No
- 7a. Is this a District Freight Coordinator Priority Project? Yes
- Project Application Review Result:
- Review Comments:

## Off-System Information

- 1n. Project Type: Trucking Parking
- 2n. Provide a brief description of the project: Project Number: 448698 1  
The New West Central Florida I-4 Truck Parking Facility will play a vital role in strengthening America's supply chain and Florida's weather-related resiliency. The project will be constructed in West Central Florida along the heavily used I-4 corridor that connects the East and West coasts of Florida, from Tampa to Daytona Beach.
- 3n. Describe the project rationale: The entire I-4 corridor from Tampa to Daytona Beach only has 90 public truck parking spaces. This project will more than double that amount by adding 120 truck parking spaces. Truck parking is consistently one of the highest-rated issues according to the American Transportation Research Institute with it ranking first according to Commercial Vehicle Operators in 2021. According to the Owner Operators and Independent Drivers Association, truck drivers spend on average 56 minutes a day searching for a truck parking spot.
- 4n. What is the extent of the project? (Milepost, grade crossing or area) The project will be constructed in West Central Florida, between Plant City and Lakeland, along the heavily used I-4 corridor, that connects the East and West coasts of Florida, from Tampa to Daytona Beach.
- 5n. What is the existing activity at the project location? (e.g. - truck traffic, number of trains, truck parking capacity, site acreage) The area surrounding the I-4 Truck Parking Facility has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of industrial development over the last 5 years. It currently has over 15 million square feet of logistics and manufacturing-related uses with an additional 5 million square feet planned or under construction.  
FDOT recently completed the advance acquisition of the 40 acres parcel for this project.
- 6n. What are the costs of the project? See below  
Total Project Costs: \$18,068,274.00  
Unfunded Costs: \$18,068,274.00
- 7n. Define the requested action: Funded PE \$1,312,458 and CST \$16,755,816
- 8n. What funding programs is the project eligible for? NHFP
- 9n. Upload a map showing the location of the project: Filename: TRUCK CONCEPTS\_REDUCED\_v2 4\_4.pdf  
See Step 2 for file download link
- 10n. Does the project include a PD&E? Yes  
Status: Completed  
URL/Link: <https://www.fdot.gov/topics/fdot-work-program/district-7-landing-page>  
Page Number: 42  
Project Number: 448698 1

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1c. Is the project identified as a freight priority by the MPO and its partners (e.g., municipalities, seaports, airports, railroads)?	Yes
How was this priority determined and by which entity?	Representatives of the Hillsborough County MPO, Polk TPO, FDOT Districts Seven and One, Tampa International Airport, Port Tampa Bay, and the cities of Winter Haven, Tampa, Lakeland and Plant City and others participated as stakeholders in the development of the Hillsborough + Polk Freight Logistics Zone (FLZ) Strategic Plan (Page 14 and Appendix B) and by action of the MPO Board (Policy Committee March 27, 2018, and MPO Board April 3, 2018). Port Tampa Bay, Tampa International Airport, CSX and other local jurisdictions were stakeholders in the development of the plan. The interchange project is identified as a priority in the FLZ Strategic Plan.
2c. Identify the plan(s) (e.g., freight plan, LRTP, TIP, CIP, master plan) documenting the project and provide specific reference(s):	See plan(s) below
Plan 1: Hillsborough TIP	URL/Link: <a href="https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FINAL-TIP_Signed_v2.pdf">https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FINAL-TIP_Signed_v2.pdf</a> Page Number: unknown Project Number: New
Plan 2: Florida Statewide Truck Parking	URL/Link: <a href="https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/rail/publications/studies/trucking/florida-statewide-truck-parking-study_final_march-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=98bcb129_4">https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/rail/publications/studies/trucking/florida-statewide-truck-parking-study_final_march-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=98bcb129_4</a> Page Number: 22 Project Number: 2
Plan 3: Hillsborough-Polk Freight Logistics Zone Strategic Plan	URL/Link: <a href="http://www.planhillsborough.org/freight-logistics-zone-strategic-plan/">http://www.planhillsborough.org/freight-logistics-zone-strategic-plan/</a> Page Number: Page 14 and Appendix B Project Number: N/A
Plan 4: Non Discrimination and Equity Plan	URL/Link: <a href="https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August2021_Nondiscrimination_Equity_Plan.pdf">https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August2021_Nondiscrimination_Equity_Plan.pdf</a> Page Number: 13-41, 42 Project Number: N/A
3c. Identify project matching fund(s) sources (e.g., local):	See below
Funding Source 1: N/A	\$0.00
Funding Source Total:	\$0.00

- 4c. Is the project on a priority freight network? Yes
- NHFN URL/Link and Page Number: URL/Link:  
[https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/ismt/state\\_maps/states/florida.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/ismt/state_maps/states/florida.htm)  
 , Page Number: NA
- Regional Freight Network (RFN) URL/Link and Page Number: URL/Link:  
[https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-system-mapcd79e565208444168492b237e5d30d89.pdf?sfvrsn=5ffda1fa\\_2](https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-system-mapcd79e565208444168492b237e5d30d89.pdf?sfvrsn=5ffda1fa_2)  
 , Page Number: NA
- 5c. Identify the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) goal(s) supported by the project (select all that apply):
- 1: Safety and security for residents, visitors, and businesses
  - 2: Agile, resilient, and quality transportation infrastructure
  - 3: Connected, efficient, and reliable mobility for people and freight
  - 4: Transportation choices that improve accessibility and equity
  - 6: Transportation systems that enhance Florida's communities
- 6c. Provide a brief statement explaining how the project supports the FTP:
1. Strengthens America's supply chain by providing safe and secure truck parking in an area of high demand so that truckers can meet their hours of service rest requirements.
  2. Strengthens Florida's weather-related resiliency by serving as an emergency-response fuel and supply staging area for the West Central Florida for resiliency efforts in response to natural disasters and other large scale activation events. Rescue vehicles and response teams can be staged at the facility and following the emergency event, Incorporates the Truck Parking Availability System to provide drivers real-time parking information.
  3. Provides 120 bi-directional truck parking spaces at I-4 and County Line Rd in West Central Florida. Currently, the entire I-4 corridor only has 90 public truck parking spots from Tampa to Daytona Beach. The facility will be transformed into a relief supply staging area. Constructs sidewalks to provide safe passage to nearby restaurants and hotels. There are also two truck fueling stations within 1,000 feet of the I-4 Truck Parking facility.
  4. The project is located in a Community of Concern, identified in Hills. TPO's Non-Discrimination and Equity Plan.
  6. Reduces the amount of commercial truck emissions by providing electric hook-ups for utilization during mandatory trucker rest hours.

## General Information

- 1a. Project Name: US 41 at 50 th St. CSX Grade Separated Interchange/Rail Overpass South of Causeway Blvd. and at Causeway Blvd.
- FDOT Contact Information: FDOT District: 7, FDOT District Freight Coordinator (DFC): Mike Brown
- 2a. Facility Name: US 41/SR 45/South 50th Street @ CSX Grade Separation S of Causeway
- 3a. Project Category: State Highway System Roadway
- 4a. Are any other MPOs Involved in the project? No
- 5a. Which counties are involved in the project? Hillsborough
- 6a. Are there any private partners involved in the project? No
- 7a. Is this a District Freight Coordinator Priority Project? Yes
- Project Application Review Result:
- Review Comments:

## State Highway System Information

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| 1s. Project Type:  | Capacity Expansion, Management and Operation  |
| 2s. Provide a brief description of the project:                  | The US 41/SR 45/South 50th Street @ CSX S of Causeway (new bridge construction) includes grade separation improvements at US 41/SR 45/South 50th Street from South of US41B/SR 45/SR 676/Causeway Boulevard to North of Causeway Boulevard in Hillsborough County. The project begins just south of the CSX Railroad Crossing and extends to the north of Causeway Boulevard, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles.  |
| 3s. Describe the project rationale:                              | <p>US 41 and Causeway Boulevard are vital arterial highways which serve the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County and Port Tampa Bay. The project improves mobility and safety along US 41 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• investing in infrastructure and operational improvements that strengthen economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, reduce the cost of freight transportation, improve reliability, and increase productivity;</li> <li>• improving the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of freight transportation in rural and urban areas;</li> <li>• improving the efficiency and productivity of the NHFN;</li> </ul> <p>The proposed improvements have been identified in the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2045 Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan under the Hillsborough County Freight Hot Spots. US 41 has also been identified by the MPO as a Regional Freight Mobility Corridor from I-4 to Manatee County Line and is a priority project for the National Highway Freight Program.</p> |
| 4s. What is the FM Number(s)?                                    | 440749-1-52-01  |
| 5s. What is the FDOT Roadway ID(s)?                              | 10060000; 10250000  |
| 6s. What is the direction of the project?                        | N/S   |
| 7s. What is the extent of the project? (Milepost)                | <p>From:<br/>22.775; 2.917</p> <p>To:<br/>23.982; 3.994</p>   |
| 8s. What is the extent of the project? (Intersected Roadway)     | <p>From:<br/>Austin Street</p> <p>To:<br/>23.982; 3.994</p>   |
| 9s. What is the existing truck activity at the project location? | 3500  |
| 10s. Define the requested action:                                | <p>Fund ROW and advance construction funding to 2026; the different amounts in the FDOT tentative Work Program are due to the recently updated latest cost estimates provided directly from the FDOT D7 Freight Coordinator.</p> <p>GIS files have been requested of the FDOT PM Craig FOx but have not been rec'd.</p>   |
| 11s. What funding programs is the project eligible for?          | NHFP  |
| 12s. Upload a map showing the location of the project:           | <p>Filename: US41 CSX Grade Sep PD&amp;E Map.pdf</p> <p>See Step 2 for file download link</p>   |

13s. Select PD&E status and please provide reference documentation and accompanying information: See below

PD&E Phase Status: Completed

URL/Link: <https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/sr676-22nd-to-sr45/>

Page Number: N/A

Project Number: 10060-1530 & 10250-1510

Work Program: <https://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676/>

Year: Original 1994, new PD&E to be completed 2022

Amount: \$2,700,000.00

Project Schedule and Funding Status in the FDOT 5-Year Work Program (Costs Shown in \$Millions)

Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2nd 5-Year Cost	Unfunded Cost	Status
PD&E	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	Completed
P.E.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
ROW Support	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
ROW Land	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Construction	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
CEI	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Environmental	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Other (1)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Other (2)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	N/A
Total	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	

14s. Provide URL(s)/Reference(s) to Work Program including page number(s) and project reference number(s) (FM Number): See below

URL/Link: <https://www.d7wpph.com>

Page Number: 60

Project Reference Number: 440749-1



## Project Screening

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| <p>1c. Is the project identified as a freight priority by the MPO and its partners (e.g., municipalities, seaports, airports, railroads)?</p> <p>How was this priority determined and by which entity?</p>   | <p>Yes</p> <p>Representatives of the Hillsborough County MPO, Polk TPO, FDOT Districts Seven and One, Tampa International Airport, Port Tampa Bay, and the cities of Winter Haven, Tampa, Lakeland and Plant City and others participated as stakeholders in the development of the Hillsborough + Polk Freight Logistics Zone (FLZ) Strategic Plan (Page 14 and Appendix B) and by action of the MPO Board (Policy Committee March 27, 2018, and MPO Board April 3, 2018). Port Tampa Bay, Tampa International Airport, CSX and other local jurisdictions were stakeholders in the development of the plan. The interchange project is identified as a priority in the FLZ Strategic Plan.</p>   |
| <p>2c. Identify the plan(s) (e.g., freight plan, LRTP, TIP, CIP, master plan) documenting the project and provide specific reference(s):</p> <p>Plan 1: Hillsborough TPO LRTP</p> <p>Plan 2: FY 22/23 Hillsborough TIP</p> <p>Plan 3: Tampa Bay Regional Strategic Freight Plan</p> <p>Plan 4: Hillsborough-Polk Freight Logistics Zone Strategic Plan</p> <p>Plan 5: Non Discrimination and Equity Plan</p> | <p>See plan(s) below</p> <p>URL/Link:<br/> <a href="https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/LRTP2045-HMPO-ADA.pdf">https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/LRTP2045-HMPO-ADA.pdf</a><br/>           Page Number: Major Projects pg 58<br/>           Project Number: S-23, 440749-1</p> <p>URL/Link:<br/> <a href="https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TIP-FY23-27-9-19-22.pdf">https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TIP-FY23-27-9-19-22.pdf</a><br/>           Page Number: Page 54<br/>           Project Number: 440749 1</p> <p>URL/Link:<br/> <a href="https://tampabayfreight.com/wp-content/uploads/TBRGM_AbbContent_FINAL.pdf">https://tampabayfreight.com/wp-content/uploads/TBRGM_AbbContent_FINAL.pdf</a><br/>           Page Number: Page 15-map, US 41/Causeway-High Priority Corridor map, Page 21 List of Priorities #G Page 23 Map of Priority Investments -Grade Separation<br/>           Project Number: N/A</p> <p>URL/Link:<br/> <a href="http://www.planhillsborough.org/freight-logistics-zone-strategic-plan/">http://www.planhillsborough.org/freight-logistics-zone-strategic-plan/</a><br/>           Page Number: Page 14 and Appendix B<br/>           Project Number: N/A</p> <p>URL/Link:<br/> <a href="https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August2021_Nondiscrimination_Equity_Plan.pdf">https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August2021_Nondiscrimination_Equity_Plan.pdf</a><br/>           Page Number: 13-41, 42<br/>           Project Number: N/A</p> |
| <p>3c. Identify project matching fund(s) sources (e.g., local):</p>  | <p>No Matching Funds Identified</p>   |

- 4c. Is the project on a priority freight network? Yes
- NHFN URL/Link and Page Number: URL/Link: [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/ismt/state\\_maps/states/florida.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/ismt/state_maps/states/florida.htm), Page Number: N/A
- CUFC URL/Link and Page Number: URL/Link: [https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/content/rail/publications/maps/statewide\\_nhfn\\_4-3-17.pdf](https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/content/rail/publications/maps/statewide_nhfn_4-3-17.pdf), Page Number: N/A
- Regional Freight Network (RFN) URL/Link and Page Number: URL/Link: [https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-system-mapcd79e565208444168492b237e5d30d89.pdf?sfvrsn=5ffda1fa\\_2](https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-system-mapcd79e565208444168492b237e5d30d89.pdf?sfvrsn=5ffda1fa_2), Page Number: N/A
- 5c. Identify the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) goal(s) supported by the project (select all that apply):
- 1: Safety and security for residents, visitors, and businesses
  - 3: Connected, efficient, and reliable mobility for people and freight
  - 4: Transportation choices that improve accessibility and equity
  - 5: Transportation solutions that strengthen Florida's economy
- 6c. Provide a brief statement explaining how the project supports the FTP:
1. and 4. In addition, this project will also address multimodal connectivity within the area. Between 2012 and 2016 there were 10 crashes involving bicyclists or pedestrians. These 10 crashes resulted in 3 fatalities, as well as a total of 5 injuries. US 41 and Causeway Boulevard are vital arterial highways which serve the City of Tampa located in Hillsborough County.
4. The project is located in a Community of Concern, identified in Hills. TPO's Non-Discrimination and Equity Plan. The proposed improvements have been identified in the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2040 Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan under the Hillsborough County Freight Hot Spots. US 41 has also been identified by the MPO as a Regional Freight Mobility Corridor from I-4 to Manatee County Line and is a priority project for the National Highway Freight Program.
3. The project will reduce traffic delays associated with the CSX railroad crossing, adequately support the safe movement of truck traffic and freight, and enhance connectivity among bicyclists and pedestrians. The US 41 and Causeway Boulevard intersection experiences traffic delays during the AM and PM peak periods with heavy truck traffic (10%-15% of the daily volume) traversing through the intersection. The presence of CSX railroad crossings to the south and east of the intersection also further contributes to these traffic delays. The CSX railroad crossing located to the south of the intersection causes traffic delays particularly during the AM peak period. This project will address traffic delays associated with the CSX railroad crossing to the south of the US 41 and Causeway Boulevard intersection and will facilitate the safe movement of truck traffic through the project corridor.
5. US 41/CSX Grade Separation is a High Freight Priority for FDOT D7 and Port Tampa Bay.

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:46 AM

**Subject:** FW: Statement from FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E. on Federal Courts in Kentucky and Texas Striking Down USDOT's Unlawful Rule Forcing States to Track Drivers' Tailpipe Emissions

Good morning, Staff Directors. Here's the Department's announcement on the recent GHG rulings.

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 8:02 PM

**Subject:** Statement from FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E. on Federal Courts in Kentucky and Texas Striking Down USDOT's Unlawful Rule Forcing States to Track Drivers' Tailpipe Emissions



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April 2, 2024

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# **Statement from FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E. on Federal Courts in Kentucky and Texas Striking Down USDOT's Unlawful Rule Forcing States to Track Drivers' Tailpipe Emissions**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary **Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** issued the following statement following two separate Federal Court decisions that ruled in favor of twenty-two states, including Florida, who sued the federal government to block the implementation of the unlawful greenhouse gas emissions program.

"Florida is glad to see both Texas and Kentucky federal courts rule against federal overreach by striking down USDOT's Rule forcing state DOTs and local partners to allegedly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by way of tracking drivers' tail pipe emissions. We've been clear for over a year that USDOT overstepped its legal authority by promulgating this Rule. Floridians have no desire for the government to track what they drive, where they drive, and how often they drive. Florida will continue

to stand up for our freedoms and ensure Federal Green New Deal initiatives don't impact Floridians.”

The greenhouse gas emissions tracking program, which Congress removed from consideration before voting on and passing the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), was unlawfully implemented by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in an attempt to circumvent congressional intent and force states to set arbitrary goals to track tailpipe emissions.

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*The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors, but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department's mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.*

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# New rules govern Tampa's e-scooters, e-bikes

Riders must park their rental e-vehicles in designated areas or face fines of up to \$5.



MARTHA ASECIO-RHINE | Times (2022)

E-vehicles continue to be a popular way to get around the city, which as of Monday has designated certain drop-off corrals. Violators will be assessed a fee. Riders can earn a reward for returning wayward vehicles.

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**BY OLIVIA GEORGE**  
**Times Staff Writer**



TAMPA — Surely you've seen them dumped on sidewalks, strewn across street corners and littered throughout parks. Maybe you've spotted one nestled on the bed of the Hillsborough River, lobbed from the Riverwalk.

Now, the city of Tampa wants to crack down on haphazardly discarded e-scooters and e-bikes.

As of Monday, riders must park their rented electric vehicles in city-approved designated areas or face a fee of up to \$5.

The fees will be doled out by the individual operating company, according to the city, which currently has three vendors: Lime, Spin and Helbiz.

Docking stations include hundreds of marked corrals, electronic virtual corrals, public bike racks, scooter racks and charging stations across the urban center. Vehicles have software alerting riders where they can and cannot park. The city has also set up an interactive website — at [tinyurl.com/TampaScoot](https://tinyurl.com/TampaScoot) — where residents can request new corral locations.

Riders can also return misplaced scooters and bikes to docking stations and be rewarded a “bounty” by the operating company with a credit to their account. These credits range from 50 cents to \$2.50, according to city officials.

Across the nation, cities have increasingly embraced electric bikes and scooters as a way to lure people from their cars and fill the gap in urban transportation systems. But they have also drawn increasing criticism about the recklessness of some riders who have turned a convenient transit trend into a sidewalk hazard.

Cities such as San Francisco and Miami temporarily banned e-scooters before reintroducing them. In Hoboken, New Jersey, the city hired two officers in 2019 to enforce e-bike and e-scooter safety.

Rental e-scooters have been part of Tampa's urban landscape since 2019 — for many, a welcome addition to the city's barebones public transit offerings. Today, there are 2,177 rentable e-scooters and 291 rentable e-bikes stationed across downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Ybor City, West River and Tampa Heights.

The plan is to expand the program citywide within a few months, city spokesperson Joshua Cascio told the Tampa Bay Times.

Last month alone, roughly 48,000 trips were completed on the rentals, according to city data, totaling 55,000 miles. Roughly 1,500 to 2,000 trips are taken per day.

The rented e-bikes and e-scooters are prohibited on the Riverwalk, the Bayshore Boulevard sidewalk, Armature Works, Hyde Park Village and Seventh Avenue in Ybor City.

The city's foray into the world of electric rentals has not been without speed bumps.

Early on, pedestrians seemed startled by the influx of scooters zipping past at up to 15 mph. Car drivers were not used to sharing the road with the two-wheelers.

Environmental nonprofit Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful has pulled scores of e-scooters from the Hillsborough River, including 32 during a cleanup effort last week, with dozens more presumed to remain below the water's murky surface.

"We'll be monitoring compliance of the vendors," Cascio told the Times. "We understand it may take a few weeks to get acclimated, but we do expect voluntary compliance."

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# Florida Department of Transportation Recognizes Work Zone Awareness Week

*Work Zones are Temporary. Actions Behind the Wheel Can Last Forever.*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – This week, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be joining local and national transportation partners, law enforcement agencies, construction crews, and communities in recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 15-19.) This national awareness campaign provides an opportunity to highlight the serious risks faced by crews as they serve our communities, as well as the important role motorists play in keeping these crews safe while traveling through work zones.

Life-altering crashes in work zones across Florida's roadways involve workers, motorists, and passengers alike. From 2020 to 2023, more than half of these crashes were due to front-to-rear impact collisions, further demonstrating the need for attentiveness behind the wheel while traveling through a work zone, especially when these areas necessitate frequent stops and slowed traffic to keep crews and motorists safe.

This year's Work Zone Awareness Week will be felt differently by FDOT, as a member of the team recently lost their life after being struck by a motorist while setting up a work zone in January. This devastating loss to the FDOT team serves as a stark reminder of the dangers crews encounter as they selflessly put their lives on the line to carry out the important mission of the Department even amidst the risks involved, and that safety on our roadways is everyone's responsibility.

"As our crews risk their lives to build and maintain the infrastructure we need to get home safely at the end of the day, remember that these individuals have something to get home to as well," said **FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** "Hearing that a member of our team lost their life while performing their duties was heartbreaking, and

somberly shows the sheer dedication they had to our communities. Drive safely through construction zones like lives depend on it because, for them, it does.”

“During Work Zone Awareness Week and throughout the year, drive with great care and caution in work zones, and help keep our crews and work family safe just as you would for your own family,” said **FDOT Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations, and the Florida Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety Will N. Watts, Jr., P.E.** “Seeing your friend and colleague leave to do their job one day but never come back is an inconceivable thought for many, but this year, this thought became a tragic reality for our team.”

In an effort to reduce the likelihood of work zone crashes, FDOT works closely with Law Enforcement partners to help motorists identify work zones as well as monitor and deter unsafe driving behaviors in these areas. FDOT is grateful for the continued efforts of these officers as they help protect the safety of construction crews while simultaneously facing dangerous conditions themselves.

“Our partners at the Florida Department of Transportation are constantly improving roadways across Florida so that motorists can travel safely,” said **FHP Colonel Gary Howze II.** “This week and every week, your Florida Highway Patrol reminds motorists of the important role they play in following the rules of the road and moving over when workers are present. Everyone behind the wheel is personally responsible for their driving and paying attention to their surroundings, especially when entering a work zone, slowing down, and if possible, moving over to help keep others safe.”

The nature of road construction work can be dangerous and motorists can help make it safer for everyone: drive alert, adhere to the posted work zone speed limit, avoid all distractions, be cautious of shifts in traffic patterns, and give yourself distance from the driver ahead of you. By following these responsible driver behaviors, we can help get everyone home safely. Remember, “Work zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever.”

*For more Work Zone Awareness Week information, safety tips, and resources, please visit [FDOT.gov/WorkZone](https://www.fdot.gov/WorkZone).*

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