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Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:00PM – please log on at 5:45p to test audio

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| I. Call to Order & Introductions | 6:00 |
| II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum (Gail Reese, TPO staff) | |
| III. Chairman's Request: <i>Per the TPO Bylaws, all speakers are asked to address only the presiding Chair for recognition; confine their remarks to the question under debate; and avoid personalities or indecorous language or behavior.</i> | |
| IV. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please | 6:10 |
| <i>Public comments are welcome and may be given at this meeting virtually by logging onto the website above and clicking the "raise hand" button. Staff will unmute you when the chair recognizes you.</i> | |
| V. Chair's Report | 6:15 |
| VI. Minutes | |
| A. Approval of Minutes (April 3, 2024) | 6:20 |
| VII. Action Items | |
| A. Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data
(Greg Kern, Gresham Smith) | 6:25 |

- B. [2024 State of the System Report \(Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff\)](#) 6:45

VIII. Status Reports

- A. [Draft of FY 24 & 25 Transportation Improvement Program Update \(Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff\)](#) 7:15

IX. Unfinished Business & New Business 7:30

- A. Next CAC Meeting June 5th

X. Members' Interests & Future Topic Requests 7:50

- A. [Multimodal Counts Report Final](#)

XI. Adjournment 8:00

XII. Addendum

- A. [TPO Summary and Committee Reports](#)
- B. [Attendance Roster](#)
- C. [Hillsborough County BOCC Priority Letter and Response](#)
- D. [Freight Priorities Program Project Application SR60](#)
- E. [Freight Priorities Program Project Application I4 Parking](#)
- F. [Freight Priorities Program Project Application US41](#)
- G. [PHOTO RELEASE: FDOT Prioritizes Emerging Aviation Technology to Expand Florida's Transportation Network](#)
- H. [FDOT Project Factsheet: Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd Resurfacing from W Gallagher Rd. to W of Oak Brook Lane](#)
- I. [Florida Department of Transportation Recognizes Work Zone Awareness Week April 15-19](#)
- J. [US 92/Dale Mabry Meeting Flyer](#)

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HYBRID MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2024**

I. Call to Order

Chair Rick Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

II. Roll Call and Introductions (Gail Reese, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:03:31)*

Members Present: Rick Fernandez, Bill Roberts, Jim Davison, Carolyn Brown, Michael Decker, Joseph Citro, Aiah Yassin, Steven Hollenkamp, Christine Acosta, Dayna Lazarus, Matt Sienk, Artie Fryer, Ed Mierzejewski, Ilia Lachinov, Joshua Frank, Greg James, Chris Gonzalez

Members Excused or Absent: Hoyt Prindle, Don Skelton, Jr., Terrance Trott, Chris Vela

Others Present: Sarah Caper, Gena Torres, Amber Simmons, Lizzie Baker, Wade Reynolds, Michael Rempfer, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Justin Willits, Jesus Peraza Garcia (HART); Brian Hunter (FDOT)

An in-person quorum was met.

Members must be in person to vote on Action Items.

III. Chairman's Request: Per the TPO Bylaws, all speakers are asked to address only the presiding Chair for recognition; confine their remarks to the question under debate, and avoid personalities or indecorous language or behavior.

IV. Public Comment *(Timestamp 0:04:54)* – None

V. Chair's Report (Rick Fernandez, Chair CAC) *(Timestamp 0:05:13)*

- A.** TIP season is coming up in May and June. Asked TPO Staff to give a general primer in May and a preview of the TIP documents.
- B.** Gave an overview of the TPO Board meeting in March. Approved the Multimodal Counts Report and the TIP Amendment on the I-4 Truck Parking facility. Both were in line with the CAC votes.
- C.** Advised that Hodges William has resigned, leaving a seat to fill from the Planning Commission.
- D.** Went over the attendance report and noted 6 seats vacant on the committee. Some members have hit their fourth missed meeting including this meeting.

Sarah Thomas has resigned and HART is working to replace the representative on CAC.

VI. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2024 *(Timestamp 0:10:32)*

Steven Hollenkamp moved to approve the minutes for March 6, 2024; seconded by Ilia Lachinov. The voice vote passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

A. Annual Certification of Metropolitan Planning Process (Sarah Caper, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:11:25)*

- Gave an overview that no corrective actions were noted by FDOT
- Reviewed the highlights of what the TPO did over the last year, including notable achievements
- Went over items that the TPO Staff will continue to work on

Recommended Action: Support recertification of the TPO and authorize the TPO Chair to sign the Joint Certification Statement.

Discussion:

It was noted that there were best practices including CAC membership. It was asked how that program is doing. Staff will provide an update. It was requested that measurements be taken on the effectiveness of the representation in the county. It was observed that the TPO is tied to FDOT on this certification. It was asked how this process works. Ms. Caper went over the process: a series of questions from the state and a subset (small amount) from District 7. These range from invoicing practices to what staff is working on; they vary from work product questions to financial ones. The staff completes the questions; there is a phone call with FDOT; the report is then generated.

Jim Davison moved to support the recertification of the TPO and authorize the TPO Chair to sign the Joint Certification Statement; seconded by Ilia Lachinov. The voice vote passed unanimously.

VIII. Status Report

A. HART's Tampa Arterial Bus Transit (BRT) and Circular Project Update (Justin Willits, HART) *(Timestamp 0:21:27)*

- Went over the timeline of the Tampa Arterial BRT; noted that a lower-cost alternative was chosen
- Reviewed the overview of the project; it has been developed without the extension of the streetcar
- Looked at the projected operational improvements; looking to reduce the connectivity time from 80+ minutes from downtown to the University area to ~35 minutes
- Did not receive the RCN-NAE grant, will work on going for it again; continuing to look for other funding options
- Went over the circulator model of the Tampa Streetcar Extension; working with the state and the City of Tampa on the funding

Discussion:

Interest was expressed in why the federal grant did not happen. There were no BRT projects awarded for this grant. There was a partial award for the streetcar in the same corridor. Possibly not enough united political support during an election year. There may be other opportunities

available. Went over aspects that fit the intention of the grant. It was asked if there was community engagement for this grant. Relied on several years of engagement. It was asked what other grants or other revenue streams were looked at. There is another round of the TOD Pilot Study that HART is working on. The City of Tampa is looking at financing to assist. Clarification of what TOD stands for was requested. A high-level explanation was provided. A bit of background was provided about the streetcar extension and the fact that it would go through three CRAs. It was asked why the CRA Board is dragging on spending the operating budget for this project. It is really about the capital outlay; this is a political question for the City of Tampa to handle. It was noted that the cost of paint would be minimal; it was asked why that can't be done to prove the circulator works and then go back after the funding. There was discussion on how this has been looked at. It was asked why the type of vehicle would be used for the circulator to attract ridership. Mr. Willits talked about how the discussion has gone on this; perhaps electric vehicles and a unique branded streetcar extension vehicle. Care has to be taken on branding with federal grants. It was asked how the circulator would affect the displacement of the bike lanes and if those could be shifted to Franklin and where that stands. FDOT Heights project is going to deliver bike boulevards. South of MLK, the bike lanes will be going away and the sidewalks will be more hospitable for bikes. Franklin, Morgan, Marion, and Central are good alternatives for bikes. It was noted that FDOT should have some interest in helping get congestion off the roadways with these projects with other alternatives, perhaps USF could help. FDOT is open to this; pushback is likely coming from higher-ups at the state level with the repurposing of lanes. HART is entertaining all options. It was asked if the BRT has been factored in with work that FDOT is doing with signal prioritizing. FDOT is doing more work with the City of Tampa on Nebraska and is in the testing phase. There was discussion about specific roadways and routes with coordination around the HIN. It was asked if the other extensions were looked at for the circulator. Looked at other alternatives but ran into duplicate service areas. Want to provide a more holistic experience and close the loops to speed up service on other routes.

B. Preliminary Draft of FY 25 & 26 Unified Planning Work Program (Amber Simmons, TPO Staff)
(Timestamp 1:01:35)

- Review of what the UPWP is and where the draft is located. Committee members are encouraged to review it and provide comments.
- Went over the contents of the UPWP; the tasks that make up the plan
- 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 if this was presented before. Yes, previously input for the draft was presented and this presentation is on the draft of the UPWP. The purpose of this status report is to provide the opportunity to comment on the draft. Comments will be included in the appendix of the final product.

It was asked if any tasks would look at the TPO regarding how it has performed over the last ten

years with efficiency and accuracy. It is noted that much of the TPO work is predictive. It was asked how those predictions have gone. The State of the System Report talks about some of this. It was requested that staff provide an update on the performance for the last 10 years based on the predictive models that have been used versus what has happened.

C. Community Air Monitoring Network (Lizzie Baker, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 1:13:10)*

- Working with USF and Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission (EPC)
- Looked at the pilot study which came out of a suggestion from the TAC
- Went over the established sites and the types of monitors used; co-located with two EPC sites
- Received additional funding to expand the study to 25 new sites; will analyze data over a much longer period of time
- Reviewed the “Why” this study is being done
- Looked at the timeline and schedule of the study
- Went over the community collaboration and engagement; the community sites cannot exist without this
- Reviewed the community and site selection criteria and areas where sites are being considered

Discussion:

It was asked if anyone at the USF Medical School was talked to regarding this project and if there is a correlation between when the air quality is negatively impacted resulting in people coming to the hospitals. This project is working with the USF College of Public Health. Future funding has not been approached yet but will take the suggestion. It was noted that using a camera at the monitor to see what is going on would help in gathering evidence. It was asked what can be done to improve the air quality in the communities once the findings are put together. The findings will be a significant driver and the coalition will help provide some of the recommendations. It was suggested that during community engagement potential health risks are brought up to garner more interest in the project. The College of Public Health has been providing significant educational materials. It was noted that the Selmon Expressway is not indicated on the potential sites. It was asked if THEA could be included in the engagement. It was also asked if the Florida Department of Health has been engaged in this study to look at particulate matter correlations. It was also asked if the public and private schools are engaged. The Selmon Expressway was not included in the scope of the grant. The project team desires to see the project continue after the grant program is concluded. Someone from the Department of Health (FDOH) has been involved and has included the environmental department from FDOH. Ms. Baker went over more specific details of what is being monitored. For the educational materials, the project materials are focused on the public schools. The private schools are not being excluded. A similar study is being done at LSU, perhaps a connection being made for peer review would be beneficial. It was noted that there are at least two Board members who meet the proximity criteria and how individuals would go about being part of the study. The study is focused on public areas. As a private citizen, individuals can purchase and install their monitors and receive technical support from USF. Clarification around what variables are being looked at as part of the study regarding wind, heat islands, etc. In the pilot, the sites were installed in different phases, so an overall comparison was able to be made over approximately three months. Went over some of the initial findings of concentration values. The

study is looking for disparities geographically. Right now, there is no mechanism out there looking at windspeed. USF is looking at using data from the EPC sites. Currently looking at ways to measure specific variables. It was noted that there is also a freight rail around the Selmon. It might be good to look at areas closer to the bay along the freight corridors. Right now, the study is working within the scope of the grant, and these suggestions would be good for further studies or for individuals purchasing monitors and participating.

IX. Unfinished Business & New Business (*Timestamp 1:44:33*)

- A. Next CAC Meeting: May 1, 2024**
- B. Staff is working on the infographic requested**
- C. Working on bringing a presentation on how plans work with the Comprehensive Plan**
- D. Tentatively have something scheduled for Summer 2024 with the State of the Region report presentation**
- E. A news article on the Upper Tampa Bay Trail is included as an addendum**
- F. Are in communication with Brightline to bring a presentation to the TPO Board and can arrange to bring one to the CAC as well**

X. Members' Interests & Future Topic Requests (*Timestamp 1:45:39*)

- A. Matt Sienk – would like to see a more in-depth discussion about the streetcar system**

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

A recording of this meeting may be viewed at:

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

Greg Kern, AICP/MBA, Gresham Smith

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. It will discuss how each candidate may address a unique need for specific communities across Hillsborough County. Additionally, it will advance the conversation by presenting some preliminary model results from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model (TBRPM).

Recommended Action

Recommend acceptance of the Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data to the TPO Board

Prepared By

Wade Reynolds, AICP, TPO Staff

Attachments

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





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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2024 State of the System Report

Presenter:

Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff

Summary:

The State of the System report serves as a crucial analysis tool that examines trends and data related to the transportation network's performance. It serves as the federally required reporting for the Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation Process. The report provides a comprehensive overview of various performance measures, including the infrastructure's condition, resiliency, crashes, transit assets, travel reliability, and a thorough assessment of major projects.

The 2024 State of the System Report analyzes trends across recent years and summarizes the areas of strengths and weaknesses. The report highlights data collected from various sources and jurisdictions, providing a detailed and informative analysis of the transportation network's performance.

Recommended Action:

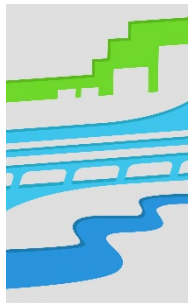
Recommend acceptance of the 2024 State of the System Report to the TPO Board

Prepared By:

Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff

Attachments:

1. [Draft 2024 State of the System \(SOS\) Report](#)
2. [Presentation](#)



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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

DRAFT FY24-25 Transportation Improvement Program Update

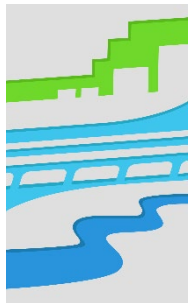
Presenter:

Wade Reynolds, AICP, TPO Staff

Summary:

Staff prepared a preliminary draft of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document for the fiscal year period of 2024/25 – 2028/29. The TIP includes three important lists:

- Table 1 - **Existing priorities funded for construction:** under construction or have funding to begin construction within the next five years. This list also includes partially funded projects listed to show community support while they await completion.
- Table 2 - **Candidates for new funding:** need federal and state funding because they address urgent transportation needs in the community. This list organizes projects into the appropriate investment program and ranks them in priority order based on their estimated impact on the community's goals.
- Table 3 - **All projects to be funded in the next five years:** a large list of projects programmed by FDOT District 7 based on the previous year's priority list. It also catalogs all projects in local Capital Improvement Programs, even though the TPO does not control what projects appear in the Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs).



Staff will present these three preliminary lists so that committee members can become more familiar with the TIP and its elements prior to the May/June meetings, when committees will be asked to take action.

Recommended Action:

None. For information only.

Prepared By:

Elizabeth Watkins, AICP, TPO Staff

Attachments:

1. [Draft Table 1: Priorities Funded for Construction](#)
2. [Draft Table 2: Priorities Seeking Funding](#)

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**HILLSBOROUGH MPO
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2024 ATTENDANCE REPORT

CAC Member	Representing	Geographic District	Appointed By	Appointed	Expires	Term											
						1/8/24	2/7/24	3/6/24	4/3/24	5/1/24	6/5/24	July	8/7/24	9/4/24	10/2/24	11/6/24	12/4/24
Terrance Trott	Member-at-Large (African-American)	32	Member-at-Large	3/3/2020	3/8/2025	NO	YES	NO	YES								
Bill Roberts	Aviation Authority	26	HCAA Board	6/30/2020	3/8/2025	NO	NO	YES	YES								
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	4/14/2021	3/8/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC								
Steven Hollenkamp	City of Plant City	2	City Commission	4/12/2023	4/12/2029	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Dayna Lazarus	City of Tampa	21	Councilwoman Hurtak	6/14/2023	6/14/2029	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Christine Acosta	City of Tampa		Councilman Maniscalco	9/13/2023	9/13/2029	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Matt Sienk-Green	City of Tampa		Councilman Clendenin	8/9/2023	8/9/2029	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Aiah Yassin	City of Temple Terrace	18	City Council	5/12/2021	3/8/2029	YES	YES	NO	YES								
Ed Mierzejewski	Expressway Authority	17	Greg Slater	2/12/2022	3/8/2025	YES	YES	YES	YES								
VACANT	HART		HART Chair	8/9/2023	8/9/2025	NO	NO	NO	VAC								
Hoyt Prindle	Hillsborough County	21	Commissioner Kemp	10/1/2019	3/8/2029	YES	YES	YES	NO								
Jim Davison	Hillsborough County	4	Commissioner Wostal	2/8/2023	3/8/2029	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Michael Decker	Hillsborough County	8	Commissioner Owen	8/9/2023	8/9/2029	YES	YES	NO	YES								
Carolyn Brown	Hillsborough County	32	Commissioner Myers	2/8/2023	3/8/2029	YES	NO	YES	YES								
Joseph Citro	Hillsborough County	20	Commissioner Cohen	6/14/2023	6/14/2029	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Ricardo Fernandez	Member-at-Large (Hispanic)	30	Member-at-Large	4/14/2021	3/8/2025	YES	YES	YES	YES								
Greg James	Member-at-Large	33	Member-at-Large	10/11/2023	10/11/2025	YES	YES	YES	YES								
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC								
Don Skelton, Jr	Port Tampa Bay	14	Port Authority CEO	1/11/2023	3/8/2025	NO	NO	YES	NO								
Artie Fryer	Transp. Disadvantaged	24	TDCB Chair	4/2/2019	3/8/2025	NO	YES	NO	YES								
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC								
VACANT	Planning Commission	21	Planning Commission	6/14/2023	6/14/2029	YES	YES	NO	VAC								
Josh Frank	School Board	29	School Board	8/11/2021	3/8/2029	NO	YES	YES	YES								
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC								
VACANT	Member-at-Large	7	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	NO	NO	NO	VAC								
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC								
Chris Vela	Member-at-Large (Native America)	21	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	NO	YES	NO	NO								
Chris Gonzalez	Member-at-Large (Hispanic)	1	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	YES	YES	NO	YES								
Ilia Lachinov	Member-at-Large (Under 30)	20	Member-at-Large	6/14/2023	6/14/2025	NO	YES	YES	YES								

Members Present	15	18	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAC Membership Less Declared Vacancies	20	20	21	21	21	22	23	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Needed for Quorum	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Quorum Achieved	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Legend:	YES = Attended
	NO = Did Not Attend
	VAC = Vacant
	DVAC = Seat Declared Vacant
	NO = Three (3) or More Consecutive Absences
	Attended Virtually
	= Term Expired; Member may continue until reappointed or replaced.

The MPO may review & consider rescinding the appointment of any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings.



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March 28, 2024

Johnny KA Wong, PhD, Executive Director
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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
Mayor Andrew Ross, Chair TPO Policy Committee
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April 15, 2024

John Patrick
Division Director, Community and Infrastructure Planning
Hillsborough County
PO Box 1110
Tampa, FL 33601-1110

Re: Hillsborough County BOCC Priority Request

Dear Mr. Patrick,

On April 10, 2024, the Hillsborough TPO was provided a copy of the correspondence from the Hillsborough County BOCC requesting prioritization of road and infrastructure projects in the proposed expansion of the Urban Service Area into Balm/Riverview (RP2) and Wimauma Village Residential (WVR2) above all other road projects across the county. The TPO Board had a robust conversation about the impacts of this proposed reprioritization and how best to accommodate the forecasted population growth in East and South Hillsborough County.

While a number of different perspectives were offered, there seemed to be general agreement that smart and coordinated planning is critical to ensure we address both the existing and future transportation needs of Hillsborough County, HART, and the cities of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace. Ultimately, because the correspondence received from the BOCC was not presented on the agenda for TPO Board action, no vote was taken.

Staffs of Hillsborough County, the Planning Commission and TPO are already working together to study the expanded Urban Service Area and we strive to ensure that our Transportation Improvement Program prioritization methodology reflects both the existing needs of our communities as well as the forecasted needs of our rapidly growing county. We look forward to your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Johnny KA Wong, PhD
Executive Director
Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization

CC: Hillsborough TPO Board
Hillsborough County BOCC



Bonnie Wise, County Administrator
Greg Horwedel, Deputy County Administrator
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Cameron Clark, Chief Assistant County Attorney

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:	https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/sr60-50th-to-falkenburg/
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:

https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/d7wpp/d7_tentative_work_program_fy_2024-2028_11-29-22.pdf?sfvrsn=1025d91c_2

Page Number:

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Project Reference Number:

450768-1

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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? | 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:
https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/planning/systems/programs/mspi/pdf/sis-atlas.pdf?sfvrsn=4ecf90b5_4
, Page Number: 28 |
| Other Network Name: | URL/Link:
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
2: Agile, resilient, and quality transportation infrastructure
3: Connected, efficient, and reliable mobility for people and freight
5: Transportation solutions that strengthen Florida's economy
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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<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 TIP</p> <p>Plan 2: Florida Statewide Truck Parking</p> <p>Plan 3: Hillsborough-Polk Freight Logistics Zone Strategic Plan</p> <p>Plan 4: Non Discrimination and Equity Plan</p>	<p>See plan(s) below</p> <p>URL/Link: https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FINAL-TIP_Signed_v2.pdf Page Number: unknown Project Number: New</p> <p>URL/Link: 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 Page Number: 22 Project Number: 2</p> <p>URL/Link: http://www.planhillsborough.org/freight-logistics-zone-strategic-plan/ Page Number: Page 14 and Appendix B Project Number: N/A</p> <p>URL/Link: https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August2021_Nondiscrimination_Equity_Plan.pdf Page Number: 13-41, 42 Project Number: N/A</p>
<p>3c. Identify project matching fund(s) sources (e.g., local):</p> <p>Funding Source 1: N/A</p> <p>Funding Source Total:</p>	<p>See below</p> <p>\$0.00</p> <p>\$0.00</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, 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, 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"> • investing in infrastructure and operational improvements that strengthen economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, reduce the cost of freight transportation, improve reliability, and increase productivity; • improving the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of freight transportation in rural and urban areas; • improving the efficiency and productivity of the NHFN; <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:
22.775; 2.917
To:
23.982; 3.994</p> |
| 8s. What is the extent of the project? (Intersected Roadway) | <p>From:
Austin Street
To:
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&E Map.pdf
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

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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:
 https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/LRTP2045-HMPO-ADA.pdf
 Page Number: Major Projects pg 58
 Project Number: S-23, 440749-1</p> <p>URL/Link:
 https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TIP-FY23-27-9-19-22.pdf
 Page Number: Page 54
 Project Number: 440749 1</p> <p>URL/Link:
 https://tampabayfreight.com/wp-content/uploads/TBRGM_AbbContent_FINAL.pdf
 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
 Project Number: N/A</p> <p>URL/Link:
 http://www.planhillsborough.org/freight-logistics-zone-strategic-plan/
 Page Number: Page 14 and Appendix B
 Project Number: N/A</p> <p>URL/Link:
 https://planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August2021_Nondiscrimination_Equity_Plan.pdf
 Page Number: 13-41, 42
 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, 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, 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, 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.





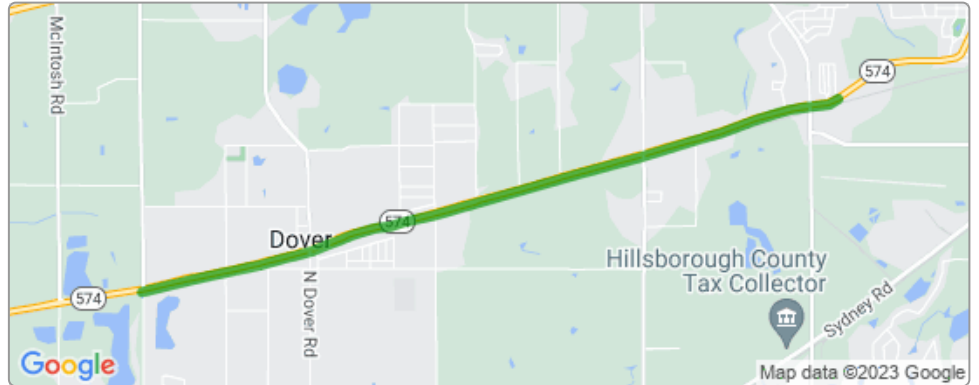




SR 574 (Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd) Resurfacing From W of Gallagher Rd. to W of Oak Brook Lane

437560-1

Project Details	
Work Type	Resurfacing
Phase	Design
Limits	SR 574 / DR. MLK Jr. Blvd From W of Gallagher Rd. to W of Oak Brook Lane
Length	4.304 Miles
City	Dover
County	Hillsborough
Road	MLK Blvd SR 574
Design Cost	\$1.35M



About

This project will repave Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from west of Gallagher Rd. to west of Oak Brook Lane in Hillsborough County.

The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025.

Contact Information	
Design Manager	Jake Hemingway Jake.Hemingway@dot.state.fl.us
Media Contact	Kris Carson 813-975-6060 Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us

From: FDOT Communications Office <FDOTCommunicationsOffice@dot.state.fl.us>

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:21 AM

Subject: Florida Department of Transportation Recognizes Work Zone Awareness Week



Florida Department of Transportation

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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

For Immediate Release

April 15, 2024

Contact: FDOT Communications Office

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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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Median Modifications on US 92

US 92/S Dale Mabry Highway at Kensington Avenue and US 92 from Fair Oaks Avenue to Lawn Avenue Hillsborough County, Florida



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YOU'RE INVITED

Public Meeting

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a Public Meeting for the proposed median modifications on US 92 at Kensington Avenue and US 92 from Fair Oaks Avenue to Lawn Avenue, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. The public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

As part of a resurfacing project on US 92 from Ballast Point Road to Sevilla Street, FDOT is proposing median modifications on US 92 at Kensington Avenue by adding a permanent directional median opening and permanent traffic separator along the left turn lane to El Prado Boulevard.

The Department is also proposing to add a permanent raised traffic separator to define the median between Fair Oaks Avenue and Lawn Avenue while maintaining current movements at both side streets.

Scan or Click for Project Details



In-Person

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library
3910 S Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL 33611

Attendees will have the opportunity to view project information provided by FDOT and submit comments and feedback.

Virtual

Available Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Those unable to attend the meeting in person can view the meeting presentation and submit comments on the project website:

www.FDOTTampaBay.com/project/1027/443781-1

Virtual information materials will remain online for viewing. Comments can be submitted online through May 29, 2024.



Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this meeting, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to advise the agency at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting by contacting: Roger Roscoe, FDOT Title VI Coordinator, at (813) 975-6411 or, (800) 226-7220, or Roger.Roscoe@dot.state.fl.us If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice)