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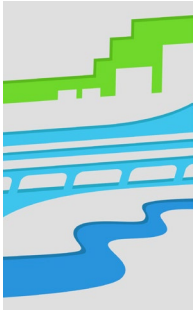
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## Meeting of the TPO Board

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 10:00am**  
**Hillsborough County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 26<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum** (Gail Reese, TPO Staff)
- III. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2024**
- IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items – 30 minutes total, with up to 3 minutes per speaker. Staff will unmute you when the Chair recognizes you. As needed, the Chair may allow for additional time later in the agenda.**

**V. Committee Reports and Advance Comments** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair and Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff)

**VI. Consent Agenda**

- A. [Committee Appointments](#)

**VII. Action Items**

- A. [FY25-26 Unified Planning Work Program Adoption](#) (Sarah Caper, TPO Staff)  
B. [Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data](#) (Greg Kern, Gresham Smith)  
C. [2024 State of the System Report](#) (Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff)

**VIII. Executive Director's Report**

- A. Tampa Bay TMA meeting on May 17, 2024  
B. Transportation Improvement Program Public Hearing on June 12, 2024  
C. SCTPA meeting on June 14, 2024

**IX. Old Business & New Business**

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

**X. Adjournment**

**XI. Addendum**

- A. Announcements
- [Photo Release: FDOT Prioritizes Emerging Aviation Technology to Expand Florida's Transportation Network](#)
  - [US 92/Dale Mabry Meeting Flyer](#)
- B. Project Summaries, Fact Sheets & Other Status Reports
- [FDOT Factsheet Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd Resurfacing from W. of Gallagher Rd. to W. of Oak Brook Lane](#)
  - [FDOT Recognizes Work Zone Awareness Week April 15-19](#)
  - [Plan Hillsborough Newsletter](#)
- C. Correspondence
- [Letter of Support for HART Low or No Emissions Grant Application](#)
  - [Letter of Support for AMP Technical Assistance Grant Application](#)
  - [To Community and Infrastructure re: HC BOCC Priority Request](#)
  - [Letter of Support for City of Tampa re: IFACGP](#)

D. Articles Related to TPO Work:

- [Hillsborough County votes to create more parking spots for big-rig truck drivers along I-4](#) | Spectrum News | 03/20/24
- ["I would literally come home and cry": The toll of Wimauma's child care desert](#) | WTSP 10 Tampa Bay | 03/20/24
- [Local leaders look ahead to what Brightline expansion can mean for Tampa, Ybor](#) | 83 Degrees | 03/19/24
- [Hillsborough County seeks opinions on how to prioritize transportation projects](#) | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 03/15/24
- [Anti-transit legislative effort could pose threat to Tampa Bay projects](#) | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 03/12/24

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**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD  
HYBRID MEETING APRIL 10, 2024  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** *(Timestamp 0:05:10)*

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

**II. Roll Call** *(Gail Reese, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:05:38)*

The following members were present: Commissioner Gwen Myers, Mayor Andrew Ross, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Councilmember Alen Clendenin, Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Councilmember Guido Maniscalco, School Board Member Patricia Rendon, Charles Klug, Gina Dew, Greg Slater, Justin Willits, Planning Commissioner Nigel Joseph

The following members were absent excused: Commissioner Joshua Wostal, Mayor Nate Kilton

A quorum was met in person.

*Commissioner Wostal sent a communication that he was unable to attend the meeting. This was read by Commissioner Myers.*

**III. Approval of Minutes** *(Timestamp 0:06:29) – March 20, 2024*

**Councilmember Maniscalco moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Owen. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**IV. Public Comment On Agenda Items** *(Timestamp 0:06:45)* (up to 3 minutes per speaker) Additional comments made via [Social Media](#) and [Email](#) may be requested.

- A. **Rick Fernandez** – Comments are being submitted for the installation of a vegetation barrier or green wall at Robles Park. The Tampa Heights Civic Association Board of Directors passed a motion supporting this request. Went over the EPA research on roadside vegetation. The TPO Board Agenda includes an update on the Air Quality Monitoring Network study. The year two report noted levels were higher at non-park sites in the study area. It noted that the presence of green space improves air quality. FDOT presented alternatives for the barrier wall in January 2022; one option was a fully landscaped barrier. The neighborhood is asking for more trees and shrubbery at the park and less concrete.
- B. **Lena Young Green** – Reflected on Mr. Fernandez's comments. Tampa Heights has been asking for this for a long time. Indicated that FDOT had said they would talk with the community about the living wall. After three months, there has not been any acknowledgment of their request. Asked for acknowledgment of their request. Asked that the TPO Board direct FDOT to come to the community and talk about the living wall.

**V. Committee Reports and Advance Comments** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair and Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff) *(timestamp 0:12:31)* **Additional social media and email comments may be requested.**

**A. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on April 3, 2024** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair)

- A written, detailed report has been provided to the TPO Board
- Action Items
  - Annual certification of the MPO; approved unanimously
- Status Reports
  - HART's Tampa Arterial Bus Rapid Transit and Circulator Project Update – members had questions about possible funding sources, how it would relate to bicycle lanes, and the use of technology for signal priority
  - Preliminary Draft of the FY 25 & 26 Unified Planning Work Program: questions were asked regarding data analysis, which is included in the draft. Additional feedback will be included in the final report.
  - Community Air Monitoring Network: members asked questions related to the stakeholders and inclusion of public health and medical partners, potential additional sites or partners, the pilot study results, and the synchronization of data
- Noted Member's Interest – There are two agency vacancies that the committee is looking forward to being staffed: HART and The Planning Commission

**B. Livable Roadways Committee Meeting on March 27, 2024**

- Heard Status reports on
  - Preliminary Draft of the FY 25 & 26 UPWP
  - Multimodal Counts Report: the committee was very interested in programming additional multimodal counts and analysis in the updated UPWP

**C. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting on March 27, 2024**

- Approved Action Items
  - Gulf Coast Corridor Support Letter: Given that the Gulf Coast Trail ranking has already been completed by FGTC, BPAC modified the proposal to delay sending support emails until receiving confirmation of the finality of the decision. Accordingly, members received an update on March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Status Reports
  - Preliminary Draft of the FY 25 & 26 UPWP
  - BPAC Multimodal Counts Next Steps: overlaying the count stations on a STRAVA heat map was suggested as a potential graphic for the study data

**D. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on April 1, 2024**

- Approved Action Items
  - Annual certification of the MPO; approved unanimously
- Heard Status reports on
  - HART's Tampa Arterial Bus Rapid Transit and Circulator Project Update
  - Preliminary Draft of the FY 25 & 26 Unified Planning Work Program
  - Community Air Monitoring Network: members expressed support for the project and that it complemented existing air monitoring programs in the county

**VI. Consent Agenda** *(Timestamp 0:19:09)*

- BPAC – Edward Newsome as Citizen-at-Large, Brandyn Littleton as Citizen-at-Large, Tim Horst by City of Tampa Planning and John Marsh as alternate

**Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by XXX. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

## VII. Action Items

- A. **FY24 UPWP Amendment with De-obligation and FY25 & 26 UPWP Development** (Amber Simmons, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:19:26)*
- Went over what the UPWP is and a fact sheet provided
  - Reviewed the FY23/24 Funding De-obligation Summary – unused FHWA must be de-obligated by May 1<sup>st</sup> and will become available in FY25
  - Looked at the de-obligations from tasks 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 and why the funds are being de-obligated

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Amendment to the FY23 and FY24 UPWP to de-obligate planning funds and related TIP modification.

### Discussion:

Commissioner Kemp asked if she was permitted to vote. Commissioner Myers noted that the TPO Board voted that only in-person members were eligible to vote on Action Items.

**Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the TIP Amendment, seconded by Councilmember Maniscalco. The roll call vote passed 13 – 0.**

- B. **Annual Certification of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process** (Sarah Caper, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:24:28)*
- Gave an overview that no corrections were noted by FDOT
  - Reviewed the highlights of what the TPO did over the last year
  - Went over items that the TPO Staff will continue to work on
  - No corrective actions have been noted

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

**Councilmember Maniscalco moved to support the recertification of the TPO and authorize the TPO Chair to sign the Joint Certification Statement, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

## VIII. Status Reports

- A. **2050 LRTP Needs Assessment for Major Projects** (Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:27:48)*
- Went over the sources for major projects
  - Reviewed the 2045 Cost Feasible Projects

- Looked at the 2050 Cost Feasible Plans – FDOT, received from jurisdictions
  - BRT, repurposing of rail lines, limited access expressway, road widening
  - Looked at current priorities for new funding from the TIP table two
- Went over the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model
  - Went over the metrics in the model; it looks out to 2050
  - Focused on Access to Jobs with transit and autos
    - Airport to Downtown Transit performed the best for access to jobs; reviewed the performance ratings; questions have been raised about the Streetcar extension and potential rail on US 41.
  - Looked at Planning Time Index, Reliability Index, Auto Travel Time; Transit Travel Time
- Continuing to get new pieces of information on the models

**Greg Slater moved to receive the report, seconded by Councilmember Maniscalco. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**B. Community Air Monitoring Network** (Lizzie Baker, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:34:12)*

- Working with USF and Hillsborough County EPC
- Looked at the pilot study (started in 2021) 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
- 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 schools are in consideration of placement. Yes, that is a large group being looked at. Working with the Hillsborough County Public Schools Green Team. It was noted that it is quantified that there is more dust in the air around the interstates and what it is made up of. It was asked how that is mitigated. Once the data is brought back and evaluated, recommendations will be made at that time. It could influence the TIP in targeting projects. It was asked what types of projects would target the particulate matter. You could put up barriers to distance people from the source and/or you could limit the amount of vehicles creating particulate matter and emissions. A site recommendation was given for Meacham Urban Farm. It was asked if this information is available to the public to assist in additional projects such as tree planting. The data is live data on the Purple Air website. There is a monitor located near Meacham Urban Farm at Perry Harvey Park. The project is working with the City of Tampa to get stations located strategically. It was noted that it would be important to monitor areas along the major transportation arteries. It was brought up that the Tampa Heights Civic Association has voted to support a natural barrier at Robles Park. It was expressed that more and more people are communicating their concerns on this matter. There was a question on the specific

particular matter being monitored. The study is looking at PM2.5 but the monitors also pick up PM10. It was asked if there is a specific time frame or if this is year-round. The monitors are continuous and year-round. It was brought up that the Board hears a lot about trees and plantings. One of the challenges of particulate matter is pollen as well so consideration needs to be taken about what particulate matter is coming from the plantings. It was noted that the interstates create an airshed of about a half mile. The particulate matter coming from the vehicles includes brake dust and microplastics from the tires. Airshed studies are showing increased asthma, cancer, and other health challenges in the airshed areas. These concerns have been raised in the past by the TPO Board.

**Councilmember Clendenin moved to receive the report, seconded by XXX. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**IX. Executive Director's Report (Timestamp 0:59:02)**

- A. TPO Special Meeting is April 30, 2024
- B. Regular TPO Board Meeting is May 8, 2024
- C. TMA meeting is May 17, 2024
- D. SCTPA meeting is on June 14, 2024
- E. Hillsborough County BOCC Priority Letter – went over the request. Eight projects in the cost-feasible plan will move to the top of the priority list. Asked for clarification and noted that there will have to be adjustments made to the methodology that would need to be approved by the TPO Board.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Owen clarified that the majority of the Urban Service Area expansion is in District 4. He is looking for smart planning. Asked that the roads and infrastructure expand as the Urban Service Area Expands. It was noted that disproportionate expansions will require disproportionate funding. That is the purpose of the letter. It was noted that there is a lot that needs to be done in the Urban Core as well. Open and honest discussion needs to be had going forward. An understanding was expressed in the growth areas. Concern was noted about other projects in the TIP and what is going to be the impact on the rest of the county. It was stated that the worst road in Temple Terrace is a county road with a new Amazon Distribution Center, a new VA Hospital, a new subdivision, and an application for additional development. That road is behind in repaving as it is. The needs of the established areas of the county won't be ignored. The growth areas of the county can't be ignored either. The county and its partners are investing millions of dollars in South County. The real answer is to have the funding for some of these projects. The CIT tax will produce some revenue to make some progress. It will allow for some of the backlog to be addressed. It was brought up that growth needs to pay for itself; impact fees need to be raised. They were so low for so long that the long-term effect is being felt. The CIT will help for 15 years. The All for Transportation would have helped but the leaders could not agree so the taxpayers couldn't agree. A lot of this is very political. Clarification was sought on whether the new prioritized projects would be in the Urban Service Area. Prioritizing more capacity to add to the backlog of maintenance is not a good idea. Students need to get to school on time. 240,000 students are going to school every day. 75,000 go to school on buses, and an additional 150,000 are being driven. Prioritizing



getting kids to school and getting parents to work is important. Prioritizing the roads around the schools must be taken into consideration, it affects the entire county. Adding 10,000 new, single-family homes outside the Urban Service Area is haphazard planning. The CIT will help but it is not a miracle for the backlog plus new projects. The impact fees do not cover the cost of growth. The tax base does not cover the growth. It was noted that the public is there for the transportation tax. Hillsborough County is one of the few counties not using an additional gas tax in the region. Shifting resources to new areas does not address the current substandard facilities. Need to be more proactive about the overall planning. Dr. Wong noted that the intention of the letter is an opportunity to be proactive with the issues. There is awareness and treatments that can be made to mitigate challenges brewing. It was recommended to make an update to the congestion management plan as one has not been done for approximately ten years. Tech treatments could be implemented so congestion doesn't grow to the point where the only solution will be widening. The municipalities could benefit from the study as well. It was asked what type of response could be made to the BOCC. A letter could be drafted with the will of the TPO Board. Cameron Clarke noted that this is not an action item and that if a letter is to be drafted it needs to be an action item to allow for public comment. It was suggested that a presentation of clarification and meaning be given before the TIP. It was asked if this was being discussed with the Planning Commission's expansion of the Urban Service Area and if the funding is being looked at for the new areas. There are many unknowns, and the focus is on the model forecasting with the new densities.

**X. Old Business & New Business (Timestamp 1:34:01)**

- A. **Councilmember Maniscalco** – received communication from several people requesting a green barrier in the Robles Park area. Air quality was spoken about today. It was asked where the TPO Board can go with that. It was also asked whose jurisdiction it would be under for maintenance.

**Secretary Gwynn** – FDOT has been in communication with the community in the last few months. In the opinion of FDOT, the matter was resolved. There was a lot of discussion previously. FDOT was asked to canvas the area for opinions. The majority of the people spoken to asked for a noise wall and not a barrier of trees. The TPO Board asked FDOT for the same treatment at this location as in other locations. FDOT worked hard to figure out a way to put the wall in. At this time, it is halfway built. The discussion seems to be brought up when the Board meets. A better discussion to have is what else can be done. The wall is going to go in but what vegetation can go in complimenting that wall is the discussion that needs to happen. The City of Tampa is going to have to be a big part of that because the amount of landscaping is not going to fit within the FDOT right-of-way. It is recommended that FDOT, City of Tampa staff that can make decisions, and the public should meet again, take the wall off the table, and talk specifically about vegetation and what can be done.

**Councilmember Maniscalco** – will coordinate that meeting and discussion.

It was asked if there is an existing landscape plan that FDOT has that can be built from. There are options. Landscaping comes at the end of the project. The types of trees being requested

are bigger than the FDOT right-of-way; the City of Tampa will need to be involved as it will expand into the City's right-of-way.

- B. **Charles Klug** – brought attention to the flyer that was handed out to all the Board members regarding the Great Port Cleanup. In 2023, almost 80,000 pounds of trash was moved from the bay waters. Almost all of that was coming from outside the Port. It's called the Great Port Cleanup because they are the sponsors of it. Encouraged everyone and their staff to participate. Also, remove hundreds of scooters every year. 850 people participated in 2023, expecting 1000 in 2024.

Greg Slater noted that THEA had a team that participated in 2023. One location where trash was found was from one of their contractors. They addressed it after the event to stop that trash from getting into the water.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 11:35 PM

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



## **Committee Reports**

### **Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on April 17**

The LRC heard status reports on:

- Congestion Relief Countermeasures on Limited Access Facilities and Arterials
- HART Tampa Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Circulator Project Update
- Community Air Monitoring Network

### **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting on April 24**

The BPAC meeting discussed member interests on:

- The Florida Greenways and Trails Council meeting
- Hillsborough County Greenways and Trails Master Plan
- City of Tampa project on Swann Avenue
  - BPAC voted to instruct Ben Gordon to draft a letter to the City of Tampa conveying BPAC's support for connecting bicycle lanes on the roadway.

The BPAC meeting heard status reports on:

- Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data
- Community Air Monitoring Network
- New Rules for City of Tampa Micromobility Program

The BPAC discussed Old and New Business on:

- The BPAC July Workshop
  - BPAC voted to plan a ride on a bike boulevard for the July meeting, with Ben Gordon to plan the ride and present for final approval at the May meeting
- National Bike Month event at Tampa International Airport

### **Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) on April 26**

The TDCB had its annual public workshop.

The TDCB had action items on:

- TDCB Annual Bylaws Review

- TDCB Annual Grievance Procedures Approval and Appointment of Grievance Subcommittee
- Life Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Quest, Inc. Coordination Contract Approval
- Cove Behavioral Health Inc. Coordination Contract Approval
- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Service Rates for FY 24/25 Approval
- Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) TD Alternate Appointment

The TDCB heard status reports on:

- Preliminary Draft of FY 25-26 UPWP
- Community Air Monitoring Network
- The Sunshine Line and HARTPlus

**A verbal summary will be given for the following:**

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting on May 1 and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting on May 6



# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

Committee Appointments

### Presenter

None – Consent Agenda

### Summary

The Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) shall be composed of representatives of local government departments, transportation agencies and other organizations. They may be elected officials, appointed officials, organization members, designated representatives or staff, but may not be staff or consultants to the TPO.

The following have been nominated to serve on the LRC:

- Andrea Papandrew, as alternate, for the Hillsborough County Planning Commission
- Ashley Anderson, for the American Institute of Architects

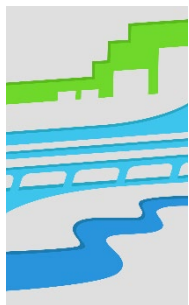
The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) shall be responsible for considering safe access to schools in the review of transportation project priorities, long-range transportation plans and transportation improvement programs and shall advise the MPO on such matters. In addition, the TAC shall be responsible for assisting in the development of transportation planning work programs; coordinating transportation planning and programming; review of all transportation studies, reports, plans and/or programs, and making recommendations to the TPO that are pertinent to the subject documents based upon the technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of and the needs as determined by the studies, plans and/or programs.

The following have been nominated to serve on the TAC:

- Andrea Papandrew, as alternate, for the Hillsborough County Planning Commission

The *Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)* shall be responsible for providing information and overall community values and needs into the transportation planning program of the TPO; evaluating and proposing solutions from a citizen's perspective concerning alternative transportation proposals and critical issues; providing knowledge gained through the CAC into local citizen group discussions and meetings; and establishing comprehension and promoting credibility for the TPO Program. CAC members serve two-year terms. The following have been nominated or volunteered to serve on the CAC:

- Ivyia Adams, a female resident, to fill a new at-large seat



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- Raymond Nicholas Budd, a Hispanic resident, to fill a new at-large seat
- Dustin Johnson, a resident of the greater Riverview area, to fill an at-large seat
- Stephen Paul Jones, a resident of the Apollo Beach area, to fill an at-large seat
- Craig Forsell, as alternate for the Transportation Disadvantaged Board

The purpose of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) is to assist the TPO in identifying local service needs and providing information, advice, and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) on the coordination of services to be provided to the transportation disadvantaged pursuant to Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes.

The following have been nominated to serve on the TDCB:

- Corey Norris, as alternate by Hillsborough County Public Schools

**Recommended Action**

That the TPO Board confirm the above nominations

**Prepared By**

Cheryl Wilkening

**Attachments**

None



# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

FY 25-26 Unified Planning Work Program Adoption

### **Presenter:**

Sarah Caper, TPO Staff

### **Summary:**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federal and state mandated document that defines the transportation planning activities, products and budget to be developed by the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and other transportation planning agencies. It is the basis for allocating federal, state, and local funds for transportation planning activities within Hillsborough County and describes how the TPO will use its federal and state planning funds. This UPWP covers a two-year period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

The UPWP is required by federal law under Title 23 CFR 450.314 and Title 49 CFR 613.100 when federal funds are used for transportation planning. The UPWP and associated processes are also required by state law under Chapter 339.175 governing TPOs. The UPWP is reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). A draft of the UPWP was submitted to FHWA and FDOT for review in March 2024 and the comments received have been incorporated into the document.



The draft UPWP was provided to the TPO committees and Board for review and comment. Comments have been incorporated into the final UPWP. Staff will provide an overview of the UPWP. The document is scheduled to be uploaded to the FDOT Grant Application Process (GAP) system for review by the May 15, 2024, deadline. The approved FY25-26 UPWP will be effective July 1, 2024 and can be found at [Unified Planning Work Program - Plan Hillsborough](#).

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the FY 25-26 UPWP, including Resolution 24-1 and 24-2

### **Prepared By:**

Sarah Caper, AICP, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

1. [FY 25-26 UPWP \(Resolution 24-1 on page 6\)](#)
2. Resolution 24-2
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Resolution 2024-2  
A RESOLUTION OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION  
**TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND PLANNING GRANT  
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION of the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization hereinafter BOARD, hereby authorizes the filing and execution of a Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

WHEREAS, this BOARD is eligible to receive a Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. The BOARD has the authority to enter into this grant agreement.
2. The BOARD authorizes the Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization's Executive Director, hereinafter DIRECTOR to execute the grant agreement, amendments, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged on behalf of the Board.
3. The BOARD'S Registered Agent in Florida is DIRECTOR.  
The Registered Agent's address is: **PO Box 1110, 601 East Kennedy Boulevard, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tampa, FL 33601-1110** .

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2024.

BOARD OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Chairperson)

Commissioner Gwen Myers  
(Typed name of Chairperson)

ATTEST:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





# 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, 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), showing how projects rank according to a variety of transportation metrics and the estimated costs to deliver each project.

#### Recommended Action

Accept the Access 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Performance Data

#### Prepared By

Wade Reynolds, AICP, TPO Staff

#### Attachments

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





# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

2024 State of the System (SOS) 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:**

Accept the 2024 State of the System Report

### **Prepared By:**

Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

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



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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



FPID 443781-1

## 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](http://www.FDOTTampaBay.com/project/1027/443781-1)

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

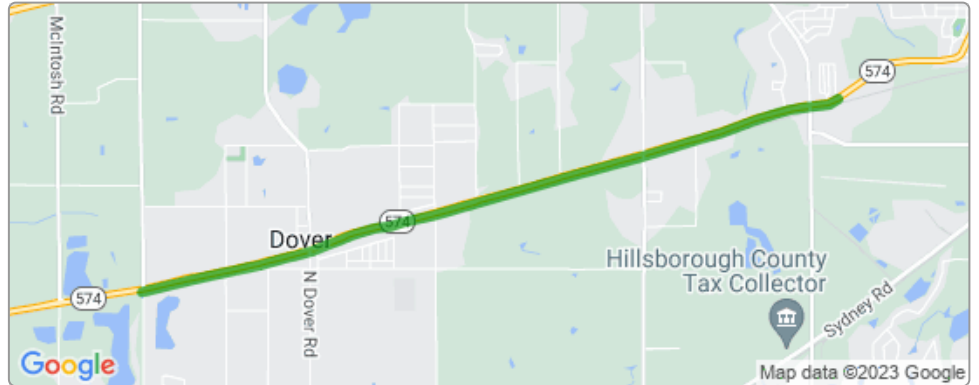


Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this meeting, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) 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](mailto: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)

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

437560-1

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	Resurfacing
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	SR 574 / DR. MLK Jr. Blvd From W of Gallagher Rd. to W of Oak Brook Lane
<b>Length</b>	4.304 Miles
<b>City</b>	Dover
<b>County</b>	Hillsborough
<b>Road</b>	MLK Blvd SR 574
<b>Design Cost</b>	\$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	
<b>Design Manager</b>	Jake Hemingway Jake.Hemingway@dot.state.fl.us
<b>Media Contact</b>	Kris Carson 813-975-6060 Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us



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

**Subject:** Florida Department of Transportation Recognizes Work Zone Awareness Week



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April 15, 2024

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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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*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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April 16, 2024

The Honorable Veronica Vanterpool  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

### **Re: Letter of Support for Hillsborough Transit Authority Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Grant Applications**

Dear Acting Administrator Vanterpool,

The Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is pleased to support Hillsborough Transit Authority's (HART) application for the Federal Transit Administration which if funded, will help advance two priority transportation projects.

#### **Project 1: Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program – Phase 1 Heavy Maintenance Facility Remediation & Rehabilitation Project**

HART is seeking a Buses & Bus Facility grant in the amount of \$20.8 million to facilitate Phase 1 of Heavy Maintenance Facility Remediation & Rehabilitation project. Specifically, Phase 1 of the project to overhaul HART's 21st Street Maintenance Campus, is relocating the service lane facility and addressing the severe drainage and flooding issues that cause further damage to HART's assets.

The significant issues with drainage and flooding on site combined with an inefficient campus layout for service and fuel lanes has required HART to implement costly workarounds and inefficiencies to maintain its service and safety record.

The ***Service Lane Facility & Safety and Security Rehabilitation Project*** is the critical phase of the site remediation and modernization which will be followed by the demolition and rebuilding of the 45-year-old heavy maintenance facility. The Project will improve safety of the traveling public through improved routine maintenance of the buses as well as safer facilities for HART staff. The Project will address environmental sustainability through the provision of nature-based solutions for stormwater remediation, improving resilience of infrastructure for current and future weather and climate risks, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through compressed natural gas (CNG) and a planned future for low-emission technologies. HART services numerous disadvantaged communities and areas of persistent poverty throughout the county; and the Project will improve system-wide connectivity through service reliability for access to employment, healthcare, educational facilities, groceries, and more.

## **Project 2: Low or No Emission – Transition Diesel Buses to CNG**

HART, in collaboration with the local stakeholder, TECO People Gas, seeks \$27,308,061 to replace 33 diesel buses which are operating beyond their useful life with new low-emission Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses powered by Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). Additionally, a portion of the approved funding, 1/2 percent, will be allocated to expand HART's vocational training program and establish a registered apprenticeship program. This initiative is designed to address the nationwide technician shortage and align with HART's organization's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. HART is committed to 15% of the total request as a local match from HART and Stakeholders, totaling \$4,096,209.

HART's proactive approach to transitioning its fleet to CNG derived from RNG demonstrates commendable leadership in addressing environmental concerns, promoting energy independence, and enhancing operational efficiency. By utilizing RNG, a domestically sourced renewable fuel, HART reduces dependence on foreign oil and contributes to mitigating climate change and advancing toward a more sustainable future for Hillsborough County.

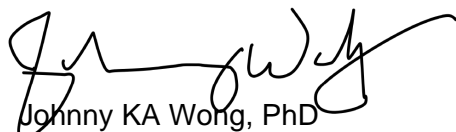
Furthermore, we applaud HART's commitment to expanding vocational training programs and developing a registered apprenticeship program to address the nationwide Technician shortage. These initiatives benefit HART and support the growth and development of our local workforce.

As demonstrated in the TIP and STIP, the project is a top major capital priority for the area and the State has committed funding to develop and implement the project. While the community continues to explore options for premium bus and rail services, the state of good repair for the local bus system is the foundation of any future projects in the County.

We are confident that with the support of the Bus and Bus Facilities and Low/No Emission Grants HART will be better equipped to fulfill its comprehensive bus replacement plan, coupled with its strategic objectives to modernize infrastructure and stimulate economic growth, will significantly and positively impact our community. Therefore, we wholeheartedly endorse HART's grant application and encourage your organization to support this critical initiative. We look forward to a favorable review of our application. If you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Both the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance and the Hillsborough TPO have established public transportation safety targets for which these two priority projects will have a positive impact. Once funded, the projects will address critical deficiencies both within Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay region.

Sincerely,



Johnny KA Wong, PhD  
Executive Director  
Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization



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### Re: Accelerate Mobility Playbook Technical Assistance Grant application

Dear AMP Technical Assistance Grant application selection committee,

I am writing in support of Walk Bike Tampa, a citizen-led nonprofit organization, and its application for City Thread's Accelerated Mobility Playbook (AMP) Technical Assistance grant application, submitted in collaboration with the City of Tampa's Mobility Department.

The AMP utilizes global best practices to overcome challenges that delay transportation projects and impede progress towards safe multimodal transportation networks, bringing together people from various organizations, communities, and backgrounds to address obstacles to accessible mobility.

The Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the long-range planning organization for transportation priorities shared by Hillsborough County, the City of Tampa, and the cities of Temple Terrace and Plant City. The TPO is a committed partner of the City of Tampa and has prepared many plans and studies for safe multimodal transportation at the City of Tampa's request, including the first Vision Zero Action Plan for this region. The TPO strongly supports the collaborative effort of Walk Bike Tampa and the City of Tampa to bring technical assistance to this community to engage stakeholders and address barriers to implementing transportation improvements.

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of the Accelerated Mobility Playbook Technical Assistance Grant application. The Hillsborough TPO looks forward to further dialogue and partnership opportunities as Walk Bike Tampa and the City of Tampa work together on continuing to align infrastructure choices and community goals.

Sincerely,

Johnny KA Wong, PhD  
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John Patrick  
Division Director, Community and Infrastructure Planning  
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PO Box 1110  
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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



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May 1, 2024

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## Re: Tampa's Innovative Finance & Asset Concession Grant Program (IFACGP)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is pleased to support Tampa's Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program (IFACGP) application. The Tampa Bay region sits as the 17<sup>th</sup> most populous region in the Country and continues to see a rapid population increase, surpassing the national growth average of 1.5% per year. Tampa has emerged as a vibrant destination hub, attracting tourists, working professionals, and a diverse array of residents. If awarded, the grant will help advance priority transportation projects that appear in the TPO's Transportation Improvement Program.

As the population expands, Tampa has identified a pipeline of projects to alleviate the city's growing congestion and transportation challenges. Tampa's regional pipeline of projects include:

- City of Tampa's streetcar extension
- Westshore Intermodal Center
- Bus Rapid Transit lines connecting from Downtown Tampa to the University of South Florida
- Fixed guideway from Downtown Tampa to Tampa International Airport
- Brightline's connection from Tampa to Orlando
- Improved mobility, sidewalk connections, and expanded trail networks.

We believe that this application uniquely positions Tampa to facilitate public-private partnerships and develop asset concessions through the pipeline of projects and more. This application will not only revolutionize the transportation landscape in Tampa but shape the future of infrastructure projects. By providing a sustainable and reliable funding source for future projects, the IFACGP will play a pivotal role in enhancing the connectivity and accessibility of our city.

The projects indicated above are strategic and practical transportation improvements that support economic growth, mobility, and livability. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this grant application.

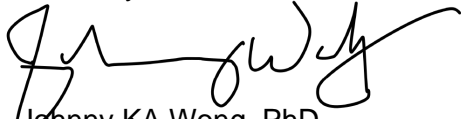


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We are confident that these endeavors will not only benefit our community today but also leave a legacy for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnny KA Wong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Johnny KA Wong, PhD  
Executive Director  
Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization