



Hillsborough TPO

Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Andrew Ross
City of Temple Terrace
TPO Chair

TPO Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 @ 10:00am – 11:30pm

Hillsborough County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor

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Agenda

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum (Clerk)

III. [Approval of the TPO Board Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2025](#)

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**

Commissioner Joshua Wostal
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City of Tampa

Commissioner Harry Cohen
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Councilmember Lynn Hurtak
City of Tampa

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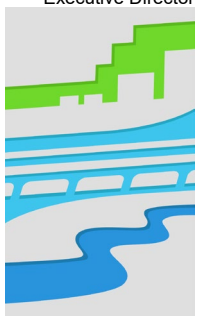
Nigel M. Joseph, PhD
Planning Commission

Greg Slater
Expressway Authority

Lynn Gray
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School Board

Gary Hartfield
HART

Johnny Wong, PhD
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V. Committee Reports and Advance Comments (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair; Sarah Caper, TPO Staff)

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. [Committee Appointments](#)
- B. [Executive Director Performance Evaluation](#)

VII. Action Items

- A. [2026 TPO Board Officers and Committee Assignments](#)
(Cameron Clark TPO Attorney)
- B. [Brightline Station Area Study](#)
(Sarah Caper, TPO Staff and Stephanie McQueen, HDR)
- C. [TIP Amendment: I-4 Express Lanes from I-75 to County Line Rd](#)
(Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff)

VIII. Executive Director's Report

- TMA/SCTPA Meeting on **December 12th** 9:30a – 11:30a held at THEA
- Legislative updates (if any)

IX. Old Business & New Business

X. Adjournment

XI. [Addendums](#)

- A. Project Summaries & Other Status Reports
 - [Plan Hillsborough Newsletter](#)
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Call for Project
 - FDOT Project Factsheet - Henry Canal Drainage Improvement from Hesperides Street to Lois Avenue
- B. Correspondence
 - Tentative Work Program FY 27-31 Response to Hillsborough TPO Letter_12.1.2025
 - HART Thank you Letter
- C. Articles Related to TPO Work
 - [Autonomous rideshare Waymo set to begin operations in Central Florida](#)
 - [Hillsborough County Engages Public in Planning Upgrades for Future Roadways Ahead of Population Surge |](#)
 - Hoodline Tampa | 10/28/25
 - [Tampa General Hospital and Casa Ybor to build new hospital and clinic in historic Ybor City | Tampa Bay 28 |](#)

- 10/30/25
- Tampa CRA Earns Top Honors at 43rd Annual Planning & Design Awards | City of Tampa News | 10/30/25
- Hillsborough prepares roadway update for first time in 15 years as population swells | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 10/30/25
- Tampa General Hospital plans expansion into Ybor City | Tampa Bay Times | 10/30/25
- Tampa's Community Redevelopment Agency Wins Four Awards at 43rd Annual Planning & Design Awards | Hoodline Tampa | 10/31/25
- Tampa General Hospital and Casa Ybor Reveal Plans for New Hospital, Clinic in Historic Ybor City | South
- Around town: Tampa news briefs | The Tampa Beacon | 11/03/25
- Three City Departments Honored by the County for Community Engagement | Plant City Observer | 11/06/25
- County Wants Input On Updated Corridor Preservation Plan (CPP) | Osprey Observer | 11/11/25
- Hyde Park residents push back on Magnolia Hotel proposal | Tampa Bay Business and Wealth | 11/11/25
- Bees in suburbia: Citrus Honey Bee Rescue saves bees as Florida population booms | Tampa Bay 28 | 11/18/25

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NOVEMBER 10, 2025 - TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting, scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the 26th Floor Conference Room, Frederick B. Karl County Center, Tampa, Florida, and held virtually.


The following members were present:

Andrew (Andy) Ross, Chair	Mayor, City of Temple Terrace
Chris Boles	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Bill Carlson (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)	City of Tampa (Tampa) City Council
Harry Cohen	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Lynn Gray	Hillsborough County School Board
Gary Hartfield	HART
Lynn Hurtak	Councilmember, Tampa City Council
Nigel Joseph	Planning Commission
Nate Kilton	Mayor, City of Plant City
Charles Klug	Port Tampa Bay
Christine Miller	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Gwen Myers	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Greg Slater	Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA)
Joshua Wostal	Commissioner, Hillsborough County



The following members were absent:

Alan Clendenin	Councilmember, Tampa City Council
Michael Stephens	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority


I. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

 Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum (Clerk)

 Ms. Allison Desiano, Hillsborough County, Clerk of Court and Comptroller, called the roll and noted a quorum was present.  Chair Ross acknowledged the Ybor City incident that took place on November 8, 2025.

III. Approval of TPO Board Meeting Minutes October 8, 2025

 Regarding the minutes of October 8, 2025, TPO meeting, Chair Ross asked if there were any adjustments/corrections to the minutes and called for a motion.



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Member Hartfield motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wostal, and carried unanimously by members present. (Councilmember Carlson had not arrived; Councilmember Clendenin and Mr. Stephens were absent.)

IV. Public Comment


 Mr. Rick Fernandez spoke on Item IV.A.

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

 Mr. Fernandez and  Ms. McGee shared a presentation on the committee reports.






VI. Consent Agenda

A. Committee Appointments





 Chair Ross sought a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Commissioner Wostal so moved, seconded by Commissioner Myers, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Councilmember Clendenin and Mr. Stephens were absent.)

VII. Action Items



A. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Tentative Work Program Fiscal Year 2027-2031 and TPO letter of Comment (FDOT and FTE Representative Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff)

 Ms. Watkins and  FDOT District 7 Ms. Suzanne Ziegler, spoke about the program.  Councilmember Hurtak asked why funding for the streetcar was removed, which FDOT District 7 Secretary Justin Hall responded. Secretary Hall and Dr. Johnny Wong, Executive Director, TPO, addressed Councilmember Hurtak's questions regarding the deferral of the Westshore Interchange Project. Ms. Katina Kavouklis, FDOT, continued with the presentation. Councilmember Hurtak spoke on transit concerns provided by the CAC.  Secretary Hall replied to Councilmember Hurtak on the necessary steps needed to preserve space and highlighted District 7's investment in the wrong way driver detection system. Chair Ross asked for statistics on the system. Following comments on the Hillsborough Avenue exit, Commissioner Wostal wondered if the Veterans North was included on the envisioned rail transit route map, pointing out the lack of density to support a robust rail system and the removal of bus routes. School Board Member Gray questioned if Seminole Heights was part of the Interstate 275 widening plan.  Ms. Watkins explained the action needed for the item and

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reviewed the letter in the backup material.  Secretary Hall requested that Ms. Nicola Liquori's title on the letter be corrected to Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer.  **Commissioner Myers moved to approve.** Chair Ross asked if Commissioner Myers would incorporate Secretary Hall's correction.  **Commissioner Myers affirmed.**  **The motion was seconded by Member Joseph and carried unanimously by members present.** (Councilmember Clendenin and Mr. Stephens were absent.)

- B. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Direction (Sarah Caper, TPO Staff)




 Ms. Caper spoke on the UPWP. Commissioner Wostal inquired on the Brightline study plan funding. Councilmember Hurtak gave accolades.  Chair Ross requested a motion to approve the project. **Commissioner Wostal moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Cohen, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Councilmember Clendenin and Mr. Stephens were absent.)

VIII. Status Reports


- A. HART Transit Development Plan 2026 - 2035 Annual Progress Report (Heather Sobush, HART)

 Ms. Sobush spoke on the plan. Schoolboard Member Gray asked about student bus rates.

- B. Intersection Collision Avoidance Safety Program (Angelo Rao, Kittelson and Associates Incorporated)


 Mr. Rao shared a presentation.  After introducing the concept of highway hypnosis and addressing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/AAA study, Commissioner Wostal supported bringing cyber taxi technology to Tampa and believed self-driving vehicles were a key component to pedestrian safety. School Board Member Gray expressed gratitude for the presentation on student safety and emphasized the problem with students being struck by vehicles and illegal passing of school buses with extended stop signs. Secretary Hall talked about the Intersection Collision Avoidance Safety Program (ICASP) and ongoing safety concerns.  Dr. Wong highlighted components of the ICASP and noted that low-cost, high impact technology could be strategically implemented to enhance transportation safety. Member Hartfield wanted to know who assumed responsibility if there was a problem with the system. Councilmember Carlson

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addressed the need for innovative technological solutions to improve transportation safety and efficiency.  After speaking about autonomous vehicle technology and approval from legislation, Member Slater talked on liability considerations, connected vehicle technology benefits, and transportation safety and stressed the need for a more proactive technology-driven approach to improving transportation safety by understanding and designing around human behavior. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Hurtak wanted artificial intelligence to work on vehicle speed, challenged TPO members to drive the speed limit, and noted she would work with Dr. Wong on a speed study. Chair Ross supported implementation of the program and hoped technology would drive the program cost down.

IX. Executive Director's Report


- Recap of the October 27, 2025, TPO Board Field Trip to MetroPlan Orlando

 Dr. Johnny Wong, Executive Director, TPO, touched on the MetroPlan Orlando trip.


- Regional Merger Study Principals' Workshop will be held Friday, November 14, 2025, at Collaborative Labs at Saint Petersburg College.

 Dr. Wong shared a presentation on the regional merger study.

- TPO Board Meeting would be held December 10, 2025, from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Boardroom

 Dr. Wong talked about the upcoming meeting.

- Transportation Management Area (TMA)/Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) Meeting on December 12, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. held at THEA

 Dr. Wong addressed the upcoming TMA/SCTPA meeting and remarked that TPO was preparing the 2026 calendar and might need to move some meeting dates to accommodate Hillsborough Televisions (HTV) schedule. Councilmember Hurtak stated she was not available on Mondays. Commissioner Cohen spoke on the MetroPlan Orlando trip and the recommended 2026 meeting dates. Chair Ross inquired about the reasons for the TPO meeting date change. Commissioner Wostal requested an opportunity to discuss at the County level the new

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meetings and HTV's availability and would respond back to Dr. Wong with the findings.

X. Old Business and New Business - **None.**

XI. Adjournment

XII. Addendums

A. Project Summaries & Other Status Reports

- Plan Hillsborough Newsletter
- FDOT District 7 Safety Newsletter - Fall 2025

B. Correspondence


- Letter of Support to Republic Services Charitable Foundation

C. Articles Related to TPO Work

- Gov. DeSantis names 4 to Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority, including 2 new faces | Florida Politics | 09/22/25
- Around town: Tampa news briefs | Tampa Beacon | 09/23/25
- Plant City leaders look for input on Comprehensive Plan | Bay News 9 | 09/25/25
- City Commission Hears Major Change to Downtown Ordinance | Plant City Observer | 09/25/25
- DeSantis appoints new members to Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 10/01/25
- Riverview Plan and U.S. Highway 301 toll road extension on view at community meetings | The Observer News | 10/02/25
- Vigil held for teen killed on way to school ten years ago | Fox 13 | 10/05/25
- It's been 10 years since Alexis Miranda died crossing Busch Boulevard in Tampa on her way to school | 10 Tampa Bay | 10/06/25
- 'Enough is enough': Street safety efforts continue a decade after teen's death on Busch Boulevard | 10 Tampa Bay | 10/06/25

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- More express lanes are coming to I-4 in Hillsborough. Will they help? | Tampa Bay Times | 10/17/25
- Governor Appointed Four to Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority | West Orlando News | 10/18/25
- RV storage facility in eastern Hillsborough could become warehouses | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 10/20/25

 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED: _____
CHAIR

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VICTOR CRIST, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Committee Reports

Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on November 19

The LRC discussed and unanimously approved action items:

- 2026 Draft meeting calendar
- Brightline Station Area Study

The LRC meeting heard status reports on:

- HART Transit Development Plan 2026 – 2035 Annual Progress Report
- Multimodal Count Locations-members asked many questions and provided feedback into approach and locations

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting on November 19

The BPAC heard action items:

- 2026 Draft meeting calendar
 - A member asked what the goal was in moving towards bimonthly meetings. The goal is to have a less burdensome schedule with more meaningful and actionable items.
 - The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the TPO Board approve the new calendar.
- Brightline Station Area Study
 - A member asked where the Union Station is located (Twiggs and Nebraska) and where the Brightline Station will be. The latter is not yet determined.
 - It was noted that there are regional trails planned in this area that could potentially be integrated well with transit.
 - A member shared that they had learned from a Miami transit agency staffer that working with Brightline can bring challenges, as they act independently as a private entity, which makes proactive public sector planning important.
 - The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the TPO Board approve the study.

The BPAC meeting heard status reports on:

- HART Transit Development Plan 2026 – 2035 Annual Progress Report
 - A member asked if amenities at bus stops, such as bike racks, were tracked.
Yes, a full bus stop inventory is being conducted, with staff visiting every location and tracking the amenities. This document will be published soon.
- TPO Project Prioritization Process
 - A member of the public (and pending applicant) distinguished between “rational,” universal efforts to plan and fully fund everything, and an “incremental” approach prioritizing shovel-ready projects.
 - A member asked if funds are at risk of expiring. This is not an immediate concern due to FDOT's close monitoring of deadlines.
 - A member expressed support for the idea of bringing a “separate” or sublist to BPAC to help the Committee provide more targeted and meaningful feedback
- Multimodal Count Locations
 - A member suggested that HART's bus stop inventory could present opportunities for coordination around the counts.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting on December 1 will be given verbally

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting on December 3 will be given verbally



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Committee Appointments

Presenter

None – Consent Agenda

Summary

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. At-large members and agency representatives on the CAC may serve three two-year terms. Representatives of elected officials may serve up to six years, coinciding with the elected official's term. The following have been nominated or volunteered to serve on the CAC:

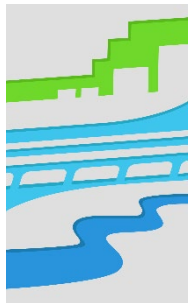
- Wiliam Atkins, as representative for the Planning Commission

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:

- Ron Patel PE, as representative for the City of Temple Terrace
- Adam Purcell, as representative for the City of Tampa Mobility Department,
Tarek Lofty-Kamal as alternate

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) shall be responsible for making recommendations to the MPO, Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, City of Plant City, City of Temple Terrace, the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and others, on matters concerning the planning, implementation and maintenance of a comprehensive bikeway and pedestrian system. In addition, the BPAC shall be responsible for studying and making recommendations concerning the safety, security, and regulations pertaining to bicyclists and pedestrians.



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The following have been nominated to serve on the BPAC:

- Todd Engala and Steven Ayers, as citizens at large representatives

Recommended Action

That the TPO Board confirms the above nominations.

Prepared By

Cheryl Wilkening, TPO Executive Assistant

Attachments

None.



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Executive Director Performance Evaluation

Presenter

Cameron Clark, TPO Attorney

Summary

The TPO attorney prepared and distributed a questionnaire to Board members concerning the annual performance review of the TPO Executive Director. The attorney will provide a summary of the responses.

Because the TPO Board has a staffing services agreement with the Planning Commission, administration of any performance-based merit increase directed by the Board will be handled by the Planning Commission Executive Director.

In the past, the Board chose to award a merit increase consistent with the performance standards used for all of the Planning Commission and TPO staff. As an agency, the Planning Commission continues to budget for merit increases on par with Hillsborough County.

Recommended Action

Accept the report with salary increase.

Prepared By

Cheryl Wilkening, TPO Executive Assistant

Attachments

To be distributed to TPO Board members via email.





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2026 TPO Board Officers & Committee Assignments

Presenter

Cameron Clark, TPO Attorney

Summary

TPO Chair and Vice Chair:

The Chair and Vice Chair preside at all regular and special meetings of the TPO, and represent the TPO at meetings of the TPO Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) – typically biannually in May and December – and meetings of the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) – MPOAC meets the fourth Thursday in the months of January, April, July, and October, our meeting schedule for calendar year 2026.

The TPO bylaws specify that at the regular meeting in December, the members of the board shall nominate one or more candidates to fill officer positions. Immediately following the close of nominations, the TPO shall vote to fill each office, with the vote for each office being taken in the order in which candidates for that office were nominated, until one is elected.

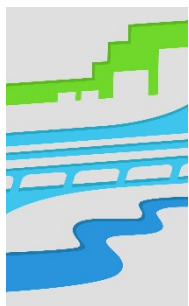
New officers shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election of officers. Officers shall be voting members of the board, and shall hold office for one year or until a successor is elected.

Policy Committee Members:

The role of the TPO's Policy Committee is to review and make recommendations on new policies and proposed policy changes, for ratification by the Board. In 2023 and 2024, the TPO Board advised staff to utilize Policy Committee meetings to hold discussions and workshops on topics related to the Long Range Transportation Plan and regional merger of the MPOs. The Regional MPO Support Activities scope of work kicked off in 2025, therefore, TPO staff are recommending to continue utilizing these meeting times for those purposes and not appoint Policy committee members for 2026.

Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group Members:

After the 2010 Census, the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco MPO Boards formed a new, joint advisory taskforce to focus on issues of tri-county significance. The TMA Leadership Group develops consensus priorities every year, focusing on major cross-



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county transportation markets and traffic movements and on helping the tri-county area speak with one voice in discussions of prioritization and financial resources, especially in the allocation of federal and state funds. It meets four times per year at a central location in the eight-county area, typically February, June, September and December.

Since 2014, each TPO Board has annually designated three of its members, and some alternates, to participate.

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Chair – By Florida administrative code, the TDCB chair must be an elected official who serves on the TPO. TDCB meetings are held every other month, typically on a Friday at 9:30 am.

Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Chair – The LRC was established by the TPO in the 1990s as a board-chaired taskforce to collaborate and lead on improving conditions within rights-of-way. Committee meetings are monthly, often the 3rd Wednesday at 9:00 am.

Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Alternate Representative – Florida's 27 MPOs come together on a quarterly basis to share best practices and coordinate on statewide transportation policy matters. As noted above, the chair or vice chair represents Hillsborough TPO at these meetings. By Florida law, each MPO shall also elect an alternate representative to vote in the absence of the representative.

Recommended Actions

1. Nominate and vote on candidates for TPO Chair and Vice Chair.
2. Nominate and vote on candidates to serve on the TMA. Mayor Ross, Councilmember Hurtak, and Commissioner Boles, with alternates Mr. Stephens and Mr. Slater, served in these roles in 2025.
3. Confirm Commissioner Myers to continue serving as TDCB Chair, or appoint another elected official.
4. Confirm Councilwoman Hurtak to continue serving as LRC Chair, or appoint another elected official.
5. Confirm Mr. Anderson, with Mr. Klug as his alternate, to continue serving as MPOAC Alternate Representative, or appoint another Alternate Representative.

Prepared By

Cheryl Wilkening, TPO Executive Assistant

Attachments

[Hillsborough TPO Bylaws](#)



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Brightline Station Area Study

Presenter

Sarah Caper, TPO Staff and Stefanie McQueen, HDR

Summary

In February 2025, the Hillsborough TPO kicked off the Brightline Station Area Study, focused on ensuring that a future Brightline station in greater downtown Tampa is as connected, accessible and efficient as possible. The goals of the study were to: 1) identify potential Brightline users, 2) assess demand for multimodal connections to key destinations, 3) evaluate mobility and infrastructure improvements, and 4) develop an early action plan for funding, planning and stakeholder coordination.

With the exact station site unknown and to be selected by Brightline, this study focused on a general station area. Using this general station area, needs and ideas were developed for the immediate vicinity of a station, a quarter-mile station area, and connecting to and from that station area. The needs and ideas were developed through an analysis of existing plans and programmed projects, a review of peer facilities, a survey that received over 11,000 responses, an analysis of existing travel data, and input from stakeholders. As part of the study, user profiles were developed providing examples of who may use this service and the specific trip purpose.

The study and its components are available on the project webpage: [Brightline Station Area Study - Plan Hillsborough](#).

Recommended Action

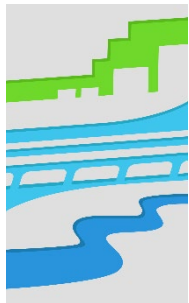
Approve the Brightline Station Area Study.

Prepared By

Sarah Caper, AICP, TPO Staff

Attachments

[Presentation slides](#)



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TIP Amendment: I-4 Express Lanes from I-75 to County Line Rd

Presenter

Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff

Summary

Amend one project in the FY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Add I-4 Express Lanes project from I-75 to County Line Rd (FPN 456967-1) to the TIP. FDOT intends to add two express lanes, one in each direction, along the 17-mile corridor. The project has \$3.7M in state and federal funds to fund preliminary engineering.

This is one of several projects in the Governor's Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative, which is expected to expedite project delivery schedules by 10-15 years or more. In order to meet the aggressive construction schedule, FDOT intends to utilize the Modified Phased Design-Build which will allow construction to begin sooner than with traditional delivery methods.

The project website is <https://www.fdotampabay.com/project/1164/456967-1-52-01>. The total estimated project cost is \$500M.

Recommended Action

Approve, by roll call vote, the Transportation Improvement Program amendment.

Prepared By

Elizabeth Watkins, AICP, TPO Staff

Attachments

1. [Comparative report](#)
2. [Presentation slides](#)



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