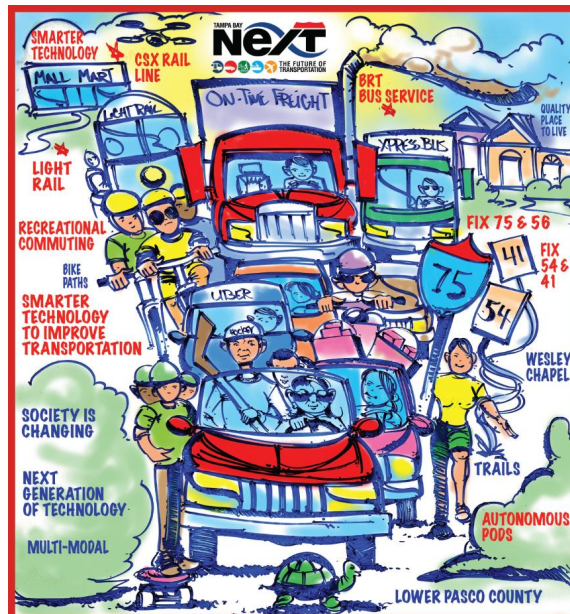




## Tampa Bay Next Community Working Groups Pasco/Hernando County

August 3, 2017  
Real Time Record



## Executive Summary

The Tampa Bay Next Pasco and Hernando County Community Working Group had a successful kickoff on August 3, 2017 with over 40 participating community members. This Executive Summary provides some of the highlights from your discussions. The subsequent pages of this Real Time Record provide all the supporting details.

### Top Priority Focus Areas & Activities That Can Be Undertaken

- Adding Light Rail to the transportation system, possibly in the Hwy 301/SR 56 extension, so travel to airport and other activity hubs. / More Bus Service focused on long distance and high traffic areas with Wi-Fi
- CSX rail line, purchase and conversion to passengers.
- BRT express bus from Pasco into Tampa, similar to the front range express in Colorado. BRT along SR 54 and south Pasco.
- Smarter technology to improve transportation system [rail, bus, bike, ped, car] - provide live updates to map system for rerouting, program traffic lights, understand peak congestion associated with workforce
- SR 54 and US 41 intersection...fix it!

### Top Ideas to Organize the Pasco and Hernando County Community Working Group

- Virtual meetings online once per month - with download to watch again. Followed by a quarterly meeting that could be in person or include a field trip that would concentrate on problem areas at peak times. / Online participation via electronic questions / On-line forum for community to offer ideas for consideration. / Leverage tech for online meetings- once a month with once a quarter in person
- Reaching out to elected officials to request their presence, reaching out to existing meetings and groups, and going to where people are already meeting.
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- Find at least one representative from each area of the P and H counties for an all-encompassing solution.

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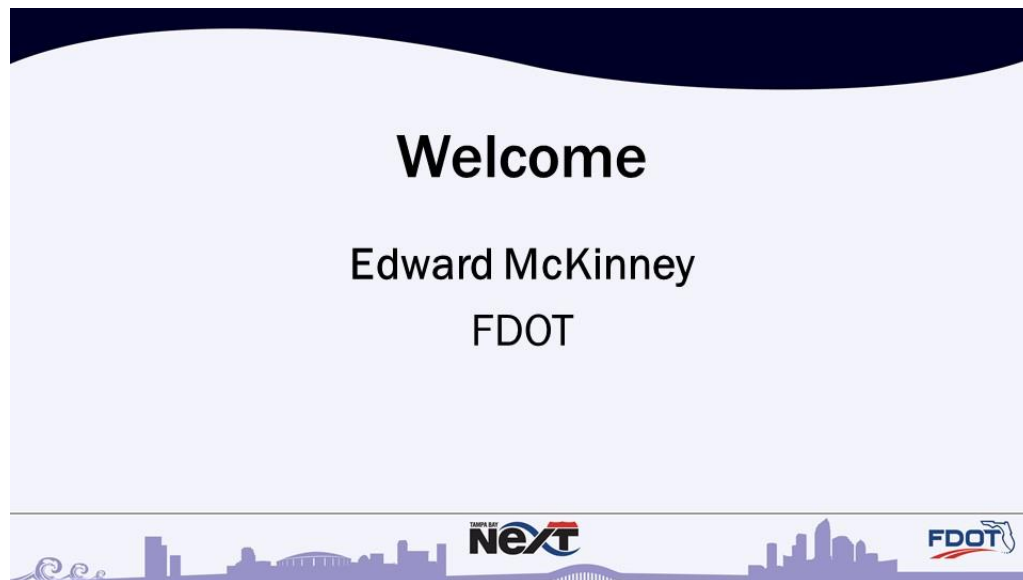
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**Community Working Group - Kickoff**  
**Pasco / Hernando County**  
**August 3, 2017**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

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**Welcome and Objectives**Welcome: **Edward McKinney, FDOT**Objectives and Collaborative Process: **Andrea Henning, Collaborative Labs**

**Edward McKinney, FDOT:** How many of you have heard of Tampa Bay Next? We're going to talk about why it's important for you to be part of this conversation. We're not going to be sharing any plans with you tonight. There are several parts of Tampa Bay Next. The limits start with the Gateway area of Pinellas County, over the Howard Franklin Bridge across to Hillsborough County. We're widening the bridge. The northbound bridge needs to be replaced. It will have two general purpose lanes and two express lanes. Then, it goes from the airport to Polk County and to the apex at I 75. Those are the boundaries.

We heard from the community that they are tired of road capacity and transportation issues. We were in this very church when we presented the US 41/SR 54 project. As a department, we need to be thinking differently. Do we need to continue to solve problems for 40-50 years or do we need to listen to folks who are smarter than we are? Amazon is putting malls out of business. Things are changing and we need to adapt to that. What will it look like 20 years from now? Modernizing the interstate. Getting ready for technology. Maybe it's flying cars, ride-sharing. What we anticipate tomorrow.



Transit solutions. Utilize transit in a more effective way. Biking and walking facilities. How do we incorporate those into our design? Complete streets – the concept has been around for years, but we've started to build policies. Do we build streets differently in urban and suburban areas? There are street-side cafes on our right of ways and we're ok with that. We also have to provide for freight mobility – getting products into the stores, supply our businesses.





These are our partner agencies. We're glad they are here. The FDOT can't do this alone. If people think that the FDOT is coming with a solution, we need to fix that perception. We don't have an answer. We have an opportunity to bring the conversation to you. How do we invest our money? What do we focus on? Partnering with MPO's, cities, counties. If it's not on a state system, it will be on another system. If we're restricting volume on interstates, where will it go? We have to do that together.

Waze doesn't care if it's a state or county road. It might take you down a boulevard, through a neighborhood. That's the kind of technology that we need to be prepared for. People will use SR 54 to go from Home Depot to Publix. It wasn't designed to be a local street so we have to think about how people are using the system.



There are six community working groups. We are meeting all over the region. We're going to take your suggestions and sit down with our partners. This is not just one meeting. We want to hear from you. I can pull a design manual off the shelf, but we're hearing that you want us to find other solutions.



## Public Involvement

### 6 Community Working Groups

- Downtown/East Tampa
- Westshore/West Tampa/South Tampa
- Pinellas
- North and West Hillsborough
- East Hillsborough/Polk
- Pasco/Hernando

## Community Working Groups Mission

- Engage Tampa Bay in the transportation planning process
- Enhance cross-agency collaboration
- Provide a forum for the public to influence transportation decisions



Local examples of projects. There are more and more developments on SR 54. We're maxed out in terms of capacity. Is transit a solution? There are a lot of visioning studies and we support that. We're looking to partner with those. The SR 54/US 41 corridor is a huge challenge. How do we deal with that? Trails – they are an important part of Pasco County. There are some cool opportunities. We are in the multi-modal business. Express bus service – we're looking at the Veterans. What about the Interstate? What about US 41/SR 54 corridor? All of these things are on the table.

### Local Examples – Priority Projects:


- 1-75 Diverging Diamond at SR 56
- SR 54/56 – innovative technologies – advanced transportation management systems (ATMS)
- SR 54/US 41 Intersection
- Starkey Gap Trail
- Express Bus Service

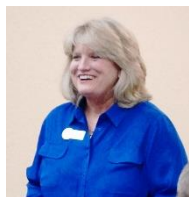


I really look forward to hearing your comments and ideas. I'll turn it over to Andrea from the Collaborative Labs.

### Tampa Bay Next Program Information

- Program information table
- Comment cards
- How to get involved

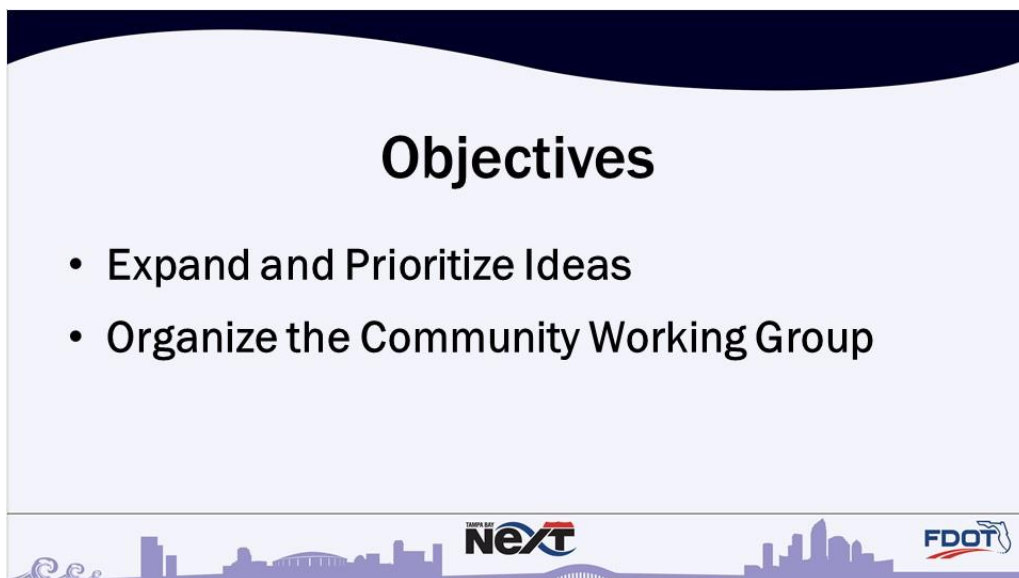




**Andrea Henning, Executive Director, Collaborative Labs, St.**

**Petersburg College:** Good evening. Your voice is so important tonight. You are the kick-off for the Pasco-Hernando Community Working Group. What is most important to you in your community? Each of you brings a different and important perspective. We also want to know how to organize going forward. You will help us determine that. We want to build consensus to build solutions.

We may meet quarterly, monthly, and at the local and regional levels.



Kathy was part of the regional kick-off. We looked at what the vision of success is for Tampa Bay. We also looked at the common needs across the communities. There is an agenda and executive summaries from the previous meetings in your handout. There is the web site – *tampabaynext.com* is a great resource for you.

## Community Working Groups

- Our intent is to “Build Consensus to Build Solutions”
- There will be quarterly (or more frequent) meetings with each Community Working Group
- There will be periodic Regional events to collaborate across all groups



## Expanding and Prioritizing Ideas

- Community Working Groups – Regional Event
  - Met on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - The focus was Regional
    - What is our vision of success across Tampa Bay?
    - What are the common needs and ideas?
- Today we are going to review the Regional results and have a more detailed conversation



**Andrea:** This is the masterpiece that came out of the regional event. Jonathan will capture your priorities for Pasco-Hernando. Joyce is capturing the notes for this evening. Everything you prioritize will appear in the document that will go on the *tampabaynext.com* website. PJ is our technology guru. We'll use technology to accelerate and prioritize ideas tonight.



Here are some of the ideas about the ideal future of regional transportation. It's also safety, health and affordability. All the elements that influence transportation.

### Ideal Future of Regional Transportation:

- Transportation system that is scalable, reliable, safe, efficient and well-funded.
- Transportation options to make a car-optional scenario doable: combination of car services, driverless cars, drones, high speed rail, metro line, bus services, bike and pedestrian paths.
- Multiple aspects of transportation (safety, health, affordability, community cohesiveness) prioritized, not just speed to destination.






Four focus areas came from the regional event.

## Four Focus Areas:

- Safety
- Multi-Modal / Options
- Technology
- Funding / Policy



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You can see all the community groups so far. There are four other community working groups' summaries in your handout as well. You can use that as your springboard tonight.

## Expanding and Prioritizing Ideas

What is most important for our Community?  
Why?



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In a moment, we're going to divide into teams. We have teams around the room and your team number is on your name tag. Once you are in teams, you will assign a keyboard savvy person. That person will listen and contribute as well. Make sure that each person on your team gets equal time. Also, keyboarder, try to stay true to what they are saying.

## Part 1: Expanding & Prioritizing Ideas

You will have 30 mins to work in your teams

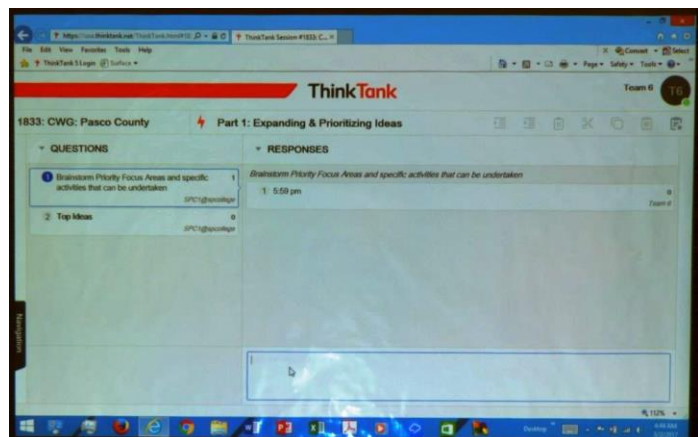
1. Find your team (Appoint a Keyboarder & Spokesperson)
2. Reference the Ideas from the Regional Kick-Off as a springboard for brainstorming Community-focused Ideas
3. Work together to brainstorm **Priority Focus Areas & specific activities that could be undertaken**
4. Then select the Top 2 or 3 Ideas






Your keyboarder will enter one idea at a time. You will see your team's ideas as well as the ideas from the other

teams. This first part is about what is most important to you in terms of priorities and projects. In a few minutes, you will see maybe 50 ideas listed. We'll ask you to reach consensus as a team on your top two to three ideas. You'll drag them to the Top Ideas bucket.



Then you'll go to Part 2. In this part, we'll ask you how you want to meet. The frequency, what kind of methodologies, where you want to meet? How do you want to organize? Do you want field trips, work on specific projects, have presentations? Again, you'll brainstorm in the top bucket and then you'll pick two and drag them into the Top Ideas.



## Part 2: Organizing the Community Working Group

You will have 20 mins to work in your teams

1. Work together to brainstorm how you would like to see the work group organize. Consider things like:
  - **Frequency/Length** (e.g. once per quarter; once per month, as needed)
  - **Setting** (e.g. face-to-face; virtual; hybrid, etc.)
  - **Format/Structure** (e.g. Field Trips; Presentations; Project Focused; Team Focused, etc.)
2. Then select the top 2 or 3 Ideas

You will also appoint a spokesperson to share your team's ideas with the larger group on your priorities and how you want to meet.

OK, we'll be here to help you if you have any questions.

### **Part 1: Expanding and Prioritizing Ideas**

30-minutes

Participants will work in teams to link the regional focus areas to their community.

Reference the Top Ideas from the Regional Kick-Off as a springboard for your Community-Focused Discussions.

**Brainstorm and reach consensus on the Priority Focus Areas and specific activities that could be undertaken.**

### **Part 2: Organizing the Community Working Group**

20-minutes

Determine how the group will **Organize to do Meaningful Work.**

Work together to brainstorm how you would like to see the work group organize. Consider things like:

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We will reconvene for team reports and additional prioritization to move forward.

**Andrea:** We'll invite each team's spokesperson to present your team's ideas.



1. 5:59 pm (Team 6)
2. CSX rail line, purchase and conversion to passengers. (Team 5)
3. I 75 and Overpass...do it! (Team 3)
4. Light rail (Team 4)
5. Connected Multiuse Paths bike walk (Team 2)
6. Frontage and backage roads, connection between activity centers. (Team 5)
7. Shuttles between activity centers. (Team 5)
8. SR 52 and McKendree road...pave it and light it up! (Team 3)
9. Concentrate on Hwy 301/SR 56 with light rail. (Team 1)
10. High speed internet for all so more workers work at home. (Team 4)
11. Commuter lots (Team 4)
12. Better interconnected transit system - buses, rail autonomous (Team 2)
13. Additional funding for buses and drivers with routes to connect area (Team 2)
14. High speed rail Pasco to Hernando [New Port Richey - Brooksville ] and Pasco New Port Richey to Tampa downtown and/or I 75 to Tampa East Pasco to Hwy 301 to Downtown (Team 2)
15. Incentive transit riders - rail and buses to increase ridership - benefits reduce congestion and personal stress (Team 2)



16. Requires designated roads for autonomous buses /cars - bikes and pedestrians safety (Team 2)
17. SR 52 extension...make it so! (Team 3)
18. Allocate wide lanes for future needs and safety (Team 2)
19. Too many entitlements on SR 54. (Team 5)
20. Plan for more recreational bicycle trails. (Team 1)
21. Ridge Road extension. (Team 5)
22. Plan for more commuting trails. (Team 1)
23. More park and ride facilities so people will use transit more. (Team 1)
24. Ridge Road extension Phase I...yippee! (Team 3)
25. More connected traffic signals. (Team 5)
26. Extend Tower road to 589 (Veterans Expressway and Suncoast Parkway) and widen to US 41...Yay Bexley!! (Team 3)
27. Most of east Pasco is shoved into the I 75. (Team 5)
28. Multi Modal at SR 56 and I 75...because one isn't enough (Team 3)
29. Van/carpooling/park and ride...party bus! (Team 3)
30. Look at width of collectors roads, add shoulders. (Team 5)
31. Raise through traffic lanes on SR 54/SR 56 - keep local traffic at street level. (Team 1)
32. Electric vehicle charging stations...zap! (Team 3)
33. Put the multi-use trail on one side of the SR 56 extension and let it meander. (Team 1)
34. New bus routes/expanded into new areas...express bus service marketing... (Team 3)
35. Raise the gas tax to help fund projects. (Team 1)
36. More bus shelters...it rains here (Team 3)
37. BRT express bus from Pasco into Tampa, similar to the front range express in Colorado. BRT along SR 54 and south Pasco. (Team 5)

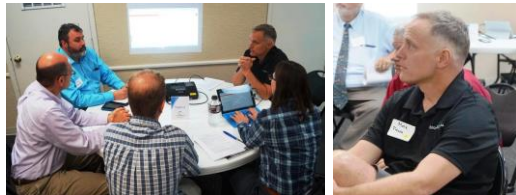
### Top Ideas

1. SR 54 and US 41 intersection...fix it! (Team 3)
2. Plan for more recreational, commuting bike and multi-use trails. (Team 1)
3. I 75 and SR 56 exit...fix it! (Team 3)
4. Adding Light Rail to the transportation system, possibly in the Hwy 301/SR 56 extension, so travel to airport and other activity hubs. (Team 1)
5. Autonomous pods (Team 4)
6. Widen roads (Team 4)
7. BRT express bus from Pasco into Tampa, similar to the Front Range Express in Colorado. BRT along SR 54 and south Pasco. (Team 5)
8. Integrated bike, ped, autonomous, drones corridors - (Team 2)
9. CSX rail line, purchase and conversion to passengers. (Team 5)
10. smarter technology to improve transportation system [rail, bus, bike, ped, car] - provide live updates to map system for rerouting, program traffic lights, understand peak congestion associated with workforce (Team 2)
11. More Bus Service focused on long distance and high traffic areas with wifi (Team 4)



**Team 1**

**Kelly Miller:** We chose to plan for more recreational commuting, bike and multi-use trails. We had members from DPAC for Pasco County. Adding light rail to the transportation system in the Hwy 301/SR 56 extension for travel to the airport and other activity hubs.

**Team 2**

**Mark:** Integrated corridors that are left open for future development. Existing roads/bike paths for additional growth for autonomous rails and light rail. Also, drone space. Also, utilize technology better to see how cell phones and computers can improve transportation.

**Team 3**

**Speaker:** SR 54/US 41 – please fix that! How many of you drive that in rush hour? It's fifty minutes each way. I 75/SR 56 exit – fix it. It took me 25 minutes to get off that exit today.



**Team 4**

**Speaker:** We got a little side-tracked. Future – autonomous pods. Widen the roads. Long-distance bus services from long-distance hubs like Wesley Chapel. Provide Wi-Fi for those. I'm from D.C. It's common for companies to subsidize that.

**Speaker:** We were also talking about that on team 1.

**Team 5**

**Tish:** BRT express bus from Pasco to Tampa, similar to the Colorado Front Range bus. And the CSX rail line purchase and conversion to passengers. The freight line that goes into Tampa.

**Andrea:** You will select your personal top three ideas in order of priority. We just want to get a pulse from the room.





Choose the Top 3 Focus Areas and specific activities that can be undertaken

1. **54 and 41 intersection...fix it! (Team 3) – 11%**
2. Plan for more recreational, commuting bike and multi use trails. (Team 1) – 8%
3. 75 and 56 exit...fix it! (Team 3) – 9%
4. **Adding Light Rail to the transportation system, possibly in the 301/56 extension, so travel to airport and other activity hubs. (Team 1) / More Bus Service focused on long distance and high traffic areas with wifi (Team 4) – 19%**
5. Widen roads (Team 4) – 6%
6. **Brt express bus from Pasco into Tampa, similar to the front range express in Colorado. Brt along 54 and south Pasco. (Team 5) – 14%**
7. integrated bike, ped, autonomous , drones corridors - (Team 2) / autonomous pods (Team 4) – 5%
8. **Csx rail line, purchase and conversion to passengers. (Team 5) – 16%**
9. **Smarter technology to improve transportation system [rail, bus, bike, ped, car] - provide live updates to map system for rerouting, program traffic lights, understand peak congestion associated with workforce (Team 2) – 11%**

#### Top 5 Focus Areas

- **Adding Light Rail to the transportation system, possibly in the Hwy 301/SR 56 extension, so travel to airport and other activity hubs. (Team 1) / More Bus Service focused on long distance and high traffic areas with Wi-Fi (Team 4) – 19%**
- **CSX rail line, purchase and conversion to passengers. (Team 5) – 16%**
- **BRT express bus from Pasco into Tampa, similar to the front range express in Colorado. BRT along SR 54 and south Pasco. (Team 5) – 14%**
- **Smarter technology to improve transportation system [rail, bus, bike, ped, car] - provide live updates to map system for rerouting, program traffic lights, understand peak congestion associated with workforce (Team 2) – 11%**
- **SR 54 and US 41 intersection...fix it! (Team 3) – 11%**

**Speaker:** Wouldn't six and four be combined? They are basically the same thing.

**Frank:** I suggest we separate light rail from the bus. They are two different subjects.



## Part 2: Organizing the Community Working Group



## How should the Community Working Group Organize?

1. Virtual meetings that can be downloaded and watched again. (Team 1)
2. Quarterly throughout the County. (Team 1)
3. Meetings should generate to do or hw for next meeting (Team 2)
4. Pasco and Hernando are just one group yet cover large area (Team 2)
5. Regional meetings that are online to the main meeting which will offer ease of participation (Team 2)
6. Leverage tech for more participation - engagement (Team 2)
7. Using the library as a drop in center. (Team 5)
8. Field trips to look at problem areas at peak traffic hours. (Team 1)
9. A board within each county that create roles. (Team 5)
10. Telephone town hall, annually. (Team 5)
11. Child care during meetings (Team 3)
12. Create social media platform to share progress (Team 3)
13. Visual presentations...video and ppt included, google earth, etc., real-time traffic sharing (Team 3)
14. Leverage tech for more participation - engagement (Team 2)

## Top Ideas

1. Virtual meetings online once per month - with download to watch again. Followed by a quarterly meeting that could be in person or include a field trip that would concentrate on problem areas at peak times. (Team 1)
2. Rotating locations for in person meetings, consistent evening timeframe (Team 3)
3. Monthly, in-person meetings (Team 3)
4. on line participation via electronic questions (Team 3)
5. Creating group/s or board in each of the community working groups where the focus becomes more detailed on individual community needs. (Team 1)
6. On-line forum for community to offer ideas for consideration. (Team 4)

7. Allow for more presentations to our group. (Team 4)
8. Coffee at face to face meetings. (Team 4)
9. Leverage tech for online meetings- once a month with once a quarter in person (Team 2)
10. Find at least one representative from each area of the P and H counties for an all-encompassing solution. (Team 2)
11. Use social media networks to distribute information and get feedback. (Team 5)
12. Central locations. (Team 5)
13. Reaching out to elected officials to request their presence, reaching out to existing meetings and groups, and going to where people are already meeting. (Team 5)

## **Part 2: Organizing the Community Working Group – Team Reports**

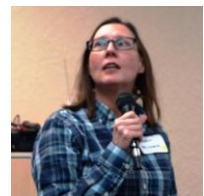
### **Team 1**



**Kelly:** Maybe a monthly virtual meeting that you can download and view again, or if you miss it. Followed by a quarterly meeting, in person and maybe include a field trip. Creating groups or boards in each of the Community Working Groups where the focus can be on the individual community needs. We were talking about how large Pasco/Hernando is when you combine them. There weren't many people from Hernando tonight. It's good to see how many people came out tonight, though.

### **Team 2**

**Karen:** Virtual, so we don't have to fight the traffic, or if you're working. Once a month and once a quarter in person. We would like more time to work on it. More time should be designated for the work groups. A representative from each part of Pasco and Hernando County.



### **Team 3**



**Speaker:** Rotate the location so it's convenient for more people. Evening for more participation. Fix US 41/SR 54. In person and monthly. We want to have the technology too, but you can have spirited conversation in person.

### Team 4



**Speaker:** We talked about an on-line forum. Collaboration to be presented to the group. We also talked about having presentations from FDOT, contractors, more input from us. Go back and forth. The online format, so you can add ideas. Face-to-face meetings to let people present their ideas to us and let us give feedback.

### Team 5



**Tish:** Use social media to distribute information and get feedback, central location, reach out to elected officials, going to where people are already meeting. Collaborate with organized groups.

**Karen:** I was in group 2 – can we add “longer meetings?”

**Andrea:** We’ll add that – extended meeting times.

Choose the Top 3 Ideas for how the Community Working Group Should Organize?

1. **Virtual meetings online once per month - with download to watch again. Followed by a quarterly meeting that could be in person or include a field trip that would concentrate on problem areas at peak times. (Team 1) / on line participation via electronic questions (Team 3)/ On-line forum for community to offer ideas for consideration. (Team 4) / leverage tech for online meetings- once a month with once a quarter in person (Team 2) – 26%**
2. **Rotating locations for in person meetings, consistent evening timeframe (Team 3) – 13%**
3. Monthly, in-person meetings (Team 3) – 5%
4. Creating group/s or board in each of the community working groups where the focus becomes more detailed on individual community needs. (Team 1) – 7%
5. Allow for more presentations to our group. (Team 4) – 5%
6. Coffee at face to face meetings. (Team 4) – 4%
7. **Find at least one representative from each area of the P and H counties for a all encompassing solution. (Team 2) – 12%**
8. Use social media networks to distribute information and get feedback. (Team 5) – 8%
9. Central Location Team 5 – 4%
10. **Reaching out to elected officials to request their presence, reaching out to existing meetings and groups, and going to where people are already meeting. Team 5 – 17%**

### Top 4 Ways to Organize

- **Virtual meetings online once per month - with download to watch again. Followed by a quarterly meeting that could be in person or include a field trip that would concentrate on problem areas at peak times. (Team 1) / on line participation via electronic questions (Team 3)/ On-line forum for community to offer ideas for consideration. (Team 4) / leverage tech for online meetings- once a month with once a quarter in person (Team 2) – 26%**
- **Reaching out to elected officials to request their presence, reaching out to existing meetings and groups, and going to where people are already meeting. Team 5 – 17%**
- **Rotating locations for in person meetings, consistent evening timeframe (Team 3) – 13%**
- **Find at least one representative from each area of the P and H counties for a all-encompassing solution. (Team 2) – 12%**

### Public Comment/Closing



**Karen:** Our group, Team 2, all agreed about buses, transit and rail. We had an option to incentivize ridership. Have Wi-fi, or read a book on the bus. That will be a positive influence. Why don't people ride the bus? You need that guarantee that the bus will be there and I can get to where I want. Rail is not necessarily a shorter distance. I think the over-encompassing idea gets lost.

**Jack:** Two things: I'm new to the area - two years. What is the end game? I haven't heard that tonight – reduce carbon, reduce traffic? Without a goal, I don't know how to get there. Also, I don't know how FDOT works with this and that county agency. The capital boards – how does it all tie together and make this happen?



**Ed McKinney:** We went to Missouri to meet with the Missouri DOT. That's where these meetings have come from. How can you learn more? This is important. We're all here trying to have an educated conversation about transportation. There are so many variables. It's ever-changing. How do projects get financed – BRT, commuter rail? How do we work with the MPO partners and filter down to the lowest level of governments? We will be putting together a series of primers. These are an opportunity to become more educated on funding, how projects are funded, what market they serve. People have different wants. So we can become more informed about what people want. We are going to start rolling those out on August 18 on our *tampabaynext.com website*. You will get a certificate – Citizens Transportation Academy. You can use it at a McDonald's. We think if all of us are a little more educated, then we can have that longer conversation and we're truly listening.

Karen, we have the online. You can provide us your feedback. That map sits right outside my office. It reminds me of the people we serve. We don't shove it in a file somewhere.

## Your input matters. Your ideas help shape the Tampa Bay Next program.

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**Kris Hughes, Director of Planning and Development for Pasco County:** How do we coordinate with the FDOT? You're right. It's complex. Kurt Scheible is relatively new. He's the Public Transportation Director. Craig Casper is the new Director of the MPO in the planning development office. He's from Colorado Springs. We will add his skill set. We have other staff members who have been with us for many years – Ali Atefi and Manny Lajmiri. We are painfully aware of the intersections that need work. We have a new transit line coming into that area. The I



75/SR 56 exit – the laws and private property rights won out on that. We have engineers and modeling that tell us what is coming. It's people having their own unique interests. We are meeting monthly with other agencies and addressing these issues.

We are working on recognizing the upward limit of this project, which is SR 52. We are at ground central for development of this area. Wesley Chapel is where it's happening. Connected City – New Town development. Autonomous vehicles are here. We have an 8,000 acre community that is allowing for autonomous vehicles. They are going to happen. Everybody is trying to figure it out.

Two other major projects – SR 54/SR 56 corridor study. The next meeting is August 24 at the Pasco County Utilities Building. The second major project is the Gateway Crossings planning study. That is a market study – the southern boundary. A land use study. There are opportunities for major engagement. That is how you are connected to the region. Our biggest strategy is to reduce trips on our roads while increasing jobs and economic opportunity while making it a quality place to live. Better and smarter roads, quality of our communities, public engagement. About 60% of our drivers go south. In 10 years, it will come the other way – smart job creation in Pasco County. Tom will help us make that happen.

We will continue to address these and work with the state and federal governments to get more funding.



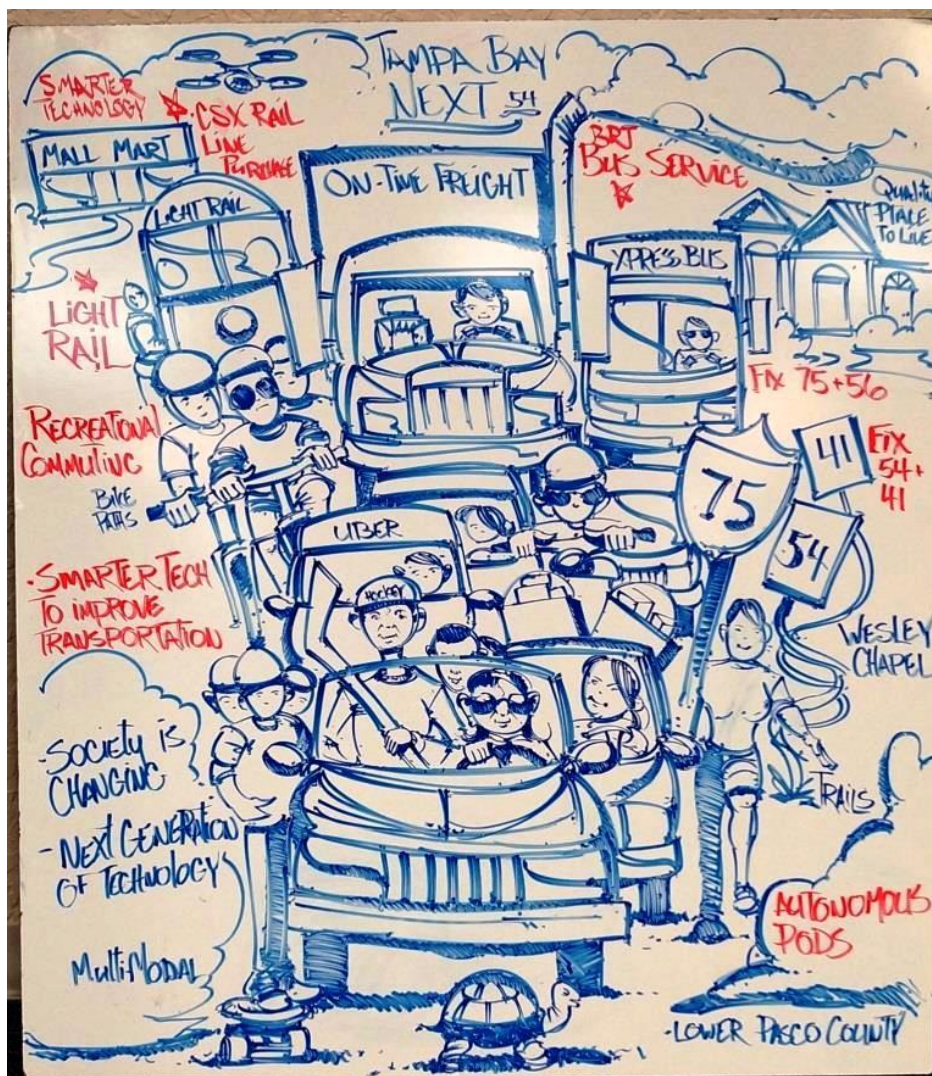
**Tom Ryan, Pasco County Economic Development Manager:** About five years ago, someone told me to build in the time to take the transit system. Take the train from the airport into the city. Take Uber. Challenge yourself to take at least one route using the transit system and remember all the good and bad. And then remember what you don't like and that's what you don't want to duplicate. Challenge yourself to do that. You'll come back with a lot ideas that you don't want to touch.



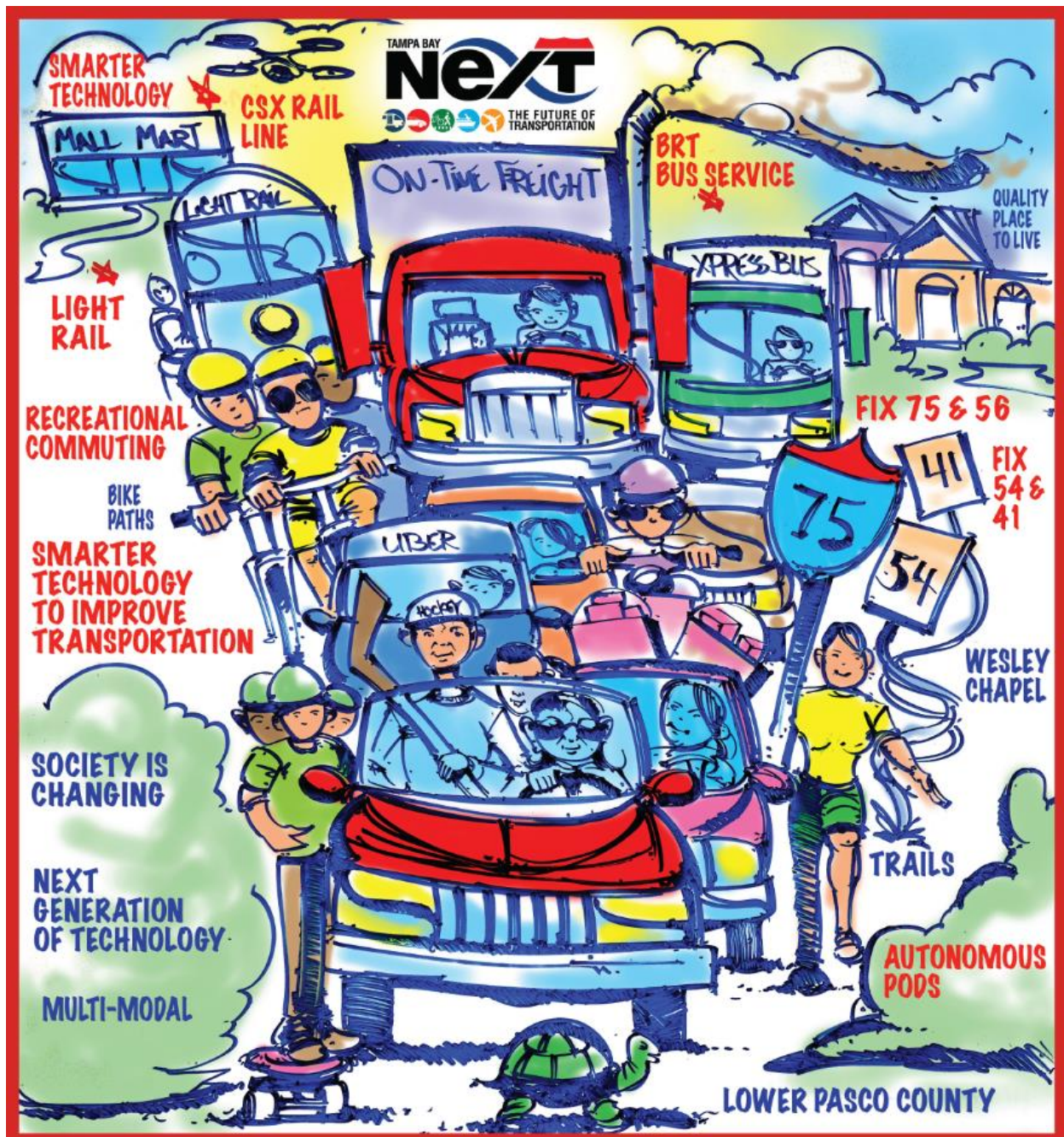


**Artwork**

**Jonathan:** I wanted a visual that showed this region – Wesley Chapel, I 75, SR 54. The growth that is taking place. Different people that are using our roads. So much activity that is going on here. At the bottom, I put a turtle – nature and conservation. I was coming down Bruce B. Downs and traffic came to a standstill. It was a crane crossing the street. They are supposed to use the lights. This area has a lot to balance. We want to keep in mind “quality.” In red, we have the highlights from the voting – light rail, CSX, bus service, smarter technology, autonomous technology, recreational commuting and fixing existing roadways.







**Andrea:** You will find all of this on [tampabaynext.com](http://tampabaynext.com).

**Andrea:** Thank you very much and have a great evening.



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EVENT:

8-3-17

Hernando/Pasco

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Comments (please print)

more central location betw Hernando/Pasco  
Quarterly meetings

CSX RAILbed - acquisition - along HI corridor  
for Light Rail N & S

Frontage/Backage Roads - use more often

move up widening of SR 52 from Bellamy to  
Parkway

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- 1) Think Tank seems useful, but ~~not~~ for a neophyte group.  
Comments (please print) We can do a better job with it the next time
- 2) "I" did not get a clear view of our objectives and Goals.
- 3) one person at our table asked facilitator "What is our end product?"
- 4) Not all negative - (smile)
- 5) we had one outspoken person at our table that needed to be limited
- 5A) Should have had a facilitator stationed at our table for efficiency
- 6 Should have cookies after the small group & before the summary & voting -
- 7 Location on 56 for Pasco/Arroyo meeting is wrong  
Utility Building on 41st LO'L or LO'L Community Center would be better
- 8 Nice that Church had W.F.I. Thank You

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