

Community Working Group Downtown Tampa/East Tampa

September 25, 2017 Real Time Record





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September 25, 2017 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Barrymore Hotel, 111 Fortune Street, Tampa FL

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6:30 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.	Tina Fischer, Collaborative Labs
6:35 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	FDOT District Seven Presentation Edward McKinney
7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Hillsborough County MPO Presentation Beth Alden
7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Regional Transit Feasibility Plan Presentation Scott Pringle
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Roundtable Discussions (Rotations) - :15 with Florida Department of Transportation/District Seven - :15 with Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization - :15 with Regional Transit Feasibility Plan - :15 with Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
8:30 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.	Closing



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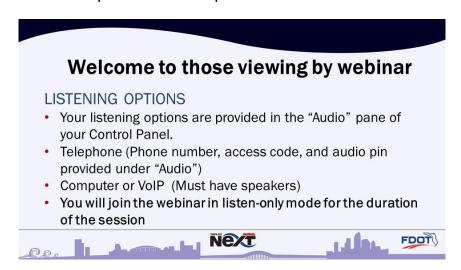
Tina Fischer, Collaborative Labs





Tina Fischer, Manager, Collaborative Labs, St. Petersburg College: Good evening. I want to welcome all of you to Round Two of the Department of Transportation Community Working Group. How many of you were at the June 8th Community Working Group meeting? Quite a few of you.

We have this presentation set up on WebEx as well.





Please silence your cell phones and limit shuffling of papers so the people on the webinar can hear clearly.

For those attending in-person

- Please be considerate of web-viewers by limiting outside conversations and shuffling paper during the webinar.
- Place cell phones in quiet mode and leave the room to take calls.



We have presentations from three different groups: the Florida Department of Transportation – District 7, the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan representative.



Our agenda this evening

- Tonight will include presentations about ongoing and upcoming activities from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven, the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization and an update on the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan.
- The first half of the meeting will be presentations that can be viewed online or in-person.
- The second half of the meeting will be breakout sessions with FDOT.
 Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization. HART and the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan for those who are attending in-person.



Please hold your questions until we get to the roundtable discussions. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions at the roundtables. We want to give you plenty of time to do that. If you have questions, there are comment cards available. Those questions and comments will be addressed and uploaded to <code>TampaBayNext.com</code> next week. If there are questions you don't get answered at the roundtables, the leadership staff will stay to answer your questions after the session.

Questions Will Be Addressed During and After Breakout Sessions

- We have a lot of information to share with you tonight. In order to get through all the presentations, we will address questions during the breakout sessions.
- FDOT leadership and staff will be available after the breakout sessions if you have additional questions or would like further discussion.





Webinar Questions

- For those viewing online, please utilize the chat bar on the right side of your screen to send questions to the Tampa Bay Next team.
- Online questions will be collected and addressed by topic experts.
- Responses will be posted on TampaBayNext.com next week.
- An email notification will be sent to those registered online and those in the TampaBayNext outreach list once questions and responses have been posted.

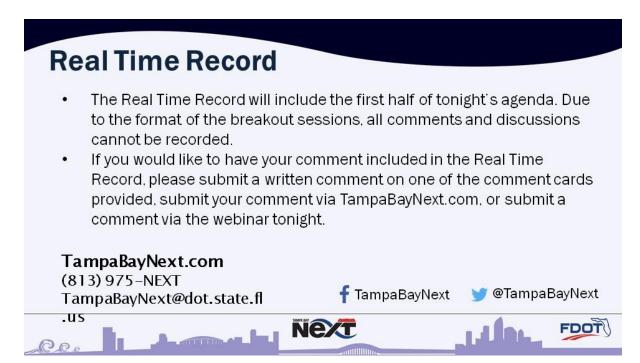








The document that Joyce is creating is called the Real-Time Record. It contains all your notes for this meeting. All the Real-Time Records from all the previous meetings are also available at the web site.



We are thankful that you are here and participating in this discussion. Let me turn it over to Edward McKinney.



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

Now on to our presentations



FDOT District Seven Presentation

Edward McKinney







Edward McKinney, Florida Department of Transportation District 7 Program Management Administrator: Thank you all for coming out tonight. We'll try to make it as exciting as we can, but it's maps and drawings. Bill Jones is the Director of Transportation Development. We'll walk through this presentation and explain some of the things we've been working on. These are the results of what you've told us. Are there any elected officials in the room?





You talked. We listened. The last working group met about three months ago. I hope you've been able to review the Real-Time Record on our site. Let's walk through what we've been working on.

The Intermodal Center Study – Wesley Chapel, Westshore, Gateway areas. We're looking at connectivity. We're looking at the next phase of funding.

We formed a tech team to look at tech solutions to transportation problems. How can we incorporate technology solutions to get more capacity?

We advanced the Heights study and will kick it off later this year. How do we want to improve that area for transportation and safety?

Complete streets. This is a conversation that's been going on for some time. The department is excited about that.

We've developed the Citizens Transportation Academy. We've had presentations. We have five more sessions that we'll be rolling out. It's an opportunity for you to be more educated. We know that transportation can be confusing. We'll be using more webinars and recordings online.

You Talked. We Listened. What you said you want to see: What we're doing about it: ► Hub System for Transit ► Intermodal Center Study Multimodal Options Funding Next Phase of Project Development for RTFP Technology Solutions Formed Tech Team; Working with City and County to Maximize Existing Pavement Advanced the Heights Study; Created New Downtown Neighborhood Preservation Interchange Concepts Prioritize Safety Complete Streets: Workingon Improved Road Geometry; Tech Solutions to Enhance Safety Education/Explain Transportation Developed Citizens Transportation Academy Utilizing Webinars and Posting Recordings Online More Online & Recorded Meetings Next FDOT 29 00

Bill Jones, Director of Transportation Development: The second bullet – the funding. That's a big thing for this area. We've only done that one time – in St. Petersburg. As of July 18, we've funded \$5M. We're working with local partners on a local funding agreement.







Ed: Modernize infrastructure, preparing for the future, embracing collaboration and innovation. We're looking at all solutions. There's no silver bullet. Everything is up for discussion.

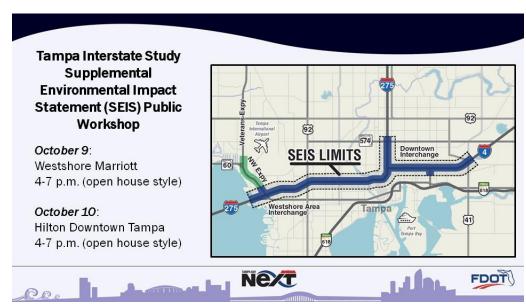


What is Tampa Bay Next? We don't want to come out of here saying we had a conversation, we want to get solutions.





We have several workshops coming up. We'll go into a little bit more detail. You'll be able to provide feedback on those. We'll dive deep into some of these concepts. On Oct 10, there is an open house in the downtown



Hilton – the same style of presentation. What's the difference between a workshop versus a Community Working Group? The workshop is more an open house. It's a milestone for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) event. It's for getting input from the community on the concepts. You can wander around at your own pace. There are various people there to answer questions.

The Community Working Group is a little more collaborative. It includes agency partners and has a big picture discussion. We can talk about a lot of different things in this format. It's about working together. Both the workshops and the working groups provide that opportunity.

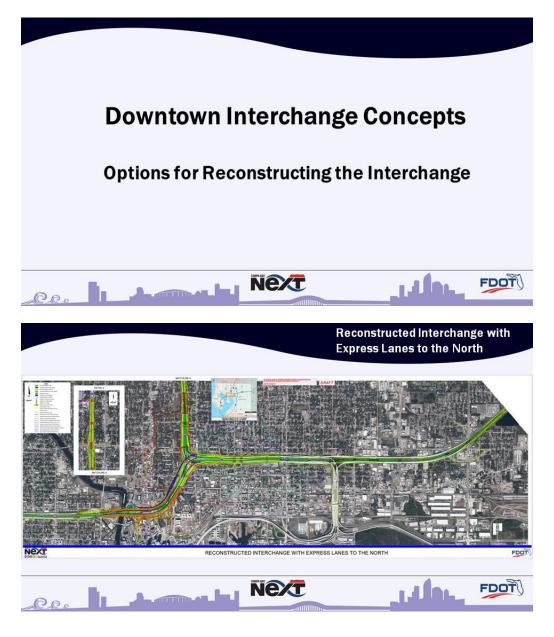


We are still in the screening process. We're showing you what we're working on and we want your feedback. In the next phase, we'll look at alternatives.



Bill: We know the challenges are large. We have a record number of vehicle miles traveled this year. What about bicycles, and pedestrians? The charge we gave ourselves at the FDOT is to open the play book. There are several displays around the room. We have FDOT staff here.

At the workshops on October 9^{th} and 10^{th} , you'll see more of these. The first you'll see is the reconstructed interchange option. We have downtown with express lanes to the north. East- west we have express lanes. It's a full reconstruction of the interchange. It also improves operational things



What if there is an opportunity to not use express lanes? They can be tolled or not tolled. That decision is still in the works. Some of the impacts to the community are still too large from this. What if we don't use express lanes?



That wasn't enough though. We have options for modifying the existing interchange. What if we still provide that connectivity? These are brand new concepts.



Downtown Interchange Concepts Options for Modifying the Existing Interchange

What if we have the existing interchange with elevated express lanes – south. This option sends express lanes to the I-275 corridor. We do not impact the north side of the interchange in this option. Express lanes would come across. There would be minor improvements to the interchange. Then we'd go south along the river.



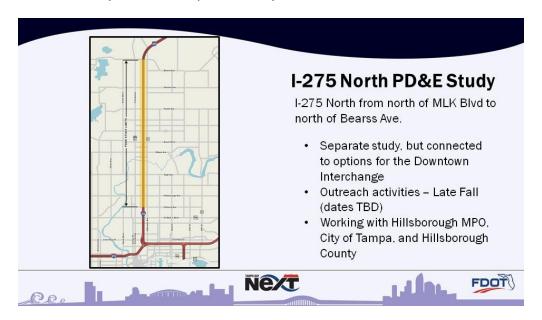
The North Option. We looked at going to the north side of I-275. It could be tolled or non-tolled. There are small operational improvements. What allows opportunities with the north? We're looking forward to your comments on these. Back to Ed.





Ed: This is a work in progress. There are a lot of moving parts. There are still discussions about transit and technology. This region wants transparency from the department. That's why we are showing you these options.

I-275 North PD&E study: This is a separate study.



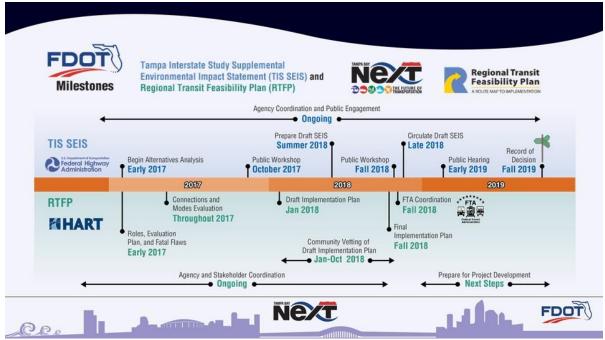
There is a range of alternatives. Convert inside the shoulder to an additional lane? Buses on the hard shoulders, tear down the interstate and put in a boulevard? Single express lane with transit corridor – is that something the community wants? Elevated, reversible express lanes, reversible express lanes, elevated single express lanes, trench with single lanes.





We have several configurations for you to look at. We definitely want your comments and feedback on those.

We have aligned the Tampa Interstate study with the Regional Transit Feasibility Study.



Moving forward together. It's in all of our best interests to work together on this with our partners in the other counties, the TBARTA, and the other agencies.





Next steps: This information is available online. We have Citizen Transportation Academies coming up. We have several public meetings. We try to keep the conversation at a level we can all understand. Beth is our next presenter.









Hillsborough County MPO Presentation

Beth Alden



Beth Alden, Hillsborough MPO Executive Director: Good evening. We'll be talking about the long-range transportation plan. When they look at environmental studies, they are looking at the slight differences in the placement of roads.



Why does it matter? It identifies priority projects now being funded.

Why does the Long Range Plan Matter?

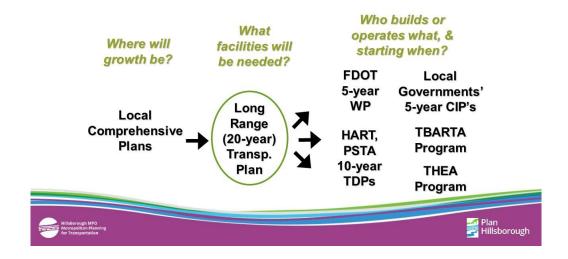
- Identifies priority projects now being funded, for example:
 - Howard Frankland Bridge
 - > I-275/SR 60 Interchange
 - Replacement Buses
 - > Advanced Traffic Management Systems
 - > South Coast Greenway & other trails
- Conveys our priorities for federal & state funding to Washington, DC & Tallahassee



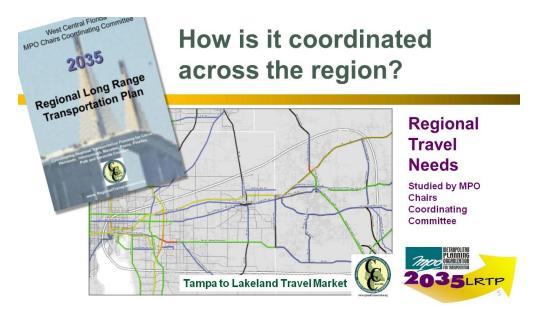


Where does it fit with other planning efforts? It lays out where growth will be and how we will accommodate population growth while maintaining quality of life. What are the major facilities that will be needed? Roadways, buses, potentially rail, trails, on-road bicycling facilities. As we communicate that long-range plan to our potential funding sources, those projects get implemented.

How does it fit with other efforts?



How is it coordinated across the region? The MPO's talk to each other, we have a formal planning agreement. We have an overlay plan for the eight-county region.



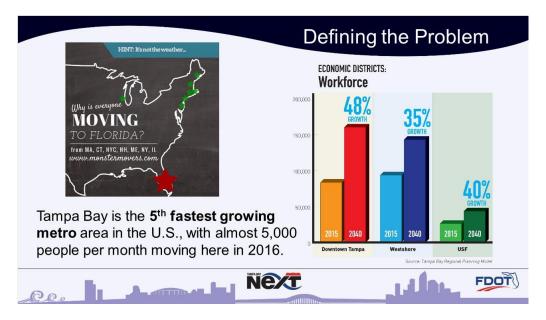


There are a lot of uncertainties. Atlanta is also talking about transportation finance structure, water supply, ride hailing services and autonomous vehicles.

What trends will shape what Tampa Bay looks like in 2045?



Defining the problem. We have some challenges with growth.



Ed shared this with you earlier.



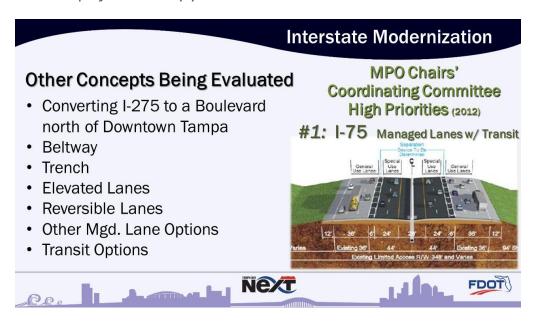
The MPO's plan is similar to those of Tampa Bay Next because all types of transportation are being considered.



Interstate Modernization: As we look at the growth forecasts for the city of Tampa, how will these concepts affect how we grow?

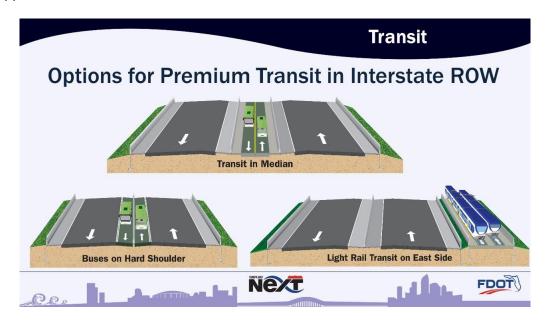
Interstate Modernization		
Project	Public Hearing	Preferred Alternative
Howard Frankland Bridge	Fall 2017	Express Lanes (4 non-tolled)
Westshore Area Interchange (SEIS)	Early 2019	Evaluating Express Lanes and other concepts
Westshore to Downtown Corridor (SEIS)	Early 2019	Evaluating Express Lanes and other concepts
Downtown Interchange (SEIS)	Early 2019	Evaluating Express Lanes and other concepts
I-275 Innovation Corridor	Early 2019	Evaluating Express Lanes and other concepts
I-4 and Connector	October 2015	Express Lanes
I-75 Operational Improvements	TBD	TBD

Other concepts being evaluated. What does this mean for Tampa Heights and Seminole Heights? How is the traffic from Pasco to Pinellas going to move? One idea – the I-75 express lanes have been a project for many years.



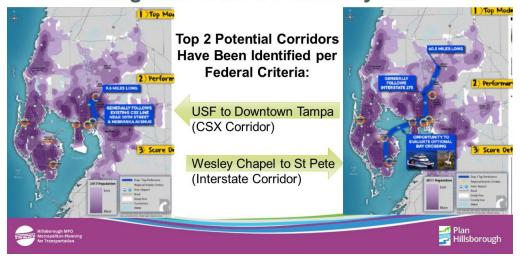


Options for Premium Transit: All of these have implications for growth. What type of growth will happen around the stations?

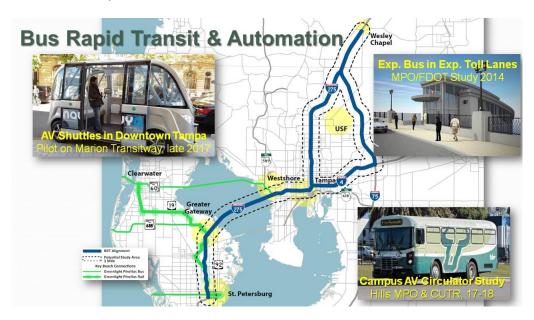


In the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan, the top two potential corridors have been identified. This has serious implications for the long-range plan.

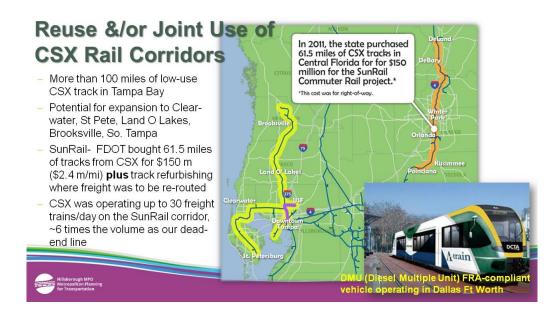
Regional Transit Feasibility Plan



Bus Rapid Transit on I-275. That's something we've looked at in the past and may connect autonomous vehicles in the future. A pilot is starting before the end of the year. There is potential to link those up.

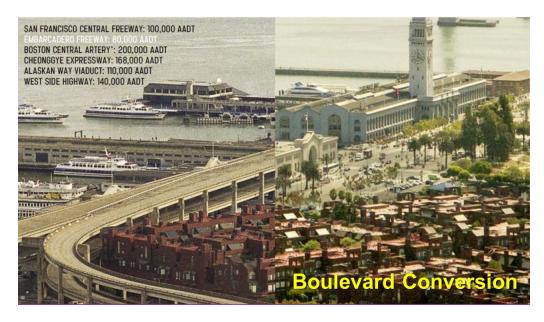


CSX Rail Corridor – what could happen on that corridor? Line from downtown Tampa to USF. We look at how that stacks up to the Sun Rail corridor. It was a valuable corridor for CSX. It was a lot of work to move it. Since it is a dead-end line, it has less value and it makes sense to make use of it differently.

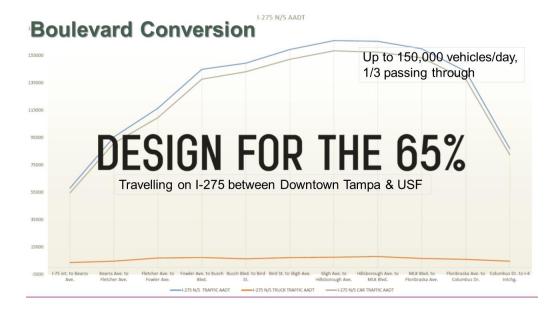




Boulevard Conversion (I stole this from Josh Frank). What happens to the traffic if we go to a separated grade?



Design for the 65% of trips travelling from downtown Tampa and USF. Could we accommodate the 50K that are passing through on express lanes?



Expand the growth boundary to make

room for new suburbs. Extend roads &

rater lines, rebuild major intersections

We are playing out some very different futures. The choices play into each other. The way that we played these out in the long-range plan was to take them to logical extremes. So in the Imagine 2040, we don't put any limits on urban sprawl. Then we look at what roads need to be extended. On the other hand, if we did as much rail, infill and redevelopment as you can fit in there... that's the "Bustling Metro." The third scenario was express lanes on all of the interstates. All of these are exaggerated and are not meant to be realistic, but it allows us to look at a hybrid scenario.

Playing out some very different futures

A. "Suburban Dream" (Trend) B. "Bustling Metro" (Rail & TOD) C. "New Corporate Ctrs." (on Exp. Lanes) Femple Terrace Plant Temple Terrace Plant Templ

Tampa Bay TMA Role – a tri-county level. Look at different scenarios and bring them into a hybrid scenario. Let the public give input on that. Then, in 2019, work on cost and funding strategies.

Create new town centers in older

commercial areas. Add rapid bus, rail,

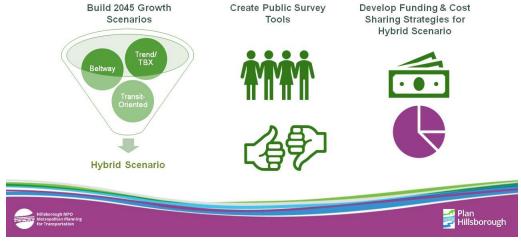
circulator shuttles, walk/bike connections

Create new corporate parks along

major highways. Add new express toll

lanes in the interstates (I-4, I-75, I-275)

Tampa Bay TMA Role



Ed alluded to us moving forward together. That's how we propose to do it. The next is to craft the scenarios and we want your input on that. We'll crunch the numbers and bring them back to you.



We have three multiple choice questions that you can react to with your cell phones. Text PLANCOM to 22333. Once you've sent that text message, you'll get an acknowledgement back. Your first question is "What "big ideas" or drivers of change could most affect how and where we grow? You can choose three.

Question 1: What "big ideas" or drivers of change could most affect how & where we grow? (Select 3)

- Vacant land availability
- Declining gas tax, more reliance on tolls & fees
- Dramatic traffic growth 3.
- Deferred maintenance 4.
- Investing in fixed transit
- Automated vehicles

- 7. Shared mobility services
- Aging population
- Income stagnation
- 10. Access to job centers
- 11. Tourism industry strength
- 12. Freight/logistics industry strength
- 13. Climate change





What "big ideas" or drivers of change could most aff	ect how & where we grov	v? (Select 3)
Access to job centers	10	
Aging population	1	
Automated vehicles	10	
Climate change	8	
Declining gas tax; more reliance on tolls & fees	5	
Deferred maintenance	1	
Dramatic traffic growth	13	
Freight/logistics industry strength		
Income stagnation		
Investing in fixed transit	15	
Shared mobility services	4	
Tourism industry strength	2	
Vacant land availability	5	
Total	74	

Second question: What are the best strategies to accommodate population growth?

We have a lot of votes for dramatic traffic growth and investing in fixed transit.

Redevelop cities and older suburbs at higher densities and redevelop around fixed guided transit stations.

Question 2: What are the best strategies to accommodate population growth? (Select 2)

- Redevelop cities & older suburbs at higher densities
- Redevelop older commercial strip corridors as townhomes & apts.
- Re/develop around new fixed-guideway transit stations
- 4. Develop agricultural land as needed
- 5. Develop new towns in outlying areas
- 6. Develop along interstate hwy & expressway corridors
- Don't accommodate it 7.
- 8. Other





What are the best strategies to accommodate population a	growth? (Se	elect 2)
Develop agricultural land as needed		
Develop along interstate hwy & expressway corridors	3	
Develop new towns in outlying areas	1	
Don't accommodate it		
Other		
Re/develop around new fixed-guideway transit stations	17	
Redevelop cities & older suburbs at higher densities	29	
Redevelop older commercial strip corridors as townhomes & apts	8	
Total	58	

Last question: For our future populations' needs, how should we focus transportation resources? First commuter/light rail line, advanced traffic management systems & AV/CV readiness. Walk & bike facilities. Better bus service in counties.

Question 3: For our future populations' needs, how should we focus transportation resources? (Select 3)

- Add lanes to interstate hwys
- 2. Build more elevated hwys
- 3. Widen 4-6 lane rds to 6-8 lanes 9.
- Innovative intersections & interchanges
- Advanced traffic management systems & AV/CV readiness
- 6. Maintain pavement & bridges

- 7. Better bus service in counties
- 8. Transit connecting counties
- 9. First commuter/light rail line
- 10. Walk & bike facilities
- 11. Step up safety improvements & traffic calming
- 12. Better freight rail & truck routes
- 13. Other





For our future populations' needs, how should we focus	transportation reso	urces? (Select 3)
Add lanes to interstate hwys	7	
Advanced traffic management systems & AV/CV readiness	11	
Better bus service in counties	14	
Better freight rail & truck routes	4	
Build more elevated hwys	5	
First commuter/light rail line	17	
Innovative intersections & interchanges	11	
Maintain pavement & bridges	2	
Other	3	
Step up safety improvements & traffic calming	8	
Transit connecting counties	3	
Walk & bike facilities	14	
Widen 4-6 lane roads to 6-8 lanes		
Total	99	

What is your home zip code? Thank you. Then we'll open up a polling question that will allow you to add anything else you would like to share with us. We do track where the survey input is coming from across the county.

Closing Questions

What is your home zip code?

https://www.polleverywhere.com/free_text_polls/Ps32w047uVWO68w

Are there any additional things we should consider?

https://www.polleverywhere.com/free_text_polls/7kgAvB2LfzXUD7e





Count by Zip Code

15708	1	33611	1
33572	2	33617	2
33584	1	33625	1
33602	7	33629	1
33603	2	33634	1
33604	2	33637	1
33605	2	33647	1
33606	3	33675	1
33607	1	33680	1
33609	1	33705	1
33610	1	34639	1

Are there any additional things we should consider?

Dream of pushing most new population into existing areas must face harsh reality of how that doesn't play well when attempted in real life. Always attem

Let's have serious conversations about local funding

Beth, please make people in unincorporated Hillsborough county incur the full consumer cost of living in rural areas. Lower property taxes and cheaper land should come with increased transportation costs. That is Economics and makes sense for macroeconomic municipal planning. Now if only the commissioners could vote this way *sigh*

Include the planning of green infrastructure to deal with stormwater on a system basis, instead of a project/case by case basis, which is what is usually done

Focus on urban infill. Build transit in urban areas first, then commuter. Transit instead of interstate expansion

Focus on improving bus headways and dedicated lanes off the interstate. Providing bicycle and pedestrian safety through protected infrastructure. Network

Cool way to collect data from group

Land use code matters

Elevated rail

Finance structure and adequate funding across all modes.

Thank you for all you do!!!

Better way to connect Tampa/St Pete/Clearwater as a tri-city area

Whatever happened to travel demand management?

Transit, light rail, busses!

Great presentation, Beth! Thank you!

Blow up zoning codes

How everything gets funded realistically

That is the end of my presentation. I'd like to talk with you more about scenario development. Scott is up next.







Regional Transit Feasibility Plan Presentation

Scott Pringle



Scott Pringle, Group Director, Jacobs Engineering: Thank you, Beth. Good evening. Commissioner Kemp just joined us tonight.

You've heard about some of these. Multimodal is my passion. I'll go through the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan tonight pretty quickly so you can go to the breakout sessions.

What is the project to be built – to build a premium transit system for Tampa Bay? One that gets people from A to B very



quickly. Fixed Transit is premium transit. What do we need to do to implement premium transit? What do we need to build? How do we fund that project? Third, who owns it? My job is primarily to answer the first question.



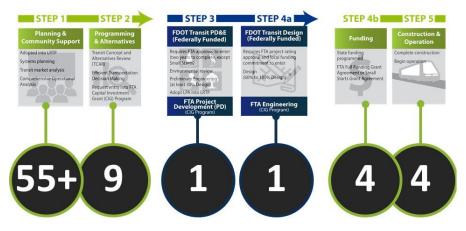


Traveling to our regional centers in 2040. We're seeing a lot of growth in travel. Can premium transit be another option?





Step 1. We've done a lot of planning, but we haven't been as successful in getting funding.



Number of Projects Over the Past 30+ Years in Tampa Bay

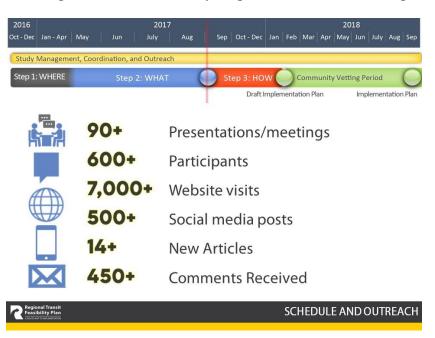




Purpose of plan: Finding the project, compete for federal and state projects. Identify projects that make the best use of technology and also it has to serve Tampa Bay today and in the future.



We're about three-quarters of the way through phase one. By January of 2018, we'll have a draft plan. For the rest of the year, until October, we'll be vetting that plan with the public. We've had some meetings, website visits. Everything is on our website: TBregionaltransit.com.

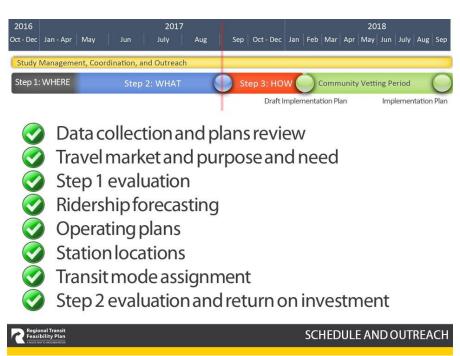




What we have heard. We hear this a lot – stop talking and start building. Also, a lot about the type of mode.



Step 3: We've done a lot of work in this.

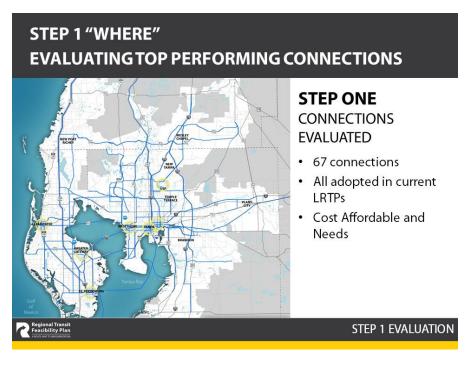




Step 1: Where are the top performing connections? What are the best projects? This is where we are right now. In Step 2, we identify the best projects. Then in Step 3, we have to figure out how and when projects are built. That's the draft plan in January.



Step 1 "Where": This is the long-range plan for the region.





Evaluation criteria for Step 1.

Purpose of the Plan



Projects that have the greatest potential to be funded (compete for federal grants) and implemented

Step One Evaluation Criteria

- Most studied
- Amenities
- Activity centers served
- Trips to activity centers
- Jobs and population per mile
- Posilioney

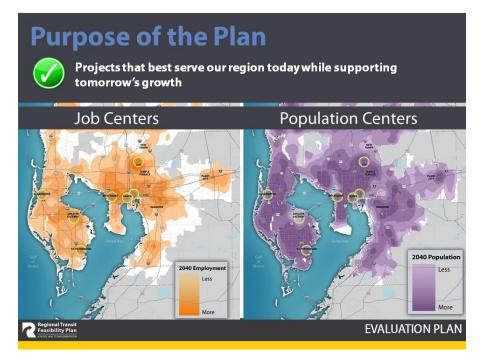
Transit Oriented
Development (TOD)
policies and
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(CRAs) served

Resiliency



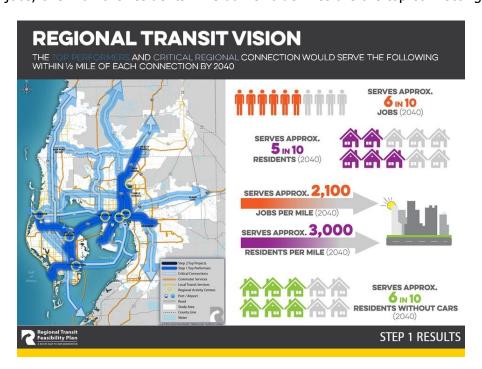
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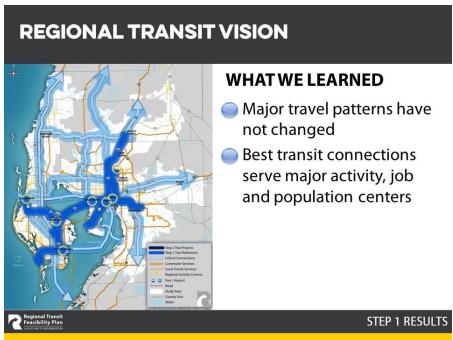
We focused on jobs and population. It builds the case for implementing a project. Where are the population centers?





Regional Transit Vision: When we start connecting those centers to our jobs, we have a regional transit vision. We're trying to take it to the next step – not just the vision, but the path forward. Our needs have not changed over the last decade. When we look at 2040, we'll serve 6 out of 10 jobs, over half the residents. The darker blue lines are the top connecting corridors.

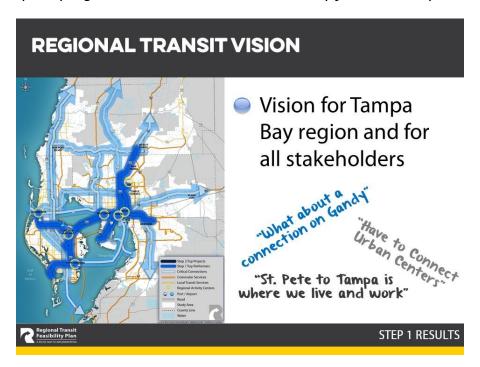




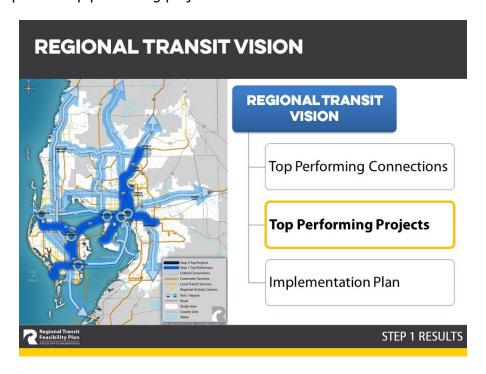




Vision for Tampa Bay region: Some comments: Get me to my job and activity centers.



The next step is the top performing projects.

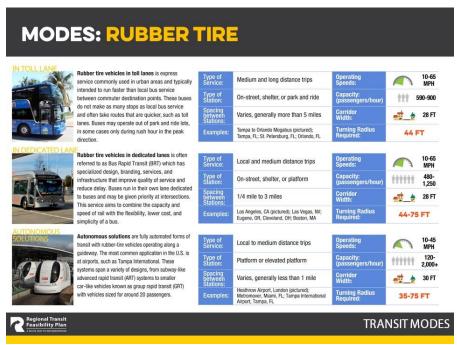


Choose modes: ferries, gondolas, rubber tire solutions – bus, and we looked at steel wheel – rail.

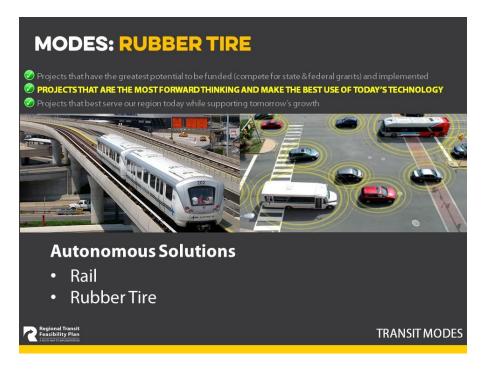


Modes: Rubber tire. This is on our website. Look at each one of these modes. Each mode is designed to serve a certain type of market. Buses serve commuters. Other modes are moving people between neighborhoods.





Rubber tire: The second dot: The industry is moving towards autonomy. We are taking a serious look at this. On the rail side, there is autonomy in many cities across the country. We've had autonomous rubber tire at the airport since the 70's.



Smaller vehicles:



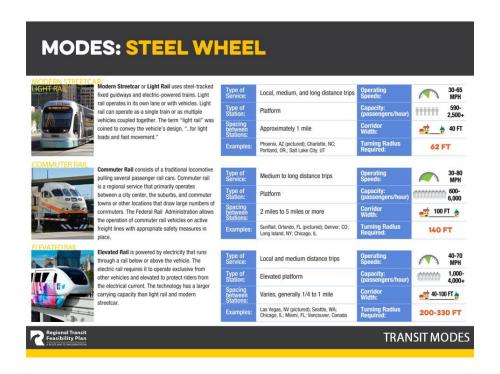


You can see some of the stats on those – but I've highlighted third generation – 16 people at 38 mph. If we take this platform and put it in its own lane, how fast can it go? We have to be prepared for this.

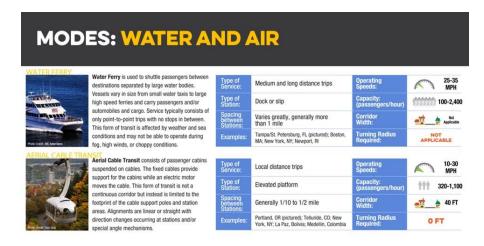


Mode: Steel wheel





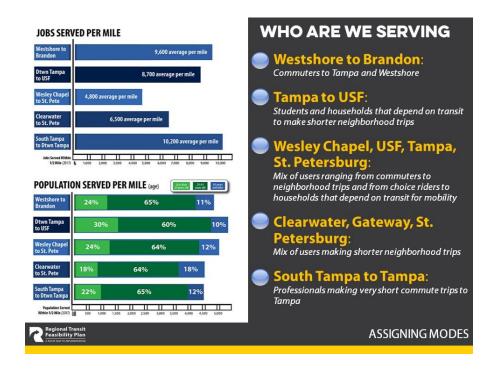
Mode: Water and Air.





Who are we serving? Back and forth to work or to activities.



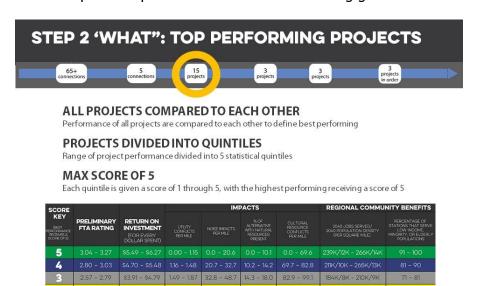




Step 2: This is where we are today. We look at where we compete for state and federal grants.

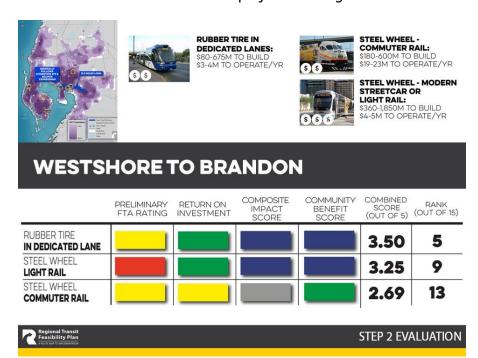


Scoring. We took the top 15 compared to each other with 5 being good and 1 not so good.

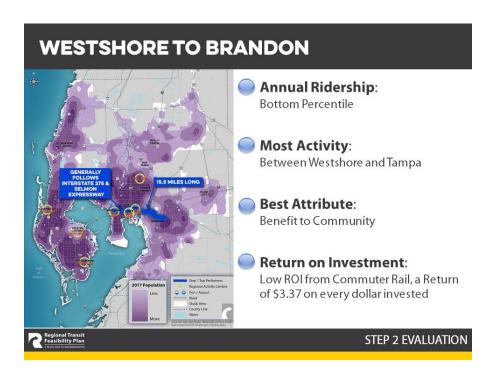


Regional Transit STEP 2 EVALUATION

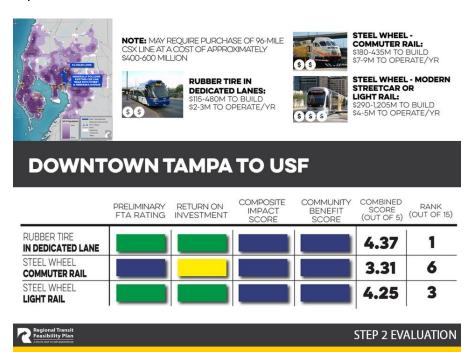
Westshore to Brandon: You can see how these projects rank against each other.





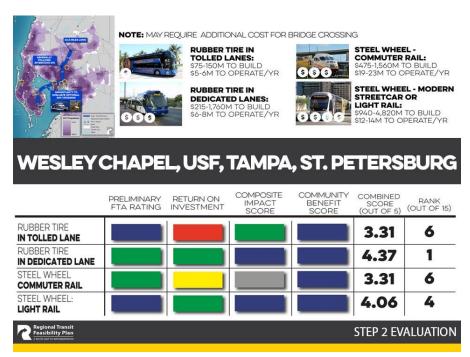


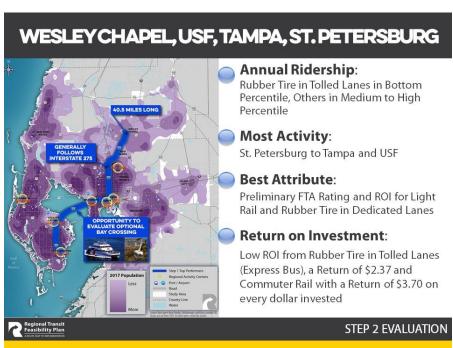
Downtown Tampa to USF.

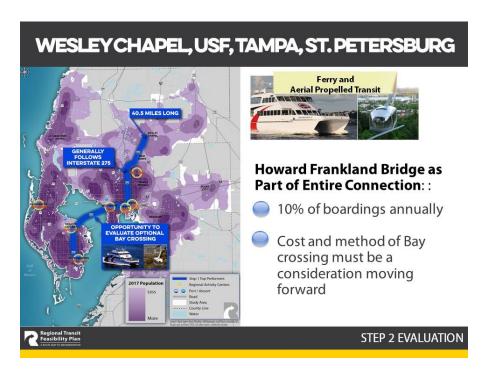




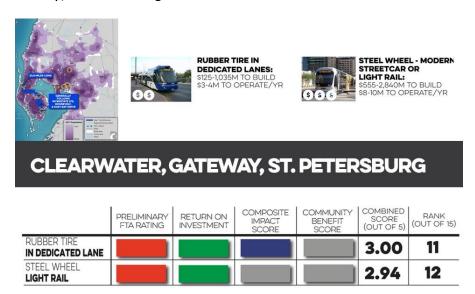
Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, St. Petersburg.

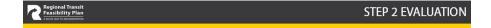






Clearwater, Gateway, St. Petersburg.

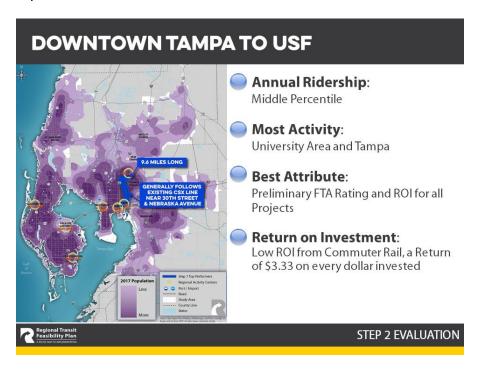








Downtown Tampa to USF:





South Tampa to downtown Tampa.



NOTE: MAY REQUIRE PURCHASE OF 9.1-MILE CSX LINE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$60-100 MILLION



RUBBER TIRE IN DEDICATED LANES: \$110-455M TO BUILD \$3-4M TO OPERATE/YR



STEEL WHEEL -ELEVATED RAIL: \$1,260-5,165M TO BUILD \$44-52M TO OPERATE/YR



STEEL WHEEL - MODERN STREETCAR OR LIGHT RAIL: \$275-1,145M TO BUILD \$8-10M TO OPERATE/YR

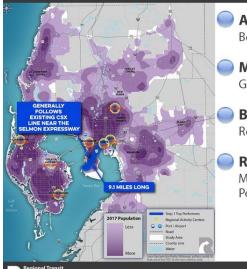
SOUTH TAMPA TO DOWNTOWN TAMPA

	PRELIMINARY FTA RATING	RETURN ON INVESTMENT	COMPOSITE IMPACT SCORE	COMMUNITY BENEFIT SCORE		
RUBBER TIRE IN DEDICATED LANES					2.69	13
STEEL WHEEL ELEVATED RAIL					2.69	13
STEEL WHEEL LIGHT RAIL					3.06	10

Regional Transit Feasibility Plan

STEP 2 EVALUATION

DOWNTOWN TAMPA TO USF



Annual Ridership:

Bottom to Middle Percentile

Most Activity:

Gandy Area and north of Swann Ave.

Best Attribute:

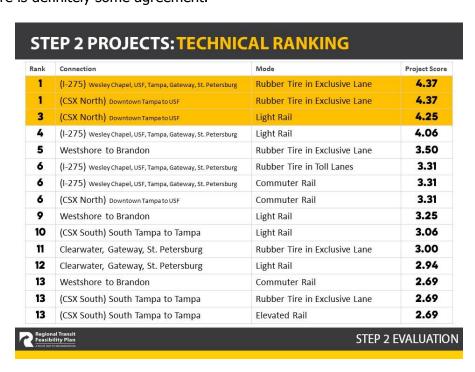
Return on Investment

Return on Investment:

Medium to Medium-high ROI Percentile

STEP 2 EVALUATION

Step 2 projects. There are two connections that are rising to the top. Which mode makes sense? There is definitely some agreement.

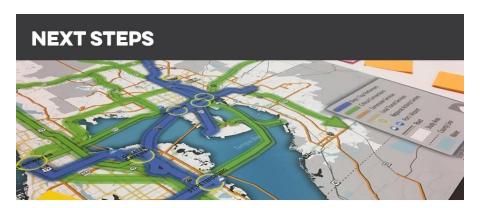


We got the same answers from the public. A lot of consistency.

ank	Connection	Mode	Project Score
1	(I-275) Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Gateway, St. Petersburg	Light Rail	126
2	(I-275) Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Gateway, St. Petersburg	Rubber Tire in Exclusive Lane	64
3	(CSX North) Downtown Tampa to USF	Light Rail	58
4	(I-275) Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Gateway, St. Petersburg	Commuter Rail	38
5	Clearwater, Gateway, St. Petersburg	Light Rail	37
6	(CSX South) South Tampa to Tampa	Light Rail	33
7	Westshore to Brandon	Light Rail	29
8	(CSX North) Downtown Tampa to USF	Commuter Rail	26
9	(CSX North) Downtown Tampa to USF	Rubber Tire in Exclusive Lane	23
10	Westshore to Brandon	Rubber Tire in Exclusive Lane	21
11	(I-275) Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Gateway, St. Petersburg	Rubber Tire in Toll Lane	19
12	Clearwater, Gateway, St. Petersburg	Rubber Tire in Exclusive Lane	16
13	Westshore to Brandon	Commuter Rail	12
14	(CSX South) South Tampa to Tampa	Rubber Tire in Exclusive Lane	8
15	(CSX South) South Tampa to Tampa	Elevated Rail	2



Next steps: I'll be here. Please go to our website. We have another meeting this Friday. Transportation Management Leadership Group. In November and December, we'll be looking at those projects and how we can implement those.



September 29, 2017: TMA Meeting

- Rescheduled
- Review and discuss results



- Alignments
- Value Engineering (revisiting performance)
- Phasing
- Prioritizing for implementation





Tina: Can you tell that we have some passionate people about transportation? I'd like to introduce David Gwynn, FDOT District 7 Secretary.

At this time, I'd like to invite you to talk to the presenters and look at their plans and give them your comments. If you want your comments included in the Real-Time Record, please fill out the form.



Ed McKinney will be at Table 1, Beth Alden at Table 2, HART at Table 3 and Scott Pringle at Table 4.

Roundtable Discussions (Rotations)

- :15 with Florida Department of Transportation/District Seven
- :15 with Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization
- :15 with Regional Transit Feasibility Plan
- :15 with Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority

(The decision was made to allow participants to choose the table or tables they wanted to visit in a more open house format.)

Table 1 – Florida Department of Transportation/District 7



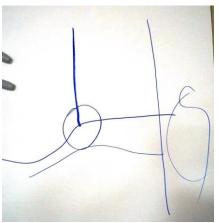




Table 2 – Hillsborough County MPO



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MPO structure and puppose

Green Infrastructure

Safe road way crossings - MLK /26th

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- Land use development
- MPO structure and purpose.
- Green infrastructure
- Safe roadway crossings MLK/26th

Table 3 - Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority



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Senior citizens concerns

Connectivity Concerns in DTET

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Pedestrian Safety/improvements

Bus Rolles improvements

Notes HART Need to do to malle Change?

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- No other means of transportation
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- Senior citizens concerns
- Connectivity concerns in DT/ET
- Make the local transit does not get lost in the regional discussion
- Pedestrian safety/improvements
- Bus routes improvements
- What does HART need to do to make change?
- Change the mindset of the whole Tampa Bay area, that we need to invest in transit



- Find alternatives to invest in more Buses.

 A Big DT development Plan, may cause other charlenges.

 Commuter route Bet. airport = DT

 Changing the Stigma of lights public transit
- Find alternatives to invest in more buses.
- A big DT development plan may cause other challenges
- Commuter route between airport and DT
- Changing the stigma of riding public transit

Table 4 - Regional Transit Feasibility Plan



- RTFP

 · Funding

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 light rail
 autonomous rehicles

 Public fire (impact on transit)

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 · Stigma still w/ rubber-tire buses

 · Deporturity for on-demand transit

 · Envelop preserved for transit

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- Funding
- Consensus light rail, autonomous vehicles (impact on transit)
- Rubber tire
- Buses provide greater flexibility for planning & operations
- Stigma still w/ rubber-tire buses
- Opportunity for on-demand transit
- Envelope preserved for transit
- Elevated vs. shoulder vs. existing
- Challenge: how to get from medians to transit station

Platforms - required structure
to serve from medians

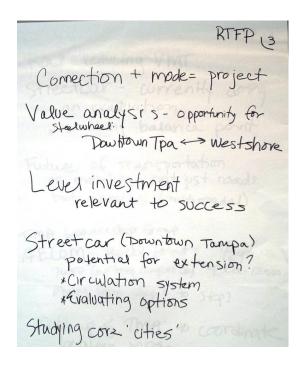
Expansion of footprint?
How impacts West-shore?
How impacts Heights?

Pragmatic phasing of
implementation

- Focus on Urban core
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- Platforms require structure to serve from medians
- Expansion of footprint? How impacts Westshore? How impacts Heights?
- Pragmatic phasing of implementation
- Focus on urban core needed before expanding to rural destinations
- Stations important to regional to be able to serve the core activity centers



- Connection + Mode = Project
- Value analysis opportunity for steel wheel: Downtown Tampa
 → Westshore
- Level investment relevant to success
- Street car (Downtown Tampa) potential for extension? Circulation system/evaluating options
- Studying core "cities"



RTFP (4)
Roul - reducing VMT
Streetcar - currently doing an evaluation:

* seeking balance point

Future of transportation
15 mobility - not just roads but choices (mutimodal)

, TMA Leadership Group
AECOM - Rocky Point 9/29
7450 Courtney campbell say. 9300-12000

Moving from Step 1 to Step2

Make up of TMA: to coordinate petween Mpss
-Thinking regionally
- every 2 months presetting. 1843

- Rail reducing VMT
- Streetcar currently doing an evaluation – seeking balancing point
- Future of transportation is mobility – not just roads, but choices (multi-modal)
- TMA Leadership Group meets:
 AECOM Rocky Point 9/29,
 9:30a 12 noon
- 7650 Courtney Campbell Causeway
- Moving from Step 1 to Step 2
- Make up of TMA to coordinate between MPOs. Thinking regionally, every 2 months meeting so again Nov 3

- (Access + connections)
- Rail or other transit: Providing access with benefits is essential to successfully serving community. i.e. USF <→ Downtown
- Active transportation
- Healthy corridors. Walk/bike should not be an afterthought
- Consider an elevated transit way as a way to provide shade, protection from rain
- #Tampsterdam
- "We're so far behind, we're ahead" KE



(Access + connections)

RTFP 5

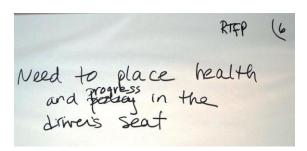
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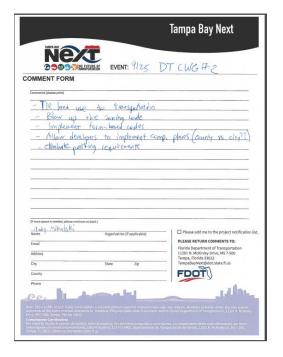
 Need to place health and progress in the driver's seat

WebEx Chat

There was one WebEx Chat participant. There was no identifying information/comments.



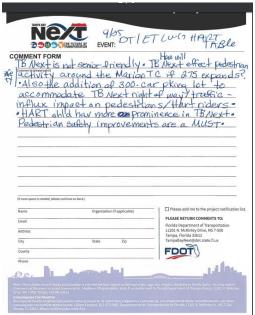
Comments/Questions



Comment Sheet #1

Tie land use to transportation Blow up the zoning code Implement form-based codes Allow developers to implement comp. plans (county vs. city??) Eliminate parking requirements

Andy Mikulski



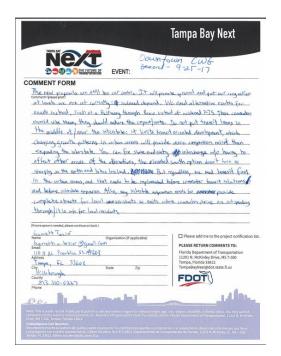
Comment Sheet #2

TBNext is not senior friendly. How will TBNext effect pedestrian safety/activity around the Marion TC if 275 expands? Also the addition of 300-car parking lot to accommodate TBNext right of way/traffic – influx impact on pedestrians/HART riders.

HART should have more prominence in TBNext.

Pedestrian safety improvements are a must.





Comment Sheet #3

The new proposals are still too car centric. It will promote sprawl and put our congestion at levels we are at currently: induced demand. We need alternative routes for roads instead, such as a Beltway through Pasco instead of widened 275. Those commuters would use them, they should endure the impact/costs. Do not put transit lanes in the middle of/near the interstate: it limits transit oriented development, which changing growth patterns in urban areas will provide more congestion relief than expanding the interstate. You can fix state road sixty interchange w/o having to affect other areas. Of the alternatives, the elevated south option doesn't turn as sharply as the north and takes less land. But regardless, we need transit first in the urban areas, and that needs to be implemented before commuter transit solutions and before interstate expansion. Also, any interstate expansion needs to provide complete streets for local residents so exits where commuters drive are not speeding through/it is safe for local residents.

