



Pinellas County Transportation Task Force

June 11, 2010

Welcome and Introductions

Karen Williams Seel,
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

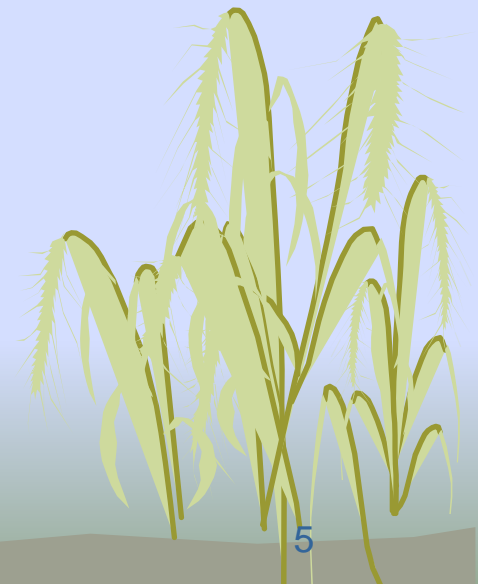
Agenda

- Government in the Sunshine
Dennis Long, Chief Assistant County Attorney
- High Speed Rail Update
Don Skelton, P.E., District Seven Secretary,
Florida Department of Transportation
- TBARTA
Ronnie Duncan, TBARTA Chairman
- Concluding Remarks/Future Meetings
Karen Seel, Chair, Pinellas Board of
County Commissioners

Government in the Sunshine

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Sunshine Law Requirements



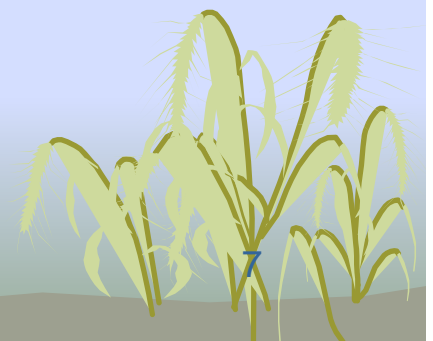
Florida Statute

286.011 Public Meetings and records; public inspection; criminal and civil penalties.—

(1) All meetings of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, at which official acts are to be taken are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, and no resolution, rule, or formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or made at such meeting. The board or commission must provide reasonable notice of all such meetings.

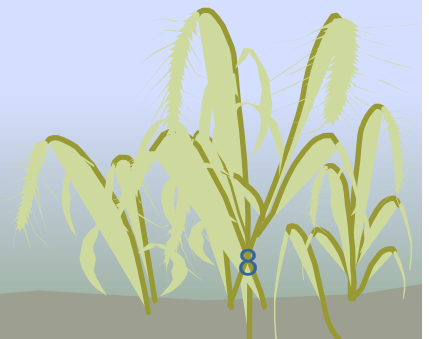
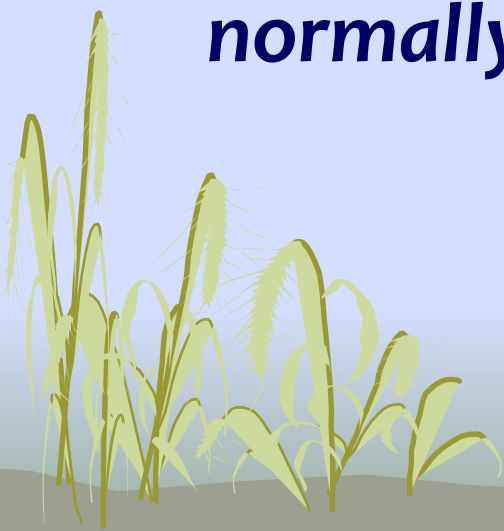
What is the scope of the law?

- ***Applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same Board; discussion of a matter that will foreseeably come before that Board for action.***
- ***All meetings of the Board must be open to the public.***
- ***Reasonable notice must be provided as to the time and place of the meetings.***
- ***Minutes of the meetings must be taken.***



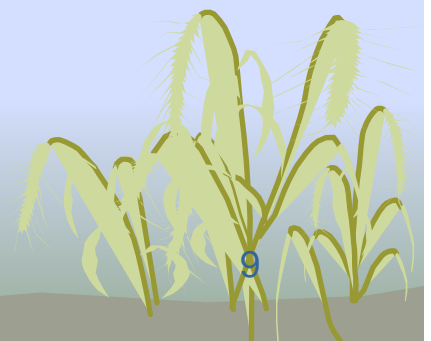
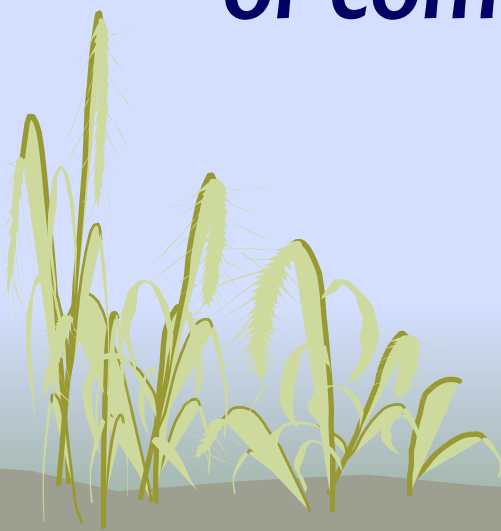
Who must comply with the rules?

- ***Any member of a Board or Commission of any state, county, city or other political subdivision of the state must comply.***
- ***A meeting of staff for a Board is not normally subject to the law.***



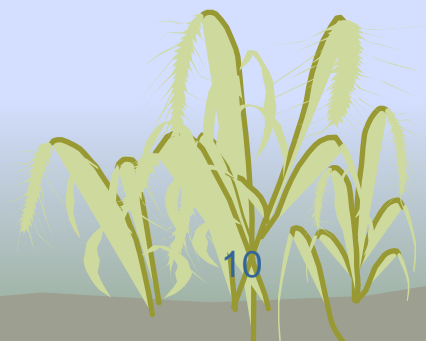
Are advisory boards which make recommendations subject to the Sunshine Law?

- Yes, any group that helps narrow the issue for the sunshine-required board or commission.***



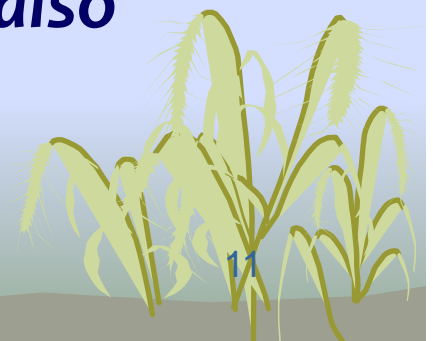
What about fact finding committees?

- *Not sunshine bodies if they are just conducting fact finding and not narrowing an issue.*
- *No formal actions taken – merely informational.*



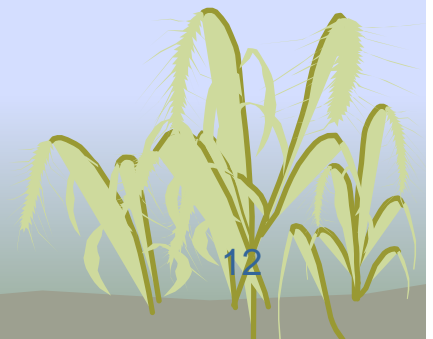
What is a meeting?

- The law is applicable to any gathering, whether formal or casual, of two or more members of the same Board to discuss some matter on which foreseeable action could be taken by the Board.
- Written correspondence initiating comment from other board members.
- Telephone or e-mail conversations regarding subject that will come before the Board.
- Use of staff or other liaisons to effect a discussion between Board members are also included.



Meeting Requirements

- *There must be reasonable notice depending on the nature of the meeting.*
- *There is no agenda requirement.*
- *Meeting must be held in facilities that do not discriminate or unreasonably restrict access.*
- *Reasonable rules of conduct affecting public participation and the actions of members are allowed to be imposed. These rules must be enforced for the purpose of maintaining orderly and non-disruptive behavior.*



Penalties

- **Anyone who knowingly violates the Sunshine law is guilty of a Second Degree Misdemeanor, Florida Statutes, Section 286.011(3)(b), which allows for a \$500 fine and up to 60 days in jail.**
- **Removal from office is an alternative inclusive penalty.**
- **A Board found guilty will be subject to paying the attorney fees of the member of the public challenging the Board action.**
- **Any action taken by the Board in violation of the Sunshine law is voidable.**

Exceptions

- *Collective bargaining*
- *Risk Management programs*
- *Security systems*
- *Pending litigation – Section 286.011, F.S.*
 - *Announce in advance*
 - *Court reporter*
 - *Scope – “settlement negotiation” or strategy session related to litigation expenditures*
 - *Limited attendance*
 - *Open and close in public meeting*

High Speed Rail Update

Don Skelton, District 7 Secretary,
Florida Department of Transportation



FLORIDA HIGH SPEED RAIL



***Presented by:
Don Skelton, P.E.
District Seven Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation***

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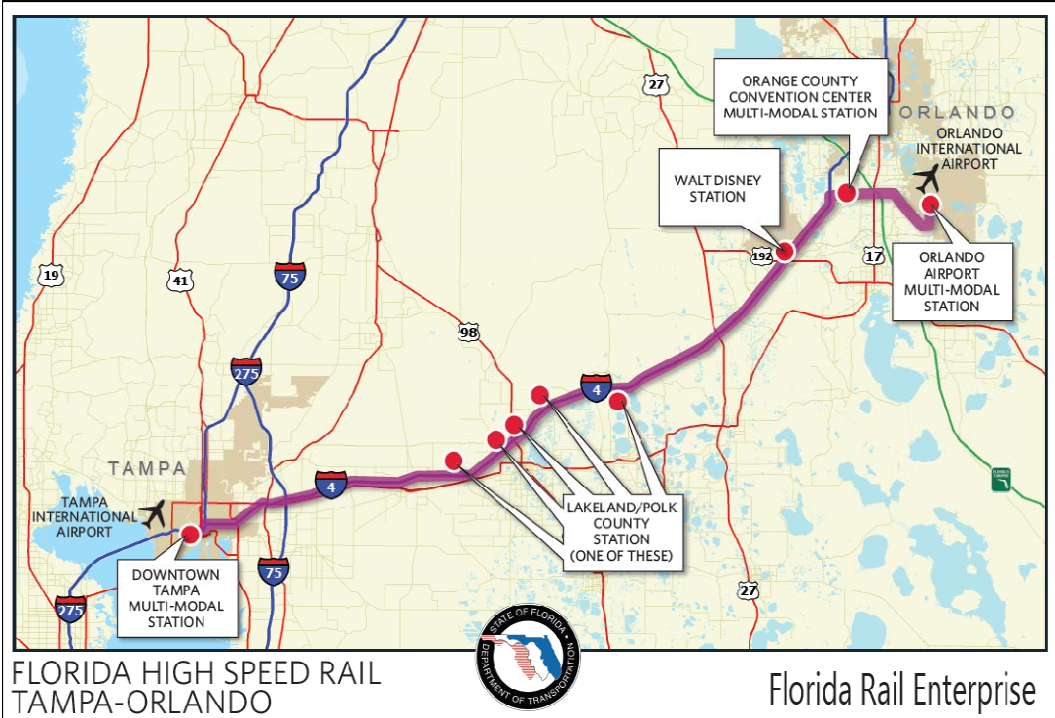


Tampa-Orlando-Miami Corridor





Phase I – Tampa to Orlando



- **Planned Service and Operations**
 - Hourly service to Tampa
 - More frequent service Orlando Airport to attractions
 - Travel time: under an hour Orlando-Tampa
 - Max speed 168 mph
 - Anticipate 2.4 million riders in 1st year: 2015
 - No Disney “captive” ridership assumed
- **Organizational**
 - Federal Railroad Administration is lead agency
 - Florida Rail Enterprise
 - Small core of FDOT staff
 - Consultants:
 - Program Manager (HNTB/Wilber Smith)
 - Legal advisor (Freshfield)
 - Financial advisor (KPMG)

- **Funding**
 - \$2.6 billion requested in Application
 - \$1.25 billion committed by Federal Railroad Administration – no State match
 - Anticipate additional federal funding
 - Future State contribution- Florida Rail Act
 - Private investment also expected



Florida HSR Update – Tampa-Orlando

- **FRA issued Record of Decision for Tampa-Orlando in Early May**
- **FRA signed first Grant Agreement with FDOT, May 28th**
 - **\$80 Million Nationwide/\$66.6million for Florida**
- **Statement of Work #1 between FRA and FDOT Includes**
 - 1 - Program Management and Public Outreach**
 - 2 - Draft Design-Build-Operate-Maintain and Finance Contract**
 - 3 - Preliminary Engineering to 30% Plan and Update Cost Estimate**
 - 4 - Survey and Right of Way Acquisition**
 - 5 - Preparation of Early Works Safety project documents**



Florida HSR Update – Tampa-Orlando

- **Current activities:**
 - Aerial Mapping and ground survey
 - Geotechnical explorations – establishment of seasonal high water level
 - Preliminary engineering for mainline Infrastructure:
 - Data collection
 - Alignment clearance investigations
 - Track alignment layout
 - Structures concepts
 - Drainage and permitting approach
 - Station concepts
 - Maintenance Facility layout
 - Early Works contract development
 - Public Outreach program development
 - Coordination with stakeholders and education program



Florida HSR Update – Tampa-Orlando

- **Ridership/Connectivity Study**
 - Updated investment grade study – Summer/Fall 2010
 - Focus on existing and potential transit connections
- **Public Outreach Activities:**
 - Three potential events being planned
 - Briefing for elected officials – July
 - Industry forum – September/October
 - Community briefings – Late 2010 (Tampa-Lakeland-Orlando)
 - **Audiovisual tools**
 - Revamped website
 - Visual animation

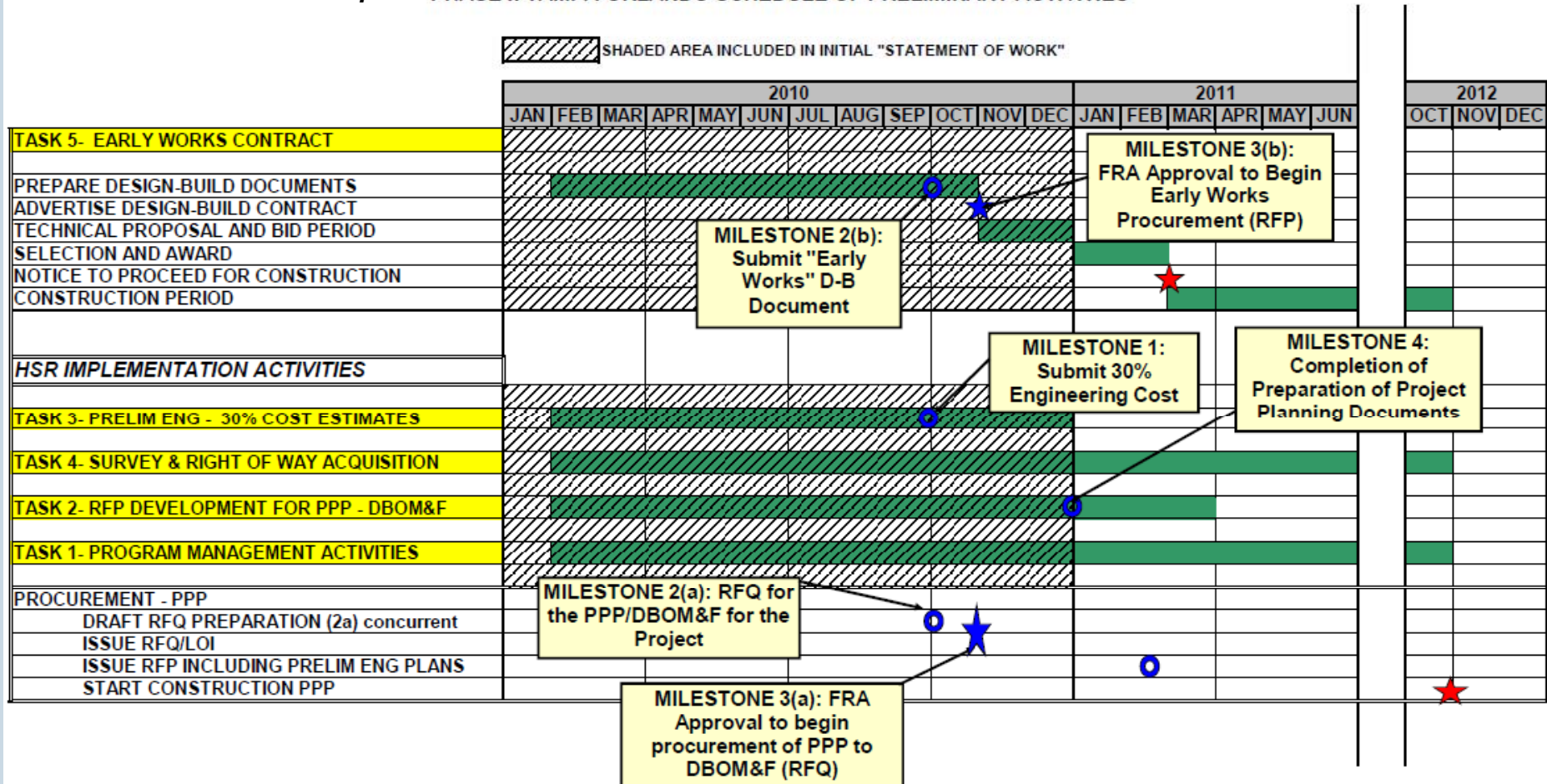


Schedule – Statement of Work #1

If all the stars line up...

FLORIDA HIGH SPEED RAIL

PHASE I: TAMPA-ORLANDO SCHEDULE OF PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES



IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE 4-30-10



HIGH SPEED RAIL STATION





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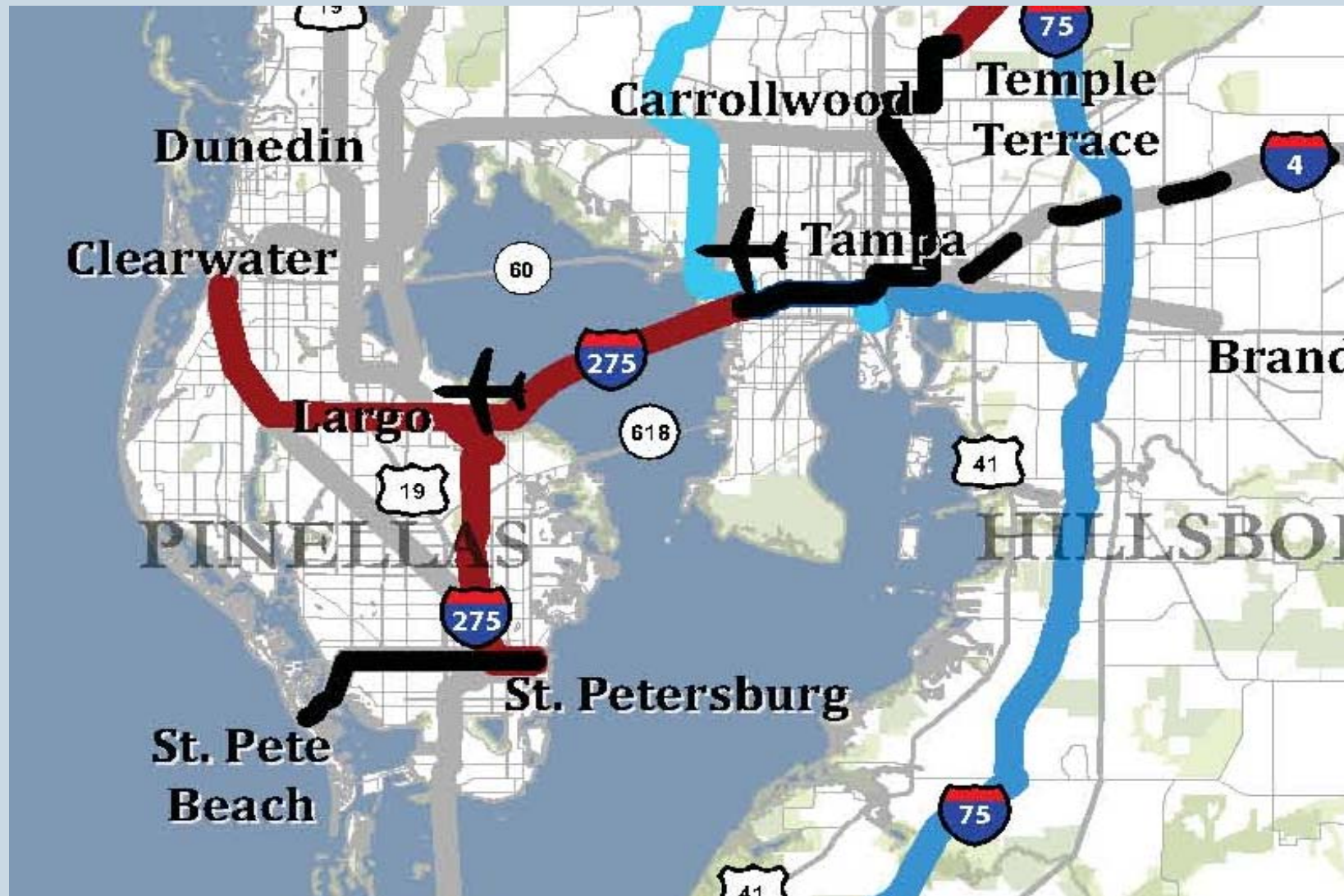


REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

- **TBARTA Regional Network**
- **HART AA (USF, Westshore, TIA)**
- **Pinellas AA (Gateway, beaches, St. Pete/Clearwater)**
- **Howard Frankland Bridge Study**
- **Other Corridor Studies**
- **Intermodal Center**



TBARTA NETWORK





Interim Connections

- **HSR revenue service starts in 2015**
- **Connecting to HSR thru:**
 - **Dedicated Shuttle Service**
 - **Expanded Bus Service**
 - **Autos and Taxi**
 - **Other Options**
- **CUTR Study**
- **Coordination with Partners**



FLORIDA HIGH SPEED RAIL

Questions/Comments

TBARTA

Ronnie Duncan,
TBARTA Chairman



Pinellas County Transportation Task Force

A Connected Region for Our Future

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Regional

Our Community Need

- **In Pinellas County...**

- Most densely populated county in FL
- Little vacant land to develop

- **In the Region...**

(In the past 30 years)

- Population has doubled
- Employment has tripled
- **Delay in commute time has more than doubled**

Our transportation system is the foundation for our desired quality of life.

- **By 2050...**

- **Traffic congestion is expected to triple**



“Plan for the future because that’s where you are going to spend the rest of your life.” – Mark Twain

It's Our Turn



Denver



Charlotte



Dallas

Our region competes with other cities for economic growth and jobs.

*Transportation was named the **number one issue** affecting the region's economic competitiveness, in surveys conducted by the not-for-profit Tampa Bay Partnership. (2006)*

A Regional Approach

- **Seamless Travel**
 - Traffic congestion does not start or stop at county or city lines ...***neither should our solutions.***
- **Leverage for Federal and State Dollars**
 - Planning our transportation system on a **regional level** and speaking with **one voice** will increase our chances for securing funding.
- **Competitive Advantage**
 - Our region's ability to maintain and expand economic competitiveness is affected by the **quality of our transportation connections.**
- **TBARTA – A Regional Approach**



What is TBARTA?

- *Created by state legislation on July 1st, 2007*
- *Purpose: Improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for passengers and freight throughout the seven-county region.*
- *Capabilities: plan, develop, finance, construct, own, purchase, operate, maintain, relocate, equip, repair, and manage multimodal transportation systems*



TBARTA Legislative Mandates

- *Conflict Resolution Process*
 - *Deadline: July 1, 2008*
 - *Adopted May 23, 2008*
- *Master Plan Creation*
 - *Deadline: July 1, 2009*
 - *Adopted May 22, 2009*



TBARTA Vision

“A world class transportation network for the Tampa Bay region that will connect people and places, move goods and services, enhance the quality of life, and offer transportation options that are safe, sustainable, affordable, and efficient. We will act as a catalyst for a vibrant economic future through leadership, collaboration, and partnerships.”

Adopted December 19, 2008

TBARTA Board Members

- **Governor's Appointees**

- Mr. Ronnie Duncan, Chair
- Mr. Shawn Harrison
- Mr. Hugh E. McGuire, Treasurer
- Mr. Sonny Vergara

- **City of Bradenton/City of Sarasota**

- Mayor Richard Clapp

- **City of St. Petersburg**

- Councilman Jeff Danner

- **City of Tampa**

- Mayor Pam Iorio

- **MPO CCC**

- Mayor Frank Hibbard, Vice Chair

- **FDOT (District 1 & 7) Non-Voting Member**

- Secretary Donald Skelton

- **Citrus County**

- Commissioner John Thrumston

- **Hernando County**

- Commissioner Dave Russell

- **Hillsborough County**

- Commissioner Ken Hagan

- **Manatee County**

- Commissioner Donna Hayes

- **Pasco County**

- Commissioner Ann Hildebrand, Secretary

- **Pinellas County**

- Commissioner Karen Seel

- **Sarasota County**

- Commissioner Nora Patterson

Creating the Master Plan

- **Questions we explored in developing the Master Plan:**
 - Where are you going to and from?
 - Which routes make the best connections for regional travel?
 - What is the best type of transportation improvement?
 - How do we ensure consistency and help advance local efforts?
 - *For example:*
 - Hillsborough Rail Plan
 - Sarasota Bus Rapid Transit



A Balanced, Multimodal System

Technologies Included in Regional Networks



Short-Distance Bus



Long-Distance Bus



Managed Lanes



Short-Distance Rail

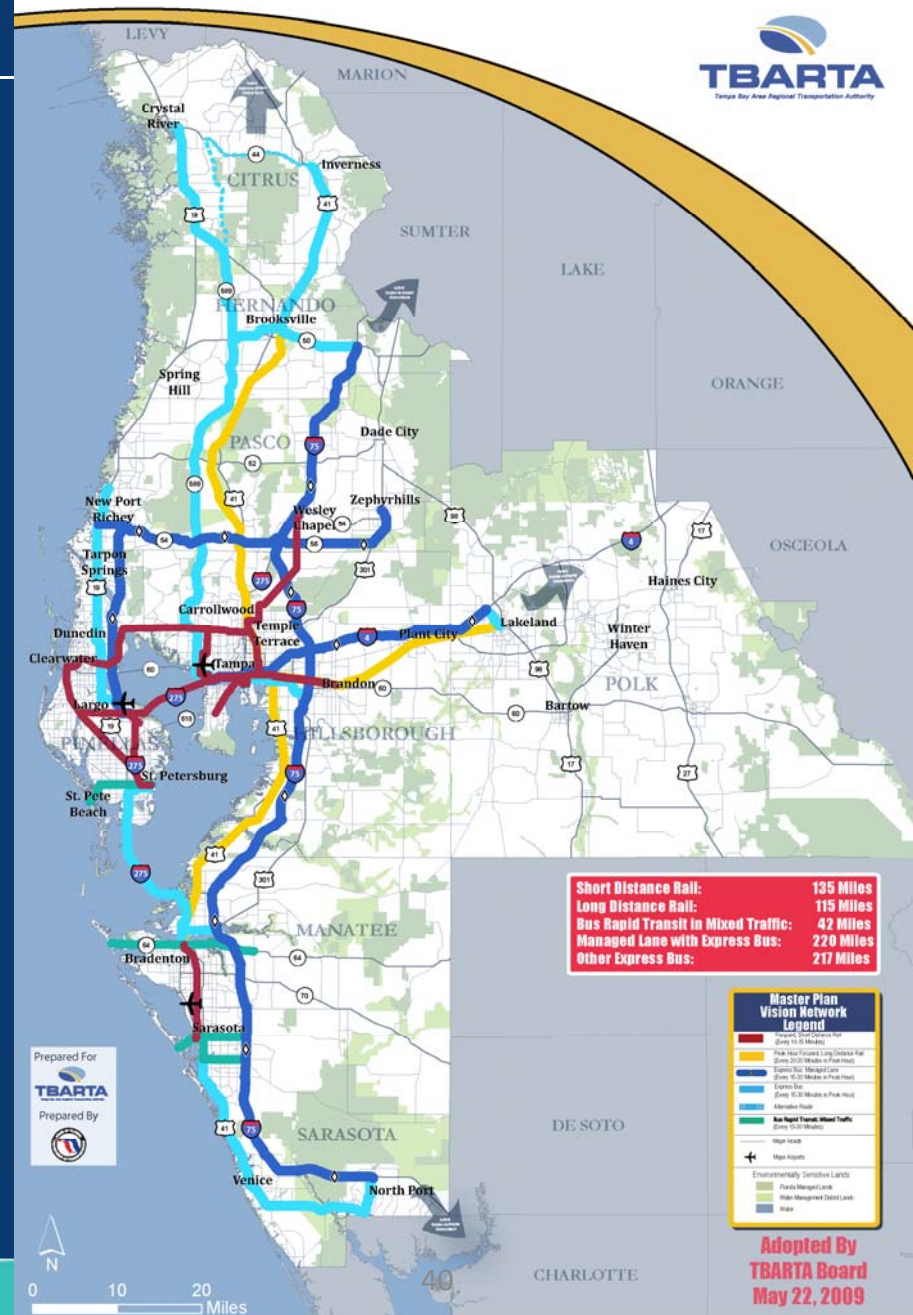


Long-Distance Rail

Long-Term Network

- 135 miles Short-distance rail
- 115 miles of Long-Distance Rail
- 42 miles of BRT in Mixed Traffic
- 220 miles of Managed Lanes with Express Bus
- 217 miles of other Express Bus

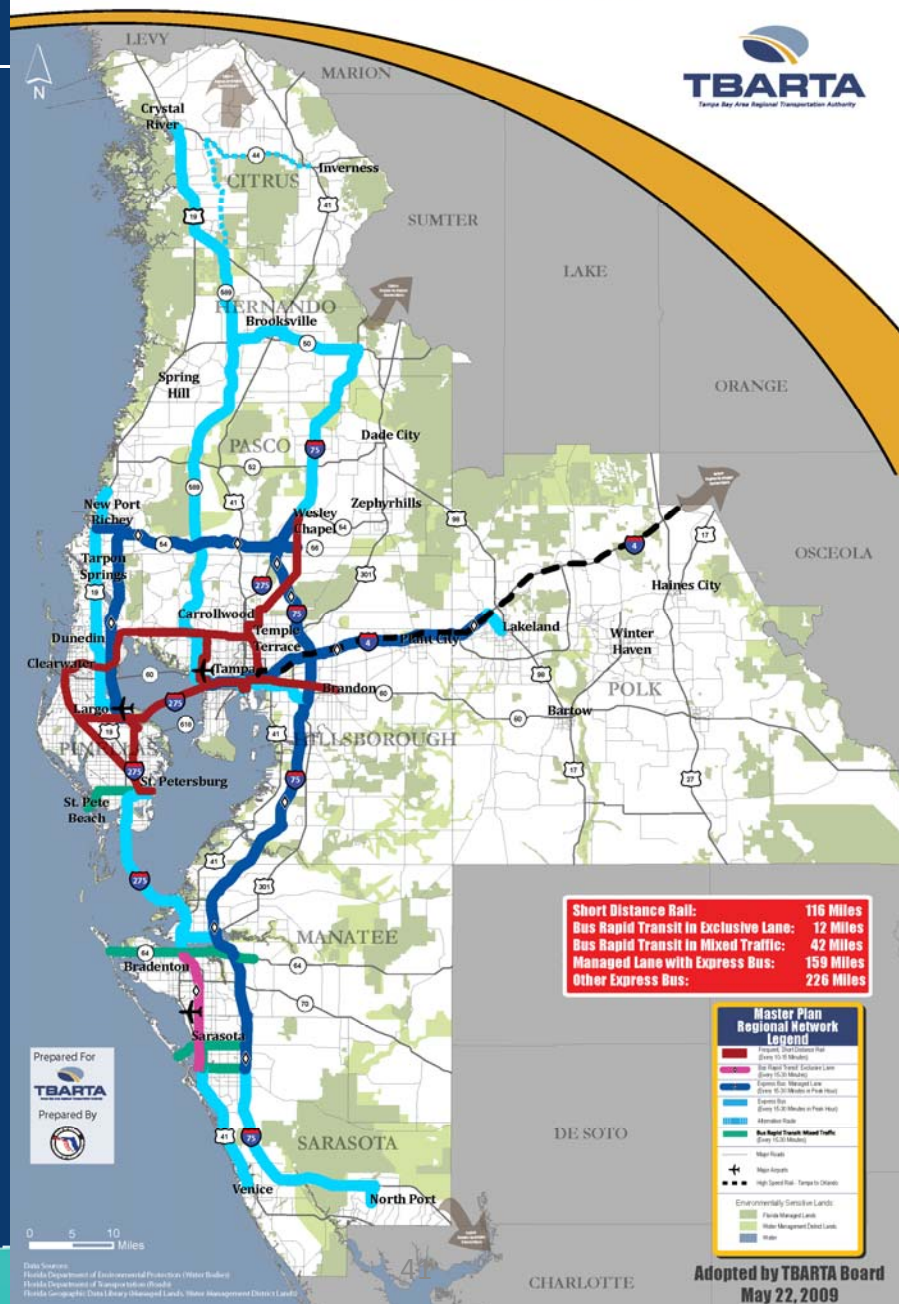
Long-Term Regional Network



Mid-Term Network

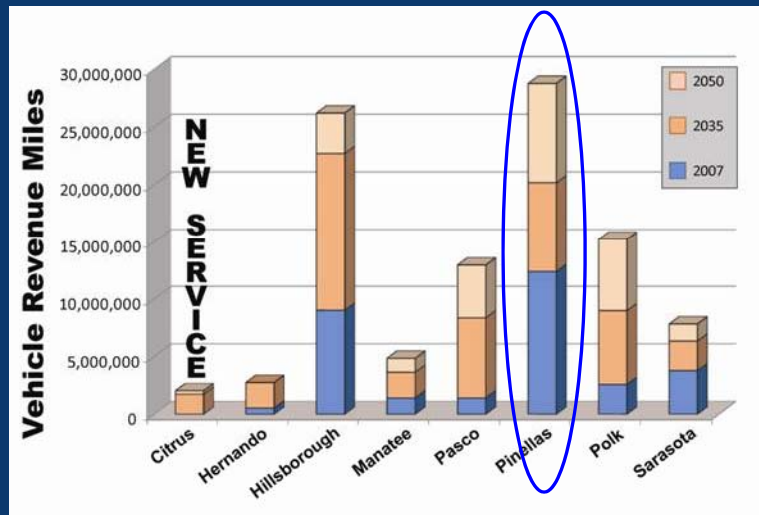
- **116 miles** Short-distance rail
- **12 miles** of BRT in Exclusive Lanes
- **42 miles** of BRT in Mixed Traffic
- **159 miles** of Managed Lanes with Express Bus
- **226 miles** of other Express Bus

Mid-Term Regional Network



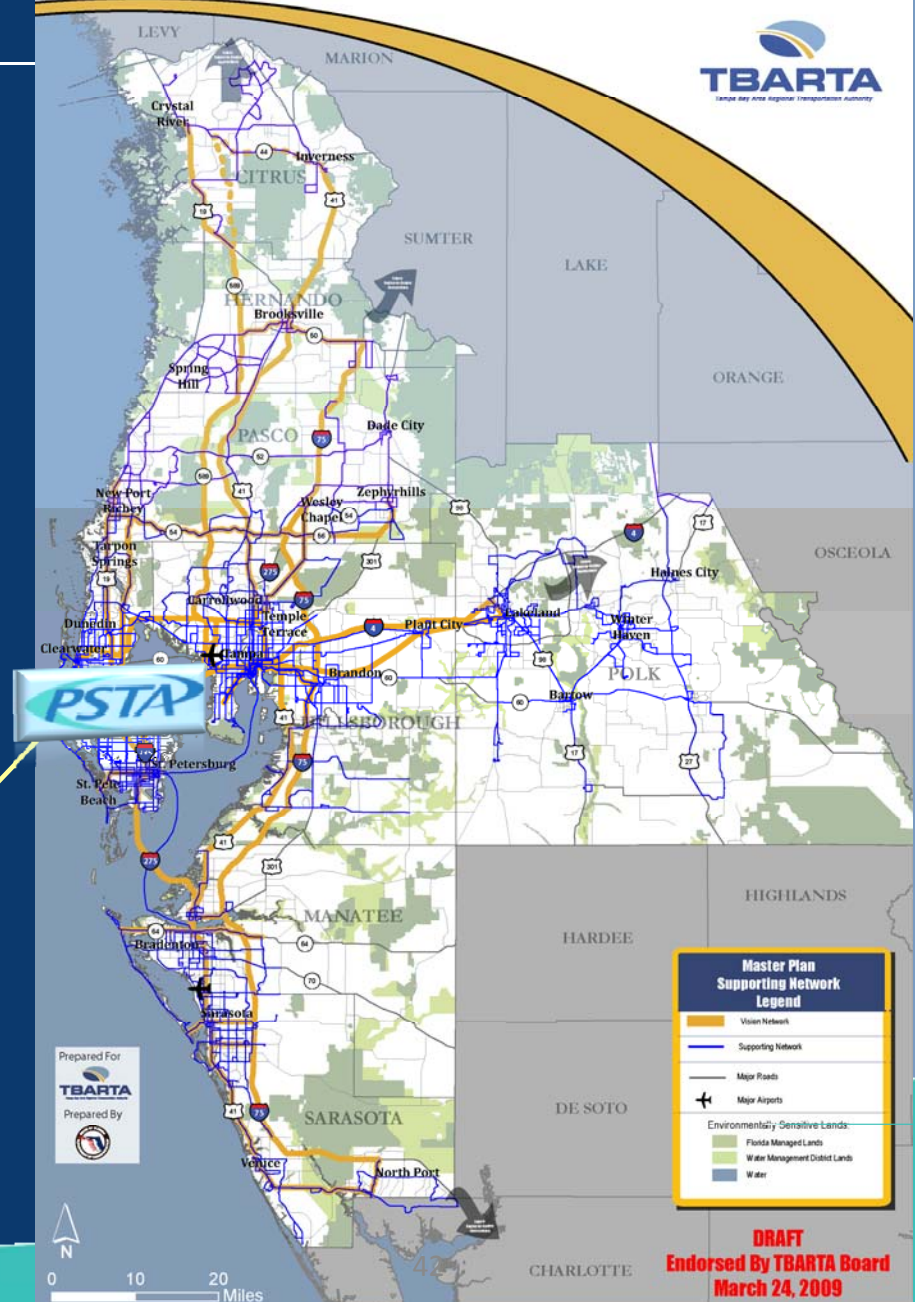
Supporting Network

Magnitude of Service Expansion over 2007 Service



Supporting Network Partner

Long-Term Supporting Network



Investment in Our Future

- Cost of improving our infrastructure is high; what is the cost of *not* improving it?
- Projects will be prioritized and implemented over time

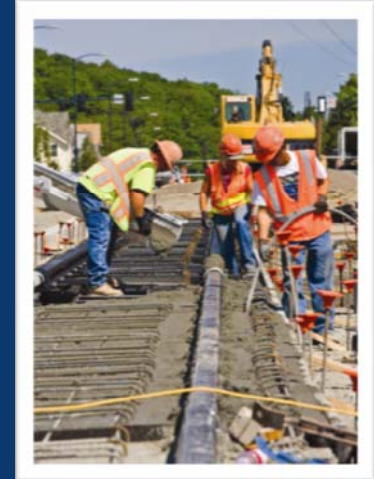
“The critical responsibility for the generation you’re in is to help provide for those generations who come behind.” – Gloria Dean Randle Scott, First African American President of the Girl Scouts



Real Dividends of Transportation Infrastructure

- **Boost to Economy**

- For every dollar invested in transportation, \$5.84 goes back into the national economy, of which \$4.79 stays in Tampa Bay (82%).



- **Creating Jobs**

- Create an **annual average** of nearly 21,000 quality full-time jobs over the 40 years.



- **Environmental Benefits**

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 330,000 pounds per year in Mid-Term

Real Dividends of Transportation Infrastructure

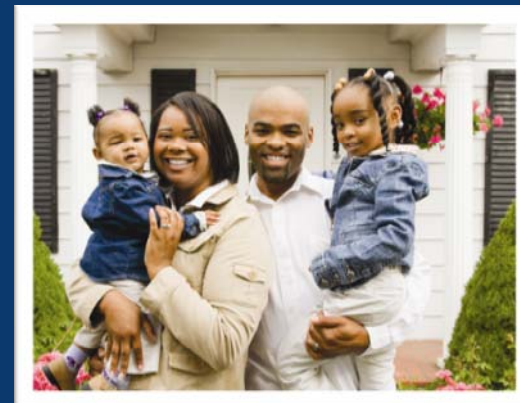
- **Economic Development**

- Transit can be a tool to influence our region's growth patterns
 - Transit-oriented development
 - Redevelopment
 - Minimizes the cost of providing utilities and other services



- **Quality of Life**

- Improve mobility
- More free time
- Save money
- Choices



Regional Commuter Options

Bay Area Commuter Services (BACS) est. 1992:

- Carpool
- Vanpool
- School Pool
- Bike Buddy
- Emergency Ride Home (ERH)
- Telework Tampa Bay
- Compressed Work Schedule
- Commuter Tax Benefits
- Provides service to Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties



TBARTA Merges with BACS

Missions are similar:

- Provide regional connectivity
- Provide transportation options to all kinds of travelers
- Reduce reliance on roads and on the single-occupant vehicle (SOV)
- Promote use of environmentally and economically sustainable modes of transport

Officially Merged:

- Friday, April 30, 2010, by approval of both the BACS and TBARTA Boards

TBARTA Master Plan Milestones

May 2009:

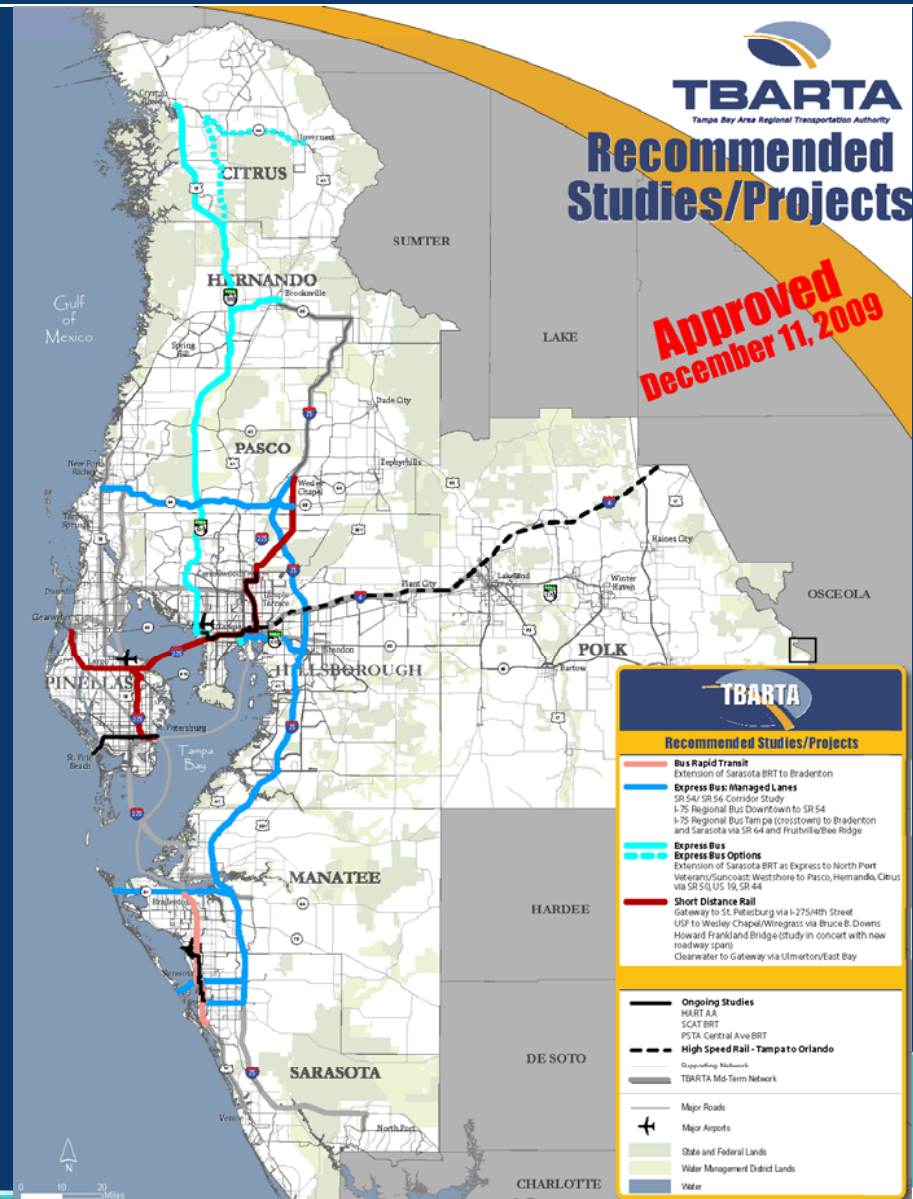
Master Plan adopted

December 2009:

Group One Project Priorities approved for further detailed study

Balance of:

- ❖ Northern, Southern and Central projects
- ❖ Bus and Rail



TBARTA Next Steps

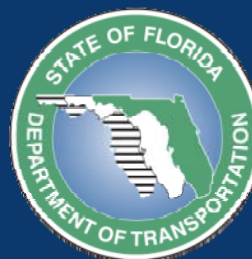
- **2010:** Begin Alternatives Evaluation for Multiple Corridor Studies
- **Ongoing Items:**
 - Four Cornerstones of TBARTA: *Convener, Collaborator, Communicator & Catalyst* for the region
 - *Implementer* of regional transportation solutions through the union of TBARTA and BACS.

Group One Recommended Studies/Projects

Alternatives Analysis

- Clearwater to St. Petersburg (thru Carillon/Gateway)
 - *Partners: Pinellas MPO, PSTA, FDOT District Seven*
- USF to Wesley Chapel/Wiregrass (via Bruce B Downs Blvd.)
 - *Partners: FDOT District Seven*
- Sarasota BRT Extension to Palmetto/Bradenton (via US 41, SR 301, Bee Ridge Rd.)
 - *Partners: FDOT District One*
- Sarasota BRT/Express Bus Extension to North Port (via US 41, I-75, Fruitville Rd.)
 - *Partners: FDOT District One*

Regional Partnership: PSTA/MPO/FDOT & TBARTA



Alternatives Analyses:

- *Clearwater to Gateway via Ulmerton/East Bay*
- *Gateway to St. Petersburg via I-275/4th Street*

Group One Recommended Studies/Projects

Conceptual Studies:

- Westshore to Pasco, Hernando, Citrus (via SR 50, US 19, SR 44, SR 54/56, Veterans/Suncoast)
 - *Partners: FDOT District Seven*
- SR 54/SR 56 (US 19 to Bruce B Downs Blvd.)
 - *Partners: FDOT District Seven*
- I-75 Regional Express Bus Downtown Tampa/SR 54
 - *Partners: FDOT District Seven*
- I-75 Regional Bus (Crosstown to Bradenton and Sarasota via SR 64 and Fruitville/Bee Ridge Rds.)
 - *Partners: FDOT District Seven*

Feasibility Study:

- Howard Frankland Bridge (in concert with new roadway span)
 - *Partners: FDOT District Seven*

Pinellas County Public Engagement Summary

- **112 TBARTA Events**
 - Speakers Bureau Presentations
 - City and County Government
 - Advisory Boards/Committees
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Rotary/Civic Associations
 - Business Groups
 - Minority Groups
 - iTownHall Meetings
 - Workshops and Special Events
- **8,700+ Total Attendees**
- **Follow TBARTA on Twitter**
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- **Become a Fan on Facebook**
<http://www.facebook.com/TBARTA.TampaBay>
- **Transportation Lounge**
<http://www.transportationlounge.com>



Thank You!

- **Website:** www.TBARTA.com

- **Info Line**

1-888-684-9461 (toll free)

- **Meeting Schedule:**

TMC – June 16, 10:00am

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

3201 Scherer Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

CAC – June 16, 1:30pm

USF Connect Building

3802 Spectrum Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33612

Board – June 25, 9:30am

Florida Department of Transportation

11201 N. McKinley Drive

Tampa, FL 33612



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MASTER PLAN

TBARTA Receives Accolades from the State

"I know that you have been hard at work for the past two years, identifying future transportation options for the Tampa Bay region. I pledge the support of my administration in working with TBARTA to implement an effective and comprehensive solution to the transportation issues facing the Tampa Bay region and the State of Florida."

-Governor Charlie Crist

TBARTA Adopts Regional Transportation Master Plan

TBARTA thanks all its partners and everyone who participated in the development of the Master Plan over the last 18 months. The Master Plan was adopted on May 22, 2009. The documents are being finalized and will be posted as they are completed.

[Adopted Master Plan Vision](#)
[Adopted Master Plan Maps](#)
[Adopted Vision Map](#)
[Vea la Visión del Plan Maestro adoptado](#)

LATEST TBARTA NEWS

Media Alerts

08/28/2009 - The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and Bay Area Commuter Services (BACS) to Explore the

TBARTA in the News

09/13/2009 - Regional Rail Can Start Locally

TBARTA Newsletter

06/01/2009 - Newsletter #9 - June 2009

The typical public transit rider consumes on average one half of the oil consumed by an automobile rider.

TBARTA PSA

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Future Meetings

- **Monday June 21, 2010 1:30 p.m.**
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park
- **Monday July 19, 2010 1:30 p.m.**
Epicenter
13805 58th St. North, Largo
(Public Meeting Discussion)