

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Public Engagement Technical Memorandum



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Introduction

This technical memorandum compiles the results of public outreach undertaken by the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the course of preparing the *2035 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Chapter 2 of the *2035 Plan* fully describes the MPO's approach to communicating with and engaging the public in the developing the *2035 Plan*. Details of the MPO's public surveys and interaction with the public are provided here.

The MPO formally kicked off its public engagement campaign for the *2035 Plan* in October 2008 and concluded it in December 2009. Comments and inquiries received from thousands of participants during this period are compiled in this technical memorandum. However, this is only a snapshot of the MPO's ongoing strategy to involve the public in the planning process. The MPO's *Public Participation Plan* was in place and being used before the *2035 Plan* process and continues guide the outreach efforts after the *Plan* was adopted.

Results of the MPO's public engagement are compiled in chronological order and follow the major steps in the preparation of the *2035 Plan*. A summary presentation on the MPO's Public Engagement for the *2035 Plan* is provided as Appendix 1.

Setting Goals and Objectives (November 2008 through February 2009)

The 2035 Plan's overall goals, objectives and policies were developed by the MPO, its advisory committees and the public at large. Starting with a postage paid comment card survey in the fall 2008 issue of the MPO's *Mobility Focus* newsletter, the public had an opportunity to express their relative level of agreement or disagreement with a number of transportation objectives. Forty seven citizens returned the survey card, with results summarized in **Table 1** and **Chart 1**.

Table 1: Autumn 2008 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results

Do you agree or disagree? Please circle a number from 1 - 5.

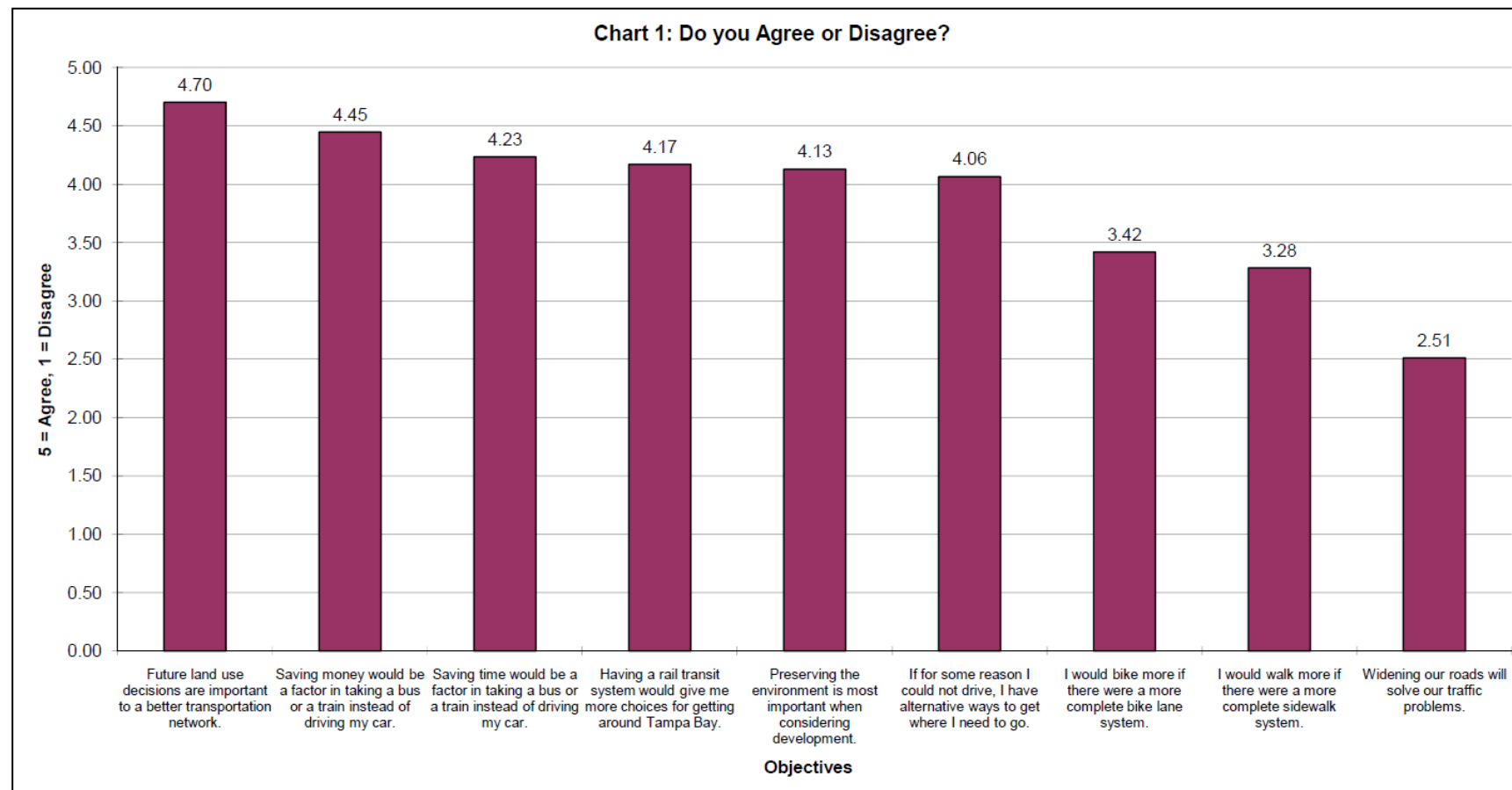
- a Future land use decisions are important to a better transportation network.
- b Saving money would be a factor in taking a bus or a train instead of driving my car.
- c Saving time would be a factor in taking a bus or a train instead of driving my car.
- d Having a rail transit system would give me more choices for getting around Tampa Bay.
- e Preserving the environment is most important when considering development.
- f If for some reason I could not drive, I have alternative ways to get where I need to go.
- g I would bike more if there were a more complete bike lane system.
- h I would walk more if there were a more complete sidewalk system.
- i Widening our roads will solve our traffic problems.

Raw Tabulation				
Disagree		Agree		
1	2	3	4	5
		3	8	36
2	1	5	5	34
4	1	4	9	29
4	4	4	3	32
2	3	8	8	26
3	6	5	4	29
7	6	7	8	15
5	8	15	5	13
19	6	8	7	7

Weighted Tabulation					TOTAL	Responses	Wt. Avg.
0	0	9	32	180	221	47	4.70
2	2	15	20	170	209	47	4.45
4	2	12	36	145	199	47	4.23
4	8	12	12	160	196	47	4.17
2	6	24	32	130	194	47	4.13
3	12	15	16	145	191	47	4.06
7	12	21	32	75	147	43	3.42
5	16	45	20	65	151	46	3.28
19	12	24	28	35	118	47	2.51

Comments:

question g: already ride = 200 miles per week (commuter cyclist)
 question i: heard this before and added another question (j): some of the older North/South Avenues need widening (Himes, Aremenia, etc.) = Agree (5)
 question f: dangerous to walk and question g: N/A
 Don't make any more big roads - HOV or bus lanes
 question g: bikes and cars do not mix ;
 question h: Also, roads first
 question i: Agree - but its too late; Keep in mind, no density, i.e. you would have to drive to the station; plus where would you park?
 Rail system will not work in Tampa area. One reason (of many) - no density. I was in the transportation field for 30 years.



Identifying Needs (March through June 2009)

Community Meetings & Presentations

The MPO continuously sought opportunities to meet with diverse groups for the purpose of presenting plans and receiving feedback. More than 100 civic and community groups were invited to get involved. The MPO proactively sought input from business, environmental, and neighborhood organizations, as well as attending public events, festivals and educational opportunities to engage members of the public. In an effort to reach the maximum number of people, in most cases the MPO went to meeting and event venues. **Table 2** is the calendar of meetings and events at which the 2035 Plan was presented or made available for input by the public.

Table 2: MPO Outreach Calendar

Event #	Date	Time	Organization/Event/Location	Format	Prep Notes	Result
1	3/13 FRI	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	20 th Annual Temple Terrace Senior Expo Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex 6610 Whiteway Drive	Display Table	Lynn faxed form to City; estimated attendance 250+	200 ppl Surveys, Newsletters, Ride Guides, Citizens Guides distributed Comments regarding more mobility for seniors and multi-modal options & a trail for Hillsborough like Pinellas that actually connects to things
2	3/21 SAT	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Hillsborough County Neighborhood Conference HCC Dale Mabry Campus	Display/ Open House & Workshop Session B-8 9:55 – 10:55	Lynn has confirmed URS to meet Lynn @ 7:15 a.m. to set up display Planning Commission will have table next to ours and we can flow over onto their table if necessary MPO will bring projector and laptop for the presentation Bring 350 extra newsletters for luncheon distribution	350+ 20 for Workshop
3	3/21 SAT	noon	Twilight Criterium Bike Rodeo	Bike Rodeo & Sign In Area	Encouraged newsletter sign ups Distributed bike helmets	40 ppl
4	3/24 TUE	5:30 – 7:30 pm	CNU Florida Tampa Bay Region Columbia Restaurant, Ybor City	Presentation	Confirmed by Lynn 2/27/09 Estimate 40 ppl Bob Clifford will speak from 6 – 6:30 Ray will speak from 6:30 – 7 Q & A from 7 – 7:30	55 ppl
5	3/25 WED	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Kings Point Community Festival Kings Point Clubhouse 1900 Clubhouse Drive Sun City Center	Display Table	They provide table and two chairs; it will be outside so may want to bring a tent.	250+ ppl
6	3/26 THU	6:15 pm	Carrollwood Community Plan Meeting Carrollwood Recreation Center 3515 McFarland Road	Talk	Lynn has confirmed. Will have PowerPoint equipment available. Attendance = 25	25
7	4/6 MON	6:30 p.m.	National Association of Women In Construction NAWIC Tampa Chapter #36 Monthly Dinner Meeting, Sam Selltzer's Steakhouse 4744 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa	Presentation	30 – 35 ppl. Bring Equipment 20 – 30 min – no more than hour w/ discussion Ray will have time to eat and have a selection Arrive for set up between 6 and 6:15	Excellent, responsive group enthusiastic about rail transit for Tampa Bay
8	4/14 TUE	6:30 pm	Buckhorn Homeowners Association Buckhorn Springs Golf & Country Club 2721 S Miller Road, Valrico 813-689-7766	Presentation	Need to bring all presentation equipment Rich might bring equipment	75
9	4/14 TUE	7:00 p.m.	Temple Terrace Preservation Society Temple Terrace Community Church Parish Hall 210 Inverness Ave Temple Terrace	Presentation	Expect 40 ppl to attend Bring our own equipment	20
10	4/15 WED	7:30 a.m - noon	Tampa Downtown Partnership 13 th Annual Development Forum Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel Downtown Tampa	Display	Ray will attend luncheon & may be asked to speak After 10:10 break down, Set up at 6:30 by 7:15 am	175 (same event as next entry)
11	4/15 WED	10:10 am – 11:10 am	Tampa Downtown Partnership 13 th Annual Economic Development Forum Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel Downtown Tampa	Panel Discussion	7 minutes or less with PowerPoint Bio & Headshot – couple paragraphs by Mon morning to: kfinn@tampasdowntown.com	175 Great presentation, enthusiastic support

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12	4/15 WED	1:15 p.m.	MPO Citizens Advisory Committee	Needs Presentation		20
13	4/16 THU		Transportation Disadvantaged Legislative Day Capitol Courtyard, Tallahassee		Present local TDCB position flyer and visit with legislators Networking lunch with other CTCs and LCBs from around the state, as well as meetings with legislators and their staffs	40
14	4/16 THU	10 am – 2 pm	TECO Pedestrian, Cycling & Community Safety Day 702 N. Franklin Street Plaza 7 (Boardroom) 33602	Presentation with Bike Safety focus	40 ppl in each session that lasts 30 minutes each	30 Speed on roads to fast to walk or bike safely.
15	4/17 FRI	9:30 am	SouthShore Roundtable Ruskin Neighborhood Service Center now called SouthShore Service Center 201 14th Avenue SE Ruskin, FL 33570	Presentation	Confirmed: MPO to bring all presentation equipment; estimated attendance 50; call Dee Fridella, Center Director, prior to meeting Lynn will set up equipment & assist Ray	25 – Excellent response
16	4/19 SUN	11:00 am – 4:00 p.m.	Earth Day Tampa Bay Lowry Park Band Shell 1101 W Sligh Ave	Display Table	\$50 vendor fee, but negotiable Waiting for registration form in email	250 Multi-modal options important so people can stop driving alone. Rail is best for environment.
17	4/20 MON	1:30 p.m.	MPO Technical Advisory Committee	Needs Presentation		18
18	4/22 WED	8:00 am - 9:30 am	New North Tampa Transportation Alliance University of South Florida - CUTR Boardroom 4202 E. Fowler Avenue	Presentation	Tentative. Sarah will call to confirm: Need estimate of attendance TBARTA is presenting that day as well 20 ppl, Parking permit	20
19	4/22 WED	7:00 pm	First United Church of Tampa UCC 7308 E. Fowler Ave Tampa	Presentation	Confirmed; bring all equipment; attendance is 15-30 6:30 p.m. dinner, presentation at 7pm Equipment can be set up starting at 6pm	8
20	4/23 THUR	2:00 pm	CUTR - USF	Presentation	Confirmed; need estimate of attendance Made flyer distributed by University 20 ppl	20
21	4/23 THUR	6:00 pm	Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board	Needs Presentation		15
22	4/25 SAT	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	ECO.lution ECO Festival Cotanchobee Park (Channelside District)	Display Table	Confirmed by Lynn 2/27/09.; estimated attendance 1000	100
23	4/25 SAT	3:00 p.m.	ECO.lution ECO Festival Cotanchobee Park (Channelside District) Tampa History Center Meeting Room	Presentation	Confirmed by Beth, estimated attendance could be 100	12
24	4/27 MON	7:00 pm	Bayside West Neighborhood Association Regency Mobile Home Park 4851 W. Gandy Boulevard	Presentation	Gates open at 6:30 pm; estimated attendance 30 Bring equipment	30
25	4/28 TUE	7:15 am	Temple Terrace Rotary Club IHOP Morris Bridge Road at I-75, Tampa	Presenation	Bring all equipment – lap top and projector Estimate of attendance – 15 Private room in back of restaurant	12
26	4/28 TUE	5:30 pm – 7:30 p.m.	Egypt Lake Community Plan Open House Egypt Lake Elementary School Sligh Ave	Display	Gena will arrive @ 6pm – give supplies to PC people	50
27	5/1 FRI	9:30 a.m. - noon	TBARTA Land Use Working Group Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100 Pinellas Park, FL 33782	Present visualizations	Giving our visualizations to TBARTA for them to show	60
28	5/5 TUE	6 pm – 8 pm	I-4 Corridor Study Public Workshop HCC Plant City, Trinkle Center 1206 N Park Rd, Plant City	Light Display	50 – 100 ppl	60

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29	5/6 WED	12:00 pm	Plant City Kiwanis Club Red Rose Dining Room @ Ramada Inn Plant City I-4 and SR 39 (Wheeler Street)	Presentation	Confirmed. They have monitor & DVD player; MPO to bring any other equipment; estimated attendance 30, bring a screen Lunch first 20 minutes, then announcements, presentation 12:30 – 1pm including questions Focus on Plant City improvements and potential links to Tampa & Lakeland, TBARTA; how all parties work together Bring flyer for TTF joint mtgs if approved by then	26
30	5/7 THU	11:30 am	Environmental Protection Commission Clean Air Fair Poe Plaza @ Franklin Street	Display Table	Confirmed by Lynn 2/27/09; estimated attendance 2000	150
31	5/8 FRI	8:30 am	Brandon Chamber of Commerce Government Advisory Council 330 Pauls Drive, Suite 100, Brandon, FL	Presentation	Call Allison when we know who the speaker will be; estimated attendance 20 Lynn will meet Ray to set up & assist They have equipment, just bring lap top back up 15 – 20 minutes then Q & A Expansion of Lithia Pinecrest Rd	20
32	5/8 FRI	8:30 am	Tampa Downtown Partnership Transportation Committee Meeting Park Tower, 400 N Tampa St, Suite 2750	Presentation	Confirmed. Bring all equipment; estimated attendance – 20 ppl	12
33	5/11 MON	1:30 p.m.	Pinellas Mobility Initiative Steering Committee Pinellas County MPO Subcommittee Bank of America Building 600 Cleveland St, Suite 750 Entrance on the Garden side. Clearwater, FL 33755	Presentation		15
34	5/11 MON	2:00 p.m.	Planning Commission	Presentation		30
35	5/12 TUE	10:00 am	East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership Cyrus Greene Recreation Complex 2101 E. MLK Boulevard, 33610	Presentation	Confirmed; estimated attendance up to 60 Need to bring projector and laptop. No screen needed, 15 – 20 minute presentation, Can set up starting at 9:15 a.m.	65
36	5/12 TUE	4:00 pm – 7:00 p.m.	BRT Open House with HART Seminole Baptist Church 801 E Hillsborough Ave (next to I-275) Tampa, FL 33604	Display – not sure about presentation	Drop by open house anytime HART presentation at 5:30 p.m.	40
37	5/13 WED	5:30 p.m.	MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Needs Presentation		15
38	5/14 THU	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	University Square Civic Association Gymnasium at Copeland Park 11001 N. 15th Street	Presentation	Confirmed. Call back in mid-April as a reminder. MPO to bring all equipment.	12
39	5/19 TUES	9:00 am	Sun City Center Community Association Leaders Meeting 1009 Pebble Beach Blvd. N (Atrium Bldg in back)	Presentation	Confirmed. Call Linda Cannarella about room set-up and equipment availability; park in front and walk around back to Atrium Building; estimated attendance up to 200	110
40	5/21 THURS	3:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Brandon Business Expo & Taste of Brandon Florida State Fairgrounds	Display Table	Fee reduced from \$300 to \$200; estimated attendance 2000 + ** URS PLEASE send in any registration and pay the reduced fee **	200
41	5/26 TUES	6:00 pm	USF Student Government Association Marshall Student Ctr – Senate Chambers on 4 th Floor	Talk	Confirmed. Senate has projector. Senate would like presentation materials before meeting: estimated attendance 50 Have computer but want to bring back up Email is: cmable@sg.usf.edu Summary of presentation prior to event 30 minutes	70

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42	5/27 WED	10:00 am	Westshore Alliance Transportation Committee URS 7th Floor Boardroom 7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway	Presentation	Confirmed. Prior to meeting, provide name of presenter; estimated attendance 25-30. 20 min presentation 10 min Q & A URS has equipment there	10
43	5/28 THU	4:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Webb Middle School Cafeteria 6035 Hanley Road, Tampa, FL 33634	Display & Presentation		39
44	5/28 THU	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	New Tampa Coalition for Change New Tampa Library 10001 Cross Creek Blvd Tampa, FL	Presentation	Estimated attendance 30-80; MPO needs to bring AV equipment	42
45	5/29 FRI	9:00 am – noon	Transit Oriented Development Workshop Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100 Pinellas Park, FL 33782	Presentation	Same presentation that Ray made to APA/Econ Dev Forum, just clean up and fix front slide	65
46	5/30 SAT	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Hurricane Expo: Are You Ready Tampa Bay Museum of Science & Industry MOSI Kids In Charge Building 4801 E Fowler Ave, Tampa	Display Table	He'll have electric to show presentation on lap top at our table 3,000 attendees last year!	400+ 3,827 total attendees
47	6/1 MON	8:30 a.m.	HART Board Meeting Planning Commission Boardroom	Presentation		45
48	6/1 MON	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Jan Platt Library 3910 Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL 33611	Display & Presentation		69
49	6/1 MON	6:30 pm	Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club Mimi's Café 11702 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.	Presentation	15-20 people expected ; bring equipment ; PLEASE CONFIRM SPEAKER WITH GROUP SO THAT THEY CAN PUBLICIZE EVENT	25
50	6/3 WED	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Ragan Park Community Center 1200 East Lake Avenue, Tampa 33605	Display & Presentation		22
51	6/4 THU	4:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Bruton Memorial Library 302 McLendon Street, Plant City, FL 33563	Display & Presentation	85 chairs	40
52	6/9 TUE	8:00 a.m.	Tampa Downtown Partnership Board Meeting Tampa Club Ballroom 101 E. Kennedy Blvd, Top Floor, Tampa	Talk	40 ppl, 15 minute presentation Tampa Club Ballroom	25
53	6/9 TUE	4:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Cross Creek (New Tampa) Library Jeri Zelinski Room 10001 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL 33647	Display & Presentation	Prep for 100, County will bring projector	72
54	6/10 WED	4:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Brandon Regional Service Center 311 Pauls Dr, Brandon, FL 33511	Display & Presentation		34
55	6/11 THU	5:00 p.m.	Children's Future Hillsborough & Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605 813.229.2884	Presentation	Expect 50 ppl (15 – 20 in the room, with 4 sites having virtual participants) can accommodate more The room has all AV equipment, but can bring our laptop as a back up; Neato webX online participation at 4 satellite sites w electronic Q & A Greg will try to be there by 4:30 pm for set up	Miscommunication on location, so discussion was held on Web X and materials were sent to support afterwards 35
56	6/12 FRI	8:30 p.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Florida Planning and Zoning Association Transportation Forum Hyatt Downtown Tampa Esplanade Suites I - III	Presentation	Can bring thumb drive or cd Will be presenting with Mark Sharpe's blue print and Bob Clifford's TBARTA pres	45
57	6/15 MON	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Carrollwood Cultural Center 4537 Lowell Road, Tampa, FL 33618	Display & Presentation		44

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58	6/16 TUE	4:30pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Riverview High School 11311 Boyette Rd, Riverview, FL 33569	Display & Presentation	104 chairs and 8 tables provided	23
59	6/18 THU	4:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF South County Regional Service Center 410 30 th Street, SE, Ruskin, FL 33571	Display & Presentation		31
60	6/19 FRI	7:00 am	Brandon '86 Rotary Club Buckhorn Springs Country Club 2721 S Miller Road, Valrico 813-689-7766	Presentation	Confirmed. Prior to meeting, provide a short bio of the presenter, call to confirm date, bring all equipment; estimated attendance 60 See if Rose can come, Ted willing to pick her up if need be, set up at 6:30 a.m., 7:35 a.m. breakfast at 7 a.m.	50
61	6/23 TUE	4:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Lutz Community Center 98 1 st Ave, NW, Lutz FL	Display & Presentation	County to bring projector, 100 chairs, 12 tables Prep for 100 attendees	39
62	6/24 WED	4:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF University Area Community Center 14013 N 22 nd ST, Tampa, FL 33613	Display & Presentation	250 + attendees	30
63	6/30 TUE	4:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF City of Temple Terrace Council Chambers 11250 N 56 th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617	Display & Presentation	Key at police dispatch Prep for 80	35
			Talked to 4,000+ people at this point at 63 events and meetings			
64	7/15 WED	10:00 am	Joint Workshop/ Open House with County & TTF Sun City Center Community Association 945 North Course Lane, Sun City Center	Display & Presentation		35
65	7/15 WED	1:30 pm	Summer Explorations in Architecture (SEAS) Planning Commission 601 East Kenney Blvd, 18 th Floor, Downtown Tampa	Presentation		20
66	7/24 FRI	10:00 am	Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce TECO Board Room 615 Channelside Drive, Suite 108	Presentation	New President and CEO, Bob Rohrlack would like us to present to leadership team including staff, executive committee members, and some members of our Board for an hour and will consist of a 30 min presentation discussing your organization, future plans, and anything else you would like to discuss followed by 30 minute Q&A session.	40
67	7/25 SAT	8:45 am – 2:45 pm	Hillborough County Disability Awareness Day ADA: Building Minds, Building Bodies, Building Communities Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) 4801 E Fowler Ave, Tampa	Display		100
68						
69	8/4 TUE	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	United Voices of America Capitol Leadership Academy (immediately following MPO Board Meeting) County Center, 2 nd Floor, BOCC Chambers 601 East Kennedy Blvd, Downtown Tampa 33602	Presentation Q & A	30 – 45 ppl Mayor Affronti and County Commissioners – panel discussion Q & A Save rows & give Cit Guide, newsletters & agendas	50
70	8/6 THU	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	New Starts/Light Rail Stakeholder Mtg HART, 1201 E 7th Avenue, Tampa	Presentation	TTF outreach results	18
71	8/8 SAT	9:00 a.m. – noon	FANG (FishHawk Area Networking Group) 2009 Seventh Annual Back to School Festival FishHawk Youth Sports Association 16120 FishHawk Boulevard, Lithia 33547	Display	Set up starts @ 7 :30	75
72	8/11 TUE	6:30 p.m.	UCAN & Seffner Community Association Quest @ Kingsway 501 S. Kingsway Ave, Seffner, Florida 33584	Presentation Display	Located on the west side of Kingsway between Hwy 92 and MLK Blvd. 75 estimate	17
73	8/17 MON	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Democratic Party of Hillsborough County Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 East Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605	Presentation	100 ppl 20 min – 30 min for presentation followed by Q & A No equipment, bring thumb	75

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74	8/18 TUE	7:30 am – 9:00 am	NAIOP – Commercial Real Estate Development Association Fowler White Boggs, 501 E Kennedy, 18 th Fl Brdrm	Presentation	Informal with about 20 - 25 minutes of comments, followed by a question and answer period. The program concludes on or before 9:00 a.m., 35 handouts, no equipment, bring thumb	25
75	8/18 TUE	10:00 am	Westshore Alliance Transportation Committee URS 7th Floor Boardroom 7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway	Presentation	'quick' LRTP update	25
76	8/20 THU	2:00 pm	NAIOP - TOD Committee Grubb & Ellis 3030 N Rocky Pt Dr West, Suite 560, Tampa 33607	Presentation	Presentation on thumb drive Expect 15 ppl Presentation plus Charlotte rail pics	10
77	9/10 THU	8:00 am	Upper Tampa Bay Regional Ch of Commerce Galleria, corner of State 589 and St Petersburg Dr 2 nd fl, mixed use development	Presentation	Confirmed, 30 min Q & A, bring laptop, they have projector, 15 – 20 ppl	15
78	9/10 THU	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	League of Women Voters Columbia Restaurant 2117 E 7 th Ave, Tampa, 33605	Presentation	Presentation & Lunch 12:15pm – 1:15pm Ned – referendum update Ray – what's in the plan TBARTA – regional picture Estimate 30	25
79	9/11 FRI	7:30 am	Rotary Club of Upper Tampa Bay Westchase Golf Clubhouse 11602 Westchase Golf Drive, Tampa 33626	Presentation	Rescheduled from May Need to send Christy a Ray bio 12+ estimate	12
80	9/21 MON	6:30 pm	Balm Civic Association Balm Recreation Center 14747 Balm/Wimauma Road Wimauma, FL 33598 (corner of CR 672 and Balm Wimauma Rd)	Presentation	Rescheduled from June 15th Need to bring equipment including screen; would like printed/electronic material to publicize the meeting; estimated attendance 15 – 25;	20
81	9/22 TUE	7:30 am	Tampa Downtown Partnership Downtown Debriefing – High Speed Rail Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel (across from TBPAC) 111 W Fortune St, Downtown Tampa	Display		100
82	9/22 TUE	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	HART Rail Alternatives Open House One Tampa City Center, 201 N. Franklin St, Tampa	Display		20
	9/22 TUE	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	HART Rail Alternatives Open House One Tampa City Center, 201 N. Franklin St, Tampa	Display		15
83	9/24 THU	4:00 pm	20th Annual Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession A La Carte Pavillion 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa, FL 33634	Display Table	The theme will be <i>Transportation Finance: Meeting the Funding Challenge Today, Shaping Policies for Tomorrow.</i>	
84	10/8 THU	12 noon - 1pm	North Tampa Chamber of Commerce Clarion Hotel, 2901Fowler Ave	Presentation	50 minute presentation – split time w Lisa Silva who will do the New Tampa Community Plan 30 ppl	
85	10/9 - 10/10 FRI - SAT	1pm – 5pm 9am – 4pm	Going Green Expo USF Tampa Campus – Marshall Student Center	Display Table	Will have to set up on FRI morning 3,000+ attended last year	
86	10/10 SAT	9am – 5pm	Streetcar Festival Dick Greco Plaza	Display Table	Need to confirm.	
87	10/15 THU	8:00 am	Brandon Community Leadership Breakfast Regions Bank Winthrop (corner of Providence & Bloomingdale)	Panel Discussion	Tony will get back with me to confirm and go over the details for the format Miller Dowdy, Ron Pierce, Editors, etc will be involved	
88	10/15 THU	7:00 pm	Lutz Civic Association Lutz Community Center on 41	Presentation	Bring Laptop and projector 25 ppl	
89	10.17 SAT	10am – 2pm	F.A.I.R. – Family Abilities Information Rally The Acadamies 3916 East Hillsborough Ave, Tampa 33610	Display Table	Bring our own table & chairs (if possible) and tent (if we get one)	
90	10/19 MON	11am – 12pm	Tampa Bay Partnership Partner Planning Meeting 4300 W Cypress Suite 250 (off Lois exit - Colonial 2)	Present LRTP video	30 ppl, bring any other MPO LRTP materials that are ready	
91	10/24 SAT	9am – 2pm	Tampa Wheel-A-Thon 2009 Freedom Playground, Macfarlane Park 1801 N Lincoln Ave, Tampa (Barksdale Center)	Photography & Display		

Table 2: MPO Outreach Calendar (Continued)

Event #	Date	Time	Organization/Event/Location	Format	Prep Notes	Result
92	10/30	9:30am	South County Roundtable Southshore Campus of HCC on 24 th St Rooms 201 & 202	Presentation	This meeting was confirmed by MPO; AV equipment provided; may want to bring your own as backup	
93	11/3 TBD	4-5:15	Florida Brownfields Conference 2009 Tampa Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tampa	Panel Discussion		
94	11/2 MON	2:30 pm – 6:00 pm	TDP Transportation Forum cohosted by the Brandon Chamber of Commerce Sable Park Crowne Plaza, Brandon	Exhibit Ray may speak	Expect 500 people keynote speaker Patrick McCrory, Charlotte Mayor 2:30 – 3:30 Media & Registration 3:30 - 5:30 program 5:30 – VIP invitation only mixer w McCrory Our new video may be prominently featured at this event	
95	11/2 MON	8:30 am	Hart Board	Presentation	15 handouts day of pres. Electronic Copy of Presentation needed Friday prior (10/30).	
96	11/3 TUES	6:00pm	Temple Terrace City Council	Presentation	Any material for packets needs to be provided by 22 Oct.	
97	11/5 THUR	2:	Tampa City Council	Presentation	sandy.marshall@tampagov.net .	
98	11/7 & 11/8 SAT & SUN	10am – 5pm SAT – 4pm SUN	Ruskin Seafood Festival E.G. Simmons Park 2401 19th Avenue, N.W., Ruskin, FL 33570	Display Table	Set up times from 7am – 9am each day	
99	11/9 MON	2:00pm	Hillsborough Planning Commission	Presentation		
100	11/9	6:00pm	Hills Youth Collaborative 1002 E. Palm Ave., Tampa	Presentation	They have AV equipment available	
101	11/9 MON	7:30 pm	Plant City City Commission	Presentation	Materials due to City Clerk 5 Nov.	
102	11/10 TUE	10:00 am	East Tampa Revitalization Partnership Ragan Park, 1200 E. Lake, Tampa	Presentation	Confirmed; Projector and laptop will be available	
103	11/10 TUE	7:00 pm	Town Call Meeting Details pending – call in numbers will be provided	Panel Discussion		
104	11/13 FRI	8:30 am – 10am	Tampa Downtown Partnership Transportation Committee Park Tower Building (400 N. Tampa St, Suite 2750)	LRTP update, Tampa projects, MPO video		
105	11/16 MON	3:00 pm	THEA Board	Presentation	Confirmed; Material Due 9 Nov. Electronic Presentation Due 13 Nov.	
106	11/19 THUR	7:00 pm	Town Call Meeting Details pending – call in numbers will be provided	Panel Discussion		
107	11/21 SAT	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	7th Annual Plant City Pig Jam Randy Larson Softball Four-Plex Stadium 1900 South Park Rd/1401 Albertsons Dr, Plant City	Display Table		
108	12/2 WED	12:00 pm	Southsore Rotary Club	Presentation	Confirmed	
109	12/2 WED	call	Hillsborough BOCC	Presentation	Waiting for call back from Wesley Rowe	
110	12/8 TUES	10:00 am	Westshore Alliance	Presentation	Confirmed by Beth Alden; AV equipment will be available	
111	12/9 WED	6:00 pm	2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Adoption 601 E Kennedy Blvd, 2 nd Fl, Downtown Tampa	Public Hearing		
112	12/14 MON	12 noon	The Exchange Club of Tampa Jackson's Bistro, Waterfront Room 601 S. Harbour Island Blvd, Tampa, FL 33602	Presentation	80-100 businessmen Bring laptop and Jackson's has projector	

Public Comments Received

Table 2: MPO Outreach Calendar (Continued)

During the Needs Assessment phase of the Update, from October 2008 through June 2009 and excluding inquiries and information requests, the MPO logged hundreds of comments from citizens and stakeholders in a database containing records of comments regarding future needs, project preferences or funding. These comprise comments received at meetings, through the website (including Twitter), mail, email, telephone calls and walk-in visitors. Comments logged in the database varied widely, with citizens expressing opinions in favor of or against improvements to different modes of transportation, specific projects, funding proposals, or simply a general opinion. Through June of 2009, when the needs assessment phase concluded, the majority of comments favored (in descending order) rail transit, bus transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. Table 3 summarizes the results.

Table 3: Public Comment Database through June 2009

Rec ID	Source	Comment	Incid Date	Jurisdiction	Zip	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	
							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
2920	Assist/ Comment	@HillsboroughMPO rail okay if sex appeal for investment. BRT key for dispersed area such as ours. 2 BRT plans for HART should go ahead!	6/25/2009					X	X											
2921	Assist/ Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Philly-area residents often gripe about SEPTA costs. Still better than nothing, but suburbanites overly subsidized.	6/25/2009																	X Equity
2930	Assist/ Comment	@HillsboroughMPO RT: Fla bullet train = cool; skeptical; Time got one fact wrong; rail OK in '00 was for entire state http://bit.ly/fbQpF	6/22/2009				X													
2941	Assist/ Comment	@HillsboroughMPO mmm, love open roads! was built for autobahn and Sunshine Skyway Bridge-when slow cars aren't in left lane, which is never!	6/9/2009								X									
2884	Assist/ Comment	make the lights turn green consecutively	6/3/2009	TA	33605						X									
2885	Assist/ Comment	pump up the social side of taking transit, carpooling & vanpooling.	6/3/2009	TA	33605		X													
2886	Assist/ Comment	why is it going to take so long to get a rail system like other cities (BART, etc.)?	6/3/2009	TA	33605	X	X													
2887	Assist/ Comment	East Tampa is very excited about the economic opportunities that rail will bring.	6/3/2009	TA	33605		X											X East Tampa		
2888	Assist/ Comment	East Tampa residents are top transit consumers.	6/3/2009	TA	33605		X		X									X East Tampa		
2889	Assist/ Comment	Better transit services will help the environment and reduce traffic.	6/3/2009	TA	33605		X		X											
2890	Assist/ Comment	Can't Amtrak stop here at least once per day until we get a commuter rail system? Why'd they remove the big mural in Plant City? Should've made a deal with CSX 15+ years ago to run rail from Tampa - Plant City - Lakeland - Orlando/Kissimmee Need a rail line from Tampa Union Station - Plant City - Lakeland - Haines City - Celebration/Kissimmee - Orlando Classic train station in Plant City used to get 22 trains per day. Where are they now? Why doesn't Amtrak stop here anymore?	6/4/2009	PC	33563	X	X													
2891	Assist/ Comment	Allow development in an area that is different from the current zoning; what needs to happen or look like? Retain the character to allow for long term such as park, public square. Fit corridors together that collaborate with the Environment such as wetlands, preservation & conservation lands, wildlife corridors, shore line corridors.	4/28/2009	TA		X														
2892	Assist/ Comment	Metropolitan wise we are behind Atlanta (MARTA) in rail transit. When was the whole discussion about mass transit started, why is it taking so long for it to come into effect? If we don't get better employment opportunities we will see a population decline. Why is 63 cent of a dollar sent to Hillsborough County?	5/8/2009	TA		X	X		X											
2893	Assist/ Comment	If transit is such a good idea, then why are buildings/stores closing in Channelside where the trolley runs through? How much does the first leg of the project cost, and where does it come from? How can transit help my living standards, such as receiving potable water etc.? What additional development will be caused solely by rail transit?	4/14/2009	HC		X		X		X										X Where will \$ come from?
2894	Assist/ Comment	Greatly appreciate the professionalism by Ray Chairamonte on being an advocate for rail transit, because without him the idea of rail transit would not be brought into consideration for Hillsborough County.	4/15/2009	TA			X													
2895	Assist/ Comment	Are the MPO helping the community with their community plans to help them be aware of the impacts that will be going on? How do you determine if the area proposed for rail transit, wants to slow down or needs to grow?	4/17/2009	HC		X														

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							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
2896	Assist/Comment	Is there a proposal of transit running from downtown to USF? We have a good chance on receiving funds for the High Speed Rail Project connecting Tampa to Orlando because the engineering and acquisition is done etc. Presentation was excellent! And how does rail transit affect or work with the disadvantage? You cannot build enough roads to handle the amount of traffic	4/14/2009	TT		X	X					X								
2897	Assist/Comment	Need more lanes on 39 North of I-4	6/4/2009	PC	33563						X						X	SR 39		
2898	Assist/Comment	Need more bike lanes!	6/4/2009	PC	33563								X							
2899	Assist/Comment	What are the wooden bridge paths along 92 doing there? Not used much. Why did we spend this \$?	6/4/2009	PC	33563	X												X	US 92 Trails	
2900	Assist/Comment	Need more door - to - door for people in need	6/4/2009	PC	33563				X											
2901	Assist/Comment	Traffic is moving at higher and higher speeds right in front of my home.	6/4/2009	PC	33563								X							
2902	Assist/Comment	Knights Grillin Rd. should be widened from SR 39 to US 301. NE Plant City commuters will use this route, especially to University Area, and avoiding wrecks on I-4.	6/4/2009	PC	33563						X							X	Knights Griffin Rd	
2903	Assist/Comment	Nice to have rail as a back-up if your car breaks down. Need park & ride access.	6/4/2009	PC	33563		X											X	Park & Ride	
2904	Assist/Comment	Need more showers and other bike facilities for people to be able to ride bikes in this weather.	6/16/2009	HC	33569								X					X	Showers & Bike Fac	
2905	Assist/Comment	Why does it take so long to develop and implement a rail system? Not a lot of transit plans in South County? People need to understand the transit experience to vote for it. Educate the public on how to ride a bus - offer free rides to try it.	6/16/2009	HC	33569	X	X		X									X	South County	
2906	Assist/Comment	Adopt concurrency with the builders.	6/16/2009	HC	33569	X														
2907	Assist/Comment	Invest in ITS - use smart signals to alleviate traffic	6/16/2009	HC	33569						X							X	ITS	
2908	Assist/Comment	Would like to know the money game results per area of the county (i.e. Lutz). Possibly on the web site. Post slides on-line for viewing	6/23/2009	HC		X														
2909	Assist/Comment	Transit system should be paid for by farebox Prioritize funds: --Support transit, but need to have developers pay not thru taxes --"people are taxed to death"	6/23/2009	HC			X		X										X	Fare Box/ Developers
2911	Assist/Comment	@TBARTA @HillsboroughMPO most critical component in successful transit systems is density http://tinyurl.com/nra6hb Interested in your resp. (Response from twitter)	7/7/2009				X		X											
2782	Assist/Comment	With all due respect, plus a little extra, light rail is simply a modification of a 19th century system which worked well for the de-centralized populations of that era, but simply won't solve our 21st century problems. It appears to me that your advising consultants are good at looking back, trying to use old proven methods which are both known and reliable. I'm attaching a monograph of the advantages of a small module hanging monorail, which perhaps isn't the ultimate answer, but appears at worst to be a better way to solve the problem than any other current ideas.	3/5/2009			X														
2792	Assist/Comment	Bicycle commuter	5/7/2009	TA	33672								X							
2794	Assist/Comment	Asked if Lakewood Dr between SR 60 and ML King Blvd was a constrained road.	6/1/2009	HC		X														
2795	Assist/Comment	He commented to our twitter account regarding the joint TTF meeting. Thought we should be selling how can we NOT afford to build a rail system.	6/2/2009	TA	33606		X													
2796	Assist/Comment	What is status of Alexander St Extension? We are going to need some traffic relief in the near future. That short section of highway would be a big help. Keep	6/4/2009	PC							X							X	Alexander	

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		up the good work.																		
2797	Assist/Comment	It is very important that you are planning ahead for years 2035 and 2050, before the transportation problems become unsolvable or very hard to fix.	6/4/2009	PC	33563	X														
2798	Assist/Comment	Having buses into Senior Center i.e. Sam Allen Rd to Walmart and Downtown Plant City. Having service on weekends.	6/4/2009	PC	33566				X									X Plant City		
2799	Assist/Comment	I would commute by bus if: 1. It only took a marginal amount more time than driving by myself 2. It was productive - I could emails, watch the news, talk with friends 3. It was comfortable with nice buses/motor coaches	6/3/2009	TA					X									X Bus Amenities		
2800	Assist/Comment	East - West corridor in Busch/Linebaugh area is a top priority Light rail to bring suburban people to downtown is needed More routes to TIA (rail & bus) are needed	6/3/2009	TA	33635		X		X									X E-W Rd		
2801	Assist/Comment	1. Communication was extremely poor. With all of the electronic means available for free, they should be utilized as an avenue to send information about meetings, plans, announcements...2. Spend more time reviewing the plans, less time on non speaker/ presentation. I did not know that nothing would really happen the 1st hour. Most of the slides were good and full of information, but were presented too quickly.	6/3/2009	TA	33604	X														
2802	Assist/Comment	Great meeting. I hope the next will have more locals from the neighborhood.	6/3/2009	TA	33605	X														
2803	Assist/Comment	Give us light rail!!	6/9/2009	TA			X													
2804	Assist/Comment	Put light rail at the top - Do whatever it takes to keep Bruce B Downs at 6 lanes or less. Form political action groups to push transportation agendas with the politicians who are ignoring it.	6/9/2009	TA	33647		X					X							X BB Downs	
2805	Assist/Comment	The meeting provided some extremely valuable information, and I appreciate it beign held. I wish more time had been spent addressing the specific plans for our particular area both short and long term.	6/9/2009	TA	33647	X														
2806	Assist/Comment	I think this is a great plan for the future. I hope this happens in the nearby future.	6/9/2009	TA	33647	X														
2807	Assist/Comment	--Why don't you just ask about the sales tax? Isn't that what this is about?--I came to New Tampa for a suburban lifestyle. We don't want rail and high density.- Do not build the bridge over I-75 at New Tampa Blvd. It will dump traffic onto Tampa Palms, a residential street. Look instead at a different bridge connection to Highland.	6/9/2009	TA					X										X New Tampa Blvd	X Sales Tax
2808	Assist/Comment	1. I will be happy to pay extra sales tax to support Light Rail 2. Keep heavy traffic OUT of residential areas 3. Do not degrade residential areas with the New Tampa Blvd. extension to I-275 4. Ensure bus schedules and train schedules are linked	6/9/2009	TA	33647		X		X			X							X New Tampa Blvd	X Sales Tax
2809	Assist/Comment	Please don't Raise taxes!! The economy is in dire straits. I support bik paths and golf cart parts and good roads. I oppose Bus and Rail expenditures. People will not nor have they ever supported bus and rail. People want _FREEDOM_. MASS TRANSIT IS ANTI-FREEDOM. MASS TRANSIT IS PRO-BUREAUCRAT. Please find a real job with a service that people actually want. TEACHERS should be encouraged to work at the school closest to their home.	6/9/2009	TA	33519				X		X	X		X						X Don't raise taxes
2810	Assist/Comment	Well organized - pointed - and motivational One presentation comment- Aim projection higher on screen so people in back can see	6/9/2009	TA	33647	X														
2811	Assist/Comment	Using smart growth, i.e. practices that surround the proposed stations (light rail, Rapid Bus, etc.) is the way of the future. This will be great for the city of Tampa both economically and environmentally. Also, having more options for public transportation (light rail, bus, etc.) needs to have more connections in New Tampa to downtown Tampa. This is the only downside of living in New Tampa.	6/9/2009	TA			X		X										X New Tampa	
2812	Assist/Comment	How do you get all of the agencies to work together? Does this create an inefficiency? All appear to work together well. Marketing this plan will be critical. How do you stop and manage the sprawl?	6/9/2009	TA	33647	X														
2814	Assist/	Please see attached letter	6/9/2009	TA	33647		X		X		X								X	

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							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
		route that could take traffic via a widened Cross Creek Boulevard, and from County Line Road and a widened S.R. 54 and S.R. 56. 4. As far as possible, avoid making heavy commuter roads toll roads. Doing so will encourage commuters to seek the roads that are already overloaded. 5. despite the signing of the "Community Renewal Act," ensure that adequate roads are incorporated into Comprehensive Plans, and that they are in place prior to approval of new development.																		
		6. continue to vigorously pursue the development of mass transit systems such as those already in Baltimore, Washington, and San Francisco. A dual-track system for both heavy commuter rail and light rail are necessary to avoid unnecessary delays and a slow ride that will discourage use. A single-pass system for each of the travel modes should be developed to make system use easy for the rider. Government incentives should be given to businesses to encourage businesses to subsidize employee fares, to encourage use of the system and to improve the comparative cost to cars. 7. Plan new utility easements along major new roads, in order to provide simple power expansion for future mass transit systems, and also to keep long-distance transmission lines out of residential communities. Thank you for your consideration.																		
2816	Assist/Comment	Good to see the momentum in transit. Need to encourage and support rail transit, promote TOD. Bus system is way behind-BRT is great Bicycles and walking are great - as long as it doesn't rain and isn't too hot. This is Florida!! Getting the sales tax referendum approved in this economy will be tough. Please be prepared to promote and advertise the benefits (\$5.84/dollar etc.) heavily!!	6/9/2009	Other	33596		X		X				X		X					X
2817	Assist/Comment	Mr. Jim Wujek, President and Mr. Fredric Zerla, Vice President University Square Civic Association, Inc. 11101 N. 19th Street Tampa, Florida 33612 Dear Messers. Wujek and Zerla: We have received a copy of your March 2, 2009 letter to Mayor lorio expressing opposition to widening Bougainvillea Avenue to four lanes. We have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that there appears to be a misunderstanding regarding the ownership of Bougainvillea Avenue. Bougainvillea Avenue is owned by the City of Tampa and is not within the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation. As Mayor lorio's correspondence indicated, the City currently has no plans to widen Bougainvillea Avenue. The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has identified the need to widen a small portion of Bougainvillea Avenue between 30th Street and McKinley Drive in their 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); however, funding has not been identified in that 20-year period. The MPO is responsible for establishing priorities to meet short-term (next 5 years) and long-term multi-modal transportation needs for Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and unincorporated Hillsborough County. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the long range transportation planning process, please contact Mr. Ramond Chairamonte, Hillsborough County MPO Executive Director, at 272-5940. Sincerely, Scott Collister Donald J. Skelton, P.E. District Seven Secretary	4/20/2009	TA	33612-6456	X													X Bougainvillea Ave	
2818	Assist/Comment	1. The proposed transit maps look like a recipe for suburban sprawl on steroids. 2. The question on how to spend transportation dollars is biased in favor of rail by including other modes with rail. 3. This is a lot of money. Maybe people would rather have assistance with child care, health care, elderly care or "house care" than being able to get to work in twenty five minutes. 4. This is extremely expensive and not very effective because of very low population and business densities. 5. Have you estimated how much of this outlay is going to be returned as federal income tax on wage and capital gains? This is exporting of community wealth. 6. How long should it take someone to get to work based on how far they are from work? 7. It would be cheaper to subsidize moving people closer to their work than to build transit lines. 8. It would be better to move people in their autos from region to region. 9. Nothing shown so far has come close to an individual in his car for efficiency and effectiveness in meeting that individual's transportation needs. 10. The systems shown relate to an era when someone stayed at home	6/4/2009	PC	33563	X		X		X	X									X Too expensive

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							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
		to "run" the home, someone went to work and came home at the end of the day. That social structure doesn't exist today: meaning the proposed transportation plans will not be used to any great extent. It is an archaic solution to a contemporary problem.																		
2819	Assist/Comment	Do whatever it takes to keep Bruce B Downs at 6 lanes or less.	6/9/2009	TA	33647		X		X										X BB Downs	
2820	Assist/Comment	--Do not build the bridge over I-75 at New Tampa Blvd. It will dump traffic onto Tampa Palms, a residential street. Look instead at a different bridge connection to Highland.	6/9/2009									X							X New Tampa Blvd	
2821	Assist/Comment	2. Keep heavy traffic OUT of residential areas 3. Do not degrade residential areas with the New Tampa Blvd. extension to I-275	6/9/2009	TA	33647							X							X New Tampa Blvd	
2824	Assist/Comment	Very informative and thought-provoking.	6/10/2009	TA	33605	X														
2825	Assist/Comment	Although all the plans have great ideas, I think the wider range long term plan TBARTA is best. Being 15 this would really affect me and how I'll get to work. Light rail seems like a great idea to get cars off the road and buses would be great to take people from light rail stops to jobs. Also light rails to colleges could really be handy and they could both benefit. TBARTA will hopefully be a cleaner and safer way to get to work.	6/10/2009	Other	33563		X		X											
2826	Assist/Comment	-Can trails be used for emergency evacuation?-Could trails be used for emergency vehicle access (EMS)?-Ped. Connections are important on both sides of the street.-Sidewalks need to be 5' wide, regardless of phone poles and fire hydrants Come back in July	5/27/2009	TA			X							X						
2827	Assist/Comment	-Are the costs for commuter rail (\$ 30 M/mi) too high? Sun rail was less. -Transit envelope in I-275 goes 400-500' west of Lois, until the SR 60 interchange (Westshore Plaza area) is reconstructed (\$ 360 M)	5/27/2009	TA			X													X Cost too high
2828	Assist/Comment	Your financial planning comes up to the county line and stops? -yes Connection to Hillsborough is a priority for us (PMI), but not sure whether this needs to be on Frankland Bridge or over land through Oldsman	5/11/2009	Other	33755	X											X Connection to Pinellas			
2829	Assist/Comment	USF is key - Communication Director Park & Ride transition to garage parking? Maintain volume and budget? Cost/ride? Love it and ready to get rid of car. Will it be friendly to the environment? They cut the ecosystem	5/26/2009	TA			X	X		X										
2830	Assist/Comment	Rail Interest, understood bus connections in their area of Egypt Lake. Trolley system of ages 80 should never have been taken up, thru downtown, up Nebraska work by rail between Anderson & Manhattan, good route for rail N. to Linebaugh - wide not very active.	4/28/2009	TA			X	X												
2831	Assist/Comment	--More access to MacDill AFB - rail needs to be extend--? On extension of xtown to Gandy Bridge hadn't heard about elevated option (neither opposed or in favor)- -Upset about closing on Gandy Trail Bridge. Asked how she and many friends & neighbors could get involved with saving it (again!)--Land Use/Transportation needs stong link to make alternatives succeed.--No roads, just rail--Don't expand bus until after rail--Must have bus for rail to work--Enough roads? Will it impact my house--Need rail up Dale Mabry to Pasco--I like H2O transit--Pedestrian connections to transit--More trails needed	6/1/2009	TA	33611		X	X		X			X	X		X				
2832	Assist/Comment	--US 92 needed to be widened	5/1/2009	PC							X						X US 92			
2833	Assist/Comment	--Wants light rail to Tampa - work trip	5/1/2009	PC				X												
2834	Assist/Comment	Environmental impacts with and without transit? Teenagers & kids that don't drive will be attracted to transit.Will streetcar system be brought back and follow its old lines?TBARTA connection from Tamps to Clearwater Beach is good & will be	4/22/2009	TA			X	X		X			X							

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Rec ID	Source	Comment	Incid Date	Jurisdiction	Zip	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	
							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
		much faster than bus. Will be much easier to build rail once you have the first line built. Will BRT have lanes for buses? We have talked about putting a Park & Ride lot out here. How is LRT powered? Getting around will be much safer with rail transit. Will there be designated bicycle lanes? On Caltrain you can bring bicycles on board. Way too many cars on the road now. Worried about disruption due to construction. How many homes will be lost (displaced) due to this light rail system?																		
2835	Assist/ Comment	--Downtown parking should be limited if transit is to work--Glad to see you're working closely with land use planning. You can't redevelop in a transit - supportive way if you have lots of other regulations. That has to change.	4/28/2009	TA		X	X		X											
2836	Assist/ Comment	--Need bike lanes on roads, not just trails--You talk about jobs - seniors need to get other places, like hospitals/medical appointments--Who is coming here? There isn't enough water for all this growth.--Would like to see smaller buses. Does HART really need two big buses? They don't look full and they get in my way on the road.	4/27/2009	TA		X							X					X Smaller Buses for HART		
2838	Assist/ Comment	How much revenue does a 1cent sales tax generate? Why isn't the sales tax levied regionally?	4/15/2009	TA																X Sales Tax
2839	Assist/ Comment	--Request to send newsletter to: Bonito Middle - 10101 Cross Creek Blvd. 33647 120 copies to Charmaine Jones--Stop building roads and start building rail-- Wondering B.B. Downs to Pebble Creek, and leaving it 4 lanes north of there for a while, creates a dangerous bottleneck very close to a high school with inexperienced drivers.--Middle schoolers and high schoolers could take local bus to school if it were available (majority support for this idea)	5/28/2009	TA	33647	X	X		X			X								X BB Downs
2841	Assist/ Comment	--What are other cities such as LA & NYC doing regarding transit and long range transportation planning?--Will there be connections from transit stations like in the NY metropolitan area?--Will station area parking be left up to local communities to solve?--Will rail plan use I-4 or railroad ROW to serve Plant City?--AMTRAK had to take over passenger service in NYC area because private railroads went bankrupt.--If approved by voters, when would ground be broken on a rail system? --If HART is designated to run the rail system, they have not done very well running the bus system.	5/6/2009	PC		X	X													
2842	Assist/ Comment	The elevated lanes on the X-Town should be extended to the east side of Brandon, perhaps in the middle of SR 60. (similar to what is being proposed on Gandy by THEA) This would reduce the congestion that occurs each afternoon where the Brandon Pky intersects with Lumsden.	5/8/2009	TA							X							X X-Town		
2843	Assist/ Comment	Hello, This is to thank Beth Alden for her interesting and informative presentation at our Bayside West Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, April 27. We like being kept apprised of the progress of public transportation in our area and enjoyed her discussion with us. Anne O'Hara, Secretary	4/27/2009	TA		X														
2844	Assist/ Comment	Mr. Burda wanted to know about the Lutz Lake Fern Rd widening project between Dale Mabry Hwy and the Suncoast Xway. He is concerned that it was to be built before the new High School opened. I reviewed the 2025 LRTP and current TIP with Mr. Burda and showed him how to access the documents on the MPO Web Site. I also looked at the Hillsborough County CIP document (Oct 13, 2008) and faxed Mr Burda the page showing that Lutz Lake Fern Rd widening project was funded with TTF funds and was scheduled to be completed in 2012. I referred him to the Public Works Dept for more detail.	6/12/2009	HC		X												X Lutz Lake Fern Rd		
2845	Assist/ Comment	Per our discussion last week, I have attached a few items regarding household expenditures for transportation. The consumer expenditure survey is done quarterly and typically aggregated over two years for metro areas to give a larger sample. They dropped Tampa-St Pete from the sample in 2005. Before then the data fluctuated significantly over time in a fashion that did not necessarily match other cities. The major variable that changes is the capital expenditure for vehicles. As you can see in the table (and in more detail on the attached spreadsheet) the Tampa-St. Pete data peaked in 2001 (that is the data that STPP	4/27/2009			X														

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		used in their analysis) and has declined each year since then. Far more stable is the spending on fuel which is a far better metric for understanding travel levels. As a low salary location and given vehicle and fuel costs don't necessarily vary as a function of local cost of living, transportation spending tends to be a higher share in Tampa. There are other factors as well including the fact that more folks here spending retirement savings rather than income, may be more likely to purchase vehicles outright, etc. – things that can impact these numbers. In any case, transportation spending here is certainly not an anomaly. To characterize transportation spending as high due to the lack of public transit or rail is simply not supported by the data. See also the discussion on the attached piece from the Urban Transportation Monitor that provides an overview of how household transportation spending should be looked at. Washington D.C., Baltimore, Atlanta, Miami, Tampa, Dallas –Fortworth, Houston Total transportation spending in major cities across years 2005: 7,876; 5,799; 6,044; 6,282; 8,838; 10,326 2004: 8,086; 5,970; 5,794; 6,791; 6,855; 9,574; 9,126 2003: 7,853; 5,605; 7,400; 8,348; 7,291; 9,815; 9,891 2002: 7,543; 5,108; 7,458; 7,617; 8,850; 10,051; 9,536 2001: 7,647; 6,405; 6,577; 7,469; 9,292; 10,516; 9,566 2000: 7,813; 7,185; 7,056; 7,463; 7,752; 8,948																		
2846	Assist/ Comment	Good afternoon Mr. Chiamonte, I am a citizen of Hillsborough County and resident of Tampa Palms. I reviewed the presentation that you presented to the MPO on April 14th. (AGENDA ITEM IV-E) I would like to bring to your attention what appears to me to be a substantial error in the description of traffic as it relates to CR 581 Segment A. The slide below is not consistent with the Hills Cty Level of Service Report issued Sept 2008. This is the information from the LOS report. Road Spd LOS Len Roadway (From/To) Reg FC Type Lmt Std. (mi) Sig/Mi AADT Daily Cap LOS BRUCE B DOWNS BLVD: (FOWLER AVE-to-FLETCHER AVE) Y MA 6D 45 E 1.00 5.00 42,791 51,200 D BRUCE B DOWNS BLVD: (FLETCHER-to-BEARSS AVE) Y MA 6D 45 E 0.90 5.56 47,050 51,200 F BRUCE B DOWNS BLVD: (BEARSS AVE -to-TAMPA PALMS BLVD) Y MA 4D 45 D 2.16 1.85 69,962 40,400 F BRUCE B DOWNS BLVD: (TAMPA PALMS BLVD-to-I-75) Y MA 4D 45 D 2.23 1.35 50,804 41,000 D BRUCE B DOWNS BLVD: (I-75 -to-CROSS CREEK BLVD) Y MA 4D 45 D 1.97 2.03 51,984 40,800 E BRUCE B DOWNS BLVD: (CROSS CREEK BLVD -to-COUNTY LINE RD) Y MA 4D 45 D 1.90 2.11 40,861 48,700 C While this does not change the meat of your excellent message: it does inappropriately cast doubt on the severity of the traffic situation from Tampa Palms to BB Downs.	4/24/2009	TA	33647	X														X Bruce B Downs
2847	Assist/Co mment	Thank you for the coverage of this important issue. As a transplant to Tampa, I sorely miss the quality public transportation available in other major metropolitan areas. Open air bus stops with less-than-adequate coverage are a far cry from a system that is a viable substitute for driving for the majority of the people in the area. I am greatly in favor of investing in the future of the Tampa Bay area with such a project. The only question in my mind is, is that all we can do?	4/15/2009	TA		X	X		X											
2848	Assist/ Comment	Where will first leg of rail system run & where are the stops? Will train only run back & forth from one end to the other? Will train operate 24 hours a day? How much will it cost to ride train end-to-end? Can we get a gym car? I commute 3 hours/day and need the time to exercise. Will rail system be funded completely by sales tax? Will there be any private investment? Is there a plan to boost electric power for the rail system? Will it be solar-powered? Will park-and-ride lot be manned? Will it be secure? Extending rail into Pasco County to serve Wiregrass area will be great!	4/6/2009	TA		X	X													

Table 3: Public Comment Database through June 2009 (Continued)

Rec ID	Source	Comment	Incid Date	Jurisdiction	Zip	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding		
							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose			
2849	Assist/Comment	Hi Kids, Sorry some of you were unable to make the "Carrollwood" planning meeting on the 26th. The presenter was Ray Chiaramonte, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission.. Lisa Silva had anticipated his program would only take a portion of the evenings scheduled time, however, he was so interesting & we had so many questions for him that it really filled the entire two hours. We were shown a DVD depicting what we now have & what will be in the future as to transportation. He also discussed the fact that a referendum will be ready for November '09 and if passed will be up for a vote in 2010. He discussed the fact that in the '90's a failed referendum lost Federal dollars, earmarked for us, that subsequently went to a city in North Carolina & they now have a rail system up & running. He also talked about Dallas & Denver (If I recall) that already have their rail system in place. He said Tampa was on a par with Detroit (&no one wants to be compared to Detroit). He indicated it takes about ten years to consummate the plan. Soooo, we had better get busy & be sure the referendum gets out there, that the people know how much we need this, and get the vote passed. The DVD also showed the intersecting types of transportation that would bring rail travelers to their destinations, where the parking areas would be, etc. I felt it was a well spent evening & am exceedingly glad that the Northdale people requested someone from Transportation be at a meeting for us. Thank you Lisa for bringing Ray Chiaramonte to our meeting. Next time we all get together will be Thursday, April 30th at 6:15/8"15 p.m. at the McFarland Road building in Old Carrollwood.	3/26/2009	TA		X	X		X												
2850	Assist/Comment	Lynn; I'm unable to attend the meeting this morning due to a doctor's appointment. Please forward this email to the MPO at this morning's meeting. With regard to the priorities to be discussed this morning I feel that the I-4 -Selmon Expressway just go to the top of the list. This is a vital project that is well into the planning stage and should move forward. Another priority and I'm not sure where it should be ranked is the repair/rebuild of The Friendship Trail Bridge. This missing link is also vital to the overall plans for a multi-country trail system that are already in place.	2/16/2009	TA	33616													X Selmon Expy Connector I-4 Friendship Trail Bridge			
2851	Assist/Comment	Dear Commissioners and Planners, While it may seem that now is a poor time to propose major infrastructure development projects, I will nevertheless submit to you a plan for consideration, to benefit all of the residents and businesses of the greater Tampa Bay Area. In fact, I have two projects that I would like to submit for consideration, as we plan for the future of our communities. Both have similar effects and benefits, including: Sprawl reduction Increased economic opportunities Security of property values Building a commuter-friendly city Shared tourism Shared transportation resources with increased ridership and revenues Increased sustainability Strengthening of labor force Increased attendance and participation at major events Development opportunity and economic strengthening of areas in need, (Gandy Boulevard and southwards, southeastern Hillsborough) Increased Hurricane Evacuation Routes Expanded health care access Expanded tourism markets Reduced Traffic on I-275 and US 19	1/29/2009	TA		X					X							X 2 New bridges over Tampa Bay			
		Specifically, I propose two new bridges across Tampa Bay. Yes, I know that we already have 4 major bridges, but as our cities continue to grow and develop, we must be practical about future needs. We are a major urban market built around a major bay, with a strong port, and tremendous need to cross at many points. The first bridge I propose would link Madison Blvd., (aka Progress Blvd, Bloomingdale Blvd.) to Gandy Boulevard in South Tampa. This would provide a continuous link from Redington Beach to Valrico, further reducing the strain on the Crosstown Expressway, US 301, Causeway Blvd. and Lumsden Road. This would provide direct access to South Tampa, and bolster the perpetually-struggling Gandy Blvd. corridor. Property values in the area would increase, as this becomes a cross-county hub, creating a thriving business corridor and enriched communities south of Gandy Boulevard. Likewise, commuters would be able to easily travel in both																			

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		directions-providing increased labor forces for the developing call center district along US 301, which would also attract additional commercial development in this area. The second bridge would span the bay from Big Bend Road to 22nd Avenue in St. Petersburg. This bridge would be a spur from I-75 into St. Petersburg, (perhaps the new I-575?). This bridge would provide an alternative to the Sunshine Skyway, allowing commerce to continue, unaffected in the event of road closures. Commuter benefits here would feed the growing community around Summerfield/Apollo Beach/Ruskin, and would open points beyond for further development. To look at southern and eastern Hillsborough County is baffling; the development continues-even during these difficult times. How will these new residents find work-a requirement for people that are expected to pay mortgages and taxes? How can these numerous apartments find residents? With homeowners failing in their mortgage commitments, how can new communities like Fish Hawk, (and all of the surrounding communities) maintain economic health?																		
		This area is far removed from centers of employment, healthcare, recreation, area attractions, and more, yet people continue to move to these areas, increasing the need for rapid infrastructure development. These bridges would reduce the need for speed of infrastructure development, as they will naturally have greater access to existing services. To build these two new bridges will contain sprawl by opening new traffic routes between existing communities; thereby increasing employment and economic opportunities. Tourism in Hillsborough County would increase due to easier beach access. Traffic on I-275, would be eased tremendously. Commercial interests would benefit by larger territories, there will be more options for Emergency Management, the list goes on. Truly, all of the Greater Bay area will be enriched. Funding for these projects would come from local sources, state sources, and even federal sources. Certainly the Big Bend Bridge would be a toll bridge, helping to self-fund the building and maintenance of the bridge. Rest assured; if you do not already see the need for these bridges, you will certainly feel the pinch before long. I would like to formally open this dialog and initiate these projects so that we may stay ahead of need. And build the Tampa Bay Area into a city of greatness.																		
2852	Assist/ Comment	Despite my best efforts of reading both major papers daily and travelling extensively in the Carrollwood area, I have recently become aware that some sort of planning process is underway. Please put my email on the mailing list, provide a link to all the work that has been done and please, in the future, provide adequate notice so that the residents of the area can actually know there is something going on.	10/21/2008	HC		X														
2853	Assist/ Comment	Thank you. Is there anywhere that most people would see where notices are given? Also, I was interested to see how the theoretical/proposed rail map completely ignores only one major developed area in Hillsborough County – Carrollwood – even though rails run right by original Carrollwood – is there any explanation for this glaring deficiency?	10/21/2008	HC		X											X Carrollwood			
2854	Assist/ Comment	The main east-west rail should be above the median on Kennedy rather than Cypress. Despite the additional cost that is the only alignment that takes care of all relevant modes of interest to riders and will serve the future.	6/15/2009	TA			X													
2855	Assist/ Comment	BRT is generally silly without a dedicated ROW. You completely ignore Carrollwood.	6/15/2009	TA		X											X Carrollwood			
2856	Assist/ Comment	1. No MPO highway funding Map.? 2. No MPO level of service traffic load map? 3. More update info on Federal Road/Rail/Bus funding 4. More update info on Florida change in department concurrency lanes that posts the cost of roads entirely to the public rather than the developers.	6/15/2009	Other	33556	X														
2857	Assist/ Comment	Very informative meeting. Also plan on attending University area meeting on June 24, 2009	6/15/2009	TA	33604	X														
2859	Assist/	Was interested in project for bridge going thru 78th st. over the Alafia River. Is	6/16/2009	HC	33578	X											X			

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							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	
	Comment	there a future meeting?																78th St Bridge @ Alafia River	
2860	Assist/Comment	Well run presentation. Not much about my area. SCC	6/18/2009	HC	33573	X													
2863	Assist/Comment	Am in favor of a 1 cent sales tax for transit - Bus Rapid Transit & Light Rail. S. Cty. Hillsborough needs a bus line - express bus, eventually a light rail line. Short term - park & ride.	6/18/2009	HC	33503		X		X										X Sales Tax
2864	Assist/Comment	1. Can't build the roads, will not build the roads as per SB 630 signal by Gov.2. Cliff-pattern of growth running wild last 30 years - seems like a BOCC problem to me. Approving out lying development with min. requirement to function as one.3. Ray - How can you manage an area and not hire in it? You can't feel the daily pulse of the area. You become mind set on what you see/from work/home.	6/18/2009	HC	33573	X					X								
2866	Assist/Comment	I'm for the preposed tax for mass transit improvements as long as the money is designated for mass transit and doesn't get earmarked for other projects. I also was on the Hartline Consumer Advisory Committee for 6 years so I do want to see this area have a real good mass transit sytem!	6/30/2009	TT	33617-4017		X		X										X Sales Tax
2868	Assist/Comment	A good basis to get informed. Please continue to get feedback from constituents.	6/30/2009	TT	33617	X													
2869	Assist/Comment	1. County Speakers stated "We can't continue to grow and spread out without transportation improvements" - SAME THING WE HAVE HEARD FOR OVER 10 YEARS BUT THE P&G AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REFUSE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LIMIT GROWTH. 2. Fast long distance trains (rail transit) will not be popular without the assurance to residents along the route that they will not be bothered by train horns blaring every half hour without the ridiculous rule that THEY (the residents) will not have to pay for other counties convenience. 3. To get public support we need TRUE public input and specifics on how we will be affected.	6/23/2009	HC	33549	X													
2870	Assist/Comment	Very much appreciated the 'local' county info. Meetings besides the internet access. Looking forward to the future and alternatives to our car - especially to the airport! (Down the middle of I-275?) Don't let CSX rob us of our future if they play financial and political hardball.	6/23/2009	HC	33549	X	X		X									X I-275 to Airport	
2871	Assist/Comment	Thank you very much for coming to Lutz. I think there will be a better turn out here rather than the Lutz people coming to Downtown Tampa. The maps and dates have been informative.	6/23/2009	HC	33549	X													
2872	Assist/Comment	Nee an east-west road to connect Dale Mabry with US 41. Crystal lake, Simmons Rd, Van Dyke, and Crenshaw Lake Rd. are neighborhood roads. Let's move forward on this long-needed traffic connector. Thank you.	6/23/2009	HC	33548	X					X							X Lutz Area	
2873	Assist/Comment	Why no plan with all these paid workers/departments? No new taxes for anything. Get rid of high salaried people (Pat Bean & 6 deputies, hire secretaries not aides for each commissioner, no \$500 car allotments). Don't build stadiums; use tax dollars more carefully... no donations to museums, performing arts and other non-profits. County should lower expenses and fund better lighting on major streets and slower trains (don't need bullet trains). Stop building new housing and we won't need to build any more streets. Go for rails.	6/23/2009	HC	33549	X	X												X No New Taxes
2874	Assist/Comment	Daily accidents happen along I-4 creating a need to take an alternative route. However, neither HWY 92 or 574 have been laned to absorb over-flow. Instead sidewalks are being constructed and not used at considerable tax payer expense. What's of primary importance to me is improving those roadways mentioned. Improvements to Sam Allen Rd should be delayed until 92 & 574 are widened to 4 lanes to accommodate the motorists daily. Charlie Griffin bike lanes would only waste more funds needs.	6/30/2009	TT	33563	X					X		X	X				X I-4 Alts 92 & 574	
2875	Assist/Comment	I feel but for intervals (eg. Today Wed. 24th from 4:10 4:38 4:15 # 45 never showed, as another night while the # 2 for 4:30 left 4:38) the drivers are generally good but STRUCTURAL Weakness indicates "admin. Higherships must perch in	6/24/2009	TA	33620	X			X									X More Bus Stops	

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		the Office & Never get-out into the a/c less "field," eg. I was at a past meeting, I brought-out that half-wrongly done # 2/ #12 changes, properly eliminated Marion St. Bus Way "Cooks Tour" but too much so, i.e. needed enter/depart along Jackson/Kennedy rather than Coss/Tyler but "salt is rubbed into the wound" by Coss/Tyler dragging half-a-bus into full of people on additional unnecessary block & a half from Tyler at Marion to AME-Church. This WAS DAMAGE CONTROL not an idea for a year off. Need more bus shelters esp. Nebraska Southbound south of Fowler, Northbound north of Fowler, also 56th St. Northbound south of Busch. More bus-stop on E/W streets that have too few (as opposed to N/S streets), and also many stops are for from the intersections theoretically served. A major Labor Pool at Skipper & Nebraska behooves, if #2s are appropriately rerouted from Skipper/Bearss to Fletcher, #1s should be routed from Fletcher to 142nd ave., Nebraska to 22nd St so workers could walk 142nd St. to Skipper/Bearss that would be marginally served by #83 (loop of which also needs rerouting from Central to Nebraska). A lot of Housing is available along the #1 near Floribraska, MLK JR., while vacancies along Nebraska rot as severe, so people at Labor Pool would ultimately positively adjust to being able to use #1s stops at 15th (N/S) were useful & Fowler but phased out.																		
2876	Assist/ Comment	Rail Transit sounds great, but I'm afraid cities have decided that rail transit is the answer. But I'm sorry until we look at what the cost per trip is, we can't solely rely on rail transit.	4/23/2009	TA			X													X Cost
2877	Assist/ Comment	what was used to determine demographics? We currently have two residential high-rises, and they're some mix-uses in Skypoint, and they are a lot more activity going on downtown. Night life is beginning to improve in downtown Tampa. Complete Streets and rail transit is a great idea, compared to bus transit!	4/23/2009	TA		X	X							X						
2878	Assist/ Comment	Allow development along US 41, but that serve as infill development or office parks. Maintain the wetlands, rivers, and protect environmental justice areas. Some how extend the Urban Service Boundary to the area, but follow the community plan.	4/28/2009			X											X US 41			
2879	Assist/ Comment	How do we get more of the traditionally underserved involved? Where's the trust? The supporting bus system?	6/3/2009	TA	33605	X														
2880	Assist/ Comment	Be inclusive. Invest in the heavily used innercity routes.	6/3/2009	TA	33605				X								X Inner City			
2881	Assist/ Comment	Why is Tampa area so behind other major cities when it comes to mass transit?	6/3/2009	TA	33605	X	X		X											
2882	Assist/ Comment	Need rail system NOW, not 2035	6/3/2009	TA	33605		X													
2883	Assist/ Comment	Make Transit fun!	6/3/2009	TA	33605	X	X		X											
2948	Assist/ Comment	airports are learning that adding parking lots and enlarging roadways aren't sustainable practices @HillsboroughMPO	5/26/2009									X								
2949	Assist/ Comment	@HillsboroughMPO TBARTA plan off track for future. Community Commerce Centers better solution and costs less. http://tinyurl.com/cc9kf6	5/23/2009					X												
114	Totals					63	45	6	31	3	14	10	8	1	4	1	0	0		

Public Survey (Spring 2009)

To gain the public’s perspective on transportation needs, the MPO distributed another mail-back survey in conjunction with the spring 2009 issue of *The Mobility Focus* newsletter and the community meetings held during the Needs Assessment phase of the Update. The survey probed people’s preferences related to future transportation systems, growth strategies and funding choices. More than 300 people returned the survey during the Needs Assessment phase of the 2035 Plan. Survey responses are shown in **Table 4**.

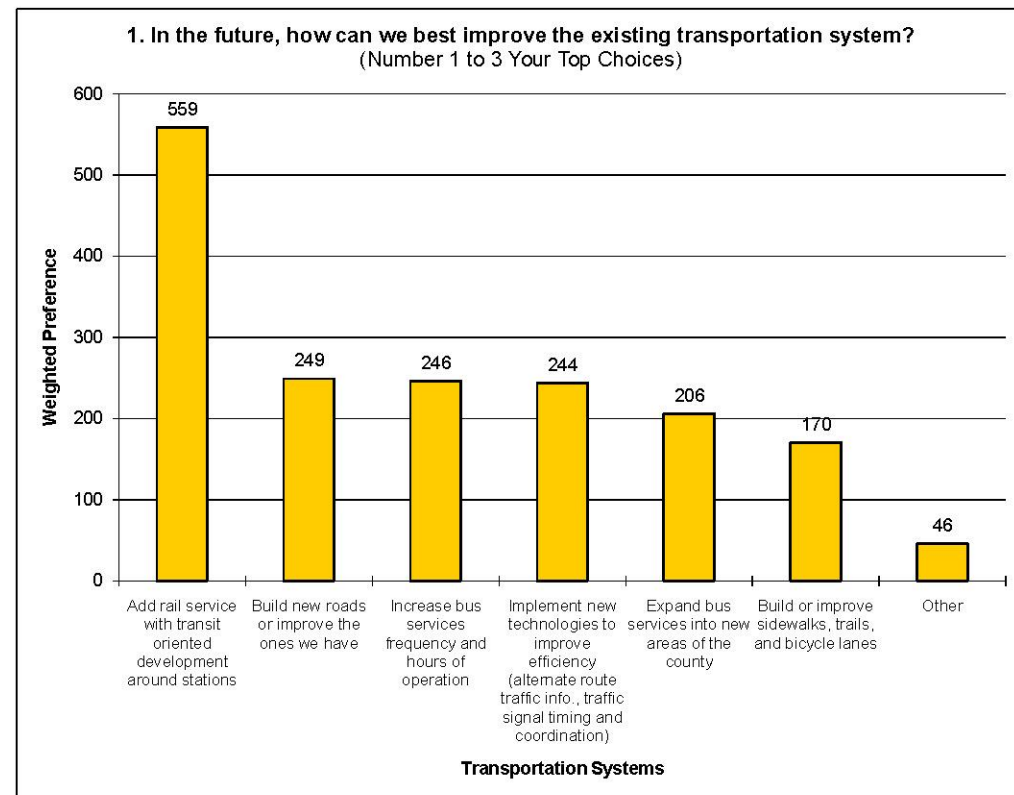
Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results

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1. In the future, how can we best improve the existing transportation system? (Number 1 to 3 for your top choices)

- Add rail service with transit oriented development around stations
- Build new roads or improve the ones we have
- Increase bus services frequency and hours of operation
- Implement new technologies to improve efficiency (alternate route traffic info., traffic signal timing and coordination)
- Expand bus services into new areas of the county
- Build or improve sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes
- Other

	Raw Tabulation				Weighted Tabulation			
	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Other	First	Second	Third	Wt'd Pref
517	152	39	25		456	78	25	559
232	51	28	40		153	56	40	249
222	27	62	41		81	124	41	246
226	30	55	44		90	110	44	244
179	17	53	49		51	106	49	206
156	14	34	60		42	68	60	170
42	6	10	8	43	18	20	8	46



Comments

2. Fact: "Improved" streets make more traffic.
3. Look to improving North/South traffic (i.e. Armenia & Himes)
4. Route truck traffic to 39 from Rt. 4 and not then people living area on same alternate road
5. Improve I-75 to 3 lanes from Fowler Ave. north to I-275 interchange!
6. Make a people mover, like Harbor Island had
6. Use golf cart on 25 mph roadways
7. Bus transportation to the airport
8. Urgent need for rail services
9. Allocats money used for non critical transportation projects to building and improving more roads
10. Road improvements should take less time
11. Encourage mass adoption of electric vehicles; build infrastructure
12. Less new construction
13. Fixed amount of building permits per year (new construction)
14. Use trolley system
15. Brandon loop bypass;
16. Make FL less attractive as the state to move to so current residents don't have suffer a poorer quality of life
17. Limit growth through new home taxes and requirements for buildings/developers to provide road, water, sewer, schools, etc. for any new developments within Hillsborough County
18. Stop growth as no water
19. Use Tampa Bay for water transportation
20. Encourage Tele-commuting from home
21. Stop development as no water
22. More left turn lanes on Westshore Blvd. South between Gandy and Kennedy
23. Light rail from Carrollwood to Airport, USF, HCC Westshore, downtown
24. Golf cart paths to save on gas emissions, etc.
25. Get rid of multiple agencies and FDOT-neither seem to be working effectively
26. Trolley for kids to ride to school, the mall, etc. (must be safe)
27. Mass transit from New Tampa to airport
28. Send people elsewhere; anything you build will first bring more people
29. Build it and they will come; I-75 and stadiums are a good examples
30. Increase land density/intensity in urban core redevelopment
31. Improve traffic flow by reducing accidents on major arterials come on Bruce B. Downs every night. More law enforcement presence.
32. Improve traffic enforcement! Get the speeders and reckless drivers
33. Above ground rail, subway systems
34. As much as we would love to walk or ride our bikes to work, get real. Much of the year it's too hot or pouring rain. We cant' show up to work hot, sweaty or drenched! Who can??
35. Open up all the dead ends
36. Expand golf cart paths, xpress bus service TT to beach and to allow trips to post office and grocery store without crossing main roads.
37. Use rail to move people in their autos, not people only
38. All of the above actually (should be done)
39. More express bus service
40. Implement solar - power technologies throughout the transportation system: (street lights, traffic lights, public mass transit)
41. Rail Feeder Buses
42. Extend TECO Streetcar, expand hours of operation & increase service frequency
43. HOV lanes

Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results (Continued)

	Raw Tabulation					Weighted Tabulation					Cum.	Count	Wtd Pref	
	Not Important		Very Important											
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5				
2. How important are these growth strategies for improving quality of life?														
Provide transportation choices	4.23	8	11	48	65	163	8	22	144	260	815	1249	295	4.23
Reuse and/or revitalize existing assets	4.22	4	6	51	70	132	4	12	153	280	660	1109	263	4.22
Preserve open space and farmland	4.09	11	22	47	74	150	11	44	141	296	750	1242	304	4.09
Preserve historic landmarks and neighborhoods	4.07	12	20	45	82	141	12	40	135	328	705	1220	300	4.07
Make land use decisions that support transit investments	4.05	12	15	42	101	124	12	30	126	404	620	1192	294	4.05
Focus on transportation projects that improve regional connections	3.96	11	17	52	112	106	11	34	156	448	530	1179	298	3.96
Encourage quality design for building and development	3.85	10	22	59	114	88	10	44	177	456	440	1127	293	3.85
Develop more livable, sustainable communities	3.83	13	22	65	81	100	13	44	195	324	500	1076	281	3.83
Maintain a boundary within which growth will occur	3.83	13	34	59	70	116	13	68	177	280	580	1118	292	3.83
Encourage compact development where practical	3.70	16	26	74	87	88	16	52	222	348	440	1078	291	3.70
Mix complementary land uses (housing, retail, office)	3.69	17	33	60	99	86	17	66	180	396	430	1089	295	3.69
Plan transportation projects in areas needing economic development	3.64	16	32	72	100	76	16	64	216	400	380	1076	296	3.64
Locate jobs and homes closer to one another	3.57	25	31	70	83	81	25	62	210	332	405	1034	290	3.57
Offer a variety of housing types	3.37	19	43	97	79	56	19	86	291	316	280	992	294	3.37
Build toll lanes or HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lanes to relieve traffic	3.35	31	48	69	83	65	31	96	207	332	325	991	296	3.35

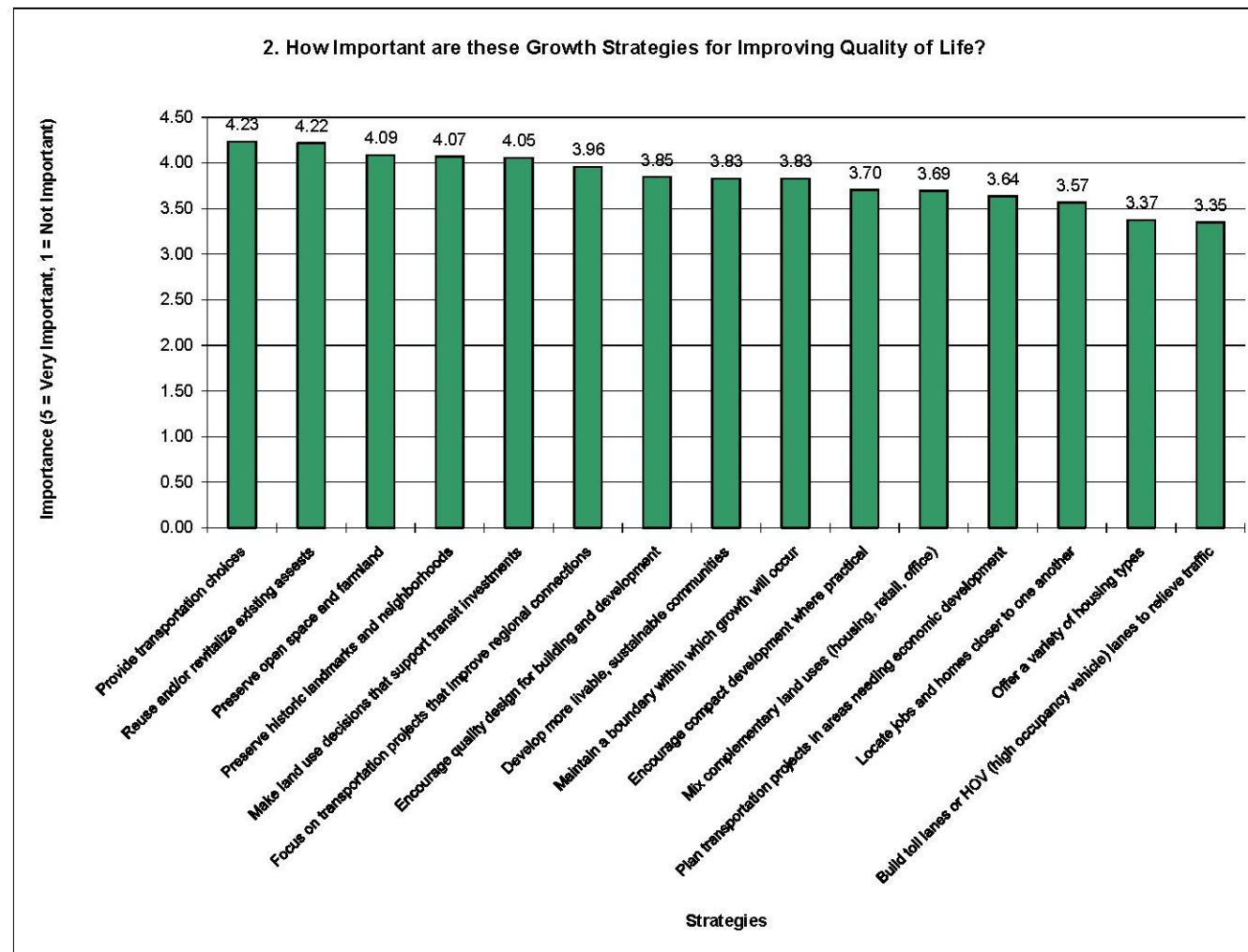


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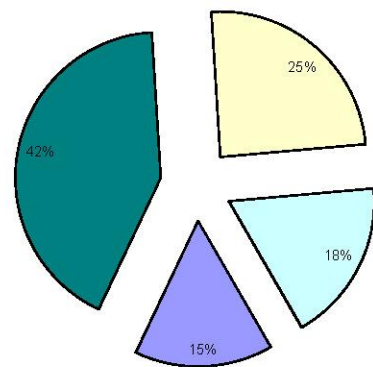
3. In your opinion, what percentage of total funds should be invested in various transportation improvements in Hillsborough County?

- Walking paths, bicycle lanes, and off-road trails
- Public transit options, including bus and rail, and other rideshare options
- Highway system by adding more lanes or new roads
- Smart traffic signals and congestion management

Total equals 100%

	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%
0.158103	34	37	94	22	41	15	21	2	10	1	8		2
0.431463	17	9	12	5	18	15	27	7	34	4	57	2	32
0.252901	30	24	47	17	49	27	27	2	21	2	18		6
0.185836	11	30	78	28	60	29	30	6	9	2	7		1
	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%					
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3	21		9	13	3			6					
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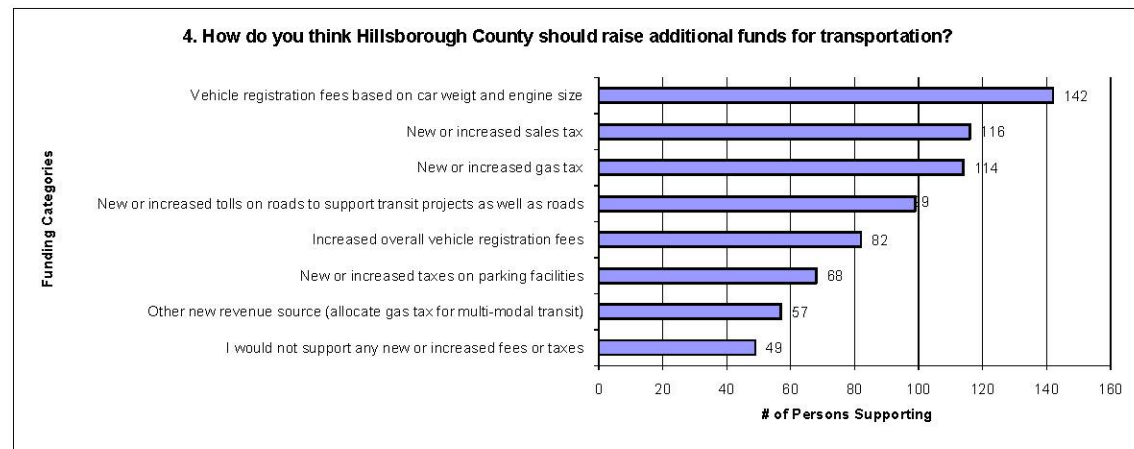
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- Public transit options, including bus and rail, and other rideshare options
- Highway system by adding more lanes or new roads
- Smart traffic signals and congestion management

4. How do you think Hillsborough County should raise additional funds for transportation? (check all that apply)

- I would not support any new or increased fees or taxes
- Other new revenue source (allocate gas tax for multi-modal transit)
- New or increased taxes on parking facilities
- Increased overall vehicle registration fees
- New or increased tolls on roads to support transit projects as well as roads
- New or increased gas tax
- New or increased sales tax
- Vehicle registration fees based on car weight and engine size

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Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results (Continued)



1. allocate gas tax for multimodal transit until they pay for it themselves
2. sale of cars that have been confiscated or abandon. Increase speeding fines, increase moving violation fees. And begin collecting money from those who run the toll gate, it's like the county doesn't care if you pay or not. Why isn't government more aggressive about collecting from violations on the cross town? I've run it by accident twice and never received a bill and then called and tried to pay and they said don't worry about it. Does everyone get treated this way?
3. fee or tax on asphalt/ paving materials
4. We need an income tax, atlas
5. Development taxes
6. cigarette tax
7. \$ is there - like the rest of us, learn to Really prioritize & trim the Fat
8. Return to tax system re: "rich" before "Reagon Revolution"
9. What about Obama's stimulus money?
10. Mileage tax
11. I would think there are useful lessons learned from European, Asia, Canadian countries worth evaluating
12. Tap more heavily into tourist taxes: rental car, hotel, etc.
13. Inspections yearly charge fees (also helps for safety) as they do in New York
14. New toll on interstate highways
15. Red light camera's
16. Cut services, eliminate waste "a penny saved, is a penny earned!"
17. Via a state income tax
18. Sporting Events
19. Increased taxes on sporting events (collect all taxes due from sports related events)
20. Matching Federal funds
21. Transit impact fee for development outside of urban service area
22. tax tourists and businesses
23. Proper use of current funds
24. Fundraisers, collects money on street corner, do like developer & have the company pay for all of most of the project then pay them back like you would a CDD Fee
25. Any new taxes should not impact the low income dwellers
26. Cut Planning Commission
27. Grants both public & private
28. A tax that goes to project & cost not that it can be rip off for other projects
29. Set \$ from high paid administrators
30. We lived here 1st, we don't need to pay the gov't more!
31. Gov't needs to pay back for our taxes.
32. Be smart
33. Use new technology
34. Let's add more casino's
35. V8 gas guzzler tax on all V8 engines
36. Fight overpriced contracts and fraud to prevent waste of funds
37. Community donations, company sponsorships
38. Enforce ticket laws
39. Government grants from different service organizations, Kidney, cancer, military example
40. Congestion pricing on roadways
41. Parking lot taxes in downtown Tampa
42. Lottery
43. Huge fine for littering, double the cigarette tax
44. Grants, developer fees
45. Increased taxes on the corporations and businesses that would benefit from the projects.
46. Reform state tax system = add an income tax
47. Government funding from federal government
48. Individuals/group "adopt" a RT station, route, etc. give them credit
49. Tax liquor
50. Tax based on mileage driven
51. Part-time residents (snowbirds) use the road only part of the year. Rest of the year roads are half empty. An EXTRA TAX should be imposed on these residents to make up for the revenue loss (please think about it) and tax them.
52. Cigarette and Liquor tax
53. New Development
54. Impact fees Transportation Concurrency
55. Based on gas efficiency (i.e. hybrids better than hummers)
56. Annual fee based on miles actually driven
57. choose projects more carefully, work to what is most practice without fantasizing about fads. Look at Buffalo, NY - there as here the weather makes light rail an abomination; Heat & Rain do not equal light rail. Don't be stupid!!

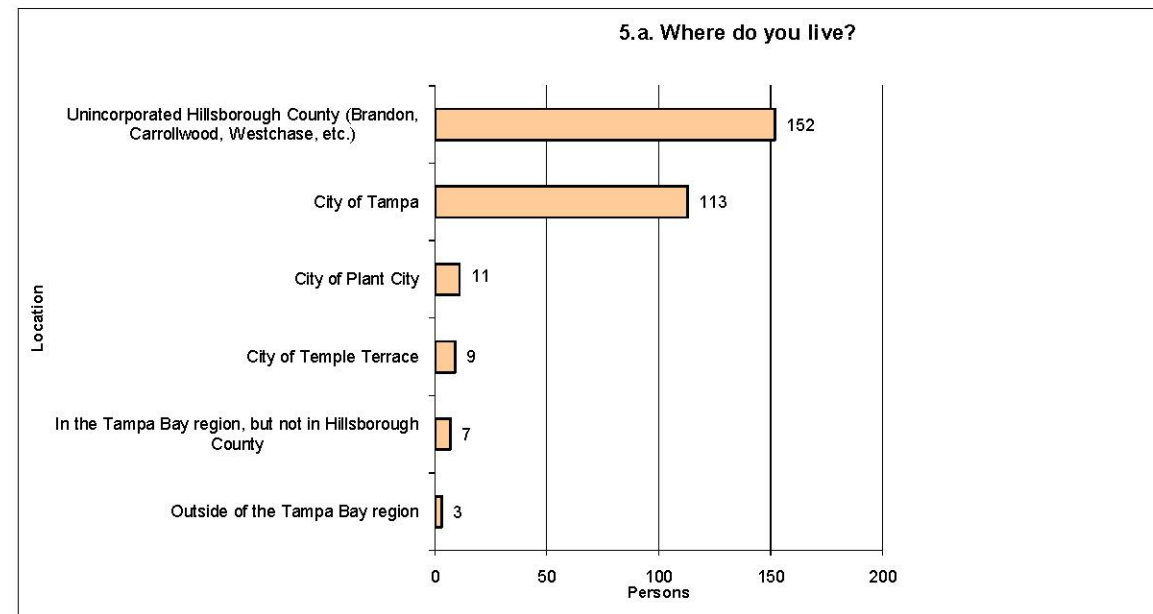


Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results (Continued)

5.a. Where do you live?

- Outside of the Tampa Bay region
- In the Tampa Bay region, but not in Hillsborough County
- City of Temple Terrace
- City of Plant City
- City of Tampa
- Unincorporated Hillsborough County (Brandon, Carrollwood, Westchase, etc.)

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5.b. What is your home zip code?

	32601	33510	33511	33530	33534	33537	33544	33545	33546	33547	33548	33549	33556	33559
1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2
33563-3359		33565	33566	33567	33569	33570	33572	33573	33578	33584	33592	33594	33596	33598
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3	2	8	2	3	4	3	14	3	2	10	6	8	9	
	33624	33625	33626	33629	33634	33635	33637	33647	33755	33830	34609			
7	3	1	7	1	1	2	33	1	1	1				

6. Where do you work or go to school?

- city of Tampa
- city of Temple Terrace
- city of Plant City
- Unincorporated Hillsborough County (Brandon, Carrollwood, Westchase, etc.)
- In the Tampa Bay region, but not in Hillsborough County
- Outside of the Tampa Bay region
- Other

146
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- Other
- 1. Retired
- 2. NOT
- 3. Retired
- 4. Retired
- 5. Mobil
- 6. Retired
- 7. When I did work
- 8. Retired
- 9. Retired
- 10. Retired
- 11. Retired
- 12. Retired
- 13. Retired
- 14. Retired
- 15. I write at home
- 16. Retired- volunteer at Keel Library
- 17. Retired- various activities
- 18. Retired
- 19. Retired

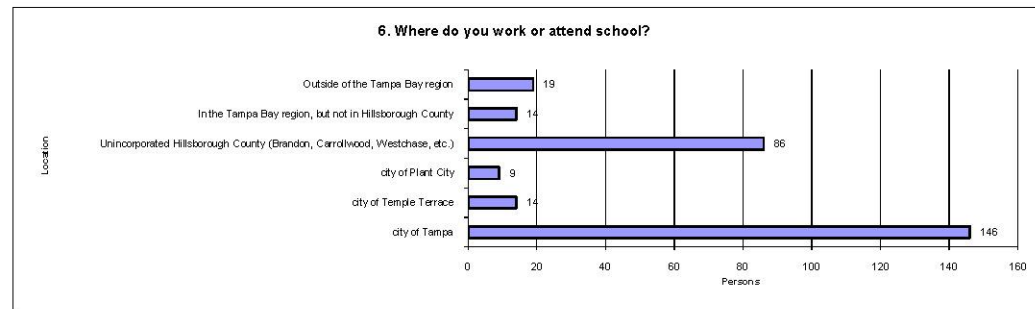


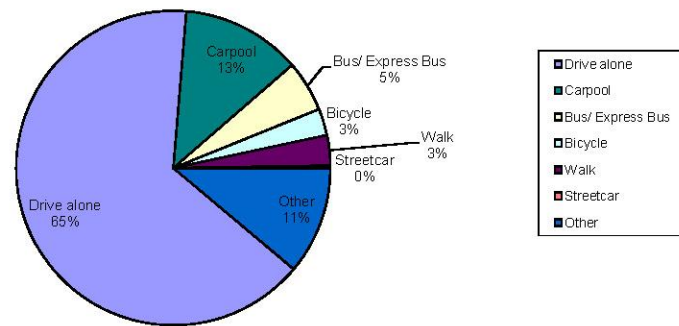
Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results (Continued)

7. Currently, how do you most often travel to work or school?

- Drive alone
- Carpool
- Bus/ Express Bus
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Streetcar
- Other

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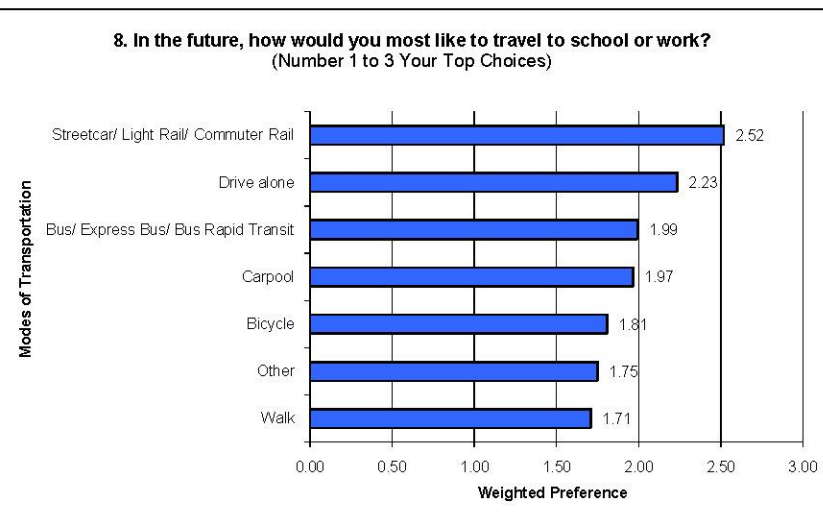
7. Currently, how do you most often travel to work or school?



8. In the future, how would you most likely travel to work or school? (Number 1 to 3 for your top choices)

- Walk
- Other
- Bicycle
- Carpool
- Bus/ Express Bus/ Bus Rapid Transit
- Drive alone
- Streetcar/ Light Rail/ Commuter Rail

8. In the future, how would you most like to travel to school or work?
(Number 1 to 3 Your Top Choices)



Other

1. No choice
2. None, retired
3. Wherever I/we go
4. Retired: Carpool= Shopping-bus, city, van; Doctors-bus and van
5. Do not work-retired
6. Golf cart
7. When I did work
8. Retired
9. Home office
10. Retired- formely drove alone
11. We need rail to be part of this list
12. Retired
13. Carpool two other students with me
14. Excited at plan for water taxes and downtown electric carts, also improvement to exit from Causeway towards Veterans Expressway, this was so dangerous!
15. work from home
16. Work at home, but travel to customers around Florida 2-4 times per month
17. Retired
18. I am retired and travel with my spouse
19. Work at home
20. do various activities
21. work @ home
22. Retired; I drive (usually alone) wherever I go
23. Retired
24. The water taxi sounds fun, but please don't spend a bunch of our \$ on it, like that stupid trolley that goes from Channelside to Ybor.
25. Shopping, visiting, etc.
26. I try to take the in-town trolley once a week, but it takes so much longer than driving. It's not always practical
27. Cat refuses to get in car
28. Retired and ride bus occasionally; mainly walk and bike.
29. Work from home
30. I have to drive through Tampa - Pasco to Pinellas
31. Work out of home
31. N/A - Retired
32. Retired
33. Golf cart
34. Retired
35. Work from home
36. Work out of home

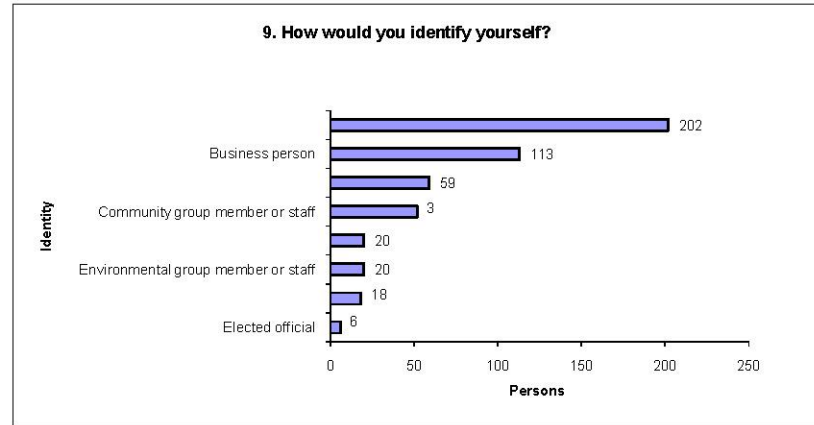
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3		5	9	0	5	14	8	1.75	
16	19	28	48	38	28	114	63	1.81	
29	32	32	87	64	32	183	93	1.97	
31	82	32	93	164	32	289	145	1.99	
59	14	34	177	28	34	239	107	2.23	
120	41	24	360	82	24	466	185	2.52	

1. Golf cart
2. Improve on bus service-it's awful-used it last week for first time in 5 years
3. I have to use my car to do my job
4. Park and ride on rail or bus
5. In regards to streetcar--if vegas can do it, why can't we?
6. telecommute
7. work from home
8. Work with DOT set lanes aside for vehicles with more than 3 in vehicle
9. Retired
10. Trolley only for kids.. Don't wanna get kidnapped (safe)
11. Although most of my work is from home and I would not use the train daily, I would use it to go to downtown for special events, performing arts center, etc.
12. Retired
13. None/ N/A
14. 5 minutes to work
15. Retired
16. See note inside.Thanks
17. Taxi
18. Only non car solutions should be looked at, public transportation should be the "Wave of the Future"
19. continue work out of home
20. Better transportation for seniors
21. Retired
22. N/A
23. Continue to work out of home

Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results (Continued)

9. How would you identify yourself? (check all that apply)

- Elected official
- Social justice advocate
- Environmental group member or staff
- Government agency staff
- Community group member or staff
- Other
- Business person
- Concerned member of the public



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1. Full time student who doesn't know how to write
2. Militant bicycle commuter!
3. Senior, no longer drive
4. Educator
5. Retired-Business person
6. Retired
7. Regular working guy
8. Health Care provider
9. President Hunter's Green Council Association
10. Retired
11. Retired voting citizen
12. Taxpayer!
13. Architect
14. Young person, advocate for Generation Y Tampa
15. Disgusted taxpayer
16. Just trying to keep a job so I can continue to live here.
17. Retired
18. Anti-socialism; Anti-(large government); Anti-(give away government)
19. Retired
20. Retired
21. Native Floridian, attorney, daily commute < 5 miles, no set work schedule
22. Native Floridian
23. Environmentalist in my home & work place
24. Taxpayer
25. Tired of big government and high taxes
26. Appointing official
27. Consultant
28. Student, New Tampa resident
29. Semi-retired
30. Retired
31. A 13 year old girl who wants to have a say in New Tampa problems. (Benito Middle School)
32. Student of Benito Middle School
33. Question 3. Do not input 0's, They did not answer
34. Teacher
35. Trustee Taxing District
36. Retired
37. Retired
38. Laid off searching for job
39. Feminist & Activist
40. retired
41. community volunteer
42. neighborhood association board member
43. USF Graduate Student
44. Educator
45. High School student
46. Retired resident of New Tampa
47. young, college-educated, non-retired business woman who wants to live in an environmentally friendly, progressive community
48. realtor
49. Retired educator
50. Resident 45 years would like to continue living in Brandon (over)
51. Retired military
52. Concerned citizen about the environment. I only ride a bike, bus or walk
53. Engineer/transportation planner
54. Retired
55. New - Found Tree Hugger!
56. Retired
57. Retired; Fixed, low - income
58. Senior Citizen
59. Retired

Table 4: Spring 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey Results (Continued)

10. Other Comments:

1. No-would need car @ either end-better to drive
2. Question 3b. Housing needs to be concentrated before it will work
3. Question 3b. Rails, Rails and more rails!!!!
4. Question 2. Please improve paratransit for the disabled
5. Question 3c. You can not build enough lanes, check out California!!
6. Question 2c. Like what?
6. Question 2f. Why not require more re-useable solar energy/wind in every new office or city building
6. Question 2i. Important for downtown development but not so much for individual neighborhoods...
6. Question 2j. Don't have any near me
6. Question 2m. If you need an HOV lane, you need mass transit
6. Question 2n. How can you guarantee this?
7. Question 4 Just Pam's & Kathy's; LMHO; No one will use or decrease; already suck; major transport will move out of FL; Not we pay enough insurance
8. Question 1 (build or improve sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes) this is needed for both bus service and rail transit
8. Question 2i. Have to stop thinking of transportation as economic development trigger for blighted areas
8. Question 2n. Develop more a variety of livable, sustainable communities. I.e. downtown living vs. a neo-traditional communities are both desirable
8. Question 2o. Critical that this be done to both accommodate and promote growth
9. Your survey is flawed as it only goes to certain people that are more biased!
10. Comment: You didn't consider the retiree in your questions-30% population?
11. Question 1. (build new roads or improve existing): nol then were just asking for more people = more pollution
12. Question 1 (expanding bus service): Make buses nicer (must have nice buses)
13. Question 2d. Too late
14. Question 2g. Growth has lead us up to having to spend all this \$
15. Question 2k. Won't this cause more pollution?
16. Question 2n. New Tampa is nice!
17. Question 3a. Needs to be safe!
18. Question 3b. I predict only 30% of people will use these transportation ways
19. Question 7: my neighbor takes me to school
20. This would cause more jobs... good thing because of the unemployment rate
21. I'm probably more informative than some people over the age of 18 who really have a say.
22. Question 2n. No definition
23. I think if the current bus system changes the perceptive of the people and promote the system as being clean, efficient and safe more people would ride. I currently do not ride the bus because of the amount of time it would take. It is over clean in my car.
24. Question 7: drive alone on a toll road
25. Question 1: Add rail service with transit oriented development around stations: As long as it does not impede traffic
26. Question 1: We need a reliable mass transit system in Tampa so good everyone wants to ride!
27. Question 2o: Like Tampa to Orlando so we can do what? Go to Disney once every 5 years? We need solutions for rush hour congestion getting people to/from work and school.
28. Question 3b: But no rail
29. Question 2a: No more development
30. Question 2 All very important
31. Question 4.: New or increased gas tax (helps slow gas consumption)
32. Question 7.: Bicycle & Walk = Futuristically (work)
33. Question 8: Bicycle & Walk = school ; Drive alone = work
34. You did not ask, but you wave no concept of what is necessary for the consuming public. - David Burman (813) 982 - 1480
35. Question 2c Not clear - too vague
36. Question 2d-e. Not Gov't. functions
37. Question 2f. Too vague about quality of design
38. Question 2n. Not clear what this means - too vague to be meaningful

Transportation Task Force “Listening Tour”

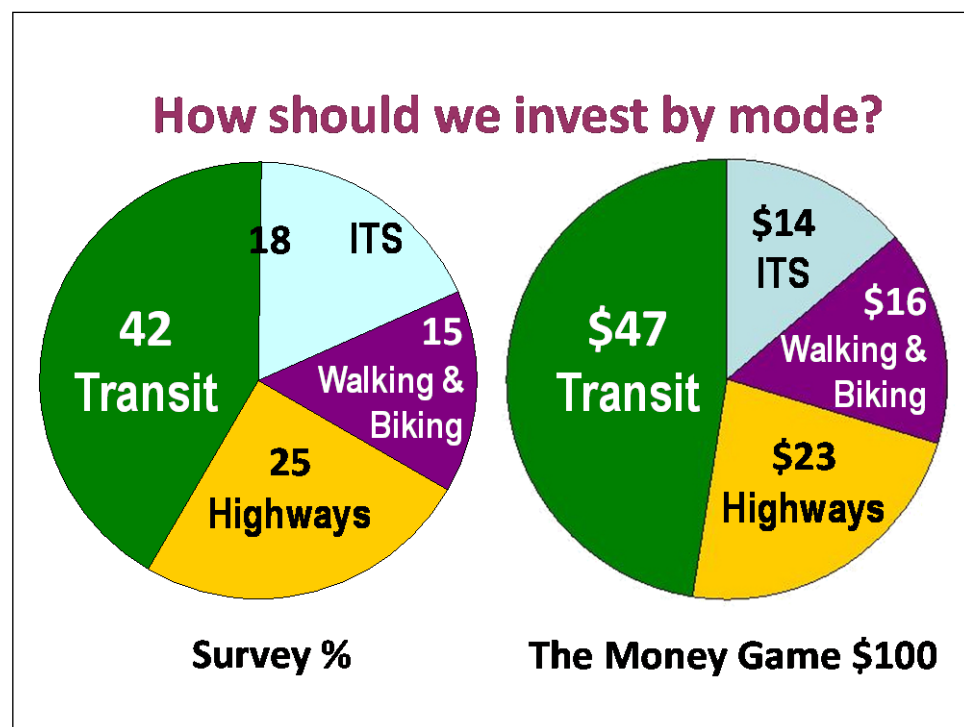
Throughout the 2035 Plan update, the MPO collaborated and coordinated with other agencies to engage the public. Notable among these was the 12-stop “Listening Tour” on the future of transportation in Hillsborough County. The MPO co-sponsored these events with Hillsborough County’s Transportation Task Force. Joined by planning partners, HART, TBARTA and FDOT, workshops were held at locations throughout Hillsborough County. Participants viewed plans and presentation from each agency and had an opportunity to speak with planners. A survey and evaluation forms were distributed as well as ten \$10 “play money” bills. Billed as the “Money Game,” people were asked to spend their \$100 by depositing their bills as they wanted into four boxes, each representing different transportation modes or improvement types. About 500 citizens participated in the “Listening Tour” and 343 participated in the money game.

Results of the “Money Game” vs. Newsletter Survey

The results of the “Money Game,” closely paralleled the findings of the survey distributed in The Mobility Focus newsletter as shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1: Public Preferences for Investing by Mode



Hundreds of citizens attended the “Listening Tour” and 96 speakers went on record. More questions than comments were recorded. **Table 5** summarizes the comments.

Table 5: Transportation Task Force Public Workshop Comments

	Date	Location	Area	Speakers	General Comment or Question	RAIL		BUS		ROADWAY		BIKE		PEDESTRIAN	
						FAVOR	OPPOSE	FAVOR	OPPOSE	FAVOR	OPPOSE	FAVOR	OPPOSE	FAVOR	OPPOSE
Workshop #1	28-May-09	Webb Middle School	Town & Country	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Workshop #2	1-Jun-09	Jan Platt Library	South Tampa	10	14	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workshop #3	3-Jun-09	Ragan Park Community Center	Central Tampa	4	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workshop #4	4-Jun-07	Bruton Memorial Library	Plant City	10	9	4	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Workshop #5	9-Jun-09	Cross Creek Library	New Tampa	6	5	4	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Workshop #6	10-Jun-09	Brandon Regional Service Center	Brandon	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workshop #7	15-Jun-09	Carrollwood Cultural Center	Carrollwood	6	8	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Workshop #8	16-Jun-09	Riverview High School	Riverview	7	4	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workshop #9	18-Jun-09	South County Regional Service Center	Ruskin	8	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workshop #10	23-Jun-09	Lutz Community Center	Lutz	17	14	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Workshop #11	24-Jun-09	University Area Community Center	USF Area	11	8	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Workshop #12	30-Jun-09	Temple Terrace Council Chambers	Temple Terrace	10	10	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			TOTAL	96	84	18	12	22	6	3	2	3	0	2	0

** Many residents choose not to give their name when making a public comment. They are identified as 'Anonymous' as they are unknown.

Hillsborough County TTF Public Workshop Series: May - June 2009

Workshop #1

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Ray Lunsburg		Question	Will state budget cuts affect TBARTA planning/plans?	Bob Clifford, TBARTA	State budget cuts are not affecting TBARTA. TBARTA has funded to continue planning process underway.	No	x														
Ray Lunsburg		Question	Will the proposed new roads and light rail projects cause environmental damages/impacts?	Bob Clifford, TBARTA	The current plans use existing roadway corridors and CSX lines for light rail options so there would not be environmental damage. There are not new routes or roads being looked at.	No													envir impacts from roads, transit		
Ray Lunsburg		Question	Many of the plans seem to be in low-income neighborhoods. How do the proposed plans affect these neighborhoods?	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	With planning to use exiting corridors and routes, the impact on any neighborhood will be minimal. In fact, the communities will benefit with additional access to jobs the new transportation programs will bring.	No													equity		
Ray Lunsburg		Question	HART said in their presentation said there would need to be \$17M in federal funding,	Ray Chiaramonte,	We would not be able to build the proposed plans without federal	No	x														

Table 5: Transportation Task Force Public Workshop Comments (Continued)

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			what happens if the federal funding is not available?	MPO	funding.																
Rob Beamster	Town & Country (planning board)	Comment	We have worked in the Town & Country community to improve pedestrian and bike routes. We had the first trail in Hillsborough County here. I am very pleased to see the County knows that local communities want pedestrian friendly communities. For instance, Publix, here in our community on Waters, has about 70% of their employees who do not have cars.	N/A		No								x		x					
Arj Jabar		Comment	I have a concern over the total amount of money that the plan presented requires, especially when the economy is where it is and we have teachers getting salary cuts. I am definitely in favor of a better bus system. But there are many times I have seen large buses with only 1 or 2 riders. How will you get riders on this Light Rail system? The County needs express buses with local buses for residents. Light rail will not work here in our County. The County should model their system after the New York City transit system with a focus on buses. NYC knows how to cater to residents. A new \$0.01 tax could be used for other priorities like education or police.	Lucia Garsys, Hills. Co.	The \$0.01 tax, if passed by the public, would be for transit and transportation priorities. We need all feedback and concerns and we appreciate your feedback. We are taking all of the feedback from these meetings in consideration as we move forward.	No			x	x										cost of plan; opposes penny sales tax	
(GENERAL)		Question	Is casting a 'vote' with the MPO money an indication of support for a new tax?	Lucia Garsys, Hills. Co.	No, you are not voting for or showing support for a tax. Just showing your opinion on transportation priorities.		x														
Total								3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0			

Workshop #2

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Mark Winters		Comment	(Speaking about his company: www.anointingadvantage.com) We're not so much in favor of raising the sales tax for transportation. We'd love to get fuel cost numbers. Electric motors are more efficient. We don't need to be left behind - we think HART can benefit from our system. We are in favor of a light rail system. We need to go green.	N/A		No		x													
David Hurley		Comment	One problem I see is the amount you'll	N/A																cost of rail	

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			spend on rail and take away from other projects.																		
David Hurley		Comment	Rail is inflexible. Rail turns over every 40-50 years. Cars turn over every 9-10 years.	N/A					x												
David Hurley		Comment	The next routes will be set politically - that's reality.	N/A			x														
David Hurley		Comment	We should maximize what we have. I would definitely oppose a one cent sales tax increase.	N/A																opposes penny sales tax	
Anonymous #1		Question	How do you calculate Florida rates of unemployment & the rate of people moving out of Florida?	Beth Alden, MPO	The state provides those statistics.	No	x														
Anonymous #1		Question	Why do you think such an expensive plan would benefit people in this economy?	N/A		No														economic impact	
Anonymous #1		Question	How will the congestion while the BRT lane is built be handled?	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	No separate lane will be built. We'll use traffic signal priority.	No	x														
Anonymous #1		Question	Will you charge for cars to use the BRT lanes?	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	That's called HOT or managed lanes and is an option.	No	x														
Anonymous #1		Comment	I'm not opposing the light rail, but I don't think light rail is something we should pursue right now.	N/A		No	x														
Vivien Hart		Comment	RE: Gandy elevated lanes - not relevant to TTF discussion.	N/A		No															
Agnes Stanfield		Comment	I lived in New Orleans and everyone took the bus. It was considered a civic duty to use public transportation.	N/A		No			x												
Agnes Stanfield		Comment	We need to look at this issue, some issues are small.	N/A		No	x														
Agnes Stanfield		Comment	Trees are blocking bus stop signs and the bus driver doesn't even see the person waiting for the bus.	N/A		No													more visible bus stops		
Agnes Stanfield		Comment	We need more bus shelters.	N/A		No													more bus shelters		
Agnes Stanfield		Comment	We need more restrooms.	N/A		No													restrooms		
Agnes Stanfield		Comment	We need a bus shelter on the side of Swann, across from 2911 Swann.	N/A		No													bus shelter		
Anonymous #2		Question	How does the signing of SB 360 affect your funding?	Commissioner Mark Sharpe	It doesn't.	No	x														
Marcie Senmark		Comment	I'm her to encourage elected officials to support the initiative. I want transportation options and the bus isn't fast enough.	N/A		No														supports referendum	
Gary Ennis		Comment	I appreciate that the county has all these meetings.	N/A		No	x														
Gary Ennis		Comment	I'm not at all sure light rail is the way to go. I've got a lot of questions.	N/A		No			x												

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Gary Ennis		Comment	I don't know any place where rider numbers are they were projected.	N/A		No	x														
Gary Ennis		Question	What are the actual costs per riders?	N/A		No	x														
Gary Ennis		Question	Why do we believe the federal government will still be able to provide funding?	N/A		No	x														
Gary Ennis		Comment	A respected USF professor said this area is too spread out for this type of rail system.	N/A		No		x													
Gary Ennis		Question	Is there any real return on our taxes?	N/A		No	x														
Gary Ennis		Comment	It's in our DNA - I don't know how you're going to force people out of their cars. I don't see any hard answer.	N/A		No		x		x											
Anonymous #3		Comment	In other cities people pay extra money to live near transit.	N/A		No		x		x											
Anonymous #3		Question	Has any polling been done on the penny tax yet?	Lucia Garsys, Hills County	No	No	x														
Anonymous #3		Comment	I don't see Hillsborough County getting behind this. What can be done?	N/A		No	x														
Paul Hansen		Question	With fuel economy going up you'll have less fuel taxes. Where are you going to get your funding for this?	N/A		No														transit funding	
Total								14	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Workshop #3

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Anonymous #1	Bus Rider/Driver	Comments	Seems agencies are putting the cart before the horse. If you look around the room, where are the people who ride the bus? What is being done to build the trust of the working person?	N/A			x														
Anonymous #1	Bus Rider/Driver	Question	Where is the Supporting bus network for this light rail? Show us the proposed schedules, the actual lines, how it will work for us.	N/A					x												
Anonymous #1	Bus Rider/Driver	Comments	"Take off your ties, ride the bus and listen to the riders."We can't even get to the grocery store, why would we support a rail system? The working poor haven't been invested in. If they had, they would be here tonight. The heavy-ridden HART routes all have old buses, while the new, wi-fi buses when to the suburbs. Work w/local neighborhood groups, the poor, the disadvantaged, the Hispanic, those who	Beth Alden, MPO	We will take this same info to existing local organizations and meetings to help get the word out - churches, Chamber of Commerces, etc. We are available to come talk to any group that is open to the information. (They also shared the contact info -	N/A													equity		

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			need transit. TBARTA didn't do this in their process either - Your schedule doesn't even cater to West Tampa which is primarily African American. You'll need the inner-city vote to pass the tax vote - when will you reach out to them?		reference to the handouts - to schedule public presentation.)																
Tracey	from Bay Area, California recently moved to Tampa area	comment	I didn't even own a car in CA. I relied on mass transit for everything - and even chose jobs based on proximity to transit lines. As a transplant coming to Tampa, its shocking to see a tack of transit. We can't wait 35 years to catch up with transit needs.	N/A		no		x		x											
Ernest Coney	East Tampa	Question	Was there a referendum in 2002? Why did funding fail? Was it a political issue/education issue?	Ed Crawford, HART	In 2002, the vote needed all of the community's support. With a new BOCC just coming into office and getting a feel for the community, they didn't pass the referendum to take it to the public. This BOCC (today) seems to be ready to let the public decide.	no	x														
Sandy Moody	Bay Area Commuter Services	Comment	Our organization encourages van and car-pooling and I support transit. There was an opportunity in 2002 but the public didn't show a strong enough opinion for the BOCC to support a referendum. I encourage people to ask questions, talk to your representative and get involved in these decisions.	N/A		no		x		x											supports referendum
Total								2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Workshop #4

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Person #1		Question	What are the ABCs on the metro rapid map	Mary Shavalier, HART	Rankings of the services at the stations	No	x														
Person #2		Question	How are you going to get me out of my car and onto a bus?	Cassandra Ecker, TBARTA/Jacobs & Mary Shavalier, HART	The goal is to have more choices. Plant City isn't contributing to the HART ad valorem right now, we're trying to fix that.	No	x														
Person #3		Question	All transportation services are subsidized. Is that possible here?	Mary Shavalier, HART	You're correct - they are all subsidized.	No	x														
Person #3		Question	Is the rider cost better than me driving?	NA	No response.	No	x														

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Person #3		Question	What's the time savings for me to take the bus?	NA	No response.	No	x														
Person #4		Question	How do you carry groceries on a bus and keep them cold?	Beth Alden, MPO	You get groceries a little at a time, not all at once.	No	x														
Person #5		Comment	When people realize how great transit is you can't get them off.	NA	N/A	No		x		x											
Person #6		Comment	You're asking all of Hillsborough County to make a contribution, but some areas won't get much in return. Mango, Dover and Seffner feel very left out - they're not getting their fair share.	NA	N/A	No														equity	
Person #6		Comment	We need light rail to medical facilities (USF, Moffitt) from the central-eastern part of the county. The central eastern part of the county needs easy transportation to the airport where you can get on with your bags.	NA	N/A	No													LRT to USF from central eastern county		
Person #6		Comment	We need to ask for money now!	NA	N/A	No														supports referendum	
Person #6		Comment	We need to consider the people of Lakeland and Plant City regarding any CSX issues and the lack of trust because of the bad deals and liability issues.	NA	N/A	No		x													
Person #6		Comment	We need more park and ride. No more money to roads - all to light rail and park and ride.	NA	N/A	No		x		x											
Person #6		Comment	Don't wait till 2035! (several people seconded this comment.)	NA	N/A	No	x														
Person #7		Comment	We need more frequency. It's too hard to schedule a doctor's appointment around the bus schedule. You either have to go early in the morning or late in the afternoon.	NA	N/A	No					x										
Person #8		Comment	My friends are carpooling because they can't afford fuel and insurance. I rode my bike for two weeks while my car was in the shop. I'm in favor of bike trails too.	NA	N/A	No								x							
Person #8		Question	What's the advantage to less carbon emissions by using buses or trains?	Cassandra Ecker, TBARTA/ Jacobs	showed table in presentation	No	x														
Person #8		Comment	Plant City needs tourism too. A bus would help. It's a great venue to help tourism.	NA	N/A	No				x											
Person #9	retired CSX employee	Comment	CSX is a for profit company. We need to do this ourselves. We need to get going now!	NA	N/A	No	x														
Person #10		Comment	Don't add lanes to the center of I-4, save it for transit.	NA	N/A	No		x		x											
Total								9	4	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			

Workshop #5



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Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Joe Caetano	City Council Member Tampa MPO Member	ATTENDEE				no															
Anonymous #1		Question	Who are the MPO newsletters mailed to? (The ones handed out at the meeting)	Beth Alden, MPO	MPO Mailing List. You can sign-up tonight to receive.	no	x														
Ray Scott	Hunter's Green	Comment	I appreciate the thought of rail. We need it and its over do for our area.			no		x													
Ray Scott		Question	Have you looked at various types of rail?	Beth Alden, MPO	Elevated above-ground rail can cost 2-3x more than at grade rail.	no	x														
				Ed Crawford, HART	The decisions have not all been made in terms of types or rail.	no															
Anonymous #1		Comment	I wouldn't want to compete with rail trains at Bruce B. Down intersections.	Beth Alden, MPO	Elevated rail could be used at intersections, even if the majority of rail ran in the median.	no			x												
Anonymous #2		Comment	Industry will go to cities with transit and those cities don't have as many economic challenges now.			no		x													
Anonymous #2		Question	Why did this take so long to start this process?	Beth Alden, MPO	We do get to learn from other cities who went first with their transit initiatives.	no	x														
				Ed Crawford, HART	There hasn't been political will to get everyone on board at the same time like there is now. Citizens need to make their voices heard and make their wishes known.	no															
Anonymous #3		Comment/Q uestion	I am frustrated with public transit in this area. The buses are empty when I see them. The Amtrak is empty. Why can't you fill up current transit and get riders to pay for new transit projects?	Ed Crawford, HART	On average, our system has 21 riders in each bus across the system. No bus system in the US pays for itself completely with fares.	no				x											
Anonymous #3		Comment	Auto drivers don't want to pay for transit - we don't use it and don't it.	N/A		no		x		x	x										
Anonymous #3		Comment	Why would you come to the suburbs and make it a high density area? New Tampa doesn't want rail and transit. We want it to stay rural.	N/A		no		x													x
Anonymous #3		Comment	We need bike paths/ped access/golf cart access.	N/A		no						x		x							
Patrick Ledue	Citizen Advocate/MPO Committee	Comment	Our tax dollars paid for Channelside development - the ice forum, the trolley system, a total of \$1.6 Billion. Now \$10's of millions of income come in annually to our area.	N/A		no		x													
Patrick Ledue		Comment	The cost of the proposed referendum of a new \$0.01 tax would be about \$2 a week for a family of 4. What if you went to the airport and then paid \$9/day to park? You could park at a transit park and ride, take the train to the airport and not pay anything more.	N/A		no														supports penny sales tax	
Patrick Ledue		Comment	30% of our community can't drive due to			no	x														

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose			
			medical reasons or disabilities. Our transit system doesn't provide them the service they deserve. It's our duty as Americans to help others out.																			
Patrick Ledue		Comment	I have been involved in this process for 10 years. I know our tax dollars are paying for other communities to get better transit, why not get our money back? (applause from crowd)	N/A		no															equity	
Anonymous #4		Comment	My husband is from New York and his family lived at the end of a rail line. Their property values are very high being in that location.	Beth Alden, MPO	We have seen property values go up around 13% on average around rail stations with other transit programs.	no	x															
Bill Stafford	Former head of Transit, Arizona DOT	Comment	Business community has always said you have to have local rail to compete with other cities. I was in Phoenix when we had the initiative to start rail transit in the area and there were many opponents. But once it passed and was in place, even the naysayers supported the effort after seeing the results.	N/A		no		x														
Total								5	4	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0				

Workshop #6

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development	
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose			
Mark Sharpe	Commissioner	ATTENDEE																				
Joe Waggoner	Executive Director, THEA	ATTENDEE																				
Tampa Bay News 10	Camera Man	ATTENDEE																				
Bob Barry	Commuter: Brandon to McDill	Question	McDill area traffic is always a choke point. McDill doesn't seem to be connected from the Gandy exit on the LRT maps. How would I get from the rail to McDill base?	Mary Shavaliar, HART	We currently have some funding for a park and ride lot in Brandon and have an operating express bus from Brandon to McDill. We are hoping to get more money for additional flex service. Site selection will start soon for the Park & Ride. LRT riders would be connected to McDill with a bus service.	no													LRT to MacDill			
Jim Barfield		Question	How did we miss federal match the first time? When locals have been cutting taxes, according to the newspaper, why can't we just use existing taxes for unfunded projects? Who's to blame?	Beth Alden, MPO	There have been lots of studies over the years. No matter what your opinion on transit needs, make sure you let your local elected officials know what it is.	no														Use existing funds		
Vivian Backa		Question	Is there a local circulating route for Brandon? Local HART connections?	Mary Shavaliar,	using the map board, referred to the area for future studies of local flex routes,	no			x											Brandon circulator		

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			money for our County?	Hills County	There is a legislative aide in Tallahassee part-time. We work in-house to pursue federal and state grants. We are very aggressive and successful in securing funds for the County. have led to these proposed routes.																
Anonymous #3		Comment	If Hills County had an aggressive plan of attack to show that they were pursuing and capturing all the federal money possible and were well organized in the efforts, it would make people feel better about backing a local light rail effort.	N/A		no														x	
Anonymous #3		Question	Where is the information and maps of road funding? You are talking about cutting projects with the budget cuts, but there is no information showing what that means. What will the referendum fund for roads?	Ned Baier, Hills County	The BOCC will decide on the referendum in Oct/Nov 2009 on the amount and the projects and then it will go out for a public decision in Nov 2010.	no						x								x	
Anonymous #3		Question	The Governor recently changed impact fees/developer fees? How does that affect Hills County and revenue for road projects?	Bob Campbell, Hills County	SB 360, the mobility fee bill, has conditions and it is not in place immediately, from what the County has been told. The BOCC will decide exactly how it affects our program and they can decide to enact a 'mobility fee' in place of the fees that were removed.	no	x														
Pierre Matherne	Lifelong Tampa resident Citizen Advisory Panel Member	Comment	The more roads we build, the more maintenance costs we create. We need to catch up to other others of the Country in terms of transit.	N/A		no		x		x			x								
Sam	Carrollwood Resident	Comment/Question	The proposed maps/plans do not really show anything really relevant to Carrollwood/Carrollwood village. Why would we support this plan/new tax?	Ned Baier, Hills County	We can't really widen any more road in the Carrollwood area. The referendum could include a specific 5 of investment for non-rail investments, like buses, trails, sidewalks - which could benefit Carrollwood area more directly.	no														Carrollwood	
Sam		Question	There are rail tracks going all the way down Bush Blvd - why not just use them now for light rail? Why wait until 2050?	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	There is a proposed light rail line down Bush using those tracks through Carrollwood to Westchase (showed map on screen from ppt).	no															LRT on Busch Blvd
				Ed Crawford, HART	We won't wait until 2035 to start on this plan - once the referendum passes. Bus improvements will happen first - as they are the easiest to do quickly. And these will benefit the outer areas.	no															

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Workshop #8

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident	Comment or	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up	General Comment	Mode - Rail	Mode - Bus	Mode - Roadway	Mode - Bike	Mode - Pedestrian	Specific Project/ Specific Need	Funding	Growth & Development
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Table 5: Transportation Task Force Public Workshop Comments (Continued)

	Area, Address (if identified)	Question?			Required	(Statement, Question)	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Anonymous #1		Question	Why is it taking so long for transit or rail to get going? The need is definitely there.	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	No		x		x											
Anonymous #1		Comment	The problem is people aren't going to switch to transit.	NA	No			x		x										
John Murdock		Comment	I've been coming to these meetings for years. We were told four years ago that US 301 would be widened. I'm not going to vote for a sales tax that won't benefit southern Hillsborough County.	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	No													US 301, South County		
Anonymous #2		Comment	I appreciate your effort, but southern Hillsborough County is being left on its own.	NA	No													South County		
Anonymous #2		Comment	You're widening Boyette Road but there's no provision for bus stops on the project.	Reggie Alford, Hills County	No													Bus Stops		
Anonymous #2		Comment	All you care about is Tampa, Tampa, Tampa. I would not favor an increase in the sales tax.	NA	No														Equity; oppose sales tax	
Anonymous #2		Comment	You've got lofty aspirations for the rest of the county and nothing down here.	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	No													South County		
Anonymous #2		Comment	Response to Ray Chiaramonte's previous response on US 41 rail corridor - But that's not where the homes are going.	N/A	No			x												
Anonymous #2		Comment	I'm very disappointed there's no one here from the Hillsborough County Commission - it's a travesty!	N/A	No	x														
Anonymous #3		Question	Why did they make McMullen a divided road north of Boyette?	Reggie Alford, Hills County	No	x														
Anonymous #3		Comment	They're creating so many problems. People turn left out of CVS and go the wrong way. I didn't need to even get on Boyette before and now I have to make u-turn after u-turn and there's not even enough room to do it.	Reggie Alford, Hills County	No														design of McMullen Rd	
Anonymous #4		Comment	There needs to be some relationship shown between the money coming from this community to the money we get back in this community.	N/A	No														equity	
Anonymous #4		Comment	Buses are the solution, but there must be a relationship to where the money comes from and how much comes back.	Ray Chiaramonte, MPO	No				x										equity	

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Anonymous #5		Question	On the purple areas on the map - flex service - is that planned or already underway?	Ed Crawford, HART	It's not underway yet because of decreased revenue.	No	x															
Anonymous #6		Question	On light rail, are you going to use existing rail - like CSX? They seem to be a problem.	Ed Crawford, HART	There's very little train traffic west of 50th Street on CSX lines so we don't think it'll be a problem like SunRail. It will be more like a real estate transaction for CSX.	No	x															
Total								4	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				

Workshop #9

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development	
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose			
Anonymous #1		Question	Do you know which consultants HART will hire?	Ed Crawford	No I don't know yet.	No	x															
Anonymous #2		Question	With SB 360 is it now back in our pocket since the governor signed the bill?	Lucie Garsys	The impact of the economy has impacted everyone, everything.	No	x															
Anonymous #2		Comment	The developers have more money than we do. I'm not going to move where I need to pay for more roads.	Ray Chiaramante	A mobility fee is an option. They're going to find a way to pay for transportation.	No															x	
Anonymous #3		Question	674 is unfunded?	Lucie Garsys	It's only the third phase.	No	x															
Anonymous #4		Question	What would Hillsborough County get for the one cent tax?	Lucie Garsys	It's about \$200/year/household.	No	x															
Anonymous #4		Comment	You need to be specific about what we get for that \$200.	NA	NA	no														x		
Anonymous #5		Comment	ITMS - we should move it to the top of the priority list to fix all the other projects.	Ray Chiaramante	This is an old list, all the money is going to the I-4 connector project. So this list isn't relevant any more.	No													ITS			
Anonymous #5		Comment	Spend more on traffic signals and timing so you control the traffic and fix all the other problems	NA	NA	No													Traffic Sig			
Anonymous #5		Comment	I like the express bus idea.	NA	NA	No			x													
Anonymous #6		Comment	I want a computer analysis of where all our money really goes. I think there's more than enough money, but it's misused and not all going to transportation like it should.	Ray Chiaramante	I can't answer that now.	No														x		
Anonymous #7		Question	Has anyone ever tried to track that?	Ray Chiaramante	Yes.	No	x															
Anonymous #8		Question	There should be plenty of money. Where is it all? If everything is going to the federal government and it isn't coming back, how is the trust fund broke?	Bob Clifford	Explained federal funding for transportation and costs for transportation projects these days.	No														x		
Total								5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

Workshop #10

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident	Comment or	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up	General Comment	Mode - Rail	Mode - Bus	Mode - Roadway	Mode - Bike	Mode - Pedestrian	Specific Project/ Specific Need	Funding	Growth & Development
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Table 5: Transportation Task Force Public Workshop Comments (Continued)

	Area, Address (if identified)	Question?			Required	(Statement, Question)	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose			
Kevin Wright		Comment	Lutz doesn't want this urban vision you're promoting tonight. We need to decide who's going to control this discussion - the big government or the small business community. If you plan to put a rail system from Manatee to Citrus County you'll bulldoze all the small town communities. We want to avoid the corporate view here in Lutz.	Ray Chiaramante		We don't have an urban vision for Lutz.													opposed to urban growth in lutz
No name given		Question	I'm curious about the increase in lanes on Fletcher and Livingston	Ray Chiaramante & County PM	No	RC: showed slide with list of projects. PM: Lutz to Lake Fern is under design and about 90% complete, and the county is working with Florida's Turnpike for the interchange at the Suncoast Parkway.													
No name given		Question	With the planned school on Lutz Lake Fern what' being done to mitigate the mess with the new school?	County PM	No	We'll have additional traffic direction during construction.													
No name given		Comment	I believe some people moved to Tampa because we don't want rail Isn't being in the top 10 good enough?	Bob Clifford	No	Top 10 is great, but can we stay there? The business community thinks we need to stay there.		x											
Same person as #5		Question	Don't you think we'll risk losing some of the people by changing?	NA	No	NA													
No name given		Question	What's a super region?	Bob Clifford	No	A contiguous area of major regions - for example Boston to NY.													
Same person as #7		Question	The planning that's going on now - how does that relate to Tallahassee and what the governor is allowing to create urban sprawl? I feel like Tallahassee is forcing us into making these decisions.	Bob Clifford	No	We have to work with the new legislation.													opposed to sprawl
Same person as #7		Comment	I support making the developers pay for what they're creating - urban sprawl. I shouldn't have to pay for someone else to create urban sprawl.	NA	No	NA													developm ent should pay for its impacts
Same person as #7		Comment	I suggest you post these presentations so I can see them slower.	Ned Baier	No	Good idea.													
No name given		Comment	I like the idea of the rail/transit, but we're taxed to death. We need to prioritize. The developers should pay, not us.	Ned Baier	No	Hillsborough County has been requiring developers to pay for road improvements in the last 5-6 years.		x											developm ent should pay for its impacts
No name given		Comment	I moved from Detroit. I was happy there. My house taxes here have tripled since 2000. My insurance keeps going up, if I can even get it.	Ned Baier	No	Bus service may be a cheaper alternative than a car. That's a way to save money.													opposed to higher taxes
Anonymous #1		Comment	The airport doesn't take any taxes - it's not subsidized. I'm for rail. How are you going to get the steering wheel out of their hands? What's the incentive to use rail.	Ray Chiaramante	No	Rail is faster, smoother and quieter than a bus.		x											
Anonymous #1		Comment	If you improve the roads people will stay on them.	Ned Baier	No	Texas loves cars, bus Dallas has been very successful with rail and light rail. Economic reasons pushed it.							x						
Anonymous #2		Question	Because we're aging we'll get out from behind the wheel so when I'm 75 I can	NA	No	NA													

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Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			go places. I'm concerned about it being available by then.																		
Anonymous #2		Question	How can the county build another school on Lutz Lake Fern without the transportation improvements already in place?	Ned Baier & Bob Clifford	We worked very quickly to get the project underway, but the economy has forced us to cut many projects, including one phase of this one. BC: Schools aren't required to meet concurrency - transportation isn't the issue to the school board - that's statewide, not just in Hillsborough County.	No															impact of new school on transp. System
Anonymous #3		Question	What schools are you talking about?	NA	McKentrack Elementary, Steinbrenner HS and Martinez Middle	No	x														
Kristine Woorley		Question	What happens with rail in other counties if they don't have the money? You said it's supposed to go to other counties.	Ray Chiaramante	That's their responsibility to raise the money.	No	x														
Kristine Woorley		Question	You're doing this to keep the students in Tampa after they graduate?	Ray Chiaramante	It's really to improve traffic conditions and the ability to get around. Traffic will continue to get worse.	No	x														
Anonymous #4		Question	Do we have neighboring counties on board - particularly Pasco?	Ray Chiaramante	Yes! We've been working with all the other counties because of TBARTA. Pasco will probably coordinate with Hillsborough County before Pinellas.	No	x														
Anonymous #4		Question	Are we really going to do this? I remember this back in 1975.	Ray Chiaramante	I hope so. It's different this time.	No	x														
Anonymous #4		Question	Do you think you'll finally have the P in MPO and start planning growth? You're going to have to incentives to businesses to move/develop here.	Ray Chiaramante & Ed Crawford	RC: Yes, we're already working on that. EC: Rail is inflexible so once it's there it's there to stay. So we need to plan around that fixed asset. It's about where the stations are.	No															need to plan for growth
Anonymous #4		Comment	We need to mix buses and trolleys with the rail.	NA	NA	No			x												
Mr. Canno	running for State Representative	Question	How will we pay for this/ The tax doesn't seem to be enough.	NA	NA	No														x	
Mr. Canno		Question	What's the cost benefit analysis and will the federal government pay enough and if not then what?	Ray Chiaramante	I can't answer that now. That's what we do when the plan is detailed.	No														x	
Mr. Canno		Question	The additional tax will also impact tourist and therefore our commerce.	NA	NA	No															impact of additional taxes on economy
Anonymous #5		Comment	We need to think about our children and grandchildren. We need to make sure your staff include younger people too.	Ray Chiaramante	The younger people are our greatest audience.	No	x														
Anonymous #6		Comment	You need to present this a little differently. The way you started makes me against it, but after the questions I feel a little differently.	NA	NA	No	x														
Anonymous #7		Comment	It's good to pull in the younger people, but where are they going after they graduate? The jobs are here in Tampa or Florida.	Ray Chiaramante	That's what the business community is finally getting.	No	x														
Anonymous #8		Question	You think people will use transit?	Ray	The system is definitely incremental -	No		x	x											not	

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			You're wrong, and the federal government doesn't have the money to pay for this. The electric vehicle in the Villages and Sun City Center is the way to go. Start small.	Chiaramante	over 30 years. Rail and bus riders are different from each other.															enough fed money	

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Workshop #11

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Harry Sherauss		Question	Why do we have such lousy bus service in Hillsborough County? HART is cutting back on too much service.	Ray Chiaramante	We've recently increased the #30 bus frequency.	No				X									More bus svc		
Jerry Mastrogiovani		Question	Rail sounds all great and good, but how much is it going to cost each person in here?	Ray Chiaramante	\$120/household/year based on a one cent tax.	No	X														
Jerry Mastrogiovani		Question	The sales tax would cover all the costs?	Ray Chiaramante	Yes, and the federal match.	No	X														
Jerry Mastrogiovani		Comment	The presentation is great.	NA	NA	No	X														
Anonymous #1		Comment	I use the bus a lot and I'm handicapped. The buses are very tall and it's hard to get in. Not all handicapped people are in wheelchairs. You're forgetting the rest of us. Plus we have to walk a lot just to get to the bus stops. All your buses are too high off the ground because they're fitted for wheelchairs.	NA	You're right. We brought in buses on a temporary basis until new buses are available. The tall buses will be replaced first.	No													Accessible buses		
Anonymous #1		Comment	It's impossible to get across Fletcher Ave.	NA	NA	No													Fletcher Ave		
Anonymous #1		Comment	There needs to be a commuter bus from USF to Carrollwood with a stop at UTC.	Ed Crawford	NA	No													Bus from USF to Carrollwood		
Anonymous #2		Comment	The rail is a great idea. I'm from DC - I've been here 15 years. I live off Himes. It has a pretty good schedule. I'm handicapped and they took away my bus stop and moved it a quarter mile away.	Ed Crawford	We're pulling a lot of stops because we can tell if we're not having a lot of people at a stop. We're re-evaluating which stops were pulled.	No		X													
Anonymous #2		Comment	Even if it's \$150/household we should start doing rail. We should've started 15-25 years ago.	NA	NA	No		X													
Anonymous #3		Question	How will transit help maintain jobs?	Ray Chiaramante & Cassandra Ecker	RC:We don't have any real numbers yet, but construction will add jobs. CE: Regionally if we invest in a regional system that's 21,000 jobs, including engineers, planners and the domino effect of people using the system to go to businesses who need people to work the business. RC:one issue we've heard	No	X														

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							Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
				about is access to get to jobs. Rail/transit will help people get to work.																
Anonymous #4		Question		How long till we get the new buses? Summer	No	X														
Anonymous #4		Question	NA	Why can't the stop at 22nd and 144th be replaced? NA	No													Bus stop at 22nd & 144th		
Anonymous #5		Comment	Ray Chiaramante	Buses are beyond most people. Riding buses is very complex, learning the schedules and routes. Buses can't replace cars 100 percent, but they can be used only 30 percent is you also use transit. Insurance is the issue - base it on how much you drive. I agree with everything you just said. It's not the car against the rail. We need to emphasize it's not either/or.	No				X	X										
Anonymous #6		Question	Ed Crawford	Why not have a map of the system in all the buses if it's complex? We have them in most buses, all the transfer stations and on-line. We're looking at cell phone access to the routing system too.	No	X														
Anonymous #7		Question	Ed Crawford	Did any stimulus money come to HART? HART received \$15 million for bus replacement.	No	X														
Anonymous #8		Question	Ed Crawford	What's the plan for educating us on the transit plan? These meetings are part of that. If there's a referendum we'll all ramp up these education efforts.	No	X														
Anonymous #9		Comment	NA	It takes a long time to strap a wheelchair on a bus, but you could be making a bus late and impacting those people standing in the sun, rain or cold at the next stop. NA	NA													Bus stop amenities		
Total							8	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			

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Workshop #12

Public Citizen Name	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required	General Comment (Statement, Question)	Mode - Rail		Mode - Bus		Mode - Roadway		Mode - Bike		Mode - Pedestrian		Specific Project/ Specific Need		Funding	Growth & Development
								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
Larry Thurmond	Temple Terrace	Comment	I'm a regular bus rider since the 90s. Route 33 to St. Joe should be extended to about 9:pm and eventually to New Tampa and to Plant City.	Mary Shavaliar	We're working on Route 33. When St. Joseph's Hospital is complete we'll get our service there.	No				X									X – extend svc to New Tampa & Plant City		
Larry Thurmond	Temple Terrace	Comment	A shuttle for the strawberry festival would be good if we get service out to Plant City, like you did for the fair a couple years ago. That worked out really well. It will help alleviate congestion on US 92 and the roads around the festival.	Mary Shavaliar	New Tampa is a challenge because of the street layout. That's why we're proposing a flex service. Plant City right now does not pay into the HART ad valorem. That's why we can't provide service right into Plant City. We're hoping that might change. On the shuttle issue - because we're tied to the federal government, we've very constrained on what we can do in that market so we don't compete with the private market.	No				X									X – extend svc to Plant City		
Larry Thurmond	Temple Terrace	Comment	Keep the service here in Temple Terrace. Route 6 is good. There's a lot of good ridership on Route 39 as well.	NA						X											
Larry Thurmond	Temple Terrace	Comment	You should do some public service spots for radio and TV and interview riders.	Mary Shavaliar	That's a good idea. Ed Crawford is here. We did that once with public employees.	No	X														
Anonymous #1		Question	What are the details of the referendum	Ned Baier	It would most likely be a one cent sales tax, but that decision hasn't been made yet. It's a decision made by the county commission. The transportation task force will help them make that decision. They're looking at the plan in detail to determine the sequence of the plan and what parts of the rail system will qualify for federal money. Qualifying for federal money is a big part of this. There's talk about the rail system and expanding the bus system, but they're also looking at what else could be paid for with that penny sales tax. The county commission wants to make a decision by the end of the year. More details to come on that.	No	X														
Anonymous #2		Question	The sales tax will only be used for transportation? I'm assuming once the rail is built the remaining funds will be used for operating and maintaining the system.	Ned Baier	It would be similar to a community investment tax that was used a couple years ago that went for a specific list of projects.	No	X														
Anonymous #2		Question	If it (the sales tax) fails will be go to another line item on our property taxes?	Bob Gordon	There's no transportation system that's free of subsidies. We've deferred \$300 million in road projects. We've discussed a portion of the tax being used to put some of those projects back on the list - in addition to those transit initiatives you've heard about tonight.	No														Opposed to additional prop tax	
Anonymous #3		Question	Will any of these projects be funded by stimulus funds?	Ned Baier/Mary	Not specifically the light rail project because stimulus money is for projects	no	X														

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
				Shavalier	ready to go to construction, and we're probably 5 years from starting construction. M. Shavalier: HART received \$15 million in stimulus money. Half that money is for buying 29 new buses.																
Anonymous #3		Question	Are any of those buses hybrids?	Mary Shavalier	No - we have three in our fleet now. They're a lot more expensive right now. The operating costs are really high. We have really high replacement needs and couldn't afford the hybrids. The diesel engines now are much cleaner. Ned Baier: The state of Florida is requesting stimulus money for the high speed rail connecting Orlando to Tampa.	no	X														
Anonymous #4	Temple Terrace	Comment	I'm a lifelong resident. HART is misnamed. It's not for Hillsborough County it's for Tampa. Hillsborough County residents are paying for the City of Tampa to get transit. That's why Plant City opted out - they're not getting anything. You want us to pay another penny in sales tax for the City of Tampa to have more transit. The people in those outlying areas aren't going to support it. TBARTA comes along and they just add more services to Tampa. Tampa needs to pay their fare share because it gets all the service. The people in east county are fed up with paying taxes for services we don't get. It's not going to pass in east Hillsborough. It may pass and you'll force us to pay it.	Ned Baier	We've heard that at a lot of meetings in S. Hillsborough County. Our new maps show much better bus service to those underserved areas.	No															Opposed to transit funding inequity
Anonymous #5		Question	How does the Temple Terrace area play a role in your plans?	Mary Shavalier	We want bus rapid transit in this area to (56th Street) to Westshore. We also propose flex service in lower density area. You make a reservation. Some of the challenges in this area are the development zones.	No	X														
Anonymous #6		Question	What's the percentage of usage on your buses - capacity?	Mary Shavalier	About 23 passengers/hour.	No	X														
Anonymous #6		Question	How many people will a bus hold?	Mary Shavalier	About 36 passengers.	No	X														
Anonymous #6		Question	Do people always talk on their phones on the bus. That's so annoying.	Mary Shavalier	We're trying to get wi-fi on our buses so people can work.	No	X														
Anonymous #7		Comment	You're not going to change people's habits. We don't have high density development. You should reward communities that pursue high density development.	Joe (planning committee?)	We want to see density begin in the 56th Street area. We've developed a multi-modal center for the city. It will take time, but the foundation is there. The flex service is a key component.	No															Opposed to higher density
Kevin		Comment	There's a huge disconnect because people are paying for this service but don't/can't ride the system. The system	NA	NA	No			X												

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
			has a lot of room for productive growth. Why don't we use off-peak pricing? Fill the buses up in the off-peak hours. Coordinate with government workers, teachers, etc.. You should take buses to these meetings, not cars.																		
Anonymous #8		Question	If the referendum fails will there be an increase in property taxes?	Ned Baier	It wouldn't be property taxes. The gas tax is primary source of revenue. There would be a plan B, but we're not there yet.	No	X														
								10	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Selecting Projects for Funding (July through December 2009)

Newsletters, Comment Cards, and Public Comments Received

The autumn 2009 Mobility Focus newsletter featured maps and lists of roadway, bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects recommended for funding in the draft Plan. A mail-back comment card was included. The newsletter and survey were also posted on the MPO and 2035 Plan websites. Readers were asked if any projects were missing or should be removed from the draft plan. Thirty six (36) responses were mailed back or responded to electronically, and are summarized in Table 6.

In addition, the MPO continued to record comments related to the Plan from phone calls, e-mails, letters, and face-to-face meetings. These were compiled in the public comment database (Table 7) and are summarized by mode as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Public Comments by Mode

Mode	Total	Need more?	Improve this?	Support this?	Other ideas? Rethink this?
Roadways, lanes, etc.	87	25	13	38	7
		11	2	11	12
Sidewalks, paths, etc.	11	7	3	8	2
		1	0	1	0
Bike lanes, trails, etc.	28	19	5	24	3
		1	1	1	1
Rail, light rail, trolley	87	65	12	66	7
		4	0	5	8
Bus, shelters, etc.	40	26	9	31	5
		3	1	3	1
Paratransit, share-a-van	74	3	0	65	0
		0	0	0	0
Carpool, Vanpool	2	2	1	2	0
		0	0	0	0
Ports, water or air	2	1	0	1	0
		1	0	1	0

Green = Favorable Comment Pink = Unfavorable Comment

Table 6: Fall 2009 Mobility Focus Newsletter Survey on Draft Cost Affordable Plan

ID	Submission Date & Time	Highway Projects						Bicycle & Trail Projects					
		Are there projects missing from this list? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are.		Comment - hwy projects missing	Are there projects that are on this list that should be removed? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are.		Comment - hwy projects that should be removed	Are there projects missing from this list? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are.		Comment - bikeways, trails missing	Are there projects that are on this list that should be removed? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are.		Comment - bikeways, trails that should be removed
		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes	
3	11/9/2009 18:56		1	Educating the public (including Sheriff Deputies) to not drive/swerve in/out of the bike lanes. You literally risk your life to ride in them, and most use the dilapidated sidewalks for safety. Tampa is known as having the most bike accidents in the country for this very reason.	1			1	Education (see above).	1			
12	11/10/2009 19:31		1	Widening West shore from Kennedy to Gandy!!!!		1	Gandy Blvd, South Tampa New 2 lane elevated road from Dale Mabry Hwy to Gandy Bridge	1	This is to expense period. Ride i the street,				
22	11/10/2009 22:34		1	We need more high speed rails/trains. At least one high speed rail should be used to connect St. Pete/Clearwater with Tampa.	1			1		1			
23	11/11/2009 0:01	1			1		I love it. Let's vote on it now.	1		1			
26	11/29/2009 10:34	1			1			1		1			
41	11/18/2009 10:55	1			1				I don't know	1			
42	11/18/2009 10:59			The Gandy elevated lanes could kill the adjacent businesses as happened on US 19 when they elevated that.									
43	11/18/2009 11:01												
44	11/18/2009 11:09												
49	11/18/2009 15:42			The I-75 interchange modifications need to be included and funded. Especially at Big Bend Rd.					Need to accommodate golf carts. Build into the trail system for example.				
51	11/18/2009 19:33		1	What's the price tag for each person in the county in tax dollars now & when it is running? Another layer (aka: sports authority)of bureaucracy funded with our tax dollars where the CEO's make \$100,000+ & the peons makes peanuts? Will projects be paid for with rider fees or will it be tax dollar subsidized & at what cost? What will be the administrative cost? Will you use eminent domain? Will bus line service be dominated by Tampa? Will HART be discontinued? What's the cost per passenger mile?		1	All of them! Defeat this bureaucratic monster that will strip the tax dollars from our pockets to subsidize public transportation. If this is such a great idea then why doesn't private enterprise do it? They know it for what it is - a feather bedding project?	1		1	Do away with all of them. Bicycles are made to ride on the roads with vehicles. If people cannot handle that then they should not ride bicycles.		
52	11/18/2009 19:47	1				1		1		1	All of them. No other sport is allowed to take up valuable road space. Let them ride in parks or their neighborhoods like we do.		

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		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes	
57	11/19/2009 9:18									On the Bkeway & Trls map (p.6 Autumn Mobility Focus) please add to the On-Road Bicycle Facilities, to be Funded By 2035, all those bkeways in the county's Grnways Master Plan. The bkeways along Shell Point Rd. and 19th Ave in Ruskin have been promised for a very long time. (See p. 39 of the May 1995 \"Hillsborough Grnways Master Plan\" The bikeways along Shell Point Rd. and 19th Ave in Ruskin have been promised for a very long time. (See p. 39 of the May 1995 \"Hillsborough Grnway Master Plan\"			Also see more current Grnways map: http://bit.ly/2PYqoR This loop would take people to and from the South Coast Grenway Trl (shown on your map in green) connecting with E.G. Simmons Park on the Bay. We citizens have worked with developers over the years to add bike lanes connecting to this promised loop -- for ex. along 14th st. NW in anticipation that these Grnways will someday be built. Check with Charner Reese or me for more info. Please let me know whether you will make these additions, or not.
59	11/19/2009 11:18	1				1	Light Rail	1				1	
60	11/19/2009 11:23												
61	11/19/2009 11:26		1	Valrico Road b/t SR 60 and MLK					1	Valrico Road b/t SR 60 and MLK			
63	11/30/2009 12:56							1		I didn't see reopening the Friendship Trail bridge on the list.			
64	11/19/2009 19:20		1	WHAT ABOUT A LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM BETWEEN, LAKE LAND, PLANT CITY, TAMPA, TO HOOK INTO RAIL SYSTEM IN TAMPA, GO TO AIRPORT, SO MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN PLANT CITY, LAKE LAND THAT WORK IN TAMPA, IT WOULD BE GREAT.	1				1	YOU NEED TO INCLUDE OUTSIDE OF TAMPA	1		
65	11/19/2009 19:36												
66	11/19/2009 21:04		1	South county to have been stuck out like a red headed step child. I heard on the phone 1 call from south co. and it's NOT been real promising.	1				1	I don't want to be short sighted, seems to me we have to pay for something we'll likely never see any benefits from. I have seen and heard too many "pie in the sky" promises where it seems there are always "more pressing" items that need "immediate" attention and the primary reason gets put on the back burner.	1		
83	11/29/2009 13:57		1	How does Pinellas county traffic fit in? Most people go from one side of town thru to the other and do not stop downtown only.		1	Faster lanes for I75	1					
88	11/30/2009 12:58	1											
89	11/30/2009 13:08	1				1	I think this 2035 project should be tentative based on the building of light rail.	1			1		
90	11/30/2009 13:20								1	22, 26, 29, 30, 34 st. and 26 ave, 28th ave, Chipco, Lake Ave. and Chelesa			Use some of the money for the Blight areas as well as the Rich areas.

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	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes									
3	1			1			1	Earlier funding of rail (or ANY transit) connecting Westchase to Pinellas Co. We moved here (from OR) near a bus stop assuming that it would connect us to nearby areas. We were wrong and can't afford to move. We're at the very edge of the co. and its limited/lengthy services that don't even come close to reaching Pinellas bus routes, and biking is risky (as mentioned earlier). This lack of transport options greatly limits my already-limited job prospects for this 1-car family.				1								
12								I work downtown and I see buses driving around nearly all day long completely empty. Outside rush hours all they are doing is burning fuel!						1						
22	1			1			1						1							

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	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes							
													mass transit system.					
23	1			1			1						This plan is long overdue. Let's make it happen.	1				
26	1			1			1						Can't get the rail soon enough! Seems like the only way to provide more transportation choices AND approach smarter growth while improving the economy.				1	
41	1		Build Miller Mac Fund it Are You kidding me? This is a safety hazard	1			1						Build Miller Mac sidewalk.	1				
42									Need an express route from South Shore to MacDill AFB that goes right on base.			Are we going to get rail to Orlando?	We need a rail system here. This area is so behind. Phoenix has rail and we don't. When are we going to do something? I would ride it into the city. I like the idea of rail. Also like express bus to Sarasota.					
43								1	Please include South Tampa route in the 2035 Cost Affordable list!					1				
44									Commuter trains for Apollo Beach!								1	
49													Big Bend Rd, South Shore is listed as affordable and unfunded If developers reimburse sales tax projects like Apollo Beach Blvd ext. there the funds should still stay in South Shore. Ranking #9 (1-75): Ranking "Enhance Goods Movement" at 3 seems low when you consider I-75's role in NIS truck movement through Florida and how this segment will see increasing truck traffic from Port Manatee and Port Redwing. Similarly, I don't understand how increasing this major roadway's capacity doesn't rate higher than a 3 on "Improve Emergency Evacuation". Ask the FHP how quickly I-75 fills up when					

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	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes							
													a hurricane threat comes from the south or southwest.					
51		1	Enforcement of pedestrian laws for J walking, causing accidents, and failing to yield for emergency vehicles.		1	All.	1				1	Yes all of them. All this list is, is a method to try and sell the program as affordable. It is not affordable with our tax dollars. It is affordable if paid for by the rider and run by a for profit organization with no monies coming in from the peoples taxes. If you want the program - pay for it. Otherwise you are forcing others who do not want it to pay for it and they will never use it.	This is a big lie. The plan is NOT affordable. This is a marketing tool to sell the project as if it were the lowest cost plan. It is not. The lowest cost plan is 0. Again, if private enterprise will not touch it then why should the tax payers be forced to pay for something that will never see a profit and will always be a net loser?				1	
52							1				1	High speed rail. Take that off and you can afford the other projects that are pushed back.					1	
57																		
59				1			1				1	Light Rail					1	
60			Sidewalk 15th st Between Fowler and 131st st N Tampa Fl 33612					1	Bus 57 Bus Shelter Fowler Ave and Morris Bridge Rd (By I-Hop) Temple Terrace Fl 33637				Would like available bus pickup for "Seniors" Presently, based on Medical needs only. Co PD may not be bad enough? ALL "Seniors" need Rides who don't drive. Glad to have Newsletters can't get to the meetings.		1			
61		1	Valrico Road b/t SR 60 and MLK														1	
63		1	Friendship Trail bridge.															
64		1	HANDICAP AND ELDERLY NEED CHEAP ACCESS OR NO PAY AT ALL	1			1			1						1		
65													Lived in Tampa since the	1				

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	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes							
													middle forties and the powers that were in control took away the trolleys which were a great mode of transportation however these newer little light rails haven't shown that they can pay for themselves.					
66	1			1				1	Involved wages, maintenance, fares not being addressed.				I feel there are too many unanswered questions for the system to start in the foreseeable future.				1	
83	1			1				1	Across the top of Hillsborough county east/west highway	1							1	
88		1	There is not a complete sidewalk from the county line to Huntergreen. This makes it unsafe for pedestrians.					1						1				
89	1			1				1	The Priority is building of a light rail system, not to expand the bus system or high speed rail to Orlando.		1	The high speed rail system from Tampa to Orlando, no real need.	The cost affordable plan makes good sense in prioritizing the projects and how each project will be paid for. That type of information should be given to voters. I would like to see addressed The pros and cons of the 1 cent sales tax for transit and transportation.	1				
90		1	Bring services to poor parts of Tampa as well as Rich areas.						We need mini vans to serve all East Tampa residents, not just Belmont Estates housing. Seniors and disabled citizens need serving so we can attend meetings to help plan East Tampa and doctor visits.			Included citizens by providing transportation to go to city County meetings downtown.	We are predicting cost. Its not actually the poor needs help too. Street cars use d to serve all areas of the City and buses too. If the strategies Plan had been explained prior to voting to approve, it would be easy to comment correctly. Topic I would like to see addressed Bring light rail into 22nd, 26th, 29th, 20th, 34th st. East Tampa needs to have more access since you are using our taxes to help all of Tampa Neighborhoods	1				

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1. Are there projects missing from this list? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	widen to 4 lanes Armenia & Himes Armenia to Bush Carrollwood traffic south Bound then sometimes train goes thru at 7:15am peak traffic hour
	4 lane Hime Hills. to Bush. 4 Lane Armenia Sligh to Bush Dale Mabry elevated to Van Dyke Light rail The Train passes Thru Bush/Armenia at peak hours 7:15am
	Armenia Ave widening to be one of the top projects
	Widen US 301 to 4 lanes north of Fowler Ave
	Bike path connector.
	Knights Griffin Rd. PRIORITY Major east/West Road.
2. Are there projects that are on this list that should be removed? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	New Tampa projects are funded at the expense of more important projects in Central/ Northwest Tampa
	N. Tampa Blvd, New Tampa -Commerce Pk Bridge. Widening of BBDowns, Cross Crk Blvd and other area improvements negate need. Traffic diversion off BB Downs drastically degrades safety, livability of WMeadows/T.Palms while congestion voids benefits for commuters. Project "Needs" premises faulty and outdated. Few if any school buses travel proposed new route - study shows 6 minute savings each way Lack of studies for alternative locations like Highwoods Preserve by Tampa Tech - Lizard Tail Rd. USAA
	All roadway widenings
3. Are there projects missing from this list? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	Continue the Fort King Trail south to Morris Bridge Rd. Also, elevate the north section of the Fort King Trail to reduce flooding.
	Please include the bike/Trails connector. I work in Hillsborough County, but live in Pinellas County because of the Pinellas Bicycle Trail. I would consider moving closer to my job if there was biking opportunities and political support. Baby boomers are retiring and we are active. thank you.
	Bike Lane from Ft. King Road, where they currently end to Stacey to 301 where the bike trail starts.
4. Are there projects that are on this list that should be removed? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	These projects (all) should be removed in order to fund road/ highway projects
5. Are there projects missing from this list? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	Just do it.
	Bike Lane from Ft. King Road, where they currently end to Stacey to 301 where the bike trail starts. Due to no sidewalks
6. Are there projects that are on this list that should be removed? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	These projects (all) should be removed in order to fund road/ highway projects
7. Are there projects missing from this list? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	Do it.
8. Are there projects that are on this list that should be removed? If you answer 'Yes' please tell us what they are. - Comments	
	Answer
	All of them public transit is a waste of money.
9. What other comments do you have regarding the Cost Affordable Plan? - Responses	
	Answer
	This plan is incredibly wasteful! Our limited resources need to put into expanding roads/ highways. Public transit is nothing more than a boondogg to, wasting our tax money. Provide more detail on proposed projects. Funding sources how much money, per person, these projects will cost in new taxes.
	Please add me to your news letter mailing list.
	Newsletter and comment card were easy to understand.
	Please do it for the future.
	Knights Griffin widening should be a priority major evaluation route when I-4 shutdown due to emergency. Other topics I would like addressed in future are rail system and stops (Locations) etc.,
	Promote the merger of the Hillsborough and Pinellas MPO's into ONE REGIONAL MPO. Get Crist to sign into law ASAP.
	The 1 cent tax would be a huge mistake! More taxes will not help the area's economy. The only answer is to trim budgets and postpone future new projects. This US economy has not even reached a lowest point yet.
	The newsletter was easy to understand. The comment card was easy to understand. I found what I needed to know about the Cost Affordable 2035 Plan in the newsletter and from the video and web site.
	I believe you have done a great job in putting this together. People need to be aware that this is for the FUTURE and we need this. The newsletter was easy to understand. The comment card was easy to understand. I found out what I needed to know about the Cost Affordable 2035 Plan in this newsletter and from the video on the web site.
11. Please enter the information indicated below. - Responses	
Postal Code:	33618

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Survey Name: Draft Cost Affordable 2035 Transportation Plan	
Postal Code:	33604
Postal Code:	33596
Postal Code:	33592-2724
Postal Code:	33785
Postal Code:	33637
Postal Code:	33630
Postal Code:	33637
Postal Code:	33609

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	
2767	Assist/Comment		Researched and transmitted information on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model	1/6/2009																
2768	Assist/Comment		Gave information and will be providing a map	1/7/2009	HC															
2769	Assist/Comment			1/7/2009																
2770	Assist/Comment			1/7/2009	Other															
2771	Assist/Comment		New Freedom Information	1/16/2009	HC															
2773	Assist/Comment		Moving into County. Needed Explanation of the Ride Guide and information on how TD services work in Hillsborough Co.	1/26/2009	HC	33659														
2774	Assist/Comment			1/26/2009																
2851	Assist/Comment		Dear Commissioners and Planners, While it may seem that now is a poor time to propose major infrastructure development projects, I will nevertheless submit to you a plan for consideration, to benefit all of the residents and businesses of the greater	1/29/2009	TA															
2776	Assist/Comment			2/10/2009																
2850	Assist/Comment		Lynn; I'm unable to attend the meeting this morning due to a doctor's appointment. Please forward this email to the MPO at this morning's meeting. With regard to the priorities to be discussed this morning I feel that the I-4 -Selmon Expressway just go	2/16/2009	TA	33616														
2777	Assist/Comment			2/24/2009																
2983	Assist/Comment		Ramond Chiamonte, Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization, 601 E. Kennedy, Tampa, Florida 33601 Dear Ray: The Aviation Authority is pleased to have been invited to participate in the update of the MPO's 2035 Long Range	2/24/2009	HC	33622														
2984	Assist/Comment		(the attached letter to previous entry) Robert R. Gordan, P.E. Director, Hillsborough County Public Works	2/24/2009	HC	33622														

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
		Department, PO Box 110, Tampa, Florida 33601 RE: Formal Position, Sligh Avenue Extension Project #2002-195-R Dear Mr. Gordan:																			
2778	Assist/Comment		Medicaid Provider	2/25/2009																	
2779	Assist/Comment		NET Provider	2/25/2009	Other																
2780	Assist/Comment		Provided references and information on various agencies and mailed Ride Guide and the Joy of Looking	2/25/2009	HC	33579															
2781	Assist/Comment		Gave stimulus priorities list	3/5/2009	HC																
2782	Assist/Comment	With all due respect, plus a little extra, light rail is simply a modification of a 19th century system which worked well for the de-centralized populations of that era, but simply won't solve our 21st century problems. It appears to me that your advising	Informed about LRT	3/5/2009																	
2783	Assist/Comment			3/9/2009	PC	33565															
2784	Assist/Comment		Gave Legislative Information	3/17/2009		33612															
1252	Questionnaire	1. Build new roads or improve the ones we have 2. Expand bus service into new areas of the county 3. Implement new technologies to improve efficiency (alternate route traffic info, traffic signal timing, and coordination)	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1253	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1254	Questionnaire	5	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1255	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1256	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1257	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1258	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1259	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1260	Questionnaire	3	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1261	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1262	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1263	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1264	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1265	Questionnaire	3	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1266	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1267	Questionnaire	4	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1268	Questionnaire	10%	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1269	Questionnaire	20%	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1270	Questionnaire	60%	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1271	Questionnaire	10%	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1272	Questionnaire	1. New or increased sales tax 2. Increased overall vehicle registration fees	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1273	Questionnaire	In the Tampa Bay region, but not in Hillsborough County	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															
1274	Questionnaire	33545	N/A	3/24/2009		33545															

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1275	Questionnaire	City of Tampa	N/A	3/24/2009		33545														
1276	Questionnaire	Drive alone	N/A	3/24/2009		33545														
1277	Questionnaire	1. Drive alone 2. Drive or ride in car or van with at least one other person 3. Bus/ Express Bus/ Bus Rapid Transit	N/A	3/24/2009		33545														
1278	Questionnaire	Concerned member of the public	N/A	3/24/2009		33545														
2981	Assist/Comment	Joe, Ned asked me to prepare the attached list of Developer Projects for you.		3/24/2009	TA	33601														
2849	Assist/Comment	Hi Kids, Sorry some of you were unable to make the "Carrollwood" planning meeting on the 26th. The presenter was Ray Chairmonte, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Lisa Silva had anticipated his program would only take a		3/26/2009	TA															
2786	Assist/Comment		Provided Info for HART New Starts Process and coordinated with other staff members to provide GIS information. Provided LRTP Goals and Objectives, land use maps and constrained roads information.	4/3/2009	TA	33634-6323														
2785	Assist/Comment			4/6/2009																
2848	Assist/Comment	Where will first leg of rail system run & where are the stops? Will train only run back & forth from one end to the other? Will train operate 24 hours a day? How much will it cost to ride train end-to-end? Can we get a gym car? I commute 3 hours/day		4/6/2009	TA															
2787	Assist/Comment			4/7/2009	HC															
2788	Assist/Comment		Gave information on the JARC/NF funding process as it relates to the Tri-County Access Plan	4/7/2009	Other															
2980	Assist/Comment	Joe, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise at this time has no plans for a future interchange at Sligh Avenue Extension and the Veterans Expressway. There is a former landfill located under the Veterans Expressway where this proposed interchange would be located	Sent transportation model for 2035, showing the Sligh Ave. extension project.	4/7/2009	TA	33612														
2893	Assist/Comment	If transit is such a good idea, then why are buildings/stores closing in Channelside where the trolley runs through? How much does the first leg of the project cost, and where does it come from? How can transit help my living standards, such as receiving		4/14/2009	HC															
2896	Assist/Comment	Is there a proposal of transit running from downtown to USF? We have a		4/14/2009	TT															

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		good chance on receiving funds for the High Speed Rail Project connecting Tampa to Orlando because the engineering and acquisition is done etc. Presentation was excellent! And how doe																			
2838	Assist/Comment	How much revenue does a 1cent sales tax generate? Why isn't the sales tax levied regionally?		4/15/2009	TA																
2847	Assist/Comment	Ted Lilley Thank you for the coverage of this important issue. As a transplant to Tampa, I sorely miss the quality public transportation available in other major metropolitan areas. Open air bus stops with less-than-adequate coverage are a far cry fro		4/15/2009	TA																
2894	Assist/Comment	Greatly appreciate the professionalism by Ray Chairamonte on being an advocate for rail transit, because without him the idea of rail transit would not be brought into consideration for Hillsborough County.		4/15/2009	TA																
2982	Assist/Comment	Managed LanesLee Royal, Ming Gao, Beth Alden, Cassandra Ecker, Joe ZHow to show cast of managed lanes in CA - FDOT already has revenue shortfall. What funding source.Could use STP/ocler Art. Etc?Tolls would not cover full cost.Set up stak		4/16/2009	HC																
2895	Assist/Comment	Are the MPO helping the community with their community plans to help them be aware of the impacts that will be going on? How do you determine if the area proposed for rail transit, wants to slow down or needs to grow?		4/17/2009	HC																
2817	Assist/Comment	Mr. Jim Wujek, President and Mr. Fredric Zerla, Vice President, University Square Civic Association, Inc. , 11101 N. 19th Street, Tampa, Florida 33612 Dear Messers. Wujek and Zerla: We have received a copy of your March 2, 2009 letter to Mayor Iori		4/20/2009	TA	33612-6456															
2834	Assist/Comment	Environmental impacts with and without transit? Teenagers & kids that don't drive will be attracted to transit. Will streetcar system be brought back and follow its old lines? TBARTA connection from Tamps to Clearwater Beach is good & will be much faster		4/22/2009	TA																
2789	Assist/Comment		Provided freight stakeholder contact info	4/23/2009	TA	32792															

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			from MPO bulk mailer and from FDOT Freight Study - sent via email.																	
2876	Assist/Comment	Rail Transit sounds great, but I'm afraid cities have decided that rail transit is the answer. But I'm sorry until we look at what the cost per trip is, we can't solely rely on rail transit.		4/23/2009	TA															
2877	Assist/Comment	what was used to determine demographics? We currently have two residential high-rises, and they're some mix-uses in Skypoint, and they are a lot more activity going on downtown. Night life is beginning to improve in downtown Tampa. Complete Streets and		4/23/2009	TA															
2846	Assist/Comment	Good afternoon Mr. Chiaramonte, I am a citizen of Hillsborough County and resident of Tampa Palms. I reviewed the presentation that you presented to the MPO on April 14th. (AGENDA ITEM IV-E) I would like to bring to your attention what appear		4/24/2009	TA	33647														
2836	Assist/Comment	--Need bike lanes on roads, not just trails--You talk about jobs - seniors need to get other places, like hospitals/medical appointments--Who is coming here? There isn't enough water for all this growth.--Would like to see smaller buses. Does HART re		4/27/2009	TA															
2837	Assist/Comment	--Who is coming here? There isn't enough water for all this growth.-- Would like to see smaller buses. Does HART really need two big buses? They don't look full and they get in my way on the road.		4/27/2009	TA															
2843	Assist/Comment	Hello, This is to thank Beth Alden for her interesting and informative presentation at our Bayside West Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, April 27. We like being kept apprised of the progress of public transportation in our area and enjoyed her		4/27/2009	TA															
2845	Assist/Comment	Per our discussion last week, I have attached a few items regarding household expenditures for transportation. The consumer expenditure survey is done quarterly and typically aggregated over two years for metro areas to give a larger sample. They dro		4/27/2009																
2830	Assist/Comment	Rail Interest, understood bus		4/28/2009	TA															

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		connections in their area of Egypt Lake. Trolley system of ages 80 should never have been taken up, thru downtown, up Nebraska work by rail between Anderson & Manhattan, good route for rail N. to Linebaugh - wide not very ac																			
2835	Assist/Comment	--Downtown parking should be limited if transit is to work--Glad to see you're working closely with land use planning. You can't redevelop in a transit - supportive way if you have lots of other regulations. That has to change.		4/28/2009	TA																
2878	Assist/Comment	Allow development along US 41, but that serve as infill development or office parks. Maintain the wetlands, rivers, and protect environmental justice areas. Somehow extend the Urban Service Boundary to the area, but follow the community plan.		4/28/2009																	
2891	Assist/Comment	Allow development in an area that is different from the current zoning; what needs to happen or look like? Retain the character to allow for long term such as park, public square. Fit corridors together that collaborate with the Environment such as wetlands		4/28/2009	TA																
2790	Assist/Comment		I indicated that Interbay was not shown to be improved in the MPO's LRTP and would check with Nina Mabileau (274-8542) at City. Spoke to Nina M and she said that they did not have any plans for improvements to Interbay and that there may have been a mis	5/1/2009	HC																
2832	Assist/Comment	--US 92 needed to be widened		5/1/2009	PC																
2833	Assist/Comment	--Wants light rail to Tampa - work trip		5/1/2009	PC																
2791	Assist/Comment			5/3/2009	HC																
2841	Assist/Comment	--What are other cities such as LA & NYC doing regarding transit and long range transportation planning?--Will there be connections from transit stations like in the NY metropolitan area?--Will station area parking be left up to local communities to s		5/6/2009	PC																
2792	Assist/Comment	Bicycle commuter		5/7/2009	TA	33672															
2959	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO It's a rhetorical question, correct? One suggestion - connect urban centers using existing CSX rail.		5/7/2009																	

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2842	Assist/Comment	The elevated lanes on the X-Town should be extended to the east side of Brandon, perhaps in the middle of SR 60. (similar to what is being proposed on Gandy by THEA) This would reduce the congestion that occurs each afternoon where the Brandon Pky inters		5/8/2009	TA															
2892	Assist/Comment	Metropolitian wise we are behind Atlanta (MARTA) in rail transit. When was the whole discussion about mass transit started, why is it taking so long for it to come into affect? If we don't get better employment opportunities we will see a population d		5/8/2009	TA															
2958	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO With Obama's backing & fed \$ is the Orlando-Tampa high speed rail corridor a slam dunk now?		5/9/2009																
2828	Assist/Comment	Your financial planning comes up to the county line and stops? -yes Connection to Hillsborough is a priority for us (PMI), but not sure whether this needs to be on Frankland Bridge or over land through Oldsman		5/11/2009	Other	33755														
2979	Assist/Comment	May 7, 2009Mr. Joe Zambito, Senior Planning ManagerMetropolitan Planning Organization601 East Kennedy, 18th FloorTampa, FL 33601-1110RE: THEA Requested Inclusion of Selmon Expressway Capacity Viaduct Improvement into LRTPMr. Zambito:		5/11/2009	TA	33602														
2956	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: http://twitpic.com/57qrj - Bike to Work Day! Tampa Downtown Partnership's organized group Bike2Work rides meet up a ...		5/16/2009																
2957	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO Why is it so hard to build a rail system? http://tinyurl.com/qb6rqx Tampa needs to step it up!		5/16/2009																
2793	Assist/Comment			5/20/2009	TT															
2955	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: ALL ABOARD our 12-stop Listening Tour! http://tinyurl.com/p8rsbl Catch the Wave of Hillsborough's Transportation F ...		5/20/2009																
2952	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO He still has a job? I would have thought with SB 360, not needed. Pave the county, baby!		5/21/2009																

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2953	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Maybe the study should have been done 10 years ago. Before the construction going on now (rail, express lanes, HOV, etc.)		5/21/2009																
2954	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO When will we get into the swing of things? @treehugger Swinging to work=fun! http://is.gd/BpdU		5/21/2009																
2949	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO TBARTA plan off track for future. Community Commerce Centers better solution and costs less. http://tinyurl.com/cc9kf6		5/23/2009																
2951	Assist/Comment	We're on our way... Trib (yesterday): TBARTA approves regional transportation plan http://bit.ly/xpQLi (via @HillsboroughMPO)		5/23/2009																
2829	Assist/Comment	USF is key - Communication Director Park & Ride transition to garage parking? Maintain volume and budget? Cost/ride? Love it and ready to get rid of car Will it be friendly to the environment? They cut the ecosystem		5/26/2009	TA															
2948	Assist/Comment	airports are learning that adding parking lots and enlarging roadways aren't sustainable practices http://bit.ly/xJnzf @HillsboroughMPO		5/26/2009																
2826	Assist/Comment	-Can trails be used for emergency evacuation?-Could trails be used for emergency vehicle access (EMS)?- Ped. Connections are important on both sides of the street.-Sidewalks need to be 5' wide, regardless of phone poles and fire hydrantsCome back		5/27/2009	TA															
2827	Assist/Comment	-Are the costs for commuter rail (\$ 30 M/mi) too high? Sun rail was less.- Transit envelope in I-275 goes 400-500' west of Lois, until the SR 60 interchange (Westshore Plaza area) is reconstructed (\$ 360 M)		5/27/2009	TA															
2839	Assist/Comment	--Request to send newsletter to: Bonito Middle - 10101 Cross Creek Blvd. 33647 120 copies to Charmaine Jones --Stop building roads and start building rail--Wondering B.B. Downs to Pebble Creek, and leaving it 4 lanes north of there for a while, cr		5/28/2009	TA	33647														

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2840	Assist/Comment	--Stop building roads and start building rail--Wondering B.B. Downs to Pebble Creek, and leaving it 4 lanes north of there for a while, creates a dangerous bottleneck very close to a high school with inexperienced drivers.--Middle schoolers and high s		5/28/2009	TA	33647														
2947	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: Now this *really* puts the... RT @IKEATampaFans Too bad we don't have a subway in Tampa... http://tinyurl.com/4rxbac		5/29/2009																
2794	Assist/Comment	Asked if Lakewood Dr between SR 60 and ML King Blvd was a constrained road.	Asked if Lakewood Dr between SR 60 and ML King Blvd was a constrained road. I looked at HC Transp Elem and found that Lakewood is not a "constrained" road. Explained that it could be added through an amendment or through the Brandon Community Plan now un	6/1/2009	HC															
2831	Assist/Comment	--More access to MacDill AFB - rail needs to be extend--? On extension of xtown to Gandy Bridge hadn't heard about elevated option (neither opposed or in favor)--Upset about closing on Gandy Trail Bridge. Asked how she and many friends & neighbors cou		6/1/2009	TA	33611														
2945	Assist/Comment	RT @REALbuilding: @HillsboroughMPO @TBARTA; back from listening tour and asked for more info on financing & economic impact of rail system.		6/1/2009																
2946	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO @TBARTA; back from 'listening tour' in s. tampa and asked for more info on financing & economic impact of proposed system.		6/1/2009																
2978	Assist/Comment	Terry Hensley has replaced Ron for emergency response/hurricane issues. You can contact him at 615-8611 regarding MPO emergency plans.		6/1/2009	TA	33612														
2795	Assist/Comment	He commented to our twitter account regarding the joint TTF meeting. Thought we should be selling how can we NOT afford to build a rail system.	emailed more information and registered for mailing list	6/2/2009	TA	33606														
2944	Assist/Comment	@hillsboroughmpo I look forward to hearing more about your plans for the future.		6/2/2009																
2977	Assist/Comment	Emergency response / hurricane issues No contraflow on roadways/interstates too many problems, takes too long to set up (12 hrs) Choke points are bridges and major interchanges -		6/2/2009	TA	33612														

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		nothing specific.																		
2799	Assist/Comment	I would commute by bus if: 1. It only took a marginal amount more time than driving by myself 2. It was productive - I could emails, watch the news, talk with friends 3. It was comfortable with nice buses/motor coaches		6/3/2009	TA															
2800	Assist/Comment	East - West corridor in Busch/Linebaugh area is a top priority Light rail to bring suburban people to downtown is needed More routes to TIA (rail & bus) are needed		6/3/2009	TA	33635														
2801	Assist/Comment	1. Communication was extremely poor. With all of the electronic means available for free, they should be utilized as an avenue to send information about meetings, plans, announcements...2. Spend more time reviewing the plans, less time on non speaker/ pr	After inputting data, decided to call Christie. Left a voicemail to see if she wanted to off specific suggestions and to let her know about our various forms of communication.	6/3/2009	TA	33604														
2802	Assist/Comment	Great meeting. I hope the next will have more locals from the neighborhood.		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2879	Assist/Comment	How do we get more of the traditionally underserved involved? Where's the trust? The supporting bus system?		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2880	Assist/Comment	Be inclusive. Invest in the heavily used inner city routes.		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2881	Assist/Comment	Why is Tampa area so behind other major cities when it comes to mass transit?		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2882	Assist/Comment	Need rail system NOW, not 2035		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2883	Assist/Comment	Make Transit fun!		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2884	Assist/Comment	make the lights turn green consecutively		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2885	Assist/Comment	pump up the social side of taking transit, carpooling & vanpooling.		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2886	Assist/Comment	why is it going to take so long to get a rail system like other cities (BART, etc.)?		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2887	Assist/Comment	East Tampa is very excited about the economic opportunities that rail will bring.		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2888	Assist/Comment	East Tampa residents are top transit consumers.		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2889	Assist/Comment	Better transit services will help the environment and reduce traffic.		6/3/2009	TA	33605														
2796	Assist/Comment	What is status of Alexander St Extension? We are going to need some traffic relief in the near future. That short section of highway would be a big help. Keep up the good work.	Alexander Street from north of I-4 to north of Knights Griffin Rd is a high priority project in the current adopted long range transportation plan for Hillsborough County. So far,	6/4/2009	PC															

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			design/engineering and acquisition of right of way are fully funded. Cons																	
2797	Assist/Comment	It is very important that you are planning ahead for years 2035 and 2050, before the transportation problems become unsolvable or very hard to fix.		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2798	Assist/Comment	Having buses into Senior Center i.e. Sam Allen Rd to Walmart and Downtown Plant City. Having service on weekends.		6/4/2009	PC	33566														
2818	Assist/Comment	1. The proposed transit maps look like a recipe for suburban sprawl on steroids. 2. The question on how to spend transportation dollars is biased in favor of rail by including other modes with rail. 3. This is a lot of money. Maybe people would rather h		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2890	Assist/Comment	Can't Amtrak stop here at least once per day until we get a commuter rail system? Why'd they remove the big mural in Plant City? Should've made a deal with CSX 15+ years ago to run rail from Tampa - Plant City - Lakeland - Orlando/Kissimmee Need a rail		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2897	Assist/Comment	Need more lanes on 39 North of I-4		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2898	Assist/Comment	Need more bike lanes!		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2899	Assist/Comment	What are the wooden bridge paths along 92 doing there? Not used much. Why did we spend this \$?		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2900	Assist/Comment	Need more door - to - door for people in need		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2901	Assist/Comment	Traffic is moving at higher and higher speeds right in front of my home.		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2902	Assist/Comment	Knights Grillin Rd. should be widened from SR 39 to US 301. NE Plant City commuters will use this route, especially to University Area, and avoiding wrecks on I-4.		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2903	Assist/Comment	Nice to have rail as a back-up if your car breaks down. Need park & ride access.		6/4/2009	PC	33563														
2943	Assist/Comment	Glad to see @HillsboroughMPO on Twitter...		6/4/2009																
2942	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO I only though people thought about driving fast. Density slows me down!		6/8/2009																
2803	Assist/Comment	Give us light rail!!		6/9/2009	TA															
2804	Assist/Comment	Put light rail at the top - Do whatever it takes to keep Bruce B Downs at 6 lanes or less. From political action groups to push transportation agendas		6/9/2009	TA	33647														

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		with the politicians who are ignoring it.																			
2805	Assist/Comment	The meeting provided some extremely valuable information, and I appreciate it being held. I wish more time had been spent addressing the specific plans for our particular area both short and long term.		6/9/2009	TA	33647															
2806	Assist/Comment	I think this is a great plan for the future. I hope this happens in the nearby future.		6/9/2009	TA	33647															
2807	Assist/Comment	--Why don't you just ask about the sales tax? Isn't that what this is about?--I came to New Tampa for a suburban lifestyle. We don't want rail and high density.--Do not build the bridge over I-75 at New Tampa Blvd. It will dump traffic onto Tampa Pal		6/9/2009	TA																
2808	Assist/Comment	1. I will be happy to pay extra sales tax to support Light Rail 2. Keep heavy traffic OUT of residential areas 3. Do not degrade residential areas with the New Tampa Blvd. extension to I-275 4. Ensure bus schedules and train schedules are linked		6/9/2009	TA	33647															
2809	Assist/Comment	Please don't Raise taxes!! The economy is in dire straits. I support bike paths and golf cart parts and good roads. I oppose Bus and Rail expenditures. People will not nor have they ever supported bus and rail. People want _FREEDOM_. MASS TRANSIT IS ANTI-F		6/9/2009	TA	33519															
2810	Assist/Comment	Well organized - pointed - and motivational One presentation comment- Aim projection higher on screen so people in back can see		6/9/2009	TA	33647															
2811	Assist/Comment	Using smart growth, i.e. practices that surround the proposed stations (light rail, Rapid Bus, etc.) is the way of the future. This will be great for the city of Tampa both economically and environmentally. Also, having more options for public transportation		6/9/2009	TA																
2812	Assist/Comment	How do you get all of the agencies to work together? Does this create an inefficiency? All appear to work together well. Marketing this plan will be critical. How do you stop and manage the sprawl?		6/9/2009	TA	33647															
2814	Assist/Comment	Please see attached letter To: Hillsborough County Transportation Task Force Hillsborough County		6/9/2009	TA	33647															

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		Metropolitan Planning Organization Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Florida																		
2815	Assist/Comment	Please see attached letter To: Hillsborough County Transportation Task Force Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Florida		6/9/2009	TA	33647														
2816	Assist/Comment	Good to see the momentum in transit.Need to encourage and support rail transit, promote TOD.Bus system is way behind-BRT is greatBicycles and walking are great - as long as it doesn't rain and isn't too hot. This is Florida!!Getting the sales tax		6/9/2009	Other	33596														
2819	Assist/Comment	Do whatever it takes to keep Bruce B Downs at 6 lanes or less.		6/9/2009	TA	33647														
2820	Assist/Comment	--Do not build the bridge over I-75 at New Tampa Blvd. It will dump traffic onto Tampa Palms, a residential street. Look instead at a different bridge connection to Highland.		6/9/2009																
2821	Assist/Comment	2. Keep heavy traffic OUT of residential areas 3. Do not degrade residential areas with the New Tampa Blvd. extension to I-275		6/9/2009	TA	33647														
2822	Assist/Comment	I oppose Bus and Rail expenditures. People will not nor have they ever supported bus and rail. People want _FREEDOM_. MASS TRANSIT IS ANTI-FREEDOM. MASS TRANSIT IS PRO-BUREAUCRAT. Please find a real job with a service that people actually want.		6/9/2009	TA	33519														
2941	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO mmm, love open roads! was built for autobahn and Sunshine Skyway Bridge-when slow cars aren't in left lane, which is never!		6/9/2009																
2973	Assist/Comment	You are focusing on the wrong items. Just get it done!! Still don't get why it will take so long.		6/9/2009	TA															
2823	Assist/Comment	UNIQUE Living for Seniors in the 21st Century There's a housing market that the builders in Hillsborough County have ignored. The typical home or apartment will not take one to the end of life without expensive renovations somewhere along the line. Man		6/10/2009																
2824	Assist/Comment	Very informative and thought-		6/10/2009	TA	33605														

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		provoking.																		
2825	Assist/Comment	Although all the plans have great ideas, I think the wider range long term plan TBARTA is best. Being 15 this would really affect me and how I'll get to work. Light rail seems like a great idea to get cars off the road and buses would be great to take peo		6/10/2009	Other	33563														
2938	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Are you tweeting Sat's Art Walk Downtown St Petersburg, Florida? Look for me,		6/10/2009																
2939	Assist/Comment	Urbanists see recovery-oriented shift to compact neighborhoods delivering more w lower fuel cost http://tinyurl.com/nl3z7q @HillsboroughMPO		6/10/2009																
2940	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: RT @NewUrbanism Urbanists see recovery-oriented shift to compact neighborhoods ... http://tinyurl.com/nl3z7q		6/10/2009																
2936	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO:Hey Tampa! Bike2Work FRI morn and meet for coffee at 7:45am at Downtown's Indigo on Franklin St.		6/11/2009																
2937	Assist/Comment	RT @txdot_clippin FHWA: Public-Private Partnerships for Highway Infrastructure. http://is.gd/YZw6 (via @HillsboroughMPO)		6/11/2009																
2844	Assist/Comment	Mr. Burda wanted to know about the Lutz Lake Fern Rd widening project between Dale Mabry Hwy and the Suncoast Xway. He is concerned that it was to be built before the new High School opened. I reviewed the 2025 LRTP and current TIP with Mr. Burda and sh		6/12/2009	HC															
2932	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO yes! I'm sure we can "pedal" the coffee very well.		6/12/2009																
2933	Assist/Comment	RT: @HillsboroughMPO: Gas predicted to go to \$250 / barrel - travel by bike (or foot) cost predicted to stay the same http://urlzen.com/k15		6/12/2009																
2934	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO why not streamline the process? Obviously the future of the bicycle/coffee shop hybrid is the coffee shower.		6/12/2009																
2935	Assist/Comment	Good stuff! New GIS mapping in Australia shows how transit reduces the need for cars: http://bit.ly/DRc0c (via @HillsboroughMPO)		6/12/2009																
2854	Assist/Comment	The main east-west rail should be		6/15/2009	TA															

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		above the median on Kennedy rather than Cypress. Despite the additional cost that is the only alignment that takes care of all relevant modes of interest to riders and will serve the future.																		
2855	Assist/Comment	BRT is generally silly without a dedicated ROW. You completely ignore Carrollwood.		6/15/2009	TA															
2856	Assist/Comment	1. No MPO highway funding Map.? 2. No MPO level of service traffic load map? 3. More update info on Federal Road/Rail/Bus funding 4. More update info on Florida change in department concurrency lanes that posts the cost of roads entirely to the public		6/15/2009	Other	33556														
2857	Assist/Comment	Very informative meeting. Also plan on attending University area meeting on June 24, 2009		6/15/2009	TA	33604														
2972	Assist/Comment	Mr. Raymond Chiaramonte, Executive Director, Hillsborough County MPO Director Chiaramonte, The mission of the South Shore Roundtable is twofold: 1) To provide a forum for appointed representatives from established civic, business, social service,		6/15/2009	HC	33570														
2859	Assist/Comment	Was interested in project for bridge going thru 78th st. over the Alafia River. Is there a future meeting?		6/16/2009	HC	33578														
2904	Assist/Comment	Need more showers and other bike facilities for people to be able to ride bikes in this weather.		6/16/2009	HC	33569														
2905	Assist/Comment	Why does it take so long to develop and implement a rail system? Not a lot of transit plans in South County? People need to understand the transit experience to vote for it. Educate the public on how to ride a bus - offer free rides to try it.		6/16/2009	HC	33569														
2906	Assist/Comment	Adopt concurrency with the builders.		6/16/2009	HC	33569														
2907	Assist/Comment	Invest in ITS - use smart signals to alleviate traffic		6/16/2009	HC	33569														
2860	Assist/Comment	Well run presentation. Not much about my area. SCC		6/18/2009	HC	33573														
2861	Assist/Comment		Gave information about the MPO and referred to Felicia for details.	6/18/2009	Other															
2862	Assist/Comment			6/18/2009																
2863	Assist/Comment	Am in favor of a 1 cent sales tax for transit - Bus Rapid Transit & Light Rail. S. Cty. Hillsborough needs a bus line - express bus, eventually a light rail line.		6/18/2009	HC	33503														

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		Short term - park & ride.																		
2864	Assist/Comment	1. Can't build the roads, will not build the roads as per SB 630 signal by Gov. 2. Cliff-pattern of growth running wild last 30 years - seems like a BOCC problem to me. Approving outlying development with min. requirement to function as one. 3. Ray - H		6/18/2009	HC	33573														
2930	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO RT: Fla bullet train = cool; skeptical; Time got one fact wrong; rail OK in '00 was for entire state http://bit.ly/fbQpF		6/22/2009																
2931	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: New study-smart growth lowers CO2 & saves money, can meet 6% of nat'l CO2 target: http://bit.ly/9t3n9 : @Kaid_at_NRDC		6/22/2009																
2961	Assist/Comment			6/22/2009	HC															
2869	Assist/Comment	1. County Speakers stated "We can't continue to grow and spread out without transportation improvements" - SAME THING WE HAVE HEARD FOR OVER 10 YEARS BUT THE P&G AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REFUSE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LIMIT GROWTH. 2. Fast		6/23/2009	HC	33549														
2870	Assist/Comment	Very much appreciated the 'local' county info. Meetings besides the internet access. Looking forward to the future and alternatives to our car - especially to the airport! (Down the middle of I-275?) Don't let CSX rob us of our future if they play fina		6/23/2009	HC	33549														
2871	Assist/Comment	Thank you very much for coming to Lutz. I think there will be a better turn out here rather than the Lutz people coming to Downtown Tampa. The maps and dates have been informative.		6/23/2009	HC	33549														
2872	Assist/Comment	Need an east-west road to connect Dale Mabry with US 41. Crystal lake, Simmons Rd, Van Dyke, and Crenshaw Lake Rd. are neighborhood roads. Let's move forward on this long-needed traffic connector. Thank you.		6/23/2009	HC	33548														
2873	Assist/Comment	Why no plan with all these paid workers/departments? No new taxes for anything. Get rid of high salaried people (Pat Bean & 6 deputies, hire secretaries not aides for each commissioner, no \$500 car allotments). Don't build stadiums; use tax dollars		6/23/2009	HC	33549														

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		more																		
2908	Assist/Comment	Would like to know the money game results per area of the county (i.e. Lutz). Possibly on the web site. Post slides on-line for viewing		6/23/2009	HC															
2909	Assist/Comment	Transit system should be paid for by farebox Prioritize funds: --Support transit, but need to have developers pay not thru taxes --"people are taxed to death"		6/23/2009	HC															
2929	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: Moving back downtown: "Transportation ...huge issue driving the growth of urban villages" http://bit.ly/11bvLy		6/23/2009																
2865	Assist/Comment			6/24/2009	Other	346009														
2875	Assist/Comment	I feel but for intervals (eg. Today Wed. 24th from 4:10 4:38 4:15 # 45 never showed, as another night while the # 2 for 4:30 left 4:38) the drivers are generally good but STRUCTURAL Weakness indicates "admin. Higher ships must perch in the Office & Never g		6/24/2009	TA	33620														
2922	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: Ride! Welcome City Bike Tampa, urban recreation at its best, to the Tampa's downtown community http://citybiketampa.com		6/24/2009																
2923	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO @TBARTA Phoenix light-rail success story: 35K riders/day-1 mill per month, & \$7 billion in investment http://ow.ly/fLew (response retweeted)		6/24/2009																
2924	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO @TBARTA Phoenix light-rail success story: 35K riders/day-1 mill per month, & \$7 billion in investment http://ow.ly/fLew (response retweeted)		6/24/2009																
2925	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO @TBARTA Phoenix light-rail success story: 35K riders/day-1 mill per month, & \$7 billion in investment http://ow.ly/fLew (response retweeted)		6/24/2009																
2926	Assist/Comment	Scintillating video! No, really, kinda RT @HillsboroughMPO: RT @TransportGOP Watch Subcom markup of transportation bill: http://bit.ly/Wq98u		6/24/2009																
2927	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO A bright beginning for Light Rail in Phoenix, great video: http://tinyurl.com/ny7vyr Let's spark ideas in Tampa!		6/24/2009																

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2928	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO A bright beginning for Light Rail in Phoenix, great vid on streets blog http://tinyurl.com/ny7vyr TBARTA can do it, too!		6/24/2009																	
2974	Assist/Comment	I'm very excited about the plan you outlined tonight. I wish it was already in place. Thank you for an informative presentation.		6/24/2009	TA	33637															
2975	Assist/Comment	Maybe Hillsborough County could take the money that they want to spend on a bridge connecting West Meadows to Tampa Palms to put toward funding a mass transit system as you have proposed. I would much rather see a mass transit system that includes light r		6/24/2009	TA																
2976	Assist/Comment	To make bus service better the C.E.O. and the Board of Directors need to support what the passengers need, not what the CEO wants. The Needs of the money should out weight the needs of the few. Bus service is for the people that ride the bus. The only tru		6/24/2009	TA	33613															
2919	Assist/Comment	Phoenix LRT success story: 35K riders/day, 1mil/mo, \$7 bil investments, great streets blog vid http://tinyurl.com/ny7vyr RT @HillsboroughMPO		6/25/2009																	
2920	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO rail okay if sex appeal for investment. BRT key for dispersed area such as ours. 2 BRT plans for HART should go ahead!		6/25/2009																	
2921	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Philly-area residents often gripe about SEPTA costs. Still better than nothing, but suburbanites overly subsidized.		6/25/2009																	
2918	Assist/Comment	Follow Friday: @sharingflorida @TampaActivities @HillsboroughMPO @VisitTampaBay @REALbuilding @ResonantDev @TeaLeafGreen (response requests followers to follow on Friday)		6/26/2009																	
2917	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO Transportation Listening Tour in Temple Terrace TUE 5:30-8:30pm presentations @ 6:30pm http://tinyurl.com/kkru3z (response retweeted)		6/29/2009																	
2866	Assist/Comment	I'm for the proposed tax for mass transit improvements as long as the money is designated for mass transit and doesn't get earmarked for other projects. I also was on the Hartline		6/30/2009	TT	33617-4017															

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		Consumer Advisory Committee for 6 years so I do want to see this area have																		
2867	Assist/Comment	Twitter - Please continue this service		6/30/2009	TT	33617														
2868	Assist/Comment	A good basis to get informed. Please continue to get feedback from constituents.		6/30/2009	TT	33617														
2874	Assist/Comment	Daily accidents happen along I-4 creating a need to take an alternative route. However, neither HWY 92 or 574 have been laned to absorb over-flow. Instead sidewalks are being constructed and not used at considerable tax payer expense. What's of primary im		6/30/2009	TT	33563														
2971	Assist/Comment	The TBARTA regional plan is good for what it does, but the problem with it is that even when completed, everyone will still have to have a car. Please complete the trolley circle downtown, so that there is at least one area to line and not have to have a		6/30/2009	TT	33617														
2915	Assist/Comment	RT @HillsboroughMPO: RT @RayMPO Big cities now grow quicker, transit helps growth http://tinyurl.com/mus9ps (response retweeted)		7/1/2009																
2916	Assist/Comment	Great public outreach material- cookbook theme - RT @HillsboroughMPO: Recipes for transportation planning success: http://tinyurl.com/lf9s6v		7/1/2009																
2912	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Listening Tour's \$\$ game: 13.83% smart signals, 16.02% walking/biking, 22.57% highways & 47.58% transit (rail) (response retweeted from HillsboroughMPO)		7/6/2009																
2913	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Listening Tour's \$\$ game: 13.83% smart signals, 16.02% walking/biking, 22.57% highways & 47.58% transit (rail) (response retweeted from Hillsborough MPO)		7/6/2009																
2914	Assist/Comment	@HillsboroughMPO Listening Tour's \$\$ game: 13.83% smart signals, 16.02% walking/biking, 22.57% highways & 47.58% transit (rail) (response retweeted from Hillsborough MPO)		7/6/2009																
2911	Assist/Comment	@TBARTA @HillsboroughMPO most critical component in successful transit systems is density http://tinyurl.com/nra6hb Interested in your resp. (Response from twitter)		7/7/2009																

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2950	Assist/Comment	Wanted to know if there was a more recent version of the Ride Guide than the 2007 edition. Let him know that the new edition will not be created until after the budget cuts in October so the information will be the as accurate as possible going forward,	Emailed him pdfs of the Ride Guide, so he could print more until new version is created. Added him to email mailing list	7/8/2009		33610														
2960	Assist/Comment			7/8/2009																
2962	Assist/Comment	Oppose any increase in sales tax!!! Need past convenient transportation to TIA and economical.		7/15/2009	HC	33573	X													x (oppose sales tax)
2963	Assist/Comment	([TBARTA] MPO-HC/TRANSPROV = HART/ CITY)? Why Show? If SCC is not part of Dev. Brandie (TBARTA) / Ray (MPO) Spend all money on roads. - Still over capacity. Air Quality can be improved by / Ed (HART) Plant City not part of MPO.		7/15/2009	HC	33573	X				X									
2964	Assist/Comment	Good Work.Please note that the Little Manatee South Community plan anticipates future growth south of the Little Manatee River. Please keep this in mind as the LRTP is finalized. This is a large enough area to justify some consideration.		7/15/2009	HC	33575	X											x (southshore)		
2965	Assist/Comment			7/20/2009																
2966	Assist/Comment		Gave Information for Area 3 school bus information	7/23/2009																
2967	Assist/Comment		Disadvantaged Population Information and consulted on the American Community Survey	7/23/2009																
2968	Assist/Comment	1.) We need sidewalks in appropriate areas. 2.) Road repairs - a.) Bayshore south of Rome - due to many trucks driving thru. 3.) Not take unnecessary space by adding medians = we can always drive around a block and eliminate left turns!		7/25/2009	TA										X			x (repair bayshore s. of rome)	x (media ns)	
2969	Assist/Comment	What is the delay in getting Light Rail going? Do we not have a stimulus to get the Tampa to Orlando going? We need to get started yesterday!		7/30/2009	TA			X												
2970	Assist/Comment	What happened to that 40 million set aside for Bicycle paths? How many people are on your committees and what is their salary range?		7/30/2009	Other	33556	X						X							
2985	Assist/Comment	The city's like Brandon Should as many big cities do have a small mini bus service. What you are doing is putting the cart before the horse with rapid transit and bike trails through picturesque areas observe the most		8/10/2009	HC	33510			X									x (mini-bus service)	x (bike trails)	

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		developed cities in USA. You need bic																			
2986	Assist/Comment	It's my view that your agency should printed several articles explaining the advantage or disadvantage of voters for 1cent sales tax for a local light rail system. The vote is in 2010, we should educate our city.		8/10/2009	TA	33680															x (educate the public)
2988	Assist/Comment			8/24/2009																	
3001	Assist/Comment	Work on Himes & Armenia North oh Hillsborough widening. Plan to Elevate Dale Mabry Sligh North to County Line Rd. Light Rail from downtown Tampa to USF to Citrus Park to HCC Dale Mabry		8/24/2009																	x (himes & armenia, elevate dale mabry) x (lrt to citrus park, hcc dale mabry)
2987	Assist/Comment			8/26/2009	HC																
2989	Assist/Comment			8/26/2009	TA																
2990	Assist/Comment	Talking to Wally Blain, she complimented us on how nice our web site and materials are. She said everything is user-friendly and easy to find. And she is looking forward to seeing more about our plan.		9/2/2009			X														
2729	Assist/Comment		The letter was forwarded to the CTC Manager and the file will be as part of 2008 CTC Evaluation	9/8/2009	HC	33687	X														
2991	Assist/Comment			9/14/2009	HC																
2992	Assist/Comment		Gave Info on LRTP Process, TOD, and information on Land Use and Transportation Planning in Hillsborough County	9/18/2009																	
2993	Assist/Comment			9/18/2009	HC																
2994	Assist/Comment		Referred them to staff TD Planner	10/7/2009	HC																
3027	Assist/Comment	Hi Gena, Do you have the vendor contact information for the MPO reflective bracelets? Also, I thought last night' public meeting went well. I'm wondering if that styled meeting is something that can be presented on campus during the day? I know you w	Lynn - provided vendor information, Gena followed up on other comments regarding public meeting at USF	10/8/2009	TA	33620															
3024	Assist/Comment	22nd St enhancements in USF area should be built now, not hinge on referendum. We support the sales tax referendum, but we want to know exactly what the 25% non-transit projects will be.	20 people attended meeting, presentation by Beth Alden who answered questions on the spot	10/14/2009	TA																x (22nd st improve ments) x
2995	Assist/Comment			10/16/2009	Other	33609-3444															
3009	Assist/Comment	The proposed project is not needed at this time, and it may never be needed as you and your people say. If this unwanted overhead structure is built it is permanent, and we have to live with	I hope this helps you to understand the difference in the two projects. Regarding Gandy the reality of the situation is that many alternatives for this important and needed project have	10/20/2009																	x (elevated gandy)

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		it even if your traffic projections do not become reality. TH	been studied over the last decade and proposed solution based on																	
3010	Assist/Comment	Bicycle Facilities E. Lake Ave. from 40th St. to N. 56th St.: Both directions - Needs wider curb lanes, shoulders or bike lanes. 56th St. from E. Dr. Martin Luther Ding Jr. Blvd. to Hillsborough Ave.: Northbound – • intersection at 56th St	Thanks Sara, those are good observations. I am copying Gena to reply to you concerning the details of the Bicycling component of the Needs Assessment. Another thought-- have you forwarded the comments about bike facilities on 56th to City of Temple Terr	10/23/2009		33620													x (bicycle lanes on e. lake ave, 56th st)	
3011	Assist/Comment	Can you please tell me how section B of Lithia Pinecrest Rd showed up on the final TTF list for the referendum even though they told me at the Sept meeting of the MPO that it had been taken off? Thanks for the reply but I still have some questions. I fin	Segment B was on the list of potential projects for several months now. We were unaware of your conversation with the MPO, Ray Chiamonte's response regarding Segment B, or any discussion to remove Segment B from the list. It was only when I read a rec	10/23/2009															x (lithia pinecrest segment b)	
2996	Assist/Comment			10/26/2009	HC															
2997	Assist/Comment		Gave information on HSR plans. Bud Whitehead also answered questions for the citizen inquiry.	10/27/2009			X													
2999	Assist/Comment	Fix Armenia and Habana Support Light Rail System	Recorded in database and customer Thank You	10/28/2009				X											x (armenia and habana)	
3004	Assist/Comment	Attached are all the model volumes for the roadways in the study area. The traffic model volume question below is answered between the No-Build 2038 volumes against the 2038 Build 4 Lane volumes in the attached table. The traffic along the minor streets d	Sent Email	10/29/2009			X													
3002	Assist/Comment	Ranking #42 (Apollo Beach Blvd Ext): First, please realize you should be thinking of this segment in conjunction with the segment east of 1-75 (Ranking #367) since together they create the parallel alternative link between US 41 and US 301 to relieve the		10/30/2009															x (apollo beach blvd ext.)	
3012	Assist/Comment	We are working with KB homes on a project at the intersection of Highview and Wheeler Roads, and I was hoping you could tell of any long-range projects for either of these roads in this area.	Mr. Snipes: The following information is provided in response to your e-mail of Oct 30, 2009, reference the above subject: Neither Highview Rd nor Wheeler Rd are identified as "cost affordable" widening projects in the currently adopted Metropolitana	10/30/2009		27606													x (intersection of highview & wheeler)	
2998	Assist/Comment		sent email of meeting agenda	11/2/2009			X													
3018	Assist/Comment	I tuned in to the Hillsborough MPO meeting on November 9 and was left with more questions than answers, so perhaps you can help provide answers.	Neil, The information that Eric Johnson was referring to is Hart's Rapid Transit Investment Plan. I think either the	11/9/2009		33624	X													

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		My questions, which I did not get to ask, are as follows: 1. The proposed sales tax increase represent	county or HART would be able to provide that to you. Hi Neil, Beth Alden has reviewed information from Hart regarding the relationship																	
3013	Assist/Comment	Please stop the freight train from stopping traffic on Waters Ave (sometimes for 15 mins) during morning rush hour. It makes us late for school!		11/10/2009															x (freight train on waters ave)	
3003	Assist/Comment	I listened in for the entire hour of the call in presentation Wednesday night from 7 to 8 PM and was impressed. The moderator did a great job keeping things on moving and on track. The public comments/questions were interesting and smart. I will again		11/12/2009			X													
3006	Assist/Comment	I am concerned about many roads in Hillsborough County being deficient. I know that 40th Street has long been a concern and is now being upgraded. Hopefully, many businesses will be encouraged to invest along that corridor. There are other corridors that	Some of the roads you asked about are proposed to be "enhanced". An enhanced road can be improved by adding turn lanes, making drainage improvements, adding pedestrian or bicycle facilities, or other improvements short of adding through lanes. Some of	11/15/2009						X										
3000	Assist/Comment	I was so glad to hear that there is a possibility that the Friendship Trail Bridge will be saved. What can we do to help and how can we get involved in that project to be sure it happens?		11/18/2009	TA														x (friendship trail bridge)	
3005	Assist/Comment	I think the video was very well done. Making use of the children was particularly effective.		11/18/2009			X													
3008	Assist/Comment	Camelot Florida/FASTA Florida supports rail lines but not before their time - i.e., only when they are needed based primarily on future transportation systems technology, density and a supporting bus systems - The MPO is saying they are needed now O	This fact sheet should answer most of your questions. In order to build a system that can comprehensively serve most of the urban areas of the county a full cent was needed. Both the Hillsborough County Transportation Task Force and MPO came to this co	11/19/2009				X												
3007	Assist/Comment	Rail needed from here to Orlando		11/20/2009				X												
3029	Assist/Comment	When they plan to do the widening of the road in front of my house? I think they intend to put in a left lane at Old Hillsborough -- much needed! They spray painted the road and put out little flags about six weeks ago, but haven't done anything... I se		11/20/2009															x (left turn lane on old hills. ave)	
3014	Assist/Comment	Dear Sir or Madam, I recently reviewed your DRAFT 2035 LRTP. It appears to be a very good	Dear Mr. Barnes, Thanks for your thoughtful review and comment. This topic is addressed in	11/23/2009			X													

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								Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose		
		document. HOWEVER, why did you not conduct an Environmental Justice assessment in your Environmental Section/Chapter? This section is incomplete. You may get	Chapter 10, which is posted at: http://www.hillsboroughmpo.org/whatshappening/currentprojects/stuff-made-private/Draft%20CHAPTER%2010%2011-9-09.pdf/viewP																		
3016	Assist/Comment	How can I get a copy of the rail-Transit Proposal Plan?	Dear Mr. Burda, Commissioner Ferlita's office forwarded your inquiry to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation. Please see our website, www.mpo2035.org, for information on the Long Range Transportation Plan, which includes investing	11/23/2009		33556	X														
3015	Assist/Comment	At today's meeting of the MPO Policy Committee Kelly Cornelius commented about the 250 petition signatures calling for no-build along Lithia Pinecrest. We did receive a 225 signature petition at the last public meeting regarding the Lithia Pinecrest PD&E		11/24/2009																	x (lithia pinecrest rd)
3017	Assist/Comment	Requested latest draft		11/24/2009			X														
3019	Assist/Comment	Supports Mass transit/Rail we could use it here. She writes grants and would like to help in any way possible.		11/29/2009				X													
3020	Assist/Comment	Rides bike 4 or more times a week for work or school also rides 2 or more times per week for recreation. When traveling by bicycle use sidewalks and roadways. Improvements needed Better maintain all bicycle-related facilities, Construct more sidewalks, Co		12/1/2009								X		X							
3021	Assist/Comment	Plans for Hillsborough County to implement a countywide one-cent transportation tax are progressing. The board of county commissioners approved Wednesday a resolution of intent to place the tax referendum on the Nov. 2, 2010, ballot. Seventy-five perc	Neil, The information that Eric Johnson was referring to is Hart's Rapid Transit Investment Plan. I think either the county or HART would be able to provide that to you.	12/3/2009																	x (sales tax)
3022	Assist/Comment	Light Rail is long overdue throughout the entire County / State. Seems as if the only no votes came from people who shouldn't have a vote. I bet a sports complex in Plant City at tax payer expense would get another vote. Perhaps he would like to try for a		12/4/2009				X													
3023	Assist/Comment	Hi Beth, Nice seeing you at the BOCC meeting last week. Some quick questions about the 2035 Plan.-- Are there proposed bicycle routes or lanes that will lead to	Yes, there is funding set aside for bicycle facilities in the plan, both multi-use trails and on-road cycling facilities. A map and list of improvements is included in our fall newsletter, which is	12/7/2009								X									x (bicycle lanes to lrt and bus

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		Light Rail and Bus stops?-- Is there funding for any bicycle initiatives outline	easiest to find at www.mpo2035.org -- click on "summary																		
3025	Assist/Comment	Is concerned that more greenway connections are not being included in the Cost Affordable Plan	Gave information regarding bike plan implementation	12/7/2009		33570															
3026	Assist/Comment	Ms. Merenda; A couple of questions regarding the meeting tomorrow evening; 1) Will there be a portion allotted for public inputs statements? 2) Is it too late for me to submit (today) the orange Opinion Poll sheet I have regarding the various p	Called back immediately to steer him to electronic version of survey on the web site, so his data could be collected immediately for the Public Hearing and advised him of Public Comment procedures for tomorrow. He thanked me for calling.	12/8/2009	TA	X															
3028	Assist/Comment	Dear 2035 Transportation Board: There is a project missing from the list. I would like to see a Multi use Off Road Trail connecting The Town & County Greenway to the Upper Tampa Bay Trail. I have an additional comment regarding the cost affordable	Thank you for your interest in trail projects in our county. Trails are extremely beneficial and important for a number of reasons. They are environmentally friendly, offer safe non-motorized travel, improve health, provide recreational opportunities, a	12/8/2009																	
57			Totals from July 8 thru Dec 9, 2009				16	5	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	14	7	4	

Town Call Meetings

One of the most ambitious outreach strategies employed by the MPO was a pair of “Town Call” meetings held in November 2009 in which callers were engaged to comment on the 2035 Plan and put live questions to guest panelists made up of MPO representatives. The MPO used an automated dialer to telephone up to 40,000 registered Hillsborough County voters. The first meeting concentrated on Tampa and Temple Terrace residents while the second focused on residents in Plant City and the unincorporated county. A total of 7,424 individuals participated in the two Town Call meetings, 113 questions were received, and 28 questions were responded to by the panelists. At the end of each meeting, participants were polled electronically regarding whether they agreed with the direction of the Plan and what they thought was the most important way to improve the transportation system. Finally, participants whose questions were not handled “live” could have them recorded and answered off-line.

Two electronic Town Call meetings took place on November 10 and November 19, 2009. Citizens phoned in over 100 questions covering a wide range of topics and offered a variety of opinions about the draft 2035 Plan. The following is a record of questions responded to by the panelists as well as questions and answers handled off-line:

Town Call Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Jack Harris (JH), local radio personality on 970 WFLA and host of “AM Tampa Bay”, introduced himself and Hillsborough MPO Board members Tampa Councilman John Dingfelder (JD) and MPO Chair and Temple Terrace Mayor, Joe Affronti (JA). He also introduced Hillsborough MPO Executive Director Ray Chiaramonte (RC). After a brief explanation of the Town Call meeting format, Jack explained that the Town Call is an alternative means of providing public input for the Hillsborough MPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for 2035.

Ray then gave a background of the LRTP, emphasizing the difference between past plans and this one is the careful balance of transportation modes. The new plan proposes 50 percent of the improvements be for roads, 48 percent for transit, and two percent for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), trails, bike paths, and pedestrian uses. He explained that a lot of collaboration has occurred with other entities such as the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority, or TBARTA, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, or HART, and all jurisdictions of Hillsborough County. The MPO 2035 Transportation Plan sets a new direction for Hillsborough County.

Participants were encouraged to visit www.mpo2035.org to find out more information on the plan, view the list of projects in the Cost Affordable Plan, and watch the MPO’s Transportation Plan video. The question and answer portion of the call followed.

Jim from North Tampa

Question 1

We needed mass transit 20 years ago. Why has this taken so long?

Response

JH: The momentum was lost from the early 1990s.

JD: This is now a bipartisan effort. The time is right, and the business and community organizations are largely in favor of this effort. In the past, we did not have a consolidated effort between diverse groups when this was first proposed in Hillsborough County in the early 1990s.

JH: Now it is almost 20 years later and people have become more sophisticated and have turned to light rail as well as other transit options because they realize the economic impacts and how their quality of life can improve through having a mass transit system.

Janet from Tampa

Question 2

I think this is a wonderful idea because this would help improve Tampa’s economy as well as benefit the elderly.

Response

JA: One of our problems today, especially for the elderly, is our quality of life. Having a better transportation system will make it easier for people to get from Point A to Point B with the least amount of trouble. Building more roads may not always accomplish this.

Cameron from Carrollwood

Question 3

Are there any other alternative modes of transit, other than bus, proposed for this plan?

Response

RC: The plan will involve doubling our bus system which will help the buses run more frequently, but it also includes light rail transit to connect our major activity centers such as USF, New Tampa, Ybor City, Downtown Tampa, the Westshore Business district, the Northwest area such as Carrollwood, the Town ‘N Country area, and Brandon. This is a multi-modal plan because there will also be improvements to our community’s roads. The MPO 2035 Plan includes all forms of transportation so people have a choice if they want to get around on different modes for different trips.

John from Tampa

Question 4a

Thirty-five percent of the cost of these improvements could come from a sales tax increase if approved by Hillsborough County voters, but where will the other 65 percent of the funding come from?

Response

RC: The other 65 percent comes from sources such as gas taxes, property taxes, federal grants as well as a large variety of other sources, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The problem is that 65 percent of the funding for these transportation improvements will

come from the sources we currently have now, but unfortunately, these sources are not adequate for us to keep up with the growth we are experiencing in our community. This is why we need that extra 35 percent in order to provide a quality multi-modal transportation system.

JD: Another component to this is that in order to get the federal grants and funds, we have to show that we have local support to match the federal funds. Other systems from around the nation, such as Charlotte's light rail system, have used federal funds to help fund their system once they showed they have the local support.

JH: In addition, Florida's tax dollars have helped fund other rail initiatives from around the nation, so having a local funding match will help us receive other state's tax dollars which will benefit us in the future.

Question 4b

Do you think people will want to give up their cars to use this transportation system?

Response

JD: The reality is that we want to give people choices and give people who are transportation dependent a better system to use. I serve on the HART Board and that is very important to me. Also, maybe people will drive their cars a little less if we give them an option other than their vehicle.

Arnold from Temple Terrace

Question 5

If we build a light rail system, will it be located along major thoroughfares through the Tampa Bay area, such as Hillsborough Avenue and Dale Mabry?

Response

JA: The plan calls for light rail to go down Bruce B. Downs (30th Street) which is a major thoroughfare, and the key is to have the local bus system connect to the light rail. It is very important when choosing the areas for light rail that we concentrate on the areas that need it the most, and the plan that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) is putting together takes all of this into consideration.

Ellis from Seminole Heights

Question 6

Are there provisions in the plan to help decrease the number of accidents involving children while they wait for school buses?

Response

RC: There are a lot of provisions in the plan to create a better pedestrian environment, wider sidewalks, and safer places for all users of the pedestrian system. This involves creating something Planners call "Complete Streets" where every user of the street, such as pedestrians or bicyclists and not only the automobile user, are considered in the design of the streets. This will help improve the safety of the streets in the future.

Deena from New Tampa

Question 7

Why don't we start improving on what we already have, such as our current bus system, and start getting funding in place to fund these improvements because how many people would actually start using a rail system in Hillsborough County?

Response

JD: These are tough times, but we want to stress that this is not just a light rail plan, and if the one cent sales tax passes, we will expand the existing bus system two to three times which will increase the service to perhaps every 15 minutes for a bus. This money will be an investment back into our children's future and will help our region prosper and compete with other regions around the country.

JH: Also, roads do not pay for themselves; roads are another public service and we as citizens pay for the roads and their improvements.

JA: The MPO 2035 Plan will help answer the question that may be posed in the future: "Why didn't we do this 20 years ago?" We are examining Hillsborough County's future growth because we know that roads, by themselves, will not be able to handle our future needs.

RC: To build the capacity on the interstate, such as on Interstate 275, from USF to Downtown Tampa, it would cost \$2 billion dollars where as light rail connecting USF to Downtown Tampa would cost less than one billion dollars. Using light rail is cheaper and you can move more people in order to prepare for the transportation needs that we are going to experience in the future.

Vivian from Tampa

Question 8

The only answer to our transportation needs is light rail, and it is a much better option than adding additional lanes to our highway system.

Response

JD: Your example of when light rail was brought into South Tampa by Ed Turanchik many years ago is a great example of how it could work for our area. I believe South Tampa citizens will ride a light rail system, but we have to give them the opportunity. We have a great opportunity here and we thank you for your support.

Debra from Westlake

Question 9

I commute from Tampa, Florida to Salt Lake City, Utah. Some big issues we had to overcome with our light rail system in Salt Lake was changing beliefs and viewpoints on riding the bus and public transit. How are you addressing this and how will this system benefit families?

Response

JD: I think Charlotte is a similar type of community to Tampa, and when Charlotte passed their amendment to start accumulating their sales tax, they started improving their bus system first because a light rail system is like a spine, and the local bus system connects to this regional spine. In regards to a paradigm shift and changing people's mentalities, when people see the transit system in place, they begin to realize that they now have a choice.

JA: A main purpose of light rail is to bring people to their work place. When I lived in Chicago, I took the train in from the suburbs into Downtown Chicago, and it was very relaxing and not stressful. This will give families a safe alternative to driving their cars.

Dick from Town N' Country

Question 10a

If light rail is to be utilized, we should use it from within the suburbs into downtown, and in regards to downtown, we should be improving the bus system because the Downtown residents will probably use a bus service more than light rail.

Question 10b

Does the cost of light rail include the cost of land acquisition in order to put the rail transit in place?

Question 10c

Part of the funding would come from property owners, but why should home owners be burdened with the cost of the system?

Response

RC: It is important to connect residential areas from the suburbs, but one of the problems is we have to do this in phases because we cannot build the entire system all at once. We must look at areas with the highest ridership. Rail is within the city limits because studies show that rail performs best when in congested areas because it is located within its own right-of-way. The right-of-way costs are included in the cost of both the rail and the roads, and the portion of the funding that would come from property taxes is from our existing system; we are not adding an additional property tax to pay for transportation. Regarding this, the apartment dweller may not pay the tax, but the owner of the apartment complex will. This is exactly why we are looking at a sales tax to fund these transportation improvements because we believe it is the fairest way, especially since the State of Florida does not have a state income tax and tourists pay for a substantial part of the funding for our roads. The sales tax option is a way to get everybody to pay their fair share.

JH: It is also good to keep in mind that the Hillsborough MPO plan will ultimately fit into an overall plan in a seven-county area being proposed by TBARTA through their adopted Master Plan. Hillsborough County is moving forward first because we already have a plan in place. Ultimately, you will be able to go from Tampa to St. Petersburg on light rail and to Wesley Chapel in Pasco County.

Kirk from Westchase

Question 11

Does the MPO 2035 Plan account for other community infrastructure projects currently going on?

Response

JA: FDOT has taken into consideration how the plan may affect our roadways; there is a very coordinated effort in place for this reason.

JD: We also have to be concerned with transit-oriented development, or TOD, because the question on many peoples' minds is "What is going to happen at these new stations?" A lot of new development will occur around the stations, such as new residential development with greater density and intensity, new commercial development, new shops, and also the infrastructure that goes with the new development. We see from cities around the nation that this type of transit-oriented development is impacting the infrastructure in a very positive way because the developer is working with the local community and some of these local communities need the infrastructure tremendously, such as East Tampa.

JA: When we were in Charlotte touring their new light rail system, they estimated they have over \$2 billion dollars of investments in new businesses around the light rail corridor.

Al from North Tampa

Question 12

Considering that two percent of the money for the Plan will be allocated to speed up traffic lights, is it possible to engineer the traffic lights so we can decrease how much time we are spent on the roads and the amount of gasoline we use?

Response

RC: The reason the funding is only two percent is because this type of technology is a lower cost improvement versus the other types of transportation improvements in the 2035 Plan. Incorporating ITS, or Intelligent Transportation Systems, will help us get more out of our transportation system.

Sherry from Brandon

Question 13

How many phases are there in this 2035 plan?

Response

RC: There are many different phases within the plan. The first phase includes improvements with the bus system and incorporating Intelligent Transportation Systems, which are the easiest things to implement first. While these improvements are being implemented, we will be undergoing plans and approvals for the rail elements, with the rail line being operational in eight years. We will continue to make improvements to the bus system while the rail is being implemented.

JD: Ultimately, within the next 40 or 50 years, the transportation improvements will be implemented in the outer lying areas.

JH: It is very important to begin the planning and the action now so we can have a more viable economy and are able to compete economically with other regions.

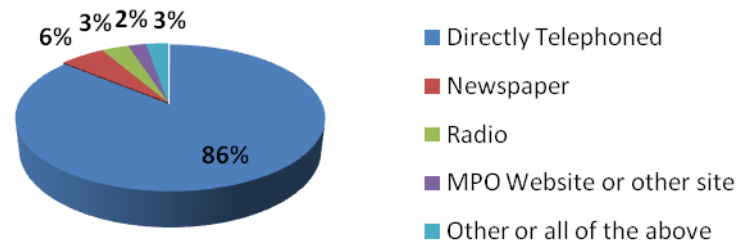
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Average Time on Call	12 minutes
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Number of Inbound Callers	25

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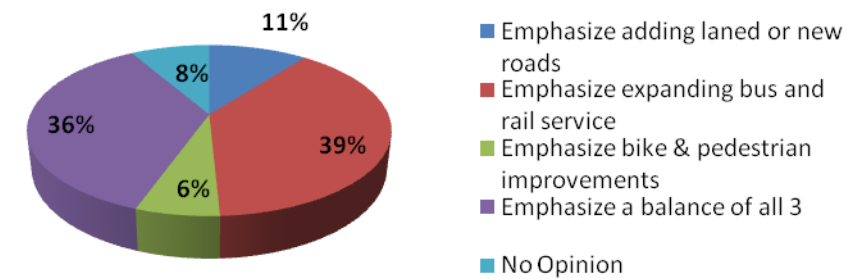
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Q1: How did you hear about this Town Call Meeting?



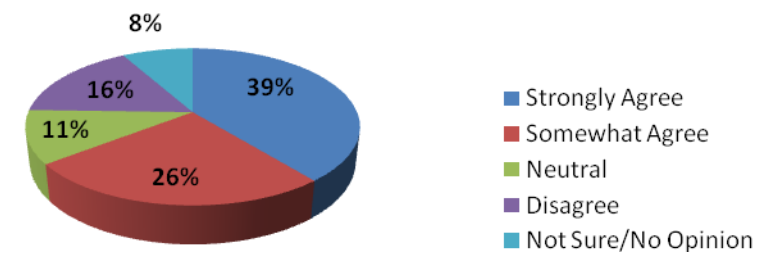
What do you think is the most important way to improve our transportation system?					
Emphasize adding lanes or new roads	Emphasize expanding bus and rail service	Emphasize bike and pedestrian improvements	Emphasize a balance of all 3	No Opinion	Total Votes
10.5%	39%	6%	36%	8%	191

Q2: What do you think is the most important way to improve our transportation system?



Now that you've heard about the plan, do you agree with the direction of the 2035 Transportation Plan and its vision for Hillsborough's future?					
Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Not Sure/No Opinion	Total Votes
39%	25%	11%	16%	8%	110

Q3: Now that you've heard about the plan, do you agree with the direction of the 2035 Transportation Plan and its vision for Hillsborough's future?



Town Call Additional Questions and Comments (Off-Line)**Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.****GENERAL SUPPORT****Question 4**

Light rail is good idea. We need to pursue it.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

Question 12

It will take time to encourage public support.

Response

Thank you for your comment. We are aware of the need for public support, and are trying to engage the public in new and exciting ways. The Town Calls are one example of reaching out to a large number of people with relatively little effort necessary on behalf of the community.

Question 13

I am interested to see the transportation improved here and not have to drive where you need to go.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

Question 14

We need to develop a good plan, we are way behind other cities

Response

Thank you for your comment.

Question 45

People are leery about the fare, but once people see it they will warm up to it. It will be great for Tampa and for our economy.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

AREA SPECIFIC**Question 22**

Will USF get more attention in this plan since the university is becoming more prominent? Many people are using technology more, and it will much safer to use on light rail!

Response

The USF Area, Westshore, Downtown Tampa and Brandon have been identified as one of four key Activity Centers that make up only 7.6% of the land area, but enjoy 42.7% of Hillsborough County's employment. Connecting these Activity Centers is a focus of the rail plan. The first rail line planned will connect USF to Downtown Tampa and Westshore. Also, the first Metro Rapid Bus Rapid Transit service will be implement between Downtown Tampa and USF.

Question 21

Seems like this plan is really trying to help New Tampa; why did city officials allow so much building in that area? We should rebuild/redevelop the city areas first.

Response

Rail lines will allow us to focus new growth and promote redevelopment in the areas of the county where it is appropriate.

COST/PAYING FOR IT**Question 2**

What is the total cost? How much of the 65% of the cost is coming from the Federal government, how much for upfront costs, how much for operations? Considering the deficit, how much can we honestly believe we will get from the federal government? How much will the operations cost? And how much with this cost the taxpayers?

Response

The total cost to build and operate everything needed in the 2035 Transportation Plan will exceed \$21 billion. The type and amount of federal funding has not yet been identified, however there are several programs that provide funding for major transportation infrastructure and transit projects. Funding for operations also comes from gas and property taxes, and the Florida Department of Transportation. According to the IRS tax tables, a one percent sales tax increase cost the average-income family of three \$142 per year. An average-income person living along paid \$85.

Question 18

Budget for roads is 80% and will drop to 50%...how are we going to handle road improvements with this decrease? We can't even handle at the 80%.

Response

By shifting funding to transit, many things will happen. A choice will be given to people to not use their cars – this will decrease the need for additional road lanes on existing roads; new development and redevelopment will be focused into areas where the infrastructure already exists – this will decrease the need to build new roads into areas of the county that are currently undeveloped; and properties surrounding the rail lines will increase in value – this will increase the amount of property tax revenue.

Question 23

What is the proposed budget for these transportation improvements?

Response

The total cost to build and operate everything needed in the 2035 Transportation Plan will exceed \$21 billion.

Question 30

My husband and I are not opposed to any kind of transit. However, what will happen if there's a lot of opposition to funding a light rail system?

Response

We welcome the opportunity to provide information and answer the questions of the 'opposition.' In order to increase Hillsborough County's economic opportunities, smart growth, and sustainability, a multi-modal approach to transportation that includes light rail is clearly on the horizon. Through public education and involvement of business and community groups, it is hoped that a referendum to provide a local match for light rail and other transportation improvements will be supported by the public in November 2010. In some cities, the rail referendums took more than one election to win the required support.

Question 35

35 percent is coming from sales tax, where is rest coming from? Does this include high speed rail to Orlando?

Response

The other 65 percent comes from sources such as gas taxes, property taxes, federal grants as well as a large variety of other sources, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The problem is that 65 percent of the funding for these transportation improvements will come from the sources we currently have now, but unfortunately, these sources are not adequate for us to keep up with the growth we are experiencing in our community. This is why we need that extra 35 percent in order to provide a quality multi-modal transportation system. Another component to this is that in order to get the federal grants and funds, we have to show that we have local support to match the federal funds. Other systems from around the nation, such as Charlotte's light rail system, have used federal funds to help fund their system once they showed they have the local support.

Question 37

There is no doubt we need mass transit – it should have started long time ago. However, we need 100% of the new tax to go to light rail, none to roads.

Response

To ensure a balanced transportation system that is as efficient as possible, all modes must be given proper attention. Roads are an important piece to the puzzle, and we cannot keep them out of the funding equation.

Question 38

Where will the rest (65 percent) of the funding come from? The whole area is in economic mess; how will this be developed and where will it go (to and from)?

Response

The other 65 percent comes from sources such as gas taxes, property taxes, federal grants as well as a large variety of other sources, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). A balanced transportation system will be an asset for us and will help us to improve our economy. The proposed rail system connects the four key Activity Centers in Hillsborough County and is the starting point for regional connections throughout Tampa Bay.

RIDERSHIP**Question 3**

The ridership on the Phoenix light rail is actually 1.87% of the population. What is the estimate for ridership in Tampa? How much per rider will the system cost until it is paid off?

Response

Though a few percent of total population can be typically quoted ridership statistics, to calculate ridership this way is misleading. When comparing the ridership within the corridors where transit exists, ridership competes favorably offering more of an even split of total trips.

Question 55

What is the ridership of the current HART system with respect to capacity? What percentage of bus seats go empty on the HART system daily?

Response

Like roadways, buses tend to be at capacity during rush hour with lighter traffic on the roadways and in bus seats during off peak times.

TIMING/PRIORITIES**Question 5**

A rail line like the rail experiment that came to South Tampa should be brought in first because it was perfect.

Response

A line to South Tampa is included in the 2035 Transportation Plan. Although it is not in the first phase, it is an important piece of the system.

Question 7

Why is it taking so long to get to this point for mass transit? What happened to constitutional amendment? Long overdue!

Response

The time is right and the business and community organizations are largely in favor of this effort, a change from the past. People have turned to light rail as well as other transit options because they realize the economic impacts and how their quality of life can improve through having a mass transit system.

Question 15

All areas of the county will be paying taxes. How long will it take New Tampa to benefit from the projects?

Response

The improvements have been spread throughout the county, and all areas of the county will see benefits from the 2035 Transportation Plan.

Question 16

Where will the improvements start? Will there be a connection to the airport? That's a good place to start. The bus systems here have no bus schedules at bus stops. This should be improved. Systems internationally have this info provided.

Response

The first phase includes improvements with the bus system and incorporating Intelligent Transportation Systems, which are the easiest things to implement first. While these improvements are being implemented, we will be undergoing plans and approvals for the rail elements, with the rail line being operational in eight years. We will continue to make improvements to the bus system while the rail is being implemented. The first phase of the rail system will connect USF, Downtown Tampa, and Westshore. Eventually the rail system will also connect New Tampa, the Tampa International Airport, Brandon, South Tampa, and the surrounding counties.

Question 20

The year 2035 is too far out. Tampa is major hub, what about the thousands of people that commute from other counties?

Response

Currently, more than 20 percent of the daily car trips are commuters from other counties. This trend is expected to continue or even grow. The system will be implemented in increments between now and 2035. New bus service, including more express bus service, flex service, bus rapid transit, and about double the current local bus service will take shape while the first rail line is under construction. The planned rail system with regional connections to surrounding counties, in coordination with TBARTA Master Plan, is planned to be in place by 2035.

Question 31

Why are we always so late in "catching the boat"?

Response

The time is right and the business and community organizations are largely in favor of this effort, a change from the past. People have turned to light rail as well as other transit options because they realize the economic impacts and how their quality of life can improve through having a mass transit system.

Question 36

What is going to happen in the near future? 2035 is great, but what can we look forward to in terms of "small steps"?

Response

There are many different phases within the plan. The first phase includes improvements with the bus system and incorporating Intelligent Transportation Systems, which are the easiest things to implement first. While these improvements are being implemented, we will be undergoing plans and approvals for the rail elements, with the rail line being operational in eight years. We will continue to make improvements to the bus system while the rail is being implemented.

Question 52

The City of Milwaukee has electric buses, fuel buses, and streetcars and it's wonderful to get around. Will it be 8 years before there is enough money to start building?

Response

The building of the first rail line is expected to be completed in eight years assuming proper funding is in place.

MODE**Question 6**

We want to make the traffic timed better, and increase transit. However, the light rail will take a step backwards because it will tie up traffic. Why not go with a monorail system that is above the existing transit?

Response

Rail transit provides people an option from sitting in traffic. Most rail lines are separated from the general traffic, allowing it to flow freely. Interruptions in traffic caused by trains crossing are minimal and for brief periods of time (light rail trains have far less cars than a typical freight train). When determining the type of transit that is most appropriate for the Tampa Bay area, light rail is much more cost-effective, less visually intrusive, and is fitting with transit oriented development land use plans.

Question 17

Light rail seems to be something similar to 1910 streetcars and outdated. Now that we're planning for 2035, are there more modern transportation improvements being considered?

Response

Light rail vehicles have come a long way since the 1910 streetcars and are now very sleek and modern in design. Low floors allow easy and efficient boarding, and the aesthetics of the new light rail vehicles look very futuristic.

Question 24

Will there be express lanes for people to quickly get into downtown and major mall areas?

Response

There are projects in our Transportation Plan that include special use lanes, or express lanes. The Hillsborough County MPO will work with FDOT on these projects.

Question 26

Can you put bikes on light rail like we can do on buses? And what about bike trails and where will they be expanded?

Response

Light rail vehicles have low floors for easy boarding and have places in each car that are designated for bicycles. Therefore, instead of loading the bicycle to the front of the vehicle, it stays with you. There are several trail projects that are included in the Transportation Plan. Please visit www.mpo2035.org to view the complete list of projects.

Question 28

Which has better price advantage? Buses or light rail? Light rail seems expensive, but buses cheaper and more flexible.

Response

These are correct statements, given the right situation. Although light rail is more expensive to build, the capacity that a light rail can carry far exceeds buses. Therefore, if more capacity is needed, adding an additional car to the train is much more cost effective than adding another bus to the road.

Question 29

This system cannot be just about buses, but must include light rail and connections to the airport, beaches, USF, downtown, and even Orlando eventually.

Response

This is a very accurate statement. Our plan is multi-modal and includes not only bus improvements, but roads, light rail (as well as other forms of transit), bicycle facilities, and sidewalks.

Question 42

What is the intention for bicyclists and what type of infrastructure will be added to support bicycling in the Tampa Bay area? Have you looked at communities like Portland?

Response

We are always interested in researching other communities that have successful transit systems. Portland is known for its intricate network of bicycle trails, and is a great model. We have many projects in the plan for bicycle improvements. Visit www.mpo2035.org to view the lists of projects.

Question 50

We need more bicycling, walking, and transit options that connect to St. Petersburg and Land 'O Lakes, Brandon, Plant City, Riverview, and Tampa. We also need to make connections to other cities around the state.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

BENEFITS**Question 25**

Is this the right time for this plan? Considering the recession and unemployment?

Response

Studies have shown that investing in transportation projects brings about economic benefits. For every dollar that's invested in transit, research shows that as much as \$6 is generated in economic returns.

Studies have been conducted in other areas around the country proving that:

- Home values are up 4-17% near rail. (Philadelphia, Miami-Dade, Southern New Jersey, Portland, San Diego)
- Commercial values are up 10-30% near rail. (San Diego, San Francisco, Dallas)
- Local government ad valorem funds increased 10% short-term and increased 191% long-term near rail. (Portland, Chicago)

Question 32

How will these new pathways affect economy, and will they open jobs for the younger kids of the area getting them off computers? How much land will be destroyed versus re-using what's out there?

Response

Studies have shown that investing in transportation projects brings about economic benefits. For every dollar that's invested in transit, research shows that as much as \$6 is generated in economic returns. Studies also show that for every \$1 billion invested in transit and transportation projects, as much as 47,500 jobs are supported.

Rail lines will allow us to focus new growth and promote redevelopment in the areas of the county where it is appropriate. This will allow us to keep areas undeveloped.

Question 33

What are the advantages are for the average Tampa Bay area citizen with what we may or may not have to contribute with our tax money?

Response

From creating jobs, boosting the economy, providing transportation choices to those that cannot or do not want to drive, protecting our environment, and improving the quality of life in Tampa Bay, a balanced transportation system has many advantages that everyone will enjoy.

Question 34

Energy conservation is very important.

Response

Taking public transportation far exceeds the combined benefits of using energy-efficient light bulbs, adjusting thermostats, weathering one's home, and replacing a refrigerator. Increased investment in public transportation is an investment in our planet and our community's sustainability. Residents in our region use more energy for transportation than any other activity. One of the most significant positive effects a family can have on the environment is to carpool or use public transportation instead of driving alone. Another way to help is through better pedestrian and bicycling connections. If you can ride your bike or walk to the store instead of getting in your car, you are one less car on the road. Multiply that by everyone in your neighborhood, and you'd make a huge impact.

BUS SERVICE/CONNECTING TO RAIL LINE**Question 9**

How do you get people from residential to light rail?

Response

The light rail system will act as a spine, with improved bus service that will connect other areas around the county to the rail line. Park and ride stations will also be built in the areas where it is appropriate so that people may drive to the stations.

Question 39

Transportation will be improved to allow students to arrive at USF buses do not in time for early morning classes and end before the last class - how will this be addressed?

Response

With implementation of the 2035 Transportation Plan, bus service will be vastly improved from what it is currently.

Question 41

Will there be adequate bus service in the New Tampa neighborhoods to the rail stations, or will there be adequate parking at the stations if the bus service is not there?

Response

The light rail system will act as a spine, with improved bus service that will connect other areas around the county to the rail line. Park and ride stations will also be built in the areas where it is appropriate so that people may drive to the stations. The 2035 Transportation Plan includes vast improvements to the bus service in Hillsborough County.

Question 43

Is there a local HART bus that connects New Tampa to other areas of Tampa? Why does Route 57 not stop at 50th and Fletcher anymore?

Response

FOLLOW UP

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS**Question 10**

Will this be a regional system like TBARTA or will this strictly be for Tampa and Hillsborough County?

Response

The rail lines that are proposed in the 2035 Transportation Plan will be focused in Hillsborough County. However, the lines are part of the bigger system that is being planned and implemented by TBARTA.

Question 51

Regional transit is needed.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS/STATIONS**Question 40**

How extensive is the light rail going to be? We really need it!

Response

The light rail will start with a line connecting USF, Downtown Tampa, and Westshore. Future expansion will include the Tampa International Airport, South Tampa, Wesley Chapel, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater.

Question 44

Will there be transit connecting Carrollwood, the stadium, and Downtown? The call was very informative and a great forum.

Response

Thank you for your support. There will be transit connecting these locations, however it will be primarily bus service that will connect these areas. Rail service is planned for connecting USF, Downtown Tampa, and Westshore. Future expansion will include the Tampa International Airport, South Tampa, Wesley Chapel, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater.

Question 49

The call was informative. Although light rail is very needed in our community, Charlotte is not a good model to use because the citizens do not feel it goes anywhere. The system being proposed in this plan is also not going to the right places. It should not follow the interstate system. A rail system cannot exist without including South Tampa. The first phase should include South Tampa, New Tampa, Town 'n' Country, Westchase, Odessa, Ruskin, and Sun City Center. Try to get as much built as soon as possible because the costs are lower now than they will be in the future.

Response

Thank you for your comment. We agree that the full transit network needs to reach all of those places. Unfortunately, rail systems are built in segments. In the early stages of the 2035 Plan, some areas of the County will be served by additional bus service, including express buses, flex service, and circulators to make rail connections. As the system is built in full, more areas will have closer access to light rail. A local match for funding will be needed to expedite building a rail transit network whether it is built sooner or later.

Question 53

Light rail is great for our community. Use the existing tracks and run a pilot rail program to increase the number of riders. USF should not be the first line, but instead go with where the tracks are already in place.

Response

The USF line is proposed to run on existing CSX railroad tracks that run through east Tampa.

Question 58

Make sure that the light rail stops AT the stadiums, malls & airports, not near them. In Atlanta, where I'm from, the train does not go to the Braves stadium and you have to take a bus to get to the stadium. Rumor has it that the city owned the parking lots, so they wanted to continue getting their revenue from them. But for tourists and residents alike, this is not appropriate.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

MISCELLANEOUS**Question 1**

Will the light rail de-value the land or houses around it?

Response

Neighborhoods located near light rail transit across the country are enjoying huge economic benefits. While property values and business revenues are dropping around the nation, light rail Transit Oriented Development communities are maintaining or even increasing in value and revenues.

Question 8

Why do the streets in South Tampa flood after a short rain, however instead of fixing this problem, we are creating "roads to nowhere?"

Response

The 2035 Transportation Plan is a blueprint for how we want to invest in Hillsborough's transportation future. Hillsborough will receive billions of dollars in funding over the next 25 years devoted to transportation, and the Hillsborough County MPO has the responsibility to prioritize the funds into the transportation projects that are best for our community. We need your help to make sure the money is being spent on the right projects.

Question 11

The bus system is horrible and the city is supposed to clean the streets.

Response

Thank you for your comments. HART will be advised of your comments.

Question 19

Anybody who wants to get involved in this should go to Amsterdam because they have a reasonable transportation system.

Response

Thank you for your comment. We are always interested in researching other communities that have successful transit systems.

Question 27

How do you take into account the community master plans around the county?

Response

The MPO's 2035 Plan represents a new vision for our county that interrelates land use and transportation more closely than any previous efforts. Our transportation vision not only supports multi-modal concepts, but it also builds upon the new comprehensive plans recently adopted for all of our local jurisdictions as well as local community plans. Rail transit has become an important organizing principle to frame a new direction in land use, promoting efficient development patterns and curtailing urban sprawl. In addition, bus transit takes on a more important role by providing support for the successful incorporation of rail in the MPO Plan. The plan is filled with new ideas, including the concept of Complete Streets to carry Hillsborough County into a future where we reinvest in our neighborhoods and are more economically competitive with other metropolitan areas while providing the highest possible quality of life for our current and future residents.

Question 56

Convert the major boulevards (Hillsborough Ave & Dale Mabry) into limited access (freeways) in order to decrease time spent on the roads & pollution as well as decrease traffic accidents.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

Question 57

Your "Complete Streets" should put the bicyclists on the path with pedestrians instead of with the cars. Do this by making wider sidewalks that are similar to the Upper Tampa Bay Trail.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

Question 59

Can you find a way to get more trucks off the roads and encourage more freight transportation by rail?

Response

Follow up information provided regarding freight and rail studies.

Question 60

Share cars such as Zipcar.com would be a great way to help people get to their final destination after riding a rail.

Response

Thank you for your comment. USF is currently conducting a pilot program with Zipcars. If it is successful, you may see them on the roads in Hillsborough County in the future.

Town Call Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Jack Harris (JH), local radio personality on 970 WFLA and host of “AM Tampa Bay”, introduced himself and Hillsborough MPO Board members County Commissioner Mark Sharpe (MS) and Plant City Assistant City Manager Greg Horwedel (GH). He also introduced Hillsborough MPO Executive Director Ray Chiaramonte (RC). After a brief explanation of the Town Call meeting format, Jack explained that the Town Call is an alternative means of providing public input for the Hillsborough MPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for 2035.

Ray then gave a background of the LRTP, emphasizing the difference between past plans and this one is the careful balance of transportation modes. The new plan proposes 50 percent of the improvements be for roads, 48 percent for transit, and two percent for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), trails, bike paths, and pedestrian uses. He explained that a lot of collaboration has occurred with other entities such as the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority, or TBARTA, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, or HART, and all jurisdictions of Hillsborough County. The MPO 2035 Transportation Plan sets a new direction for Hillsborough County.

Participants were encouraged to visit www.mpo2035.org to find out more information on the plan, view the list of projects in the Cost Affordable Plan, and watch the MPO’s Transportation Plan video. The question and answer portion of the call followed.

Herbert from Seffner

Question 1

How many bureaucracy levels will be in existence with the new tax? How many tax dollars is this going to cost the Hillsborough County residents? Why are the republicans on the Board of County Commissioners supporting a new tax?

Response

MS: The Board of County Commission established a Transportation Task Force (TTF) to look at how we can address all of the failing roads in the County. The realization was that we have about \$16 billion in inadequate roads around Hillsborough County (including all cities and the unincorporated County). We must think differently about how we currently use our roads and how we can move people through our county. One idea is to consider a better mix of transportation. We talk about subsidizing transit, but we subsidize our roads right now. For example, the cost to fix Bruce B Downs is going to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, just to widen that road. Collectively, only a small number of people in our county will use that roadway, but all are paying for it. What we have here is a plan that will save money in the long run. We need to be efficient with our tax dollars. A balanced system will help us to move people and freight efficiently. In other conservative communities such as Dallas, Houston, Charlotte, and Austin, they have realized that widening roads is not enough and costs too much money, and a mixture of modes is best.

Norman from Plant City

Question 2

Is there a community where this type of system has been successful and been profitable?

Response

MS: We have looked at other areas where they have invested in transit and learned that the citizens are seeing the value of a balanced transportation system, even if it has taken time for them to realize the benefits. The revenue that comes in from investing in transit is significant. For example, in Charlotte, transit is bringing in millions of dollars in tax revenue and billions of dollars in private investment along the transit corridor. This is a far greater return than we get for spending hundreds of millions of dollars widening roads. We subsidize everything – from building new roads to widening existing roads – it is all subsidized by taxpayers. With transit we will get a return on our investment. Over the 30-year life of the referendum we expect more than \$1.2 million in farebox revenue will come back to us that we would never see if we were putting our money only into roads.

Jack from Plant City

Question 3

This is a good plan, and we need light rail throughout the county. However, is it supposed to be funded by a one cent sales tax? How will this benefit Plant City?

Response

GH: The funding source that is being looked at is the sales tax. Part of the tax will go for rail transit, part for bus service expansion, and part of it for roadway improvements. As part of the Hillsborough Metro Region, the improved transportation system will attract businesses to our area. An example is if you live in a subdivision that has one house that is deteriorating, it detracts from the entire subdivision. When you spend a little money to fix it up, it really brings in value for the entire neighborhood. We think of Hillsborough County as the neighborhood, and Plant City is part of that neighborhood. These improvements will include bus service expansion to Plant City and South County because we recognize that the entire county must benefit.

RC: Part of the Plan is an intense expansion of the bus system, including Plant City and South County.

Rhonda from Lutz

Question 4

If I never use mass transit, how will this help me? I am opposed to any tax increase.

Response

RC: It benefits everyone because it can relieve some congestion because other people can take transit instead of driving. Also, one great thing mass transit does is focus new growth to areas that surround transit stations, lessening the suburban areas, such as Lutz and other areas around the county where we don’t want intense development. This will help the rural areas preserve their quality of life. It also brings jobs and it brings development into areas that are appropriate. We chose the penny sales tax because we think it is important that everyone, including the tourists and those coming from other areas, helps pay for it and not leave it solely on the backs of the

property owners. We cannot fund everything from property taxes and it's time that everyone that uses our transportation system contribute to improving it. Also, roads are included in this plan. It will not include only transit.

JH: Without a better transportation system that includes choices, it will be difficult to get major conventions and major sporting events and it will be difficult to continue draw the tourists to visit the area. It is imperative that we do it now so that we don't fall further behind.

Andrew from South Tampa

Question 5

What is being done to utilize existing rail lines that pass beneath Lee Roy Selmon and into Downtown? Why can't we use this for pilot programs to gauge how many people will ride it before spending billions of dollars?

Response

RC: One of the things we have to look at is the expected number of riders. The first line that we are planning would connect USF to Downtown Tampa and Westshore, and would act as the core of our system. The South Tampa line is included in our plan but wouldn't be first because it isn't expected to have the highest ridership. We must prove to the federal government that we are starting with the project that is expected to have the highest ridership.

Carl from Valrico

Question 6

A tax increase should be used to improve our bus and rail but not our roads. Why would we initiate a tax increase for something we are already doing?

Response

MS: Determining the proper balance of road and transit funding using the sales tax is a difficult process. Everyone that moves around our county uses our road system, so we must address those issues. We also want to get people from their homes to the transit stops and stations, get them to the park-and-ride lots, and move the transit vehicles smoothly through our transportation system. There are many people that don't understand why they should pay for this if they do not use transit, however they may someday use a bus or a train, or maybe their children will. By including roadways in the tax, we will do what we can to ease the congestion and move people more quickly throughout the county. We do not want to force anyone to use a specific mode, but give them the option if they desire it. Now we are forcing people to use roads.

GH: There are some road improvements in east and south Hillsborough County that will help us to maintain the linkage that needs to be in place to efficiently move people. There are also sidewalks and bike lanes included in those road projects.

MS: The Tampa Bay area ranks second in the country of most dangerous places to walk or ride a bicycle. Florida is a great place to walk or ride bikes because of the climate and the scenery, but it is very dangerous here. Investing in transit makes the roads safer, and allows people to cross a 4-lane road instead of an 8-, 10-, or 12-lane road. In communities that invest in rail, bike paths are

often placed near the rail line, allowing people to ride or walk and be outside. It also frees money up to invest in our transit stations and stops and provide buses at a higher frequency.

Tom from Brandon

Question 7

Why should we expand the bus system if it is not being utilized now?

Response

RC: Last year, HART had its highest ridership ever, proving that more people are taking the bus. Also, sometimes the bus may be at the beginning or end of a route, and therefore may not be a full bus. The key to getting more people on the bus is increasing the bus frequency so that people can rely on it for everyday transportation. This objective is included in the plan. Another way to get people on the bus is to make the routes more direct and faster to compete with the automobile.

MS: Other cities have faced this same challenge. What they found was if they decreased bus service to cut costs, fewer and fewer people used the system. However, when they invested in multimodal transportation plans and in more buses and improved service, the people began to use transit. Our plan includes improved local and express bus service, circulator service within communities, and flex service for those that do not live directly on a route. It will allow those that live in the outer portions of the community to ride as well.

Dolores from Sun City Center

Question 8

The Town Call is a wonderful format. When will it be easier for those that cannot drive a vehicle to get around? Everyone must understand that there are some people that cannot get around if there is not transit service.

Response

GH: Transportation is a series of options. It is important for us to have a wide array of options for every one of our citizens to get around. It may also be used as an economic development tool.

MS: We have 20,000 residents in Sun City Center that would love to go from Sun City Center to Downtown Tampa or the VA hospital without driving. This plan will benefit everyone – those that don't want to drive will have an option, and more space will be available on our roadways for those that do want to drive. Transit also allows riders to text, talk on the phone, and conduct business on their commutes. This is not only a safety issue, but also a time saver.

Lauren from Brandon

Question 9

What will happen to the commercial and private property that will need to be relocated to build the new roads and rail system? Will these be taken with eminent domain? What is light rail? Will the bus stops be conveniently located and will there be park-and-ride stations?

Response

RC: Light rail is a very modern form of transportation. It is very quiet, fast, flexible, and versatile. It can go in a street, in its own right-of-way, or along an interstate. HART will likely operate the rail system and has proven to be successful at operating an efficient bus system. In regards to eminent domain, Hillsborough County has many underutilized railroad rights-of-way and the airport has set aside a portion of their property for the system. The light rail system is not expected to have an adverse impact to the community. This is different than roads. Property and businesses are taken to widen roads. The rail system will allow us to avoid the impacts and protect the residents and businesses.

Barbara from Lithia

Question 10

In these economic times how are we going to pay for a transportation system?

Response

MS: The need to invest in infrastructure is something we need to do not just for today, but for future generations. We have spent decades studying the problem and we have realized there is no alternative. We cannot keep widening roads. We need to be prepared once we get through this economic downturn to attract the very best businesses. As gas prices continue to creep back up, which they will likely do in the future, residents' pocketbooks will be affected as they were in the past years. Additionally, transit takes several years to build, so if we don't plan for it right now, we are losing out on having this system for our children. We don't want our children to ask us why we didn't take care of the problem when we had the chance.

JH: About half of the system will be paid for by the federal government. In fact, the money we contribute to the federal government has been used to help build other transit systems across the country, and we have not seen our fair share because we don't have the transit projects. Now it's our turn to get some of that money back. Additional funding will also be paid for by the state, by state taxpayers, including those in Miami that we have helped to pay for their rail system. The referendum will be in November 2010, at which time most economic experts expect our economy to be much stronger.

Wayne from Brandon

Question 11

What is the timeframe in which this will be implemented? We need something more immediate than a light rail system that will take 10 years to get to the outer areas, such as putting more buses on the road.

Response

RC: We will be working on the outer areas first with improved bus service to boost ridership in those areas. That can be done quickly as a prelude to the rail service and will connect the outer areas to the first legs of the rail line that are built.

JH: This will ultimately be a seven-county system, and Hillsborough County is just getting the ball rolling.

MS: As the USF Health area is developed, people from other counties that need the services will come to this area to receive medical attention at these state-of-the-art centers. We will need to be able to bring these people in efficiently without tying up the already congested roadways. In Pasco County, transportation is the number one issue and the County Commissioners have adopted the TBARTA Master Plan as a vision for our region.

Doug from Plant City

Question 12

Does the light rail plan take into consideration of us being hit by a hurricane and an evacuation plan?

Response

GH: There are many people in our county that would need to get to a shelter and do not have the transportation to do that. A mass transit system of this size will allow residents around the county to easily access safe shelters.

Steve from Seffner

Question 13

The idea of rail is good for our community, but with the economy in the shape it is in, why can't we redirect other funding sources instead of imposing a new tax on our residents?

Response

MS: We have spent a significant amount of time looking at all of our funding options. In order to get the federal dollars to help us pay for this, we must show the federal government that we have a dedicated funding source that we can depend on so that we can get our portion of federal taxes back. Residents have asked us to not rely solely on property taxes. The sales tax is a more equitable way to spread out the burden. The cost is expected to be around \$142 per year for the average family, and \$85 per year for the average single-person household. Investing that money into our transportation system will create jobs and bring money into our community. The taxpayers can also then use this system to help them save money and time. If we are to go forward with this one percent sales tax increase, our sales tax will still be lower than other communities that have raised a sales tax to pay for transportation, including those in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Texas.

Geri from Valrico

Question 14

Why can't we incorporate the current rail lines that connect the whole region and get this system started earlier?

Response

RC: The timeframe is dependent on the federal process. However, there is a new bill in Congress right now that is expected to speed up the process. We are looking at existing rail lines, and will use the ones that are appropriate. In fact, some of the lines in our region are used very rarely, and we hope to be able to work with the railroad operators to utilize those rail lines.

Richard from Valrico

Question 15

Have you looked at recent census data showing that family household size is down, and by 2035 shouldn't we expect our population instead to be shrinking? Won't this affect the number of people that will use the system?

Response

RC: Hillsborough County did grow in population last year, which is a different trend than the state as a whole. In this country we have two big generations, 80 million baby boomers that will soon not be able to drive cars, and 80 million of their children who are very prime transit users. Expectations are that once the economy begins to turn for the better, people will begin to move to Florida in large numbers again.

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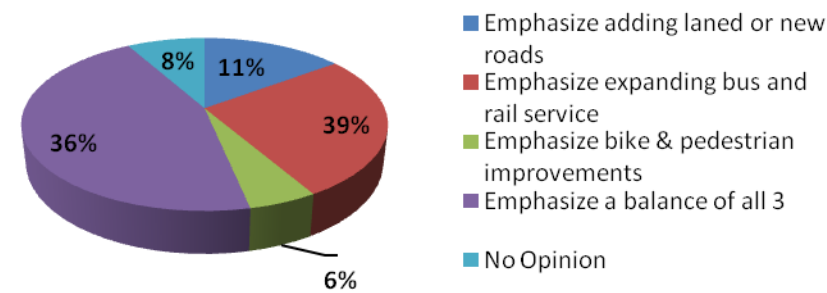
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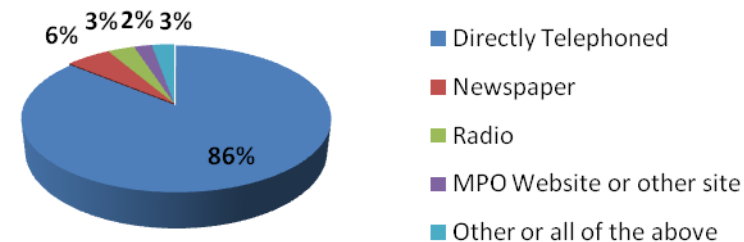
How did you hear about this Town Call Meeting?					
Direct Call	News-paper	Radio	Internet	Other or all of the above	Total Votes
87%	4%	2%	1%	6%	209

What do you think is the most important way to improve our transportation system?					
Emphasize adding lanes or new roads	Emphasize expanding bus and rail service	Emphasize bike and pedestrian improvements	Emphasize a balance of all 3	No Opinion	Total Votes
15%	27%	5%	45%	8%	195

Q2: What do you think is the most important way to improve our transportation system?

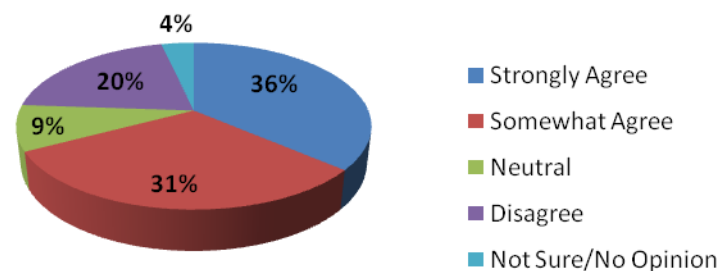


Q1: How did you hear about this Town Call Meeting?



Now that you've heard about the plan, do you agree with the direction of the 2035 Transportation Plan and its vision for Hillsborough's future?					
Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Not Sure/No Opinion	Total Votes
36%	31%	9%	20%	4%	113

Q3: Now that you've heard about the plan, do you agree with the direction of the 2035 Transportation Plan and its vision for Hillsborough's future?



Town Call Additional Questions and Comments (Off-Line)

Tuesday, November 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL SUPPORT

Question
Pleased to see that Riverview will stay rural.

Response
Thank you for your comment.

Question
Rail is really needed; our growth will overwhelm us if we don't do this now.

Response
Thank you for your comment.

ENVIRONMENT

Question
What do the proposals do to help lessen our carbon footprint?

Response
Taking public transportation far exceeds the combined benefits of using energy-efficient light bulbs, adjusting thermostats, weathering one's home, and replacing a refrigerator. Increased investment in public transportation is an investment in our planet and our community's sustainability. Residents in our region use more energy for transportation than any other activity. One of the most significant positive effects a family can have on the environment is to carpool or use public transportation instead of driving alone. Another way to help is through better pedestrian and bicycling connections. If you can ride your bike or walk to the store instead of getting in your car, you are one less car on the road. Multiply that by everyone in your neighborhood, and you'd make a huge impact.

COST/PAYING FOR IT

Question
Are you aware of the "white elephant" light rail systems, such as the one in Seattle, that don't have much ridership and cost a lot of money? How can we avoid having a failed system like that?

Response
The planning for the system has been very deliberate and has included a very specific technical process to ensure that the rail lines will connect the correct places. The USF

Question
Can we get stimulus money to do any of this, and if not why not?

Response
Stimulus money is being used for many projects. For more information on these projects, please view page 3 of our Spring 09 Newsletter or visit www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus to track stimulus funding of transportation projects in Florida and Hillsborough County. An application has also been made for high speed rail to connect Orlando and Tampa. Decisions are expected to be made in January 2010 as which projects nationwide will be the recipients of \$8 billion in funding.

Question
I am concerned because I have attended many planning and growth management meetings, yet nothing seems to get implemented because the dollars are never available.

Response
The time is right and the business and community organizations are largely in favor of this effort, a change from the past. People have turned to light rail as well as other transit options because they realize the economic impacts and how their quality of life can improve through having a mass transit system. The success of this plan is largely dependent upon funding availability. Therefore,

the passing of the sales tax that is proposed by the Hillsborough County Transportation Task Force is a major factor in the ability to build the projects included.

Question

Has the team that is pulling this plan together looked at any other ways to fund this system other than the penny sales tax?

Response

We have spent a significant amount of time looking at all of our funding options. In order to get the federal dollars to help us pay for this, we must show the federal government that we have a dedicated funding source that we can depend on so that we can get our portion of federal taxes back. Residents have asked to not rely solely on property taxes. The sales tax is a more equitable way to spread out the burden. The cost is expected to be around \$142 per year for the average family, and \$85 per year for the average single-person household. Investing that money into our transportation system will create jobs and bring money into our community. The taxpayers can also then use this system to help them save money and time. If we are to go forward with this one percent sales tax increase, our sales tax will still be lower than other communities that have raised a sales tax to pay for transportation, including Tennessee, North Carolina, and Texas.

Question

How are we going to pay for this?

Response

Sixty-five percent of the funding is expected to come from existing sources such as gas taxes, property taxes, federal grants as well as a large variety of other sources, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The remaining 35 percent of the funding is proposed through a one percent sales tax increase up for approval by Hillsborough County voters, possibly in November 2010.

Question

Do you have any intent to extend the rail to the beaches? Is there a sunset on the sales tax?

Response

The Hillsborough MPO plan will ultimately fit into an overall plan in a seven-county area being proposed by TBARTA through their adopted Master Plan. Connections to the beaches are included in TBARTA's plan. In order to insure adequate operations and maintenance of the system, there is no sunset being proposed at this time.

Question

How is Hillsborough County's budget going to be able to afford this?

Response

Sixty-five percent of the funding is expected to come from existing sources such as gas taxes, property taxes, federal grants as well as a large variety of other sources, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The remaining 35 percent of the funding is proposed

through a one percent sales tax increase up for approval by Hillsborough County voters, possibly in November 2010.

Question

Is it feasible to connect to the airport? It looks like it might be a high cost project.

Response

A connection to the airport has consistently been one of the most requested connections by residents in this county and surrounding counties. There are existing rail lines that currently run to the airport that the light rail line may be able to utilize. To assist with the implementation of this line, Tampa International Airport has set aside a portion of their property for the system.

Question

I've heard about how much money the sales tax will bring in, but how much will this plan cost us?

Response

The total cost to build and operate everything needed in the 2035 Transportation Plan will exceed \$21 billion.

Question

Will the penny sales tax include the stations and parking and such, or just the rail line?

Response

The 2035 Transportation Plan includes the expected cost to build the stations, parking, and amenities. The sales tax will cover a portion of these costs. The other funding will be provided through existing sources such as gas taxes, property taxes, federal grants as well as a large variety of other sources, including the FDOT.

Question

What is the federal subsidy for the rail service?

Response

Follow up information provided regarding funding sources for all modes on www.mpo2035.org.

Question

Will private contractors build this system?

Response

Contractor information to be determined as projects are implemented.

Question

Will private enterprises take a roll in this plan? This might be a more affordable option to save the tax payers money.

Response

Public-private partnerships are an option to be considered.

Question

I'm skeptical of any tax increase. Is this going to a dedicated fund or will it end up in the general fund where it can be tapped by anyone for any purpose? It should not be available for any other uses.

Response

The sales tax referendum will be very specific in detailing what the money can and will be used for.

Question

I am concerned about the 25 percent of the sales tax going to road improvements. I am concerned about the other counties and if they will guarantee their ability to come up with funds that will allow them to be a part of the regional plan.

Response

Determining the proper balance of road and transit funding using the sales tax is a difficult process. Everyone that moves around our county uses our road system, so we must address those issues. We also want to get people from their homes to the transit stops and stations, get them to the park-and-ride lots, and move the transit vehicles smoothly through our transportation system. By including roadways in the tax, we will do what we can to ease the congestion and move people more quickly throughout the county. We do not want to force anyone to use a specific mode, but give them the option if they desire it. Now we are forcing people to use roads. There are some road improvements in east and south Hillsborough County that will help us to maintain the linkage that needs to be in place to efficiently move people. There are also sidewalks and bike lanes included in those road projects. The Tampa Bay area ranks second in the country of most dangerous places to walk or ride a bicycle. Florida is a great place to walk or ride bikes because of the climate and the scenery, but it is very dangerous here. Investing in transit makes the roads safer, and allows people to cross a 4-lane road instead of an 8-, 10-, or 12-lane road. In communities that invest in rail, bike paths are often placed near the rail line, allowing people to ride or walk and be outside. It also frees money up to invest in our transit stations and stops and provide buses at a higher frequency.

Follow up Re: Other counties

Question

Please do not spend any more money but rather spend the money we already have.

Response

Thank you for your comment. Current funding levels only cover a fraction of our needs.

Question

I would like to know the level of bureaucracy that will be involved with the new tax? Will HART be involved?

Response

Follow up with explanation of tax oversight.

Question

Will the bus and train options be self sustaining cost-wise? Or will it be a forever public subsidy? And, why is it necessary to have a Super Bowl game here, or even an Olympic event or any other of those things mentioned last night?

Response

We have looked at other areas where they have invested in transit and learned that the citizens are seeing the value of a balanced transportation system, even if it has taken time for them to realize the benefits. The revenue that comes in from investing in transit is significant. For example, in Charlotte, transit is bringing in millions of dollars in tax revenue and billions of dollars in private investment along the transit corridor. This is a far greater return than we get for spending hundreds of millions of dollars widening roads. We subsidize everything – from building new roads to widening existing roads – it is all subsidized by taxpayers. With transit we will get a return on our investment. Over the 30-year life of the referendum we expect more than \$1.2 million in farebox revenue will come back to us that we would never see if we were putting our money only into roads.

Follow up Re: Bringing events here

RIDERSHIP**Question**

Do we have any evidence that people are going to ride this system?

Response

The 2035 Transportation Plan will give people choices and give people who are transportation dependent a better system to use. In other areas of the country that have been primarily auto-centric, transit systems have proven to be very successful. For example, Phoenix, Charlotte, and Dallas all have had those that believed people would never leave their cars at home. However, all three of these cities have far surpassed their expected ridership. We are not asking people to give up their cars completely, but people may drive their cars a little less if we give them an option other than their vehicle.

Question

The current bus system would have more ridership if the buses went further than SR 60 and SR 39. Also, the buses should take more side roads out to Plant City to get more ridership.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

TIMING/PRIORITIES**Question**

Before spending money on a mass rail system way in the future, shouldn't we fix the failed roads and streets (specifically Bell Shoals and Lithia Pinecrest)?

Response

The plan calls for two additional lanes on Lithia Pinecrest between Lumsden Road and Fishhawk Trails, as well as two additional lanes on Bell Shoals from Boyette Road to Bloomingdale Avenue. The 2035 Transportation Plan calls for a balanced transportation system that uses other modes to increase capacity without increasing the number of lanes on the roads.

Question

When is this going to be operating?

Response

There are many different phases within the plan. The first phase includes improvements with the bus system and incorporating Intelligent Transportation Systems, which are the easiest things to implement first. While these improvements are being implemented, we will be undergoing plans and approvals for the rail elements, with the rail line being operational in eight years. We will continue to make improvements to the bus system while the rail is being implemented. Ultimately, within the next 20 or 40 years, the transportation improvements will be implemented in the outer lying areas. It is very important to begin the planning and the action now so we can have a more viable economy and are able to compete economically with other regions.

Question

Why didn't the county commissioners adopt the plan that was offered 10 years ago by the Committee of '99?

Response

The momentum was lost from the early 1990s. Now the time is right and the business and community organizations are largely in favor of this effort, a change from the past. People have turned to light rail as well as other transit options because they realize the economic impacts and how their quality of life can improve through having a mass transit system.

MODE

Question

Is the plan looking at more green buses as well as smaller buses versus larger buses (depending on the ridership, etc.)?

Response

Yes. The plan includes a variety of services from small FLEX service vehicles and neighborhood circulator to local and Express bus service. Use of hybrid vehicles and Intelligent Transportation Systems will also minimize the carbon footprint of our transit system.

Question

Why don't we consider a monorail system such as in Seattle and Arizona, so it will be above ground and won't interfere with the road system?

Response

The MPO Transit Study (www.mpotransit.org) considered a variety of technologies. When determining the type of transit that is most appropriate for the Tampa Bay area, light rail has consistently proven to be the most cost-effective and least visually intrusive given our climate and relatively flat landscape.

Question

What is Express Bus?

Response

Express Bus is a limited stop service that is primarily provided for commuting trips. Unlike local bus, which makes stops every few blocks, express service makes stops at the beginning and end of the route, with few or no stops in between.

Question

Why are we talking about light rail when we have a bus system? Why not just expand the bus system instead of creating something brand new that has the same purpose?

Response

Our plan not only includes a rail system, but also improved local and express bus service, circulator service within communities, and flex service. Investing in multimodal transportation plans and in more buses and rail service will allow more people to use transit. There are many benefits to building a rail system. Because rail is able to travel in its own dedicated right-of-way and make fewer stops than local bus service, it will travel faster than the traffic it is passing. A competitive choice will be given to people to not use their cars – this will decrease the need for additional road lanes on existing roads; new development and redevelopment will be focused into areas where the infrastructure already exists – this will decrease the need to build new roads into areas of the county that are currently undeveloped; and properties surrounding the rail lines will increase in value – this will increase the amount of property tax revenue. Rail has proven around the country to be an asset to communities by providing a boost to local economies, thousands of jobs, and access to millions of people that cannot or do not want to drive.

Question

Are the proposed transit systems going to utilize alternative forms of energy such as electric rail and bus?

Response

Light rail is generally a form of train that uses an overhead catenary system to power the vehicles. They are very silent, and very efficient. We do not have plans to use electric buses, but HART is working to make the fleet of buses as energy efficient as possible.

BENEFITS

Question

As a resident of Riverview where the light rail does not go, how will this system help Riverview specifically, Boyette Road that so congested?

Response

The 2035 Transportation Plan does not only call for a rail line in Hillsborough County, it also includes increased bus service throughout the county, as well as roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. In Riverview, Boyette Road will get an additional two lanes from Balm Riverview Road to Bell Shoals Road with bicycle lanes, and an Express Bus route will connect Riverview to Tampa. For the areas not directly served by the rail lines, feeder buses will bring riders from all areas of the county to the rail service.

It also benefits everyone because it can relieve some congestion because other people can take transit instead of driving. One great thing mass transit does is focus new growth to areas that surround transit stations, lessening the suburban areas, such as Riverview and other areas around the county where we don't want intense development. This will help the rural areas preserve their quality of life. It also brings jobs and it brings development into areas that are appropriate.

Question

How will this plan benefit Plant City? How will the one-cent tax increase benefit us?

Response

The 2035 Transportation Plan improvements will include bus service expansion to Plant City and South County because we recognize that the entire county must benefit. Also, many roads in Plant City are included in this plan. It will not include only transit. We are intent on keeping the character and quality of life in Plant City intact, and a rail transit system will allow us to do that by focusing new growth to areas that surround transit stations, lessening the suburban areas and other areas around the county where we don't want intense development. It also brings jobs and it brings development into areas that are appropriate.

Part of the tax will go for rail transit, part for bus service expansion, and part of it for roadway improvements. We chose the penny sales tax because we think it is important that everyone, including the tourists and those coming from other areas, helps pay for it and not leave it solely on the backs of the property owners. We cannot fund everything from property taxes and it's time that everyone that uses our transportation system contribute to improving it.

Question

How will this plan assist and benefit the Odessa community?

Response

The 2035 Transportation Plan improvements will include express bus service along the Veterans Expressway connecting to Westshore and Downtown Tampa. Although the rail system will not directly serve the Odessa community, we are intent on keeping the character and quality of life in the rural areas intact. A rail transit system will allow us to do that by focusing new growth to areas that surround transit stations, lessening the suburban areas and other areas around the county where we don't want intense development. It also brings jobs and it brings development into areas that are appropriate.

Question

In recognition of metro areas with mass transit systems such as Los Angeles, how can we justify the need for light rail to come to our area? Our region is not designed for it.

Response

Many of our peer cities, such as Charlotte, Houston, Phoenix, etc., have experienced great success in terms of mobility improvements and job creation.

LOCAL BUS SERVICE/CONNECTING TO RAIL LINE**Question**

Have any of the panel members tried to use the bus system? It seems impossible to get anywhere.

Response

Many county staff members are encouraged to ride the bus on a regular basis, and Ray Chiamonte is of no exception. In regards to bus service, other cities have faced the same challenge. What they found was if they decreased bus service to cut costs, fewer and fewer people used the system. However, when they invested in multimodal transportation plans and in more buses and improved service, the people began to use transit. Last year, HART had its highest ridership ever, proving that more people are taking the bus now than ever before. The key to getting more people on the bus is increasing the bus frequency so that people can rely on it for everyday transportation. This objective is included in the plan. Another way to get people on the bus is to make the routes more direct and faster to compete with the automobile. Our plan includes improved local and express bus service, circulator service within communities, and flex service for those that do not live directly on a route. It will allow those that live in the outer portions of the community to ride as well.

Question

To take transit in Lithia, it's a 2.5-mile walk to get to the station. Will there be new routes and more opportunities for Lithia?

Response

A network of FLEX buses and neighborhood circulators will support the local bus system and connect passengers to rail transit.

Question

Will you have bus lines that feed to points on the light rail system so that the rail system will not have to make so many stops?

Response

The rail system will be the spine of the transit system in the County and local buses will feed into the rail service at the stations.

Question

There are many things about the bus system that do not work. It takes significantly longer for me to get to work using the bus compared to taking the Crosstown from Brandon. I am not sure how we can make transportation better in the county with more bus and rail. The fare schedule does not make sense, as a Pinellas/Hillsborough County transit pass is five dollars less than a Hillsborough County pass.

Response

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STATION LOCATIONS**Question**

Where would the stations be in South County?

Response

Station locations have not yet been determined. As the different projects are studied individually and in much more depth, the exact routes and station locations will be established.

SPECIFIC ROUTES/CONNECTIONS**Question**

Is there a plan to include CSX in the transportation improvements? Will we use their existing lines?

Response

We are looking at existing rail lines, and will use the ones that are appropriate. In fact, some of the lines in our region are used very rarely, and we hope to be able to work with the railroad operators to utilize those rail lines.

Question

Are you looking at outlying areas or just the USF area?

Response

The first phase of the rail system will connect USF, Downtown Tampa, and Westshore. Eventually the rail system will also connect New Tampa, the Tampa International Airport, Brandon, South Tampa, and the surrounding counties.

Question

Will South County be included in the path of these trains?

Response

Although South County will not be directly served by the proposed rail system, increased bus service will connect users to the rail system. The system proposed by TBARTA, the regional transportation authority, includes a commuter rail link that will ultimately connect the counties in the south to Downtown Tampa and beyond along the US 41 corridor, traveling through South Hillsborough County.

Question

Will the Lutz area be served by transit system proposed in the 2035 plan?

Response

Express bus service is planned connecting Lutz to Downtown Tampa.

Question

Will existing rail lines be utilized in this plan?

Response

We are looking at existing rail lines, and will use the ones that are appropriate. In fact, some of the lines in our region are used very rarely, and we hope to be able to work with the railroad operators to utilize those rail lines.

REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE CONNECTIONS**Question**

Do you have any intent to extend the rail to the beaches?

Response

The Hillsborough MPO plan will ultimately fit into an overall plan in the seven-county area being proposed by TBARTA through their adopted Master Plan. Connections to the beaches are included in TBARTA's plan.

Question

Is this part of the rail system that will connect Tampa to Orlando and Miami? Will the sales tax increase put us in the same category as most major cities within the country that already have a rail system?

Response

The local rail system that is proposed in the 2035 Transportation Plan is a complementary service to the high speed rail. The local system would connect users from the high speed rail line to their final destinations without the use of a car.

Question

Would the implementation of light rail in Hillsborough County be of importance for Tampa getting a portion of the proposed high speed rail?

Response

The success of high speed rail in Tampa will be dependent on the supporting local and regional transit system that is in place. When people travel by train from Orlando to Tampa, there must be an efficient way for them to travel to their final destination without the use of a car. Therefore, the local rail and bus system in Tampa Bay will be an integral factor to high speed rail's success.

Question

Is there a plan to set up a light rail system between here and Orlando?

Response

Light rail is a type of transit that is appropriate for shorter distances. However, there is an effort underway called ConnectUs, that is working to get high speed rail built between Tampa, Orlando, Miami, and Jacksonville. The local rail system that is proposed in the 2035 Transportation Plan is a complementary service to the high speed rail. The local system would connect users from the high speed rail line to their final destinations without the use of a car.

SAFETY AND SECURITY**Question**

One of the reasons the New York City transit system works is because it is out of sight and out of mind, how is Tampa planning to run their security with the new transportation system?

Response

The implementing organization, in this case HART, will determine how security operations will be conducted.

Question

People like to know they are safe. You will need police and security cameras.

Response

Safety and security is of utmost importance. We will do everything we can to ensure that transit users are safe.

Question

Will the parking areas be safe?

Response

Safety and security is of utmost importance. We will do everything we can to ensure that transit users are safe.

MISCELLANEOUS**Question**

During the construction of the transit line, land will need to be acquired. How likely will we be able to acquire land in the South Tampa area? Have these costs been determined?

Response

Hillsborough County, including South Tampa, has many underutilized railroad rights-of-way, and the airport has set aside a portion of their property for the system. The light rail system is expected not to have an adverse impact to the community. This is different than roads. Property and businesses are taken to widen roads. The rail system will allow us to avoid the impacts and protect the residents and businesses.

Question

Comment: I love this rail plan! Question: How many roads do we have from east to west (Dale Mabry to Wesley Chapel)? Do we need to increase the lanes (3 or 4)?

Response

Thank you for your support. Directed to road improvements in the plan.

Question

In reference to local business, if it's going to be a tax on Hillsborough County residents, is that going to mean that Hillsborough County businesses will get preference to bid on the projects?

Response

Follow up regarding bidding procedures.

Question

Is a beltway that was previously proposed to go thru Balm/Wimauma in the plan again?

Response

No, the project you are referring to is not included in this plan.

Question

Why are we trying to get more people to move here? There is no relevance in comparing us to Charlotte.

Response

Growth is inevitable; in fact Hillsborough County grew in population last year, which is a different trend than the state as a whole. In this country we have two big generations, 80 million baby boomers that will soon not be able to drive cars, and 80 million of their children who are very prime transit users. Expectations are that once the economy begins to turn for the better, people will begin to move to Florida in large numbers again. We must plan for this growth by ensuring our transportation system can handle the increase in population. Efficient transit options will allow us to add capacity to our transportation system without adding additional lanes at the rate that would be required if we did not have options.

Question

Why aren't we spending more money to educate people about this plan?

Response

We are undertaking an extensive public engagement process to open a dialogue with the public that will ensure this plan represents both a sound technical process and the needs and desires of the community. Currently, we have many ways to view the plan and make comments about it, including by email (mpo@plancom.org), visiting our website (www.mpo2035.org), by telephone (813/272-5940 or 813/224-8190), or by mail (Hillsborough MPO | PO Box 1110 | Tampa, FL 33602). We will have a Public Hearing on December 9, 2009 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be at the Board of County Commission Chambers in the County Center (601 E Kennedy Blvd, 2nd Floor | Downtown Tampa). If you would like a presentation from us for your community group or organization, or if you have other ideas for how we can ensure the community is involved, please contact Lynn Merenda at merendal@plancom.org or 813/273-3774 ext. 342.

Question

What can we do about the east/west corridors from Dale Mabry to Wesley Chapel? We need to reduce the length of stop lights.

Response

FOLLOW UP RE: CORRIDORS

Incorporating ITS, or Intelligent Transportation Systems, is a way to improve our transportation system by using technology such as traffic light synchronization.

Question

My parents live on a stretch of Lithia-Pinecrest that is being threatened under eminent domain. I feel this is due to poor planning and it does not make sense. I feel the sales tax is a disguise for road widening and will not be used on rail. Why is the PD&E (Project Development and Environment Study) study not yet completed for this section of Lithia-Pinecrest?

Response

Lithia-Pinecrest PD&E Study public hearing dates shared.

Question

We would like a bus system that takes people to the schools in the area so we can see our children play football.

Response

Thank you for your comment.

Question

I listened to some of your town meeting call yesterday. It sounds like it will be quite a tough sell for public transit in the Tampa area. I used to live in Boston, and the big difference I see is in city density. In Tampa it is easy and inexpensive to drive anywhere. Virtually all businesses have free parking with easy access and all residences have free parking. In Boston, parking is scarce and

expensive as well as not easy to drive. Residences do not include parking privileges. Residents look for a more economic transportation system. I think it will be a hard sell to get Tampa area residents to give up their personal transportation.

Response

Thank you for your comment. We understand the obstacles that face us as we move forward to create a more balanced transportation system, and the need to ensure our land use is supportive for rail transit.

Public Hearing to Adopt the 2035 Plan

A public hearing was advertised twice in the Tampa Tribune and other daily and weekly publications. The hearing to consider adopting the 2035 Plan was held at 6:00 P.M. at the County Center in downtown Tampa on December 9, 2009. The public hearing was broadcast live on HTV. MPO staff gave presentation on the draft 2035 Plan (included as Appendix 2) and the public participation up to it, more than 20 citizens expressed their views to the MPO Board.

The majority of them spoke either for or against the widening of Lithia Pinecrest Road from Bloomingdale Avenue to Lumsden Road. Ten citizens were against widening and three spoke in favor of it. During the public hearing, citizens who could not attend were given the opportunity to call in and give their comments to staff. Staff received 17 comments concerning the widening of Lithia Pinecrest Road via the telephone call-ins that were then reported to the MPO. Only one of these speakers voiced opposition to the widening¹.

Another speaker pointed out the lack of greenways and trails and especially the east-west bikeway loop along Shell Point Rd. and 19th Ave, which would connect to the proposed South Coast Greenways Trail. She asked that South County Greenway Trail be included not just in the "needs list," but in the 20-year "cost affordable" plan.

Two other citizens spoke in favor of the 2035 Plan and encouraged the members adopt it, and the last speaker spoke about the need for more bicycle and pedestrian safety projects to make this area safe to walk and bicycle.

Following these speakers, the MPO Executive Director addressed the proposed widening of Lithia Pinecrest Rd, noting that the project was subject to an ongoing PD&E study, the results of which could be incorporated through an amendment to the 2035 Plan. The MPO requested staff to investigate the issue of bicycle facilities and trails in the South Shore area and report back to the MPO.

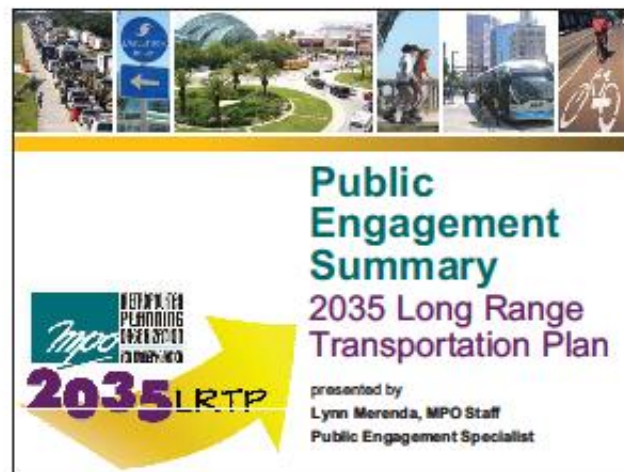
There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Following a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

¹ In addition to public hearing speakers, the MPO received numerous comments on this issue, which can be summarized as follows:

- Widen: 67 including email, web
- Do not widen: 4 email, web + 250 on petition

Appendix 1

2035 Plan Public Engagement Summary



Public Engagement Summary
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

presented by
Lynn Merenda, MPO Staff
Public Engagement Specialist



Engage the Public

New Public Participation Plan

- MPO approved OCT 08
- Public participation strategies customized for this 2035 L RTP Update




Multi-layered Public Engagement for a Multi-modal Plan

2035 L RTP



Built upon recent data

Hillsborough County Tampa
2025 Plan
Raint City Temple Terrace

MPO TRANSIT STUDY



Public Engagement Phases

Needs Assessment **Cost Affordable**

- April - June
- August - December

In both phases:

- Input from our advisory committees and our transportation planning partners as well as community stakeholder groups, businesses and organizations
- Interactive displays at large community events and festivals



Engaging the Public Needs Assessment Phase

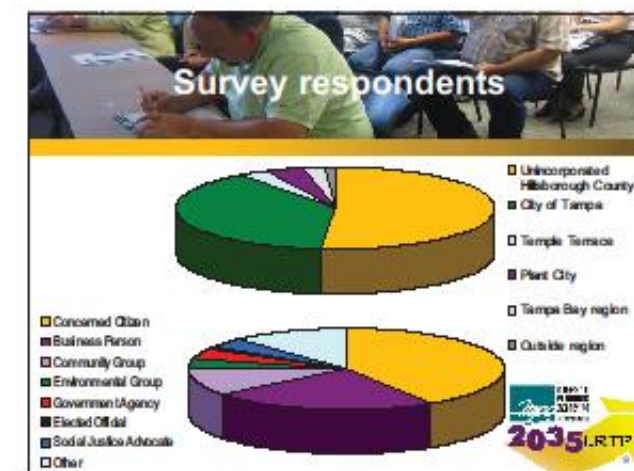
- 4,000+ participants at 63 public meetings, events & festivals
- About 500 participants at our 12 stop Listening Tour with TTF, MPO, TBARTA, HART, FDOT, Planning Commission & the jurisdictions



How would you invest in Hillsborough's Transportation Future?

Spend your \$100

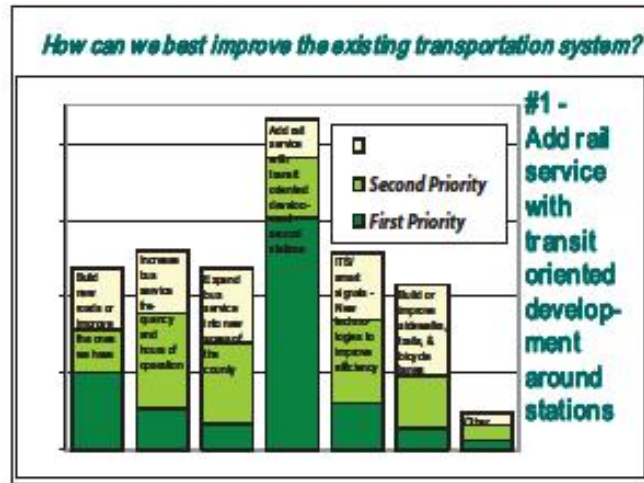
- 350+ surveys completed!
- 343 participants in 'The Money Game'



Survey respondents

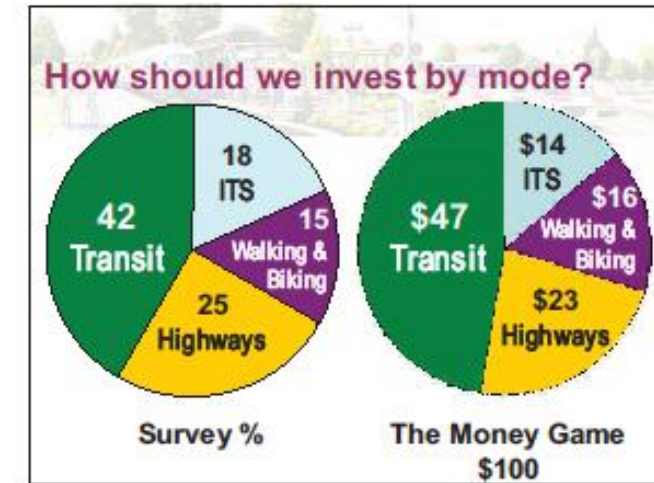
Legend:

- Unincorporated Hillsborough County
- City of Tampa
- Temple Terrace
- Pine City
- Tampa Bay region
- Outside region
- Concerned Citizen
- Business Person
- Community Group
- Environmental Group
- Government Agency
- Elected Official
- Social Justice Advocate
- Other



Top Growth Strategies

1. Provide transportation choices
2. Reuse and/or revitalize existing assets
3. Preserve open space & farmland
4. Preserve historic landmarks and neighborhoods
5. Make land use decisions that support transit investments



Engaging the Public - Cost Affordable Phase

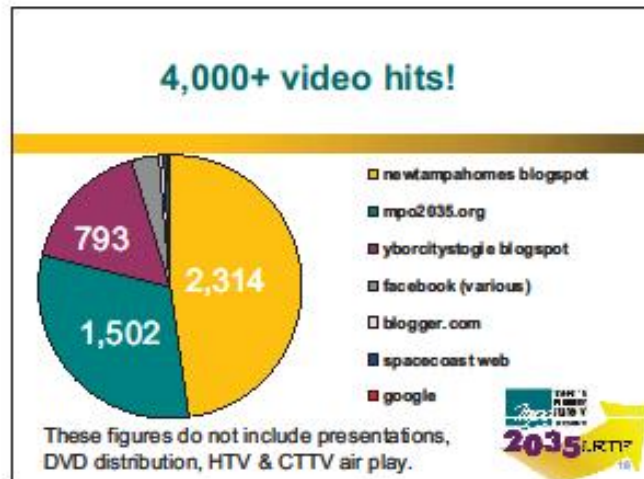
- 52 public meetings, events, festivals & Town Calls
- 10,400+ participants

New 2035 Plan web site!

2,000+ visitors in last 30 days spent 5+ minutes on average finding out what's in the 2035 Plan for them!

MPO 2035 Vision video narrated by Jack Harris

Our future is in YOUR hands!



Legal advertisements

- Tampa Tribune
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- Florida Sentinel
- St Pete Times Tampa edition & TBT

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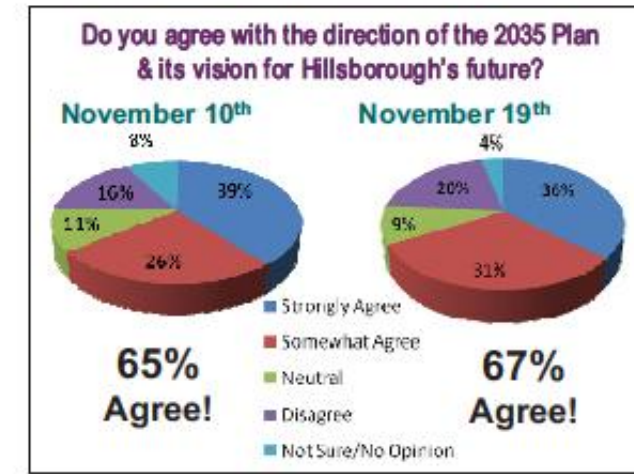
2035 Vision

Visualizing Our Future

**Come One
7,424 Come All
Participants!** Join in a **Town Call**
November 10th or November 19th
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
About Our Transportation Future
1-877-229-8493
ID code 351774

Both Town Calls were hosted by Ray Chiamonte & moderated by Jack Harris.

November 10 th	November 19 th
• Tampa & Temple Terrace	• Plant City & Hillsborough County
• 3,829 participants	• 3,595 participants
• Guest panelists: Councilman Dingfelder & Mayor Affronti	• Guest panelists: Commissioner Sharpe & Greg Horwedel
• 53 screened calls, 13 asked live + 3 polls	• 60 screened calls, 15 asked live + 3 polls



What do you think is the most important way to improve our transportation system?

Emphasize adding lanes or new roads	Emphasize expanding bus and rail service	Emphasize bike and pedestrian improvements	Emphasize a balance of all 3	No Opinion	Total Votes
November 10th					
10.5%	39%	6%	36%	8%	191
November 19th					
15%	27%	5%	45%	8%	195

What types of questions were we asked?

Why has it taken so long to bring rail here?
How do you fund any type of construction but also maintain the rest of a rail transit system?
How will the rail system benefit me and my community if we're not located near it?
How will the transit impact on the area be managed?
Thank you for testing a meeting that you can attend without leaving your homes!

Engage the Public

2035 LRTP Update highlights:

- Visualizations and surveys available online and in our newsletter beginning in March
- Solicitation of a broad cross-section of business and community groups including those already engaged in the process with

Engage the Public

- About 15,000 participants in 115 meetings, events & town calls on top of 100+ regular MPO Board & committee meetings this year
- 3,500+ individual comments received, many containing two or more topics
- 2,000+ participants in surveys, polls, \$ game

Individual comments by mode - recent

Mode	Total	Need more?	Improve this?	Support this?	Other ideas? Rethink this?
Roadways, lanes, etc.	87	25	13	38	7
Sidewalks, paths, etc.	11	7	3	8	2
Bike lanes, trails, etc.	28	19	5	24	3
Rail, light rail, trolley	87	66	12	66	7
Bus, shelters, etc.	40	26	9	31	5
Paratransit, share-avan	74	3	0	65	0
Carpool, Vanpool	2	2	1	2	0
Ports, water or air	2	1	0	1	0

Draft Plan comments

- Knights Griffin Rd
- Valrico Rd between SR 60 & MLK
- Bike lanes from Ft King Rd to Stacey to 301
- Commuter rail for Apollo Beach
- Express bus route from SouthShore to AFB
- Sidewalk on 15th St between Fowler & 131st
- I-75 Interchange at Big Bend
- Miller Mac sidewalk




Draft Plan comments

- Sidewalk from County Line to Hunters Green
- Widen Armenia & Himes (north of Hillsborough)
- South Tampa light rail (since added)
- More transit (rail & bus) to service seniors & low income communities
- Lithia Pinecrest – MPO comments received:

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2035 Vision

“ ANY movement toward an ‘effective’ mass transit system is a move in the right direction.”
 – Roger, Lutz

“ This plan is long overdue. Let’s make it happen.”
 – Audrey, Tampa




2035 Vision Statement

We should design transportation systems that provide good work, live, and play in the Tampa Bay region.

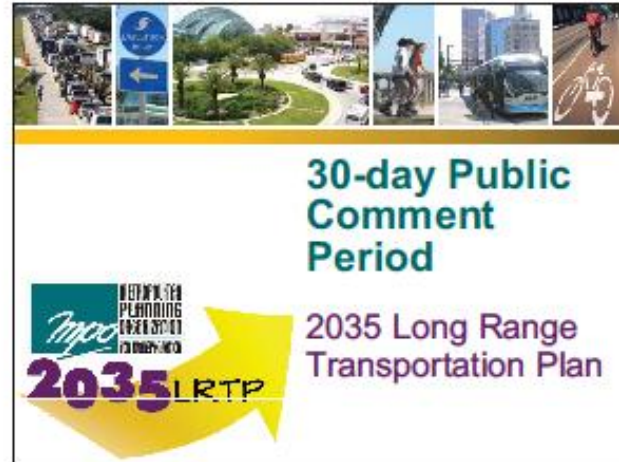
Our transportation systems should be designed with the goal of providing a high quality of life for all residents, including those who do not own a vehicle and those who do not have access to a car.

We have a variety of transportation choices, including rail, bus rapid transit, and other multi-modal options.



Appendix 2

2035 Plan Overview (Public Hearing Presentation)



30-day Public Comment Period

2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

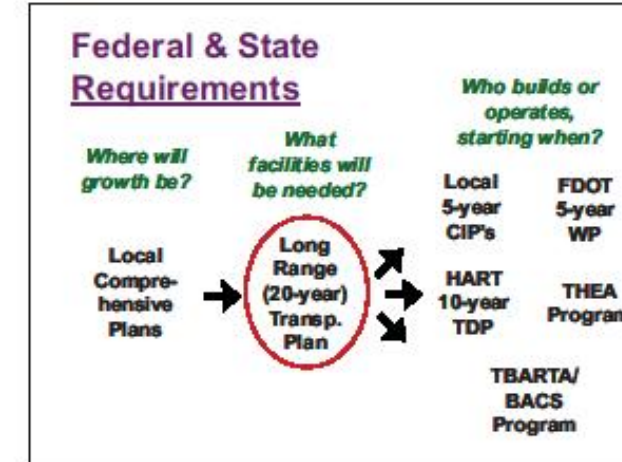
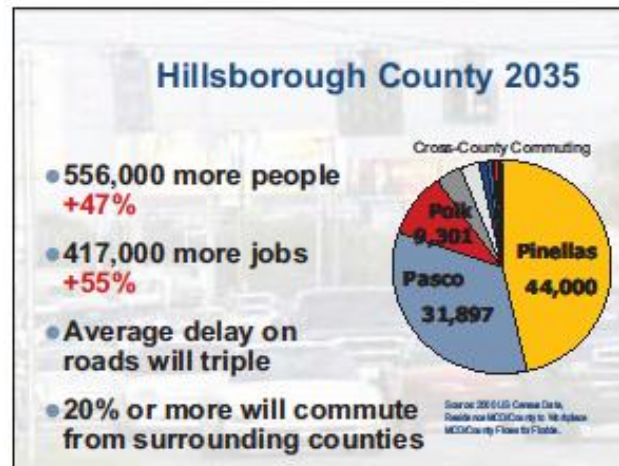
2035 LRTP



2035 Plan

A multi-modal plan for all modes reflecting the way we want to live and travel

An investment in Hillsborough's Transportation Future

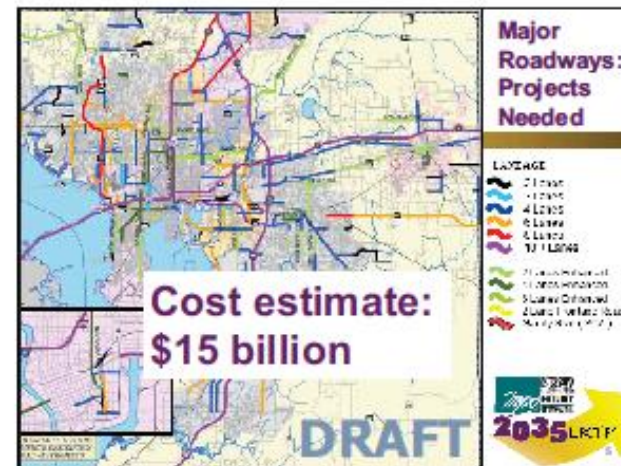
Hillsborough County 2035

- 556,000 more people (+47%)
- 417,000 more jobs (+55%)
- Average delay on roads will triple
- 20% or more will commute from surrounding counties

Cross-County Commuting

County	Population
Polk	9,301
Pasco	31,897
Pinellas	44,000

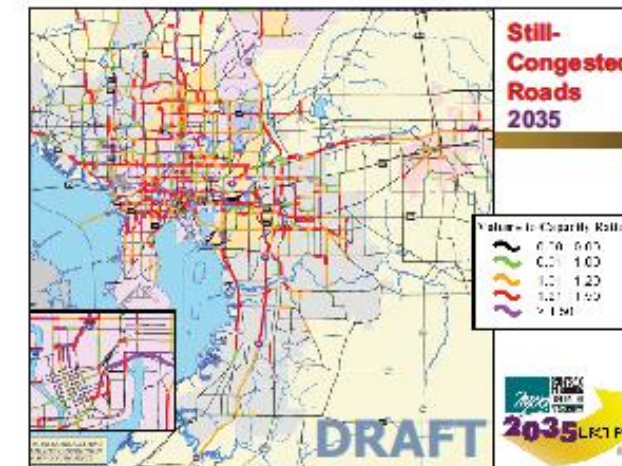
Source: 2010 US Census Data, Double the 2035 County to 40,000, 2035 County Plan to Public.



Major Roadways: Projects Needed

Cost estimate: \$15 billion

DRAFT 2035 LRTP



Still-Congested Roads 2035

Value-to-Cost Ratio

0.70 - 0.85
0.85 - 1.00
1.00 - 1.25
1.25 - 1.50
> 1.50

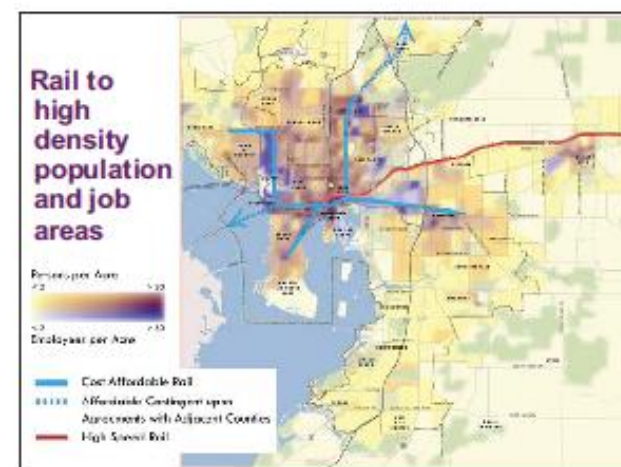
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Transit Adds Capacity

You can't always add a vehicle lane, but you can add another car to the train

177 Cars vs. One Light Rail Train

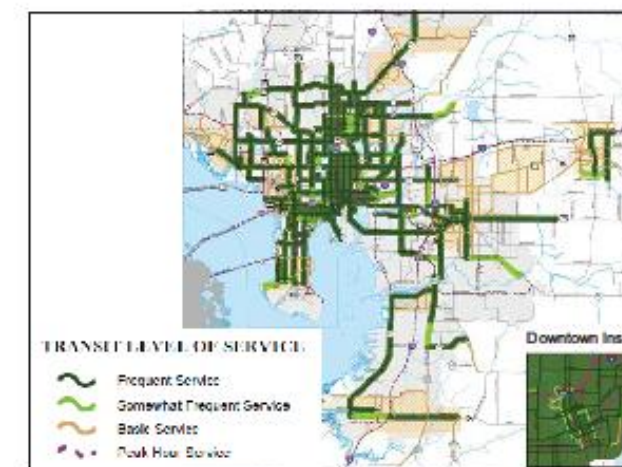


Rail to high density population and job areas

Population Area

Employment per Area

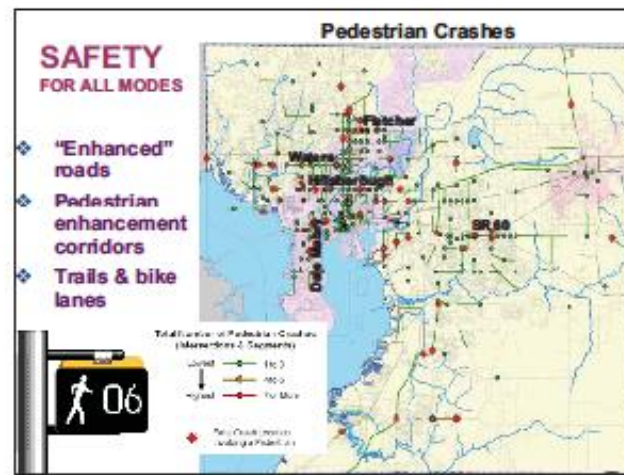
- Core Affordable Rail
- Affordable Corridor upon Agreements with Adjacent Counties
- High Speed Rail



TRANSIT LEVEL OF SERVICE

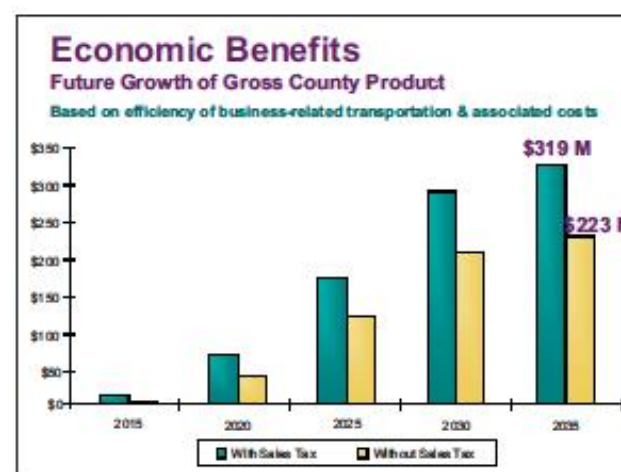
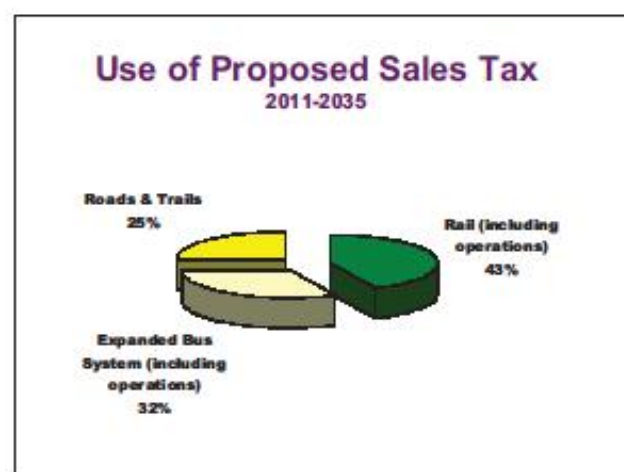
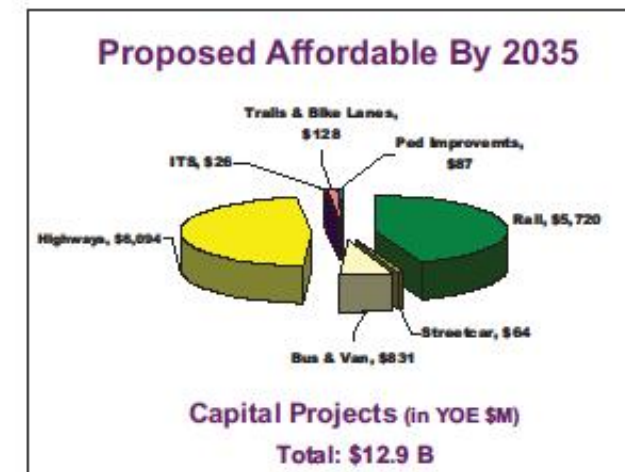
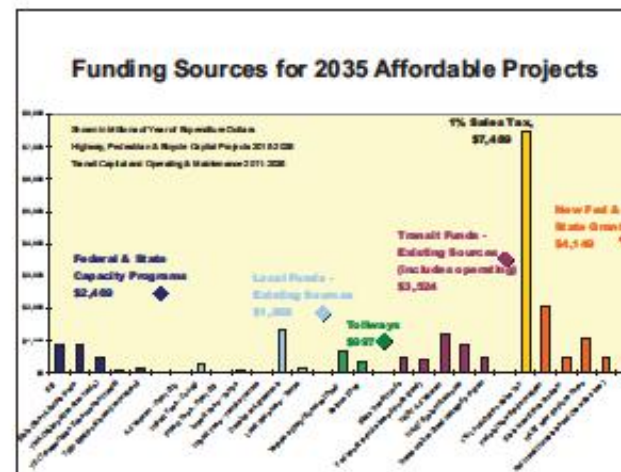
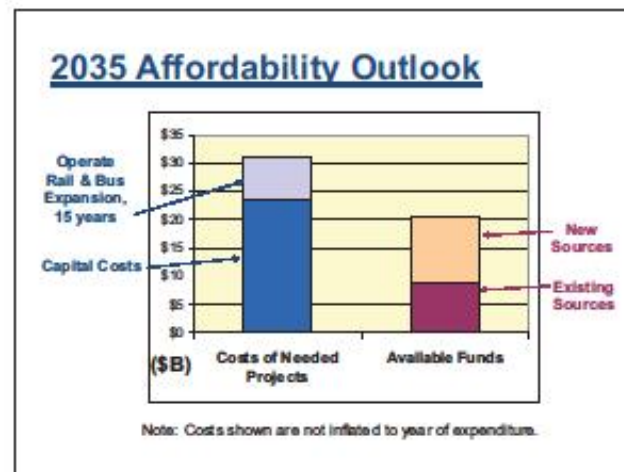
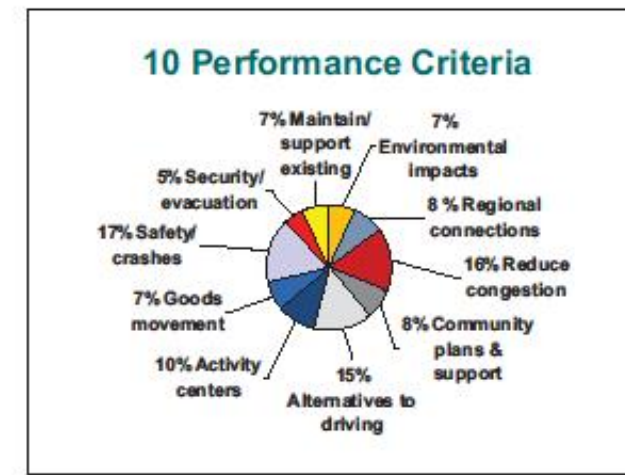
- Frequent Service
- Somewhat Frequent Service
- Basic Service
- Peak Hour Service

Downtown Inset



Goals

1. Improve quality of life while minimizing impacts to the environment
2. Support economic vitality to foster global competitiveness
3. Promote accessibility & mobility by improving multi-modal choices
4. Coordinate transportation with land use
5. Enhance safety & security
6. Preserve existing facilities

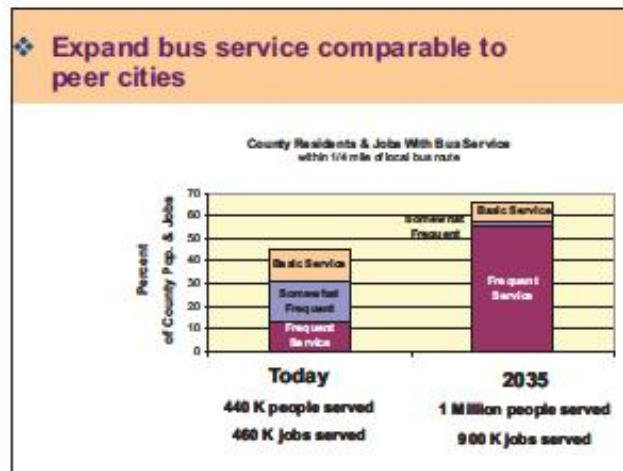


CONGESTION

16%

- High delay per mile:
 - I-275, I-75, I-4, Veteran's Xwy*
 - Bruce B Downs Blvd*
 - US 301 - north of Fowler*
 - Kennedy Blvd
 - US 301 - South Shore*
 - Gunn Hwy - Citrus Park
 - SR 60 - west of I-75*

* Plan includes affordable improvement



Recommended Priorities

1. Maintain existing projects
2. Reflect high priorities of local agencies for sales tax
3. Implement weighted scoring
 - ◆ Allocate "Other Arterials" funds to projects on state highways
 - ◆ Allocate "Transit Program" funds to bus & TDM projects
 - ◆ Projects on SIS to be funded through FDOT programming
 - ◆ Allocate other MPO prioritized funds, moving down list



ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVING

- ◆ Sidewalk gaps
- ◆ Bike lanes
- ◆ Multi-Use Trails



Complete streets are designed and operated to be safe, comfortable, and convenient for all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.