

Transit System Concepts
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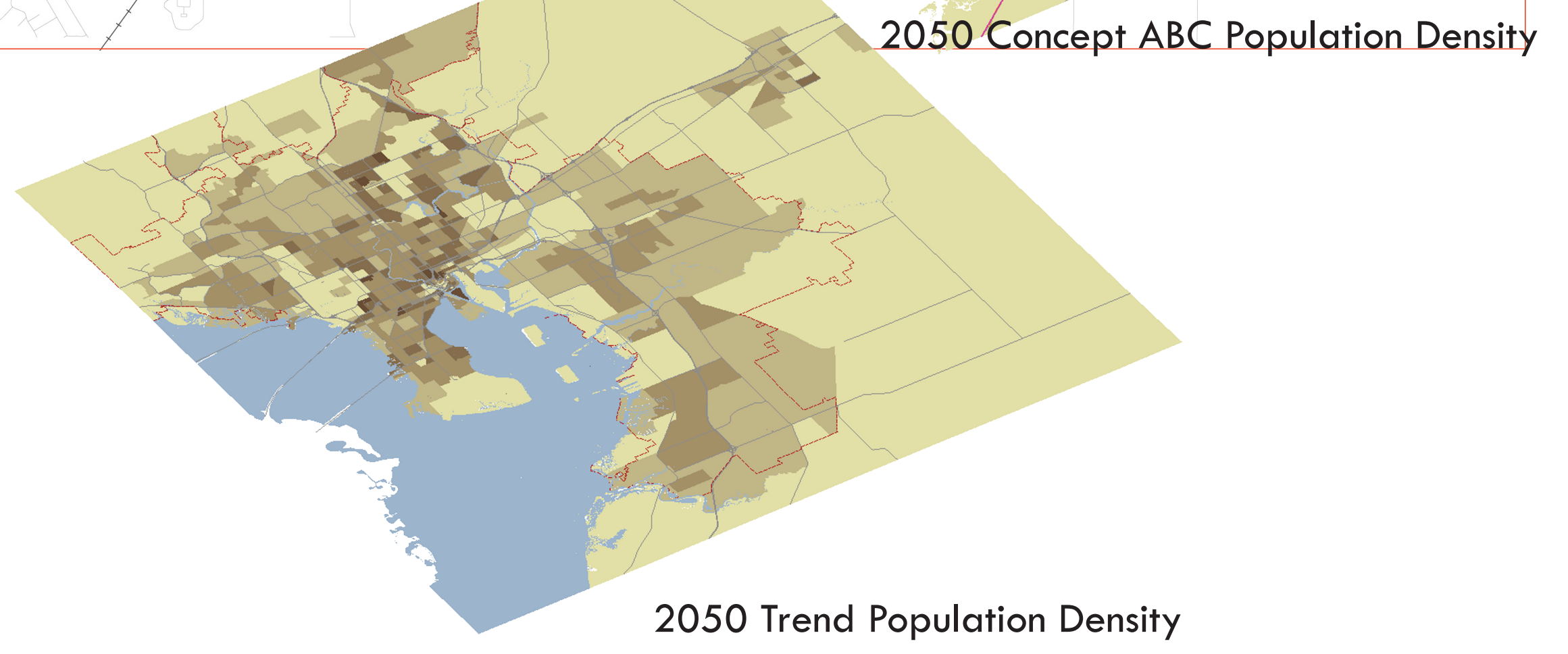
- Regional Rail
- Commuter Rail
- Light Rail
- Tampa Rail (Federally Approved Light Rail Plan)
- Premium Bus
- Streetcar
- Gateway (with Circulator Service)
- Activity Center
- Study Area
- Jurisdictional Boundary
- Urban Service Area

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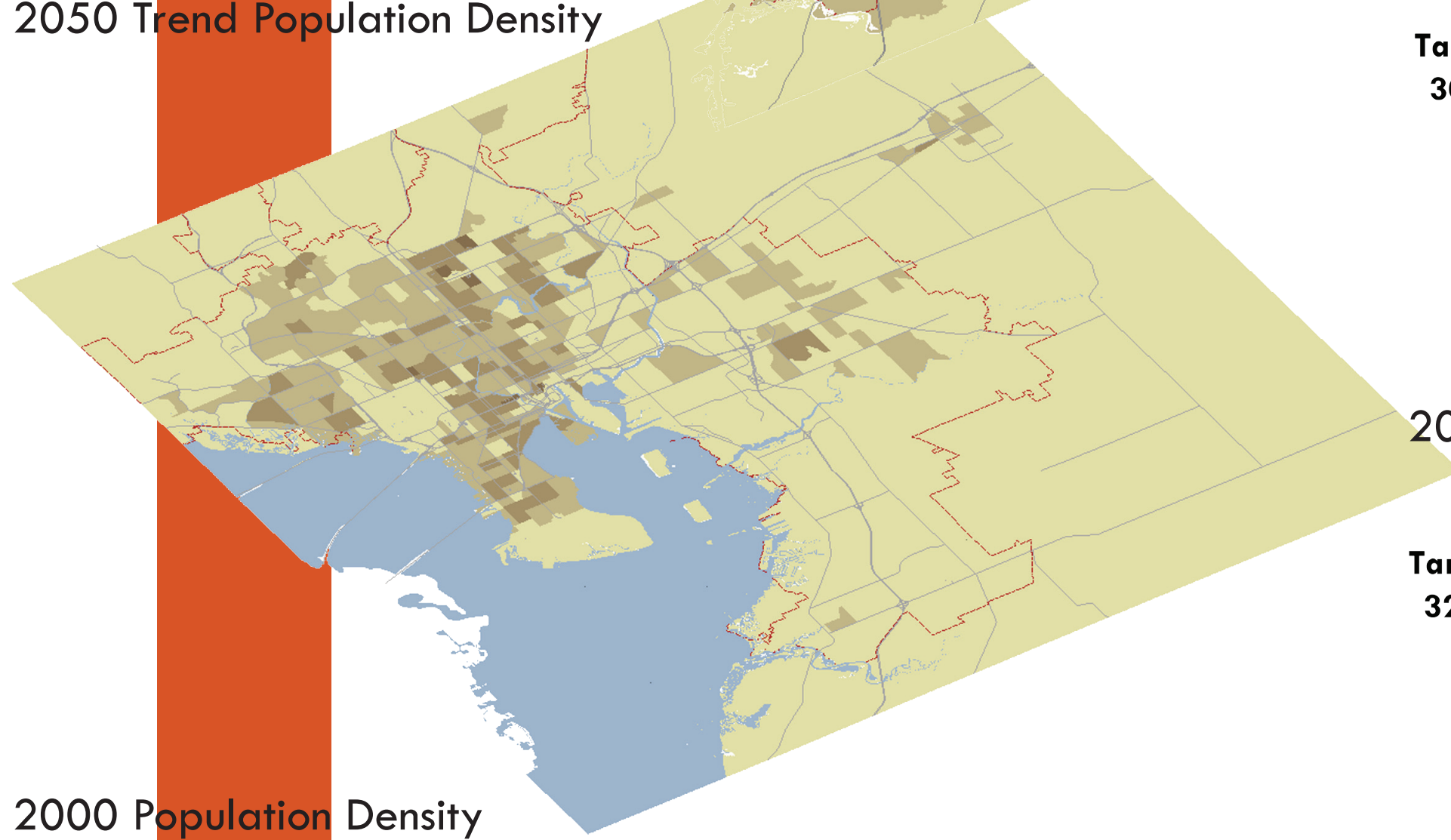
Hillsborough's Transit Future will be created through further evaluation of the Transit Future-Concepts. Ultimately, one, all, or some combination of the elements presented in these concepts will be selected as Hillsborough's Transit Future.



Growth trends show that Hillsborough County is growing by about 1,900 new residents per month or more than 60 people per day. Very often when newcomers arrive, new houses, shopping centers and roads take the place of woods, wetlands and farms. With so many new households and rural landscapes that seemingly transform before our eyes, it's no surprise that area residents rank growth as their top concern.

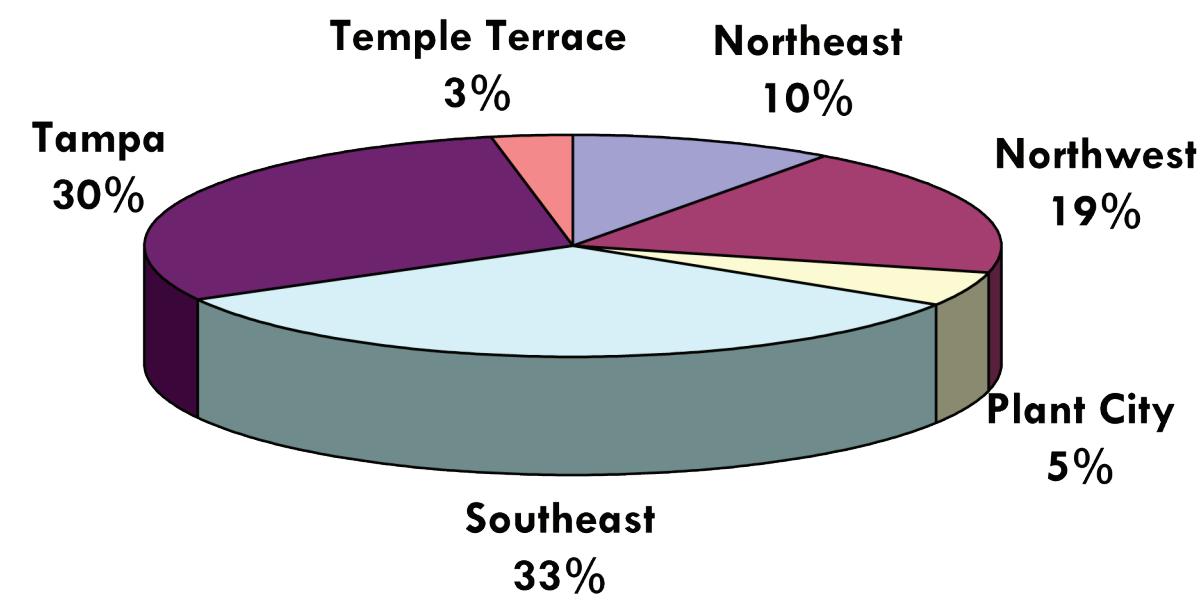
Where is growth occurring in Hillsborough County? There has been a fair amount of infill development and redevelopment activity within urbanized areas of the county. New townhouses and condos in these areas help accommodate new residents however, not in sufficient quantities to handle all of our growth. Development at the urban fringes will increasingly outpace Tampa's urban core if we continue the present development trend.

2050 Trend Population Density

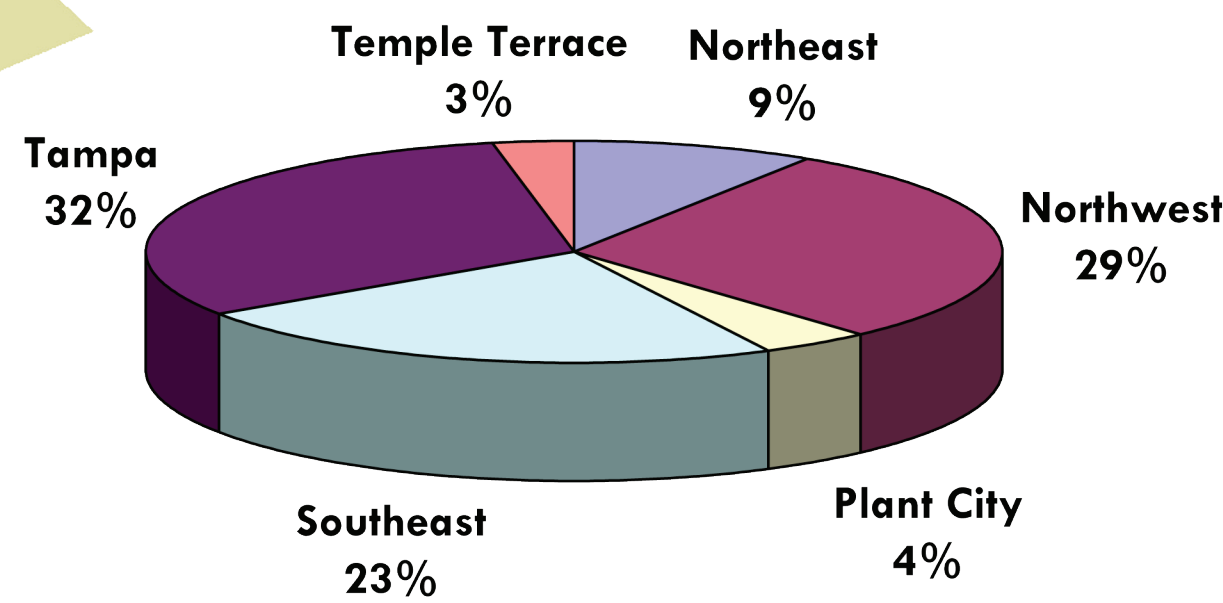


2000 Population Density

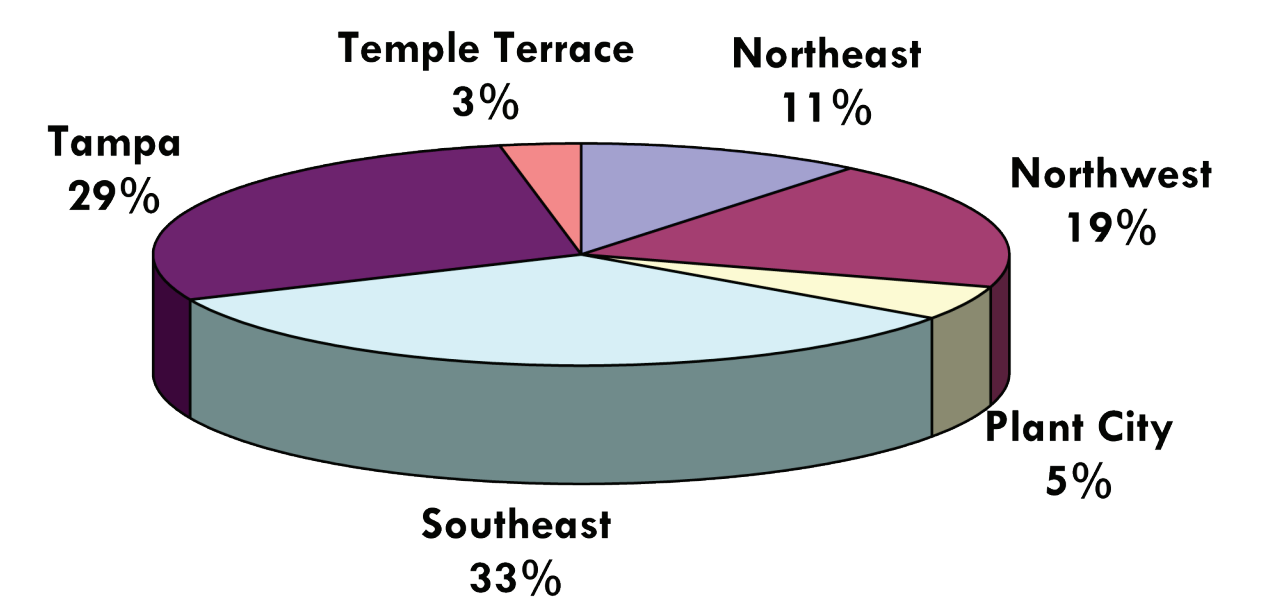
2050 Households



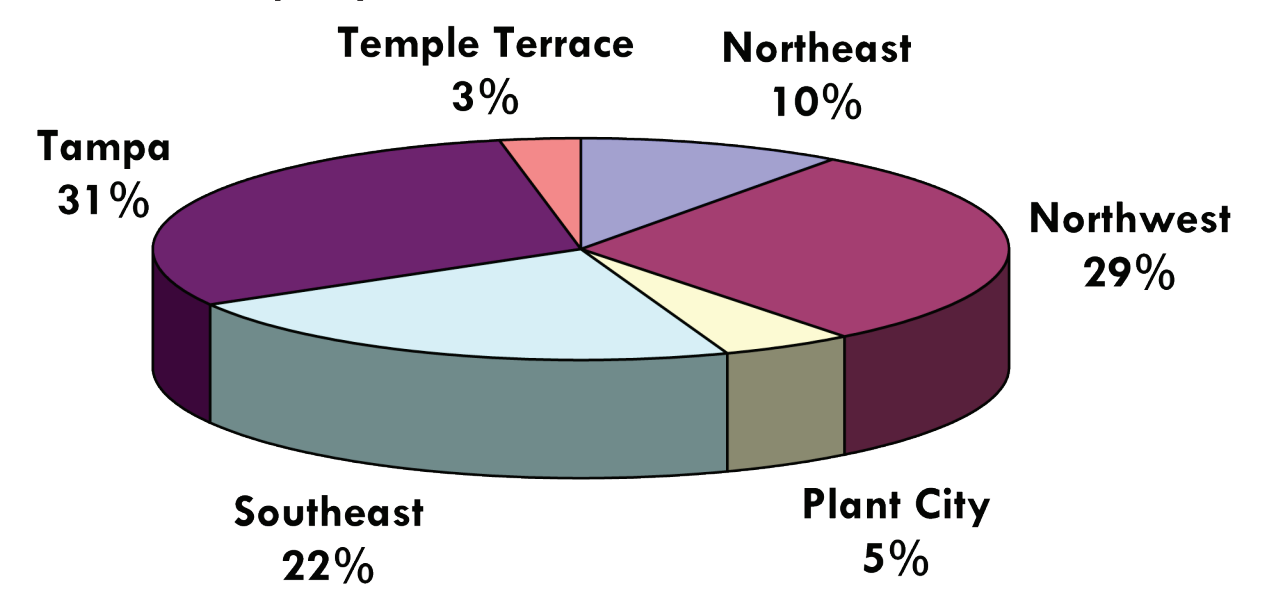
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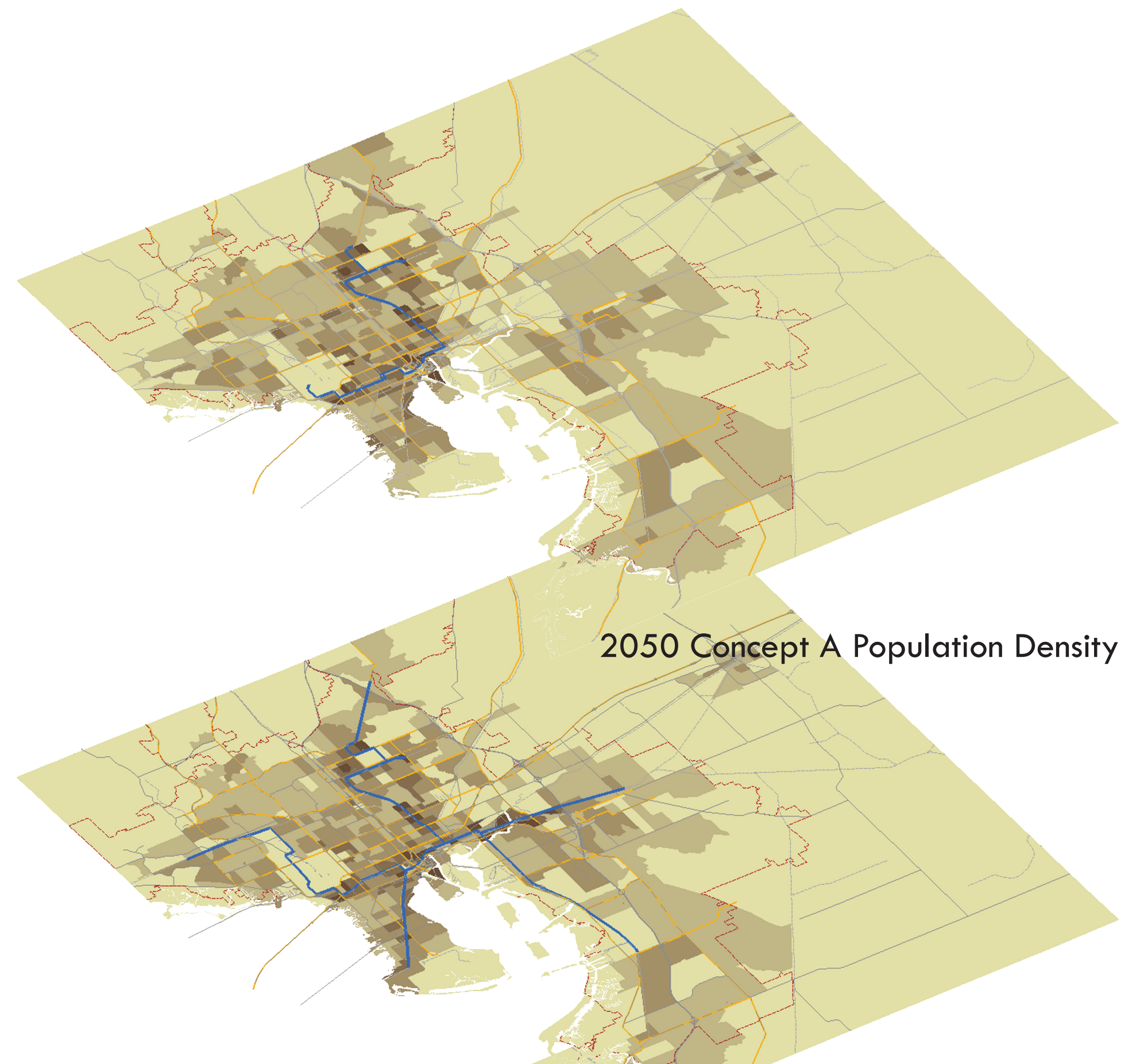
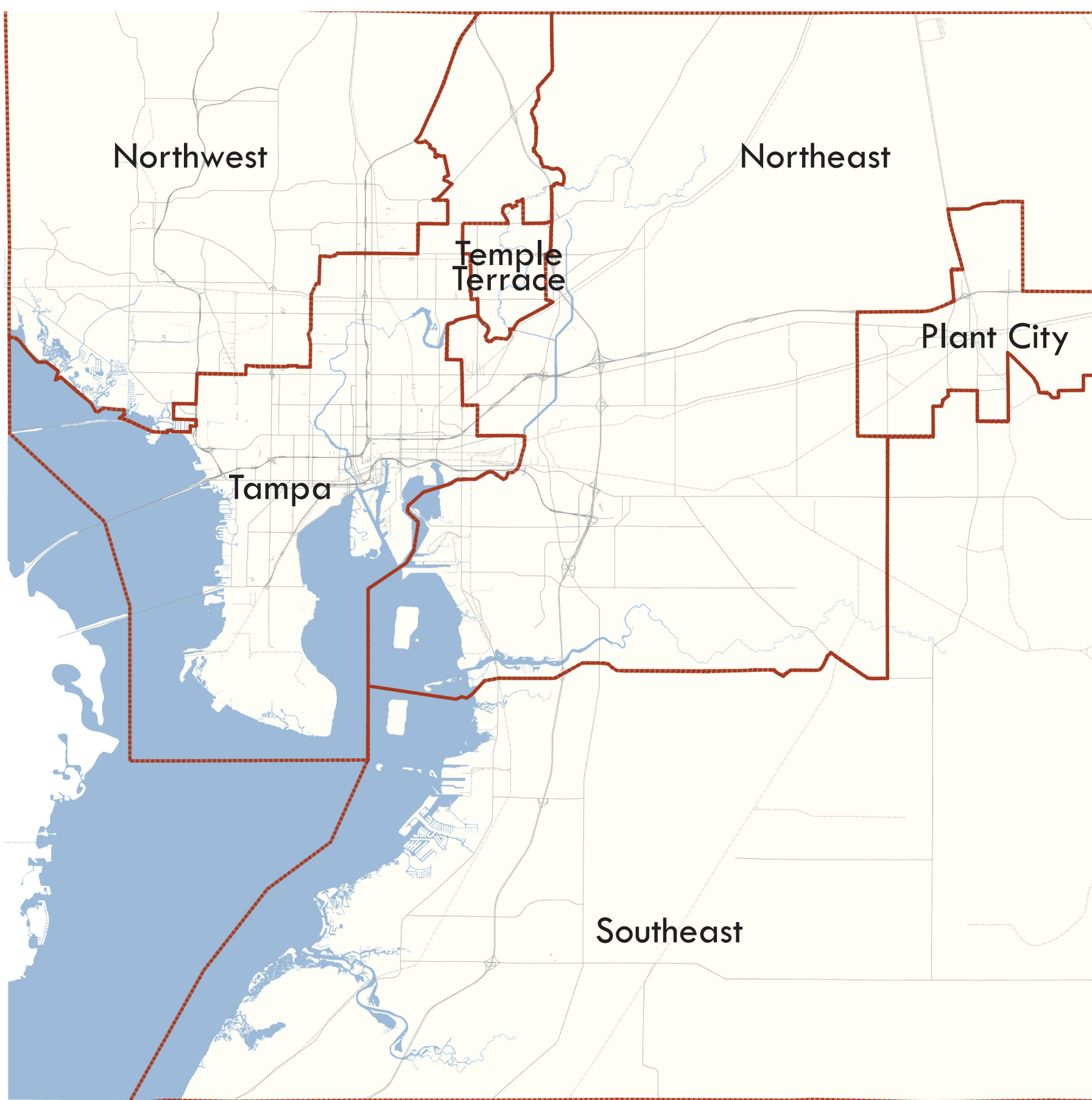
2050 Employment



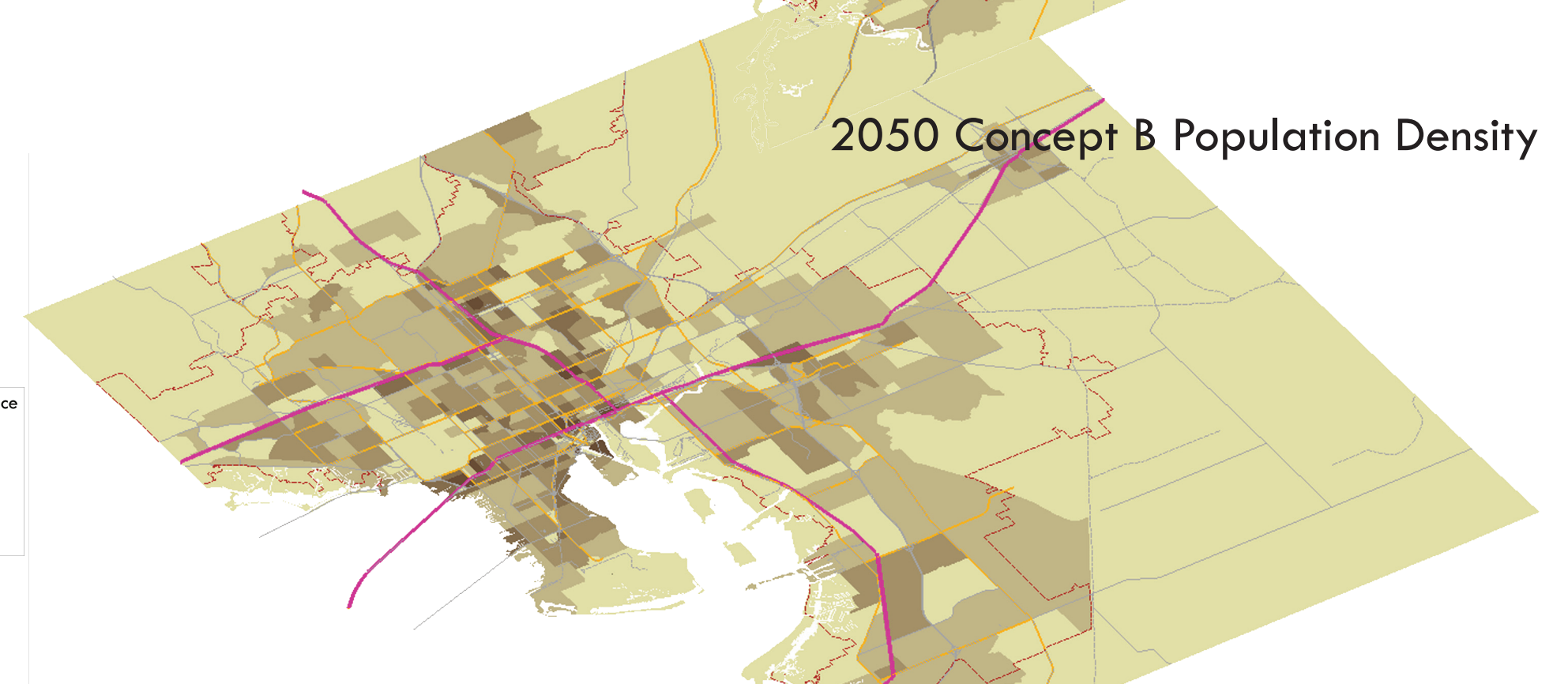
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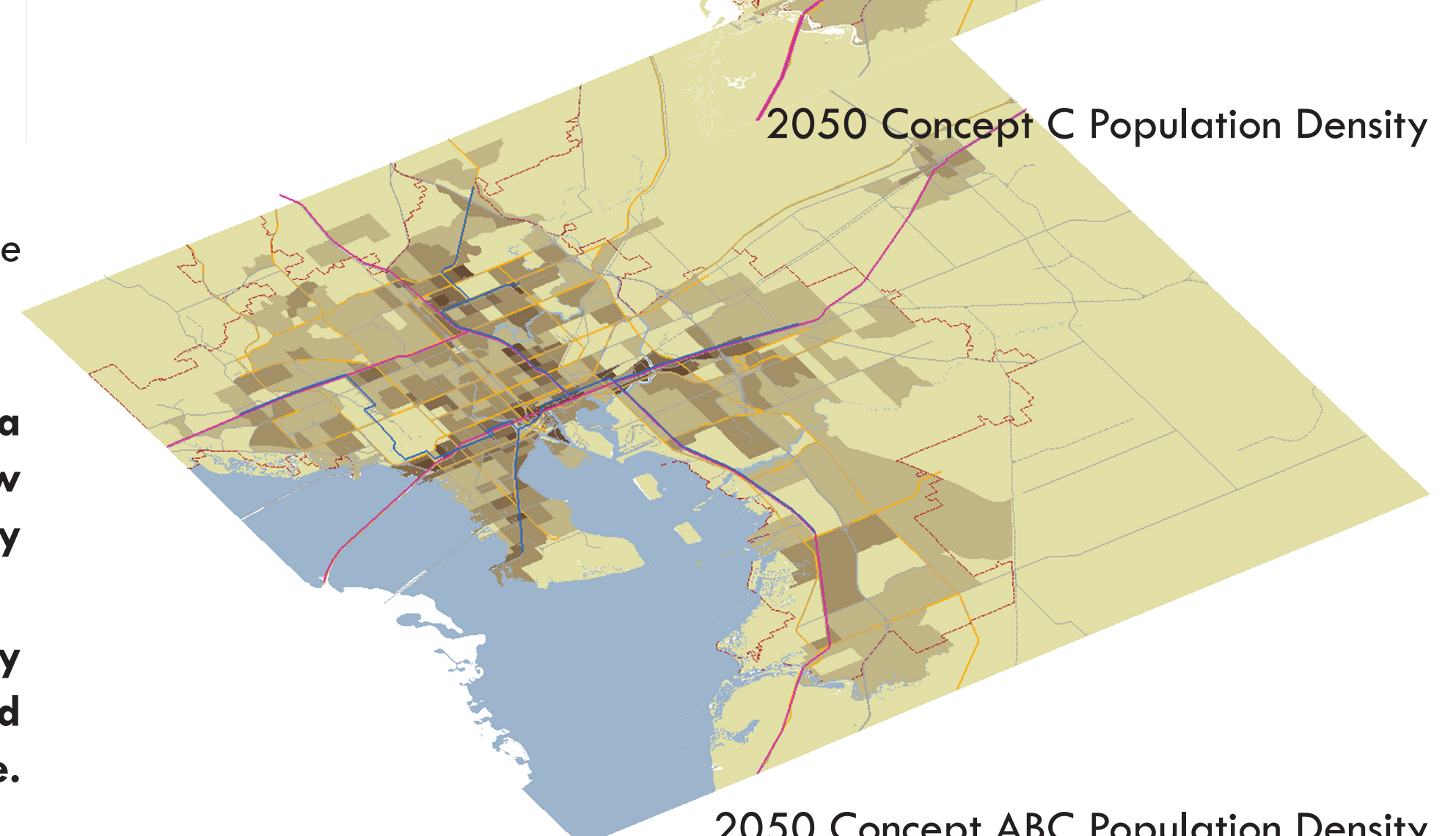
Projected population and jobs growth trends suggest that in 2050 there will be a shift from the built areas in the urban core to the suburban and rural areas.



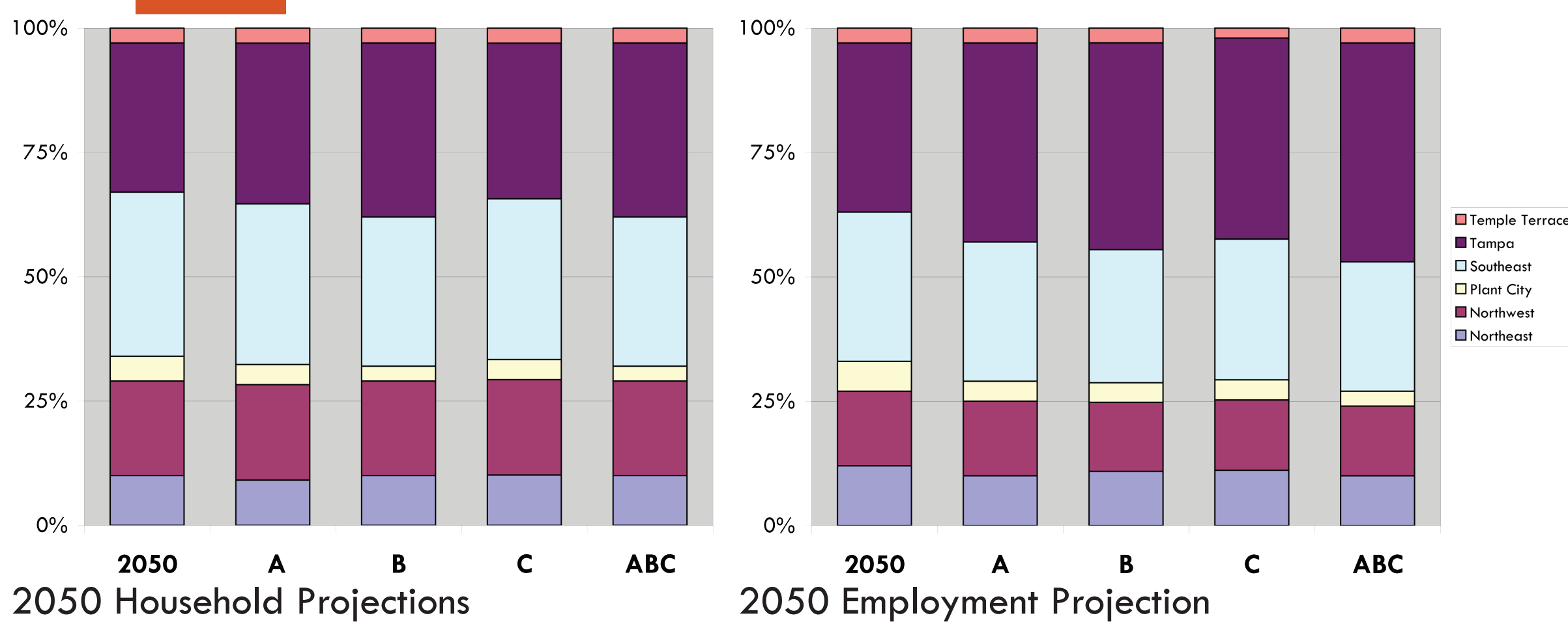
2050 Concept A Population Density



2050 Concept B Population Density



2050 Concept ABC Population Density



The 2050 Household and Employment Projections chart (right) shows that the relative percentage remain about the same compared to the Trend.

Three **Transit Future Concepts** have been prepared to help determine a consolidated Transit Future for Hillsborough County. The study's evaluation process allow us to analyze the concepts to identify how they can best enhance mobility, economic vitality and overall quality of life within our communities.

The Transit Futures Concepts illustrate the ability for the county's urbanized areas (i.e. City of Tampa) to remain competitive and expand their capacity to accommodate new jobs and population growth. Likewise, the suburban areas maintain their current rate of growth (i.e. Southeast and Northwest county) and are better able to accommodate it through transit.



"I want more quality time spent with my family and friends, and less time in traffic."



"Let's grow our small towns and save some open space rather than sprawling everywhere."



"Traffic cuts through my community. I want to feel safe on my street, and I want my child and my parents to be safe, too."



"I want goods and services to be more accessible, especially since if I don't drive."



"Give me more reliable travel times."



"I like a growing economy, but if traffic grows with it, will gridlock choke the economy?"

Mobility, Economic Vitality & Quality of Life

Along with mobility, the study is tuned into ways that transit service can help sustain Hillsborough's economic vitality and quality of life. The MPO Transit Study is being conducted to assess countywide mobility needs and provide long term solutions to the year 2050.

Why?

Without plans for mobility choices, local and regional population growth will further congest roads and have negative effects on mobility, economic vitality and quality of life in Hillsborough County.

Which transportation modes does the study address?

Transit is the emphasis of the study. The study assumes the support of a background network of bus, pedestrian and bicycle ways and roads.

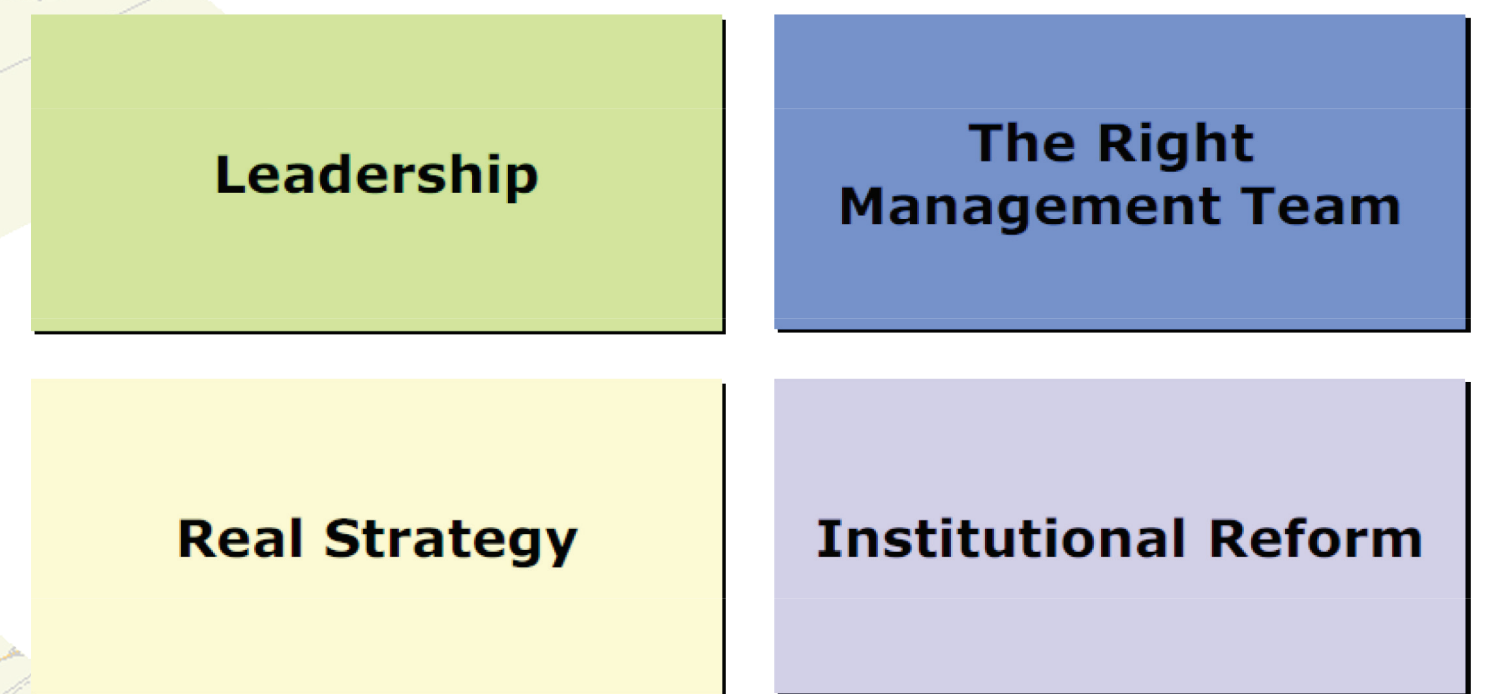
Who?

The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a federally mandated agency responsible for long range transportation planning in Hillsborough County.

Ways to be Involved...

During the current phase of the study, the MPO continues to seek feedback on the Transit discussions. Presentations are scheduled for the MPO Transit study committees and the MPO Board and Sub-committees. For more information on MPO Transit Study, please visit the study web site at www.mpotransit.org or call 813.272.5940.

Cornerstones of Implementation



Next Steps

A Comprehensive Transit Future

The merits of these Transit Future Concepts will be examined and meld into a draft Comprehensive Transit Future that will be considered for adoption by the MPO Board. An implementation strategy for the Transit Vision would have to be developed, along with detailed engineering studies and cost evaluation before the transit system could be implemented. An open public participation process would ensure opportunity for public input on transit system decision-making.

Getting There: Implementing the Vision

Turning the Transit Vision into reality will require focused and ongoing leadership, development of a realistic strategy, the creation and adoption of institutional reform, such as comprehensive plan amendments that support station area neighborhoods and mechanisms for public and private partnerships for transit system funding.