



Creating the 2045 Plan

The Tri-County Vision for 2045, developed with public input by the residents of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco, establishes preliminary guidance for future transportation and land use. The vision map integrates the best and most supported public priorities for growth, land use, and transportation, with an emphasis on expanding bus and rail services. Potential transportation investments consistent with this direction are highlighted. Additional public input will help the MPOs refine local priorities.



Next Steps

-  Public outreach on local priorities
Summer, 2019
-  Local plan adoption
Fall, 2019

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For a detailed summary of the scenarios and survey results visit: itstimetampabay.org

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It's TIME TAMPA BAY

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Transportation • Innovation • Mobility for Everyone

Why It's TIME!

Tampa Bay is growing up. Already among the top 20 most populated regions in the country, the Tampa Bay area is also one of the fastest growing. Visit any part of the region and you'll experience growth firsthand. Construction is booming in Downtown Tampa, St. Petersburg, Wesley Chapel, and numerous other areas. We feel it every day as traffic congestion worsens and commutes get longer. Add another one million people to the area over the next 20 years, and it's easy to see why **It's TIME** to address our mobility needs by creating a sustainable plan to address future land use, growth and transportation.

Over the summer of 2018, the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco County asked citizens of the three counties to identify priorities for land use and transportation and consider three very different scenarios for future growth. Nearly 10,000 citizens responded to the online survey, setting a national record for participation in an online survey. This document summarizes results of the regional survey, providing public input into the development of local **2045 Long Range Transportation Plans** that will be adopted in Fall 2019.

What Priorities Emerged

Provide alternatives to driving
Rail, bus, &
walk/bike spaces



Reduce congestion



Reinvest in established neighborhoods



Minimize outward growth



Strengthen downtowns
Create spaces like them

Use new technologies
Improve transportation efficiency



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Visit itstimetampabay.org to view a detailed summary of results

No Single Solution Will Solve Our Traffic Problems

Survey participants were presented with three growth and transportation scenarios, enabling them to visualize long-term implications of decisions made now. Citizens overwhelmingly supported expanding local, regional and statewide rail and bus transit services (Scenario C).

SCENARIO A New Technologies

★★★★☆ 2.86

Imagine a future where we primarily invest in new technologies and a few roadway projects to manage traffic flow.



RAPID BUS ON SHOULDERS



DRIVERLESS CARS

SCENARIO B Expressway Lanes

★★★★☆ 2.53

Imagine a future where we primarily invest in expressway lanes forming an outer loop so traffic does not have to go through the congested center of the region.



I-275 CONVERTED TO BOULEVARD



TOLLED EXPRESS LANES

SCENARIO C Transit Focus

★★★★★ 4.08

Imagine a future where we primarily invest in bus and rail services connecting, revitalizing and filling in the communities that exist today.



REGIONAL & STATEWIDE RAIL



RAPID BUS



WATER FERRY

Survey Highlights:

Overall, survey respondents said their highest priorities were:

- Reducing traffic jams **75%**
- Investing in alternatives to driving, including bus, rail and streetcar options. Priorities were largely consistent across the three counties **74%**

Priorities for Growth and Land Use:

- Reinvest in neighborhoods **75%**
- Strengthen downtowns and similar spaces **73%**
- Minimize outward growth **65%**

Priorities for Transportation:

- Support statewide rail service **82%**
- Invest in regional rail and bus transit expansion **81%**
- Focus on walk/bike modes **73%**
- Interchanges: expanded/new ramps **55%**

Tri-County Long Range Vision

Establishes the guiding principles for future transportation and land use decisions. This vision was developed by combining the best and most supported elements from the three scenarios, with an emphasis on expanding transit alternatives. The map highlights potential transportation investments consistent with the key planning themes.

