



**Hillsborough MPO**  
**Metropolitan Planning**  
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 Integrating Land Use & Transportation

**Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group**

**2018 Top Priorities for Multi-Use Trails**

Approved by consensus May 11, 2018

- ❖ **Duke Energy Trail** - The trail is partially funded with two gaps needing design and construction. The north gap is from John Chesnut Park to Bright House Field and the south gap is from Belleair Rd to the San Martin Bridge. Once completed, the Duke Energy trail will link with the Pinellas Trail to create a 70-mile loop that includes a connection to Hillsborough County via the Courtney Campbell Trail.
- ❖ **Starkey Trail Connector** - Connection from Pinellas Trail to the Starkey Wilderness Trail through the Brooker Creek Preserve. Approximately eight miles bridging a vital gap between Pasco and Pinellas Counties. Request/Status: \$4m for Construction; Planning & Alignment Studies Complete
- ❖ **South Coast Greenway Phase 1** - part of the Gulf Coast Trail, the South Coast Trail would go from Adamo Drive and extend south the Manatee County line. The entire trail has been broken into six phases. Phase I is funded with immediate potential for extension through Waterset Community. Request/Status: funding for PD&E and design of Phases III and IV.
- ❖ **Bypass Canal Trail** – A 17+ mile trail southward from Flatwoods Park, on the banks of the Bypass Canal per agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Using existing parks in Temple Terrace and the Florida State Fairgrounds areas as trailheads, the corridor expands future access to the Old Fort King and Withlacoochee State Trail. Request/Status: Hillsborough County requests funding for the design and construction of the next phase.
- ❖ **Orange Belt Trail** – The approximately 37 mile long trail would extend from the Starkey Trail (C2C connector) in the Trinity area of southwest Pasco County to the existing Withlacoochee State Trail trailhead (connects to Good Neighbor/South Sumter Connector) at U.S. Highway 301 in Trilby in northeast Pasco County. The planned trail alignment generally follows the historic Orange Belt Railroad line that crosses Pasco County in a southwest to northeast direction. The Orange Belt Trail is scheduled for a route study which will determine exact alignment and preliminary engineering funded (\$1.9M) in 2017. Request/Status: Pasco County requests \$15.5M for right-of-way acquisition and construction.

----- Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Purpose -----

There is a role for a TMA-focused group, not currently performed by any existing transportation organization. That role includes developing regional consensus priorities for the TMA, especially in the allocation of federal & state funds. The group will focus on major cross-county transportation markets and traffic movements, and on helping the Tampa Bay metropolitan area speak with one voice in discussions of regional transportation prioritization issues and financial resources.