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**TECHNICAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE (TCC) MEETING AGENDA**

April 22, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conf. Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

Virtual Meeting

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**
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- 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT**
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 - C. Tentative Future Agenda Topics**
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NEXT MEETING – MAY 27, 2020

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Technical Coordinating Committee – April 22, 2020

2. Approval of Meeting Summary



SUMMARY

The meeting summaries for the February 26, 2020 meeting are attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): TCC Meeting Summary – February 26, 2020

ACTION: Provide recommendation regarding meeting summary.

**SUMMARY OF THE
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

The following is a summary of Forward Pinellas' Technical Coordinating Committee meeting held February 26, 2020 in the Pinellas County Planning Department Conference Room, First Floor, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

Members Present

Joan Rice, Chair	Pinellas County Public Works Traffic
Heather Sobush, Vice Chair	PSTA
Lucas Cruse	City of St. Petersburg – Transportation and Parking
Brian Ellis	TBRPC – By Phone
Mark Ely	City of Seminole
Russell Ferlita	City of Dunedin Engineering
Brent Hall	Pinellas County Public Works (Eng.)
Brandon Henry	City of Safety Harbor
Roger Johnson	City of Clearwater Engineering
Caroline Lanford	Pinellas County Planning
Cory Martens	City of Clearwater Traffic
Michele Parisano	City of Oldsmar
Brian Pessaro	TBARTA
Frances Leong Sharp	City of Dunedin Planning
Barry Westmark	City of Largo Engineering
Tom Whalen	City of St. Petersburg Planning and Eco. Dev.

Members Absent

Bob Bray	City of Treasure Island
Hetty Harmon	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Dan Hubbard	City of Pinellas Park Stormwater &Transp.
Lauren Matzke	City of Clearwater Planning
Patricia McNeese	City of Tarpon Springs
Rick Perez	City of Largo Planning
Derrek Reeves	City of Pinellas Park
Leonard Rowe	City of St. Petersburg Traffic
Sheila Schneider	Pinellas County Air Quality
Jamie Viveiros	City of Gulfport
Wesley Wright	City of St. Pete Beach

Others Present

Jensen Hackett	FDOT
Jared Schneider	Kimley-Horn
Danny Craig	City of Dunedin
Cory Gray	Pinellas Planning
Jeff Diemer	WSP
Marty Morlan	AIM Engineering and Surveying
Michael Schofield	George F. Young
Kevin Jackson	City of St. Petersburg
Autumn Westermann	Pinellas County Public Schools Transportation
Al Bartolotta	Forward Pinellas
Rodney Chatman	Forward Pinellas
Sarah Caper	Forward Pinellas
Robert Feigel	Forward Pinellas
Jared Austin	Forward Pinellas
Maria Kelly	Forward Pinellas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joan Rice called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY

The summary of the January 22, 2020 meeting was approved with no corrections.

3. FY 2019/20 – FY 2023/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

Jensen Hackett, Florida Department of Transportation District 7 (FDOT), presented four proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. These included the following: **1)** 40th Avenue NE over Placido Bayou. This amendment provides an updated cost estimate to the bridge replacement project from \$4,488,352 to \$10,328,093. The local payback will remain \$3,750,000. **2)** PSTA Eyes of the City Grant. This amendment will reflect the innovations in Transit Public Safety Grant award to PSTA. The funds awarded were \$43,630 with a \$10,908 local match from PSTA. **3)** PSTA Innovative Coordination & Mobility Grant. The amendment will reflect Access and Mobility Partnership Grant funds awarded to PSTA. The funds awarded were \$100,000 with a \$150,000 local match from PSTA. **4)** Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The amendment will reflect updated costs for the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) funding contribution and the Local Funds (LF) contribution including the project funding shares. The FTA portion increased by \$800,000 and the local portion increased by \$2.1 million. A motion was made by Mark Ely to recommend approval to the Forward Pinellas Board. It was seconded by Frances Leong Sharp and passed with a unanimous vote.

4. COMPLETE STREETS GRANT AWARDS

Al Bartolotta, Forward Pinellas Division Manager, reviewed the Complete Streets Grant Program which provides federal funding to local governments for the development of concept plans and construction projects aimed at making roadways safer and more accessible for all users. Up to \$100,000 is awarded for concept plans and up to \$1,000,000 is awarded for construction plans on an annual basis. Members of Forward Pinellas staff, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) met to review the applications and recommended projects to be advanced for funding. The subcommittee recommended that the City of Pinellas Park application receive the \$100,000 grant to complete a concept plan for 78th Avenue and the City of Dunedin receive the \$1,000,000 grant for the construction of complete street treatments along Skinner Boulevard. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Lucas Cruse made a motion to recommend approval to the Forward Pinellas Board. It was seconded by Heather Sobush and passed with a vote of 14-1. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

5. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PRIORITY LIST

Robert Feigel, Forward Pinellas Staff, addressed the committee regarding the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program, an annual competitive grant funding program for bicycle and pedestrian projects prioritized by Forward Pinellas. Forward Pinellas staff worked with a subcommittee of Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members to develop a new application process and new scoring criteria. A request for project applications was released in October 2019 with a due date of December 2019. These applications were evaluated using the new process and scoring criteria. Four applications were received and are listed below. The maximum possible score for an individual application was 95 points:

1. City of St. Petersburg requests \$1,941,347.36 for 28th Street North from the Pinellas Trail to 1st Avenue North (65 points)
2. City of St. Petersburg requests \$1,000,990.63 for Central Avenue from 34th Street to 31st Street (65 points)
3. City of St. Petersburg requests \$1,966,953.91 for 22nd Street South from 5th Avenue South to 1st Ave N (60 points)

4. City of Treasure Island requests \$557,698 for the East Treasure Island Causeway Trail (50 points)

A City of St. Petersburg staff member raised concerns regarding the planning project for Treasure Island. Based on the discussion, TCC members unanimously voted to recommend approval from the Forward Pinellas Board on the three St. Petersburg projects and to table the Treasure Island project. Mark Ely made the motion, it was seconded by Roger Johnson and passed with a unanimous vote. It was then agreed by the TCC members to table the vote for the Treasure Island project until a City of Treasure Island representative could come to the TCC meeting to discuss their proposal. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

6. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Sarah Caper, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a PowerPoint presentation that described the work program areas of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She explained that it is a federally required two-year document for metropolitan planning organizations to identify their transportation planning activities and associated funding. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Mark Ely made a motion to recommend approval of the draft FY 2020/21 – 2021/22 UPWP. It was seconded by Francis Leong Sharp and passed with a unanimous vote.

7. CENSUS UPDATE

Mr. Cory Gray with Pinellas County Planning shared a presentation with the committee on the 2020 Census Count in Pinellas County. Mr. Gray discussed the County's role in helping the Census Bureau to achieve a complete and accurate population count by formulating the Complete Count Committee made up of Pinellas County volunteers and partners. The 2020 Census will be completed by survey forms online beginning April 1, 2020. Census forms will be mailed beginning March 12, 2020 and citizens should receive a notification by mail with a pin number and instructions on how to take the survey online. Mr. Gray also mentioned that if someone does not have access to the online census, by default, a paper census form will be sent to the home address on file. Sixteen Census tracts in Pinellas County were undercounted in 2010. These tracts consisted largely of lower income and disadvantaged neighborhoods. Through the Complete Count Committee, volunteers will canvas these under counted neighborhoods encouraging community members to take the survey and be counted. Mr. Gray asked committee members for their assistance in partnering with Pinellas County on the 2020 census by being vigilant and taking the census, and by spreading the word in their community. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

8. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Heather Sobush, PSTA, shared a presentation of PSTA's Ten-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP). PSTA receives State of Florida Public Transportation Block Grant funding requiring PSTA to adopt a Ten-Year TDP. The TDP covers planning, development and operations guidance for public transportation in Pinellas County over a ten-year period. A major update is required every five years and an annual update/progress report is required for all other years. The current TDP was adopted in December 2015. Information regarding surveys, route performance monitoring and peer reviews, as well as implementation plans and PSTA Priority projects was compiled for the TDP. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas update. For US 19, one of the projects proceeding in this area is the development of innovative intersection design concepts by FDOT for the major intersections north of SR 580. Additional information on right-of-way costs and treatments on the road sections between the major intersections will be brought back to the committee later this year. In terms of Enhancing Beach Access, Forward Pinellas recently completed a visioning study with Indian Rocks Beach. For the Gateway Master Plan, the master plan documentation is completed. The

next steps are to evaluate the documentation and convene a group to look at recommendations and determine next steps.

B. Board Action Sheets – February 12, 2020 summary was provided.

C. Traffic Fatalities Map – attached

D. Tentative Future Agenda Topics

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting March 25, 2020.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 3:40 pm

Technical Coordinating Committee – April 22, 2020

3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

SUMMARY

Federal and state funding received by Forward Pinellas through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is accounted for in the two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The FDOT is proposing a TIP amendment to adjust the amount of planning funds identified in the FY 19/20-23/24 TIP to match the UPWP. This accounts for the final funding amounts provided by FDOT and the de-obligation of funding in the FY 18/19-19/20 UPWP. This de-obligation would make these planning funds available in the FY 20/21-21/22 UPWP.

The funding adjustments associated with the proposed amendments are itemized below.

- FY 2020 Federal Highway Planning (PL) funds are being adjusted from \$1,614,350 to \$1,392,350
- FY 2021 Federal Highway Planning (PL) funds are being adjusted from \$1,022,963 to \$1,219,948.
- FY 2022 Federal Highway Planning (PL) funds are being adjusted from \$1,022,963 to \$997,948

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Provide a recommendation to the Board for TIP amendments

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas adopts project priority lists for its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on an annual basis. These lists are used for the allocation of federal funding. These lists include Multimodal Transportation Priority and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program projects. The approved priority lists are used by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the development of its Five-Year Work Program. A description of these lists and proposed changes is provided in the discussions that follow.

A. Multimodal Priority List

With the development of a new draft Work Program and the completion of some projects on the current list, it is necessary to update the multimodal priority list. Once the list is adopted, these multimodal priorities, will be transmitted to FDOT for consideration in the development in the next five-year Work Program. Since the last update of this list in 2019, three projects were allocated funding for implementation and are being moved from the 'Unfunded' section of the list. Staff is also proposing to add several projects, including one complete streets construction project, the bicycle and pedestrian projects identified in the Active Transportation Plan, and update the project descriptions of several existing priorities. Projects shaded in gray on the table indicate a change to the status or details of the project have been made. Projects highlighted in yellow are proposed additions while projects struck through are proposed to be removed. One project is being proposed for removal from the priority list as the details of the project have not yet been sufficiently identified. Projects being proposed for addition to the list are in support of the implementation of Advantage Pinellas. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of proposed changes to the list. In the coming year, new projects will be solicited through a formal process. Few projects are being proposed for addition to the list.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2020 Multimodal Transportation Project Priorities

ACTION: Recommend approval of the 2020 Multimodal Transportation Project Priorities

B. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Priority List

In February, Forward Pinellas staff presented a list of Transportation Alternative (TA) Program project applications that were evaluated and prioritized by a subcommittee of Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members. The list of projects with corresponding funding requests and points assigned by the subcommittee are shown below.

1. City of St. Petersburg - \$1,941,347.36 for 28th Street North from the Pinellas Trail to 1st Avenue North (75 points)
2. City of St. Petersburg - \$1,000,990.63 for Central Avenue from 34th Street to 31st Street (65 points)
3. City of St. Petersburg - \$1,966,953.91 for 22nd Street South from 5th Avenue South to 1st Avenue North (60 points)
4. City of Treasure Island - \$557,698 for the East Treasure Island Causeway Trail (50 points)

The TCC approved the first three projects in order, but deferred action on the City of Treasure Island application. Since there were concerns and questions raised about this project, the committee agreed to

withhold action on the application until staff from the City of Treasure Island were able to attend a meeting and respond to questions. Following the February TCC meeting, the City of Treasure Island elected to withdraw their application from consideration for TA Program funds. Therefore, no further action is necessary on this item. The Forward Pinellas Board will consider prioritization of the three St. Petersburg applications for TA Program funding at their May meeting. This information is included here for committee member information only.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program Priority List

ACTION: None required; informational only

DRAFT 2020 FORWARD PINELLAS MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIES

Proposed Priority	FPN	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
PRIORITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR FUNDED FOR CONSTRUCTION/IMPLEMENTATION									
P	43380-1	FDOT	SR 686/Roosevelt Boulevard (CR 296 Connector) CR 296 (Future SR 690)/East-West 118th Avenue Expressway/Gateway Express	49th Street North US 19 SR55	I-275/SR 93 East of 40th Street	Construction of grade separated toll facility linking US 19 and the Bayside Bridge with I-275	CST	2017/18	Underway
P	256774-2 256774-3	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Republic Dr Overpass and Curlew Road Interchanges) Phase I – Boy Scout Overpass Phase II – Curlew Road Interchange	North of SR 580 Northside Drive	Northside Drive North of CR 95	Construction of grade separated roadway improvements	CST CST	2021/22 2021/22	
P	422904-2	FDOT	I-275/SR 93/Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement	North of SR 687 (4th St. N.)	North of Howard Frankland Bridge	Bridge Replacement, addition of express lanes, and a multiuse trail.	Design-Build	2019/20	
P	424501-2	FDOT	I-275 Express Lanes	South of SR 694/Gandy Boulevard	North of 4th Street North	Construction of one managed lane in each direction providing interregional connectivity from Gateway Expy and south of Gandy Blvd to Howard Frankland Bridge	Design-Build	2017/18	Underway
P	4366771	PSTA/ HART	PSTA Regional Farebox	N/A	N/A	Implementation of a regional farebox system			Funded in Hillsborough and Pinellas
P	4377362	Pinellas County	Phase II - Park/Starkey Sidewalks	Ulmerton Road	East Bay Drive	Construction of continuous sidewalks along both sides of corridor	PE CST	2019/20 2021/22	
P	4400931	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop, Phase 2 North Gap (partially on Duke Energy ROW)	Enterprise Road	Chesnut Park	Construction of Phase 2 of the Pinellas Trail Loop	Design-Build	2016/17	Underway
P	437498-1 #30-TA	FDOT	Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail Overpass	SR 60/Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard at Bayshore Boulevard	N/A	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass over SR 60 near Bayshore.	CST	2023/24	Design underway
P	440246-1	FDOT	U.S. 19	54th Avenue South	22nd Avenue North	\$1 million Complete Streets upgrade to FDOT resurfacing project to construct a wide sidewalk on west side of roadway	CST	2021/2022	
P	443928-1	Oldsmar	St. Petersburg Drive	Dartmouth Avenue	Bayview Boulevard	\$1 million to supplement a City of Oldsmar Complete Streets project.	CST	2023/24	
P	443929-1	Largo	Rosery Road	Missouri Avenue	Eagle Lake Park	\$1 million to supplement a City of Largo Complete Streets project.	CST	2023/24	
P	437710-1	FDOT	Alt. US 19	South of Curlew Place	North of Country Club	Add SB left turn lane	CST	2023/24	
P	444332-1	FDOT	St. Petersburg Greater Downtown Area Network Alternatives Analysis	Downtown St. Petersburg Area		Funding to study traffic circulation in the downtown St. Petersburg area.	Study	2019/20	Underway
P	2568815	FDOT	Harn Boulevard Overpass	Harn Boulevard	North of 1st Street	Construction of a pedestrian overpass across US 19	CST	2020/21	Design of alternatives is underway
P	424501-5	FDOT	I-275	South of 54th Avenue South	South of Roosevelt Boulevard	Lane continuity improvements throughout the corridor. And a hardened shoulder for transit operations from I375 to Gandy Boulevard.	ROW DSB	2020/21 2023/24	

Proposed Priority	FPN	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
P	440093-2 #15-TA	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop	Ulmerton Road	Belleair Road	South Gap - Phase 2, 3, 4	CST	2023/24	
P	440093-3 #15-TA	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop	126th Ave N	Ulmerton Road	South Gap - Phase 1	CST	2023/24	
P	437807-2	FDOT	4th Street North and South	5th Avenue S	5th Avenue N	Urban corridor improvements including sidewalks, pedestrian signal modification and high emphasis crosswalks	CST	2022/2023	
P	N/A	St. Petersburg	22nd Street South	11th Avenue South	5th Avenue South	\$1 million for St. Petersburg Complete Streets Project	CST	2024/25	Funding added in Draft Tentative Work Program
P	N/A	PSTA	Bus Replacement Capital Funding	N/A	N/A	Up to \$1.5 million of capital funding for PSTA Bus Replacements	Capital	2024/25	Seeking recurring funding
P	437636-1	FDOT	Alt. US 19	at Florida Avenue	N/A	Roundabout to improve intersection safety	PE ROW CST	Underway 2020/21 2021/22	

Proposed Priority	FPN	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
UNFUNDED MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY PROJECTS									
1	439338-2 439338-3	Forward Pinellas	Systems and Operations Planning Funds	N/A	N/A	\$600,000 annually for planning activities	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	438747-2	FDOT	Pinellas County Model Studies	N/A	N/A	\$148,000 annually to conduct surveys to update planning models	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	Dunedin	Skinner Boulevard Complete Streets	Alt US 19	SR 580	\$1 million for complete streets project	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	PSTA	Bus Replacement Capital Funding	N/A	N/A	Up to \$1.5 million of capital funding for PSTA Bus Replacements	N/A	N/A	Seeking recurring funding
5	N/A	St. Petersburg	18th Ave S	37th St S	4th St S	Construction of separated bike lanes, trail, bike boulevard and pedestrian crossings	N/A	N/A	
			Salt Creek Trail Ext	18th Ave S	26th Ave S				
6	N/A	Pinellas County	Duke Energy Trail Overpass	SR 60	N/A	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass at SR 60	N/A	N/A	
7	N/A	Pinellas County	Dunedin Causeway Operational Improvements	Honeymoon Island State Park	Alt US 19	Operational improvements to mitigate congestion on the Dunedin Causeway	N/A	N/A	
8	N/A	PSTA	Central Ave Bus Rapid Transit	N/A	N/A	Limited stop transit service from downtown St. Petersburg to the beaches	Design	2018/19	CST unfunded
9	N/A	FDOT	Drew Street	Osceola Avenue	McMullen Booth Road	Operational and safety improvements along the corridor.	N/A	N/A	Corridor study in 2020
10	N/A	FDOT	Gateway Intermodal Center	Gateway Area of Pinellas County	N/A	ROW acquisition	N/A	N/A	
11	256931-4	FDOT	SR 694/ Gandy Boulevard	East of 4th Street	West of Gandy Bridge	Construction of grade separated overpass at Brighton Bay Blvd. and a trail facility crossing Tampa Bay in the corridor.	PD&E	2024/25	PD&E of both FPIDs to go together. CST unfunded
	441250-2								
12	433799-1	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Tampa and Nebraska Interchanges)	North of CR 95	South of Pine Ridge Way South	Construction of grade separated roadway interchanges with frontage roads and pedestrian crossings every 1/4 mile.	Design	Underway	ROW and CST unfunded
							ROW	2020/24	
13	440743-1	PSTA	Clearwater Beach to TIA Regional Transit Service	Clearwater Beach	Tampa International Airport	Regional Express transit service from downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach.	Capital	2021/22	
14	N/A	FDOT	Clearwater Busyway	Clearwater Beach	Downtown Clearwater	PD&E Study of connections from downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach	N/A	N/A	
15	N/A	PSTA	US 19 Transit Corridor Investments	64th Avenue South	Gateway Area	Corridor investments to support express transit service	N/A	N/A	
15	256998-1	FDOT	SR 686/Roosevelt Boulevard	I-275/SR 93	West of 9 th Street North/Dr Martin Luther King Jr Street North	Construction of a connection between the Gateway Express and Roosevelt Blvd.	Design	Underway	CST unfunded
16	257086-1	FDOT	SR 694/Gandy Boulevard	40th Street	East of I-275 (SR 93)	Construction of frontage roads and a ramp from NB I-275 to WB Gandy Blvd.	ENV	2021/22	CST unfunded
16	445376-1	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop (South Gap) Phase 5	126th Avenue North	Roosevelt Boulevard	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	N/A	N/A	
	#16-TA								

Proposed Priority	FPN	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
17	445376-1	Pinellas County	126th Avenue North	US 19/SR 55	34th Street	Construction of 2 lane divided continuous roadway	N/A	N/A	PDE Underway
18	433797-1	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Alderman Interchange)	North of Nebraska Avenue	South of Timberlane Road	Capacity, operational and safety improvements with pedestrian crossings every 1/4 mile.	Design	Underway	ROW and CST unfunded
							ROW	2021/22	
19	433796-1	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Klosterman Interchange)	South of Timberlane Road	South of Lake Street	Capacity, operational and safety improvements with pedestrian crossings every 1/4 mile.	Design	Underway	ROW and CST unfunded
							ROW	2022/23	
20	435914-2	FDOT	U.S. 19	66th Avenue North	118th Avenue North	Operational improvements along the corridor	ROW	2023/24	Corridor study underway; partial ROW funding in work program
21	435909-4	FDOT	Alt. US 19	Belleair Road	Pasco County Line	Operational improvements along the corridor	PE	2020/21	Corridor study underway
22	435909-3	FDOT	Alt. US 19	Park Street North	Belleair Road	Operational improvements along the corridor	PE	2020/21	Corridor study underway
23	N/A	FDOT	SR 60 Multiuse Accommodations	Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail	Druid Road Trail	Multiuse accommodations connecting the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail to the Druid Road Trail per the SR 60 Multimodal Implementation Plan	N/A	N/A	
24	N/A	FDOT	Gulf Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements	195th Street	Walsingham Road	Construction of sidewalk with drainage improvements	N/A	N/A	
25	N/A	Forward Pinellas	Aerial Transit Feasibility and Operations Plan	N/A	N/A	Clearwater and downtown St. Petersburg	N/A	N/A	
26	N/A	PSTA	Downtown Clearwater Intermodal Center	N/A	N/A	PSTA Intermodal Center for the downtown Clearwater area.	N/A	N/A	
27	444244-1	FDOT	4th Street Trail Connection	Gandy Boulevard	Big Island Gap Bridge	Trail connection to the Howard Frankland Bridge	N/A	N/A	
28	444243-1	FDOT	Ulmerton Trail Connection	Fountain Parkway North	I-275	Trail connection to the Howard Frankland Bridge	N/A	N/A	
29	444064-1	FDOT	SR 580 Corridor Study	Alt US 19	SR 584	Operational and safety improvements along the corridor.	Planning	2019/20	Corridor study underway
30	N/A	FDOT	Pasadena Ave	TBD	TBD	Operational improvements along the corridor	N/A	N/A	Corridor study completed

1) Project #1 is intended for recurring annual funding of \$600,000. This includes \$100,000 for Complete Streets planning projects. This annual allotment will be set aside as higher priority projects are considered in the development of the annual FDOT Work Program. A portion of this funding is intended to support annual survey efforts to support the regional travel demand model and other transportation planning initiatives.

2) DSB = Design-Build (combines construction and design/preliminary engineering phases to reduce costs and expedite construction); PD&E-Project Development and Environment; DGN-Design; ROW-Right of Way; CST-Construction; ENV-Environmental; FY-Fiscal Year; TIP-Transportation Improvement Program; LRTP-Long Range Transportation Plan; CMAQ-Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

3) Projects on this priority list need not be limited to STP funds and may be funded by other available funding sources.

Draft 2020 FORWARD PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PRIORITY PROJECTS

Priority	Project Number	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
PRIORITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR FUNDED FOR CONSTRUCTION/IMPLEMENTATION									
P	4344971	City of St. Petersburg	Sexton Elementary School – sidewalk along 19 th St N	38th Ave N	52nd Ave N	Sidewalk	Construction	2018/19	Construction scheduled in TIP for FY 2018/19
P	4245329	City of Largo	Citywide Sidewalk and Trails Initiative - Adrian Ave and Gladys St Sidewalk Improvements	Indian Rocks to Trotter Rd	and from Drye to Hillsdale	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2015/16	Construction underway
P	4245647/2686A	Pinellas County	Hercules Ave/Greenbriar Blvd Sidewalk - Phase II	Sherwood St	Sunset Point Rd	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2017/18	Scheduled in TIP for construction in FY 2019/20
P	4245644/1512A	Pinellas County	Park Blvd/CR 694 ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements	Starkey Rd	66th St N	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2018/19	Scheduled in TIP for construction in FY 2018/19
P	4245646/4344961	Pinellas County	Haines Bayshore Rd Sidewalk	US 19	Sunrise Blvd	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2017/18	Construction underway
P	4344961	City of Largo	West Bay Dr Pinellas Trail Gateway	Washington Ave	4th Ave SW	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Construction	FY 2018/19	Construction scheduled in TIP for FY 2018/19
P	4157387	City of Oldsmar	Oldsmar Trail Phase 6 Extension	along Douglas Rd between Racetrack Rd and Tampa Rd	N/A	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Construction	FY 2018/19	Construction scheduled in TIP for FY 2018/19
P	4325871	City of St. Petersburg	Bayway South Trail Connection (Phase I) on the Pinellas Bayway South (SR 679) from N end of Boca Ciega Bridge to SR 682/54th Ave S	North end of Boca Ciega Bridge	SR 682/ 54th Ave S	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Design-Build	FY 2017/18	Construction underway
P	4107552	City of St. Petersburg	Bayway South Trail Connection (Phase II) on the Pinellas Bayway South (SR 679)	South end of Boca Ciega Bridge	City limits south of Madonna Blvd	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Design-Build	FY 2017/18	Construction underway
P	4377362	Pinellas County	Starkey Rd Corridor Sidewalk Project	Bryan Dairy Rd	East Bay Dr	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2021/22	Scheduled in TIP for construction in FY 2021/22
P	4380221/3306A	Pinellas County	62nd Ave N Sidewalk Project	62nd St N	55th St N	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2019/20	Scheduled in TIP for construction in FY 2019/20
P	4400931/186A/186B	Pinellas County	Duke Energy Trail (North gap on the Duke Energy right-of-way)	the pedestrian overpass at US Hwy 19 ant Enterprise Rd	Chesnut Sr Park	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Construction (Design-Build)	FY 2016/17	Construction underway
	186A		Phase 1 (North Gap) on the Duke Energy right-of-way	Sunset Point Rd	the pedestrian overpass at US Hwy 19 and Enterprise Rd		Construction	FY 2016/17	Construction completed for this portion of the North Gap
	186B		Phase 2 (North Gap) on the Duke Energy right-of-way	NE Coachman Rd/SR 590	Sunset Point Rd		Construction	FY 2016/17	Construction underway

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Priority	Project Number	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
P	4157432	City of St. Petersburg	Treasure Island Causeway/Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail Connection (linking the west end of Treasure Lane to the existing Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail) (Phase II)	west end of Causeway Blvd N	east end of Causeway Blvd N	Bike Path/Trail	Construction	FY 2018/19	Construction scheduled in TIP for 2018/19
P	4374981	City of Clearwater/FDOT/SUNTrail	Courtney Campbell Causeway Recreational Trail Overpass	SR 60/Gulf-to-Bay Blvd at Bayshore Blvd	N/A	Pedestrian/Trail Overpass	Construction	FY 2023/24	Construction scheduled in TIP for 2023/24
P	4400932	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop (South Gap)	Ulmerton Rd	Belleair Rd	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	CST	FY 2023/24	Construction funded in TIP 2023/24 with SU funds
P	4400933	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop (South Gap)	126th Ave N	Ulmerton Rd	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	CST	FY 2023/24	Construction funded in TIP in 2023/24 with Suntrail funds
P	4429551	Pinellas County	42nd Ave N Sidewalk Project	46th St N	35th St N	Sidewalk	N/A	FY 2022/23	Construction funded in TIP in 2022/23
P	4412151	City of St. Petersburg	71st St N Trail - Pinellas Trail Connector	Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail	38th Ave N	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Design	FY 2023/24	Construction scheduled in TIP for 2023/24

UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PRIORITY PROJECTS

1	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	28th St. Complete Streets	Pinellas Trail	1st Ave N	Complete Streets Treatments	N/A	N/A	
2	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	Central Ave Complete Streets	34th St	31st St	Complete Streets Treatments	N/A	N/A	
3	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	22nd St S. Complete Streets	5th Ave S	1st Ave N	Complete Streets Treatments	N/A	N/A	

FY = fiscal year; P = programmed

Technical Coordinating Committee – April 22, 2020

5. TBARTA Regional Rapid Transit Project



SUMMARY

Since May 2019, the Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) has been conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Regional Rapid Transit (RRT) project. The RRT is a planned 41-mile bus rapid transit system that will operate on I-275 in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties with service from Wesley Chapel to downtown Saint Petersburg. In November 2019, the study reached its first milestone when the TBARTA Board approved 13 recommended station areas and directed WSP, the study consultant, to evaluate in greater detail five alignment alternatives. During March, TBARTA has been hosting a series of station charrettes where members of the public have provided their input on the preferred station typology, features, and location. The PD&E study is expected to be completed in Summer 2021. A TBARTA representative will provide a presentation on the latest developments in the study.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item

[Presentation](#)

SUMMARY

Following guidance from the Federal Highway Administration, a resolution has been drafted for action by the Forward Pinellas Board addressing public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution supports the use of alternative public involvement strategies that allow for advisory committee meetings to be conducted virtually. It also supports the employment of these strategies to provide opportunities for public feedback on Forward Pinellas plans and programs. The resolution applies to the interim period while public safety directives associated with the COVID-19 virus are in effect. It will be presented to the Forward Pinellas Board at their next meeting on May 13.

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed resolution regarding public participation activity in an emergency event

ACTION: Approve proposed resolution for Board action

FORWARD PINELLAS RESOLUTION NO. 20 –

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORWARD PINELLAS TO CONDUCT VIRTUAL AND ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETINGS AND OTHER PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the protection of public health, safety and welfare is a primary concern in the conduct of all Forward Pinellas activities;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Florida Surgeon General and Florida Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued a State of Emergency effective across the State of Florida due to the result of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, in conjunction with the activities of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as pursuant the emergency declarations issued by the Governor and the Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners declared a state of local emergency (LSE) pursuant to Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners Resolution 20-16 (Board Resolution 20-16); and

WHEREAS, in response to the threat of increased community spread within Pinellas County, on March 25, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 20-20, “COVID-19 – Safer at Home” Order (Board Resolution 20-20) requiring that businesses not defined as “Essential Services” operate in a manner consistent with the Order, the CDC guidelines on social distancing, and other applicable laws, and requiring individuals to comply with said CDC guidelines and limit non-essential activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Florida Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, which suspended any Florida Statute requiring a quorum to be present in person or local government body to meet at a specific public place and which authorized local governments to utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91 (“EO 20-91”) ordering all persons to stay at home unless participating in an essential service or activity; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has provided guidance to metropolitan planning organizations that they consider adopting a resolution addressing public involvement activity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the public health objectives and requirements pursuant to Pinellas County Board Resolutions 20-26 and 20-20, and the State of Florida Governor’s Emergency Order 20-91, while allowing Forward Pinellas to carry out its federal and state-prescribed duties within federal and state-prescribed timelines, it is necessary to conduct meetings of Forward Pinellas, including all advisory bodies and committees thereto, utilizing virtual communications media technology (CMT) until such time when the local and state emergency directives related to COVID-19 are lifted; and

WHEREAS, significant measures will be taken to provide for public engagement and participation regarding said CMT meetings; and

WHEREAS, the public involvement strategies referenced herein are consistent with the Forward Pinellas Public Participation Plan’s objective to ensure adequate public participation at all stages of the decision-making process ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forward Pinellas Board, as brought forth by the Executive Director pursuant to the Executive Director’s delegated emergency authority outlined in the Internal Control Structure Policy Manual, that:

1. No in-person live public participation will be available to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent practicable.
2. The public will be given multiple avenues to comment on agenda items or other matters coming before the Board for a vote.
3. Given the complexities of the virtual platforms and the emergency situation under which we are operating, the “citizens to be heard” portion of the meetings will be suspended until the emergency conditions have abated. The public can comment on any item coming before the Board for a vote, and the public can always contact the Forward Pinellas Board members by visiting forwardpinellas.org for their contact information.
4. All virtual meetings will be noticed as a virtual meeting in the same manner as required for non-virtual meetings, and shall plainly state that such meetings will be conducted utilizing electronic and virtual communications media technology (CMT) and identify the specific type of CMT to be used. The notice shall describe how interested persons may attend and shall include instructions in the notice addressing the following
 - a. How to view the virtual meeting through live stream or broadcast.
 - b. The web address and phone number access where an interested person may go for the purpose of attending the meeting.
 - c. An address, e-mail address, and telephone number where an interested person may write or call for additional information.

- d. An address, e-mail address, and designated person to whom a person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into the record during the CMT proceedings.
 - e. Instructions, or methods of accessing instructions, addressing how to comment prior to the meeting.
5. All other usual Forward Pinellas board meeting practices will be observed to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the discretion of the Chair.
 6. Alternative public involvement strategies, which include the application of web conferencing and other online and digital media tools, shall be utilized to conduct public outreach activities associated with the operations of Forward Pinellas as deemed necessary.
 7. The procedures outlined herein shall be applicable to the Forward Pinellas Board and all advisory and other committees thereto.
 8. The procedures to conduct Forward Pinellas Board, advisory, and other committee meetings utilizing CMT shall be in effect for an interim period until such time when the public safety directives related to the COVID-19 virus are lifted and Forward Pinellas' operations return to normal.

This Resolution offered and adopted at the May 13, 2020 meeting of Forward Pinellas as hereinafter set forth:

_____ offered the foregoing Resolution, which was seconded by _____, and the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: ATTEST:

Whit Blanton, Executive Director Forward Pinellas

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY: _____

Dave Eggers, Forward Pinellas Chair

SUMMARY

As the metropolitan planning agency (MPO) for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas is subject to an annual joint certification review with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 Office. Every four years, a quadrennial certification is conducted. This is a more comprehensive process involving an on-site review by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration as well as FDOT. The next quadrennial review is scheduled for 2021.

The purpose of the certification reviews is to ensure that Forward Pinellas is in compliance with federal and state requirements governing MPO planning processes. The certification review for 2019 was conducted on March 10, 2020. Forward Pinellas was found to be in compliance with the applicable state and federal requirements. Attached is a summary of the review which includes a listing of the agency's notable achievements for 2019. Also attached is the MPO Joint Certification Statement provided by FDOT recommending Forward Pinellas' certification. The statement will be presented to the Board for approval at its next meeting on May 13.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- MPO Joint Certification Statement
- Joint MPO/FDOT Certification Summary

ACTION: Approve MPO Joint Certification Statement

Pursuant to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134(k)(5) and 23 CFR 450.334(a), the Department and the MPO have performed a review of the certification status of the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Forward Pinellas with respect to the requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 C.F.R. Part 21
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act and 49 C.F.R. Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
5. 23 C.F.R. Part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and the regulations found in 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38;
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
8. Section 324 of 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender; and
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 C.F.R. Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Included in this certification package is a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO, attachments associated with these achievements, and (if applicable) a list of any recommendations and/or corrective actions. The contents of this Joint Certification Package have been reviewed by the MPO and accurately reflect the results of the joint certification review meeting held on March 10, 2020.

Based on a joint review and evaluation, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Forward Pinellas recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Forward Pinellas be certified.

Name: David Gwynn, P.E.
Title: District Secretary (or designee)

Date

Name: Dave Eggers
Title: MPO Chairman (or designee)

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JOINT MPO/FDOT CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Annual Joint FDOT/MPO Certification for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, review was conducted on March 10, 2020, as required by federal guidelines to assess the MPO's compliance with the federal transportation planning process and applicable state laws. **The Forward Pinellas MPO was found to be in compliance with federal and state guidelines for metropolitan transportation planning.**

The following is a summary of the Department's findings:

Notable Achievements

- **Advantage Pinellas Plan**

Forward Pinellas adopted its 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) "Advantage Pinellas" in November 2019. This was the first LRTP adopted after the 2014 merger of the Pinellas County MPO with the Pinellas Planning Council was firmly established. The plan reflects one of the main objectives of merging the two agencies, to integrate countywide transportation and land use planning in Pinellas County. This was evident by the introduction of new policies focusing on land use strategies to achieve the plan objective. Below are some examples.

- Forward Pinellas shall assist local governments in creating and sustaining mixed use, walkable neighborhoods, centers and districts that serve the surrounding population.
- Forward Pinellas shall encourage local governments to include transit-friendly and supportive design standards in local land development codes to create a more walkable environment for transit users between bus stops and proximate buildings.
- Forward Pinellas shall work with appropriate agencies through the use of software applications to develop and test scenarios addressing transportation and land development considerations.
- Forward Pinellas shall support activities at the local and state level to facilitate better integration of transportation and land use planning.
- Forward Pinellas shall support local land development regulations that require joint access with neighboring properties and access to secondary streets and service roads, where feasible.
- Forward Pinellas shall assist local governments in creating and sustaining mixed use, walkable neighborhoods, centers and districts that serve the surrounding population.
- Forward Pinellas will work with its partners to identify transportation and land use strategies within 'investment corridors' to link housing, jobs and workforce development.

Another significant feature of the Advantage Pinellas Plan was the commitment of nearly all flexible funding sources to projects that closely align with the Forward Pinellas goals relating to safety, multimodal accessibility, transit and advanced technology. Plan development, ensuring that outreach results were valid and representative of public sentiment.

Forward Pinellas staff recognized that while holding traditional public meetings can have some value, most residents lead busy lives and don't usually prioritize attendance at a government meeting to give feedback on items that they may not recognize as important. Knowing this, Forward Pinellas made it a priority to have a presence at various community events to engage all segments of the public, especially those who may not otherwise be familiar with transportation issues. Staff created an interactive game using rubber balls and canisters for the public to weigh in on the prioritization of transportation funding. The game was very successful, in encouraging people to participate, helping them understand the topics and to let them see how their opinions lined up with others in the community.

In 2019, Forward Pinellas also conducted an online survey of the public to assist in the development of the "Needs" Plan for Advantage Pinellas. Staff recognized that many citizens do not typically interact with large maps and can sometimes struggle to orient themselves when presented with a complex map showing the location of local projects. Understanding the need for a more transparent means of communication with the public, staff created a public survey that focused heavily on visual images of various transportation improvements that were easy to understand and provide feedback on. This allowed for people to weigh in on the types of improvements they would like to see in their communities, irrespective of where they may be located. Due to this format, the Needs Plan Online Survey received an overwhelming response from the public, at a fraction of the budget of other online outreach efforts.

- ***Advantage Pinellas Active Transportation Plan***

In 2019, Forward Pinellas developed the Active Transportation Plan. It was a departure from previous bicycle and pedestrian plans in terms of its strategic orientation to identifying key projects for LRTP funding. These projects were focused on addressing the county's most critical active transportation needs including closing gaps in the countywide network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and improving access to underserved communities. The plan identified ten trail and four trail overpass projects that were prioritized and identified for funding in the LRTP that was adopted by the Board in November 2019.

The development of the Active Transportation Plan was also notable for its use of GIS tools to collect input from the public and to identify areas of greatest need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In terms of public input, an application was set up to allow people to indicate their favorite routes for bicycling as well as routes that they would take if the facilities were in place to do so.

In addition, an equity analysis was conducted using several GIS data layers that reflected various socioeconomic conditions relating to vehicle ownership, minority households,

populations below poverty level, and households with limited English proficiency. This data was overlaid on maps showing the locations of existing facilities to help identify and assess areas of greatest need in terms of bicycle and pedestrian access. The plan is scheduled for review and approval by the Forward Pinellas Board on February 12.

- ***Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Interactive Map***

In 2019, Forward Pinellas released its new TIP Interactive Map application, which provides the public with an easy way to view information about the transportation projects in the county they are most concerned about. Through a link on the Forward Pinellas website (<http://arcg.is/1nOyq5>), they can open one of several maps showing different project types. Then by selecting the project location they can identify project names, descriptions, start and completion dates and cost.

- ***Gateway Master Plan***

As one of its SPOTlight initiatives, Forward Pinellas entered into a historic \$1 million partnership with the cities of Largo, St. Petersburg and Pinellas Park and Pinellas County and FDOT to jointly fund the development of the Gateway Master Plan. Completed in late 2019, the plan is designed to provide housing options intended to shorten the distance people have to travel to their destinations, reduce traffic congestion, spur economic development and transit investment and provide a safer and more connected bicycle and pedestrian network.

Gateway is a 30 square mile area that is strategically important for the county and regional economy. It includes multiple Fortune 500 companies, over 114 thousand jobs and the St. Pete Clearwater International Airport. A project website (GatewayMasterPlan.org) was also developed to provide the public with access to the contents of the plan, including its major findings and recommended strategies. In the coming months, Forward Pinellas will be working closely with its partner agencies to finalize plan documentation and begin implementation of the plan.

- ***Indian Rocks Beach Visioning Project***

Forward Pinellas engaged the community of Indian Rocks Beach last year to formalize a vision for their city and the Gulf Boulevard corridor. This effort was an update of a special area plan developed through the Florida Center for Community Design and Research at USF in 2009. Forward Pinellas evaluated the findings of the 2009 plan and examined current economic conditions and indicators. Three public workshops were held, all with more than 50 people in attendance, to collect input from local residents about what they would like their community to look like.

Key themes identified for discussion at the workshops included economic vitality, community character, transportation and mobility, quality of life and environmental protection. Workshop participants crafted vision statements around these themes to reflect what they thought Indian Rocks Beach should strive toward. Forward Pinellas will produce a final report for presentation to

the Indian Rocks Beach City Commission in February that will outline guiding principles the community will use to implement its vision.

- ***Priority Transit Corridors***

One of the most critical transportation issues in Pinellas County is the shortage of funding available for transit not only to meet future demand but to adequately fund existing services. This reality was a focus of discussion at Forward Pinellas' Transportation Funding Workshop held at St. Pete College-Seminole in January 2019. Following the workshop, Forward Pinellas began working closely with Pinellas County staff on the identification of specific transit needs and potential local revenue sources.

The County Administrator was particularly interested in assessing the most pressing needs for transit in terms of getting people to their places of employment. This led Forward Pinellas to conduct an extensive analysis of population, employment, redevelopment and housing factors to identify the best routes for connecting residential areas with a high propensity for transit to job centers. These "priority corridors" became the basis for discussion in determining the level of local funding that was needed to equip them with limited stop premium transit service.

The next step in the process is for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to decide whether to initiate a sales tax referendum, gas tax or another funding source to implement the priority corridor improvements as well as other transportation needs identified by Pinellas County and other local governments. That is expected to occur with the next few months.

- ***Transit Oriented Design Planning***

On October 30, 2019, Forward Pinellas hosted a transit-oriented development (TOD) workshop at St. Pete College-Clearwater as part of its Knowledge Exchange Series Program. Guest speakers included Director of the Florida Center for Community Design and Research at USF Taryn Sabia, Lake Mary Community Development Director Stephen Noto, Lake Mary Planning and GIS Services Manager Krystal Clem and PSTA Director of Project Management Abhishek Dayal. The speakers shared their experiences and insights on TOD and identified some best practices for consideration in Pinellas County. This information will help to inform the Central Avenue TOD planning activity being conducted by PSTA, the City of St. Petersburg and Forward Pinellas in support of the Bus Rapid Transit Project. This work is being funded by a \$1.2 million federal grant.

- ***Bike Your City***

In March 2019, Forward Pinellas organized and sponsored a bike ride in Largo to promote National Bike Month and Bike to Work Day and to raise awareness among public officials and citizens about the need for bicycle safety and accessibility improvements. This event will continue in 2020 with Safety Harbor serving as the host city on March 13.

Recommended Actions

- The MPO should continue to enhance the QA/QC process to ensure that all supporting documentation for invoices are properly maintained.
- FDOT values the MPO's continued collaboration and partnership in the execution of reliable, safe, and efficient transportation projects.

Corrective Actions

- None

8. A-C Information Items

A. SPOTLight Emphasis Area Update

Staff will provide an update of the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas.

B. Traffic Fatalities Map

As previously indicated, staff will provide the updated Traffic Fatalities Map each month.

ATTACHMENT: Traffic Fatalities Map

C. Tentative Future Agenda Topics

The following topics are tentatively scheduled to appear as items on future TCC agendas:

- Strategic Intermodal System Cost Feasible Plan
- Safe Streets Pinellas Update
- 2020/21 – 2024/25 Draft FDOT Work Program
- Multimodal Priority List Annual Adoption

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities



