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

Representing the MPOs in Pasco, Pinellas, & Hillsborough Counties

Friday, June 7, 2019  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn  
2155 Northpoint Parkway  
Lutz, FL 33558

Chair: Pasco MPO

### Meeting Objectives

- Discuss opportunities and limitations on FDOT funding
- Receive information on HART's vision
- Discuss legislative session outcomes relevant to MPOs
- Discuss opportunities to advance legislative priorities

9:30 **Welcome and Introductions**  
**Public Comment**

9:45 **FDOT Funding Capabilities and Restrictions - FDOT staff**

10:30 **A New Vision for HART – Ben Limmer, HART**

11:00 **Legislative Discussion**

- **2019 Legislative Session Recap and Earmarks – Carl Mikyska, MPOAC**
- **Advancing Legislative Priorities – MPO Directors**

11:30 **TBARTA Transit Development Plan – TBARTA Staff**

11:40 **Future Mansfield Blvd/Kinnan St. Connection – John Villeneuve, Pasco MPO**

11:50 **Updates and Next Steps**

**Status of TMA Priorities – MPO Directors**

12:00 **Adjourn**

*Appeals: Certain public meetings result in actions taken by the public board, commission or agency that may be appealed; in such case persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at a public meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*

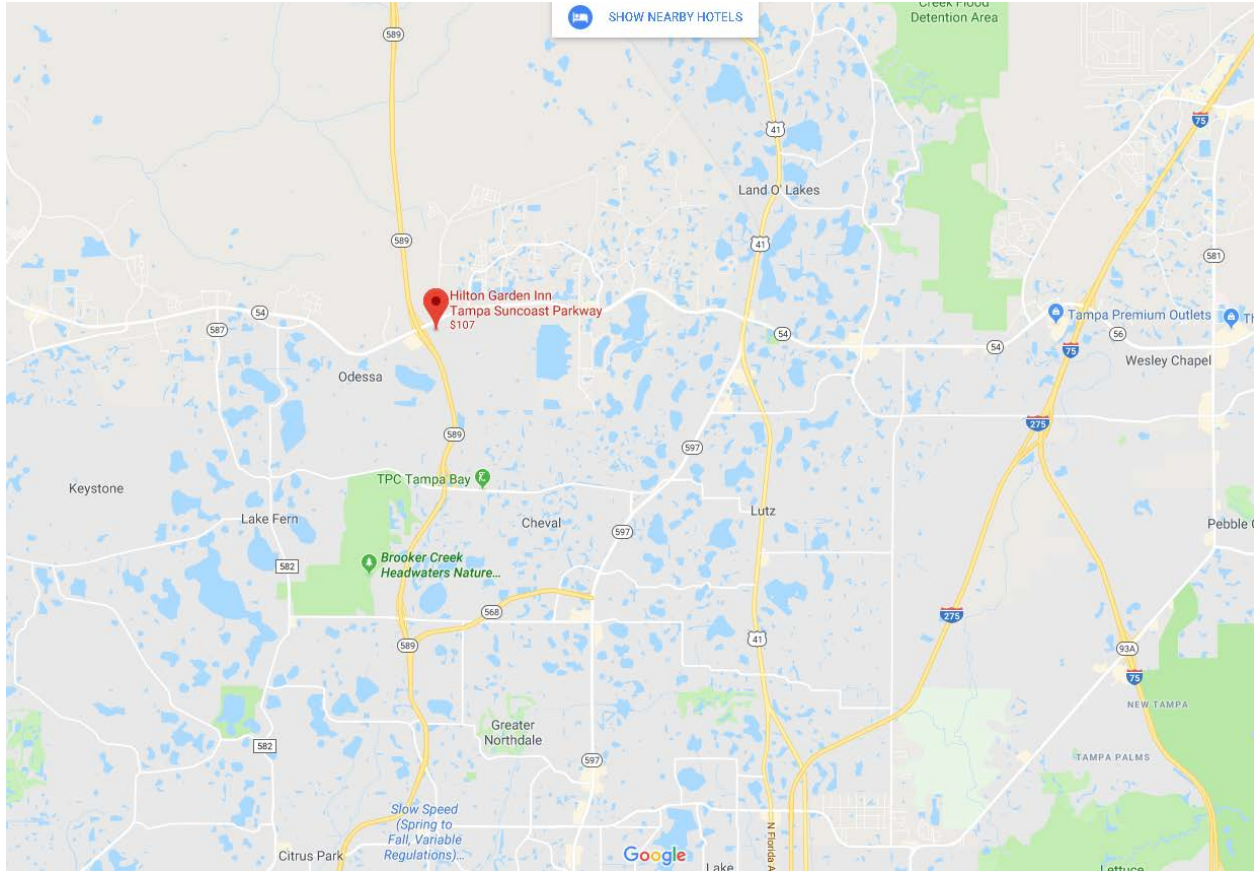
### Next Meeting:

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (REVISED)**

9:30 – 12:00

Hillsborough Planning Commission Board Room  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hillsborough Government Center  
601 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33602

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### 2019 Top Priorities

Approved by Consensus on April 5, 2019

### Funded Priorities

- ❖ **Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement**
- ❖ **Gateway Expressway**
- ❖ **I-75 interchange at Overpass (Phase I)**
- ❖ **I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to Gandy Blvd.**
- ❖ **I-75 Interchange at Big Bend Road**

### Top Priorities for the Tampa Bay Region

- ❖ **I-275/SR 60/Westshore Interchange**
- ❖ **I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton**
- ❖ **I-75 Interchange at Overpass (Phase II)**
- ❖ **Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit**
- ❖ **I-275 Operational Improvements north of downtown Tampa**



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**2019 Top Priorities for Multi-Use Trails**

- ❖ **Duke Energy Trail** - The trail is partially funded with one remaining gap needing design and construction, from the San Martin Bridge to 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Once completed, the Duke Energy Trail will link with the Pinellas Trail to create a 75-mile loop that includes a connection to Hillsborough County via the Courtney Campbell Trail.
- ❖ **South Coast Greenway** - Part of the Gulf Coast Trail, the South Coast Trail would go from Adamo Drive and extend south the Manatee County line. The entire South Coast Greenway trail has been broken into seven phases. Phase I is funded with construction expected to begin in 2019. Phase II will be constructed as the Waterset DRI builds out. Part of Phase III is entering design and the other portion is seeking funding for construction. Request/Status: funding for PD&E and design of remaining Phases.
- ❖ **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 2019/20. 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.

*The following resolution was received by staff from the City of South Pasadena, with the request that it be shared with members of the Transportation Management Area Leadership Group.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA,  
FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY (PSTA) BUS RAPID TRANSIT  
(BRT) PROJECT ON PASADENA AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) has developed the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project which includes routes both northbound and southbound on Pasadena Avenue which serves as the city's main thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes changes to lane design and usage through the implementation of business access & transit (BAT) lanes as well as the relocation and reconfiguration of bus stops in the city; and

WHEREAS, the designation of BAT lanes and elevation of bus stops are likely to impede the flow of traffic, reduce visibility of and access to local businesses, and overburden roadways; and

WHEREAS, residents of the city have voiced overwhelming opposition to the BRT project because of its potential to increase congestion with little expected benefit to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission expressed concerns regarding the BRT project to PSTA, Forward Pinellas, and the Florida Department of Transportation with little response; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission requested that the City and its residents be afforded meaningful opportunity to comment on and influence the BRT project to no avail.

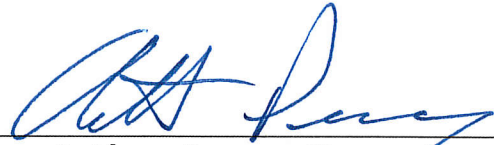
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of South Pasadena, Florida, as follows:

Section 1: That the City Commission is hereby opposed to the implementation of the BRT project on Pasadena Avenue.


Section 2: That the City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to PSTA, Forward Pinellas, and the Florida Department of Transportation immediately upon passage.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

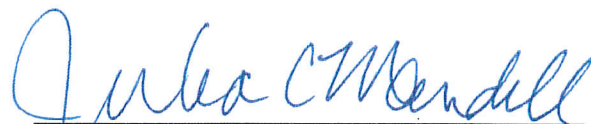
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2019.

  
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Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Carley Lewis, City Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

  
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Julia Mandell, City Attorney