



AGENDA
March 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.
315 Court Street, 5th Floor
Board Assembly Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (1:00)
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE** (1:05)
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (1:10)
Citizen comments to the Board are invited on items or concerns not already scheduled for public hearing on today's agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes.
4. **RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (1:15)
 - A. Outgoing Board Member – Bill Jonson
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (1:20)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2018 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments (CAC, LCB, TCC)
6. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – To begin at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as agenda permits
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (1:20)
 - A. Proposed Amendment(s) to the FY 2017/18 – FY 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program
 - B. Proposed Amendment(s) to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL (1:30)
 - C. Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendment
None
Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendment
None
7. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS** (1:35)
 - A. PSTA Activities Report
 - B. Draft FY 2018/19 – 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program – Transmittal Action
 - C. Forward Pinellas Grants Awards – Action
 1. Planning & Place-Making Grant Pilot Program
 2. Complete Streets Grant
 - D. Annual Audit 2016-17 (FY17) – Action
 - E. Budget Scenarios
 - F. CAC Vision Statement and Guiding Principles Presentation
 - G. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Memorandum of Understanding – Action
8. **REPORTS/UPDATE** (3:00)
 - A. Director's Report
 1. SPOTlight Update
 2. March 9, 2018 TMA Leadership Group Summary
 3. March 12, 2018 Joint Meeting with Broward MPO Summary
 4. Alternatives Evaluation and Concept Development for I-175 and I-375 in Downtown St. Petersburg
 5. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Summary
 - B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update
 - C. "The Kennedy Report" on Regional Transit Funding

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Pinellas Trail Usage Annual Report
- B. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
- C. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments
- D. Correspondence, Fatalities Map, Pinellas Trail Data and Draft PAC Action Sheet
- E. FDOT District Seven Bi-Weekly Traffic Fatalities Report for January 29 – February 11, 2018
- F. Committee Vacancies
- G. Other

10. ADJOURNMENT

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5A-B. Consent Agenda



SUMMARY

It is approved board procedure to place routine items under the Consent Agenda for approval with no discussion.

The Consent Agenda has been expanded to include those routine report items identified below. If an item requires discussion, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any member of the Board, discussed, and acted upon separately.

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5A. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2018 Meeting



SUMMARY

The minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting are attached for the board's review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of the February 14, 2018 Forward Pinellas meeting

ACTION: Board to review and approve the February meeting minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
FORWARD PINELLAS
February 14, 2018

Forward Pinellas, the Planning Council and Metropolitan Planning Organization Board for Pinellas County, met in regular session in the County Commission Assembly Room, Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 1:12 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

John Morroni, Chairman, Pinellas County Commissioner
Doreen Caudell, Vice-Chairman, City of Clearwater Councilmember
Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy, Treasurer, City of Indian Rocks Beach Vice-Mayor
Representing Beach Communities
Dave Eggers, Secretary, Pinellas County Commissioner
Doug Bevis, City of Oldsmar Mayor
Representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs
Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park Mayor
Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Lari Johnson, City of South Pasadena Vice-Mayor
Representing Inland Communities
Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater Councilmember
Representing Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Michael Smith, City of Largo Vice-Mayor
John Tornga, City of Dunedin Vice-Mayor
Kenneth T. Welch, Pinellas County Commissioner

Also Present

Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Forward Pinellas
Al Bartolotta, Sarah Caper, Rodney Chatman, Chelsea Favero, Tina Jablon, Maria Kelly,
Alicia Parinello, and Sarah Ward, Forward Pinellas
Chelsea D. Hardy, Assistant County Attorney
Other interested individuals
Michael P. Schmidt, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE
3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Retirement of Staff Member (Sarah Ward)
 - B. Clearwater Police Department – Winner of 2017 School Crossing Guard Program of the Year Award
 - C. Remembrance of Vivian Peters

5. CONSENT AGENDA
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 - C. Map Adjustment – City of Safety Harbor – Official Acceptance
 - D. Forward Pinellas 2017 Annual Report – Authorization and Distribution
 - E. Acceptance of Quarter One Financial Report
 - F. Countywide Plan Rule Interpretations Annual Update
 - G. Approval of Committee Appointments (CAC and TCC)
 - H. Approval of Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Plan Interlocal Agreement
 - I. Approval of Amendments to Internal Control Structure Policy Manual

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – To begin at 1:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as agenda permits
 - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 - A. Proposed Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan
 - PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL
 - B. Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendments
 1. Case CW 18-04 – City of Largo
 - Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendments
 - None

7. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS
 - A. PSTA Activities Report
 - B. Safety Performance Measures and Targets – Action
 - C. Clearwater Ferry Update
 - D. Regional Transit Feasibility Plan Update
 - E. Forward Pinellas Board Work Session Follow Up

8. REPORTS/UPDATE
 - A. Director’s Report
 1. SPOTlight Update
 2. MPOAC Meeting Update
 - B. TMA Meeting Updates
 - C. TBARTA Meeting Update
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 - F. Other

10. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morroni called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M. and welcomed those in attendance. A sign-in sheet has been made a part of the record.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Bill Jonson provided the Invocation and Councilmember Gabbard led the Pledge of Allegiance. At the request of Chairman Morroni, the members introduced themselves.

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard.

4. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Retirement of Staff Member

Chairman Morroni and Mr. Blanton presented a gift to Ms. Ward in appreciation of her more than 32 years of service and leadership with the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Forward Pinellas, and the members offered their congratulations and best wishes for her retirement.

B. Clearwater Police Department – Winner of 2017 School Crossing Guard Program of the Year Award

Mr. Blanton recognized the City of Clearwater School Crossing Guard Program for receiving the 2017 School Crossing Guard Program of the Year Award from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

C. Remembrance of Vivian Peters

Mr. Blanton, Chairman Morroni, Citizens Advisory Committee Chairman Neil McMullen, and the Board remembered Vivian Peters, a longtime member of the Committee who passed away in January, relating that she was a strong advocate for the disabled and elderly residents of the community, both through Forward Pinellas and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVED

Chairman Morroni presented the Consent Agenda items as follows:

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Commissioner Eggers requested that Item H be pulled from the Consent Agenda so that a brief update could be provided; whereupon, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Vice-Mayor Kennedy and carried unanimously, that the Consent Agenda be approved, with the exception of Item H (Vote 13-0).

Mr. Blanton related that the action before the members is to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Forward Pinellas and four local governments to conduct the Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Plan; that in addition to Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County and the Cities of Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg are each contributing \$100,000 to the master plan; and that FDOT will provide a \$500,000 match; whereupon, he indicated that the plan will coordinate land use and transportation, improve flood resiliency, and identify opportunities for transit; and that it will strive to enhance the local transportation network in order to take pressure off the state highway system.

Commissioner Eggers moved, seconded by Councilmember Caudell and carried unanimously, that Consent Agenda Item H be approved (Vote 13-0).

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A. Proposed Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan – Approved

Ms. Favero indicated that the members' packets contain two proposed amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan; and that in order to be eligible for state or federal funding, a project must be included in the LRTP and have an accurate description. She provided background information regarding the two amendments, relating that the first pertains to

the Howard Frankland Bridge replacement and its description has been adjusted to include additional project elements; and that the second amendment relates to planned construction projects along the northern portion of U.S. 19, including interchange projects in the City of Tarpon Springs; whereupon, she reported that Tarpon Springs has passed a resolution requesting the project be removed from the LRTP; that staff proposes the same; and that staff recommends approval of the LRTP amendments, and Mr. Blanton provided input.

Ms. Favero provided information regarding the concerns expressed by Tarpon Springs, reporting that Forward Pinellas, FDOT, and the City will be reviewing other interchange design concepts. Discussion ensued, and in response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Blanton related that his office will work on solutions that fit the character of the community and improve traffic flow in the area, and presented information regarding the overall importance of U.S.19 as a north-south express transit corridor.

Following discussion, Councilmember Caudell moved, seconded by Mayor Bevis, that the amendments be approved. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously (Vote 13-0).

PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL

Upon request by the Chairman, all persons planning to give testimony were duly sworn by the Deputy Clerk.

B. Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendments

1. PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 18-04, A PROPOSAL BY THE CITY OF LARGO TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW MEDIUM (RLM) TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 20, 2018 issue of the *Tampa Bay Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 18-04, a proposal by the City of Largo to amend the Countywide Plan Map from RLM to RM, re 2.9 acres m.o.l., located at 2704 and 2706 Roosevelt Boulevard.

Ms. Parinello related that although the item was placed on the agenda as a Subthreshold Amendment, it is actually a Regular Amendment; whereupon, she referred to aerial and street level photographs and the Countywide Plan Map, pointed out the subject parcel, and provided an overview of the amendment, relating that staff recommends its approval.

In response to the Chairman's call for the applicant local government, Katrina Lunan-Gordon, City of Largo, related that the City concurs with the staff recommendation; whereupon, in response to query by Councilmember Jonson, she discussed the site plan review process that will take place for the property.

Chairman Morroni indicated that the Planners Advisory Committee had unanimously recommended approval of the item.

No one responded to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard; whereupon, he closed the public hearing.

Mayor Bradbury moved, seconded by Councilmember Caudell and carried unanimously, that Case CW 18-04 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13-0).

Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendments – None.

6. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. PSTA Activities Report

Councilmember Jonson related that the FDOT 2019 Capital Investment Grant Report to Congress was released yesterday; that the PSTA Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project received a higher-than-expected rating of medium high; that the financing plan received a separate high rating; that Congress continues to show bipartisan support for funding the program; and that the next step is to ask Congress to fund the program in Fiscal Year 2019.

Councilmember Jonson reported that the PSTA Board met on January 29, and highlighted the following:

- A presentation was provided regarding the C-Pass program, which allows employees and guests of three participating beach hotels the opportunity to ride PSTA for free.
- The PSTA Board approved a contract for the next generation of its comprehensive route review.

Councilmember Jonson referred to a flier regarding the 2018 Spring Break Park and Ride Service, indicating that the service will take place from February 19 through April 29 between Downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach and is a partnership between PSTA,

the City of Clearwater, and the Jolley Trolley; whereupon, he thanked FDOT for its acceleration of the Harn Road overpass on U.S. 19.

B. Safety Reports Measures and Targets – Approved

Ms. Favero referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Performance Measures and Targets* and discussed the Highway Safety Improvement Program and the performance measures on which her office is currently focused; whereupon, she presented information regarding the process and schedule for safety target setting, indicating that the Federal Highway Administration strongly discourages using aspirational targets for setting annual targets; that states and MPOs should ensure their targets are data-driven, realistic, and achievable; and that although there could be penalties for states that do not meet their targets, the State of Florida would not be subject to penalties at the present time.

Ms. Favero indicated that in August 2017, FDOT declared all five state safety targets to be zero during 2018; and that interim performance measures have been established in order to satisfy federal funding requirements. She discussed five categories where Forward Pinellas is setting target numbers, two options with respect to achieving those target numbers, and future performance measures; whereupon, she offered the staff recommendation regarding setting targets for the following: number and rate of fatalities, number and rate of serious injuries, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

In response to comments and queries by Chairman Morroni, Ms. Favero reported that as the recession eased in 2013, fatality and injury numbers began to rise. Commissioner Welch stated that he likes the idea of aspirational targets, and Councilmember Rice requested that the numbers be expressed as percentage improvements; whereupon, Mr. Blanton stated that he would explore the prospect of public service announcements as suggested by Mayor Bradbury, and Mayor Bevis discussed the importance of historical statistical data.

In response to queries by Councilmember Jonson, Ms. Favero, with input by Chairman Morroni and Mr. Blanton, discussed the rationale for Pinellas County and the State of Florida having more fatalities and serious injuries than the rest of the nation; whereupon, Councilmember Caudell discussed the importance of the Pinellas and Duke Energy Trails, relating that they can only be used during daylight hours since there is no lighting.

In response to comments and queries by Vice-Mayors Kennedy and Johnson, Ms. Favero related that she can provide maps and statistical information for any geographic region in the county; and that there are ways of partnering with hotels and other groups to remind

tourists of the importance of obeying traffic laws and driving safely, and Vice-Mayor Smith and Commissioner Eggers discussed the importance of educational campaigns in reducing traffic accidents.

Vice-Mayor Tornga discussed human and other factors associated with reducing accidents, relating that he likes the idea of using percentages for setting reduction goals; whereupon, Ms. Favero indicated that Forward Pinellas can provide information regarding vehicular crashes and that can be broken down by geographic area, and brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Caudell moved, seconded by Councilmember Rice and carried unanimously, that Option B be approved; and that the aspirational target goals be expressed as percentages (Vote 13-0).

C. Clearwater Ferry Update

Camille Hebting, Clearwater Ferry Service, referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Clearwater Ferry – Fun, Fast, Reliable Water Transportation, Connecting You to Pinellas County’s Best Destinations* and presented information regarding the following:

- Current Route Map
- Ridership Numbers; Ridership Profile
- Seasonality and High Volume
- Routes and Updates for 2018/2019
- Future Route Map – Draft
- Other Updates for 2018/2019

In response to comments and queries by Councilmember Caudell and Chairman Morroni, Ms. Hebting related that Clearwater Ferry has faced challenges in encouraging service industry employees to ride the ferry to work; and that while many beach businesses are willing to pay for their employees to take the ferry, less than half take advantage of the opportunity. Councilmember Caudell discussed the importance of marketing the service in a way that attracts a broad range of riders; whereupon, Ms. Hebting discussed the fare structure, indicating that a one-way fare is \$4.00; and that senior citizens, military personnel, and hotel employees can ride for a reduced fare of \$3.00, and discussion ensued.

In response to query by Vice-Mayor Johnson, Ms. Hebting related that Clearwater Ferry has a long range goal of connecting with the existing ferry line to the south, and discussed the importance of its passengers continuing to receive a high level of service as they extend their journey, and Commissioner Eggers and Vice-Mayor Kennedy provided input.

In response to comments and queries by Mayor Bevis and Chairman Morroni, Ms. Hebling provided information regarding frequency of service, number of boats, ferry routes, and future capacity, and Clearwater Ferry Owner Trisha Rodriguez discussed the two-year contract and partnership between her company and the City of Clearwater, and the funding it received through Pinellas County from BP Oil Spill funds.

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At this time, 3:02 P.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 3:14 P.M.

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D. Regional Transit Feasibility Plan Update

Scott Pringle, Project Manager with Jacobs Engineering, provided historical background information regarding the item. He indicated that the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan is a two-year effort and consists of two project phases, the first of which has been completed; whereupon, he discussed a potential project along I-275, stations along the corridor, matters concerning economic development, and the importance of a catalyst project.

Mr. Pringle referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Regional Transit Feasibility Plan, A Route Map to Implementation*, relating that the following questions need to be answered in order to move a project forward:

- What are the projects to be built?
- How is it funded?
- Who is responsible for building and maintaining it?

Mr. Pringle related that the plan purpose is to define and validate a regional transit vision, and to identify a catalyst that begins building the vision and has the greatest potential to be constructed; whereupon, he indicated that the plan is not another study for the shelf, nor a replacement for the LRTP or a Transit Development Plan; and that the catalyst is not a replacement for future transit projects, nor the only transit recommendation for Tampa Bay.

Thereupon, Mr. Pringle discussed the following:

- Regional Transit Vision; Choosing Transit Modes
- Evaluation: Five Alternatives; Evaluation Results
- Value Engineering: Project Costs

- Project Concepts:
 - I-275 Rubber Tire – Shoulder Running Dedicated Transit Lane Serving 3 Counties
 - CSX Urban Rail – Electric/Diesel Multiple Unit Using Freight Rail Corridor
- Catalyst Recommendation:
 - I-275 Shoulder Running Rubber Tire versus CSX Urban Rail
 - Gold Standard, Premium Service Aspirations; Passenger Amenities
 - Service as Fast as a Train; Bypasses Congestion; Must Less Cost
 - Invest in Stations; Invest in the Future
 - Supports and Needs Support from Local Services and Plans
- Schedule
 - Community Vetting of Draft Plan – Spring/Summer 2018
 - Incorporate Public Comment to Finalize Plan – Summer/Fall 2018

Commissioner Eggers remarked that local residents will be engaged in the process; and that he anticipates good public input regarding the plan.

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Vice-Mayor Kennedy and Councilmember Jonson left the meeting at 3:40 and 3:43 P.M.

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Vice-Mayor Tornga provided information regarding the FDOT 2019 Capital Investment Grant Report to Congress, indicating that it was released yesterday; whereupon, he discussed the importance of a catalyst project and the series of steps to getting a project approved and funded. Vice-Mayor Smith related that he is eager to hear citizen input and what emerges from the conversation, and Councilmember Caudell discussed the importance of speaking with one voice.

Vice-Mayor Johnson expressed her enthusiasm regarding the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project. In response to her queries and those of Mayor Bevis, Mr. Pringle discussed how Pinellas County would proceed if the transit plan does not progress in Hillsborough County as quickly as the members would like; whereupon, he indicated that the greatest opportunity for public/private partnerships would be at transit stations.

In response to comments and queries by Mayor Bradbury, Mr. Pringle discussed factors associated with leasing versus buying right-of-way and provided information regarding the CSX corridor and the goal of using the rail line, and discussion ensued regarding how the \$7 million in operating costs for the I-275 corridor would be funded.

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Councilmember Rice reported that the St. Petersburg City Council had voted unanimously last week in support of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan; whereupon, she suggested that gas tax revenues and expressway tolls could help to offset the \$7 million in operating costs, and FDOT District 7 Director of Transportation Development Bill Jones provided input.

In response to comments and queries by Councilmember Gabbard, Mr. Jones discussed plans for hardening and widening the new Howard Frankland Bridge to accommodate express lanes and the option of light rail in the future.

Commissioner Welch reported that the Board of County Commissioners and the Federal Legislative Delegation will meet next week; and that it will be important for the BCC to emphasize the importance of federal dollars remaining in the budget. He related that he strongly supports the plan; and that it is a smart approach; whereupon, he indicated that he agrees with the comments of Councilmember Rice regarding use of the gas tax; and that the five-cent option should have been imposed a long time ago, and discussion ensued, with input by Chairman Morroni.

Mr. Jones provided information regarding a Project Development and Environment Study, indicating that as of July there will be \$5 million to move the project forward; whereupon, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Executive Director Ramond Chiamonte discussed the importance of the members taking a strong stand and speaking up for what they want, and provided information regarding the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Blanton discussed the action to be taken; whereupon, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Councilmember Caudell and carried unanimously, that the Board authorize the Chairman to send a letter of support for the I-275 BRT project, including managed toll lanes and lane continuity on I-275 in St. Petersburg (Vote 11-0).

Following the vote, Mr. Blanton related that staff would like to strengthen the language in the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. He indicated that the Long Range Transportation Plan must identify in five-year increments where the MPO expects to advance financially feasible projects, which is a federal requirement that his office takes seriously; whereupon, he related that he hopes to return with the MOU for approval at the March meeting; and that Mr. Pringle would likely return sometime during the summer.

E. Forward Pinellas Board Work Session Follow Up

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Board Work Session Wrap-Up*, Mr. Blanton provided a summary of the recent work session as follows:

- Work Session Agenda
- Board Survey
 - Board Survey Results: Top Priorities
 - How do you define success for Forward Pinellas?
 - Other Key Takeaways
- Pinellas Transportation Plan
 - Key Objectives for the LRTP
 - Adapt • Build • Connect – The Planning Process
 - Key Milestones
 - Framework for Regional LRTP
 - Next Steps
 - Budget and Work Plan for FY 2019-2021
 - Six Possible Budget Scenarios
 - Future Direction

Mr. Blanton requested member input on the budget scenarios, and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch and Chairman Morroni, he related that Forward Pinellas is at nine percent of its millage cap; that his office wants to have at least 10 percent maintained for its unassigned fund balance; and that at a future meeting, he would provide information regarding the cost per household a millage increase would mean for the average taxpayer; whereupon, Councilmember Rice noted the availability of public health funding as a possible creative funding source, and discussion ensued, with input by Mr. Blanton.

8. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. Director's Report

1. SPOTlight Update

Mr. Blanton briefly discussed the Gateway Area Mid-County Master Plan Interlocal Agreement and related that his office and FDOT had a productive discussion regarding the U.S. 19 corridor; and that he would provide information in the near future regarding some of the different concepts.

2. Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Meeting Update

This item was not addressed.

B. Transportation Management Area (TMA) Meeting Updates

Mr. Blanton indicated that the next TMA Leadership Group meeting will take place in March and will review options and search for ways to build agreement among Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties about how to move the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan forward.

C. TBARTA Meeting Update

This item was not addressed.

D. “The Kennedy Report” on Regional Transit Funding

Mr. Blanton related that he has been in contact with County Administrator Mark Woodard regarding regional transit funding; that Mr. Woodard has had conversations with his counterparts in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties regarding the matter; and that following the March meeting of the TMA Leadership Group, more will be known regarding moving forward and how quickly.

E. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update

Mr. Blanton reported that the Trump Administration signed a budget agreement that increases funding for domestic and military spending over the next two years; and that he is hopeful that the PSTA Small Starts Project will be in the agreement; whereupon, he related that the Trump Administration has proposed eliminating the Transit Capital Investment Grant Program; however, Congress is strongly supportive of the program.

Mr. Blanton indicated that his office continues to track bills in the Florida Legislature; and that at this point in the session, bills dealing with MPO restructuring do not appear to have a great chance of success.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Information about the following items was included in the agenda materials, and the items were not addressed at the meeting unless so noted:

February 14, 2018

A. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings

Mr. Blanton related that a Constitution Revision Commission Meeting will take place at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg on March 13 from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

B. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments

C. Correspondence, Fatalities Map, Pinellas Trail Data, and Draft PAC Action Sheet

D. Committee Vacancies

E. FDOT District Seven Bi-Weekly Traffic Fatalities Report for January 14, 2018

F. Other – None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 P.M.

Chairman

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5B. Approval of Committee Appointments



SUMMARY

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

CAC has received an application from Mr. Paul Wallace of Largo expressing interest in one of the CAC At Large vacancies. Paul has a great interest in Largo and the surrounding Pinellas County communities in seeking solutions to issues of local and regional land use and transportation.

- **Local Coordinating Board (LCB)**

Rachel Jacobs, the LCB member representing Division of Blind Services, is requesting Amanda Honingford, be moved to primary representative to the LCB. Ms. Honingford is a counselor for the Division of Blind Services and works with a variety of clients in several counties, including Pinellas.

- **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)**

The City of Largo has requested to show Barry Westmark as primary representative on the TCC with Rafal Cieslak as alternate. Barry is the senior engineer in the City's Engineering Department.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- CAC Application for Paul Wallace
- CAC Membership Listing
- LCB Membership Listing
- TCC Membership Listing

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approve Paul Wallace as CAC At Large representative, Amanda Honingford as LCB representative for the Division of Blind Services, and Barry Westmark as the Largo representative for TCC with Rafal Cieslak as the alternate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the board approve the appointments as outlined above.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: Wallace Paul R, Esq.
Last First Middle

Home Address: 8259 Wild Oaks Circle, Largo, FL 33773
Street (Apt.) City, State Zip

Work Address: _____
Street (Apt.) City, State Zip

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____ Mobile Telephone _____ E-mail Address 1expalms@yahoo.com

Do you prefer to be contacted/receive documents at your home or work address? Home Work

Date of Birth: Jan 5, 1944

Advisory committee you're interested in serving on: Citizen Advisory Committee

Why are you interested in serving on this committee? (you may add an attachment if you need additional space)

See attached

Education	Name and Location	Degree	Major/Subjects of Study
High School			
College or University	University of Louisville	BA, 1966	Political Science
Specialized Training, License or Certificate	Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville	JD 1969	LAW
Other Education	Member - Florida BAR		

If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the membership to which you have been appointed?
 Yes No If "Yes", please explain:

The following information will only be used to satisfy Equal Opportunity reporting and research requirements.

Gender: Male Female

Race: White Hispanic African American American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander Other

* Applications may be submitted by electronic mail, FAX or mail. E-mail address: info@forwardpinellas.org

Fax: (727) 464-8212 - Mailing Address: Forward Pinellas, 310 Court St., Clearwater, FL 33756.

ADDENDUM TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION

Question: "Why are you interested in serving on this [Citizens Advisory - CAC] Committee?"

Response: I want to learn as much as possible about Largo and the Pinellas County community that I adopted just a little over a year ago; and to participate in seeking solutions to issues of local and regional land use and transportation. I believe I have especially pertinent experience and skills to contribute to the CAC in addressing and solving such issues, though I am a relative newcomer to Largo and Pinellas.

I moved to Largo a year ago with my wife, Marilyn, after leaving my full-time law partnership in Miami, where we lived for 38 years, interrupted only by a three-year stint in state government in Tallahassee. I now practice only part-time advising law firms and property insurance companies. My son, Dr. Paul Wallace, MD, is a physician and Associate Medical Director at Diagnostic Clinic in Largo.

Although not determinative of my qualifications to serve on the CAC, the short version of my resume would include: Trial Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, DC.; Chief Legal Officer, OSHA Review Commission, Washington, DC; Assistant State Attorney, Bartow, FL; and Partner in Miami at the national law firm, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, where I practiced from 2000 - 2015 (AV rated).

I served in Tallahassee from 1987-1990 as General Counsel and then Assistant Secretary of Commerce (to Secretary Jeb Bush) where I had management oversight of the Division of Economic Development and the Division of Tourism.

However, my principal experience applicable to service on the CAC is as a citizen volunteer. I served 11+ years as a Governor's Appointee on the South Florida Regional Planning Council (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties) for three successive governors: Gov. Jeb Bush, Gov. Charlie Crist, and Gov. Rick Scott, spanning the years 2004- 2016. The members of the SFRPC also elected me as Chair of the commission in 2014 (Maybe 2013). The SFRPC adjudicated issues related to projects of regional impact and advised and assisted all three counties and South Florida regional entities on matters of land planning, regional transportation, emergency preparedness, and economic development.

This week I completed and graduated from the City of Largo Citizens Academy with a 100 percent attendance record. Saying that I learned an immense amount - and asked a ton of questions - about the City of Largo government is an understatement. It was an awesome nine-weeks experience.

I don't come with any solutions to Pinellas' or Largo's problems or answers to their dreams, but I will learn and analyze all, and hopefully, in time, have some studied suggestions. I will give it my best.

Personal references: Hon. Diane Bruner, Dean of the Largo Citizens Academy and Clerk (727-587-6710, ext. 7003), City of Largo; and Hon. Tim Daubert, Chair, South Florida Regional Council, and Councilman, Town of Miami Lakes, FL. (Office: 305-364-6100; Mobile: 305-610-1699); Hon Xavier Suarez, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County (305-375-5998 or 305-496-8484).

Respectfully submitted,



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

St. Petersburg Area

1. Johnny Wong (06/14/17)
2. R. Lee Allen (10/10/12)
3. Steve Lasky (02/08/17)
4. Robby Thompson (02/13/13)

Clearwater Area

5. Luis Serna (06/14/17)
6. Karen Cunningham (02/10/16)

Dunedin Area

7. Karen Mullins (Vice-Chair) (07/09/14)
8. Bob Henion (04/14/10)

Pinellas Park and Mid-County Area

9. Geneva Waters (02/08/17)
10. John Spagnola (06/14/17)

Largo Area

11. Kimberly Connor-Savoretti (02/14/18)
12. Neil McMullen (Chair) (01/13/11)

Beaches Area

13. Vacant
14. Terri Novitsky (12/09/15)

Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, Belleair, So. Pasadena, Belleair Bluffs Area

15. Caron Schwartz (02/14/18)

Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor Area

16. Larry Roybal (02/09/11)
17. Becky Afonso (07/13/11)

At Large

18. Kim Marston (02/11/15)
19. Paul Wallace (03/14/18) – Application Pending
20. Patricia Rodriguez (12/09/15)
21. Vacant
22. Kyle Caudell (07/12/17)
23. Lauren Smalls (02/14/18)
24. Tammy Vrana (05/13/15)
25. John Estok (11/01/16)
26. Vacant

TRAC

27. Dave Kovar (07/12/17)

**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD
FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

Chairman

Patricia Johnson (Chair – 2/18/2014)

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Penelope Barnard (10/12/2016) (Alternate: Aaron Lounsberry (03/09/2016))

Citizens

Vacant

Vacant (TD Rider)

FL Dept. of Elder Affairs

Jason Martino (Alternate: Tawnya Martino)

Persons with Disabilities

Joseph DiDomenico (6/10/2015) (Alternate: Jody Armstrong (5/12/2017))

Pinellas County Dept. of Veterans Services

Michael Hill (Alternate: Zeffery Mims (11/8/2017))

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (Non-Voting)

Ross Silvers (Alternate: Vacant)

Transportation Provider for Profit

Brian Scott (Vice Chair - 3/10/2010) (reappointed 3/14/2018)

Community Action Agency

Jane Walker (reconfirmed July 2011 MPO)

Over 60

Vacant

Public Education

Michelle Hodge (After Board approval 9/13/16)

Department of Children and Families

Ivonne Carmona (11/8/2017)

Kitty Kelleher (alternate: 2/8/2017)

Children at Risk

Pricilla McFadden (3-8-2017)

Division of Blind Services

Amanda Honingford (3/14/2018)

Career Source Pinellas

Jennifer Brackney (5/12/2017) (Alternate: Don Shepherd (03/12/2014))

Local Medical Community

Quinn Lundquist (10/11/2017)

Technical Support – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Dave Newell (Alternate: Elba Lopez)

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Pinellas County Public Works (Traffic)

Joan Rice, Chair
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Pinellas County Planning

Caroline Lanford
Alternate: Scott Swearingen

Pinellas County School Board

Mike Burke
Alternate: Vacant

Department of Environmental Protection

Vacant

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Alternates: Michael Case/Ray Chiaramonte

Clearwater Planning Department

Zain Adam
Alternate: Lauren Matzke

Clearwater Traffic Operations

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Alternate: Cory Martens

Dunedin Traffic Engineering

Vacant
Alternate: Kati Agoado

Indian Rocks Beach

Hetty Harmon
Alternate: Vacant

Largo Community Development – Engineering

Barry Westmark
Alternate: Rafal Cieslak

Pinellas Park Planning Department

Danny Taylor
Alternate: Kathy Gademer

Safety Harbor

Vacant: Elizabeth Ciesla
Alternate: Marcie Stenmark

Pinellas County Public Works (Eng.)

Ken Jacobs
Alternate: Brent Hall and Greg Cutrone

Pinellas County Environmental Mgmt.

Ajaya Satyal
Alternate: Vacant

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

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Alternate: Christopher Cochran

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Brian Ellis
Alternate: Vacant

Beach Communities

Vacant

Clearwater Engineering

Bennett Elbo
Alternate: Dave Larremore

Dunedin Planning

Lucy Fuller
Alternate: Greg Rice

Gulfport

Mike Taylor
Alternate: Fred Metcalf

Largo Community Development

Frances Leong
Alternate: Rick Perez

Oldsmar

Marie Dauphinais
Alternate: Michele Parisano

Pinellas Pk. Storm Water & Transportation

Brent Perkey
Alternate: David Chase

St. Petersburg/Clearwater Int'l Airport

Vacant

St. Petersburg Engineer & Capital Improve Dept.

Kevin Jackson

Alternate: Mike Frederick

St. Petersburg Transport. & Parking Mgmt. Dept.

Cheryl Stacks

Alternate: Lucas Cruse

Seminole

Mark Ely

Alternate: Jan Norsoph

Treasure Island

Bob Bray

St. Petersburg Plan & Econo. Develop. Dept.

Tom Whalen

Alternate: Luis Teba

St. Pete Beach

Vacant

Alternate: Vacant

Tarpon Springs Planning

Pat McNeese

Alternate: Heather Urwiller

FDOT (technical support)

Brian Beaty

March 14, 2018

6A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment(s)



SUMMARY

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has shifted towards a performance-based, outcome-driven planning process. FHWA now requires states and MPOs to adopt annual performance targets for defined safety measures, and to demonstrate progress towards meeting those targets on an annual basis. Forward Pinellas' contribution toward achieving these targets occurs through the scheduling of projects in the TIP that improve the safety of the county's transportation network. Adopted performance measures and targets are required to be incorporated into the TIP document.

At its meeting on February 14, 2018, the Forward Pinellas Board approved targets for five transportation safety measures, requesting that the figures be shown as a percent decrease rather than as a defined number. In addition, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) has set targets for its transit asset management program, as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The PSTA and Forward Pinellas targets must now be adopted into the Transportation Improvement Program with annual reporting to document progress towards achieving the adopted targets.

ATTACHMENT(S): Amended TIP Pages

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the TIP amendment(s)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed amendment(s) at its February 22, 2018 meeting and recommended approval. The Technical Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposed amendment(s) at its February 28, 2018 meeting and recommended approval.

Section 10: Performance Measures and Targets

Performance Measures and Targets

This section of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contains performance measures and targets as part of the performance-driven and outcome-based transportation planning process required by both the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

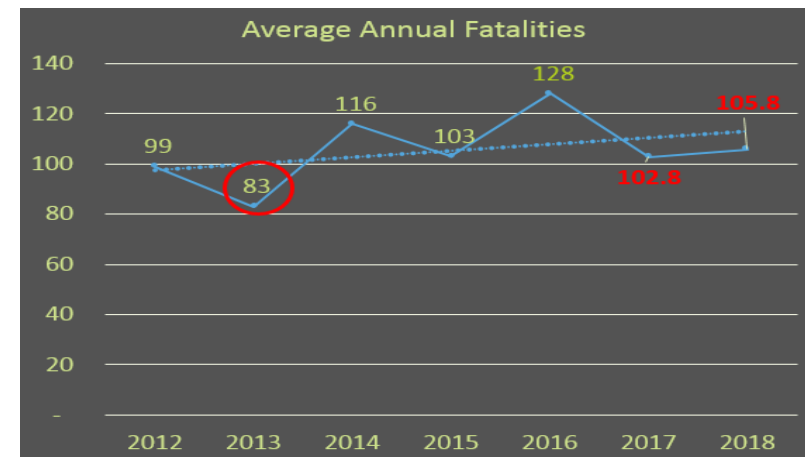
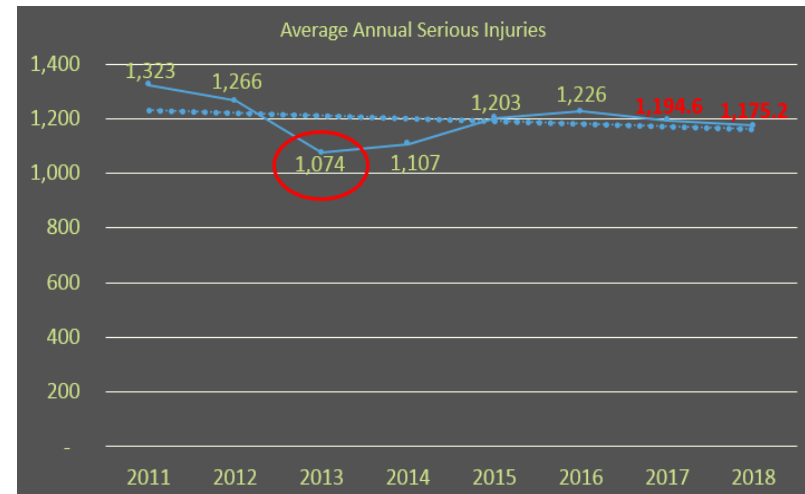
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) now requires MPOs to adopt performance targets for defined measures, including for safety, transit asset management, system performance, bridge condition and pavement condition. At this time, only safety and transit asset management targets have been set. This section will be further expanded when targets are set for the additional measures. Forward Pinellas must demonstrate progress towards meeting defined targets through the projects programmed for funding in the TIP.

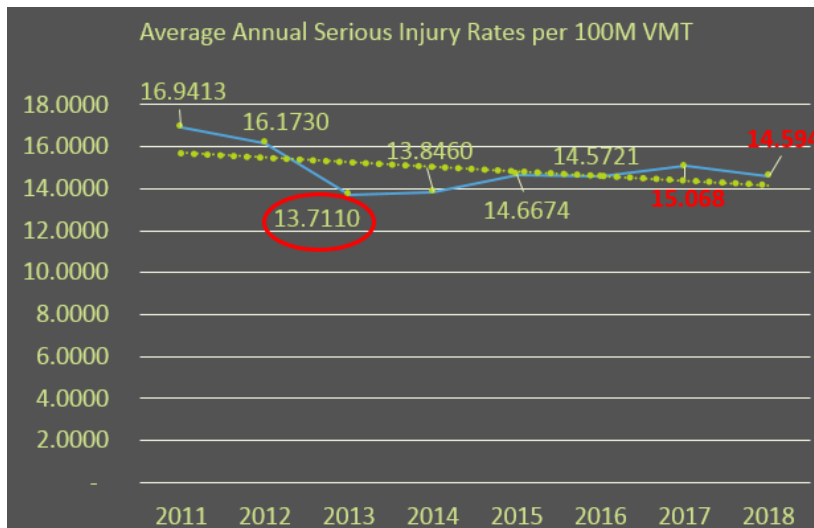
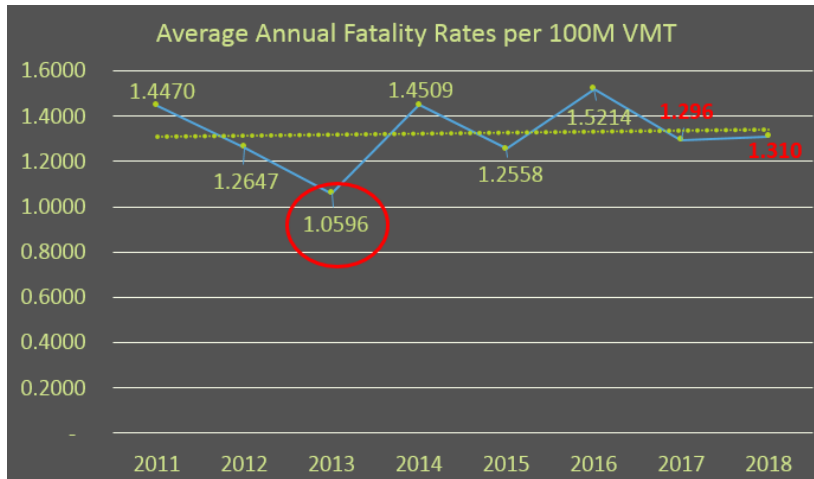
Safety Measures

In 2017, FDOT set a statewide target of zero traffic deaths and injuries. While this is an aspirational goal that Forward Pinellas supports, the FHWA has encouraged the MPOs to set realistic, data-driven targets for all performance measures.

Forward Pinellas has chosen to set slightly aspirational targets for safety performance measures, targeting the percent difference between a trendline projection to the lowest number of the previous five years for the 2018

target. Another approach would be to adopt the trend line projection for the target, as shown by the 2017 and 2018 numbers on the graphs shown below and on the next page. This approach was not favored by the Forward Pinellas Board however and the lower number was preferred by the Technical Coordinating Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, as well as the full Board.





On February 14, 2018, the Forward Pinellas Board adopted safety performance targets for the five categories of fatality and serious injury data represented on the graphs. The targets are based on the number or rate of fatalities and serious injuries for the 2016 five year rolling average compared to the trendline projection. These categories and corresponding targets are listed below.

- Number of fatalities : 21.6% decrease
- Number of serious injuries: 8.6% decrease
- Rate of fatalities: 19.1% decrease
- Rate of serious injuries: 6% decrease
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries: 9.995% decrease

As Forward Pinellas is required to show progress towards meeting these adopted targets, it is important to note that the agency already includes a large number of projects in the TIP and LRTP that are intended to enhance and improve the safety of the traveling public. Some representative examples include the following:

- Construction of a bicycle and pedestrian overpass along the Courtney Campbell Causeway near Bayshore Blvd.
- Reconstruction of paved shoulders to reduce the incidence of run-off-the-road crashes
- Construction of sidewalks along Haines-Bayshore Rd.
- Construction of an overpass at US 19 and Harn
- ADA and other sidewalk upgrades along Park Blvd.
- Construction of sidewalks along Hercules
- PD&E Studies to identify safety improvements along Pasadena Ave. and Alt US 19

Transit Asset Management Measures

Forward Pinellas has coordinated with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to develop targets for transit asset management measures. The targets for 2017 are as follows:

- Rolling Stock – Percent of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their useful life benchmark:
 - Over the road bus: 100%
 - Bus: 7.8%
 - Cutaway: 0%
- Equipment – Percent of service vehicles that have met or exceeded their useful life benchmark:
 - Automobiles: 24%
 - Trucks and other Rubber Tire Vehicles: 29%
- Facility – Percent of facilities rated below 3 on the condition scale:
 - Passenger/Parking Facilities: 25%
 - Administrative/Maintenance Facilities: 0%

Forward Pinellas includes funding for a variety of transit projects in the TIP including for the replacement of vehicles, facility repair and service development programs.

-Over the road bus: Coach style bus used on express routes

-Cutaway - Smaller bus used on Connector, circulator, or other neighborhood oriented routes

-Passenger/Parking facilities - transfer centers, Park & ride lots

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6B. Amendment(s) to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

SUMMARY

The Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project entered the federal Small Starts Project Development (PD) phase in May 2016. To be eligible for the Small Starts PD phase the project had to be included in the Cost Feasible Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). At the time, the project's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) identified a premium transit route from downtown St. Petersburg to the Gulf Beaches, utilizing 1st Avenues North and South. In February 2016, the Pinellas County MPO amended its 2040 LRTP to move the project into the Cost Feasible plan.

Following the project's entry into the PD phase, PSTA conducted additional analysis on three alternative route alignments. This included evaluating project impacts, refining conceptual design plans and cost estimates, conducting public outreach, and approving an LPA that identified the downtown St. Petersburg to St. Pete Beach route that was included in the Small Starts Evaluation and Rating Package submitted in September 2017. Since then, the project has received a FTA Capital Investment Grant rating of Medium High. The LPA that was evaluated and rated by FTA now needs to be amended into the 2040 Cost Feasible LRTP for PSTA to proceed to the construction phase.













ATTACHMENT(S): Amended Maps 5-7 and 5-8 in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

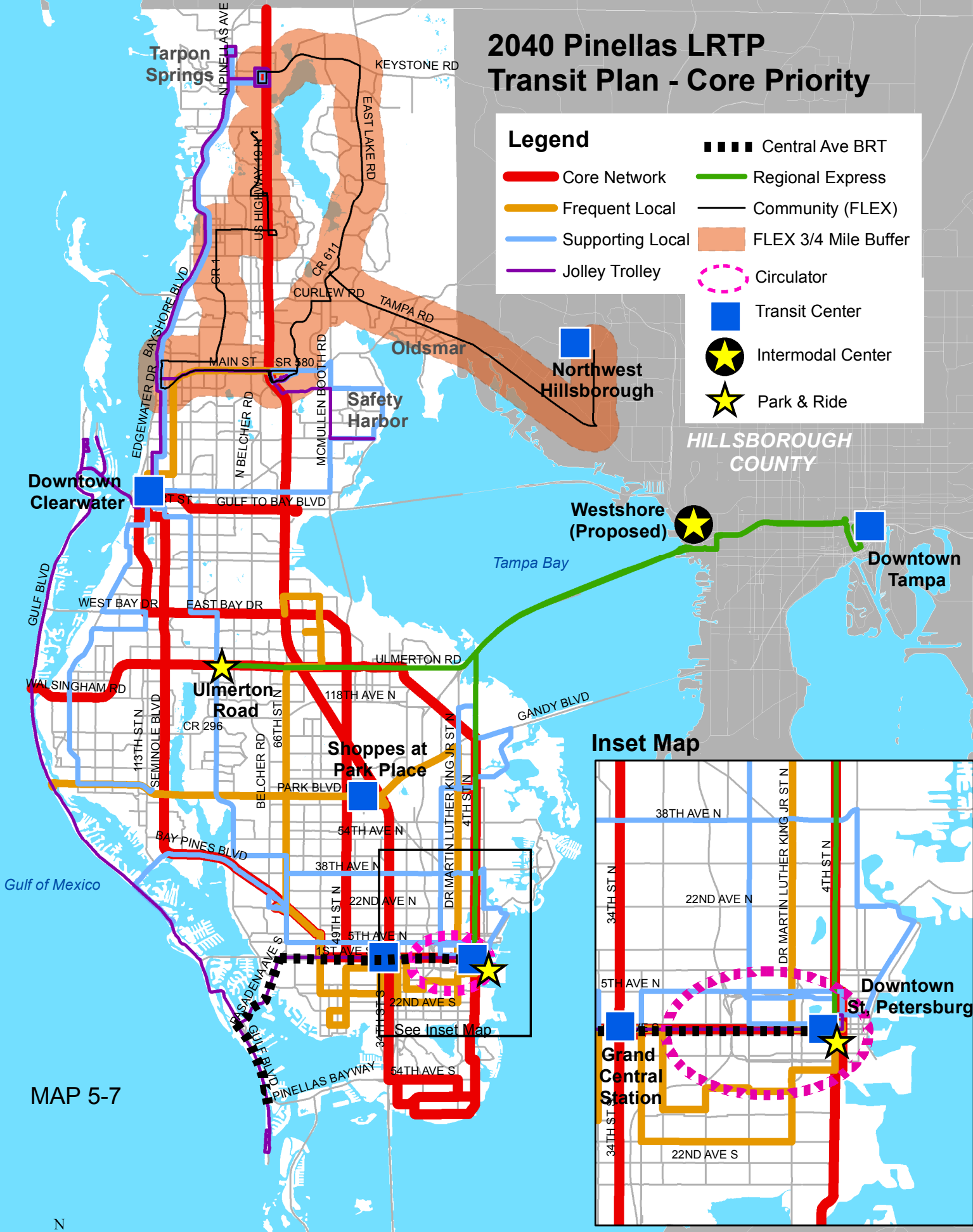
ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the amendment(s) to the LRTP

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed amendments at its February 22, 2018 meeting and recommended approval. The Technical Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposed amendments at its February 28, 2018 meeting and recommended approval.

2040 Pinellas L RTP Transit Plan - Core Priority

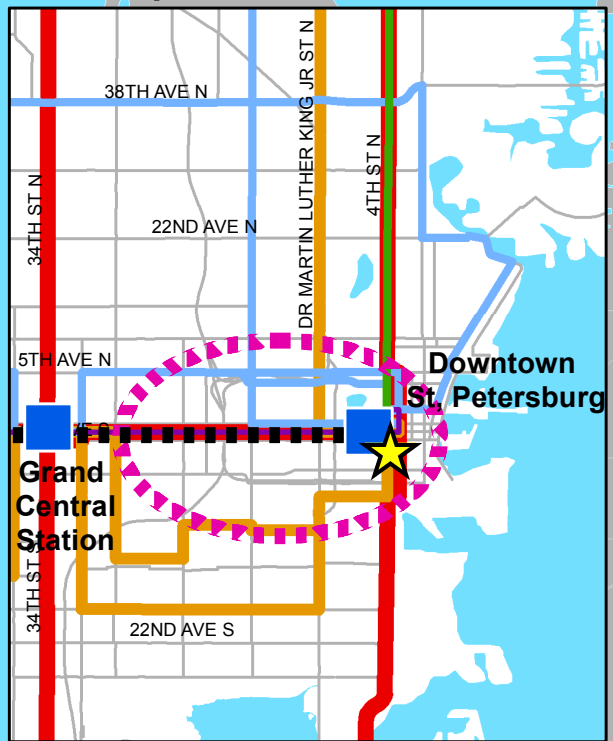
Legend

-  Core Network
-  Frequent Local
-  Supporting Local
-  Jolley Trolley
-  Central Ave BRT
-  Regional Express
-  Community (FLEX)
-  FLEX 3/4 Mile Buffer
-  Circulator
-  Transit Center
-  Intermodal Center
-  Park & Ride



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Inset Map



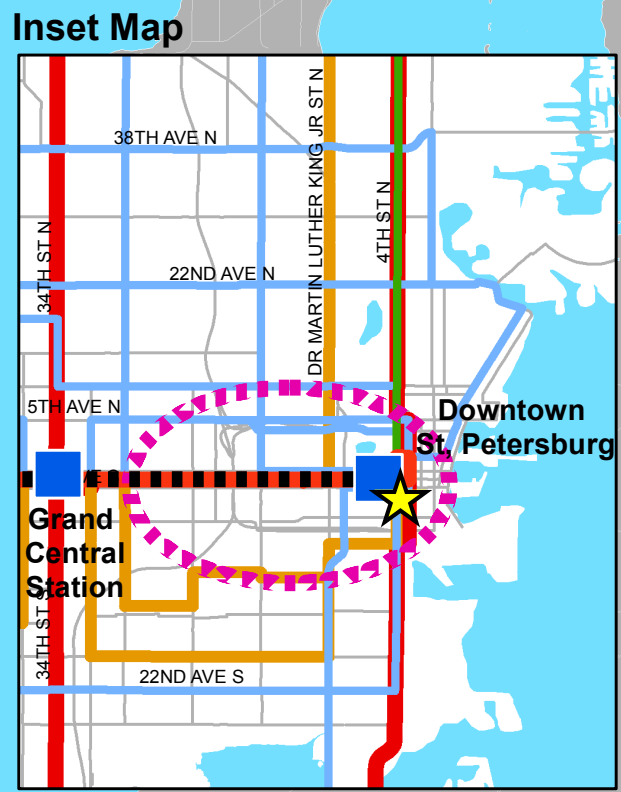
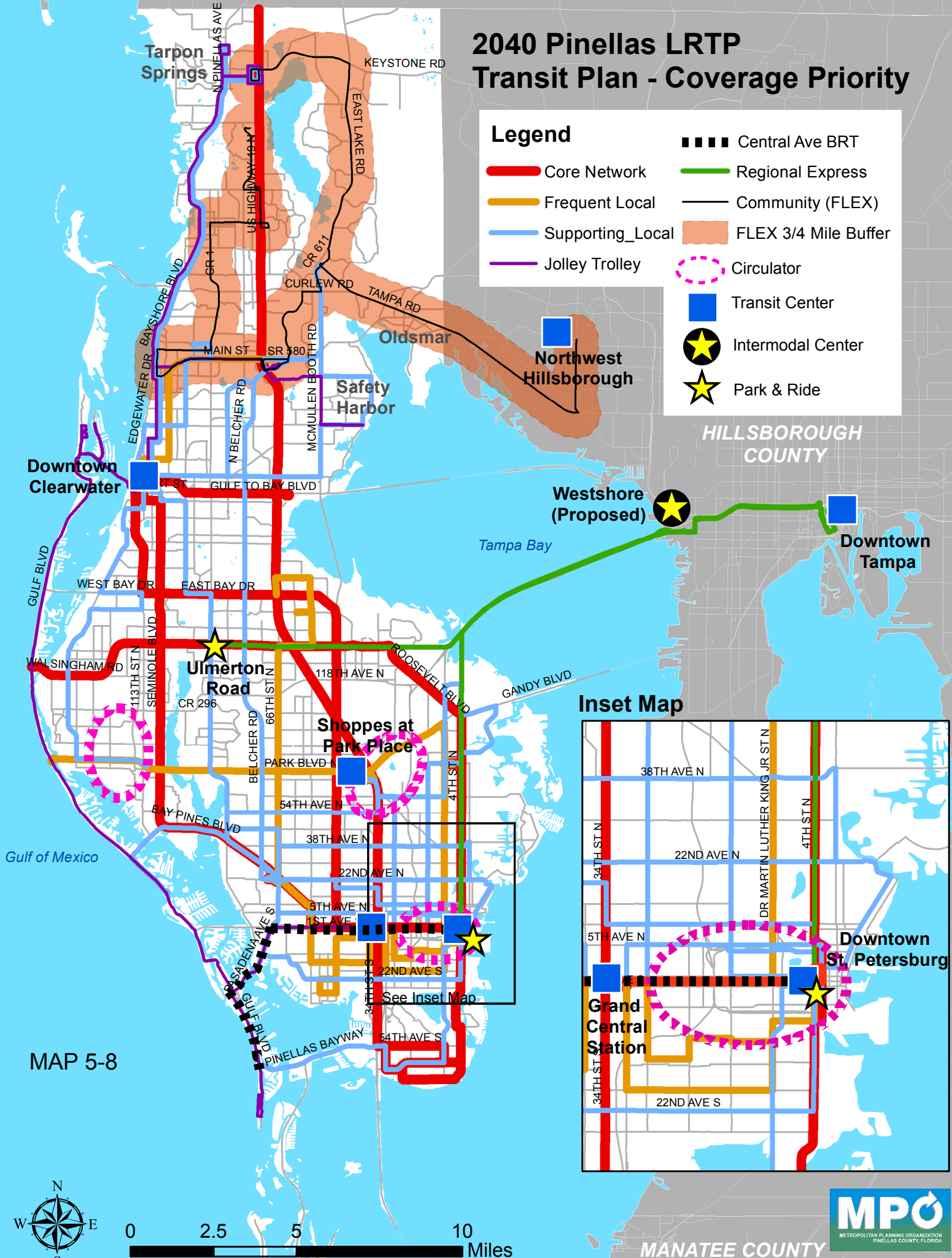
MAP 5-7



2040 Pinellas L RTP Transit Plan - Coverage Priority

Legend

- █ Core Network
- █ Frequent Local
- █ Supporting_Local
- █ Jolley Trolley
- Central Ave BRT
- █ Regional Express
- Community (FLEX)
- FLEX 3/4 Mile Buffer
- Circulator
- Transit Center
- Intermodal Center
- ★ Park & Ride



MAP 5-8



March 14, 2018

7A. PSTA Activities Report



SUMMARY

This item includes a report from the board member representing the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA). This report will provide an opportunity for the PSTA representative to share information concerning planning initiatives, partnerships and collaboration and other relevant matters with the board.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only

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7B. 2018/2019 – 2019/2020 Unified Planning Work Program



SUMMARY

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a two-year required document for metropolitan planning organizations that identifies their transportation planning activities and associated funding. The Forward Pinellas UPWP follows the state fiscal year. The current UPWP runs from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. In accordance with the schedule set forth by the Florida Department of Transportation, a draft UPWP for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 must be transmitted to federal and state reviewing agencies by March 15, 2018. After the agencies have an opportunity to comment on the draft, the final UPWP must be adopted by Forward Pinellas in May.

The UPWP includes introductory sections that discuss the MPO's functions and planning priorities of the MPO, state and federal governments. This is followed by task pages and budget information that details staff support activities, consultant work and associated grant funding. Forward Pinellas staff will present the draft UPWP for consideration and action by the board.

ATTACHMENT(S): Draft Unified Planning Work Program is available at <http://forwardpinellas.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/draftUPWP.pdf>.

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the draft UPWP for transmittal to review agencies

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Technical Coordinating Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee recommended approval and transmittal of the draft FY 2018/19 and 2019/20 UPWP to review agencies.

March 14, 2018

**7C1. Planning & Place-Making (PPM) Grant Pilot Program
Awards Recommendation**



SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas believes in using incentives to encourage our local government partners to initiate planning projects that advance the goals and objectives of the Countywide Plan. For FY 18, \$50,000 of our planning funds were made available through the Planning & Place-Making (PPM) Grant Pilot Program. This one-year pilot program is designed to assist Pinellas County local governments in implementing the Planning & Urban Design Principles of the Countywide Plan, positively influencing the built environment in Pinellas County.

A notice of funding availability was issued on October 23, 2017 to all local governments to submit grant applications for Planning & Place-Making projects. The application period closed on December 15, 2017 and four applications were received from our local government partners. At the January 2, 2018 Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting, the PAC received an overview of each application and was provided a timeline for the grant award process. On February 7, 2018, Forward Pinellas convened the land use planning team to serve as the evaluation committee to review each application and develop a recommendation for funding.

After considering the eligibility and screening criteria contained in the PPM Grant Pilot Program Guidelines, the evaluation committee recommended that \$25,000 be awarded to the City of St. Petersburg for the “missing middle” lending analysis and \$25,000 be awarded to Pinellas County to assist in development of a form-based code for Downtown Palm Harbor.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary
- Copies of each application can be found at: <http://forwardpinellas.org/projects/planning-placemaking-grant-program/>

ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to award Planning & Place-Making Grant Pilot Program funds as outlined above

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Planners Advisory Committee voted 12 - 1 to recommend approval of the evaluation committee recommendation.

**Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary
Planning & Place-Making (PPM) Grant Pilot Program - 2018**

Date: February 7, 2018

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Forward Pinellas Planning Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Rodney Chatman, AICP, Planning Division Manager

Linda Fisher, AICP, Principal Planner

Alicia Parinello, AICP, Program Planner

Brett Burks, Program Planner

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the Evaluation Committee (Committee) meeting held on February 7, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. for the above referenced grant funding program. A total of four (4) grant applications were received in response to the Planning & Place-Making (PPM) Grant Pilot Program funding availability notice. This notice was distributed on October 23, 2017 to all Mayors and City Managers in Pinellas County. The pilot program was also discussed at various public meetings with the board during the spring and summer and culminated in the board authorizing the pilot program at the October 11, 2017 meeting. A copy of each grant application and the program's evaluation criteria was provided to each member of the Committee in advance of the meeting. The evaluation criteria included a project screening section and a project evaluation section. The project screening section was used to document local government support and to acknowledge any other necessary funds that were dedicated to the project. The project evaluation section outlined the following criteria to assess the potential of each project to implement or advance the purpose and intent of the Planning & Urban Design Principles of the Countywide Plan:

- The relationship of the project area to existing Activity Centers and/or Multimodal Corridors as identified on the Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map.
- How well the proposal reflects the purpose, objectives, and best practices of the Planning & Urban Design Principles of the Countywide Plan.
- Relevance of the challenges the proposal is designed to address.
- Demonstration of an approach that will facilitate quality redevelopment or place-making in the project area.
- Consideration of efforts to improve resiliency and/or sustainability.
- The amount of matching local funds.

The local governments that submitted grant applications were as follows:

- Pinellas County
- City of St. Petersburg
- City of St. Pete Beach
- City of Tarpon Springs

The Committee shared the results of their individual reviews and evaluations, and used this information to develop a consensus recommendation for one or more applications for funding. The Committee's recommendation for funding will be considered at the March 2018 meeting of the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) and Forward Pinellas Board.

Evaluation Committee Comments:

Pinellas County: Pinellas County requested \$50,000 to develop an optional form-based code to serve as an alternative regulating plan for Downtown Palm Harbor. The application included a copy of a letter signed by Commissioner Janet Long which documented local support and a funding commitment for the project. The project area is identified as a Special Center and is located on a supporting corridor (Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map). The project addresses the following Planning & Urban Design Principle Strategies: "Connectivity", "Site Orientation", "Public Realm Enhancements", "Ground Floor Design and Use", and "Transition to Neighborhoods". The project would address redevelopment challenges related to small lot size, low floor area ratios (FAR), restrictive building heights, inflexible parking requirements, and limited opportunities for open space/social interaction. The project would use an optional form-based code as a tool to facilitate quality redevelopment that is compatible with the surrounding area. This approach has worked in other communities with varying levels of success. This project did not include any efforts to improve resiliency or sustainability. This project referenced \$91,000 in local funding that has been spent on other projects that support the redevelopment objectives of this application.

The Committee then moved on to discuss other thoughts on the project application. The Committee agreed that this project would impact the existing Activity Center by enhancing its development standards to a level equal to other Special Centers around Pinellas County. It was also noted that this project would help the area realize its development potential by creating a more flexible regulatory environment. The Committee expressed concerns about the optional nature of the form-based regulations and the effectiveness of this approach. It was discussed that property owners are sometimes resistant to change and instituting an optional process can be more acceptable. This approach could be useful for other small communities. The Committee also acknowledged that this project builds upon Pinellas County's previous work in the area.

City of St. Petersburg: The City of St. Petersburg requested \$25,000 to develop graphic illustrations of nine "missing middle" housing typologies and another \$25,000 to outline current lending practices for "missing middle" projects, identify barriers to lending, and develop recommendations for reducing or eliminating those barriers. The application included correspondence from the City of St. Petersburg's Grant Working Group which documented local support. The project would have an impact on St. Pete's Vision 2020 plan while also having countywide application. Moreover, it was noted that the most logical locations for "missing middle" housing opportunities would be in areas that are designated as Activity Centers and/or locations that are in close proximity to Multimodal Corridors. The project addresses the following Planning & Urban Design Principle Strategies: "Transition to Neighborhoods" and "Site Orientation". The lending analysis would identify barriers to financing which is a significant challenge to bring "missing middle" housing to the marketplace. Effectively communicating, through graphic illustrations, the various typologies is also a challenge when working with the development community on the options available to them. It was also noted that providing a means to effectively

communicate the intent of “missing middle” housing is a key redevelopment tool. This project did not include any efforts to improve resiliency or sustainability. This project did not have a local match.

The Committee then moved on to discuss other thoughts on the project application. The Committee felt this project has real value to St. Petersburg’s Vision 2020 Plan and would help address challenges in accommodating various housing options in areas that are designated as Planned Redevelopment-Residential (PRD-R). There was also discussion about this project’s linkage to healthy community design and the benefits of dense housing options in close proximity to destinations. Barriers to lending for residential projects other than single family detached, townhomes, apartments, and condominiums have been a consistent challenge across Pinellas County. The Committee was pleased that the application references Forward Pinellas as a project partner and that the end products would be available for use by our agency and the other Pinellas County local governments. This project builds on the “Finding the Missing Middle” Knowledge Exchange Series topic.

City of St. Pete Beach: The City of St. Pete Beach requested \$37,500 to fund the design, fabrication and installation of three wayfinding signs to be located at gateway entrances to the city. The application included a copy of Resolution 2017-14 which documented local support and a funding commitment for the project. Of the three locations that were identified for wayfinding signage, one is within a designated Special Center and is located along a primary corridor (Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map). The project addresses the following Planning & Urban Design Principle Strategies: “Public Realm Enhancements”. Maintaining community identity is an ongoing challenge for many local governments and this project helps to address this condition. The design, fabrication, and installation of three wayfinding signs as a stand-alone project would be challenged to facilitate quality redevelopment or place-making. This project did not include any efforts to improve resiliency or sustainability. This project had a 50% local match.

The Committee then moved on to discuss other thoughts on the project application. The Committee felt that the project had a weaker than desired impact on place-making. It was also noted that effective wayfinding and branding requires more than entry signage and that a stronger application would have included more elements. The Committee would have liked to see more details on the signage design development process. The Committee agreed that this project would not serve as a model for other communities.

City of Tarpon Springs: The City of Tarpon Springs requested \$50,000 to fund a market analysis, develop two highest and best use scenarios, develop a business retention/recruitment strategy, and hold a series of charrettes with the business community. The application included a copy of Resolution 2017-44 which documented local support and a funding commitment for the project. The project area is identified as a Special Center and is located at the intersection of two supporting corridors (Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map). The project addresses the following Planning & Urban Design Principle Strategies: “Public Realm Enhancements” and “Ground Floor Design and Use”. A market-based approach to more effective land use planning is a growing trend. The recruitment and retention of businesses is an ongoing challenge for small cities and scenario planning is also key in generating redevelopment project interest under certain conditions. The findings of this effort could result in a catalytic redevelopment project for the city.

This project did not include any efforts to improve resiliency or sustainability. This project included a 50% local match.

The evaluation committee was impressed with the amount of planning work that has been completed within the community redevelopment area and Sponge Docks to date. The city has implemented most of the Planning & Urban Design Principles through past projects and this application is geared towards helping the city better understand their local economic development challenges. Moreover, this type of “scenario planning” could benefit the city as well as other communities that have high-profile sites that are underutilized. The Committee had concerns about the charette with the business community and not involving the citizens or other stakeholders and that the project had a singular economic development focus. This project included a 50% match.

Evaluation Committee Recommendation:

The Committee was pleased with the number and types of grant applications received during the first year of this pilot program. The Committee discussed the need to balance the six criteria and not disqualify an application because one or two criteria were not met. There was a strong desire to recommend a project that was a new concept or fresh idea. The Committee also felt that it was important to support projects that would positively impact local codes and/or regulations. The Committee liked the timeliness and strong partnership potential of the City of St. Petersburg’s application. The Committee thought that this project would directly benefit Pinellas County as housing choice and affordability continue to be huge challenges. This project was also a fresh idea that spoke directly to our role as a countywide agency. It was also acknowledged that the need for a lending analysis was identified in Pinellas By Design as one of the strategies that should be pursued to expand housing choices and redevelopment opportunities in Pinellas County. On the other hand, the Committee considered the form-based code for Downtown Palm Harbor as a strong example of a project that would implement five strategies contained within the Planning & Urban Design Principles and would result in a new regulatory framework for the area.

At the conclusion of these deliberations, the committee recommended that the City of St. Petersburg receive \$25,000 to fund a “Missing Middle” Lending Analysis and Pinellas County receive \$25,000 to fund the development of a form-based code for Downtown Palm Harbor.

Adjourn Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

March 14, 2018

7C2. Complete Streets Grant



SUMMARY

Complete Streets are designed, operated and maintained for all users, regardless of age or ability, based on the context of the roadway and its surrounding area. The Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program is in its second year, and provides a competitive funding opportunity for both the planning and construction of complete streets projects countywide. This year, the program will award up to \$100,000 for a concept planning project in fiscal year (FY) 2018/19, and up to \$1,000,000 for a construction project with funding likely available beginning in FY 2023/24.

Between October 9 and December 15, 2017, Forward Pinellas issued a call for local governments to submit applications for funding of Complete Streets projects in their communities. Four applications were received, two for concept planning and two for construction. Both the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) received presentations from each of the applicant agencies, providing an overview of each project seeking funding. A subcommittee comprised of members of the TCC and the PAC, as well as Forward Pinellas staff, met this month to review each application and to develop a recommendation for funding.

The subcommittee recommended that construction funding be awarded to the St. Petersburg Drive application submitted by the City of Oldsmar and that concept planning funding be awarded to the SR 580/Skinner Boulevard application submitted by the City of Dunedin.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Complete Streets Subcommittee Review Meeting Summary
- Copies of each application can be found at: <http://forwardpinellas.org/projects/complete-streets/>

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to award Complete Streets Grant funds as outlined above

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the evaluation committee recommendations at its February 22, 2018 meeting. The Technical Coordinating Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the evaluation committee recommendations at its February 28, 2018 meeting.

Complete Streets Subcommittee Review Meeting Summary

Date: February 13, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Forward Pinellas Planning Conference Room

Subcommittee Members:

Marcie Steinmark, AICP, Safety Harbor Planning Director

Brent Hall, Pinellas County Public Works

Sarah Ward, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager

Rodney Chatman, AICP, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager

Recorder: Chelsea Favero, AICP, Forward Pinellas Planning Manager

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the Subcommittee meeting held on February 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. for the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets grant program. A total of four (4) grant applications were received in response to the Complete Streets Call for Projects. This call for projects was issued on October 9, 2017 and distributed to all members of the Technical Coordinating Committee and Planners Advisory Committee, advertised on the Forward Pinellas website and was discussed at various public meetings with the board and other local government officials. A copy of each grant application received was posted to the Forward Pinellas website and provided to each subcommittee member in advance of the meeting.

The grant program is divided into two separate components with \$100,000 available for concept planning applications and \$1 million available for construction projects to be added to the Forward Pinellas priority list for funding. Two applications were received for each component.

With the understanding that complete streets are contextually sensitive and may include varying elements due to a variety of factors, the application criteria for both programs were intentionally developed to be broad. This allows for each project to be evaluated based on its unique context and ability to serve as a catalyst for transformational redevelopment, and not just on its ability to provide a variety of specific accommodations for various modes.

The concept planning application included two required items for an application to be eligible.

- The application must include a letter or resolution from the applicant's elected board, documenting community support for the project.
- The application must demonstrate how the project will be a catalyst for transformative land use change or redevelopment.

Each applicant was asked to provide a variety of information about the project, including an evaluation of existing conditions, how the project would improve conditions for multiple modes, the presence of any underserved communities, and also how the jurisdiction planned to move the concept plan forward for construction/implementation in the future. The most significant requirement for these applications was that each demonstrate how the project would help to transform the surrounding area.

For the construction applications, the following requirements applied:

1. The application must include a letter or resolution from the applicant's elected board, documenting community support for the project.
2. Project must provide/improve accommodations for multiple modes of travel.
3. Application must demonstrate how the project will be a catalyst for transformative change.
4. Application is Local Agency Program (LAP) certified, or provides documentation of an agreement with a LAP certified agency to complete construction. If the applicant is not currently LAP certified, the applicant must agree to make continued progress towards receiving that certification, or to develop an agreement with a LAP certified agency, immediately following notice of award from this program. The agency must have LAP certification in place at least one year prior to receipt of construction funding.
5. Documentation that 100% of right-of-way has been acquired, or that an agreement is in place with applicable property owners to utilize their property for a portion of the project.

Construction applicants were also asked to provide similar information in their applications for concept planning projects, including an assessment of existing conditions, a description of the proposed improvements, a detailed cost estimate and the identification of any underserved communities along the corridor.

The concept planning program received applications from both the cities of Dunedin and St. Petersburg, while the cities of Largo and Oldsmar submitted applications for construction funding.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS – CONCEPT PLANNING PROJECTS:

The City of Dunedin requested \$100,000 to develop a Complete Streets Concept Plan for Skinner Boulevard from U.S. Alternate 19 to Bass Boulevard. The corridor is identified as a Secondary Corridor on the Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map, is fronted by a variety of different land uses, is completely within the City's Community Redevelopment District and includes a crossing of the Pinellas Trail. The application documented the need for pedestrian friendly facilities, safety enhancements, bicycle facilities, parking facilities, transit facilities, street lighting and other improvements. With the economic success of downtown Dunedin just to the south of this corridor, the City has seen new activity centers emerge along this roadway as downtown redevelopment activity expands to the north.

The subcommittee discussed the strong potential for transformative changes along this corridor with the roadway improvements, citing the presence of vacant parcels along the corridor, the emergence of new and successful businesses and the potential for additional economic growth with enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, given the location of the Pinellas Trail crossing. The subcommittee also discussed the merits of the application taking a corridor-based approach to complete streets and focusing on a small, contained area. Additional discussion was had over the fact that during a planned resurfacing,

the City had implemented a temporary lane reduction and observed that there was no significant impact to traffic flow along the roadway and that, pending further analysis, such a treatment may be possible in this location, further enhancing the walkability of the corridor.

The City of St. Petersburg requested \$60,000 in concept planning funding to develop an East-West Transportation Network Action Plan for the southern half of the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), bounded by 49th Street South, 13th Avenue South, 3rd Street South, and 30th Avenue South. The proposed Action Plan would follow on the initial findings from the City's Complete Streets Implementation Plan to identify a suite of safety and operational improvements for non-motorized transportation options. The project is fully within the South St. Petersburg (CRA) and would serve an area that includes minority and low-income populations in excess of the countywide average. The application highlighted that due to the presence of the interstate, the community is bisected and all east-west traffic in this area must use either 26th Avenue South, 22nd Avenue South, or 18th Avenue South. The application documented a need for enhanced bicycle and pedestrian improvements along these three key roadways because of the necessity that all traffic utilize at least one of them and the fact that there are no dedicated bicycle facilities and some substandard sidewalk segments. Two of the three corridors are primarily residential in nature, with 18th Avenue South having commercial uses along it. Of the three corridors, only 22nd Avenue South is a Supporting Corridor on the Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map. Letters of support were provided by the City of St. Petersburg Complete Streets Committee, the South St. Petersburg CRA Citizens Advisory Committee, the Pinellas County Urban League and AARP Florida.

The subcommittee discussed the value of enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in this area, particularly given the demographics of the area. The presence of the interstate was discussed and how that impacted the lack of opportunities for safe east-west travel in the CRA. The crash issues at the intersections was also discussed and how safety improvements were needed, particularly at crossings with 34th Street South. The subcommittee did point out the limited opportunities for transformative land use change, given the established single family development pattern along most of the roadways identified for improvements and that the improvements seemed to serve more of a transportation need than one that benefits the surrounding land uses.

Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendation:

The Evaluation subcommittee was happy with quality of the applications received and that there was strong interest in the program as it enters its second year for funding. Given the intent of the program to fund projects that demonstrate a strong potential to serve as a catalyst for economic transformation upon implementation, the subcommittee recommends funding the application from the City of Dunedin. The subcommittee viewed the potential for land use transformation and the mix of uses along the corridor as making a stronger case for funding. The group also considered equity in its deliberation, noting that the City of St. Petersburg received the \$1 million in grant funding for a complete streets construction project in the 2016/17 application period.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS - CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

The City of Largo submitted an application seeking \$1 million in funding to construct a complete streets project along Rosery Road from Missouri Avenue to Eagle Lake Park. The corridor is identified as a key

roadway in Largo's Multimodal Plan and Strategic Plan, and the city is investing in complete streets treatments to the corridor to the west from the Pinellas Trail to Missouri Avenue. This project would complete multimodal improvements linking the Pinellas Trail to Eagle Lake Park, a regional connection documented in the application. The corridor currently lacks bicycle facilities, has substandard sidewalks with some gaps in the network and includes a crossing for an elementary school north of the corridor. The application documents the need for multimodal improvements and identifies crash/safety concerns at the intersections. While there are no transit stops along Rosery Road, PSTA has service along the intersecting roadways. There is a neighborhood activity center at the intersection of Rosery Road and Missouri Avenue. The uses along the corridor are primarily single family residential, with commercial at the intersections of Missouri Avenue and Highland Avenue. The project is located within an area with low income and minority populations that exceed the countywide average, and is within a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The application proposes to add bicycle and pedestrian accommodations while upgrading the lighting and the crosswalks as well as addressing access management challenges, as necessary.

The subcommittee discussed the city's commitment to the project, given that funding has already been identified for the eastern segment of the corridor and a substantial local match is being provided. The potential mobility improvements for the low income populations were also discussed as well as the benefit for the elementary school children in the area with the upgraded crosswalk. The subcommittee did discuss the lack of transit and the lack of a variety of land uses along the corridor to be able to realize the economic transformation envisioned by this program.

The City of Oldsmar submitted an application seeking \$1 million in funding for the construction of complete streets improvements to St. Petersburg Drive from Dartmouth Avenue to Bayview Boulevard. The corridor is located within the CRA and is a part of the City of Oldsmar Town Center Development Plan. The City has already invested in streetscape improvements along the corridor to the east and is proposing to continue those improvements along the corridor to the west. Formerly State Road 580, St. Petersburg Drive has wide right-of-way that encourages speeding and does not fit the function of the current character of the surrounding land uses. The application proposes to add a multimodal side path, enhance the planting strip, reduce lane widths, underground utilities, and add wayfinding while also reducing the speed limit. The project will also include a trail connection at Bayview Boulevard. PSTA provides service along the corridor which includes a variety of residential, commercial and civic uses.

The subcommittee discussed the fact that the city had already invested in complete street improvements along the roadway and this project would build off of something that was already started. The subcommittee was pleased that the application included a comprehensive list of improvements and the access to the activity center this corridor provides. The diverse mix of land uses and presence of vacant parcels along the corridor were also noted.

Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendation:

As with the concept planning projects, the subcommittee was pleased with the quality of these two applications and spent a significant amount of time weighing the merits of each project. Ultimately, the subcommittee recommended that the City of Oldsmar project receive complete streets construction funding. The consensus was that the Oldsmar project had the highest ability to have a transformational impact on the surrounding land uses, given the underdeveloped properties and diverse mix of uses. As

with the concept planning projects, the subcommittee viewed the potential for land use transformation and the mix of uses along the corridor as making a stronger case for funding.

March 14, 2018

7D. Annual Audit 2016-17 (FY17)



SUMMARY

The FY2016/17 Audit Report is attached for review and approval by the Forward Pinellas Board in its role as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC). The Audit Report covers the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. After a review of the financial records, it is the auditor's opinion that the MPO and PPC have complied in all material respects with applicable financial requirements for the year ended September 30, 2017.

A representative of Cherry Bekaert and Associates will provide an overview of the findings.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Letters from Cherry Bekaert to the Forward Pinellas Board
- MPO Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017
- PPC Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017

ACTION:

- Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the audit report
- Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to approve the audit report

Board Members
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Clearwater, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 12, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the MPO are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the MPO during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the MPO's financial statements was management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 31, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the MPO’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the MPO’s auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

OTHER MATTERS

We applied certain limited procedures to the management’s discussion and analysis, which is required supplementary information (“RSI”) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior year, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves.

RESTRICTION ON USE

This information is intended solely for the information and use of members of the Board and management of the MPO and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018



Board Members
Pinellas County Planning Council
Clearwater, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Pinellas Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 12, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Council are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the Council during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the Council's financial statements was management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts and pension liability. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 31, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Council's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Council's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

OTHER MATTERS

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, which is required supplementary information ("RSI") that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

RESTRICTION ON USE

This information is intended solely for the information and use of members of the Board and management of the Council and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

Pinellas County Planning Council
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017
Attachement 1: Uncorrected Mistatements

Proposed Journal Entries JE # 1			
To record depreciation expense that was improperly recorded in the PY			
3001	Unassigned Fund Balance	2,329.00	
1200	Accumulated depreciation		<u>2,329.00</u>
Total		<u>2,329.00</u>	<u>2,329.00</u>

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Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2

To true up depreciation expense and accumulated depreciation.

4.004	Depreciation Expense	4,990.00	
1200	Accumulated depreciation		4,990.00
Total		<u>4,990.00</u>	<u>4,990.00</u>

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3

PBC entry to back out the Q1 2018 Property Appraiser commission.

10009	Prepaid Expenses	2,345.00	
2.1002	Property Appraiser Commission		2,345.00
Total		<u>2,345.00</u>	<u>2,345.00</u>

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 4

PBC Entry to true up compensated absences to actual.

4.003	Compensated Absence	24,640.00	
2002	Accrued leave payable		24,640.00
Total		<u>24,640.00</u>	<u>24,640.00</u>

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 5

PBC Entry to true up deferred rent to actual.

2001	Deferred Rent (SL)	8,499.00	
2.030	Rent Expense - SL		8,499.00
Total		<u>8,499.00</u>	<u>8,499.00</u>

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 9

PBC Entry to rollforward prior year equity.

32000	Unrestricted Net Assets	4,920.00	
2001	Deferred Rent (SL)		4,920.00
Total		<u>4,920.00</u>	<u>4,920.00</u>

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Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 10
PBC entry to record FRS and HIS entries.

1.0204 Retirement	277,361.00	
CLA002 Deferred Outflows - Pension	185,394.00	
CLA001 Deferred Inflows - Pension		85,217.00
CLA003 Net Pension Liability		<u>377,538.00</u>
Total	<u>462,755.00</u>	<u>462,755.00</u>

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 11
PBC Entry to net the accrual for a rent payment against its prepaid.

PBC

20000 Accounts Payable	6,358.00	
10009 Prepaid Expenses		<u>6,358.00</u>
Total	<u>6,358.00</u>	<u>6,358.00</u>

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 12
PBC Entry to balance MPO/PPC receivable / payable.

PBC

2.01 CONTRACTUAL SUPPORT SERVICES	347.00	
20000 Accounts Payable		<u>347.00</u>
Total	<u>347.00</u>	<u>347.00</u>

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(A Component Unit of Pinellas County,
Florida)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION, AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2017

And Reports of Independent Auditor

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Report of Independent Auditor

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the MPO's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the MPO's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2018 on our consideration of the MPO's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the MPO's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") serves as the transportation planning agency for Pinellas County, Florida. It is a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, and maintains a separate operating account to carry out its day-to-day transportation planning activities. Staff and support services to the MPO are provided by the Pinellas Planning Council ("PPC"). The MPO reimburses the PPC from its grant revenue for these services. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") now provides a cash match for the local share of the MPO's federal planning grants. In addition to the BCC, the MPO receives funding from the Federal Highway Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and the Federal Transit Administration.

The MPO's annual financial report presents a narrative overview and an analysis of the financial activities of the MPO as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the MPO exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2017 by \$1,095,854 (net position). Net position decreased by \$7,201 from the previous fiscal year.
- As of September 30, 2017, the MPO's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,061,854, a decrease of \$1,814 from the previous fiscal year.
- As of September 30, 2017, the MPO's special revenue fund reported an ending fund balance of \$29,377, no change from the previous fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the MPO's basic financial statements. These basic statements consist of three sections: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the MPO's overall financial status. These statements use a format similar to a private sector business. They include a statement of net position and a statement of activities.

The statement of net position presents information on the MPO's assets and liabilities. Net position, the difference between these assets and liabilities, is a useful way to measure the MPO's financial health.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the MPO's net position changed during this fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. This statement separates program revenue (charges for services, grants, and contributions) from general revenue.

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The MPO, like other governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The MPO uses a special revenue fund to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or administratively restricted to expenditures relating to its federal and state grant awards. The MPO uses a general fund to account for all activities of the MPO, except for those included within the Special Revenue Fund.

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, this set of financial statements focuses on events that produce near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year and is a narrower focus than the government-wide financial statements.

By comparing functions between the two sets of statements for governmental funds and governmental activities, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison.

Budgetary information is not included in the accompanying financial statements as the MPO is not required to legally adopt a budget for its general or special revenue fund.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 13 through 17 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, changes in net position over time can be a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, the assets of the MPO exceeded liabilities by \$1,095,854. At the end of the current fiscal year, the MPO reported a positive fund balance in the restricted and unrestricted categories of net position.

Following is a comparison of the MPO's net position as of September 30:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash	\$ 657,169	\$ 1,125,115
Grants Receivable	939,387	709,364
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>8,882</u>	<u>10,010</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>1,605,438</u>	 <u>1,844,489</u>
 Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	 49,237	 161,166
Due to Other Governments	456,088	573,368
Accrued Rent	<u>4,259</u>	<u>6,900</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>509,584</u>	 <u>741,434</u>
 Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,882	10,010
Restricted	29,377	29,377
Unrestricted	<u>1,057,595</u>	<u>1,063,668</u>
 Net Position	 <u>\$ 1,095,854</u>	 <u>\$ 1,103,055</u>

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Governmental activities decreased the MPO's net position by \$7,201 during the year ended September 30, 2017.

Following is a comparison of the MPO's statement of activities for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Transportation Grants	\$ 2,143,402	\$ 2,527,224
Intergovernmental	3,852	131,288
General Revenue:		
Income from Debt Forgiveness	-	860,984
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,769	26,503
Total Revenues	<u>2,150,023</u>	<u>3,545,999</u>
Expenses		
Transportation and General Government	<u>2,157,224</u>	<u>2,645,460</u>
(Decrease) Increase in Net Position	(7,201)	900,539
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>1,103,055</u>	<u>202,516</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,095,854</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,055</u>

Grant revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 decreased from \$2,527,224 to \$2,143,402, a 15.2% decrease from 2016. The schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance detail the individual grant expenditures made during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. It is important to note that some grant fiscal year periods differ from the financial statement period. Grant funding levels vary from year to year depending on specially funded and earmarked projects. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, expenditures decreased by \$488,236 or 18.5% from the previous fiscal year.

Financial Analysis of the MPO's Funds

As noted earlier, the MPO uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. Governmental funds provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. This information is useful in assessing the MPO's financing requirements.

As of September 30, 2017, the MPO's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,061,854, a decrease of \$1,814 from the previous fiscal year. As of September 30, 2017, the MPO's special revenue fund reported an ending fund balance of \$29,377, no change from the previous fiscal year. All of the MPO's special revenue fund's fund balance is restricted for grant programs.

The changes in special revenue fund expenditures are due to the changes in level of expenditures on the part of subgrantees. The MPO serves as the designated recipient for the Federal Transit Administration's Jobs Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom grant programs, as well as for several earmarks. Pursuant to agreements, funds from those programs are passed on to subgrantees. An overall decrease in subgrantee expenditures resulted in a decrease in federal revenue.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

In 2017, the MPO received its quadrennial federal certification review by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, its primary grant funding partners. The Florida Department of Transportation and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority also participated in the certification review, which entails a thorough assessment of how well the MPO complies with federal metropolitan planning requirements, including a review of our fiscal management process and activities associated with grant funds. The certification review acknowledged the MPO with seven noteworthy practices and found no corrective actions. The next federal certification review will occur in 2021.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the MPO's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed as follows:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash	\$	657,169
Grants receivable		939,387
Capital assets, net		<u>8,882</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,605,438</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses		49,237
Due to Pinellas Planning Council		454,489
Due to other governments		1,599
Accrued rent		<u>4,259</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>509,584</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets		8,882
Restricted		29,377
Unrestricted		<u>1,057,595</u>
Total Net Position	\$	<u>1,095,854</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Program Expenses:	
Transportation	\$ 2,151,737
Loss on disposals of fixed assets	1,328
Depreciation	4,159
Total Program Expenses	<u>2,157,224</u>
Program Revenues:	
Transportation grants	2,143,402
Intergovernmental	3,852
Total Program Revenues	<u>2,147,254</u>
Net Program Revenues	(9,970)
General Revenues:	
Miscellaneous revenue	2,769
Total General Revenues	<u>2,769</u>
Decrease in Net Position	(7,201)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>1,103,055</u>
Net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,095,854</u></u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Major Funds		Total
	General	Special Revenue	Governmental
			Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 657,169	\$ -	\$ 657,169
Due from other funds	860,773	-	860,773
Grants receivable	-	939,387	939,387
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,517,942</u>	<u>\$ 939,387</u>	<u>\$ 2,457,329</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 49,237	\$ 49,237
Due to other funds	-	860,773	860,773
Due to Pinellas Planning Council	454,489	-	454,489
Due Pinellas County, FL	1,599	-	1,599
Total Liabilities	<u>456,088</u>	<u>910,010</u>	<u>1,366,098</u>
Fund Balance:			
Restricted	-	29,377	29,377
Assigned	1,061,854	-	1,061,854
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,061,854</u>	<u>29,377</u>	<u>1,091,231</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,517,942</u>	<u>\$ 939,387</u>	<u>\$ 2,457,329</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 1,091,231
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements	8,882
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Operating lease transactions are reported in the governmental fund statements only to the extent that the amounts are payable with current financial resources. In the government wide financial statements operating leases with payment escalations are recognized on a straight line basis	(4,259)
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Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 1,095,854
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PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Major Funds		Total
	General	Special Revenue	Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Transportation grants	\$ -	\$ 2,143,402	\$ 2,143,402
Intergovernmental	3,852	-	3,852
Miscellaneous revenue	2,769	-	2,769
Total Revenues	6,621	2,143,402	2,150,023
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Transportation	8,435	2,143,402	2,151,837
Total Expenditures	8,435	2,143,402	2,151,837
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,814)	-	(1,814)
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,063,668	29,377	1,093,045
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,061,854	\$ 29,377	\$ 1,091,231

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	(1,814)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays expenses in the

Depreciation expense during fiscal year	(4,159)	
Capital outlay expenditures represented as increase to capital assets on the statement of activities	4,359	
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets	(1,328)	
		(1,128)

Operating lease payments are recorded as expenditures when amounts become due for payment; however, in the statement of activities they are reported as expenses under the straight-line basis.		(4,259)
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	(7,201)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1—Organization and reporting entity

The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the “MPO”), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, was established in 1977 following the passage of the Federal Highway Act of 1974. The MPO is authorized pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 339.175. The purpose of the MPO is to develop plans, policies and priorities that guide local decision making on transportation issues. Principal responsibilities include the development of a 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan (“LRTP”), a 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”), and related transportation planning studies and projects.

The MPO is governed by a thirteen member board of elected officials representing municipal governments, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”), and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (“PSTA”). The Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”), District 7 Office, is represented on the board by the District Secretary, or a designee, who is a technical advisor. The MPO's Executive Director oversees the MPO's daily operations and reports to the board. The MPO has considered any entities for which it has oversight and there are none meeting the criteria for inclusion in their financial statements.

Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, an amendment of Statements No. 14 and No. 34* of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) requires that these financial statements present the MPO (the “component unit”) and disclose its primary government, Pinellas County, Florida. Component units generally are legally separate entities for which a primary government is financially accountable. In addition, the primary government is able to impose its will upon the component unit or there is a possibility that the component unit may provide specific financial benefits or impose specific burdens on the primary government. The MPO has been determined to be a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida.

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the MPO have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applied to government units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles in the United States of America. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the government. The MPO only has governmental activities and does not engage in any business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include operating grants and intergovernmental revenues supplied by Pinellas County. General revenues include investment earnings and miscellaneous income.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Fund financial statements are presented for the MPO's general and special revenue funds, both of which are considered to be major funds.

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for all activities of the MPO except for those included within the Special Revenue Fund.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or administratively restricted to expenditures relating to the MPO's federal, state, and local grant awards.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available.

Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the MPO considers revenues to be available generally if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period, unless collections are delayed beyond a normal time of receipt due to unusual circumstances. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Budgets - Budgetary information is not included in the accompanying financial statements as the MPO is not required to legally adopt a budget for its General or Special Revenue Fund.

The MPO is required to prepare a Biennial Unified Planning Work Program which identifies the planning budget and planning activities to be undertaken during the program year, which generally runs from July 1 to June 30 to coincide with the state's fiscal year.

Cash - Cash includes amounts on hand and in demand deposit accounts. The MPO's investment policy is to maintain funds in near-cash investments, which yield the highest possible return within the limitations established by Florida statutes and Pinellas County ordinances.

Due to/from Other Funds - During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between the general and special revenue funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and service type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds".

Eliminations have been made for amounts due to and due from within the governmental funds.

Grants Receivables - No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts is deemed necessary.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements with an initial cost of \$1,000 or more and an estimated useful life of more than one year, are reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at their historical cost if purchased. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. For the fund financial statements, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

The MPO's furniture and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of 5 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the remaining lease term.

Accrued Rent - Operating lease arrangements are recognized on a straight-line basis in the government-wide statements over the life of the lease. Accrued rent is the difference between the straight-line recognition and the actual amounts paid.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make use of estimates that affect reported amounts. Actual results could differ from estimates.

Fund Equity - GASB issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* ("GASB 54"), which establishes fund balance classifications, provides for a hierarchy of spending constraints for spendable resources and requires disclosure of nonspendable and spendable resources.

GASB 54 establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

The MPO has classified its fund balance with the following hierarchy:

Nonspendable - Nonspendable fund balances will be maintained if they are either: (a) not in spendable form or; (b) legally contractually required to be maintained intact. No amounts are classified as nonspendable as of September 30, 2017.

In addition to the nonspendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

- *Restricted* - Amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by: external resource providers (i.e., granting agencies such as Florida Department of Transportation, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration or similar external entities); or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Amounts classified on the balance sheet total \$29,377 for as of September 30, 2017.
- *Committed* - Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the MPO's governing board, the MPO's highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the MPO's governing board taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. No amounts are classified as committed as of September 30, 2017.
- *Assigned* - Amounts that include spendable fund balance amounts established by the Executive Director of the MPO that are intended to be used for a specific purpose that are neither considered restricted or committed. The intent for these funds shall be authorized by the MPO's governing board or granting authority or the MPO official to which the MPO's governing board delegates that authority. As of September 30, 2017, \$1,061,854 is classified as assigned.
- *Unassigned* - This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. No amounts are classified as unassigned as of September 30, 2017.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The MPO's policy is to apply expenditures against restricted fund balance first, then committed, then assigned, and then unassigned under circumstances where a particular expenditure can be made from more than one fund classification.

Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. The MPO does not have any related long-term debt used to acquire capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statement when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

Subsequent Events - In preparing these financial statements, the MPO has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through January 31, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3—Deposits

At September 30, 2017, the carrying amount of the MPO's deposits was \$657,169 and the bank balance was \$676,211. Deposits are covered by federal depository insurance and, for the amount in excess of such federal depository insurance, by the State of Florida's Security for Public Deposits Act (the "Act"). Provisions of the Act require that public deposits may only be made at qualified public depositories. The Act requires each qualified public depository to deposit with the State Chief Financial Officer acting as State Treasurer, eligible collateral equal to or in excess of the required collateral as determined by the provisions of the Act. In the event of a failure by a qualified public depository, losses in excess of federal depository insurance and proceeds from the sale of the securities pledged by the defaulting depository are assessed against the other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default.

Note 4—Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance September 30, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2017
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 35,480	\$ -	\$ (5,354)	\$ 30,126
Leasehold improvements	-	4,359	-	4,359
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(25,470)</u>	<u>(4,159)</u>	<u>4,026</u>	<u>(25,603)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 10,010</u>	<u>\$ 200</u>	<u>\$ (1,328)</u>	<u>\$ 8,882</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2017 was \$4,159.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 5—Due to other governments

Due to Pinellas Planning Council - Beginning after December 14, 2014, the MPO began utilizing the employees of the Pinellas Planning Council ("PPC") at actual cost. For the year ended September 30, 2017, the amount paid to the PPC for these contracted employee costs was \$1,301,250. The total owed to the PPC for contracted employee costs is \$284,947 as of September 30, 2017. The amount owed for other shared services is \$169,542 as of September 30, 2017.

Due to Other Governments - The amount included in Due to Other Governments relates to money owed to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for costs related to board meetings.

Note 6—Commitments

The MPO has entered into contracts with several transportation engineering firms and planning consultants in order to fulfill the work under various grants administered by the State of Florida. Incomplete portions of these contracts, which are not required to be fully spent as of September 30, 2017 totaled \$1,604,959. The contracts were structured so that they expire once a maximum dollar amount is expended or the contract term is reached. Although these contracts represent commitments of the MPO, the great majority of revenues expended under these will, in turn, be reimbursable under grants already awarded to the MPO. A relatively small portion is expected to be subsidized by Pinellas County, in accordance with local matching fund requirements of the grants.

Note 7—Contingencies

Grant monies received and disbursed by the MPO are for specific purposes and are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the MPO does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the MPO.

Note 8—Risk management

As of September 30, 2017, the MPO had not separately established a Risk Management Fund or Pool. As a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, insurance coverage is provided entirely through the County's risk management pool for employee liability and workers' compensation coverage. For the year ended September 30, 2017, the MPO paid \$4,840 to Pinellas County for coverage.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Grant Number</u>	<u>FPN/ State Number</u>	<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfer to Subrecipients</u>
FEDERAL GRANTOR PASS THROUGH GRANTOR AWARD					
<i>U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration</i>					
<u>Pass through Florida Department of Transportation:</u>					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster					
Metropolitan Planning Program					
Federal Section 1107 (PL) Funds	20.205	G0D07	439338-1-14-01	\$ 805,038	\$ -
Federal Highway Administration					
Highway Planning Grant					
Surface Transportation Program Funds	20.205	ARE07	430015-1-14-02	674,505	-
Total Program				<u>1,479,543</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA 5309 - Intermodal)	20.500	FL-03-0322-00	N/A	5,420	5,420
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA PMI 5307)	20.500	FL-90-0822-00	N/A	101,926	101,926
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA PMI 5309)	20.500	FL-04-0156-00	N/A	20,482	20,482
Total Program				127,828	127,828
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Public Transportation Research Grants (FTA 5312)					
	20.514	FL-26-0023-00	N/A	1,041	1,041
Total Program				1,041	1,041
<u>Pass through Florida Department of Transportation:</u>					
Metropolitan Transportation Planning					
Section 5305 (G0673)	20.505	G0673	402514-1-14-16	204,874	-
Metropolitan Transportation Planning					
Section 5305 (G0E13)	20.505	G0E13	402514-1-14-17	195,336	-
Total Program				400,210	-
Total US Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration				<u>2,008,622</u>	<u>128,869</u>
Total Federal Awards				<u>\$ 2,008,622</u>	<u>\$ 128,869</u>

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>State CSFA Number</u>	<u>State Project Number</u>	<u>FPN/ State Number</u>	<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfer to Subrecipients</u>
<i>Florida Department of Transportation</i>					
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Planning Grant Program	55.002	G0C76	432029 1 14 01	\$ 31,164	\$ -
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Planning Grant Program	55.002	G0N86	432029 1 14 01	<u>14,376</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Program				<u>45,540</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Florida Department of Transportation				<u>45,540</u>	<u>-</u>
Total State Financial Assistance				<u>\$ 45,540</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") have been designed to conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and the reporting and compliance requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

Reporting Entity - Federal awards and financial assistance received directly from federal agencies, the State of Florida or pass-through entities are included to satisfy audit requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance includes all federal and state awards expended by the MPO.

Basis of Accounting - Basis of accounting refers to when expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accrual basis of accounting is followed for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance.

Note 2—Contingencies

Grant monies received and disbursed by the MPO are for specific purposes and are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the MPO does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the MPO.

Note 3—Indirect cost rate

The Organization did not allocate indirect costs for reimbursement of grant expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

**Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based
on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the MPO's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the MPO's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the MPO's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the MPO's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the MPO's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

**Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major
Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (the "MPO"), compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the MPO's major federal programs for the year ended September 31, 2017. The MPO's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the MPO's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the MPO's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the MPO's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the MPO complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the MPO is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the MPO's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the MPO's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the result of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Part I—Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor's report issued:	<u>Unmodified</u>		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	<u> </u> yes	<u> x </u> no	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	<u> </u> yes	<u> x </u> none reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> yes	<u> x </u> no	

Federal Awards Section

Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	<u> </u> yes	<u> x </u> no	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	<u> </u> yes	<u> x </u> none reported	

Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	<u>Unmodified</u>		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 200.516 (a) of the Uniform Guidance	<u> </u> yes	<u> x </u> no	

Identification of the major federal program:		
CFDA Number	Name of Program or Cluster	
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster	

Dollar threshold used to determine Type A programs:	<u>\$750,000</u>
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u> x </u> yes	<u> </u> no
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**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Part II—Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, and abuse related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

There were no financial statement findings required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Part III—Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and material instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, as well as any material abuse findings, related to the audit of major federal programs, as required to be reported by 2 CFR 200.516(a).

There were no findings required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

A Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings is not necessary since there were no prior audit findings.

Independent Auditor's Management Letter

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2018.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"); and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Report of Independent Accountant on Compliance with Local Investment Policies, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated January 31, 2018, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. No recommendations were made in the preceding audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This information is disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General*, require that we apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the MPO has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the MPO did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), *Rules of the Auditor General*, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the MPO. It is management's responsibility to monitor the MPO's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Annual Financial Report

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General*, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the annual financial report for the MPO for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.d, *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this management letter is to communicate certain matters prescribed by Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Accordingly, this management letter is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

**Report of Independent Accountant on Compliance with
Local Government Investment Policies**

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

We have examined the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), compliance with the local government investment policy requirements of Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, during the year ended September 30, 2017. Management of the MPO is responsible for the MPO's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the MPO's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the MPO complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the MPO complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the MPO's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the MPO complied, in all material respects, with the local investment policy requirements of Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, during the year ended September 30, 2017.

The purpose of this report is to comply with the audit requirements of Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, and *Rules of the Auditor General*.



Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

**PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING
COUNCIL
(A Component Unit of Pinellas
County, Florida)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION, AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2017

And Reports of Independent Auditor

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

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PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION

COUNCIL MEMBERS: OCTOBER 1, 2016 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Chair	John Morroni Commissioner, Pinellas County
Vice Chair	Doreen Caudell Councilmember, City of Clearwater
Treasurer	Joanne Kennedy Vice Mayor, City of Indian Rocks Beach
Secretary	Dave Eggers Commissioner, Pinellas County
	Kenneth Welch Commissioner, Pinellas County
	Bill Johnson Councilmember, City of Clearwater, representing PSTA
	Brandi Gabbard Councilmember, City of St. Petersburg
	Darden Rice Councilmember, City of St. Petersburg
	Sandra Bradbury Mayor, City of Pinellas Park
	Lari Johnson Vice Mayor, City of South Pasadena
	John Tornga Vice Mayor, City of Dunedin
	Doug Bevis Mayor, City of Oldsmar
	Michael Smith Commissioner, City of Largo

ADMINISTRATION

Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director

Report of Independent Auditor

To the Members of
Pinellas County Planning Council
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and general fund of the Pinellas County Planning Council (the "Council"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Council as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – budget and actual – general fund, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2018, on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

This section of the Pinellas County Planning Council's (the "Council") annual financial report presents a narrative overview and an analysis of the financial activities of the Council for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Council exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2017, by \$328,702 (net position). This amount may be used to meet the Council's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Net position decreased by \$31,663 from the previous fiscal year.
- As of September 30, 2017, the Council's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,207,443, an increase of \$255,526 from the previous fiscal year.
- Fund balance has been assigned in an amount equal to approximately 24% of total fund balance. The amount of assigned fund balance represents the current year fund balance projected to be used to balance the subsequent year's operating budget.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Council's basic financial statements. The financial section of this report consists of three parts: Report of Independent Auditor, required supplementary information which includes the management's discussion and analysis (this section), and the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Council.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Council's overall financial status. These statements use a format similar to a private sector business. They include a statement of net position and a statement of activities.

The statement of net position presents information on the Council's assets, deferred inflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred outflows of resources. Net position, the difference between these assets, deferred inflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred outflows of resources, is a useful way to measure the Council's financial health.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Council's net position changed during this fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. This statement separates program revenue (charges for services, grants, and contributions) from general revenue (including taxes), which shows the extent to which each program must rely on taxes for funding.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Council, like other governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Council uses one governmental fund to account for its operations.

The Council follows Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. The reporting standard establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, this set of financial statements focuses on events that produce near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as on the balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year and is a narrower focus than the government-wide financial statements.

By comparing functions between the two sets of statements for government funds and governmental activities, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison.

The Council adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the general fund in order to present budgetary compliance.

The financial statements also include notes. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Government as a Whole

As noted earlier, changes in net position over time can be a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, the assets and deferred outflows of the Council exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows by \$328,702.

Unrestricted net position may be used to meet the Council's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Council reported positive balances in all categories of net position.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Following is a comparison of the Council's net position as of September 30:

	2017	2016
Cash and investments	\$ 827,001	\$ 398,938
Taxes and other receivables	19,145	20,984
Due from Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization	454,489	612,108
Prepaid items	2,345	6,183
Capital assets, net	14,532	15,164
Total Assets	<u>1,317,512</u>	<u>1,053,377</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,320,136</u>	<u>1,134,742</u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	59,644	81,902
Due to other governments	35,893	4,394
Accrued rent payable	14,346	22,845
Compensated absences	131,116	113,421
Net pension liability	1,971,608	1,594,070
Total Liabilities	<u>2,212,607</u>	<u>1,816,632</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>96,339</u>	<u>11,122</u>
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	14,532	15,164
Unrestricted	314,170	345,201
Net Position	<u>\$ 328,702</u>	<u>\$ 360,365</u>

Governmental activities decreased the Council's net position by \$31,663 primarily as a result of decreased charges for services revenue.

**PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Following is a comparison of the Council's statement of activities for the years ended September 30:

	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,315,641	\$ 1,394,491
General Revenue:		
Property taxes	998,459	991,925
Investment earnings	1,526	697
Total Revenues	2,315,626	2,387,113
Expenses:		
Planning expenses	2,347,289	2,283,681
(Decrease) increase in net position	(31,663)	103,432
Net position, beginning of year	360,365	256,933
Net position, end of year	\$ 328,702	\$ 360,365

Financial Analysis of the Council's General Fund

As noted earlier, the Council uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. Governmental funds provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. This information is useful in assessing the Council's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Council's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of September 30, 2017, the Council's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,207,443, an increase of \$255,526 in comparison with the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$920,598 or 76% is considered unassigned. The remainder fund balance is either non-spendable or has been assigned to balance the budget in the upcoming fiscal year.

Economic Factors/Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

The Council continues to make great strides and does not expect any major economic conditions to adversely affect the Council's future financial position. The Council's primary source of funding is tax revenue, and countywide taxable values for FY18 are expected to increase by 7% over the prior year. The FY18 budget indicates that expenditures will exceed revenues. For FY18, the millage rate remains at 0.0150 which is below the rollback rate. This will generate about \$1,048,870 in tax revenues. Combined with other revenue sources (interest, local government assistance, Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") charges for services), FY18 total revenues are estimated to be \$2,690,180. FY18 expenditures total \$2,789,120 resulting in a FY18 budget shortfall of \$98,940. Therefore, \$98,940 from the Unassigned Fund Balance will be used to offset this variance.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Council's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed as follows:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 827,001
Taxes and other receivables	19,145
Due from Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization	454,489
Prepaid items	2,345
Total Current Assets	<u>1,302,980</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>14,532</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,317,512</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related amounts	<u>1,320,136</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	59,644
Due to other governments	35,893
Accrued rent payable, current portion	5,097
Compensated absences, current portion	99,459
Total Current Liabilities	<u>200,093</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Accrued rent payable, noncurrent portion	9,249
Compensated absences, noncurrent portion	31,657
Net pension liability, noncurrent portion	1,971,608
Total Liabilities	<u>2,212,607</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related amounts	<u>96,339</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	14,532
Unrestricted	314,170
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 328,702</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Program Expenses:	
Planning:	
Personal services	\$ 2,218,234
Materials and services	78,998
Rent	15,978
Property appraiser and tax collector commissions	29,089
Depreciation	4,990
Total Program Expenses	<u>2,347,289</u>
Program Revenues:	
Charges for services, planning	<u>1,315,641</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>1,315,641</u>
Net Program Revenues	(1,031,648)
General Revenues:	
Property taxes	998,459
Investment income	1,526
Total General Revenues	<u>999,985</u>
Decrease in net position	(31,663)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>360,365</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 328,702</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 827,001
Taxes and other receivables	19,145
Due from Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization	454,489
Prepaid items	<u>2,345</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,302,980</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 59,644
Due to other governments	<u>35,893</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>95,537</u>

Fund Balance:

Non-spendable	2,345
Assigned to:	
Subsequent year's budget	284,500
Unassigned	<u>920,598</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,207,443</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,302,980</u></u>

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Total Fund Balance for the General Fund		\$ 1,207,443
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in the general fund are not financial resources and, therefore, not reported in governmental funds.		
Capital assets	33,025	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,493)</u>	
		14,532
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to net pension liabilities do not have a current financial resources focus and, therefore, are not recognized in the governmental fund statements.		
	1,320,136	
	<u>(96,339)</u>	
		1,223,797
Compensated absences that are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund statements.		
		(131,116)
Net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund statements.		
		(1,971,608)
Operating lease transactions were not reported in the governmental fund statements since there was no amount due for payment; however, in the statement of activities, they are reported as expenses as they increase the liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		(14,346)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 328,702</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Revenues:	
Property taxes	\$ 998,459
Charges for services	1,301,250
Contract services	14,391
Net investment activity	1,526
Total Revenues	<u>2,315,626</u>
Expenditures:	
Payroll, taxes and benefits	1,923,178
Property appraiser and tax collector commissions	29,089
Office rent	24,477
Contractual support services	19,328
Accounting and audit	16,000
Advertising notice	12,570
Communications, advocacy and education	8,159
Office supplies and materials	4,747
Telephone	3,528
Council activities	2,908
Travel	2,852
Printing and reproduction	2,301
Mail	1,926
Capital outlay	5,604
Miscellaneous	3,433
Total Expenditures	<u>2,060,100</u>
Net change in fund balance	255,526
Fund balance, beginning of year	951,917
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,207,443</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Net Change in Fund Balance - General Fund	\$	255,526
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.		
Expenditures for capital assets	4,358	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(4,990)</u>	
		(632)
Compensated absences that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds statements. This amount represents the change in compensated absences in the current year.		
		(17,695)
Net effect of pension related expenses which decreased net position.		
		(277,361)
Operating lease payments are recorded as expenditures when amounts become due for payment; however, in the statement of activities they are reported as expenses under the straight-line basis.		
		8,499
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>(31,663)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1—Organization and reporting entity

The Pinellas County Planning Council (the “Council”), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida (the “County”), is authorized under Chapters 88-464 and 90-396, of the Laws of Florida. The Council’s purpose is to formulate and execute objectives and policies necessary for the orderly growth, development, and environmental protection of the County as a whole. The Council services as an advisory board and provides preliminary recommendations on proposed changes to the adopted Countywide Future Land Use Plan. The Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, can overrule the Council with a super majority vote (majority plus one).

The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County also has the right to review the Council’s budget, and increase or reduce it as it deems necessary. Based on the control the County Commissioners of Pinellas County have over the Council, as described above, the Council is considered a component unit of the County in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement 39, as amended. The Council has considered any entities for which it has oversight and there are none meeting the criteria for inclusion in its financial statements.

Membership of the Council – The Council and the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) are separate legal entities, but both are presented to the public as one organization known as Forward Pinellas under a single governance structure. Forward Pinellas is governed by a 13 member board of elected officials. These officials represent municipal governments, the Board of County Commissioners, and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. The composition of the Forward Pinellas board is determined by Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes. Several of the board positions rotate on a two year basis. Each individual agency is responsible for selecting its membership on the board.

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation – The financial statements of the Council have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applied to government units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles in the United States of America. The more significant of the Council’s accounting policies are described below.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the government.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Separate financial statements are provided for the general fund.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

The Council reports the general fund as a major governmental fund, which represents the Council's sole operating fund and accounts for all financial resources of the Council.

Cash and Investments – Cash includes amounts on hand and in demand deposit accounts. The Council's investment policy is to maintain funds in near-cash investments, which yield the highest possible return within the limitations established by Florida statutes and the County ordinances. The Council's investments are presented at amortized cost.

Prepaid Items – Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements, are reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Council defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized.

The Council's furniture and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of 3-5 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the remaining lease term.

Receivables – No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts is deemed necessary.

Compensated Absences – It is the Council's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave. All annual leave is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Accrued Rent – Operating lease arrangements are recognized on a straight-line basis in the government-wide statements over the life of the lease. Accrued rent is the difference between the straight-line recognition and the actual amount paid.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources – In addition to assets, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The deferred outflows of resources reported in the Council's statement of net position represent pension deferrals due to changes in actuarial assumptions, the net difference between projected and actual earnings, changes in the proportion and differences between the Council's contributions and proportionate share of contributions, and the Council's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, relating to the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program. These amounts will be recognized as increases in pension expense in future years.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflows of resources reported in the Council's statement of net position represent pension deferrals, the difference between expected and actual economic experience, the net difference between projected and actual earnings, and changes in the proportion and differences between the Council's contributions and proportionate share of contributions relating to the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program. These amounts will be recognized as reductions in pension expense in future years.

Pensions – In the government-wide statement of net position, liabilities are recognized for the Council's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System ("FRS") defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy ("HIS") and additions to/deductions from FRS's and HIS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and HIS plans. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. The Council does not have any related long-term debt used to acquire capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statement when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. The Council has no assets subject to restriction.

Subsequent Events – In preparing these financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through January 31, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 3—Cash and investments

Cash and investments consisted of the following at September 30, 2017:

Petty cash on hand	\$	100
Bank deposits		727,469
Florida State Board of Administration - Local Government Investment Pool		99,432
Total Cash and Investments	\$	<u>827,001</u>

Deposits – At September 30, 2017, the bank balance of the Council’s operating deposits was \$836,676.

Deposits are covered by federal depository insurance and, for the amount in excess of such federal depository insurance, by the State of Florida’s Security for Public Deposits Act (the “Act”). Provisions of the Act require that public deposits may only be made at qualified public depositories. The Act requires each qualified public depository to deposit with the State Chief Financial Officer acting as State Treasurer, eligible collateral equal to or in excess of the required collateral as determined by the provisions of the Act. In the event of a failure by a qualified public depository, losses in excess of federal depository insurance and proceeds from the sale of the securities pledged by the defaulting depository are assessed against the other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default.

Investments – The Council does not have its own investment policy and, therefore, follows Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. The Council’s excess deposits are invested entirely in the State of Florida State Board Administration (“SBA”) Local Government Investment Pool (“LGIP”). Florida PRIME is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate as a qualifying external investment pool. Thus, this pool operates essentially as a money market fund and the Council’s position in Florida PRIME is measured at amortized cost. Florida PRIME is rated by Standard & Poor’s with a current rating of AAAM. The investment policy of Florida PRIME is to manage the weighted average maturity to 60 days or less. As of September 30, 2017, the Council had \$99,432 deposited in Florida PRIME.

Qualifying local government investment pools in the state of Florida must comply with applicable Florida statutory requirements. Chapter 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, states that the principal balance within a LGIP trust fund is subject to withdrawal at any time. However, the Executive Director of the Council may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the Board can invest in the monies entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the Trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, the Investment Advisory Council, and the Participant Local Government Advisory Council.

With regard to liquidity fees, Chapter 218.409(4) provides authority for a LGIP to impose penalties for early withdrawal, subject to disclosure in the enrollment materials of the amount and purpose of such fees. At present, no such disclosure has been made by the SBA.

At September 30, 2017, there were no redemption fees or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant’s daily access to 100% of their account value within Florida PRIME.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 4—Property taxes

The Council is funded through the assessment of ad valorem property tax as approved by the Board of County Commissioners, not to exceed one-sixth mil. The Council's ad valorem tax was levied at 0.0150 mil at October 1, 2016, on property with a gross taxable value of \$68,171,229,061.

Under Florida law, the valuation and assessment of all properties and the collection of all county, municipal, and school board property taxes are consolidated in the offices of the County Property Appraiser and County Tax Collector.

All property is reassessed according to its fair market value at January 1 of each year. Each assessment roll is submitted to the Executive Director of the State Department of Revenue for review to determine if the rolls meet all of the appropriate requirements of state statutes.

All taxes are due and payable on November 1 (levy date) of each year or as soon thereafter as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the County Tax Collector. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1 (lien date) following the year in which they are assessed. Discounts are allowed for early payments at the rate of 4% in the month of November, 3% in the month of December, 2% in the month of January, and 1% in the month of February. The taxes paid in March (due date) are without discount.

Delinquent taxes on real property bear interest at 18% per year. On or prior to June 1 following the tax year, certificates are sold for all delinquent taxes on real property. After sale, tax certificates bear interest at 18% per year or at any lower-rate bid by the buyer.

The certificate holder may make application for a tax deed on any unredeemed tax certificates after a period of two years.

Because of the Pinellas County Tax Collector's efficient system for selling tax certificates and remitting the proceeds to Council, any delinquent or uncollected real property taxes at year-end are immaterial. Tangible personal property taxes remaining delinquent at September 30 are recorded as receivable, less an allowance for uncollected amounts. Based on prior experience, the Council has always been able to fully collect on property taxes.

Note 5—Risk management

As of September 30, 2017, the Council had not separately established a Risk Management Fund or Pool. As a component unit of the County, insurance coverage is provided entirely through the County's risk management pool for property, general liability, employee liability, and workers' compensation coverage.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 6—Transactions with Pinellas County, Florida

Throughout the fiscal year, the Council incurs various operating expenditures relating to services provided by the County to the Council. Such services include the following: medical, life, and disability insurance coverage, legal services, risk management services, printing and reproduction services, and telecommunications. Also, the Council receives payments from municipalities located within the County for contractual support services (Interlocal Agreements).

Note 7—Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2017
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and office equipment	\$ 28,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,667
Leasehold improvements	-	4,358	-	4,358
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>13,503</u>	<u>4,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,493</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 15,164</u>	<u>\$ (632)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,532</u>

Note 8—Operating lease

The Council entered into a five-year operating lease agreement beginning July 2012 and extending to June 2017. The Council paid no rent for the first two years of the lease. In January 2016, the Council executed a First Amendment to Lease Agreement, which increased the premises from 3,150 square feet to 9,503 square feet. The Council shares the leased space with the MPO.

Monthly lease payments under this amended agreement are as follows:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>	<u>% Allocated to the Council</u>
October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017	\$ 6,358	31%
January 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018	6,532	31%
October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018	6,532	Undetermined
January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019	6,722	Undetermined
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020	6,904	Undetermined

The Council's accrued rent payable on a straight-line basis in the government-wide statements is \$14,346 as of September 30, 2017. The lease may be cancelled by the Council with a 90-day written notice. If the lease is cancelled before the accrued rent payable balance is exhausted, the Council shall pay the remaining unamortized balance upon cancelling the lease.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 9—Compensated absences

Hours of annual leave are earned by employees for each year of service to the Council. There is no maximum limitation on the number of annual leave hours which may be accrued. Upon separation from service, employees shall receive lump sum payment for all unused annual leave up to a maximum of three times the employee’s annual accrual rate for annual leave. Such payment shall be made at the employee’s regular rate of pay at the time of separation. The change in compensated absences liability is summarized as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Used	Balance September 30, 2017	Amount Due in One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 113,421	\$ 117,154	\$ 99,459	\$ 131,116	\$ 99,459

Note 10—Pension plans

Background – The FRS was created by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program under the defined benefit pan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the HIS Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to assist retired members of any state-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the Council are eligible to enroll as members of the state-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of the two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services’ website

(https://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications/annual_reports).

The Council’s pension expense totaled \$419,525 for both the FRS Pension Plan and HIS Plan for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Plan Description – The Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (“FRS Plan”) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

Regular Class – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.

Elected County Officers Class – Members who hold specified elective offices in local government.

Senior Management Service Class (“SMSC”) – Members in senior management level positions.

Special Risk Class – Members who are special risk employees, such as law enforcement officers, meet the criteria to qualify for this class.

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Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

Employees enrolled in the FRS Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at six years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the FRS Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at eight years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 or at any age after 25 years of service. All members enrolled in the FRS Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 or at any age after 30 years of service. Employees enrolled in the FRS Plan may include up to four years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The FRS Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The FRS Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the FRS Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 96 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

Benefits Provided – Benefits under the FRS Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following chart shows the percentage value of each year of service credit earned:

Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service:	% Value
Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement up to age 63 or up to 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement up to age 64 or up to 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.68
Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement up to age 66 or up to 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement up to age 67 or up to 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement up to age 68 or up to 36 years of service	1.68
Elected County Officers	3.00
Senior Management Service Class	2.00
Special Risk Class	
Service from December 1, 1970 through September 30, 1974	2.00
Service on and after October 1, 1974	3.00

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Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3% per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3% determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3%. FRS Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions – The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Effective July 1, 2011, all FRS Plan members (except those in DROP) are required to make 3% employee contributions on a pretax basis. The employer contribution rates by job class for the periods from October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, respectively, were applied to employee salaries as follows: Regular–7.52% and 7.92%; Senior Management Service–21.77% and 21.71%; and DROP participants–12.99% and 13.26%. The Council’s contributions to the FRS Plan were \$120,158 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Pension Costs – At September 30, 2017, the Council reported a liability of \$1,497,655 for its proportionate share of the FRS Plan’s net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. The Council’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Council’s contributions received by FRS during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of FRS’s participating employers. At June 30, 2017, the Council’s proportion was 0.00506%, which was an increase of 0.00084% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the Council recognized pension expense of \$344,931 for its proportionate share of FRS’s pension expense. In addition, the Council reported its proportionate share of FRS’s deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 137,449	\$ 8,296
Changes in actuarial assumptions	503,317	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Pension Plan investments	-	37,117
Changes in proportion and differences between Council contributions and proportionate share of contributions	385,908	-
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	29,701	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,056,375</u>	<u>\$ 45,413</u>

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

\$29,701 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Council contributions to the FRS Plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the plan year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 138,007
2019	266,843
2020	204,715
2021	89,806
2022	160,099
Thereafter	121,791
	<u>\$ 981,261</u>

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the July 1, 2017, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.60% per year
Payroll Growth	3.25%, average, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.10%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2017, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2014 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation, as outlined in the FRS Plan's investment policy, and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	3.0%	3.0%	1.8%
Fixed Income	18.0%	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%
Global Equity	53.0%	7.8%	6.6%	17.0%
Real Estate (Property)	10.0%	6.6%	5.9%	12.8%
Private Equity	6.0%	11.5%	7.8%	30.0%
Strategic Investments	12.0%	6.1%	5.6%	9.7%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>			
Assumed Inflation - Mean			2.6%	1.9%

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Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.10% for the FRS Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, each of the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Pension Liability Sensitivity – The following presents the Council’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the FRS Plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Council’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Description	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
FRS Plan discount rate	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%
Council's proportionate share of the FRS Plan net pension liability	\$ 2,710,665	\$ 1,497,655	\$ 490,579

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the FRS Plan’s fiduciary’s net position is available in a separately-issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report may be obtained through the Florida Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>.

Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

Plan Description – The Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program (“HIS Plan”) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided – For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a state-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Contributions – The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the contribution rate was 1.66% of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The Council contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled. The Council’s contribution to the HIS Plan was \$22,006 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

Pension Costs – At September 30, 2017, the Council reported a liability of \$473,953 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan’s net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016. The Council’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Council’s contributions received during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, relative to the total employer contributions received from all participating employers. At June 30, 2017, the Council’s proportion was 0.00443%, which was a decrease of 0.00011% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the Council recognized pension expense of \$74,594 for its proportionate share of HIS’s pension expense. In addition, the Council reported its proportionate share of HIS’s deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual economic experience	\$ -	\$ 987
Changes in actuarial assumptions	66,622	40,983
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on HIS Program investments	263	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Council contributions and proportionate share of contributions	191,793	8,956
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,083	-
Total	<u>\$ 263,761</u>	<u>\$ 50,926</u>

\$5,083 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Council contributions to the FRS Plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the plan year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 33,161
2019	33,111
2020	33,087
2021	31,162
2022	27,669
Thereafter	49,562
	<u>\$ 207,752</u>

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Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the July 1, 2017, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.60% per year
Salary Increases	3.25%, average, including inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.58%

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2016, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study of the FRS Plan in 2014 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.58% for the HIS Plan. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

Pension Liability Sensitivity – The following presents the Council’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the HIS Plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Council’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Description	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
HIS Plan discount rate	2.58%	3.58%	4.58%
Council's proportionate share of the HIS Plan net pension liability	\$ 540,843	\$ 473,953	\$ 418,237

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the HIS Plan’s fiduciary’s net position is available in a separately-issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report may be obtained through the Florida Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>.

FRS Investment Plan – The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (“Investment Plan”). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA’s annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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Note 10—Pension plans (continued)

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Council employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.04% of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members. Allocations to the investment member's accounts during the 2016-17 fiscal year, as established by Section 121.72, Florida Statutes, are based on a percentage of gross compensation, by class, as follows: Regular class 6.30% and Senior Management Service class 7.67%. These allocations include a required employee contribution of 3% of gross compensation for each member class.

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after one year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Non-vested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the Council.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The Council's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$277,361 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Note 11—Post-employment benefits

The Council does not provide any post-retirement health care benefits. Post-employment health care benefits are made available to the Council's terminated employees in accordance with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 ("COBRA"). Under COBRA, the Council is required to offer an election to terminating participants to decrease or terminate participants, their spouses or dependents, or to continue coverage in the health plan provided by the Council. The cost of coverage that the Council may charge the participant may not exceed 102% of the applicable premium. The Council's Other Post-Employment Benefit ("OPEB") liability is considered immaterial since there are no employer contributions or premium or claim payments made on behalf of retirees.

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Note 12—Fund balance reporting

There are two major types of fund balances, which are non-spendable and spendable. Non-spendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally contractually required to be maintained intact. At September 30, 2017, the Council had \$2,345 in non-spendable fund balance. In addition to the non-spendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

Restricted – Amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by: (a) external resource providers such as creditors (by debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other Councils or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Council's highest level of decision-making authority.

Assigned – Amounts intended to be used by the Council for specific purposes. Assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. The intent shall be expressed by the Council. At September 30, 2017, the Council had \$284,500 of assigned fund balance, which represents the amount needed to eliminate the projected deficit in the subsequent year's budget in an amount no greater than the projected excess of expected expenditures and budgeted contingency reserve over expected revenues.

Unassigned – This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. At September 30, 2017, unassigned fund balance is \$920,598. It is the goal of the Council to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance equal to or greater than 10% of expenditures to cover unexpected expenditures and revenue shortfalls from year to year.

The Council's policy is to apply expenditures against restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance, in that order, under circumstances where a particular expenditure can be made from more than one fund classification.

Note 13—Due from Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Council and the MPO have historically operated as two distinct entities. On December 10, 2014, the Council and the MPO entered into the Interlocal Agreement for Staff and Support Services ("Agreement"). Prior to the Agreement, the MPO utilized the employees of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioner's Planning Department. Upon execution of the Agreement, those employees and related payroll processing of the MPO were assumed by the Council. The Agreement identifies payroll and other expenses that are to be shared between the Council and the MPO.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the amount of reimbursement received from the MPO for shared services totaled \$1,301,250. As of September 30, 2017, the amount due from the MPO relating to charges for shared services was \$454,489.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	General Fund Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Pinellas County property taxes	\$ 972,930	\$ 1,007,930	\$ 998,459	\$ (9,471)
Net investment activity	600	1,100	1,526	426
Contract services	20,000	20,000	14,391	(5,609)
Charges for services	1,679,500	1,729,500	1,301,250	(428,250)
Total Revenues	<u>2,673,030</u>	<u>2,758,530</u>	<u>2,315,626</u>	<u>(442,904)</u>
Expenditures:				
Payroll, taxes, and benefits	2,206,900	2,206,900	1,923,178	283,722
Contractual support services	270,000	270,000	19,328	250,672
Technical assistance grants	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Office rent	77,400	77,400	24,477	52,923
Equipment and furnishings	10,000	10,000	5,604	4,396
Telephone	3,000	3,000	3,528	(528)
Mail	2,000	2,000	1,926	74
Advertising notice	25,000	25,000	12,570	12,430
Printing and reproduction	15,000	15,000	2,301	12,699
Office supplies and materials	7,000	7,000	4,937	2,063
Property appraiser and tax collector commissions	30,000	30,000	29,089	911
Intergovernmental services	89,200	89,200	-	89,200
Risk management	8,100	8,100	-	8,100
Travel	8,000	8,000	2,852	5,148
Fleet O&M	4,000	4,000	475	3,525
Communications, advocacy and education	10,000	10,000	8,159	1,841
Audit	16,000	16,000	16,000	-
Council activities	6,000	6,000	2,908	3,092
Contingency	7,500	7,500	2,768	4,732
10% of expenditures (budgeted contingency)	284,500	284,500	-	284,500
Total Expenditures	<u>3,129,600</u>	<u>3,129,600</u>	<u>2,060,100</u>	<u>1,069,500</u>
Excess (deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	(456,570)	(371,070)	255,526	(626,596)
Fund balance, beginning of year	951,917	951,917	951,917	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 495,347</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 580,847</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,207,443</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (626,596)</u></u>

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1—Budget compliance

Budgets – On or before July 1 of each year, the Council's Executive Director prepares a budget, which includes requested appropriations for the next fiscal year.

The proposed budget is presented to the Council members on or before July 31 for review. The Council approves the budget at a public meeting and transmits it to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and certification of the millage rate at a public hearing, as provided by law.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level. Any revision that alters the total expenditures must be approved by a majority of the Council members. In instances where budget appropriations and estimated revenues have been revised during the year, the budget data presented in the financial statements represents the authorized amounts. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end. All deliberations on the budget by the Council shall be done at meetings open to the public.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	2017	2016	2015
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan			
Council's proportion of the net pension liability	0.005063180%	0.004218434%	0.002535182%
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,497,655	\$ 1,065,158	\$ 327,453
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,339,496	\$ 1,336,283	\$ 625,764
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	111.81%	79.71%	52.33%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

Note: Information is required to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Council will present information for only those years for which information is available.

	2017	2016	2015
Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program			
Council's proportion of the net pension liability	0.004432593%	0.004538227%	0.002674486%
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 473,953	\$ 528,912	\$ 272,756
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,339,496	\$ 1,400,984	\$ 811,399
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	35.38%	37.75%	33.62%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

Note: Information is required to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Council will present information for only those years for which information is available.

PINELLAS COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan			
Contractually required contribution	\$ 120,158	\$ 117,780	\$ 78,447
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(120,158)</u>	<u>(117,780)</u>	<u>(78,447)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,354,868	\$ 1,376,604	\$ 859,715
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	8.87%	8.56%	9.12%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

Note: Information is required to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Council will present information for only those years for which information is available.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program			
Contractually required contribution	\$ 22,006	\$ 23,780	\$ 14,857
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(22,006)</u>	<u>(23,780)</u>	<u>(14,857)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,354,868	\$ 1,424,659	\$ 1,063,959
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	1.62%	1.67%	1.40%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

Note: Information is required to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Council will present information for only those years for which information is available.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

**Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based
on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

To the Members of
Pinellas County Planning Council
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and general fund of Pinellas County Planning Council (the "Council"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

Independent Auditor's Management Letter

To the Members of
Pinellas County Planning Council
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Pinellas County Planning Council (the "Council"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2018.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Report of Independent Accountant on Compliance with Local Investment Policies, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated January 31, 2018, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This information is disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Council has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Council did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Council. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Council's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Annual Financial Report

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the annual financial report for the Council for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.d, Rules of the Auditor General, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this management letter is to communicate certain matters prescribed by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Accordingly, this management letter is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cherry Bekaert LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

**Report of Independent Accountant on Compliance with
Local Government Investment Policies**

To the Members of
Pinellas County Planning Council
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

We have examined the Pinellas County Planning Council's (the "Council"), compliance with the local government investment policy requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the year ended September 30, 2017. Management of the Council is responsible for the Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Council complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Council complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Council complied, in all material respects, with the local investment policy requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2017.

The purpose of this report is to comply with the audit requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, and Rules of the Auditor General.



Tampa, Florida
January 31, 2018

March 14, 2018

7E. Budget Scenarios



SUMMARY

At the January 2018 Board Work Session, Forward Pinellas staff provided an overview of the Strategic Business Plan, PPC Work Plan, MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), budget trends, and outlined a series of financial scenarios. During the ensuing discussion, the board requested that staff provide additional information on the estimated costs associated with expanding our capabilities in four areas (i.e., design/concept development, data development and analysis, vision zero/safety, and climate vulnerability and resiliency). Since that time, our agency has worked to refine the potential “value-added” technical assistance services that would be possible with an adjustment to the millage rate. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has provided revenue estimates (using taxable values as of October 7, 2017) based on incremental increases in the millage rate and these figures were used to narrow the list of technical assistance alternatives from the list presented to the board in January.

During the development of these budget scenarios, the FY17 PPC Audit was completed and revealed an opportunity to use some of the funds from the PPC’s Unassigned Fund Balance (UAFB) to augment the potential millage increase. The use of these UAFB revenues requires a budget amendment into the FY18 operating account and would cover some of the technical assistance needs while also meeting the board’s goal of continuing to draw down the UAFB.

Forward Pinellas staff will present a series of options for the board’s consideration that would enhance our agency’s technical assistance capabilities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Pinellas Planning Council Millage/Revenue Estimates
- Potential Financial Impact to the Average Residential Single Family Home

ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, provide direction on the desired millage rate and spending priorities

**Pinellas Planning Council Revenue Estimate
Based on PAO 2017 Taxable Values as of October 7, 2017**

<u>Taxing Authority</u> Pinellas Planning Council	<u>Taxable Value</u> <u>Millage Rate</u>	Estimated Revenue @ 95%						<u>Each Mill</u> <u>Adds</u>
		0.0150	0.016 (+6.67%)	0.017 (+13.33%)	0.018 (+20%)	0.019 (+26.67%)	0.02 (+33.33%)	
	\$ 73,543,239,292	\$ 1,047,992	\$ 1,117,858	\$ 1,187,724	\$ 1,257,590	\$ 1,327,456	\$ 1,397,322	\$ 69,866
Difference from FY 18 revenue		\$ -	\$ 69,866	\$ 139,732	\$ 209,598	\$ 279,464	\$ 349,330	

Assumption for Revenue Forecast FY19 - 6% (1-12-18)

	<u>Taxable Value</u> <u>Millage Rate</u>	Estimated Revenue @ 95%						<u>Each Mill</u> <u>Adds</u>
		0.0150	0.016 (+6.67%)	0.017 (+13.33%)	0.018 (+20%)	0.019 (+26.67%)	0.02 (+33.33%)	
Above TV inc. 6%	\$ 77,955,833,650	\$ 1,110,871	\$ 1,184,929	\$ 1,258,987	\$ 1,333,045	\$ 1,407,103	\$ 1,481,161	\$ 74,058
Difference from FY 18 Revenue		\$ -	\$ 74,058	\$ 148,116	\$ 222,174	\$ 296,232	\$ 370,290	

Average Residential Single Family Home Taxable Value* =	\$131,000	Difference from Current	% Change from Current
Amount of PPC Tax at Current PPC Rate 0.0150 mills	\$ 1.97		
Amount of PPC Tax at Proposed Rate 0.0170 mills	\$ 2.23	\$ 0.26	13.3%
Amount of PPC Tax at Proposed Rate 0.0190 mills	\$ 2.49	\$ 0.52	26.7%

* Provided by Bill Berger

March 14, 2018

7F. CAC Vision Statement and Guiding Principles Presentation



SUMMARY

In recognition of the role of the Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) as the primary means by which citizens provide input into the transportation planning process, the Forward Pinellas Executive Director challenged the CAC to be more proactive in shaping the agenda for Forward Pinellas plans and programs, and developing recommendations for the board's consideration. As an initial step in that regard, he encouraged the CAC to develop a vision statement and guiding principles to provide a framework for future CAC and Forward Pinellas activities. The CAC devoted significant time and effort to the task, including holding a special meeting during the summer focused exclusively on developing a committee consensus about the biggest problems and preferred solutions in Pinellas County and the region. The attached CAC Special Session Summary Report documents the efforts of that meeting and also served as the basis for developing the attached vision statement and guiding principles.

The CAC Chairman and subcommittee members will give a brief presentation about the recommended vision statement and guiding principles.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Adopted vision statement and guiding principles
- CAC Special Session Summary Report

ACTIONS: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to receive the CAC's recommended vision statement and guiding principles, and take action as deemed appropriate

VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

FORWARD PINELLAS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) vision represents the long-term aspiration or desired outcome for Pinellas County. The guiding principles give further definition to the vision and serve as a framework for CAC recommendations for vision forward goals and implementation strategies. The guiding principles provide focus in terms of where organizational efforts and resources should be focused over the next 10 to 20 years to advance Pinellas County and the region toward the vision. The CAC will consider whether policy, project, and program proposals align with the vision and guiding principles in its deliberations and recommendations to the Forward Pinellas Board.

CAC VISION

A community-driven, modern transportation system that is safe, provides equitable access, and efficient mobility options in support of a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region.

CAC GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Community Driven

- Meet the community's transportation needs for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Inform the public of transportation needs, problems, options, and plans, including the use of mass media.
- Provide meaningful opportunities for public input.

Modern Transportation System

- As our preferred solution to Pinellas County's long-term mobility needs, support transit that is widely available day and night, predictable, comfortable, and easy and affordable to use in support of resident quality of life and business prosperity;
- Support a range of mobility options that are demonstrated to be economically and environmentally cost-effective in comparison to the alternatives.
- Support a comprehensive regional transit system.
- Support multi-modal transportation solutions that connect transit-oriented growth centers—both existing and planned.

- Advocate for technological and funding innovations, as proven effective, to build a transportation system that is ready for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Sustainable, Healthy, Livable, and Economically Vibrant Region

Support actions that:

- Minimize harm to the environment and make efficient use of resources;
- Reduce the health impacts and health inequalities of transportation;
- Maintain or enhance community character, identity, function and comfort;
- Attract residents, businesses, workers, and tourists to invigorate the economy.



Citizens Advisory Committee

June 22, 2017 Special Session
Summary Report

Because of limited ability to build new roads and widen existing ones, Pinellas County should identify non-road capacity solutions to relieve congestion. Because no one alternative would be sufficient, a multipronged, multimodal approach is needed both locally and regionally that meets the following needs:

Public Transit



- Faster/more frequent regional and local service to major metropolitan areas, destinations and events
- May require fixed guideway, express bus service, bus rapid transit, people movers and water taxis
- Should consider funding by gas and/or other tax options, reallocation of road capacity projects and federal funding

Bicyclists and Pedestrians



- Safer infrastructure
- East-west bike trails
- Better connectivity
- Well-marked bike lanes
- Countywide bike sharing

Congestion



- Real-time traffic signal coordination
- Motorist information concerning traffic delays to motorists
- More capacity on bridges

Introduction

The CAC continues to play an elevated role in helping to shape the agenda for transportation and development in Pinellas County and the region. Earlier this year, the CAC approved a motion to generally focus upon the following three emphasis areas:

- 1) Regional Connections;**
- 2) Transportation Alternatives** (primarily transit, but also bicycle and pedestrian alternatives); and
- 3) Funding Transportation Alternatives.**

The CAC is refining these three emphasis areas into what will eventually be a presentation to the Forward Pinellas Board with policy-based recommendations and/or a vision statement. The CAC's June 22, 2017 Special Session, which was held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., was devoted exclusively to these tasks. The Special Session consisted of an introduction by Forward Pinellas Executive Director, Whit Blanton, a "talking wall" public involvement exercise designed to identify consensus, and committee discussion. A summary is included on Page 2 of the feedback received at the special meeting as understood by Forward Pinellas staff. Additional details, documentation and backup materials are also attached.

Summary of CAC Feedback

Regional and Local Traffic Congestion

CAC member feedback identified local and regional traffic congestion as one of the three biggest problems facing Pinellas County and the region, because one accident on a bridge can quickly become a regional problem when it brings travel between Tampa and Pinellas County to a halt. CAC feedback recommended better regional connections to Pinellas County, better traffic signal coordination and better use of technology to communicate traffic delays to motorists.



Inadequate Public Transit

In recognition of the limited ability to increase bridge and roadway capacity to alleviate congestion, CAC members identified inadequate public transit as the most important existing problem, because it's too slow, infrequent, inconvenient and too limited in terms of hours of operation and geographic coverage.

They also identified a number of preferred transit improvements to solve identified transit problems and relieve congestion. Recommended transit improvements included express bus service (possibly sharing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, bus rapid transit (BRT), people movers, water taxis, fixed guidewayⁱ and private sector incentives/partnerships (such as PSTA's partnership with Uber and Lyft). They also recommended longer hours of operation, faster, more dependable/frequent service and more connections with metropolitan areas and popular destinations such as Clearwater Beach, USF, Tampa Airport, St. Pete-Clearwater Airport, special events and even Disney World. They further recommended that transit improvements make better use of technology for bus passes and tracking arrival times, include illuminated shelters at all stops and include service for the transportation disadvantaged population.



Bicyclists and Pedestrians

CAC member feedback identified inadequate bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure as the second biggest existing problem facing Pinellas County and recommend more/cleaner/safer facilities such as well-marked bicycle lanes, bicycle/pedestrian-friendly road diets, east-west bike trails, better connected bicycle lanes, trails and sidewalks (without gaps) and a countywide bike sharing program.

Developing Consensus

This section of the report delves into a detailed analysis of feedback received at the CAC Special Session. The meeting was divided into two parts. The first part of the meeting consisted of a “talking wall” public involvement exercise designed to develop consensus and an open discussion. The second part of the meeting involved an open discussion among CAC members facilitated by Forward Pinellas Director, Whit Blanton. The open discussion is recorded in the attached minutes. The open discussion is reflected in the feedback received in the talking wall exercise, which is the primary focus of analysis in this report.

During the talking wall exercise, CAC members were given pink, yellow and blue Post-it Notes and asked to use them to identify the three biggest existing problems in Pinellas County. The most important problems were written on pink Post-it Notes (each worth 3 points), the second most important problems were written on yellow Post-it Notes (each worth 2 points) and the third most important problems were written on blue Post-It Notes (each worth 1 point). Repeating the same process, they were also asked to write down the three most important solutions to existing problems in Pinellas County.

While Forward Pinellas staff attempted to assess all of the Post-it Notes to provide a preliminary summary of the feedback received, the committee discussed the most important existing problems in Pinellas County and preferred solutions. The attached minutes summarize that discussion, and Forward Pinellas staff also incorporated feedback received during this portion of the meeting into the overall meeting summary on Page 2.

Since then, Forward Pinellas staff has compiled this more detailed report on the findings from the talking wall exercise. The summaries below are all based upon the Post-it Notes received. Superscripts have been added to statements in the summaries that are supported by specific Post-it Notes, and they also identify the number of points each Post-it Note statement is worth. For example, the statement that “Existing public transportation takes too long to get anywhere using bus/transit^{r3}” has a superscript reference of “r3”, meaning that this statement was taken from a pink Post-it Note worth three points.

CAC Feedback Regarding the Biggest Problems

The feedback received from the talking wall exercise regarding the biggest problems in Pinellas County is summarized in this section. During this exercise, staff asked CAC members to identify the three biggest problems in Pinellas County from their perspectives and record their feedback on Post-It notes. An electronic version of all of the Post-It notes received is attached to the end of this report.

The table on the next page organized the Post-It notes by category with points totaled for each category. This methodology was used to organize feedback by category, calculate the weighted responses (the number of points for each colored Post-it note) and analyze commonalities of specific responses for each category in order to accurately report on and summarize.

CAC FEEDBACK ON BIGGEST PROBLEMS ORGANIZED BY CATEGORY	TOTAL POINTS	%	"TALKING WALL" PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT EXERCISE																					
			POST-IT NOTE FEEDBACK ORGANIZED BY CATEGORY AND POINT VALUE																					
Transit	41	47.67%	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bicycle/Pedestrian	15	17.44%	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1														
Congestion	11	13%	3	3	2	2	1																	
Technology	5	6%	3	2																				
Regional Connections	5	6%	3	2																				
Road Improvement	2	2%	1	1																				
Land Use	2	2%	2																					
Safety	2	2%	2																					
Project Completion Time	2	2%	2																					
Funding	1	1%	1																					
Total	86	100%																						

Nearly 80% of the feedback received identifies these as the three biggest existing problem areas in Pinellas County and the region.

Notably, feedback received in the other categories making up the other 20% is still useful. The categories are not mutually exclusive, because topics not among the three biggest problem areas identified in the table above are still very much a part of the problem/solution. Technology, regional connections and road improvements, for example, would all still play a role even if the CAC chooses to focus solely on transit, bike/pedestrian and congestion issues. Congestion problems require solutions that involve technology such as signal timing. Regional connections are a factor with transit, bike/pedestrian issues and congestion. Road improvements such as resurfacing, for example, pave the way for adding bike lanes and making other bike/pedestrian improvements such as adding sidewalks. Safety is always a factor for any project, as is project completion time and funding issues.

CAC members agreed that transit is the most important existing problem/issue in Pinellas County, as this topic received a total of 41 points, which represents nearly 48% of the total number of points (86 total). CAC member feedback regarding the category of bicycle and pedestrian problems received a total of 15 points (17%), which is the second-highest number of points. Congestion received 13% of the total number of points. Combined, transit, bicycle/pedestrian and congestion make up 78% of the total number of points. Therefore, in analyzing the feedback received by category and the number of points received, the group as a whole identified congestion, transit and bicycle/pedestrian issues as the most important existing problems in Pinellas County.

“...the group as a whole identified congestion, transit and bicycle/pedestrian issues as the most important existing problems in Pinellas County.”

The specific feedback received from the talking wall exercise and resulting colored Post-It notes regarding the most important existing problem/issue in Pinellas County is included below. Every attempt was made to preserve the actual language used on each Post-it note, but minor changes were required in some cases.

Transit Problems

- Lack of sufficient public transit (i.e. buses, fixed guideway, people movers or water taxis^{r3}) is the biggest existing problem in Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay area. Existing public transportation takes too long to get anywhere using bus/transit^{r3}, and the areas of service are too limited^{y2}.
- Pinellas needs speedy point-to-point^{b1} regional^{y2} and local transit/mass transit service^{r3} improvements (such as bus rapid transit, express bus service and light rail)^{r3} between major/popular metropolitan areas^{y2} (i.e. St. Petersburg, Clearwater Beach and Tampa) and major^{r3}/more popular destinations^{r3} (events, Tampa Airport, USF, St. Pete-Clearwater Airport^{y2}, Disney World).
- These mass transit service improvements should include dependable service^{b1}, less limited hours of operation^{b1}, bus shelters^{b1} and service for the aging and physically disabled population^{b1}.
- There is a lack of transit funding^{r3}, and the public does not understand or appreciate the benefits of using public transportation^{b1}.
- There's a lack of technology in the public busing system that creates congestion^{r3}.
- Regarding the bus system in St. Petersburg, ridership is up, revenue is down, the ability to replace infrastructure is down and public refusal to tax itself is a problem^{b1}.
- There's also a lack of sophisticated data (i.e. employee surveys in employment centers, Carrilon/Gateway) on public transportation use^{r3}.



Bicycle/Pedestrian Problems

The second largest consistency in CAC member feedback involves concerns about bicycle and pedestrian-related issues. This topic received a total of 15 points, which represents more than 17% of the total number of points (86 total). The feedback received from the talking wall exercise and resulting colored Post-It notes is summarized below.

- Members indicated that Bicycle/Pedestrian safety is one of the biggest existing problems^{b1}.
- Pinellas needs more and safer bike and pedestrian infrastructure^{y2}, road diets^{y2}, east-west bike trails^{y2}, and better connectivity for bicycle lanes, trails and sidewalks^{r3}.
- On-road bicycle lanes are not clearly marked^{y2}, bicycle facilities lack continuity, more shoulder-wide curb lanes are needed, sidewalks are needed at multiple intersections^{b1}, and bike share should be on a countywide level as opposed to just being available in selected downtown areas^{y2}.

Congestion Problems

The third largest consistency in CAC member feedback involves congestion-related issues. This topic received a total of 11 points, which represents 13% of the total number of points (86 total). The feedback received is summarized below.

- Pinellas County is facing a near zero ability to increase capacity on existing roads ^{y2}.
- There's no way to get between Hillsborough and Pinellas without crossing very congested bridges ^{b1, r3}.
- There's too much traffic congestion with lots of time spent waiting for long cycles at traffic signals ^{y2}, and it's hindering economic growth ^{r3}.

Technology Problems

- Lack of traffic signal coordination ^{y2}, and getting information to individuals (i.e. about traffic delays, construction, draw bridges being up or accidents) were identified as the biggest existing technology-related problems ^{r3}.

Regional Connection/Road Problems

- CAC feedback indicates that there is a perceived lack of regional coordination needed for regional transportation connections and a piece meal and political approach to solutions ^{r3}.
- I-4 is the only major east-west route from I-95 to I-75 in central Florida.
- Other routes north or south of I-4 are needed ^{y2}.
- US Highway 19 should allow access to I-275 without interfering with local traffic. ^{b1}
- We should allow more lanes on roads in major traffic areas. ^{b1}

Summary of Existing Land Use, Safety and Funding Problems

- We need better planned development, redevelopment or no development ^{y2},
- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bike trails, sidewalks, etc.) is badly designed and unsafe ^{y2}.
- Construction projects have a lead time that is too long with respect to completion when projects involve two or three governmental layers (2 points/2%) ^{y2}.
- Regressive funding (or lack thereof) of transportation/transit/tolls, "Lexus lanes", etc. ^{b1}.

CAC Feedback Regarding Preferred Solutions

The feedback received from the talking wall exercise on Post-It notes is summarized in this section from the portion requesting CAC members to identify their top three solutions to the biggest problems in Pinellas County. An electronic version of all of the Post-It notes received is attached to the end of this report. The table below divides all of the Post-It notes received into the categories shown in the table and pie chart below with points totaled for each category. This methodology was used to organize feedback into common categories, calculate weighted responses (the number of points for each colored Post-it note) and analyze commonalities of specific responses for each category.

CAC FEEDBACK ON SOLUTIONS ORGANIZED BY CATEGORY	TOTAL POINTS	%	"TALKING WALL" PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT EXERCISE POST-IT NOTE FEEDBACK ORGANIZED BY CATEGORY AND POINT VALUE										
			3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
Transit improvements	24	36%	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
Regional improvements	11	16%	3	3	3	1	1						
Technology improvements	10	15%	3	3	2	2							
Bicycle/Pedestrian improvements	9	13%	3	2	2	1	1						
Funding	8	12%	2	2	2	1	1						
Wider Roads	1	1%	1										
Congestion Relief	2	3%	2										
Land Use	1	1%	1										
Maintenance	1	1%	1										
Total	67	100%											

67% of the feedback received identifies these as the three preferred solutions to problems in Pinellas County and the region.

By far, CAC member feedback from the Special Session indicates agreement that better transit is the single most important solution to the problems Pinellas County and the region faces now and in the future. The topic of transit received a total of 24 points, which represents 36% of the total number of points (out of a total of 67). The second most agreed upon solution was the need for regional improvements at 16% with 11 points. Technology was a close third with 15% (10 points). Bicycle/pedestrian solutions ranked fourth highest at 13% with 9 points. Funding was at 12% with 8 points, wider roads 1% (1 point), congestion 3% (2 points), land use at 1% (1 point) and maintenance 1% (1 point).

“...[CAC members] identified transit, regional and technological improvements as the preferred solutions to the most important existing problems in Pinellas County.”

Combined, transit, regional improvements and technology improvements make up 67% of the total number of points.

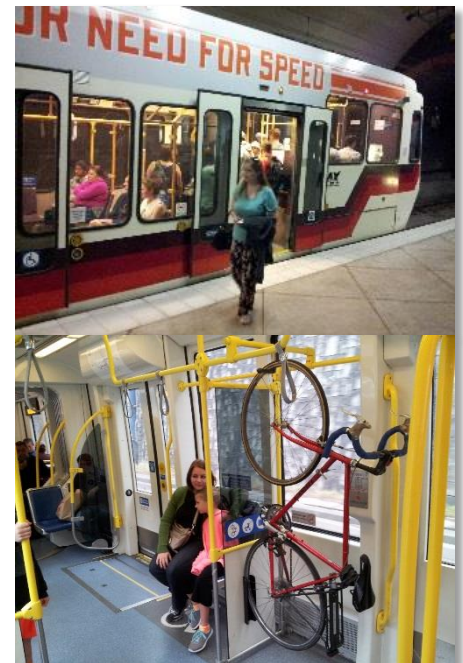
Therefore, in analyzing the feedback received by category and the number of points received, the group as a whole identified transit, regional and technological improvements as the preferred solutions to the most important existing problems in Pinellas County.

Feedback received in the other categories making up the other 33% is still useful, and the categories are not mutually exclusive, because topics not among the three biggest problem areas identified in the table above are still very much a part of the problem/solution. Technology improvements were mostly related to traffic signal coordination and congestion, for example.

The specific feedback received from the talking wall exercise and resulting colored Post-It notes is included below and organized by category. Every attempt was made to preserve the actual language used on each Post-it note, but minor changes were required in some cases.

Transit Solutions

- The preferred solution for existing transit problems is regional light rail^{r3} and/or exclusive bus lanes to get people between Hillsborough and Pinellas quickly and reduce congestion^{b1}. The Tampa airport should include light rail/bus to major destinations (i.e. Gulf or Atlantic beaches, Orlando attractions, Tampa hotels and businesses)^{y2}.
- Make a smart phone app for PSTA that's more advanced and user friendly to make things run more smoothly on the routes^{r3}.
- Keep existing and find more and new express buses to major activity areas (i.e. beaches, USF, airport, Downtown St. Pete, Clearwater, Gateway, malls, hospitals, etc.)^{r3}.
- Bus shelters should be climate sensitive, and we should make better use of technology for tracking bus arrival times^{b1}.
- Explore entering into agreements with HART to connect to their proposed express bus routes with ours (200X)^{y2}.
- Move funding from Tampa Bay Next to transit^{r3}.
- Get the state to support a Miami-Orlando-Tampa high-speed rail^{b1}.
- Increase transit funding or reallocate roadway funding to transit to increase core route frequencies^{r3}.



Regional Improvement Solutions

- Consider the effects of local infrastructure changes/improvements in light of other, nearby transportation facilities^{b1}. Improve number of regional routes and add extra trips for events^{r3}.
- Passengers traveling through Tampa area should be able to bypass local Tampa traffic^{b1}.
- Begin planning for transportation alternatives at the local and regional level and mirror what West Palm, Broward and Dade County have done^{r3}.
- Regional coordination that maintains MPO functions for both local and regional connections^{r3}.

Technology Solutions

- CAC members agreed on the need for a better traffic control structure^{r3} with improved technology on intersection signals^{y2} tied to real-time traffic^{y2} and improved technology for providing timely information to drivers^{r3}.

Summary of Preferred Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvement Solutions

- Fill in sidewalk gaps^{r3} and design a numbered bicycle route system utilizing bike boulevards which seamlessly connect^{y2}.
- Pinellas needs more east-west bike trails^{b1}, bike/pedestrian-friendly street design^{y2} and facility continuity^{b1}.
- Need to create a countywide bike sharing program^{y2}.

Funding Solutions

- need to begin campaigning to convince the public to tax itself for transportation alternatives^{b1} and need to tax gas in the region to fund transit^{y2}.
- need Pinellas County road expenditures to decrease and Transportation alternative funding to increase^{y2}
- should look more into “market-based” solution incentives to create aging/disabled transportation solutions^{y2}.

Wider Roads, Congestion, Land Use and Maintenance Solutions

- build more/wider roads due to increased population^{b1}.
- Use High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes with HOV parking areas to reduce congestion^{y2}
- Policies that will discourage or outright prohibit developments from being approved for construction in a location without sufficient transit (i.e. Baycare property in Safety Harbor)^{b1}.
- Public areas need to be kept clean (bike lanes, bus stops, etc.)^{b1}.

ⁱ According to the Federal Transit Administration, “fixed guideway” is a public transportation facility that uses a separate right-of-way or rail for the exclusive use of public transportation. It can include multiple forms of public transit such as trolleybus, light rail, heavy rail, passenger ferry system and bus rapid transit system.

**FORWARD PINELLAS
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2017**

The Citizens Advisory Committee of Forward Pinellas met on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Pinellas County Planning Department, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neil McMullen, *Chairman* – Clearwater
Rebecca Afonso - Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Karen Cunningham - Clearwater
John Estok – At Large
Jack Kleban – At Large
Karen Mullins – *Vice Chairman* - Dunedin
Jack Nazario – Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, Belleair, So. Pasadena, Belleair Bluffs Area
Vivian Peters – At Large
Luis Serna - Clearwater
John Spagnola – Pinellas Park
Robby Thompson – St. Petersburg
Steven Yost – Beaches

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Allen – St. Petersburg
Joe Falanga - Largo
Bob Henion – Dunedin
Stephen Lasky – St. Petersburg
Kim Marston – At Large
Terri Novitsky – Beaches
Patricia Rodriguez – At Large
Larry Roybal – Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Jake Stowers – At Large
Norris Varkalhoff – At Large
Tammy Vrana – At Large
Geneva Waters – Pinellas Park/Mid-County

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Kovar – Citizen
Bonnie Epstein - PSTA
Robert Feigel – Forward Pinellas Staff
Whit Blanton – Forward Pinellas Staff
Sarah Ward – Forward Pinellas Staff
Maria Kelly – Forward Pinellas Staff

Pinellas County CAC – Minutes of June 22, 2017

Chairman Neil McMullen called this special meeting of the CAC was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited but no introductions were done as name cards were present.

This special meeting brought together to discuss the ideas on policy development or approaches to problem solutions in areas of transportation alternatives and regional connections.

Board members looking for guidance/direction

Citizen's perspective on what the board should be considering

In the "talking wall" exercise, two of the three most important concepts of transportation, "Transportation Alternatives and Regional Transportation" were noted at the top of the wall. The exercise to the members was to make note of three transportation problems Pinellas County faces and three suggested solutions based on their perspective. The color post-it notes they were provided with, allowed the members to rank the problems and solutions by color of importance.

Discussions were opened by asking everyone individually what they identified as their #1 problem:

- Traffic Congestion – solutions would be road systems design signaling – dynamic signal response/speed
- No way to come into Pinellas County without going through Tampa... need a way around Tampa
- Traffic information to the motorists and commuters as they are making decisions on which route to take
- PSTA – an app for bus passes or the ability to scan a barcode from a smart phone – PSTA is working on mobile ticketing, but it is still a little way out.
- Connectivity – gaps and sidewalks that stop; incomplete infrastructures on bicycle routes – solutions would be to repair and extend the sidewalks and to complete the infrastructures; fill in the gaps
- Lack of ability to increase capacity of existing roads – solution would be alternatives to four wheels and a roadway
- Addressing climate for bus riders and walkers – solutions would be making the bus stops more appealing with protection from the weather; have a design competition with the college architect and planning majors to build a better bus shelter
- Just getting across the bridges... one accident and everything is shut down – solutions would be lite rail or ferry systems
- Politics and how it affects transportation and regional connections – no consensus on what the operational, functional picture or organizational chart looks like – more of a governance problem – MPO's in the area will need to step up for a solution
- Infrastructure badly designed or dangerous. Reforming infrastructure design.
- Inability to get from point A to point B effectively... especially after hours
- PSTA funding
- A comment on PSTA ... "programs for poor people make poor programs"
- Re-Cap of Problems... trends and commonalities: Transit 19 points
- BRT
- Light Rail
- Hour service of transit
- Improve the shelters

- Need for better regional connections: City to City (regional)
- Better access to US 19 and I75
- Better connectivity signage and safety and filling in the gaps of the bike/Ped
- Traffic congestion frustration
- Technology improvements / signal coordination improvements

Re-Cap Solutions... trends and commonalities:

- Bike/ped – more east-west connections; funding and cleanliness
- Improve the funding (in general)
- Upgrading traffic signals
- Recommendation of using apps to improve transit
- Light Rail and bus shelter improvements
- Widen roads
- More road connectivity
- HOV
- Market base solutions

Staff will take these comments and review the commonalities and go from general categories to very specific statements of problems.

Ask our legislation, when voting on a transportation connected bill, show that they has first-hand knowledge about that type of transportation, (example: have they ridden a bus, if bus transit is the type of transportation).

CAC to put together a questionnaire for candidates running for office... go to your county elected official and ask them to take a ride with you.

Vision statements were shared with the committee. It was requested for everyone who wanted to submit a vision statement, to send their vision statements to Robert or Maria so they could be reviewed and share at the next CAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Vision/Policy Statements Received:

Vision on Transportation Success (Jack Nazario)

Passengers arriving at Tampa Airports have multiple of means of transportation to their destinations. Those means should include taxies, rental cars, buses, light rail, private pick up and car ferry. These means should be available 24/7, they should be affordable and useable for the young and old, non-English speaking passengers as well as those carrying luggage. Travelers passing through Tampa continuing south should be able to by-pass local Tampa traffic.

Vision on Transportation Success (Becky Afonso)

The vision for Pinellas is for every resident of every community to have awareness of transportation alternatives, how they operate and where they operate within and outside of their neighborhood.

Vision of Transportation Success (Johnny Wong)

- Safety, because no one should have to fear for their life simply because they decided to walk instead of drive
- Comfort, because riding the bus in the summer shouldn't accompanied by standing the rain or sweating through your work clothes
- Convenience, because I believe that people will often do what is easiest

Policy Statement (Johnny Wong)

- All corridors and sub-area projects should demonstrate a net positive effect on safety (i.e. no project should be approved unless it can be reasonably predicted that the effect will be to reduce fatal crashes OR serious injury crashes OR near misses)
- All PSTA stops should be both covered and illuminated (perhaps an exemption could be granted pending an evaluation of existing tree canopy)
- All residents should be no more than 1/8 mile from accessing a bike lane or trail

PINELLAS COUNTY



FORWARD
PINELLAS
Integrating Land Use & Transportation

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2017 7:00 P.M.

NAME	AFFILIATION
Paul Mc Mullin	Rep. Mergo / Chmn
Julian Pates	Rep at Mergo
Steve Kost	Beaches
Karen Mullins	Dunedin
Jack NAZARID	BELLEAIR BLUFFS
Jo HW SPAGNOLO	PINELLAS PARK
John ESTE	Safety Harbor
Karen Cunningham	Clearwater
Buddy ALONSO	North County
Luis SERNA	Clearwater
Robert Thompson	SPF
Bonnie Epstein	PSTA
Jack Kleban	At large
Dane Kovan	TRAC

PROBLEMS

<p>FEW TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FOR AN AGING/PHYSICALLY DISABLED POPULATION</p>	<p>LACK OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE PUBLIC BUSING SYSTEM THAT CREATES TRAFFIC</p>	<p>BIKE - PED SAFETY</p>
<p>REGRESSIVE FUNDING - OR LACK THERE OF- OF TRANSPORTATION/TRANSIT, ETC...TOLLS, LEXUS LANES, ETC...</p>	<p>GETTING INFORMATION TO THE INDIVIDUAL, i.e. traffic delays, construction, bridge up, accidents</p>	<p>HOURS OF SERVICE INCLUDES REGIONAL INCLUDES WHEEL CHAIR</p>
<p>TAMPA BAY REGION HAS ONLY AUTOMOBILES & BUSES. NO FIXED GUIDEWAY & LIGHTRAIL, HEAVY RAIL, PEOPLE MOVER, WATER BUS, NOTHING</p>	<p>LACK OF SETTLED COORDINATING MECHANISIM FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIONS. PIECE MEAL & POLITICAL APPROACH TO SOLUTION</p>	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE... roads, bike trails, sidewalks, etc... THAT ARE JUST BADLY DESIGNED AND DANGEROUS/NOT SAFE</p>
<p>ON ROAD BICYCLE LANES NOT CLEARLY MARKED</p>	<p>BUS SYSTEM ST. PETE FACING: Ridership up, revenue down, ability to replace infrastructure down ... PUBLIC REFUSAL TO TAX ITSELF</p>	<p>LACK OF EAST-WEST BIKE TRAILS</p>
<p>TAKES TOO LONG OR CANNOT GET TO PLACES USING BUS/TRANSIT</p>	<p>LACK OF TRANSIT FUNDING</p>	<p>LACK OF BUS AND/OR LIGHT RAIL TO POPULAR DESTINATIONS OF (IN): St. Petersburg, Clearwater Beach, Disney World</p>

PUBLIC TRANSIT SPEED POINT TO POINT	LACK OF SUN SHADE AT BUS STOPS	US19 SHOULD ALLOW ACCESS TO I-75 SOUTH WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH LOCAL TRAFFIC
ON ROAD BICYCLE LANES NOT CLEARLY MARKED	TOO LONG LEAD TIME WITH PROJECT COMPLETION WHEN PROJECTS OVERLYING 2 OR 3 GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL	ALLOW MORE LANES ON ROADS ON MAJOR TRAFFIC AREAS
CONTINUITY OF FACILITY: ex: bicycle lane - bicycle shoulder - wide curb lane ex: sidewalk - multiple intersections - existence	TRAFFICE SIGNALIZATION (OR LACK OF) COORDINATION	LAND USAGE (TRANSPORT) - BETTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - REDEVELOPMENT - NO DEVELOPMENT
BUS SERVICES LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION, i.e. I can get to this meeting, but I cannot get home	LACK OF SOPHISTICATED DATA (employee surveys in employment centers)(Carillon/ Gateway) on Public Transportation Use	ROAD DIETS
GAPS IN SIDEWALKS/ CONNECTIVITY	LOCAL TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING: MORE DESTINATIONS, MORE SHELTERS, MORE DEPENDABILITY	MASS TRANSIT TO MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS ABSENT, i.e. BRT, Rail, Express Bus

<p>TRANSIT (BRT or Other) TO DESTINATIONS: - DOWNTOWN TAMPA OR ST. PETE - USF - TRANSPORT ST. PETE</p>	<p>PUBLIC ACCESS FOR BIKING SYSTEM FOR RENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE ON A COUNTY LEVEL NOT A CITY "BIKE SHARING"</p>	<p>EXPRESS TRANSIT IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA ABSENT, i.e. express to Tampa Airport/St. Pete Clearwater Airport, Downtown, Events</p>
<p>AREA OF SERVICE INCLUDES REGIONAL INCLUDES WHEEL CHAIR</p>	<p>PERCEIVED INCENTIVES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION USE NOT WIDELY IMPLEMENTED</p>	<p>HIGH-SPEED CITY TO CITY CONNECTIONS</p>
<p>I-4 IS THE ONLY MAJOR EAST/WEST ROUTE FROM I-95 TO I-75. OTHER ROUTES NORTH OR SOUTH OF I-4 ARE NEEDED</p>	<p>DIFFICULTY TRAVELING ACROSS THE BAY</p>	<p>REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING WHEEL CHAIR</p>
<p>NO WAY TO GET BETWEEN HILLSBOROUGH & PINELLAS WITHOUT CROSSING VERY CONGESTED BRIDGES</p>	<p>TOO MUCH CONGESTION - LOTS OF TIME SPENT WAITING THROUGH LONG CYCLE LIGHTS</p>	<p>TRAFFIC CONGESTION: HINDERING ECONOMICAL GROWTH</p>
		<p>PINELLAS COUNTY FACING NEAR ZERO ABILITY TO INCREASE CAPACITY ON EXISTING ROADS</p>

SOLUTIONS

<p>BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO CONVINCING PUBLIC TO TAX ITSELF FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES</p>	<p>REGIONAL LIGHT RAIL</p>	<p>MIAMI-ORLANDO-TAMPA HI-SPEED RAIL "GET GOV'T TO SPEND ALLOTTED \$\$"</p>
<p>INVEST IN LIGHT RAIL OR EXCLUSIVE BUS LANES TO GET PEOPLE BETWEEN HILLSBOROUGH & PINELLAS QUICKLY & REDUCE CONGESTION</p>	<p>INCREASE TRANSIT FUNDING OR REALLOCATE ROADWAY FUNDING TO TRANSIT TO INCREASE CORE ROUTE FREQUENCIES</p>	<p>POLICIES THAT WILL DISCOURAGE OR OUTRIGHT PROHIBIT DEVELOPMENTS FROM BEING APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN A LOCATION WITHOUT SUFFICIENT TRANSIT. (BAYCARE ON FIRMENINEL PROPERTY IN SAFETY HARBOR)</p>
<p>BEGIN PLANNING FOR TRANS ALTERNATIVES AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL - MIRROR WHAT WEST PALM, BROWARD AND DADE HAVE DONE.</p>	<p>REGIONAL COORDINATION THAT MAINTAINS MPO FUNCTIONS FOR BOTH LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONNECTIONS</p>	<p>PINELLAS COUNTY ROAD EXPENDITURES <i>DOWN</i> TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE FUNDING <i>UP</i></p>
<p>PED & BIKE FRIENDLY STREET DESIGN</p>	<p>PUBLIC AREAS KEPT CLEAN (BIKE LANES, BUS STOPS, ETC...)</p>	<p>DESIGN A NUMBERED BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM UTILIZING BIKE CLUBS WHICH SEAMLESSLY CONNECT</p>
<p>TRAFFIC CONTROL STRUCTURE & SIGNALS</p>	<p>KEEP EXISTING & FIND MORE & NEW EXPRESS BUSES TO MAJOR ACTIVITY AREAS: BEACHES, USF, AIRPORT, DT ST. PETE, CLW, TPG, GATEWAY, MALLS, HOSPITALS, ETC.</p>	<p>MAKE A SMART PHONE APP FOR PSTA THAT CAN BE MORE USER FRIENDLY, MORE ADVANCED TO MAKE THINGS MORE SMOOTHER ON THE ROUTES</p>

<p>50,000 FOOT PRESPECTIVE WITH EFFECTS OF "LOCAL" INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES/IMPROVEMENTS ON OTHER NEAR BY TRANSPORTATION FLOWS</p>	<p>BUILD MORE WIDER ROADS DUE TO INCREASED POPULATION</p>	<p>FACILITY CONTINUITY EFFORTS TO ADD/SUBTRACT (& IMPROVE) TO THE FACILITY</p>
<p>TAKE PART OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT MONEY TO GET TROUISTS TO THE BEACHES, ETC...</p>	<p>TAX ON GAS IN THE REGION TO FUND TRANSIT</p>	<p>"MARKET BASED" SOLUTION INCENTIVES TO CREATE AGING/DISABLED TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS</p>
<p>PASSENGERS TRAVELING THROUGH TAMPA AREA SHOULD BE ABLE TO BYPASS LOCAL TAMPA TRAFFIC</p>	<p>IMPROVE NUMBER OF REGIONAL ROUTES. ADD EXTRA TRIPS FOR EVENTS</p>	<p>TRAFFICE SIGNALS UPGRADED/COMPUTERIZED TIED TO REAL TIME TRAFFIC</p>
<p>FILL IN SIDEWALK GAPS</p>	<p>MORE EAST-WEST BIKE TRAILS</p>	<p>MOVE FUNDING FROM TB NEXT TO TRANSIT</p>
<p>IMPROVED/UPDATES (IN CAR TO PERSON) TECHNOLOGY</p>	<p>IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY ON INTERSECTION SIGNALS - REDUCE SIGNAL LENGTHS TO REAL TIME TRAFFIC</p>	<p>CREATE A COUNTY WIDE BIKE SHARING RENTAL</p>

TAMPA AIRPORT SHOULD INCLUDE LIGHT RAIL/BUS TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS: GULF BEACHES (OR ATLANTIC); ORLANDO ATTRACTIONS; TAMPA HOTELS AND BUSINESSES

BUS SHELTERS CLIMATE SENSATIVE; ITS FOR BUS TRACKING

EXPLORE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH HART TO CONNECT THEIR PROPOSED EXPRESS BUS ROUTES WITH OURS (200X)

HOV LANES WITH HOV PARKING AREAS

March 14, 2018

**7G. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Memorandum
of Understanding**



SUMMARY

To reflect its new mission enabled by the Florida Legislature and Governor in 2017, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to eventually transfer responsibility for the implementation of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RFTP) to TBARTA. This non-binding agreement essentially provides a framework for the roles and responsibilities of each transportation planning and operating agency relative to the RFTP. The TBARTA Board authorized its executive director to work with each transportation agency on the implementation of the MOU. During this review period, TBARTA will compile the various suggested edits and is expected to send out a final draft in coming months that incorporates each agency's input for final approval and signature.

ATTACHMENT(S): Draft Memorandum of Understanding with recommended edits

ACTION: Board to review draft Memorandum of Understanding and approve transmittal of edits to TBARTA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FORWARD PINELLAS
HILLSBOROUGH AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
HILLSBOROUGH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
PASCO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT
PASCO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

I. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into between the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (“TBARTA”), the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”), Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (“HART”), Pasco County Public Transit (“PCPT”), Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (“PSTA”), Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (“Hillsborough MPO”), Pasco Metropolitan Planning Organization (“Pasco MPO”), and Forward Pinellas ([Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization](#)).

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RTFP) is to identify a catalyst regional transit project, as well as outline projects that can be implemented following the initial catalyst project, within Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. The RTFP will provide the foundation of the regional transit vision, through a technical evaluation process to determine a project that is the most competitive for federal and state funding.

The development of the RTFP is funded by FDOT and administered by HART. HART will continue to administer the RTFP until the conclusion of the study as outlined in the RTFP’s Scope of Services. Public, agency, and stakeholder engagement will continue as planned to achieve input and recommendations on the RTFP.

Chapter 343, Part V, Florida Statutes (F.S.) requires TBARTA to identify regional transit service needs and opportunities over a 10-year period through the development of a Regional Transit Development Plan (“RTDP”). The RTDP will encompass the five-county TBARTA region, consider the results of the RTFP, the local transit agency Transit Development Plans (TDPs), the Florida Transportation Plan, the Strategic Intermodal System, and other applicable transit plans and regionally significant studies.

The purpose of this MOU is to define each Party’s responsibilities related to the RTFP development and approval process.

III. PARTY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby mutually agree and express their understanding that:

1. RTFP Roles

- a. TBARTA will be the primary recipient of the RTFP, with all rights and obligations thereto as mandated by Florida Statutes. The results of the RTFP Draft Implementation Plan will be formally submitted for acceptance and approval by the TBARTA Governing Board.

- b. HART will continue to administer the execution of the RTFP, including all public outreach, until the Scope of Services under the contract is complete.
- c. FDOT will continue to provide technical support, as needed, to execute the completion and implementation of the RTFP.
- d. TBARTA will assume primary responsibility for the implementation of the RTFP, and will continue to seek input, in an advisory capacity, from the five MPOs and five transit agencies in its designated service area, as well as any other applicable public or private entities.
- e. The Metropolitan Planning Organization(s) will have the responsibility of determining whether to include the RTFP and its component project or projects in the Cost Feasible Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and to advance one or more phases of the RTFP through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be eligible for federal funding. The MPOs will also have responsibility for ensuring development of a coordinated and complementary multimodal transportation network to support the RTFP.

2. RTFP Coordination and Engagement

- a. TBARTA will closely monitor the planned public outreach related to the RTFP, and ensure that the governing bodies of the following agencies/entities have the opportunity to offer input and recommendations:
 - i. Forward Pinellas
 - ii. HART
 - iii. Hernando County Transit (the Hernando Board of County Commissioners (BOCC))
 - iv. Hillsborough County MPO
 - v. Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT, the Manatee BOCC)
 - vi. Pasco County MPO
 - vii. PCPT (the Pasco County BOCC)
 - viii. PSTA
- b. Upon conclusion of the public outreach and the execution of any necessary revisions, the TBARTA Governing Board shall formally request concurrence of the RTFP Implementation Plan for the regional transit system and the proposed catalyst project from the governing boards of the following agencies:
 - i. Forward Pinellas
 - ii. HART
 - iii. Hillsborough MPO
 - iv. Pasco MPO
 - v. PCPT
 - vi. PSTA
- c. Prior to implementation of RTFP projects, TBARTA will submit such projects for inclusion in the respective MPO Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) and Transportation Improvement Programs, and as well as Transit Agency Transit Development Plans (TDPs).

3. Through this MOU, the Parties express their mutual intent to adhere to the outline of commitments to be made in this process and imposes no legally enforceable contractual obligation on any Party.

4. This MOU shall take effect when approved by all Parties on the last date shown below.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY EACH Party on the date shown below:

TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BY: _____
Ramond Chiaramonte, Executive Director

Date: _____

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: _____
David Gwynn, District VII Secretary

Date: _____

FORWARD PINELLAS

BY: _____
Whit Blanton, Executive Director

Date: _____

HILLSBOROUGH AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BY: _____
Jeffrey Seward, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

HILLSBOROUGH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BY: _____
Beth Alden, Executive Director

Date: _____

PASCO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

BY: _____
Kurt Scheible, Public Transportation Director

Date: _____

PASCO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BY: _____
Craig Casper, Transportation Planning Manager

Date: _____

PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BY: _____
Brad Miller, Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

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March 14, 2018

8A. Director's Report



The Executive Director will update and seek input from board members on the following items:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Report
 - 1. SPOTlight Update
 - 2. March 9, 2018 TMA Leadership Group Summary
 - 3. March 12, 2018 Joint Meeting with Broward MPO Summary
 - 4. Alternatives Evaluation and Concept Development for I-175 and I-375 in Downtown St. Petersburg
 - 5. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Summary

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational items only

March 14, 2018

8B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update



SUMMARY

The Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee held its monthly meeting on February 14, 2018 at 11:30 prior to the regular Forward Pinellas Board meeting. The committee discussed the progress to date of bills of interest and the local agency coordination efforts regarding them. It was announced that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority received a medium-high rating for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The potential impacts of the Trump Administration infrastructure plan were reviewed in context. The committee decided the executive director should plan to attend the Constitution Revision Commission public hearing on March 13th at USF St. Petersburg. The committee is scheduled to meet again on March 14, 2018 before the board meeting to discuss outcomes of the Legislative Session. The executive director will provide a brief report to the board on the committee's discussions and recommendations, as appropriate.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Draft February 14, 2018 Legislative Committee Meeting Summary
- MPOAC Legislative Updates
- APA Florida Legislative Updates

ACTION: None required; informational item only

**FORWARD PINELLAS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner John Morroni, Forward Pinellas Chairman
Councilmember Doreen Caudell, Forward Pinellas Vice-Chair
Councilmember Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg
Councilmember Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater, representing the Pinellas Suncoast
Transit Authority (PSTA) (alternate) (late arrival)

Also Present:

Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner
Tina Jablon, Administrative Secretary
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney's Office
Darryl Henderson, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, VP Public Policy &
Economic Development
Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Pinellas County

The Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee met in the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 5th Floor Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Councilmember Caudell moved, seconded by Councilmember Rice that the summary from the January 10, 2018 meeting be approved (vote 3-0).

3. LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION

Sarah Caper advised that the final version of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2018 legislative asks and a Tampa Bay Beaches update are included in the agenda packet.

Whit Blanton reported that Forward Pinellas continues to partner as needed on positions that are being advanced.

Brian Lowack reported on the status of the state bills related to MPOs and Whit Blanton further elaborated. Discussion continued regarding a variety of bills and their progress to date including those related to:

Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) funding, Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority, Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funding, Dockless Bicycle Sharing, Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs)

It was discussed that members of the committee could schedule legislative meetings during their already planned Tallahassee trips if need be.

Chairman Morroni opined that he felt the coordination was going well.

4. FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Whit Blanton reviewed the Trump Administration infrastructure plan stating it would reward states and local governments for raising their own revenue. He advised that the Florida CRA bills challenge that ability and that Florida has not raised the gas tax in a number of years. Value Capture was discussed.

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) medium-high rating for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project was praised. There was discussion on how the federal budget will affect the appropriation of the funds for the project. Councilmember Rice opined how pleased she was with the ranking of the project and praised the efforts that went into getting to this point.

5. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

The committee was reminded of the upcoming Constitution Revision Commission public hearing on March 13th and the proposals of interest to Forward Pinellas. It was decided that the executive director would attend the meeting.

6. UPDATES

Whit Blanton outlined the TBARTA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RTFP) and discussed the items he felt needed addressed prior to approving the MOU. He advised that the PSTA Executive Committee had some issues with the MOU as well. Discussion ensued regarding the ability to advance the RTFP. The timeframe for getting the MOU approved was outlined.

The committee received the latest legislative updates from the MPOAC, Florida APA, the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association, the Florida Bicycle Association and other relevant correspondence regarding bills of interest were also distributed to the committee members.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

There was some discussion about the TMA Leadership Group history, composition, structure and role in setting priorities and advancing the RTFP.

The possibility of working with FDOT on an I-175 & I-375 spur study was briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



*Mayor Susan Haynie
Chair*

Legislative Update for the week ending 02/16/2018

Overview

This week’s newsletter starts with a horrible week in Florida, I don’t have words to make this positive and truly wish I could be opening with something upbeat. My compliments to Senator Lauren Book who tweeted out after the Parkland tragedy “Hug your babies”. Yes, Senator that is sage advice, thank you.

There are 11 more calendar days until committees stop meeting and at this point, if your bill hasn’t moved I am calling it done. Bills are updated with a “**Will not pass this session**” in this newsletter if they have not had action. Frankly, if a bill has only one committee stop then it might have a chance of advancing to a full House or Senate vote. Other than that scenario, I would not bet money on a bill’s passage. There are bills that have advanced in one chamber but the companion bill has not advanced in the other chamber. In those cases, not going to happen this year. This edition of the newsletter contains predictions of what may pass. Please remember, they are just that - predictions.

Usually at this section of the newsletter I break down what is going on in the Capitol and what bills or events are influencing the actions of the legislature. I don’t have the stomach or heart to write about the obvious. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is on the minds and lips of everyone.

Last week I mentioned the budget and we will have a budget passed since it is what the legislature is required to do each session. We will have a few bills passed, some that appear likely to pass have been pretty heavy lifts and have taken away from the ability of other bills to get traction and much-needed attention. Minor marriages and the texting while driving bills are a few examples. The gambling compact with the Seminole Tribe is one issue that has some interested parties who bring to the table their own agendas. The Speaker wants to limit how much gambling is in Florida. As he described, Florida is a family friendly destination for tourists and a gambling-centric state is not the lifestyle he sees for our residents. The Seminole Tribe wants the compact because it gives them exclusive rights to some gambling games, essentially a monopoly and that is good for their profits. The pari-mutual industry who wants in on the gambling industry, and would love to have some of those games that are the exclusive right of the Seminole Tribe, lost one of it’s champions in the Senate - Jack Latvala. The budget likes the money the Seminole Tribe sends to the State and so do the legislators who craft that budget. It is hard to say how this will come out, but it is hard to imagine that the opportunity to cut a deal on gambling would be ignored. Of course, as I stated in a newsletter last year “One thing is certain in politics, nothing is certain”. That may prove to be prophetic this year. Let’s see what happens.

This past week, the transportation bills have been a bit quiet. Here is a breakdown of the bills we are following. That’s a wrap for this week. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

Important Dates for the 2018 Legislative Session

- August 01, 2017 – Deadline for filing claim bills
- November 17, 2017 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- January 5, 2018 – Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- January 9, 2018 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- February 24, 2018 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- February 27, 2018 - 50th day, last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 9, 2018 - 60th day, last day of Regular Session

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of February 16, 2018. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking.

Changes from last update are shown in RED

HB 33: Texting While Driving – (Toledo; Slosberg – Co-Introducers: Ahern; Burgess; Fitzenhagen; Jacobs; Metz; Stark; Altman; Asencio; Berman; Beshears; Boyd; Clemons; Cortes, J.; Cruz; Daniels; Diaz, M.; Donalds; Drake; Duran; Edwards-Walpole; Grant, M.; Gruters; Hager; Harrell; Harrison; Ingoglia; Killebrew; Leek; Mariano; McClain; McClure; Miller, M.; Moskowitz; Olszewski; Payne; Perez; Plasencia; Raschein; Russell; Smith; Spano; Stevenson; Stone; Watson, C.; White; Willhite; Williams) – Similar Bill SB 90. Revises legislative intent; requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by such officer; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. The bill has added many cosponsors and gained the support of the Speaker of the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0, now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary Committee, 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. It now needs to pass Government Accountability and then can head to the House floor for a full vote. Passed Government Accountability with 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now headed to the House floor for a full vote of the House. Please note, Speaker Corcoran has publicly stated his support for this bill. Waiting for a vote of the full House of Representatives.

SB 72: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Garcia – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield;) – Withdrawn. Identical to SB 90.

CS/SB 90: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Perry – Co-Sponsor: Garcia; Mayfield; Rodriguez; Campbell; Baxley Stewart; Taddeo) – Identical to SB 72. Similar to HB 33. Revising the legislative intent relating to the authorization of law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, etc. Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations Committee Substitute (amendment) and passed by Communications, Energy and Public Utilities (Yeas 7, Nays 1). This bill also picked up three more co-sponsors. Now in Transportation. The bill now has seven co-sponsors. The bill passed the Transportation Committee with a vote of 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. The bill now moves to the

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On the Committee Agenda for Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/18/2018, 9:00AM 110 Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 8 Yeas and 2 Nays. Now in Appropriations. After Appropriations Committee it will head to the Senate Floor for a full vote.

SB 116: Operation of Vehicles – (Baxley – Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Book) - Requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 117: Operation of Vehicles – (Stone – Co-Introducers: Hahnfeldt; Jacobs; Killebrew; Stark) - Companion Bill to SB 116. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Committee Substitute passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on a vote of 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. Pending review of Committee Substitute. Now in Government Accountability Committee. On the Government Accountability Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 3:00PM. **Passed Government Accountability - 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Heads to Full House vote. Note that the Senate companion is not advancing, will not become law this session.**

HB 121: Texting While Driving – (Slosberg; Stark) – Similar to SB 72 and SB 90. Revises short title & legislative intent; revises penalties for violations of provisions re: texting while driving; provides enhanced penalties for violations committed in school zones & crossings; requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies prohibiting racial profiling in enforcement; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee. This bill was withdrawn and the bill sponsor (Slosberg) is a cosponsor of the newly filed HB 33: Texting While Driving bill.

SB 176: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Hutson) – Similar to HB 6001 - Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

SB 182: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Rodriguez) – Similar Bill HB 567. Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On the Transportation Committee agenda for 02/06/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. **Will not pass this session.**

SB 188: Public School Transportation – (Steube) – Companion bill is HB 1299. Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations. On the Education Committee agenda for 02/12/2018 at 3:30PM in Room 412, Knott Building. **Passed Education Committee – 8 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K Education. Has two committees to go, will not pass this session.**

SB 206: Highway Memorial Markers – (Perry) – Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process, including the adoption of any forms deemed necessary by the department, for submitting applications for installation of a memorial marker; authorizing the department to install a certain sign at no charge to an applicant; authorizing an applicant to request an emblem of belief not specifically approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for incorporation in a memorial marker, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 215: Autocycles – (Payne) – Related bill SB 504 (Perry). Defines "autocycle" & revises definition of "motorcycle"; requires safety belt usage by autocycle operator/passenger; authorizes autocycle operation without motorcycle endorsement; provides applicability. Definition of an autocycle: A three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Not knowing from the description what an autocycle looks like, I thought it best to share with you a picture of one. The image of an autocycle is shown below. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee (Yeas 12, Nays 2) and is now on the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda for 11/15/2017. Bill passed the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, now in Government Accountability Committee. The bill passed the Government Accountability Committee with 19 Yeas, 2 Nays. The Bill has now been placed on the Calendar for a full House vote on 01/24/2018. Passed the House with 105 Yeas and 1 Nay. Received by the Senate and assigned to Committees – Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations. **The Senate version has passed all committees and is waiting on a full Senate vote, this bill seems likely to become law.**



HB 243: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Avila; Perez) – Companion Bill is SB 688. Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for refinancing existing bonds; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. The bill was amended by the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee to define eligible uses of surtax monies. The bill as written does not allow for surtax monies to be used for salaries or other personnel expense. The bill passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays. The bill has passed the Ways and Means Committee with a vote of 14 Yeas, 6 Nays. It is now in the Government

Accountability Committee. Bill was Temporarily Postponed in Government Accountability (was to be heard on 02/08/2018), now on Government Accountability agenda for 02/13/2018 at 3:00 PM, Morris Hall. **Bill passed Government Accountability – 17 Yeas, 6 Nays. Headed to a Full House Floor vote. The Senate companion bill has one more committee stop before a full Senate floor vote. This is likely to become law.**

SB 272: Local Tax Referenda - (Brandes) – Companion bill HB 317. Revises the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules. Passed Community Affairs, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. On the Committee agenda for 01/16/2018 at 10:00AM in room 401 Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax with an amendment, 6 Yeas, Zero Nays, now in Appropriations. **This bill has one more committee stop, the House companion bill has passed the full House. This bill is likely to become law.**

HB 317: Local Tax Referenda – (Ingoglia) – Companion bill SB 272. Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Bill is now in Ways and Means Committee. Bill passed Ways and Means Committee, 18 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability Committee. An amended version of the bill passed Government Accountability Committee with 17 Yeas, 3 Nays. The amendment removes the ability to hold a local tax referenda item on a non-general election ballot. The bill is on the House Calendar to be heard (and voted upon) 01/31/2018. Passed the full House vote with 84 Yeas, 27 Nays. Bill was sent to the Senate, has been assigned to four committees: Community Affairs, Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, Appropriations, Rules. **The Senate companion bill has one more committee stop before a full Senate floor vote, this bill is likely to become law.**

SB 346: Motorcycle and Moped Riders – (Perry) – Increasing the age (from age 16 to age 21) at which persons who are operating or riding upon a certain motorcycle are exempt from protective headgear requirements, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. **This bill has three more committee stops, will not pass this session.**

HB 353: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher; Brodeur – Co-introducers: Jacobs; Payne) – Related to SB 712. Authorizes person to operate, or engage autonomous technology to operate, autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; provides that autonomous technology is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; provides construction & applicability; defines "human operator." Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, now in Appropriations Committee. On Appropriations Committee agenda for 01/22/2018, 3:00PM, Webster Hall. Passed Appropriations Committee with 20 Yeas and Zero Nays. Next stop is Government Accountability Committee. **This bill has one committee stop left in the House, the Senate companion bill has two committee stops. Don't count this one out yet, the Senate sponsor (Brandes) is a fan of this bill and might get it through.**

SB 384: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Companion bill is HB 981. Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate

the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Bill was amended to add hybrid vehicles, when hybrid and electric vehicles comprise 2% of the total number of vehicles registered in the state, the Florida Transportation Commission must conduct a study of the fiscal impact to transportation funding. Bill as amended passed Transportation Committee 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. **This bill has two committee stops left, the House companion bill has passed all committees and is waiting on a full House floor vote. Don't count this one out yet.**

SB 504: Autocycles – (Perry) – Related bill HB 215 (see HB 215 for an image of an autocycle). Defining the term “autocycle”; requiring safety belt or, if applicable, child restraint usage by an operator or passenger of an autocycle; including an autocycle in the definition of the term “motorcycle”; authorizing a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On agenda for Transportation Committee 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. **Passed Appropriations – 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full Senate floor vote. The House version of this bill has passed the House. Likely to become law.**

HB 525: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Grall; Magar) – Similar bill SB 572. Requires railroad companies operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, & upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 535: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Avila) – Companion bill is SB 1200. Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. **This bill has two committee stops left to go, Senate version has been advancing. Will not pass this session.**

SB 542: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

SB 544: Procurement Procedures – (Brandes) – Specifying the applicability of procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process for certain procurements by specified transportation, expressway, and bridge authorities, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Was Temporarily Postponed. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. **This bill has two committee stops left, will not pass this session.**

SB 548: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Campbell) – Companion Bill is HB 6001. Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector,” respectively and relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors and that cap fines and provide for the deposit and use of fines, and the distribution of specified penalties, respectively, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 567: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Richardson) – Similar Bill SB 182. Requires DOT to create Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides application & eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays. **Will not pass this session, has two committee stops left.**

SB 572: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Mayfield; Co-Introducer: Gainer) – Similar bill HB 525. Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Community Affairs. The bill will be presented in a workshop forum at the Community Affairs Committee on 01/23/2018 at 5:00PM, Room 301, Senate Office Building. **Will not pass this session, has two committee stops left and the House companion bill has not advanced.**

HB 575: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Beshears) – Revises MPO voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veteran Affairs Subcommittee. The bill passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with a vote of 13 Yeas, 1 Nay. The bill now moves to the Government Accountability Committee. **Will not pass this session, the Senate companion bill has not advanced.**

HB 633: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Fischer; Co-Introducer: Jacobs) – Companion bill is SB 852. Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: \$15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee agenda, 01/23/2018 at 9:00AM, Reed Hall. The bill passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas and Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. On Committee Agenda for

02/13/2018 at 12:30PM, Sumner Hall. **Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Has one committee stop left. The Senate companion has two committee stops left and is scheduled on committee agenda for next week. Don't count this bill out yet, this will be a close one as to whether or not it becomes law.**

SB 688: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Garcia) – Companion bill is HB 243. Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for non-transit purposes, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Passed Community Affairs with 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. On the agenda for Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/29/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 401, Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax with 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Committee. **One Committee stop left to go, the House version is headed to a Floor vote. This bill is likely to become law.**

SB 712: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes) – Related to HB 353. Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver's seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Referred to Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Rules. Passed Transportation with 7 Yeas and Zero Nays. The next stop is Banking and Insurance. **The House version has one committee stop left before heading to a full floor vote. Don't count this bill out yet.**

SB 782: Bollards Grant Program – (Rodriguez) - Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop the Bollards Grant Program in order to provide grants to municipalities and counties for the installation of bollards in their jurisdictions; requiring a county or municipality to specify in its application the area, which may include private property, where it intends to install bollards and why the installation is needed, etc. Annual amount: \$250,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 807: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Diamond) – Companion Bill is SB 984. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. Assigned to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee agenda for 01/23/2018 at 9:00AM, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas and Zero Nays. On the Committee Agenda for Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on 01/29/2018 at 3:00PM in Room 12 of the House Office Building. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with 11 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability. **This bill has one committee stop left to go. The Senate companion bill has three committee stops left to go. Will not pass this session.**

HB 815: County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees – (Avila; Co-Introducers: La Rosa) - Companion bill is SB 1180. This bill does a number of things, of importance to MPOs are two requirements related to travel in the bill. First, out of state travel for public officials must be approved by the full governing body of the county or municipality at a publicly noticed meeting and must be on the meeting agenda with an itemized list detailing all anticipated travel expenses. The public official travel must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body. This may create problems for MPO board members to attend events/conferences and USDOT led events given that short notice travel would be virtually impossible to be approved in advance. The second issue for MPOs is the cap of lodging expenses in excess of \$120 per night.

For MPOs that are administratively housed within a County or Municipality, the lodging cap of \$120 per night would apply to you. Foreign travel by county or municipal officers cannot be paid by their government body. Travel expenses incurred by public officers and employees may only be paid for if it is incurred 24 hours before, during and after the event necessitating the travel. Travel expenses outside those timeframes cannot be paid for by the government entity. The bill has been referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Public Integrity and Ethics Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with 12 Yeas and 2 Nays. Now in Public Integrity and Ethics Committee. Committee Substitute passed Public Integrity and Ethics Committee with 12 Yeas, 6 Nays. The next step will be Government Accountability Committee. **The bill has undergone some changes and is much easier to work with now. The hotel limit of \$120 per night has been removed and applies to only elected officials now. This bill has one committee stop left to go, the Senate companion bill has two committee stops left to go and is on the agenda for a committee stop this coming week. Don't count this bill out yet.**

SB 852: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Brandes; Co-Introducer: Taddeo) – Companion bill is HB 633. Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: \$15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations. On the Transportation Committee agenda for 01/18/2018 at 10:00AM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. **The House version has one committee stop left. This bill has two committee stops left and is scheduled on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development agenda for 02/21/2018 at 1:30PM in room 110, Senate Office Building. Don't count this bill out yet, this will be a close one as to whether or not it becomes law.**

HB 981: Electric Vehicles – (Olszewski) – Companion bill is SB 384. Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability. Bill passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee with 10 Yeas, 1 Nay. Passed Government Accountability Committee with 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a vote of the full House. **The Senate companion bill has two stops left, don't count this one out yet.**

SB 984: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Brandes) – Companion Bill is HB 807. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. The bill has been filed but not yet assigned to committees. Bill assigned to Transportation, Community Affairs, Rules. **Will not pass this session.**

SB 1012: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo) – Requiring fees generated from tolls to be used to reimburse, by interlocal agreement effective for a specified period of time, a county or another local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, which may be used by a county or another local governmental entity to provide fire, rescue, and emergency management services to the public, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic

Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 01/18/2018 at 10:00AM in room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 10 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is Appropriations Committee. **There is not a House companion bill.**

HB 1033: Dockless Bicycle Sharing – (Toledo) – Companion bill is SB 1304 by Young. Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Bill referred to Careers and Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. On the agenda for Careers and Competition Subcommittee for 01/16/2018 at 3:00PM in room 216 in the Capitol Building. Amended version passed Careers and Competition Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Commerce Committee. **Has one committee stop to go before a full House vote. The Senate companion bill has two committee stops to go. Not likely to pass this session.**

SB 1180: County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees – (Steube) – Companion bill is HB 815. This bill does a number of things, of importance to MPOs are two requirements related to travel in the bill. First, out of state travel for public officials must be approved by the full governing body of the county or municipality at a publicly noticed meeting and must be on the meeting agenda with an itemized list detailing all anticipated travel expenses. The public official travel must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body. This may create problems for MPO board members to attend events/conferences and USDOT led events given that short notice travel would be virtually impossible to be approved in advance. The second issue for MPOs is the cap of lodging expenses in excess of \$120 per night. For MPOs that are administratively housed within a County or Municipality, the lodging cap of \$120 per night would apply to you. Foreign travel by county or municipal officers cannot be paid by their government body. Travel expenses incurred by public officers and employees may only be paid for if it is incurred 24 hours before, during and after the event necessitating the travel. Travel expenses outside those timeframes cannot be paid for by the government entity. The bill has been referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules. On the Ethics and Elections Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 412, Knott Building. **Passed Ethics and Elections Committee – 5 Yeas, 3 Nays. On the Community Affairs Committee Agenda for 02/20/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 301, Senate Office Building. The House version has one committee stop left to go, don't count this bill out yet.**

SB 1188: Strategic Intermodal System – (Rouson) – Companion Bill is HB 1277. Specifies that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging SIS shall include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. On the Transportation Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. **Passed Transportation Committee – 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Community Affairs. The House version is not advancing, will not pass this session.**

SB 1200: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Young; Co-Introducer: Galvano) – Companion bill is HB 535. Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation; Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 02/06/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 6 Yeas, 1 Nay. On the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Agenda for 02/14/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 110, Senate Office Building.

Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development – 7 Yeas, 3 Nays. Now in Appropriations Committee. House companion bill has two committee stops left to go, will not pass this session.

HB 1277: Strategic Intermodal System – (Willhite) – Companion Bill is HB 1188. Specifies that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging SIS shall include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 1299: Public School Transportation – (Raburn) – Companion bill is HB 188. Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education. Passed PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee with 10 Yeas and Zero Nays. Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee. **This bill has two committee stops left to go, will not pass this session.**

SB 1304: Dockless Bicycle Sharing – (Young) – Companion bill is HB 1033 by Toledo. Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Bill referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Rules. On the Banking and Insurance Committee Agenda for 02/06/2018 at 11:00AM in Room 110 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Banking and Insurance Committee with 8 Yeas, 2 Nays. On the Community Affairs Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 10:00AM in Room 301 of the Senate Office Building. **Was not considered at last committee stop. Has two committee stops to go, the House version has one committee stop to go. Not likely to pass this session.**

SB 1350: Airports – (Perry) – Increasing eligibility for certain funding by the DOT to include airports that have fewer than a specified number of commercial passenger enplanements annually. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Will not pass this session.**

SB 1516: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Perry) – This is a companion bill to HB 575, at this time the two bills are identical – HB 575 is likely to undergo revisions. Revises MPO voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. The bill was filed on 01/04/2018, on 01/12/2018 it was referred to Transportation, Community Affairs and Rules. **Will not pass this session.**

HB 6001: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Avila; Ingoglia) – Similar to SB 176. Companion Bill is SB 548. Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations. Referred to Appropriations Committee, on the Committee agenda for 10/10/2017. Bill passed Appropriations Committee (Yeas 16, Nays 10). Bill has been placed on Calendar for Full House Vote. The Bill passed the full House on a vote of 83 Yeas, 18 Nays. This bill has been sent to the Senate. **Senate version has not advanced, will not pass this session.**

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Sorted by Bill Number

HB 3	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability	Grant (M)
<p>Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability: Authorizes & requires Auditor General to conduct certain audits; provides transparency & accountability provisions applicable to economic development agencies & tourism promotion agencies; provides penalties; requires county governing board to review certain proposed contracts & certifications. Effective Date: October 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/25/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed</p> <p>1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules</p>		
Similar		
SB 1714	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability (Perry)	

HB 7	Local Government Fiscal Transparency	Burton
<p>Local Government Fiscal Transparency: Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post certain voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post certain property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings prior to certain increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing & advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; provides method for local governments that do not operate website to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 91 Yeas / 12 Nays)</p> <p>1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules</p>		
Similar		
SB 1426	Local Government Fiscal Affairs (Lee (T))	

HB 11	Government Accountability	Metz
<p>Government Accountability: Requires Governor & Commissioner of Education, or their designees, to notify Legislative Auditing Committee of entity's failure to comply with certain auditing & financial reporting requirements; excludes water management districts from certain audit requirements; revises reporting requirements applicable to Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; revises certain lodging rates for purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; provides requirements for statewide travel management system; revises responsibilities of specified entities to include establishment & maintenance of certain internal controls; revises auditing requirements for certain agencies, councils, & state schools; requires the Legislative Auditing Committee to determine whether governmental entity should be subject to state action under certain circumstances; requires counties & municipalities to maintain certain budget documents on entities' websites for specified period; provides annual financial audit requirements for Florida Virtual School. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 101 Yeas / 1 Nay)</p> <p>1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules</p>		
Compare		
HB 1019	Financial Reporting (La Rosa)	
HB 1279	School District Accountability (Sullivan)	
SB 1804	School District Accountability (Stargel)	
HB 5203	Statewide Travel (Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee)	
HB 7055	Education (Education Committee)	
HB 7073	Government Integrity (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
Similar		
SB 354	Government Accountability (Stargel)	

HB 13	Sports Franchise Facilities	Avila
<p>Sports Franchise Facilities: Prohibits sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving facility on leased public land; requires lease of facility on public land by sports franchise or sale of public land for sports franchise facility be at fair market value; provides requirements for contract to fund construction,</p>		

reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of facility; specifies act does not impair certain contracts. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 75 Yeas / 27 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[SB 352](#) Sports Franchise Facilities (Garcia)

[HB 15](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations Beshears

Deregulation of Professions and Occupations: Removes regulations on specified DBPR professions, including labor organizations, hair braiders, hair wrappers & body wrappers, & boxing timekeepers & announcers; revises certain requirements for barbers, nail specialists, business organizations that provide architecture services and interior design, landscape architects, & geologists. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 74 Yeas / 28 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[HB 1041](#) Professional Regulation (Plakon)

[SB 1114](#) Professional Regulation (Brandes)

Similar

[SB 526](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Brandes)

[HB 17](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies Raburn

Community Redevelopment Organizations: Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, & no debts. Effective Date: October 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 72 Yeas / 32 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[HB 883](#) Local Government (Ingoglia)

Similar

[SB 432](#) Community Redevelopment Agencies (Lee (T))

[HB 53](#) Coral Reefs Jacobs

Coral Reefs: Establishes Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/7/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 35 Yeas / 0 Nays)

2/8/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

2/9/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Identical

[SB 232](#) Coral Reefs (Book)

[HB 65](#) Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision Roth

Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase percentage of elector votes required to approve amendment or revision to State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent.

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

8/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

8/30/2017	HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
8/30/2017	HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
Identical	
SB 978	Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision (Baxley)

SB 66	Prohibited Discrimination	Rouson
Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; revising the purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to conform to changes made by the act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability		
8/9/2017	SENATE Filed	
8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Rules	
Similar		
HB 347	Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)	
Identical		
SB 698	Prohibited Discrimination (Book)	

HB 79	Public Meetings	Roth
Public Meetings: Specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law		
Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee		
2/25/2018	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/26/18, 2:00 pm, 17 H - PCS	
2/26/2018	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays	
2/26/2018	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed	
Similar		
SB 192	Public Meetings (Baxley)	

SB 84	Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts	Lee (T)
Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts; Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law		
Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs		
8/9/2017	SENATE Filed	
8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Rules	
Compare		
SB 1244	Growth Management (Lee (T))	

SB 110	Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements	Campbell
Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements; Requiring specified information to be published on state agency websites in certain languages; requiring state agencies to disseminate certain advertisements to the public in languages other than English through specified media outlets in certain counties; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to publish certain information on its website, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability		
8/9/2017	SENATE Filed	
8/28/2017	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules	

HB 131	Coastal Management	Peters
Coastal Management: Revises criteria for state & local participation in authorized projects & studies relating to beach management & erosion control; revises procedures for prioritizing & funding beach restoration, beach management, & inlet management projects; requires certain funds from Land Acquisition Trust Fund be used for beach preservation & restoration projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee		
9/1/2017	HOUSE Filed	
9/14/2017	HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources	

Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 9/14/2017 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 Compare

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)

Similar

[SB 174](#) Coastal Management (Hukill)

[SB 156](#) Florida Black Bears Stewart

Florida Black Bears; Creating the "Florida Black Bear Protection Act"; prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a black bear hunting permit; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

8/16/2017 SENATE Filed

8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

Identical

[HB 559](#) Florida Black Bears (Olszewski)

[SB 158](#) Florida Communities Trust Brandes

Florida Communities Trust; Revising the permissible activities and projects that may be undertaken, coordinated, or funded by the Florida Communities Trust to include flood mitigation projects; specifying the purpose of flood mitigation projects under the trust; specifying a maximum grant award for such projects; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule an application process for such grants, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

8/16/2017 SENATE Filed

8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

Identical

[HB 1097](#) Florida Communities Trust (Stevenson)

[SB 170](#) Rural Economic Development Initiative Grimsley

Rural Economic Development Initiative; Revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deleting a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deleting a provision listing the economic development incentives for which the Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Rules

1/25/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 401 S

1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Rules

Similar

[HB 1403](#) Rural Economic Development Initiative (Avila)

[SB 174](#) Coastal Management Hukill

Coastal Management; Revising the criteria to be considered by the Department of Environmental Protection in determining and assigning annual funding priorities for beach management and erosion control projects; requiring that certain projects be considered separate and apart from other specified projects; revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term management plan, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/28/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/01/18

3/1/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)

3/1/2018 HOUSE In Messages

Compare

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)

Similar

[HB 131](#) Coastal Management (Peters)

[HB 175](#) School District Best Financial Management Practices Daniels

School District Best Financial Management Practices: Requires school districts to annually perform specified self-assessment; requires district school superintendents to provide certain recommendations & district school boards to receive & discuss self-assessment results & recommendations at a publicly noticed meeting; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

10/3/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

10/3/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

11/13/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 182	Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program	Rodriguez (J)
	Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the department to disburse grants to qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a road construction project; providing that any grant awarded offsets any civil damages against the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	
	2/6/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay
	2/8/2018	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	2/8/2018	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
	Similar	
HB 567	Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program (Duran)	

SB 188	Public School Transportation	Steube
	Public School Transportation; Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education	
	2/7/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 02/12/18, 3:30 pm, 412 K
	2/12/2018	SENATE Favorable by Education; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay
	2/13/2018	HOUSE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education
	Similar	
HB 1299	Public School Transportation (Raburn)	

SB 192	Public Meetings	Baxley
	Public Meetings; Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	1/24/2018	SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/31/18
	1/31/2018	SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)
	2/1/2018	HOUSE In Messages
	Similar	
HB 79	Public Meetings (Roth)	

SB 204	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Bradley
	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Revising the specified appropriation for spring restoration, protection, and management projects; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Heights Lake Region, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	2/1/2018	SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/07/18
	2/7/2018	SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 35 Yeas / 0 Nays)
	2/8/2018	HOUSE In Messages

HB 207	Growth Management	McClain
	Growth Management: Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include private property rights element; requires counties & municipalities to adopt or amend land development regulations consistent with private property rights element;	

provides deadlines; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element if it is substantially in specified form. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

9/28/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/12/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

10/12/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 362](#) Growth Management (Perry)

[SB 216](#)

Schools of Hope

Book

Schools of Hope; Revising enrollment requirements for a hope operator to receive a loan under the Schools of Hope Revolving Loan Program; requiring hope operators to employ school administrators and instructional and noninstructional personnel who meet specified certification requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

8/24/2017 SENATE Filed

9/22/2017 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

[SB 232](#)

Coral Reefs

Book

Coral Reefs; Establishing the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/19/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

1/30/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/01/18

2/1/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0053; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0053

Identical

[HB 53](#) Coral Reefs (Jacobs)

[HB 237](#)

Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment

Peters

Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment: Prohibits performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; provides that permits for drilling or operating wells do not authorize performance of advanced well treatments; provides applicability. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

10/5/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/12/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

10/12/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 834](#) Well Stimulation (Farmer)

Identical

[SB 462](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Young)

[HB 243](#)

Discretionary Sales Surtax

Avila

Discretionary Sales Surtax: Requiring certain counties, after a specified date, to use surtax proceeds for purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems, bus systems, and development of dedicated facilities for autonomous vehicles; authorizing municipalities in certain counties, after a specified date, to use surtax proceeds for certain purposes; requiring performance audits of certain counties or school districts holding a referendum related to local government discretionary sales surtax; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to hire public accountants to conduct such performance audits; specifying a time period within which the performance audit must be completed and made available, etc. Effective Date: on becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/20/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 106 Yeas / 7 Nays)

2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages

Compare

[SB 688](#) Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (Garcia)

[SB 272](#)

Local Tax Referenda

Brandes

Local Tax Referenda; Revising the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election,

etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

3/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/02/18, 9:00 am, 412 K - PCS

3/2/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 11 Yeas, 7 Nays

3/5/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

Similar

[HB 317](#) Local Tax Referenda (Ingoglia)

[HB 273](#) Public Records Rodrigues (R)

Public Records: Prohibits agency that receives request to inspect or copy record from responding to such request by filing civil action against individual or entity making request. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/25/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 108 Yeas / 0 Nays)

1/31/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; Rules

Identical

[SB 750](#) Public Records (Perry)

[SB 292](#) Private Property Rights Rodriguez (J)

Private Property Rights; Exempting from the definition of "public utility" property owners who own and operate a renewable energy source device and who produce renewable energy from that device and provide and sell such renewable energy to users on that property, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

9/18/2017 SENATE Filed

9/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Rules

2/13/2018 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, 02/14/18, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 317](#) Local Tax Referenda Ingoglia

Local Tax Referenda: Provides that a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a general election. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 84 Yeas / 27 Nays)

2/7/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/8/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[SB 272](#) Local Tax Referenda (Brandes)

[SB 324](#) Impact Fees Young

Impact Fees; Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/27/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 1 Nay

3/1/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

3/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Compare

[HB 697](#) Impact Fees (Miller)

[HB 337](#) Community Development Districts Cortes (J)

Community Development Districts: Requires community development districts to obtain a valuation before acquiring certain property. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

10/16/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/26/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

10/26/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1686](#) Community Development Districts (Torres, Jr.)

[HB 339](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund Harrell

Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Provides appropriation for certain projects related to Indian River Lagoon

Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan; authorizes DEP to make grants for such projects; directs DEP to submit annual report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

10/16/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/26/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

10/26/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 786](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Mayfield)

[HB 347](#) Prohibited Discrimination Diamond

Prohibited Discrimination: Provides that sexual orientation & gender identity are impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments & public food service establishments; revises provisions of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 and Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation & gender identity; provides exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee

10/16/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/26/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Commerce Committee

10/26/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 66](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Rouson)

[SB 698](#) Prohibited Discrimination (Book)

[SB 348](#) Disposable Plastic Bags Rodriguez (J)

Disposable Plastic Bags; Defining the term "coastal community"; authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; directing participating municipalities to collect data and submit reports to the municipal governing bodies and the Department of Environmental Protection, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

9/25/2017 SENATE Filed

10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

[SB 352](#) Sports Franchise Facilities Garcia

Sports Franchise Facilities; Prohibiting a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land; requiring that a lease of a facility on public land by a sports franchise or a sale of public land for a sports franchise facility be at fair market value, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

9/26/2017 SENATE Filed

10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 13](#) Sports Franchise Facilities (Avila)

[HB 353](#) Autonomous Vehicles Fischer

Autonomous Vehicles: Provides applicability; exempts autonomous vehicles & operators from certain prohibitions; provides that human operator is not required to operate fully autonomous vehicle; authorizes fully autonomous vehicle to operate regardless of presence of human operator; provides that automated driving system is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; preempts regulation to state; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles; provides insurance requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/25/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/26/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Compare

[HB 1287](#) Transportation (Drake)

Similar

[SB 712](#) Autonomous Vehicles (Brandes)

SB 354	Government Accountability	Stargel
<p>Government Accountability; Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; revising the responsibilities of the Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each public defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the capital collateral regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program, to include the establishment and maintenance of certain internal controls; prohibiting a board or commission from requiring an advance copy of testimony or comments from a member of the public as a precondition to being given the opportunity to be heard at a public meeting, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations</p> <p>2/27/2018 SENATE Not Considered by Appropriations</p> <p>3/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/02/18, 9:00 am, 412 K</p> <p>3/2/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 10 Yeas, 8 Nays</p> <p>Compare</p> <p>HB 1019 Financial Reporting (La Rosa)</p> <p>HB 1279 School District Accountability (Sullivan)</p> <p>SB 1426 Local Government Fiscal Affairs (Lee (T))</p> <p>SB 1804 School District Accountability (Stargel)</p> <p>HB 5203 Statewide Travel (Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee)</p> <p>HB 7055 Education (Education Committee)</p> <p>HB 7073 Government Integrity (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)</p> <p>Similar</p> <p>HB 11 Government Accountability (Metz)</p>		

SB 362	Growth Management	Perry
<p>Growth Management; Requiring local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requiring the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; providing a deadline by which each local government must adopt a private property rights element; requiring the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs</p> <p>9/28/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules</p> <p>Similar</p> <p>HB 207 Growth Management (McClain)</p>		

SB 370	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Bradley
<p>Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibiting moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/24/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/31/18</p> <p>1/31/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>2/1/2018 HOUSE In Messages</p> <p>Compare</p> <p>HB 7063 Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)</p> <p>Similar</p> <p>HB 1353 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears)</p>		

SB 378	Parking Garages	Steube
<p>Parking Garages; Prohibiting a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from adopting or maintaining in effect an ordinance or a rule which has the effect of prohibiting a driver from, or authorizing the issuance of a citation to a driver for, back-in parking a motor vehicle in a parking space located in a parking garage; providing that any such ordinance or rule in effect on a specified date is void, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs</p> <p>10/2/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules</p>		

SB 384	Electric and Hybrid Vehicles	Brandes
<p>Electric and Hybrid Vehicles; Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric and hybrid vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p> <p>12/5/2017 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>12/6/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>12/13/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p> <p>Identical</p>		
HB 981	Electric and Hybrid Vehicles (Olszewski)	

SB 388	Anchoring Limitation Areas	Farmer
<p>Anchoring Limitation Areas; Revising the anchoring limitation areas within the state to include additional specified areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation</p> <p>10/3/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Rules</p> <p>Similar</p>		
HB 1001	City of Hollywood, Broward County (Geller)	

HB 405	Linear Facilities	Williamson
<p>Linear Facilities: Revises definition of "development" to exclude certain utility work on rights-of-way or corridors & creation or termination of distribution & transmission corridors; requires DEP to consider certain variance standard for certification of power plants & transmission corridors; specifies PSC authority to locate transmission lines underground. Effective Date: upon becoming a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/21/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 34 Yeas / 4 Nays)</p> <p>2/27/2018 HOUSE Ordered enrolled</p> <p>2/27/2018 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed</p> <p>Identical</p>		
SB 494	Linear Facilities (Lee (T))	

SB 432	Community Redevelopment Agencies	Lee (T)
<p>Community Redevelopment Agencies; Prohibiting a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist with that agency; authorizing community redevelopment agencies to adopt rules to govern the registration of lobbyists; requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p> <p>10/30/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 11/07/17, 10:00 am, 301 S</p> <p>11/7/2017 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>11/8/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 883	Local Government (Ingoglia)	
Similar		
HB 17	Community Redevelopment Agencies (Raburn)	

HB 439	Public Meetings and Records	Donalds
<p>Public Meetings and Records: Expands exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; specifies when litigation is considered imminent; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee</p> <p>1/17/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>1/17/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>1/18/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee</p>		

Similar

[SB 560](#) Public Meetings and Records/Imminent Litigation (Steube)

[HB 459](#) Public Records Massullo, Jr.

Public Records: Provides that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; removes or revises numerous provisions relating to exemptions from public records requirements for trade secrets. Effective Date: upon becoming a law if CS/CS/HB 461 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 2 Nays)

2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/28/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[SB 958](#) Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)

Similar

[SB 956](#) Public Records (Mayfield)

Linked

[HB 461](#) Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

[HB 461](#) Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency Massullo, Jr.

Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency: Provides exemption from public record requirements for trade secret held by agency; provides notice requirements; provides process for responding to public record requests; provides exception to exemption; provides that agency employee is not liable for release of records in compliance with act; provides applicability; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that CS/HB 459 or similar legislation takes effect

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays)

2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/28/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules

Compare

[SB 956](#) Public Records (Mayfield)

Similar

[SB 958](#) Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)

Linked

[HB 459](#) Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)

[SB 462](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment Young

Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment; Prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

2/9/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, 02/14/18, 1:30 pm, 301 S

2/14/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/15/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Compare

[SB 834](#) Well Stimulation (Farmer)

Identical

[HB 237](#) Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)

[SB 464](#) Little Wekiva River Bracy

Little Wekiva River; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the St. Johns River Water Management District from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for certain purposes related to the Little Wekiva River; reducing such appropriation by a specified amount for debt service; requiring an appropriation to acquire certain lands associated with the Little Wekiva River, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$15,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

11/17/2017 SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

11/17/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 494	Linear Facilities	Lee (T)
<p>Linear Facilities; Revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>1/17/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>2/6/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/08/18</p> <p>2/8/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0405; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0405</p> <p>Identical</p>		
HB 405	Linear Facilities (Williamson)	

SB 506	Election of Secretary of State/Membership of Cabinet	Bean
<p>Election of Secretary of State/Membership of Cabinet; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide for the election of the Secretary of State and his or her inclusion as a member of the Cabinet, etc.</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections</p> <p>10/11/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>10/26/2017 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules</p>		

HB 511	Charter Schools	Shaw
<p>Charter Schools: Requires charter schools that receive capital outlay funding used for certain purposes to ensure that new facilities comply with State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>11/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee</p> <p>11/8/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee</p> <p>11/14/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction</p> <p>Identical</p>		
SB 1554	Charter Schools (Rodriguez (J))	

HB 521	Tree and Vegetation Maintenance within Established Flood and Drainage Rights-of-Way	Edwards-Walpole
<p>Tree and Vegetation Maintenance within Established Flood and Drainage Rights-of-Way: Prohibits local governments from requiring permits or other approvals for tree & vegetation maintenance within certain rights-of-way managed by WMDs, water control districts, or special districts; requires such districts to provide certain notice before conducting such maintenance. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18</p> <p>3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18</p> <p>Compare</p>		
SB 574	Tree and Vegetation Trimming and Removal (Steube)	

HB 525	High-Speed Passenger Rail	Grall
<p>High-Speed Passenger Rail: Requires railroad company operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, & upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee</p> <p>11/3/2017 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee</p> <p>11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee</p> <p>Similar</p>		
SB 572	High-speed Passenger Rail (Mayfield)	

SB 526	Deregulation of Professions and Occupations	Brandes
<p>Deregulation of Professions and Occupations; Repealing provisions relating to licensure and permit requirements</p>		

for business agents; prohibiting a business organization from engaging in certain practices until it is qualified by a qualifying agent; authorizing the executive director or the chair of the board to authorize a temporary qualifying agent for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the board to allow an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations or to operate using a fictitious name under certain circumstances, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

1/24/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 5 Yeas, 4 Nays

1/25/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism

Compare

[HB 1041](#) Professional Regulation (Plakon)

[SB 1114](#) Professional Regulation (Brandes)

Similar

[HB 15](#) Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Beshears)

[HB 535](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority Avila

Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority: Adds alternative transportation authority as part of operations of DOT; provides requirements for operation & fund expenditure; exempts authority from certain departmental policies; revises State Transportation Trust Fund allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority for certain purposes; requires matching funds for TBARTA; removes provision authorizing department, through Florida Rail Enterprise, to use specified funds for certain purposes; creates Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; provides requirements for use of specified funds; provides requirements for county funding requests; requires matching funds for certain distributions; prohibits use of funds to subsidize certain projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/8/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/11/2017 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1200](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority (Young)

[SB 542](#) Public Financing of Construction Projects Rodriguez (J)

Public Financing of Construction Projects; Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

10/18/2017 SENATE Filed

11/2/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

[HB 559](#) Florida Black Bears Olszewski

Florida Black Bears: Prohibits FWCC from allowing recreational hunting of certain Florida black bears; provides penalty for certain harvesting of saw palmetto berries; authorizes FWCC to designate certain habitats; prohibits prescribed burns in such habitats during specified times. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

11/7/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 156](#) Florida Black Bears (Stewart)

[SB 560](#) Public Meetings and Records/Imminent Litigation Steube

Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation ; Expanding an exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with attorneys and technical experts to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; requiring the transcript of a private meeting concerning imminent litigation to be made public upon the occurrence of a certain circumstance; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/25/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 10 Yeas, 2 Nays
 1/29/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/29/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 Similar

[HB 439](#) Public Meetings and Records (Donalds)

[SB 572](#) High-speed Passenger Rail Mayfield

High-speed Passenger Rail; Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

11/27/2017 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
 1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 301 S - Workshop
 1/23/2018 SENATE Workshopped by Community Affairs

Similar

[HB 525](#) High-Speed Passenger Rail (Grall)

[SB 574](#) Tree and Vegetation Trimming and Removal Steube

Tree and Vegetation Trimming and Removal; Providing that local governments are liable for electric utility restoration costs under certain conditions; prohibiting local governments from requiring permits or other approvals for vegetation maintenance and tree pruning or trimming within an established right-of-way managed by a water management district, water control district, or special district exercising chapter 298 powers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

2/13/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 3 Yeas, 2 Nays
 2/15/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 2/15/2018 SENATE Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

Compare

[HB 521](#) Tree and Vegetation Maintenance within Established Flood and Drainage Rights-of-Way (Edwards-Walpole)

[HB 575](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations Beshears

Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Revises M.P.O. voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

1/8/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/10/18, 3:30 pm, 12 H
 1/10/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 1 Nay
 1/10/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Compare

[HB 807](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)

[SB 984](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)

[HB 1287](#) Transportation (Drake)

Identical

[SB 1516](#) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Perry)

[HB 585](#) Tourist Development Tax Fine

Tourist Development Tax: Authorizes counties imposing a tourist development tax to use tax revenues for specified purposes; provides criteria. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/14/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
 2/20/2018 SENATE In Messages
 2/22/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Compare

[SB 658](#) Tourist Development Tax (Brandes)

[HB 589](#) Public Meetings Newton
 Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards and commissions are subject to public meetings requirements; revises public meeting notice requirements; provides that member of public has right to speak at public meeting; requires members of board or commission to respond to questions made at public meetings within a specified timeframe; repeals provision relating to reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings; provides penalties.
 Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
 11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
 Similar
[SB 1092](#) Public Meetings (Rader)

[HB 593](#) Homestead Exemptions Porter
 Homestead Exemptions: Requires Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within rural area of opportunity which result from specified additional exemption; specifies how moneys are to be distributed; specifies mechanism for reversion of funds in specified situations. Effective Date: on the effective date of House Joint Resolution 7105 (2017)
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee
 11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Appropriations Committee; Ways & Means Committee
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee
 Compare
[HB 7087](#) Taxation (Ways & Means Committee)
 Similar
[SB 772](#) Homestead Exemption Implementation (Grimsley)

[HB 611](#) Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings Geller
 Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings: Provides requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain agencies & councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requires notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
 11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
 Identical
[SB 1380](#) Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings (Rodriguez (J))

[HB 613](#) Legislation by Initiative Geller
 Legislation by Initiative: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to allow proposal of laws by initiative without legislative or gubernatorial approval; prescribe requirements for subject matter, proposal, & approval of such initiatives; require extraordinary vote of each house of Legislature to amend or repeal laws approved by voters; require Legislature to adopt procedures for initiatives; provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions; require ballot statements for such initiatives to include statement of economic impact.
 Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
 11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Government Accountability Committee
 11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
 Identical
[SB 1702](#) Legislation by Initiative (Torres, Jr.)

SB 658	Tourist Development Tax	Brandes
<p>Tourist Development Tax; Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues, under certain circumstances, for specified purposes and costs relating to public facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations</p> <p>1/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 401 S</p> <p>2/5/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>2/7/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 585	Tourist Development Tax (Fine)	
SB 688	Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax	Garcia
<p>Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax; Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for nontransit purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations</p> <p>1/24/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/29/18, 1:30 pm, 401 S</p> <p>1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 243	Discretionary Sales Surtax (Avila)	
HB 697	Impact Fees	Miller
<p>Impact Fees: Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees; provides an exception; prohibits local governments from requiring certain conditions in development orders, except under certain conditions; specifies process for local government review & approval of detailed specific area plans or related development orders. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>3/1/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (271065); Passed (Vote: 108 Yeas / 5 Nays)</p> <p>3/1/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed</p> <p>3/1/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>Compare</p>		
SB 324	Impact Fees (Young)	
SB 698	Prohibited Discrimination	Book
<p>Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with respect to the sale or rental of housing, provision of brokerage services, financing of housing or in residential real estate transactions, and land use decisions and in permitting of development, respectively, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>10/30/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>11/1/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction</p> <p>Similar</p>		
HB 347	Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)	
SB 66	Prohibited Discrimination (Rouson)	
HB 703	Water Management District Surplus Lands	Burgess
<p>Water Management District Surplus Lands: Requires water management districts to publish notice of intention to sell surplus lands on its website; revises circumstances when water management districts must publish first notice of intention to sell surplus lands; revises process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>2/28/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules</p> <p>Compare</p>		
SB 808	Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)	

Similar

[SB 806](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)

Linked

[HB 705](#) Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

[HB 705](#) Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands Burgess
 Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands: Provides exemption for certain records relating to sale of surplus lands; authorizes disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 703 or similar legislation takes effect
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)
 2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages
 2/28/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

Compare

[SB 806](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)

Similar

[SB 808](#) Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)

Linked

[HB 703](#) Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

[SB 712](#) Autonomous Vehicles Brandes
 Autonomous Vehicles; Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver's seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Banking and Insurance
 1/25/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/26/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Banking and Insurance

Compare

[HB 1287](#) Transportation (Drake)

Similar

[HB 353](#) Autonomous Vehicles (Fischer)

[HB 725](#) Permit Fees Williamson
 Permit Fees: Requires governing bodies of counties & municipalities to post their permit & inspection fee schedules & building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites; requires governing bodies of local governments to post their building permit & inspection utilization reports on their websites by specified date; provides requirements for such governing bodies; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 2/14/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
 2/20/2018 SENATE In Messages
 2/20/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Similar

[SB 1144](#) Permit Fees (Perry)

[SB 726](#) Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use Farmer
 Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use; Redefining terms to authorize the production, processing, transportation, sale, possession, and administration of marijuana in a form for smoking for medical use, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy
 11/2/2017 SENATE Filed
 11/15/2017 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations; Rules

[HB 727](#) Property Tax Exemptions Grall
 Property Tax Exemptions: Increases property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee

11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

12/7/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/08/17, 9:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Identical

[SB 934](#) Property Tax Exemptions (Hukill)

[HB 743](#)

Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes Abruzzo

Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to authorize Legislature by general law to grant to counties and municipalities the right to grant by ordinance partial or full ad valorem tax relief on homestead property of parent or parents of an unmarried veteran who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as member of the United States Armed Forces. Effective Date: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

11/17/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Rader)

Identical

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes (Rader)

Linked

[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Abruzzo)

[HB 745](#)

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions Abruzzo

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions: Authorizes counties or municipalities to grant ad valorem tax exemption on homestead property of certain parent or parents of unmarried veterans who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as members of U.S. Armed Forces. Effective Date: the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 743 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

11/17/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes (Rader)

Identical

[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Rader)

Linked

[HB 743](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes (Abruzzo)

[SB 750](#)

Public Records Perry

Public Records; Prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing a civil action against the individual or entity making the request, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary

1/18/2018 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Judiciary

2/8/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/13/18, 2:00 pm, 110 S

2/13/2018 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Judiciary

Identical

[HB 273](#) Public Records (Rodrigues (R))

[HB 765](#)

Truth in Millage Notices Ingoglia

Truth in Millage Notices: Authorizes property appraiser to make proposed property tax & non-ad valorem

assessment notices available on property appraiser's website; requires that property appraiser's website provide option for taxpayer to request & receive e-mail notification when such notices are posted on website; requires property appraiser to mail postcard containing specified information for first 3 years in which he or she implements web-based noticing system. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee

1/10/2018 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 01/17/18, 4:00 pm, 17 H

1/17/2018 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Ways & Means Committee

[SB 772](#) Homestead Exemption Implementation Grimsley

Homestead Exemption Implementation; Requiring the Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in a specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within a rural area of opportunity which result from a specified additional exemption; requiring each rural community to apply to the Department of Revenue each year to participate in the distribution of the appropriation and provide documentation supporting the region's estimated reduction in ad valorem tax revenue, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 (2017), if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2018, and shall apply to the 2019 tax roll

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

11/6/2017 SENATE Filed

11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Compare

[HB 7087](#) Taxation (Ways & Means Committee)

Similar

[HB 593](#) Homestead Exemptions (Porter)

[HB 773](#) Vacation Rentals La Rosa

Vacation Rentals: Requires uniform application of local law, ordinance, or regulation relating to vacation rental; revises applicability to include certain amendments to local law, ordinance, or regulation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/22/18, 9:00 am, 17 H

2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 13 Yeas, 11 Nays

2/24/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

Compare

[SB 1400](#) Vacation Rentals (Steube)

[HB 777](#) K-12 Student Safety Moskowitz

K-12 Student Safety: Revises provisions relating to Level 2 background screenings, district school board duties, examination security, recension of student certificates & grades, school district employment criteria, educator certification, certified educator responsibilities, & Education Practices Commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

11/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

Compare

[HB 1391](#) Student Safety (Rodrigues (R))

[SB 1616](#) Education (Hukill)

[SB 7026](#) Public Safety (Rules)

[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)

[HB 7101](#) Public Safety (Appropriations Committee)

Similar

[SB 1548](#) K-12 Student Safety (Book)

[SB 778](#) Sports Development Lee (T)

Sports Development; Repealing provisions relating to state funding for sports facility development by a unit of local government, or by a certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

11/6/2017 SENATE Filed

11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[HB 6005](#) Sports Development (Avila)

[HB 785](#)

Military Affairs

Ingram

Military Affairs: Prohibits landlord from requiring prospective tenant who is servicemember to deposit or advance certain amount of funds; authorizes tenant who is servicemember to terminate rental agreement under certain circumstances; provides that title to certain lands remains subject to easement for specified purposes; transfers certain duties from DEO to Florida Defense Support Task Force; prohibits certain construction or activities incompatible with mission of military installation on certain land under rural-lands-protection easement. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

11/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1864](#) Military Affairs (Broxson)

[SB 786](#)

Land Acquisition Trust Fund

Mayfield

Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Providing an appropriation for certain projects related to the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make grants for such projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

11/7/2017 SENATE Filed

11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 339](#) Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Harrell)

[HB 789](#)

Listings for Vacation Rental Property

Stevenson

Listings for Vacation Rental Property: Requires person engaged in leasing, renting, letting, or granting of licenses for use of vacation rentals to display valid certificate of registration number in each rental listing or advertisement; provides penalties for noncompliance. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee

11/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

[SB 790](#)

Lieutenant Governor

Lee (T)

Lieutenant Governor; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Secretary of State, to specify the secretary's duties, and to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to cast tiebreaking votes on any measure on which the Senate is equally divided, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections

11/7/2017 SENATE Filed

11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

[HB 791](#)

Regulatory Reform

Diaz

Regulatory Reform: Establishes Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within EOG; requires Administrative Procedures Committee to establish regulatory baseline of agency rules; provides that new rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed regulatory baseline; requires agency proposing new rule to submit rule replacement request to committee; provides that rule replacement request or exemption request may not be approved until initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by specified amount. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee

2/2/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 02/06/18, 3:00 pm, 212 K

2/6/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 18 Yeas, 8 Nays

2/7/2018 SENATE Now in Government Accountability Committee

Similar

[SB 1268](#) Regulatory Reform (Perry)

SB 792	Chief Financial Officer	Lee (T)
<p>Chief Financial Officer; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer, etc. Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K 3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays 3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading Identical</p>		
HB 1421	Duties of the Chief Financial Officer (Stevenson)	
SB 806	Water Management District Surplus Lands	Baxley
<p>Water Management District Surplus Lands; Requiring a water management district to publish its notice of intention to sell surplus lands on its website; revising the circumstances when a water management district must publish its intention to sell surplus lands; revising the process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands; defining the term "adjacent property owners", etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay 3/2/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading Compare</p>		
HB 705	Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)	
Similar		
HB 703	Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)	
Linked		
SB 808	Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)	
HB 807	Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Diamond
<p>Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Provides voting membership requirements for certain metropolitan planning organizations designated on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 Current Committee of Reference: Government Accountability Committee 1/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, 12 H 1/29/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/29/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee Compare</p>		
HB 575	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)	
HB 1287	Transportation (Drake)	
SB 1516	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Perry)	
Similar		
SB 984	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)	
SB 808	Public Records/Surplus Lands	Baxley
<p>Public Records/Surplus Lands; Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 806 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K 3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay 3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading Compare</p>		
HB 703	Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)	
Similar		
HB 705	Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)	
Linked		
SB 806	Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)	
SB 828	Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation	Farmer
<p>Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation; Proposing an amendment to the</p>		

State Constitution to establish public policy against certain types of well stimulation in order to protect the state's water resources and to prohibit extreme well stimulation, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

11/9/2017 SENATE Filed

11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

SB 834	Well Stimulation	Farmer
Well Stimulation; Citing this act as the "Stop Fracking Act"; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits that authorize extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the department from authorizing certain permitholders to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation		
11/9/2017 SENATE Filed		
11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations		
Compare		
HB 237	Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)	
SB 462	Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Young)	

HB 883	Local Government	Ingoglia
Local Government: Specifies ethics training requirements for community redevelopment agency commissioners; requires certain initiatives or referendum to be reconsidered; revises laws addressing community redevelopment agencies; revises mechanisms by which adjacent lands located within local government may be added to boundaries of new community development district; revises provisions relating to binding letters & clearance letters; revises provisions relating to developments-of-regional-impact; revises process for appealing development orders for consistency with local comprehensive plan; requires local governments to monitor & enforce development orders & prohibits local governments from issuing permits, approvals, or extensions of services under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		
Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee		
2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading		
2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18		
3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (822443); Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18		
Compare		
HB 17	Community Redevelopment Agencies (Raburn)	
SB 432	Community Redevelopment Agencies (Lee (T))	
HB 1151	Developments of Regional Impact (La Rosa)	
SB 1244	Growth Management (Lee (T))	
SB 1348	Community Development Districts (Perry)	

SB 884	Public Lodging	Steube
Public Lodging; Prohibiting transient lodging establishments from requiring minimum stays of greater than one night; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee		
11/14/2017 SENATE Filed		
11/17/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction		
Similar		
SB 1138	Public Lodging Minimum-stay Requirements (Steube)	

SB 934	Property Tax Exemptions	Hukill
Property Tax Exemptions; Increasing the property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law		
Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax		
1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/16/18, 4:00 pm, 301 S		
1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays		
1/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax		
Identical		
HB 727	Property Tax Exemptions (Grall)	

SB 956	Public Records	Mayfield
<p>Public Records; Providing that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; deleting provisions exempting certain information from public records requirements under the Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; deleting provisions relating to a public records exemption for trade secrets held by Space Florida; deleting a requirement that certain trade secret information submitted to the Agency for Health Care Administration be clearly designated as such, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 958 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability</p> <p>11/17/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/4/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 461	Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)	
Similar		
HB 459	Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)	
Linked		
SB 958	Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)	

SB 958	Public Records/Trade Secrets	Mayfield
<p>Public Records/Trade Secrets; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a trade secret held by an agency; providing that an agency employee is not liable for the release of records in compliance with the act; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 956 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability</p> <p>11/17/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/4/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 459	Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)	
Similar		
HB 461	Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)	
Linked		
SB 956	Public Records (Mayfield)	

SB 984	Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Brandes
<p>Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Requiring the voting membership of a metropolitan planning organization (M.P.O.) that is designated before a specified date to consist of a certain number of apportioned members, subject to certain requirements; requiring the voting membership of an M.P.O. designated on or after a specified date as a result of a combination or merger of previously separate M.P.O.'s to consist of a certain number of members, subject to certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Transportation</p> <p>11/21/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 575	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)	
HB 1287	Transportation (Drake)	
SB 1516	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Perry)	
Similar		
HB 807	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)	

HB 987	Affordable Housing	Cortes (B)
<p>Affordable Housing: Revises criteria used by counties & municipalities in evaluating disposal of real property; revises reporting requirements for specified entities relating to impact fees; provides requirements for certain agreements with Florida Housing Development Corporation; provides local permit approval process; revises criteria used by review committee when selecting applications for state apartment incentive loans; provides process for certain entities to dispose of certain surplus lands; revises procedures under which BOT, DOT, & WMDs must dispose of nonconservation surplus lands; creates Hurricane Housing Recovery Program for certain affordable housing recovery purposes; requires corporation to administer program; specifies requirements for receiving & using funds; requires participating local governments to submit report; creates Rental Recovery Loan Program to provide funds for additional rental housing due to specified impacts; authorizes corporation to adopt emergency</p>		

rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/1/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 1 Nay)

3/1/2018 SENATE In Messages

3/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[SB 1328](#) Affordable Housing (Perry)

[SB 990](#)

Rural Communities

Montford

Rural Communities; Designating the "Florida Rural Community Jobs and Business Resiliency Act"; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept an application seeking approval as a rural growth fund; prohibiting the department from reducing the investment authority of an application or denying an application for reasons other than the ones listed; providing that a taxpayer who makes an investor contribution is vested with a credit against state premium tax liability; specifying that an out-of-state business relocating employees to this state must satisfy a specific definition within a certain timeframe before a new principal place of business operations is recognized, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/17/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/19/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

1/24/2018 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/26/18, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Similar

[HB 1415](#) Rural Communities (Beshears)

[SB 992](#)

C-51 Reservoir Project

Book

C-51 Reservoir Project; Revising requirements related to the operation of water storage and use for Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if state funds are appropriated for such phases; authorizing the South Florida Water Management District to enter into certain capacity allocation agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of certain loans; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/2/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading

3/3/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)

3/3/2018 HOUSE In Messages

Compare

[HB 1149](#) Environmental Regulation (Payne)

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)

[SB 1006](#)

Disaster Response and Preparedness

Montford

Disaster Response and Preparedness; Modifying requirements for the state comprehensive emergency management plan and statewide public awareness programs administered by the Division of Emergency Management; requiring the division to establish and maintain a registry with homeless shelters and service providers for specified purposes; requiring that, upon the request of the director of a local emergency management agency, Florida College System institutions and state universities participate in emergency management activities through the provision of facilities and personnel, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

2/7/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/9/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/14/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Compare

[HB 1443](#) Disaster Response and Preparedness (Alexander)

[SB 1014](#)

Recyclable Materials

Stewart

Recyclable Materials; Deleting a preemption of local law relating to regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

11/28/2017 SENATE Filed

12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules
Identical

[HB 6039](#) Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by
Retail Establishments (Richardson)

[HB 1023](#) Public Educational Facilities Duran

Public Educational Facilities: Provides requirements for determining capacity of facilities in certain schools as reported in Florida Inventory of School Houses; requires Commissioner of Education to grant exemption from State Requirements for Educational Facilities to district school board under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

12/15/2017 HOUSE Filed

1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1656](#) Public Educational Facilities (Lee (T))

[HB 1033](#) Bicycle Sharing Toledo

Bicycle Sharing: Provides requirements for bicycles made available for rental or lease by bicycle sharing company; requires bicycle sharing companies, users, or operators to comply with certain regulations; provides company responsibilities; authorizes local governmental entity to issue certain fines to bicycle sharing company; prohibits local governmental entity from limiting or preventing operation of bicycle sharing company or any company engaged in rental of bicycles. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/1/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)

3/1/2018 SENATE In Messages

3/1/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Rules

Similar

[SB 1304](#) Bicycle Sharing (Young)

[HB 1053](#) Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities DuBose

Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities: Permits licensed medical marijuana retail facilities to dispense medical marijuana & marijuana delivery devices under certain conditions; requires DOH to issue licenses to such facilities. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Health Quality Subcommittee

12/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1336](#) Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities (Thurston, Jr.)

[HB 1077](#) Open and Expired Building Permits Diamond

Open and Expired Building Permits: Authorizes Construction Industry Licensing Board to take specified actions against certain entities; provides requirements related to open and expired permits, including expiration, uncompleted permitted projects, penalties, amendment of Florida Building Code, powers of local governmental entities, applications, & notice requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee

12/21/2017 HOUSE Filed

1/3/2018 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

1/3/2018 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 1322](#) Open and Expired Building Permits (Powell)

[SB 1092](#) Public Meetings Rader

Public Meetings; Specifying that a board or commission of any entity created by general or special law is subject to public meetings requirements; providing that a member of the public has the right to speak at a public meeting of a board or commission; requiring a board or commission to prescribe a form on which members of the public wishing

to exercise their right to speak must provide certain information; repealing provisions relating to the reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability

12/5/2017 SENATE Filed

12/13/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

Similar

[HB 589](#) Public Meetings (Newton)

[HB 1097](#)

Florida Communities Trust

Stevenson

Florida Communities Trust: Revises activities & projects that may be undertaken, coordinated, & funded by Florida Communities Trust to include specified flood mitigation projects; provides for maximum grant award & exceptions, application process & priority ranking, & reporting requirements; requires grant recipient reports to be publicly available. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

12/28/2017 HOUSE Filed

1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

Identical

[SB 158](#) Florida Communities Trust (Brandes)

[HB 1103](#)

Regional Rural Development Grants

Albritton

Regional Rural Development Grants: Provides that regional rural development grants may be used to hire regional economic development organization professional staff; provides maximum amount of grant funding that certain economic development organizations may receive in year; revises amount of required matching funds; requires certain contracts to include certain information & be placed on certain websites; provides that improving access to & availability of broadband Internet service may be included in project that is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/13/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/15/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

2/19/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Compare

[HB 1193](#) Rural Economic Development (Latvala)

[SB 1496](#) Rural Economic Development (Gainer)

Similar

[SB 1646](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Montford)

[HB 1121](#)

Annexation of Property

Silvers

Annexation of Property: Revises term "enclave"; revises when vote of electors of area proposed to be annexed is not required; provides procedure for municipality to annex certain property; specifies municipalities that may annex certain enclaves when two or more municipalities provide services to enclave. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

1/2/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1722](#) Annexation of Property (Torres, Jr.)

[SB 1130](#)

Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State

Powell

Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State; Re-creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State without modification; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

2/19/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/21/18

2/21/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7033; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7033

Similar

[HB 7033](#) Trust Funds/Re-creation/Land Acquisition Trust Fund/DOS

(Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee)

SB 1134	Department of Health Responsibilities Related to the Medical Use of Marijuana	Rouson
	Department of Health Responsibilities Related to the Medical Use of Marijuana; Revising a requirement that the department license one applicant who is a member of a certain class to exclude a requirement that the applicant also be a member of the Black Farmers and Agriculturalist Association-Florida Chapter, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays	
	3/2/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed	
	3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	
	Identical	
	HB 6049	Medical Marijuana Growers (Jones)
SB 1138	Public Lodging Minimum-stay Requirements	Steube
	Public Lodging Minimum-stay Requirements; Prohibiting hotels and motels from requiring minimum stays of greater than one night; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: Regulated Industries	
	12/6/2017 SENATE Filed	
	12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Rules	
	Similar	
	SB 884	Public Lodging (Steube)
SB 1144	Permit Fees	Perry
	Permit Fees; Requiring the governing body of certain counties to post its permit and inspection fee schedules and a link to the annual building permit and inspection report on its website; requiring the governing body of a local government, before making any adjustment to a fee schedule, to publish a building permit and inspection report and post it on the local government's website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	2/27/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays	
	3/1/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed	
	3/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	
	Similar	
	HB 725	Permit Fees (Williamson)
HB 1149	Environmental Regulation	Payne
	Environmental Regulation: Provides examples of reclaimed water use that may create impact offset; revises required provisions of water resource implementation rule; directs DEP & water management districts to reissue expired environmental resource permit under certain conditions & to develop & enter into certain memorandum of agreement; requires counties & municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibits counties & municipalities from requiring certain collection & transport of contaminated recyclable material; requires specified provisions in contracts between residential recycling collectors & materials recovery facilities & counties & municipalities; provides that local government may not require further department verification from for certain projects; revises types of dock & pier replacements & repairs that are exempt from such verification & certain permitting requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	
	2/27/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18	
	3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (246447); Amendment Adopted (816455); Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18	
	3/2/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed	
	Compare	
	SB 244	Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance (Brandes)
	HB 837	Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance (Edwards-Walpole)
	SB 992	C-51 Reservoir Project (Book)
	SB 1694	Mitigation Activities Within the St. Johns River Water Management District (Torres, Jr.)

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)

Similar

[SB 1308](#) Environmental Regulation (Perry)

[HB 1151](#) Developments of Regional Impact La Rosa

Developments of Regional Impact: Repeals, creates, & revises provisions for statewide guidelines, standards, & requirements for developments of regional impact relating to authorizations to develop; applications for approval of development; concurrent plan amendments; preapplication procedures; preliminary development agreements; conceptual agency reviews; local notice & regional reports; developments inside & outside areas of critical state concern; local government development orders; construction of mitigation facilities; impact fee & exaction credits; comprehensive development applications & master plan development orders; abandonment of developments; dense urban land area exemptions; Florida Quality Developments & Quality Developments Review Board; Administration Commission guidelines & standards; state land planning agency agreements; Florida Land & Water Adjudicatory Commission requirements; local government permit approvals & extensions, reviews & certifications; uniform reviews of developments by state land planning agency & regional planning agencies. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (689263); Passed (Vote: 110 Yeas / 1 Nays)

3/2/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

3/2/2018 SENATE In Messages

Compare

[HB 883](#) Local Government (Ingoglia)

Similar

[SB 1244](#) Growth Management (Lee (T))

[HB 1173](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes Raschein

Lands Used for Governmental Purposes: Provides for acquisition, appraisal, lease, & conveyance of lands used to buffer military installations; immediate acquisition of lands that prevent or satisfy private property rights claims within areas of critical state concern; land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to counties for certain affordable housing; Florida Forever projects & land acquisitions that mitigate natural disasters & floods; Florida Communities Trust to undertake, coordinate, & fund urban greenways & open space projects. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/28/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18

3/2/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (95841); Placed on Third Reading, 03/05/18

3/2/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

Similar

[SB 1622](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes (Flores)

[SB 1188](#) Strategic Intermodal System Rouson

Strategic Intermodal System; Specifying that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/8/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 02/13/18, 2:00 pm, 401 S

2/13/2018 SENATE Favorable by Transportation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/13/2018 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

Identical

[HB 1277](#) Strategic Intermodal System (Willhite)

[HB 1193](#) Rural Economic Development Latvala

Rural Economic Development: Increases maximum grant amount under Regional Rural Development Grants Program for organizations in rural areas of opportunity; revises amount of grant which organizations in rural areas of opportunity are required to match. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

1/4/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Compare

[HB 1103](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Albritton)
[SB 1646](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Montford)

Identical

[SB 1496](#) Rural Economic Development (Gainer)

[SB 1200](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority Young
 Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; Adding an alternative transportation authority as part of the operations of the Department of Transportation; requiring the responsibility for expending certain funds to be delegated by the department secretary to the executive director of the authority, subject to certain requirements; beginning in a specified timeframe, revising annual allocations in the State Transportation Trust Fund for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program; repealing provisions relating to fund participation and the Florida Rail Enterprise, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations
 2/9/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/14/18, 1:30 pm, 110 S
 2/14/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays
 2/16/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations
 Similar
[HB 535](#) Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority (Avila)

[HB 1203](#) Cannabis Smith
 Cannabis: Provides that possession of personal use quantity of cannabis or cannabis accessory by adult or minor is civil violation; provides for fines or community service; requires minor violators to perform community service, attend drug awareness program, or both; prohibits arrests; limits collateral use of violation; prohibits state or local penalties or obligations other than specified penalties or obligations; prohibits additional state or local penalties or obligations for having cannabinoids or cannabinoid metabolites in tissue or fluid of body; provides for distribution of revenue from civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Criminal Justice Subcommittee
 1/4/2018 HOUSE Filed
 1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
 1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
 Similar
[SB 1602](#) Cannabis (Bracy)

[SB 1244](#) Growth Management Lee (T)
 Growth Management; Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding; revising the statewide guidelines and standards for developments of regional impact; specifying that amendments to a development order for an approved development may not alter the dates before which a development would be subject to downzoning, unit density reduction, or intensity reduction, except under certain conditions; requiring local governments to file a notice of abandonment under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K
 3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
 3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 Compare
[SB 84](#) Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts (Lee (T))
[HB 883](#) Local Government (Ingoglia)
 Similar
[HB 1151](#) Developments of Regional Impact (La Rosa)

[HB 1247](#) Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Cruz
 Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling: Urges Congress to oppose President Trump's executive order lifting moratoria prohibiting oil & natural gas drilling activities off the coast of Florida, to refrain from supporting or co-sponsoring legislation authorizing such activities, & to vote in opposition of such legislation.
 Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 1/5/2018 HOUSE Filed
 1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1268	Regulatory Reform	Perry
<p>Regulatory Reform; Establishing the Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within the Executive Office of the Governor; requiring the Administrative Procedures Committee to establish a regulatory baseline of agency rules; providing that a proposed rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed the regulatory baseline; requiring an agency proposing a rule to submit a rule replacement request to the committee; providing that a rule replacement request or an exemption request may not be approved until the initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by a specified amount, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability</p> <p>12/15/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations</p> <p>Similar</p>		
HB 791	Regulatory Reform (Diaz)	

HB 1277	Strategic Intermodal System	Willhite
<p>Strategic Intermodal System: Specifies that Strategic Intermodal System & Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee</p> <p>1/7/2018 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee</p> <p>Identical</p>		
SB 1188	Strategic Intermodal System (Rouson)	

HB 1279	School District Accountability	Sullivan
<p>School District Accountability: Revises duties of Auditor General; revises provisions relating to Office of Inspector General, district school boards, school district superintendents, Commission on Ethics, & DOE duties & responsibilities; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>2/28/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Education; Appropriations</p> <p>3/2/2018 SENATE Withdrawn from Education; Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 1804; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 11	Government Accountability (Metz)	
HB 323	Education (Fitzenhagen)	
SB 354	Government Accountability (Stargel)	
SB 1534	Government Integrity (Mayfield)	
HB 7003	Local Government Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
HB 7055	Education (Education Committee)	
HB 7073	Government Integrity (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
Similar		
SB 1804	School District Accountability (Stargel)	

HB 1299	Public School Transportation	Raburn
<p>Public School Transportation: Requires district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revises speed & road conditions that meet hazardous walking condition criteria; requires district school superintendent to request review of hazardous walking condition under certain circumstance; requires school district to initiate specified proceedings. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>1/19/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee, 01/23/18, 9:00 am, 306 H</p> <p>1/23/2018 HOUSE Favorable by PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>1/23/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>Similar</p>		
SB 188	Public School Transportation (Steube)	

SB 1304	Bicycle Sharing	Young
<p>Bicycle Sharing; Authorizing a bicycle sharing company to allow a minor to operate a bicycle reserved by a user if</p>		

accompanied by a user; providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; authorizing a local governmental entity to annually require a bicycle sharing company to provide proof of insurance; authorizing a local governmental entity to issue a bicycle sharing company certain fines and fees and to impose other penalties under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

2/8/2018 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

2/8/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/13/18, 10:00 am, 301 S

2/13/2018 SENATE Not Considered by Community Affairs

Similar

[HB 1033](#) Bicycle Sharing (Toledo)

[SB 1308](#)

Environmental Regulation

Perry

Environmental Regulation; Revising the required provisions of the water resource implementation rule; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts to develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement providing for a coordinated review of any reclaimed water project requiring a reclaimed water facility permit, an underground injection control permit, and a consumptive use permit; requiring counties and municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring the collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors except under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 2 Nays

2/26/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed

2/27/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Compare

[SB 244](#) Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance (Brandes)

[HB 837](#) Domestic Wastewater Collection System Assessment and Maintenance (Edwards-Walpole)

Similar

[HB 1149](#) Environmental Regulation (Payne)

[SB 1322](#)

Open and Expired Building Permits

Powell

Open and Expired Building Permits; Authorizing the Construction Industry Licensing Board to take specified actions against any certificateholder or registrant if a contractor, a financially responsible officer, or a certain business organization is found guilty of failing to properly close any permit or satisfy any applicable permit requirement; requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt rules and amend the applicable Florida Building Code to enact procedures designed to encourage property owners and contractors to close permits properly; providing that failure to receive written notice does not relieve the contractor or property owner from taking the necessary actions to legally close a permit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Regulated Industries

12/21/2017 SENATE Filed

1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

Identical

[HB 1077](#) Open and Expired Building Permits (Diamond)

[SB 1328](#)

Affordable Housing

Perry

Affordable Housing; Revising the criteria that counties and municipalities must use when evaluating real property as part of their inventory for disposal of lands; prohibiting local governments from charging certain impact fees for a specified period; creating the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program to provide funds for specified purposes related to affordable housing; providing a process for certain entities to dispose of surplus lands for use for the construction of affordable housing, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

3/1/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/1/2018 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/02/18, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

3/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Similar

[HB 987](#) Affordable Housing (Cortes (B))

SB 1336	Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities	Thurston, Jr.
<p>Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities; Revising definitions of the terms “edibles,” “low-THC cannabis,” “marijuana,” and “marijuana delivery device” to include items that are dispensed by a medical marijuana retail facility; prohibiting qualified physicians and caregivers from being employed by or having an economic interest in a medical marijuana retail facility; revising provisions to authorize medical marijuana retail facilities to dispense marijuana, marijuana delivery devices, and edibles under certain conditions; requiring the Department of Health to license medical marijuana retail facilities, beginning on a specified date, for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Health Policy</p> <p>12/21/2017 SENATE Filed</p> <p>1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations Similar</p>		
HB 1053	Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities (DuBose)	

SB 1348	Community Development Districts	Perry
<p>Community Development Districts; Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing that the amendment of a district by the addition of a parcel does not alter the transition from landowner voting to qualified elector voting; requiring the petitioner to cause to be recorded a certain notice of boundary amendment upon adoption of the ordinance expanding the district, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K</p> <p>3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 883	Local Government (Ingoglia)	

HB 1353	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Beshears
<p>Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires specified annual appropriation to Florida Forever Trust Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 7063	Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee)	
Similar		
SB 370	Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley)	

HB 1375	Ad Valorem Taxation	Eagle
<p>Ad Valorem Taxation: Authorizes certain property damaged or destroyed Hurricane Irma to receive abatement of certain property taxes; specifies procedures to use in applying for abatement of taxes; provides property appraiser & tax collector duties relative to investigating statements & determining amount of disaster relief credit; requires tax collector to reduce taxes in specified manner; provides retroactive applicability & expiration date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Ways & Means Committee</p> <p>1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee</p> <p>1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee</p> <p>Compare</p>		
SB 1600	Ad Valorem Taxation (Passidomo)	
HB 7087	Taxation (Ways & Means Committee)	

SB 1380	Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings	Rodriguez (J)
<p>Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings; Providing requirements for establishing a quorum for meetings of certain agencies and councils when a voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requiring notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by a specified time,</p>		

etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

12/27/2017 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Transportation; Rules

Identical

[HB 611](#) Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings (Geller)

[SB 1400](#)

Vacation Rentals

Steube

Vacation Rentals; (THIS BILL COMBINES S1400 & 1640) Creating the "Florida Vacation Rental Act"; preempting certain regulation and control of vacation rentals to the state; specifying authority of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants over regulation of vacation rentals; requiring vacation rentals to obtain a license; specifying that vacation rentals are to be treated as transient rentals regarding certain landlord and tenant provisions; requiring the division to inspect vacation rentals when necessary to respond to emergencies and epidemiological conditions; grandfathering certain local laws, ordinances, and regulations, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

2/8/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay

2/9/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

2/14/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Compare

[HB 773](#) Vacation Rentals (La Rosa)

[SB 1402](#)

State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority

Simmons

State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority; Defining the term "state assumed waters"; providing the Department of Environmental Protection with the power and authority to adopt rules to assume and implement the section 404 dredge and fill permitting program pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act; requiring the department to adopt rules to create an expedited permit review process, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/19/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/22/18, 2:00 pm, 412 K

2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/22/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Identical

[HB 7043](#) State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority (Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee)

[HB 1403](#)

Rural Economic Development Initiative

Avila

Rural Economic Development Initiative: Revises legislative intent; redefines term "rural area of opportunity"; revises duties, responsibilities, & membership of REDI; deletes provision limiting number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deletes provision listing economic development incentives for which Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions; deletes requirement that certain catalyst projects be identified as such by Enterprise Florida, Inc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 170](#) Rural Economic Development Initiative (Grimsley)

[HB 1415](#)

Rural Communities

Beshears

Rural Communities: Cites act as "Florida Rural Community Jobs & Business Resiliency Act"; requires DEO to accept application seeking approval as rural growth fund; prohibits DEO from approving more than certain amount of investment authority or investor contributions; requires DEO to provide tax credit certificate; provides that taxpayer who makes investor contribution is vested with credit against state premium tax liability; provides for revocation of tax credit certificate; provides for rural growth fund to exit program; requires report. Effective Date: July 1, 2018.

Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce

Committee
 1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 990](#) Rural Communities (Montford)

[SB 1426](#)

Local Government Fiscal Affairs

Lee (T)

Local Government Fiscal Affairs ; Expanding the scope of the Legislative Auditing Committee review to include compliance with local government fiscal transparency requirements; creating the "Local Government Fiscal Transparency Act"; requiring local governments to post certain voting record information on their websites, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Rules

2/28/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/01/18, 9:00 am, 412 K

3/1/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 7 Yeas, 5 Nays

3/2/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

Compare

[SB 354](#) Government Accountability (Stargel)

Similar

[HB 7](#) Local Government Fiscal Transparency (Burton)

[HB 1443](#)

Disaster Response and Preparedness

Alexander

Disaster Response and Preparedness: Directs Division of Emergency Management to include specified persons in state emergency management plan & public awareness programs, provide guidance regarding Federal Government reimbursements, develop specified informational materials & evacuation strategies, & establish & maintain certain registry; requires certain shelters to accept service & comfort animals; requires FCS institutions & state universities to participate in emergency management activities under certain conditions; excludes certain students from school performance calculations & provides for payment of school district salaries during state of emergency. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

1/9/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1006](#) Disaster Response and Preparedness (Montford)

[SB 1470](#)

Construction of Housing Along the State Highway System

Gibson

Construction of Housing Along the State Highway System; Requiring that the construction of certain multiple housing developments be considered a single construction project, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

1/3/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules

Similar

[HB 1085](#) Construction of Housing Within a Certain Distance of the State Highway System (Watson (B))

[SB 1496](#)

Rural Economic Development

Gainer

Rural Economic Development; Increasing the maximum grant amount under the Regional Rural Development Grants Program for organizations in rural areas of opportunity; revising the amount of a grant which organizations in rural areas of opportunity are required to match, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Commerce and Tourism

1/3/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 1103](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Albritton)

[SB 1646](#) Regional Rural Development Grants (Montford)

Identical

[HB 1193](#) Rural Economic Development (Latvala)

[SB 1506](#)

Water Management

Farmer, Jr.

Water Management; Requiring district water management plans for districts including Outstanding Florida Springs to include certain maximum sustainable groundwater withdrawal estimates; revising the criteria for determining whether certain water supply development projects are given first consideration for funding assistance to include consideration of whether a project maximizes water conservation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Environmental Preservation and Conservation

1/3/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

SB 1516	Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Perry
Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Revising voting membership requirements for metropolitan planning organizations according to population; requiring metropolitan planning organizations to comply with certain provisions by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Transportation		
1/4/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules	
Compare		
HB 807	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)	
SB 984	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)	
HB 1287	Transportation (Drake)	
Identical		
HB 575	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)	

SB 1534	Government Integrity	Mayfield
Government Integrity; Requiring the Chief Inspector General and each agency inspector general, respectively, to determine within a specified timeframe whether reasonable cause exists to believe that fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, or misconduct in government has occurred; authorizing the Department of Management Services to adopt certain rules relating to individuals or groups of employees who initiate a complaint under the Whistle-blower's Act; requiring certain ethics training for governing board members of special districts and water management districts; prohibiting statewide elected officers and legislators from soliciting employment offers or investment advice arising out of official or political activities, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Ethics and Elections		
1/4/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules	
Compare		
HB 1279	School District Accountability (Sullivan)	
SB 1804	School District Accountability (Stargel)	
HB 7003	Local Government Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
HB 7007	Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
HB 7055	Education (Education Committee)	
HB 7073	Government Integrity (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)	
Linked		
SB 1536	Local Government Lobbyist Registration System Trust Fund/Commission on Ethics (Mayfield)	

SB 1548	K-12 Student Safety	Book
K-12 Student Safety; Prohibiting certain teachers from receiving bonuses related to specified FTE student membership calculations; requiring certified educators to inform their employers within a specified time period after being arrested for, rather than convicted of, certain offenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations		
2/6/2018	SENATE Now in Appropriations	
3/1/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/02/18, 9:00 am, 412 K	
3/2/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays	
Compare		
HB 1391	Student Safety (Rodrigues (R))	
SB 1616	Education (Hukill)	
SB 7026	Public Safety (Rules)	
HB 7055	Education (Education Committee)	
HB 7101	Public Safety (Appropriations Committee)	

Similar

[HB 777](#) K-12 Student Safety (Moskowitz)

[SB 1554](#)

Charter Schools

Rodriguez (J)

Charter Schools; Requiring charter schools that receive capital outlay funding used for certain purposes to ensure that new facilities comply with the State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/4/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Identical

[HB 511](#) Charter Schools (Shaw)

[SB 1600](#)

Ad Valorem Taxation

Passidomo

Ad Valorem Taxation; Providing for certain property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster in 2017 to receive an abatement of certain property taxes; providing duties of the tax collector relating to determining the amount of the disaster relief credit, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 1375](#) Ad Valorem Taxation (Eagle)

[HB 7087](#) Taxation (Ways & Means Committee)

[SB 1602](#)

Cannabis

Bracy

Cannabis; Providing that possession of a personal use quantity of cannabis or a cannabis accessory by an adult is a civil violation punishable by a civil penalty or community service, or, if the offender is under 18 years of age, community service or completion of a drug awareness program; prohibiting state or local penalties or obligations other than specified penalties or obligations concerning possession of personal use quantities of cannabis or cannabis accessories; specifying that political subdivisions may enact ordinances concerning public consumption of cannabis, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Criminal Justice

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; Rules

Similar

[HB 1203](#) Cannabis (Smith)

[SB 1614](#)

Education

Hukill

Education; Requiring the Department of Education to suspend specified payments to private schools that fail, rather than knowingly fail, to meet certain scholarship program accountability standards; providing that the failure of, rather than the inability of, private schools to meet such standards constitutes the basis for ineligibility for participation in a scholarship program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Compare

[SB 1756](#) School Accountability (Simmons)

[SB 1616](#)

Education

Hukill

Education; Requiring school districts to conduct a security risk assessment at each public school site within the district; requiring school districts to use a format prescribed by the Department of Education for such assessments and for self-assessments of current safety and security practices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 777](#) K-12 Student Safety (Moskowitz)

[SB 1548](#) K-12 Student Safety (Book)

[SB 7026](#) Public Safety (Rules)

[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)
[HB 7101](#) Public Safety (Appropriations Committee)

[SB 1622](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes Flores
 Lands Used for Governmental Purposes; Providing conditions under which specified appraisal standards are required for acquisition of military installation buffer lands; authorizing the use of certain funding sources for the immediate acquisition of lands that prevent or satisfy private property rights claims within areas of critical state concern; revising the definition of the term "nonconservation lands"; authorizing land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to counties for the construction, redevelopment, and preservation of certain affordable housing, etc. Effective Date: This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays
 2/22/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 3/2/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/06/2018
 Similar
[HB 1173](#) Lands Used for Governmental Purposes (Raschein)

[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes Rader
 Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature by general law to allow counties and municipalities to grant by ordinance partial or full ad valorem tax relief on homestead property of a parent or parents of an unmarried veteran who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, etc.
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed
 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Compare
[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Abruzzo)
 Identical
[HB 743](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes (Abruzzo)
 Linked
[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Rader)

[SB 1638](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions Rader
 Homestead Property Tax Exemptions; Authorizing counties and municipalities to exempt from taxation homestead property of certain parent or parents of certain unmarried veterans who died from combat-related causes while on active duty as members of the United States Armed Forces; authorizing the tax exemption to carry over or transfer under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 1636 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the state Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2018 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed
 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Compare
[HB 743](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-related Causes (Abruzzo)
 Identical
[HB 745](#) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (Abruzzo)
 Linked
[SB 1636](#) Homestead Tax Relief for Parents of Unmarried Veterans Who Died from Combat-Related Causes (Rader)

[SB 1640](#) Vacation Rentals Simmons
 Vacation Rentals; (THIS BILL COMBINED IN CS/1400 & 1640) Requiring persons engaged in certain public lodging-related transactions to display a valid certificate of registration number in rental listings or advertisements; revising the inspection responsibilities of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants regarding vacation rentals; authorizing the division to refuse to issue or renew or to suspend or revoke the license of a public lodging

establishment subject to a local final order directing the establishment to cease operations, etc. Effective Date:
 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect October 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Appropriations
 1/25/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/30/18, 10:00 am, 301 S - PCS
 1/30/2018 SENATE CS combines this bill with SB 1400; Original bill laid on Table, refer to combined SB 1400

SB 1646	Regional Rural Development Grants	Montford
Regional Rural Development Grants; Providing that regional rural development grants may be used to hire regional economic development organization professional staff; authorizing the use of matching grant funds to provide technical assistance to certain entities; increasing the amount the Department of Economic Opportunity may expend each fiscal year for the program; increasing the maximum percent of total infrastructure project costs for which the department may award a grant; providing that grants for improvements to broadband Internet service and access must be conducted through certain partnerships, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations		
3/2/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays	
3/2/2018	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed	
3/2/2018	SENATE Retained on Special Order Calendar for 03/05/2018 - If Received	
Compare		
HB 1193	Rural Economic Development (Latvala)	
SB 1496	Rural Economic Development (Gainer)	
Similar		
HB 1103	Regional Rural Development Grants (Albritton)	

SB 1656	Public Educational Facilities	Lee (T)
Public Educational Facilities; Providing requirements for determining the capacity of facilities in certain schools as reported in the Florida Inventory of School Houses; authorizing a district school board to submit an application to the Commissioner of Education for an exemption for a facility from the State Requirements for Educational Facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Education		
1/5/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations	
Similar		
HB 1023	Public Educational Facilities (Duran)	

SB 1664	Basin Management Action Plans	Simmons
Basin Management Action Plans; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and other entities, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions; specifying requirements for the installation, repair, modification, or upgrade of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; providing criteria for the prioritization of funding for wastewater treatment facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations		
2/9/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, 02/14/18, 1:30 pm, 301 S	
2/14/2018	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays	
2/15/2018	SENATE Now in Appropriations	

SB 1672	Charter Schools	Farmer, Jr.
Charter Schools; Revising the fiscal responsibility requirements for the charter school application and review process; requiring private property taken by eminent domain for a public school purpose or use to be used only for traditional public schools; authorizing, rather than requiring, a school district to distribute specified funding to eligible charter schools in its district, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Education		
1/5/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations	
Compare		
SB 1434	K-12 Education Enhancements (Passidomo)	
SB 2508	K-12 Education (Appropriations)	
HB 5101	K-12 Education (PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee)	

SB 1686	Community Development Districts	Torres, Jr.
Community Development Districts; Requiring community development districts to obtain a just valuation before acquiring property that includes land or is permanently affixed to land, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs		
1/5/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules	
Identical		
HB 337	Community Development Districts (Cortes (J))	
SB 1714	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability	Perry
Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability; Authorizing the Auditor General to audit certain accounts and records; requiring the Auditor General to conduct certain audits and report to certain persons if certain violations are found; requiring the governing board of a county to review certain proposed contracts and certifications relating to potential conflicts of interest and mitigation plans, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development		
1/29/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays	
1/31/2018	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed	
2/1/2018	SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	
Similar		
HB 3	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability (Grant (M))	
SB 1722	Annexation of Property	Torres, Jr.
Annexation of Property; Revising the definition of the term "enclave"; prohibiting an area from being annexed if more than a specified percent of the land in the area is owned by individuals, corporations, or legal entities, unless the owners of more than a specified percent of the land in the area consent to such annexation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs		
1/5/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules	
Similar		
HB 1121	Annexation of Property (Silvers)	
SB 1732	School Garden Programs	Torres, Jr.
School Garden Programs; Requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to annually provide to school districts certain information relating to school garden programs; authorizing schools that establish a school garden program to allow certain students to select and receive produce from the garden on a specified day each week, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Agriculture		
1/5/2018	SENATE Filed	
1/12/2018	SENATE Referred to Agriculture; Education; Appropriations	
SB 1756	School Accountability	Simmons
School Accountability; Revising the private schools to which the Department of Education is required to provide technical assistance and authorized staff; revising requirements for private schools that participate in the Gardiner Scholarship Program; revising the purpose of department site visits at private schools participating in the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; requiring a private school to employ or contract with teachers who meet certain qualifications and provide information about such qualifications to the department and parents, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		
Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations		
2/5/2018	SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education, 02/08/18, 10:00 am, 412 K	
2/8/2018	SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays	
2/12/2018	SENATE Now in Appropriations	
Compare		
SB 1172	Hope Scholarship Program (Galvano)	
SB 1614	Education (Hukill)	

[SB 1776](#) Vegetable Gardens Bradley
 Vegetable Gardens; Prohibiting local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
 2/28/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (640054); Placed on Third Reading, 03/01/18
 3/1/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 1 Nay)
 3/1/2018 HOUSE In Messages

[SB 1794](#) Kiosks and Pushcarts Rodriguez (J)
 Kiosks and Pushcarts; Authorizing kiosks and pushcarts, including advertising displayed on such kiosks and pushcarts, to be installed within the right-of-way limits of any municipal, county, or state road, except a limited access highway, subject to certain requirements and restrictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Community Affairs
 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed
 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules

[SB 1804](#) School District Accountability Stargel
 School District Accountability; Prohibiting former appointed district school superintendents from conducting certain lobbying activities; requiring the Office of Inspector General to investigate certain allegations and reports made by specified individuals; requiring certain district school board member travel outside of the school district to be preapproved and meet certain criteria; requiring a district school board to limit certain expenditures by a specified amount if certain financial conditions exist for a specified period of time, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$850,000.00
 Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations
 2/28/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
 2/28/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18
 3/2/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 1279; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1279
 Compare

- [HB 11](#) Government Accountability (Metz)
- [HB 323](#) Education (Fitzenhagen)
- [SB 354](#) Government Accountability (Stargel)
- [SB 1534](#) Government Integrity (Mayfield)
- [HB 7003](#) Local Government Ethics Reform (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)
- [HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)
- [HB 7073](#) Government Integrity (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)

Similar

[HB 1279](#) School District Accountability (Sullivan)

[SB 1864](#) Military Affairs Broxson
 Military Affairs; Prohibiting a landlord from requiring a prospective tenant who is a servicemember to deposit or advance more than a certain amount of funds; providing that the title to certain lands remains subject to an easement to prevent encroachment of military installations after a tax sale or the issuance of a tax certificate in foreclosure proceedings; providing that the president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., is the executive director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
 1/5/2018 SENATE Filed
 1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 785](#) Military Affairs (Ingram)

[HB 2499](#) St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I La Rosa
 St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I: Provides an appropriation for the St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I. APPROPRIATION: \$2,200,000.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018
 Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee
 1/16/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/18/18, 01:00 pm, 404 H
 1/18/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
 1/19/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

HB 5203	Statewide Travel	Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
<p>Statewide Travel: Revises certain lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; authorizes employee to expend his or her own funds for certain lodging expenses; provides DMS rulemaking authority; creates the statewide travel management system; provides system reporting requirements; requires specified entities to use statewide travel management system for certain purposes; requires DMS to make travel information available to public by specified date; provides appropriation & positions; provides statement of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/8/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 110 Yeas / 1 Nays); Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference</p> <p>2/8/2018 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>2/15/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules</p> <p>Compare</p>		
HB 11	Government Accountability (Metz)	
SB 354	Government Accountability (Stargel)	
SB 2500	Appropriations (Appropriations)	
HB 5001	General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee)	
HB 6005	Sports Development	Avila
<p>Sports Development: Repeals provision relating to state funding for sports facility development by unit of local government, or by certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by local government. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee</p> <p>8/22/2017 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>8/30/2017 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee</p> <p>8/30/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee</p> <p>Similar</p>		
SB 778	Sports Development (Lee (T))	
HB 6039	Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments	Richardson
<p>Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments: Removes state preemption on regulation of certain auxiliary containers, wrappings, & disposable plastic bags. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee</p> <p>11/28/2017 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>12/8/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee</p> <p>12/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee</p> <p>Identical</p>		
SB 1014	Recyclable Materials (Stewart)	
HB 7001	Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees	Ways & Means Committee
<p>Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to prohibit a state tax or fee from being imposed or raised except through legislation approved by two-thirds of each house of legislature; requires a state tax or fee imposed or raised to be contained in separate bill that contains no other subject. Effective Date: Not Specified</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>2/28/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/18 - if received</p> <p>3/2/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (751148); Placed on Third Reading</p> <p>3/5/2018 SENATE Read Third Time</p> <p>Compare</p>		
SB 1742	Supermajority Vote Required to Increase State Tax Revenues by Increasing Taxes (Stargel)	
HB 7003	Local Government Ethics Reform	Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
<p>Local Government Ethics Reform: Provides that contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers or employees in certain situations; provides ethics training requirements; prohibits certain governing board members from voting in official capacity on specified matters; requires certain members of</p>		

municipality governing body to file disclosure; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to local government authority to enact rule or ordinance requiring lobbyists to register with local government; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to registration & reporting for lobbying water management districts; requires Commission on Ethics to create Local Government Lobbyist Registration System; requires lobbyists to register with commission before lobbying specified governmental entities; provides responsibilities of Governor; provides civil penalties.

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 2 Nays)

1/24/2018 SENATE In Messages

1/30/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

Compare

[HB 1279](#) School District Accountability (Sullivan)

[SB 1534](#) Government Integrity (Mayfield)

[SB 1804](#) School District Accountability (Stargel)

[HB 7055](#) Education (Education Committee)

Linked

[HB 7005](#) Trust Funds/Creation/Local Government Lobbyist Registration System

Trust Fund (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee)

[HB 7007](#) Ethics Reform Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

Ethics Reform: Repeals provisions relating to state, state university, & community college employee lobbyists; provides state policy relating to sexual harassment; provides criminal penalties; requires Legislature, Supreme Court, & agencies to establish & adopt rules, policies, & procedures; prohibits certain public officers & employees from soliciting specified employment & contractual relationships; revises lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, & investigation requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/28/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/01/18

3/1/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)

3/1/2018 SENATE In Messages

Compare

[HB 1233](#) Sexual Harassment (Jacobs)

[SB 1534](#) Government Integrity (Mayfield)

[SB 1628](#) Sexual Harassment (Book)

[SB 1916](#) Public Records and Public Meetings (Book)

Linked

[HB 7091](#) Pub. Rec./Sexual Harassment Complaints (Government Accountability

Committee)

[HB 7043](#) State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority: Provides DEP, upon approval of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with power & authority to adopt rules to assume & implement permitting program pursuant to federal Clean Water Act for dredge & fill activities in certain state waters; provides applicability of state laws, exemptions, & administrative procedures; provides permit requirements; provides for delegation of certain activities. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 2 Nays)

2/28/2018 SENATE In Messages

2/28/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

Identical

[SB 1402](#) State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting

Authority (Simmons)

[HB 7063](#) Natural Resources Government Accountability Committee

Natural Resources: Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to acquisition, management, & disposition of conservation lands; beach management; greenways & trails; arthropod control; water supply facilities, public water systems, & domestic wastewater systems; water resource development & capital improvement projects; state park passes; distribution & use of funds from Florida Forever Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund; rural-lands-protection easement programs; reservoir projects; basin management action

plans; beneficial uses & management of stormwater; LAKEWATCH Program; provides statement of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee

2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 02/22/18, 1:00 pm, 212 K

2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/24/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

Compare

HB 131	Coastal Management (Peters)
SB 174	Coastal Management (Hukill)
SB 370	Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley)
SB 992	C-51 Reservoir Project (Book)
HB 1149	Environmental Regulation (Payne)
HB 1353	Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears)

[PIE1](#) State Ethics Reform Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

PCB PIE 18-01 -- State Ethics Reform

Current Committee of Reference: Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

11/3/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 11/07/17, 2:00 pm, 404 H

11/7/2017 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill with 1 Amendment by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/9/2017 HOUSE Committee Bill Filed as H 7007

[PIE2](#) Local Government Ethics Reform Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

PCB PIE 18-02 -- Local Government Ethics Reform

Current Committee of Reference: Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

11/3/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 11/07/17, 2:00 pm, 404 H

11/7/2017 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill with 1 Amendment by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/9/2017 HOUSE Committee Bill filed as HB 7003

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8C. “The Kennedy Report” on Regional Transit Funding



SUMMARY

This is a standing agenda item to keep the board updated on discussions between Pinellas County, Hillsborough County and Pasco County representatives regarding steps needed to reach agreement on a local funding commitment in support of improved regional transit service. The executive director will provide an update for the board’s consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only

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9A-G. Informational Items



Staff and/or board members will provide information and updates on the following items:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Pinellas Trail Usage Annual Report
- B. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
- C. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments
- D. Correspondence, Fatalities Map, Pinellas Trail Data and Draft PAC Action Sheet
- E. FDOT District Seven Bi-Weekly Traffic Fatalities Report for January 29 – February 11, 2018
- F. Committee Vacancies
- G. Other

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Correspondence of Interest
- Fatalities Map
- Draft PAC Action Sheet
- FDOT District Seven Bi-Weekly Traffic Fatalities Report for January 29 – February 11, 2018

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9A. Pinellas Trail Usage Annual Report



SUMMARY

The first section of the Pinellas Trail opened in 1990 to connect the cities of Largo and Seminole. Today, the Pinellas Trail is 54 miles long, extends from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg, and passes through a total of eight cities as well as several unincorporated communities.

When the Trail first opened, manual user counts were conducted by staff of the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) Department using the methodology developed by the National Park Service, (NPS). Users were counted at several intervals throughout the day and inserted into a formula to adjust for peak hour, number of daylight hours and regional monthly adjustments.

Through funding made available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2013, electromagnetic and infrared sensors were installed along the Trail to more accurately count users, differentiate between pedestrians and bicyclists, and log the day, time and direction of travel. With additional grant funds from the Centers of Disease Control in 2016, Forward Pinellas was able to purchase five additional electronic counters which were strategically located to complement the previous installations. The automated trail counters not only support a shift towards a performance-based, outcome-driven planning process, but provides accurate quantitative user data to taxpayers, elected officials, and other stakeholders as evidence on the economic benefits of the investment of tax dollars on trail facilities to improve health, safety, and accessibility goals. Trail user counts will also assist in obtaining transportation grants, plan future maintenance and identify where additional trails could be planned and built.

Data is collected on a monthly basis at all eight Pinellas Trail Count Stations. Monthly Summary Reports include total user counts, the daily average, highest daily total, totals per count station, average weekday and weekend distribution, and total distribution by mode (pedestrians/bicyclists). The Automatic Trail Counters Pinellas Trail 2017 Year End Summary of the counter data is attached.

ATTACHMENT(S): 2017 Year Report Summary

ACTION: None required; informational item only

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection
2017 Year Report

Total Usage

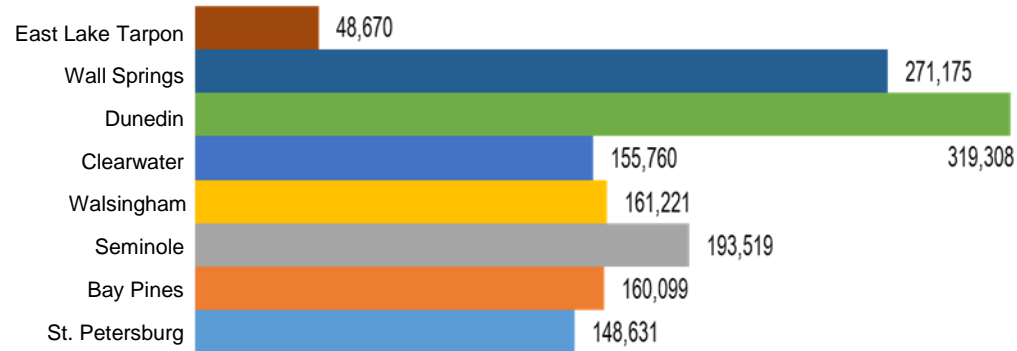
2017 Count Total: 1,458,383 *
Daily Average Users: 3,995 *

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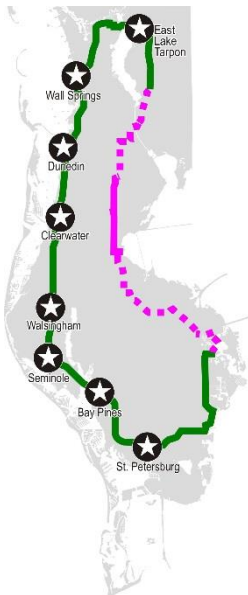
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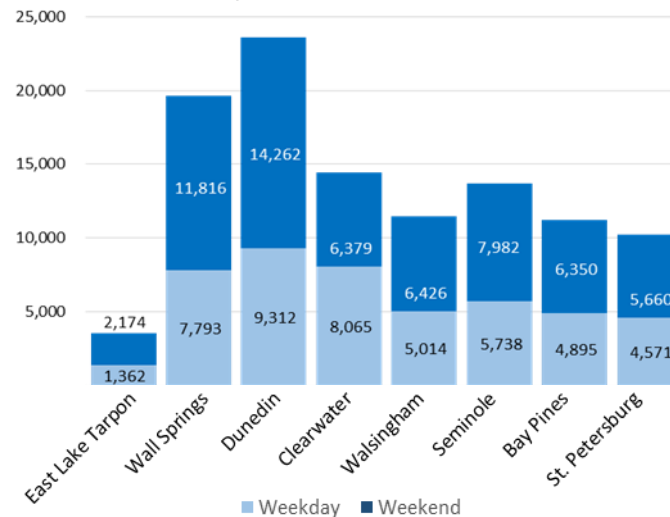
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Average Trail User Mode Split

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Dunedin:	14%	86%
Clearwater:	24%	76%
Walsingham: *	19%	81%
Seminole:	21%	79%
Bay Pines: *	48%	52%
St. Petersburg:	21%	79%

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9B. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholders Meetings



SUMMARY

Each month the board will be informed of any meetings staff members are actively participating in that involve citizens, business groups or other agencies. The goal of this item is to provide a more comprehensive view of the conversations that Forward Pinellas staff are a part of, and the ways in which they act as resources for the wider community.

ATTACHMENT(S): Public Outreach and Stakeholders Meetings Summary

ACTION: None required; informational item only

Meeting Date	Organization	Location	Description	Staff members in attendance
2/1/2018	Pinellas County	Pinellas County Offices	62nd Ave. N. coordination meeting	Chelsea Favero
2/1/2018	MPOAC	West Palm Beach	Quarterly meeting of the MPO Advisory Council.	Whit Blanton
2/1/2018	ANVIL Paints	Forward Pinellas Offices	Meeting to discuss a potential public-private partnership	Rodney Chatman, Sue Miller
2/2/2018	TBARTA	Clearwater	Lunch with Jim Holton, TBARTA Chair	Whit Blanton
2/2/2018	Pinellas County	Courthouse Annex	Regular meeting of the Pinellas County Appointing Authorities.	Whit Blanton
2/2/2018	Pinellas County	Pinellas County Offices	OMB FY19 Budget Development Kick-Off Meeting	Rodney Chatman
2/6/2018	APA Florida	Tallahasee	APA Legislative & Policy Committee Meeting	Whit Blanton
2/6/2018	Dunedin	Dunedin City Hall	SR 580 Student Project Presentations	Rodney Chatman
2/7/2018	APA Florida	Tallahasee	APA Public Policy Workshop	Whit Blanton
2/7/2018	Clearwater Young Professionals	Regional Chamber of Commerce	Speaking about Forward Pinellas mission and Projects.	Whit Blanton
2/8/2018	Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce	Upper Tampa Bay Chamber offices	development group on Forward Pinellas and regional projects.	Whit Blanton
2/8/2018	TMA	Gannet Fleming Offices	Regional coordination meeting to discuss scenario planning and transportation projects	Chelsea Favero
2/9/2018	TMA Leadership Group	PSTA Offices	Comprised of representatives of each MPO, the TMA Leadership Group will convene to discuss regional priorities	Whit Blanton, Sarah Ward, Chelsea Favero, Hilary Lehman
2/9/2018	TMA Staff Directors	Conference Call	Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area staff directors coordination meeting. This is a monthly coordination meeting with the staff directors.	Chelsea Favero
2/12/2018	Largo	Largo City Hall	Meeting to discuss Bike Your City	Rodney Chatman, Sue Miller

2/12/2018 Bike Walk Tampa Bay	Tindale Oliver / Teleconference	Quarterly meeting of Bike Walk Tampa Bay	Whit Blanton, Marc Hanger
2/12/2018 TBRPC	TBRPC Offices	TBRPC Governing Board meeting	Rodney Chatman
2/13/2018 PSTA/FDOT	Forward Pinellas/ PSTA Offices	Monthly transit coordination meeting	Multiple
2/13/2018 FDOT	PSTA Offices	Bus on shoulder meeting	Sarah Caper
2/16/2018 Multiple	TBARTA Offices	MPO Regional Coordination and Best Practices Study Management Team meeting	Whit Blanton
2/16/2018 Pinellas County	Pinellas County Offices	Meeting to discuss the Forward Pinellas role in Emergency Management	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman
2/19/2018 Neighborhoods	Council of North County Harbor Hall	US 19 Discussion	Al Bartolotta
2/20/2018 City of St. Petersburg	City Hall	Complete Streets Committee	Al Bartolotta
2/20/2018 APA Florida	TBRPC Offices	Land Use Economics Session with Joe Minicozzi	Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Alicia Parinello
2/21/2018 City of St. Petersburg	City Hall	Mayor's Bike Ped Advisory Committee	Al Bartolotta
2/21/2018 FDOT	FDOT Offices	Review of FTA Section 5310 applications	Sarah Caper
2/20/2018 FAPA	TBRPC Offices	Land Use Economics Workkshop	Multiple
2/22/2018 Forward Pinellas	Largo City Hall	Meeting with City staff to discuss findings of US 19 Land use/economic study	Al Bartolotta, Sarah Caper
2/22/2018 Creative Pinellas	Forward Pinellas Offices	Meeting to discuss Alt. 19 Cultural Corridor	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman
2/22/2018 Pinellas	Plan Hillsborough/Forward Clearwater	Discussing regional land use and transportation scenarios with Plan Hillsborough Director Melissa Zornita.	Whit Blanton
2/23/2018 TBARTA	Hillsborough County Center	TBARTA board meeting	Whit Blanton
2/22/2018 FDOT	FDOT Offices	Tampa Bay Technical Review Team. Regular meetings to coordinate on technical matters to the FDOT District 7 MPOs, including the maintenance of the regional travel demand model.	Chelsea Favero
2/23/2018 TBARTA CCC	TBARTA Offices	TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee Staff Directors Meeting	Whit Blanton

Meeting Date	Organization	Location	Description	Staff members in attendance
3/1/2018	Unite Pinellas	Juvenile Welfare Board Room	UNITE Pinellas monthly meeting of stakeholders	Whit Blanton
3/2/2018	TMA Staff Directors	Conference Call	Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area staff directors coordination meeting. This is a monthly coordination meeting with the staff directors.	Chelsea Favero
3/2/2018	Forward Pinellas, Pasco MPO, Hillsborough MPO, FDOT	Tampa	Meeting to discuss Tri-County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and pilot project	Sarah Caper
3/6/2018	Forward Pinellas	Forward Pinellas Offices	Internal kickoff meeting for the Gateway Area/Mid County Master Plan	Multiple
3/6/2018	TMA Staff Directors	Hillsborough MPO	Coordination meeting amongst TMA MPOs to discuss transportation projects for the regional LRTP and scenario planning effort	Chelsea Favero
3/6/2018	TBARTA	Hillsborough Planning Commission	Meeting to discuss grants.	Whit Blanton, Sarah Caper
3/7/2018	Forward Pinellas	PSTA	Kick off meeting with stakeholders for the Gateway Area/Mid County Master Plan	Multiple
3/8/2018	Forward Pinellas	PSTA	Kick off charrette with stakeholders for the Gateway Area/ Mid County Master Plan	Multiple
3/8/2018	Pinellas County	Lealman Community Center	CRA meeting to include discussion of complete streets and 54th Ave. N. concept planning project	Chelsea Favero
3/9/2018	TMA Leadership Group	Tampa International Airport	Comprised of representatives of each MPO, the TMA Leadership Group will convene to discuss regional priorities	Chelsea Favero, Whit Blanton, Hilary Lehman
3/9/2018	FDOT/Forward Pinellas	Conference Call	Monthly coordination meeting with FDOT	Chelsea Favero

3/12/2018	Broward MPO/Forward Pinellas	Forward Pinellas Offices	Coordination and collaboration meeting between the two MPOs to discuss priority setting, staff structure and other strategic initiatives	Multiple
3/12/2018	Forward Pinellas, APA	Teleconference	Meeting with APA Florida staff to discuss a possible video project	Multiple
3/13/2018	Forward Pinellas, FDOT, PSTA	PSTA Offices	Monthly transit planning meeting	Whit Blanton, Sarah Caper
3/13/2018	TBARTA	TBARTA Offices	Transit management committee meeting	Sarah Caper
3/13/2018	Florida Constitution Revision Commission	USFSP	Attending public hearing of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission	Whit Blanton
3/14/2018	Pinellas County	Pinellas County Offices	Coordination meeting with county and city staff to discuss the 62nd Ave. N. re-evaluation project	Chelsea Favero
3/15/2018	Pinellas County	Pinellas County Offices	Coordination meeting with the county to discuss the 54th Ave. N. complete streets project	Chelsea Favero, Whit Blanton
3/15/2018	St. Petersburg Area Chamber	Chamber Offices	Presenting to the St. Petersburg Area Chamber Transportation Committee on regional transit projects and the Pinellas Transportation Plan.	Whit Blanton, Hilary Lehman
3/16/2018	Dunedin Council of Organizations	Dunedin Gulf Club	Presenting to the Dunedin Council of Organizations	Whit Blanton
3/16/2018	TMA Staff Directors	AECOM Offices	Coordination meeting amongst the TMA MPOs to discussion regional public engagement	Chelsea Favero
3/20/2018	Florida Department of Health	FDOH State Lab	Health Impact Assessment Training	Alicia Parinello, Brett Burks
3/22/2018	Pinellas County	Pinellas County Offices	Participation in the annual State of the County program	Chelsea Favero

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9C. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments



SUMMARY

This information is presented in order to better, and more systematically, apprise the Forward Pinellas Board of final action(s) by the Board of County Commissioners, in their role as the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) on matters that have been previously considered. This summary also includes the Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments that have been administratively reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff.

CPA Actions from February 2018:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Subthreshold Plan Map Amendments:

- Case CW 18-01, a Pinellas County case located near the northeast corner of Florida Ave & 9th Street in Palm Harbor. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment from Residential Medium to Employment (vote 7-0).

Regular Plan Map Amendment:

- Case CW 18-02, a Pinellas County case located near the southwest corner of 54th Avenue North and Haines Road in Lealman. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services (vote 7-0).
- Case CW 18-03, a City of St. Petersburg case located at 2700 5th Avenue South. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment from Industrial & Target Employment Center to Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center (vote 7-0).
- Case CW 17-15, a City of Tarpon Springs case located on the northwest corner of Rainville Road and North Pinellas Avenue. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the alternative compromise amendment from Residential Low Medium to Employment and Preservation (vote 7-0).

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- Countywide Plan Map Adjustment – City of St. Petersburg – Official Acceptance, The board officially accepted the map adjustment (vote 7-0).

Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments January 2018:

There were no Tier I Amendments to report.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only



CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA

Gateway to the Gulf

SAMUEL HENDERSON, Mayor

DANIEL LIEDTKE, Councilmember, Ward 1
CHRISTINE BROWN, Councilmember, Ward 2

YOLANDA ROMAN, Councilmember, Ward 3
MICHAEL FRIDOVICH, Councilmember, Ward 4

<http://www.mygulfport.us>

January 26, 2018

Forward Pinellas
Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director
310 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756



RE: CITY OF GULFPORT TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Director Blanton,

Thank you for your visit and appearance on behalf of Forward Pinellas before the City of Gulfport City Council on January 16, 2018. Per City Council's discussion following your presentation, we have taken this opportunity to provide you a brief outline of the City of Gulfport's present areas of focus in regards to intermodal transportation within our community.

The City of Gulfport strives to provide a balanced motorized and non-motorized transportation system which can be used in a safe, convenient and effective manner through the improvement of roads, bicycle, pedestrian systems and public transit. Gulfport continues to maintain and improve a multimodal transportation system that provides and continually looks to improve mobility for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, as well as in-city transit users.

The City's goal is to increase bicycle and pedestrian usage with its interconnecting trail and route and sidewalk system. The City looks to install bikeways and sidewalks that connect to the Pinellas and St. Petersburg trail system and provide safe connections with schools, residential areas, recreational facilities and commercial areas. The city applies the smart street concept whenever feasible in the maintenance and improvement of existing roadways.

As an ongoing objective, the City will support the efforts of Forward Pinellas to improve the movement of vehicular traffic, increase the use of alternative modes of transportation while addressing the application, efficiency and cost of mass transit providers within the City.

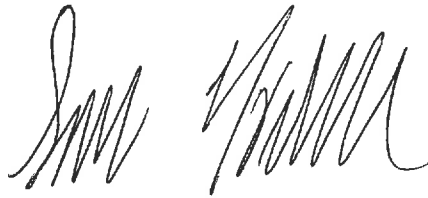
The City's specific focus in relation to Forward Pinellas' transportation activities:

- Completion of the City of Gulfport Osgood Trail (Clam Bayou) - St. Petersburg trail system segment connection with the Skyway Trail in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg.

- Continued participation with Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg for the study of a Complete Streets Methodology & Analysis of/for Gulfport Boulevard/22nd Avenue South's Preliminary Design and Engineering from 58th Street South to 34th Street South. The City's objective would be to enhance the community environment of the roadway, while maintaining a service level in relationship to connecting Interstate 275 with the Gulf Beaches.
- Ongoing improvements to Pedestrian and Bicyclist safety along the Gulfport Boulevard/22nd Avenue South corridor with a new and expanded sidewalk system.
- Completion of a safe, visible, delineated Bicycle Route within and through the City of Gulfport, serving as a connector to the Pinellas County and St. Petersburg trail systems byway of the City's Marina, Downtown Waterfront Commercial Areas and the existing Pinellas County Trail Spur located adjacent to Boca Ciega High School.
- Exploration and discussion of methods, alternatives and options available to improve and increase the utilization of mass transit, while measuring the application, efficiencies and cost of public transportation within the City's corporate limits.
- Sustained improvement of transient vessel accommodations within the City of Gulfport's Municipal Marina and City operated Mooring Field (in-construction phase). Additionally, the City continues to discuss facilitating an on-going connectivity of the Municipal Marina with City's Downtown Waterfront District.

Should you have any questions or require further comment please contact me at 727-893-1009.

Sincerely,



Samuel Henderson
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager

SH/jo

Pinellas County Major Road Network

Gulf of Mexico

Pasco County







Hillsborough County

Old Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay

YEAR 2018
(thru February 26th)

Locations of Reported TRAFFIC FATALITIES

-  PEDESTRIAN (includes other small modes)
-  BICYCLE
-  MOTORCYCLE
-  AUTO-VEHICLE
-  MEDICAL (traffic related but medical condition caused death)
-  OTHER (traffic related but no crash report imminent)

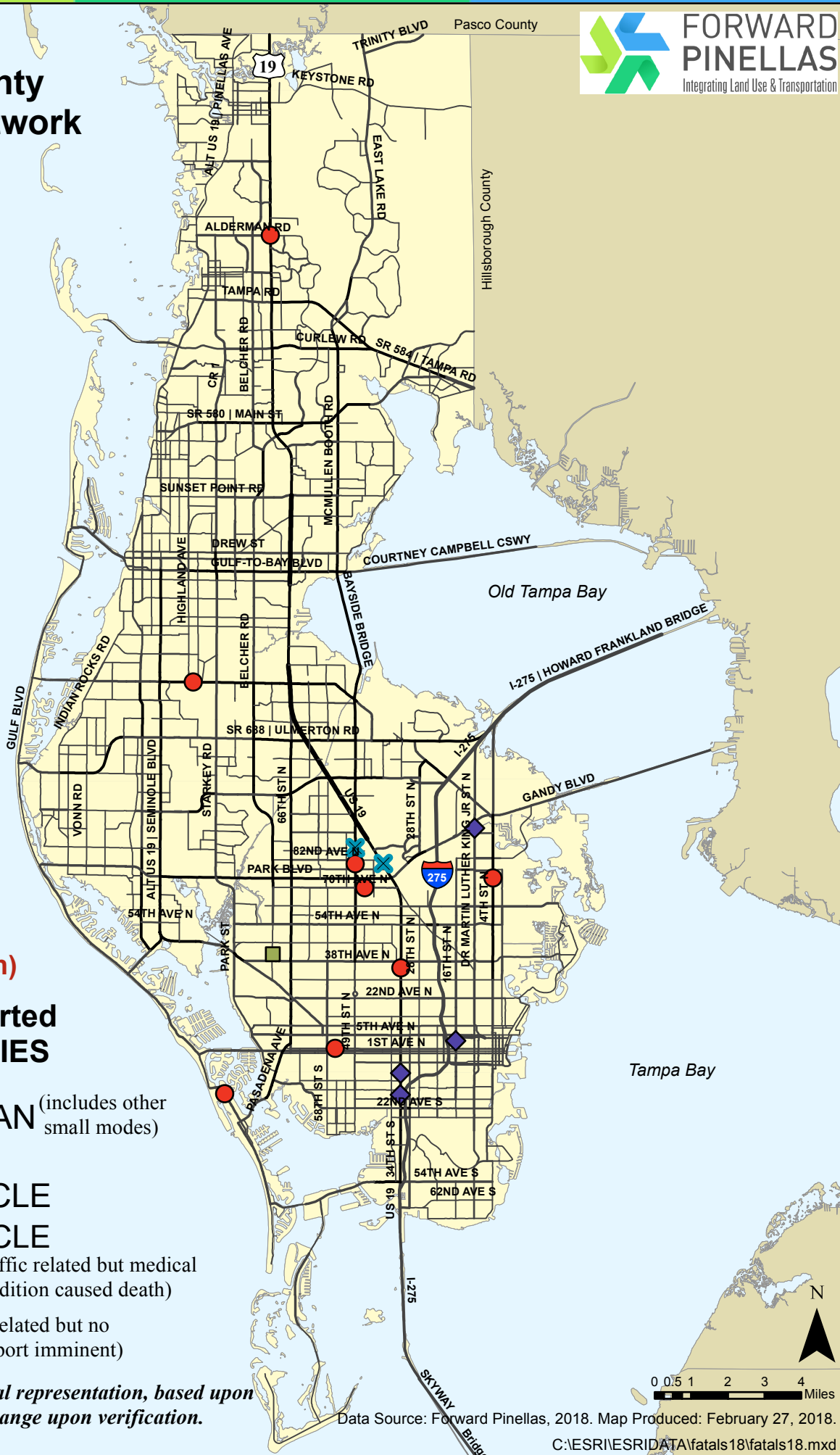
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Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2018. Map Produced: February 27, 2018.

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1	001F18	8TH AVE S	34TH ST S	MC	1/2/2018	1	10:22 AM
1	009F18	DR ML KING JR ST N	NEAR EXECUTIVE CENTER DR	MC	2/2/2018	1	4:30 AM
1	010F18	34TH ST S	QUEENSBOROUGH AVE S	MC	2/4/2018	1	11:06 PM
1	015F18	16TH ST N	BETWEEN 3RD AND 4TH AVE N	MC	2/26/2018	1	6:45 AM
1	002F18	49TH ST N	8000 BLOCK	PED	1/8/2018	1	10:06 PM
1	007F18	70TH AVE N	4600 BLOCK	PED	1/23/2018	1	7:45 PM
1	006F18	4TH ST N	NEAR 74TH AVE N	PED	1/24/2018	1	6:10 PM
1	008F18	US 19 HWY	ALDERMAN RD	PED	1/27/2018	1	6:50 AM
1	011F18	15T AVE N	55TH ST N	PED	2/2/2018	1	3:10 PM
1	012F18	34TH ST N	NEAR 35TH AVE N	PED	2/7/2018	1	9:50 PM
1	013F18	BLIND PASS RD	CAPTIVA CIRCLE	PED	2/17/2018	1	7:00 PM
1	014F18	EAST BAY DR	WERTZ DRIVE	PED	2/21/2018	1	5:50 AM
1	003F18	71ST ST N	40TH AVE N	VEH	1/11/2018	1	4:11 AM

PINELLAS COUNTY

INITIAL REPORTING

of Traffic Fatalities
thru February 26, 2018

15 FATALITIES INCLUDING MEDICAL INCIDENTS *

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15 CRASHES (fatal) INCLUDING MEDICAL INCIDENTS *

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0 OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED FATALITIES BUT NO IMMEDIATE CRASH REPORT

1 AUTO-VEHICLE FATALITIES

6.7% (medical crashes not included)

1 AUTO-VEHICLE CRASHES (fatal)

VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

4 MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES

26.7% of all traffic fatalities

4 MOTORCYCLE CRASHES (fatal)

2 BICYCLE FATALITIES

13.3% of all traffic fatalities

2 BICYCLE CRASHES (fatal)

8 PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES

53.3% of all traffic fatalities (includes other small modes)

8 PEDESTRIAN CRASHES (fatal)

14 VULNERABLE USER FATALITIES

14 VULNERABLE USER CRASHES (fatal)

93.3% Vulnerable/total fatalities

(medical crashes not included)

NOTE

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based upon initial reporting,
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Forward Pinellas

* MEDICAL INCIDENTS INCLUDE HEART ATTACKS, STROKE, OR OTHER FATAL CONDITION.

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
January 1 – January 31, 2018 (31 days)

Total Usage

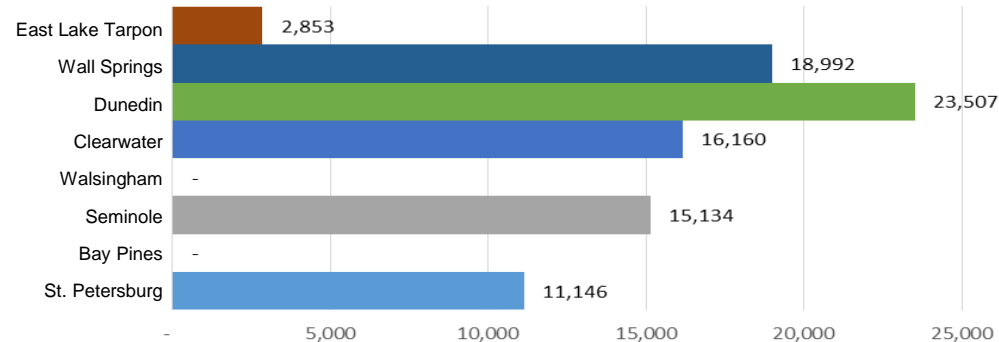
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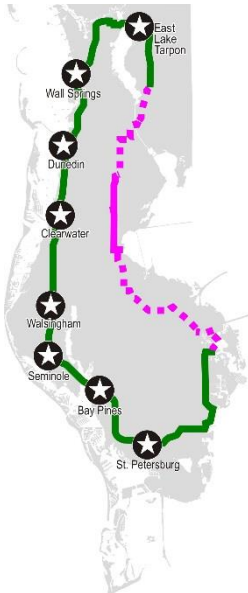
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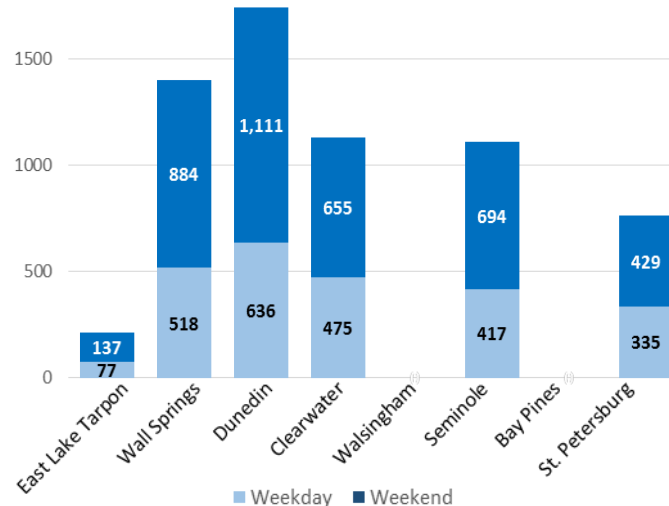
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Seminole:	44%	56%
Bay Pines:	NA	NA
St. Petersburg:	32%	68%

Source: Forward Pinellas January 2018

PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET
DATE: MARCH 5, 2018

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS</u>	The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.	
2. <u>MINUTES OF REGULAR PAC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018</u>	Motion: Marie Dauphinais Second: Marcie Stenmark	11-0
3. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR MARCH 14, 2018 MEETING PUBLIC HEARINGS</u> <u>Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendments</u> A. CW 18-05 – Pinellas County	Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marshall Touchton	12-0
B. CW 18-07 – City of Clearwater	Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marie Dauphinais	13-0
C. CW 18-08 – City of Clearwater	Motion: Marcie Stenmark Second: Jan Norsoph	13-0
D. CW 18-10 – City of Clearwater	Motion to recommend approval subject to verifying the maps: Marie Dauphinais Second: Jan Norsoph	13-0
<u>Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendments</u> E. CW 18-06 – City of Safety Harbor	Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marie Dauphinais	13-0
F. CW 18-09 – City of Clearwater	Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marie Dauphinais	13-0
<u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> G. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments February 2018	None required; informational item only	
4. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. Forward Pinellas Planning & Place-Making Grant Pilot Program Recommendation	Rodney Chatman provided an overview of the applications that were received and reviewed the criteria used to rank the applications. He advised the PAC members of the recommendations from the Land Use Team regarding the awards. Questions were asked and answered along with some discussion of ways to improve the program further going forward. Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marshall Touchton Patricia McNeese, City of Tarpon Springs, was the dissenting vote.	12-1

B. Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Program Recommendation	Rodney Chatman provided an overview of the applications that were received. He advised the PAC members of the recommendations for funding award. Questions were asked and answered.	
<p>5. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u></p> <p>A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the SPOTlight emphasis areas.</p> <p>He cited that the US 19 Market Analysis for Tarpon Springs and Largo was nearing completion along with the study being done by Pinellas County on the Palm Harbor section. He advised that the PAC would soon be receiving presentations on these studies.</p> <p>The Gateway/Mid-County Master Plan Interlocal Agreement was approved by the Forward Pinellas Board last month and has been sent to the local governments for approval. The kick off meetings will occur this week.</p>	
B. Legislative Update (Information)	Linda Fisher updated the PAC members on bills of interest currently making their way through the process this legislative session.	
6. <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>	The PAC members received and shared information regarding upcoming events of interest.	
7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

PAC Chairman

Date

District Seven's Bi-Weekly Crash Report Update - A Summary of Traffic Fatalities that has occurred on public highways in the Tampa Bay Region. For more information, please note names of victims highlighted in blue are hyperlinked to news stories as published by the media and text highlighted in green are hyperlinked to obituaries as available. **"Safety Doesn't Happen by Accident."** **Suggestions and/or ideas to enhance safety are welcomed [here](#) or by contacting Matthew Nance at 813-975-5747 or Matthew.Nance@dot.state.fl.us.** Please note the word "here" is hyperlinked to District Seven's Innovation Share Point Site.

February 11, 2018



[Steven Darrell Driggers](#), [34, Plant City](#): Steven was traveling on I-4 when the pick-up truck he was riding in over corrected, lost control and rolled over. He was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. "Steven will forever be remembered in our hearts as a hardworking man with a kind soul always willing to help others in need." He is survived by his daughter, parents, grandmother, sisters, and many family and friends.

February 9, 2018



[John Anthony Cosme-Rivera](#), 25, Tampa: John was driving on US 301 when an oncoming vehicle turned into his path, colliding with John's motorcycle. He was transported to Tampa General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. He was wearing a helmet.

February 8, 2018



[Richard Barry](#), [48, Hudson](#): Richard was riding his bicycle across SR 52 in Bayonet Point when he was struck by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was under the influence of drugs. He was transported to Bayonet Point Hospital where he died from his injuries.

February 7, 2018



[Kenneth Stephen Koenen](#), 48, Spring Hill: Kenneth was driving on County Line Road when he attempted to pass another vehicle in a no-passing zone. He collided with an oncoming semi-truck. He died at the scene.



[Reginald William Pittman](#), 47, St. Petersburg: Reginald attempted to cross 34th Street North in St. Petersburg when he was struck by an oncoming vehicle. He died at the scene.

February 4, 2018



[Don Rowland Hayghe](#), 51, St. Petersburg: Don was driving on 34th Street South in St. Petersburg when a vehicle turned into the path of his motorcycle. He was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg and where he was pronounced dead. He was not wearing a helmet.

February 2, 2018



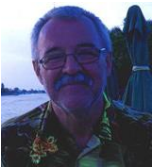
[Mark Allen Ynes](#), 51, St. Petersburg: Mark was crossing 1st Avenue North in St. Petersburg in his motorized wheelchair when he was struck by a vehicle. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.



[Samuel Thankachan Thomas](#), 38, Lakeland: Samuel was driving with Juanita Paulino on Sheldon Road in the Town 'n' Country area when their vehicle struck the end of a Freightliner. He was taken to St. Joseph's Main Hospital where he later died from his injuries. "Everyone he met would instantly fall in love with his charm and personality. He genuinely loved people and sought any way to help them. His dream was to one day have his own business so that he could help churches and ministries reach their cities for Jesus." He is survived by his wife, sons, parents, siblings, and many friends and family.



[Juanita Paulino](#), 70, Tampa: Juanita was riding with Samuel Thomas on Sheldon Road in the Town 'n' Country area when their vehicle struck the end of a Freightliner. She was pronounced dead at the scene. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, and siblings.



[John Zivanov](#), 59, St. Petersburg: John stopped his moped in the far-left lane of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North in St. Petersburg when he was struck from behind by a vehicle. He died at the scene. He is survived by his wife, sons, brother, and grandchildren.

January 29, 2018



[Joseph Volpatti](#), 51, New Port Richey: Joseph was driving home on Seven Springs Boulevard when he was struck head-on by a wrong way drunk driver. He was taken to Bayonet Point Hospital where he later died from his injuries on February 11th. He worked for Nielsen for over 17 years as tech support staff. One of his biggest accomplishments was to be honored with a U.S. patent.

March 14, 2018

9F. Committee Vacancies



SUMMARY

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

The BPAC currently has one opening for the Beach Communities.

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

The CAC currently has three openings. An opening for a Beaches Area Representative and two At Large openings. A review of current CAC member residence data indicates a lack of representation from Pinellas County areas north of Curlew Road. Staff is seeking to ensure the CAC represents all of Pinellas County's geographic areas, and reflects its socio-cultural diversity.

- **Local Coordinating Board (LCB)**

The LCB currently has three openings. An opening for a Citizen Representative, an opening for a Citizen who is a TD rider, and an opening for Over 60.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BPAC Membership Listing
- CAC Membership Listing ([see 5Bb](#))
- LCB Membership Listing ([see 5Bc](#))

ACTION: None required; informational item only

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST**Voting****St. Petersburg Area (St. Pete/Gulfport/So Pasadena/Tierra Verde)**

1. Jeff Morrow (07/12/17)
2. Kimberly Cooper (10/13/99)
3. Charles Johnson (06/14/17)

Clearwater Area

4. Chip Haynes (04/13/11)
5. Robert Yunk (02/09/05)
6. Win Dermody (03/12/14)

Dunedin Area

7. Charles Martin (04/08/09)

Pinellas Park and Mid-County

8. Ronald Rasmussen (12/13/06)
9. Byron Virgil Hall, Jr., (12/13/06)

Largo Area

10. Daniel Alejandro (10/12/16)
11. Georgia Wildrick (08/16/06)

North County Area (Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor/Ozona/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor)

12. Tom Ferraro (04/09/03)
13. Becky Afonso (Vice Chair) (10/08/14)

At Large Area

14. Paul Kurtz (12/11/13)
15. Mike Siebel (03/14/12)
16. Brian Smith (Chairman) (12/12/12)
17. Lynn Bosco (11/14/12)
18. Steve Lasky (11/14/12)
19. Ed Hawkes (11/18/98)
20. Annette Sala (03/12/14)

Seminole Area

21. Jim Wedlake (05/12/10)

Beach Communities

22. Bert Valery (10/1983-10/1998) (reappointed 07/10/02)
23. Vacant

Technical Support

1. County Traffic Department (Tom Washburn – representative; Gina Harvey and Casey Morse – alternates)
2. Pinellas County Planning Department (Caroline Lanford – representative)
3. PSTA (Jacob Labutka – representative; Heather Sobush and Kristina Tranel – alternates)
4. City of Clearwater (Vacant - representative)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Lucas Cruse – representative; Cheryl Stacks - alternate)
6. City of Largo (Valerie Brookens – representative; Katrina Lunan-Gordon - alternate)
7. City of Oldsmar (Felicia Donnelly – representative)
8. Pinellas County School System (Tom McGinty - representative)
9. TBARTA (Anthony Matonti -representative; Michael Case 1st alternate and Ramond Chiarmonete 2nd alternate)
10. Pinellas County Health Department (Quinn Lindquist - representative)
11. Pinellas Trails, Inc. (Dr. Jan Hirschfield – representative)
12. CUTR (Julie Bond - representative)
13. Safe Routes to School (Tiffany Sabiel – representative)

Sheriff's Office /Police/Law Enforcement Representatives

1. Pinellas Park Police Dept.
2. St Petersburg Police Dept.
3. Largo Police Dept.
4. Sheriff's Office – Deputy Eric Gibson
5. Clearwater Police Dept.

Non-Voting Technical Support

14. FDOT (Chris Speese - representative)
15. County Parks and Conservation Resources (Lyle Fowler – representative; Spencer Curtis – alternate)

*Dates signify appointment