



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(TCC) MEETING AGENDA
March 22, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.
310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conf. Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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2. Approval of Meeting Summary



SUMMARY

The meeting summary for the February 22, 2023, meeting is attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): TCC Meeting Summary – February 22, 2023

ACTION: Provide recommendation regarding meeting summary.

**SUMMARY OF THE
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

The following is a summary of Forward Pinellas Technical Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 22, 2023, at 310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL.

Members Present

Frances Leong-Sharp, Vice Chair	City of Dunedin Planning
Evan Birk	City of St. Petersburg-Engineer & Capital Improv
Cecilia Chen	City of Safety Harbor
Alaina Grundy	City of St. Pete Beach
Brent Hall	Pinellas County Public Works Engineering
Cory Martens	City of Clearwater Traffic
Jacob Labutka	PSTA
Derek Reeves	City of Pinellas Park
Cheryl Stacks	City of St. Petersburg–Transport and Parking
Barry Westmark	City of Largo Engineering
Tom Whalen	City of St. Petersburg Planning and Eco. Dev.

Members Absent

Joan Rice, Chair	Pinellas County Public Works Traffic
Sue Bartlett	City of Dunedin Engineering
Brandon Berry	City of St. Pete Beach
David Chase	City of Pinellas Park – Storm Water/Transport
Brian Ellis	TBRPC
Mark Griffin	City of Gulfport
Taylor Hague	City of Largo Planning
Hetty Harmon	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Jacob Marchand - Zoom	City of Oldsmar
Pat McNeese	City of Tarpon Springs
Jayne Lopko	City of Clearwater
Sheila Schneider	Pinellas County Air Quality
Scott Swaengen	Pinellas County Planning
Autumn Westerman	Pinellas County Public Schools
Wesley Wright	City of Seminole
Katheryn Younkin	City of Treasure Island

Others Present

Jensen Hackett - Zoom	FDOT
Craig Fox	FDOT
Kessia Harris	PSTA
John Rieman	Pinellas County Public Works Traffic
Gina Harvey	Pinellas County Public Works Traffic
Kevin Jackson	City of St. Petersburg-Engineer & Capital Improv
Omar Atallah – Zoom	City of Clearwater
Rebecca Moistner	City of St. Petersburg
Kathy Gademer	City of Dunedin Planning
Dana Santos - Zoom	Forward Pinellas
Whit Blanton	Forward Pinellas
Christina Mendoza	Forward Pinellas

Chelsea Favero
Kyle Simpson
Ariane Martins - Zoom
Maria Kelly

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1. CALL TO ORDER

TCC Vice-Chair Frances Leong-Sharpe called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY

The summary of the January 25, 2023, committee meetings were approved with no corrections.

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

There were no proposed TIP amendments.

4. COMPLETE STREETS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Kyle Simpson, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the Complete Streets Funding Recommendations. This is the seventh year Forward Pinellas has offered this program which provides up to \$100,000 for concept planning projects and up to \$1 million for construction projects. The program is designed to leverage transportation funding to bring about transformative land use changes. As a result of the Call for Projects in the summer of 2022, Forward Pinellas received three applications for concept planning funding and one application for construction funding. A subcommittee comprised of Forward Pinellas staff and agency stakeholders reviewed the applications in February 2023 and provided recommendations for funding:

- \$65,000 to the City of Largo for the Clearwater-Largo Road Multimodal Safety Improvements Project.
- \$37,500 to the City of Pinellas Park for the 60th Street North Complete Street Concept Plan Project.
- \$460,755.17 to the City of St. Petersburg for the 1st Avenue South Bikeway Improvements Project.

Forward Pinellas is seeking a recommendation to the board from the committee today. They will be taken before the Forward Pinellas Board in April for approval. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. After discussion, Jacob Labutka made a motion to recommend approval of the Complete Streets Grants by the Forward Pinellas Board. This was seconded by Kevin Jackson and passed with a unanimous vote

5. GANDY PD & E STUDY

Craig Fox, FDOT, shared a presentation with the committee on the Gandy Boulevard (US 92/ SR 600) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study, evaluating capacity, bicycle, and pedestrian improvement along the study corridor. The study limits are from 4th St. North in Pinellas County to West Shore Blvd (CR 587) in Hillsborough County. The purpose of this project is to reduce traffic congestion and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations by reconstructing Gandy Boulevard to provide an elevated controlled access 4-lane to 6-lane roadway mainline separated from local traffic with frontage roads and multiuse trails on both sides of the corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians. The proposed project will also widen the existing westbound Gandy bridge to accommodate a third travel lane and construct a new bridge to provide a wider structure for three travel lanes and a multiuse trail. The study is divided into three segments: 1) the Pinellas segment from 4th Street to the west end of the Gandy Bridge; 2) the Bay segment includes both Gandy Bridges over Old Tampa Bay and 3) the final segment is in Hillsborough County. Mr. Fox reviewed the preferred typical sections, the project schedule and project cost with the committee. An Open House is scheduled for February 28, 2023, at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center to share information and answer questions. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

6. PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY (PSTA) UPDATE

Jacob Labutka, PSTA, introduced Kessia Harris, PSTA Project Manager, who shared information on the Bus on Shoulder Express Bus and the SunRunner projects. In June 2021, PSTA partnered with FDOT to start a Bus on Shoulder pilot project. This project allowed the Bus to travel on the interstate shoulder when the traffic slowed down to 35 mph on I-275. The idea was to improve travel times from St. Petersburg to Tampa for limited stop transit service. FDOT widened the shoulders and added signals on the on-ramps, while PSTA installed infra-red emitters installed on six of the 100X buses to communicate with the signals. This allows the buses to stop vehicles entering the highway so that the bus can cross the shoulders of the on-ramp freely and safely. Several hours of driver training, safety & security outreach and hazard mitigation occurred prior to the pilot program taking place. The SunRunner Rapid Bus Transit is a 10-mile premium bus service. For it to be considered premium, ITS elements needed to be included, like real-time information signage elements, Corey Causeway notification, fiber optic and broadband communication and traffic signal priority. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

7. ADVANTAGE ALT 19

Christina Mendoza, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation with the committee on an Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Transition Plan to evaluate Alternate US 19. The purpose of the plan, known as Advantage Alt 19: Investing in People and Places along the Alternate US 19 Corridor, is to evaluate Alternate US 19 (SR595) from SR 60 to 58th Street North at 5th Avenue North and 58th Street North from 5th Avenue North to Central Avenue. The goal is to provide people with better access from their homes to the jobs and job training opportunities, as well as other desired destinations, via reliable transportation options. Through Advantage Pinellas, Forward Pinellas has created the Investment Corridor Strategy where a set of roadway corridors within Pinellas County has been prioritized for redevelopment and reinvestment with the goal of linking jobs and

housing The study tasks and timeline included outreach to city/county staff and to the public from summer 2022 through 2023; a corridor characteristics & opportunities analysis summer through fall 2022; the development of a redevelopment vision from fall 2022 through spring 2023; developing an implementation and funding strategy from winter 2022 through summer 2023; and a final report due by the summer 2023.. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

8. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT

Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, shared information on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. Forward Pinellas approved a Safe Streets Action Plan that was sent out to all of the local governments, asking them to also sign on to. As of today, 22 out of 25 local governments have approved the Safe Streets Pinellas Resolution, a commitment to work together to improve safety. Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation, the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program was developed, to provide competitive grant funding to local governments to plan for, and implement, safety improvements. Forward Pinellas submitted a joint application for funding partnering with Pinellas County, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo and Oldsmar for \$770,000 for safety projects. This grant requires a 20% match from the local governments. On February 1, 2023, Forward Pinellas was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads (SS4A) Grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) with funds totaling \$559,074.00, to be allocated to Forward Pinellas' Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan within five areas of the county with known road safety challenges. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, will use the grant funding to work cooperatively with Pinellas County and the cities of Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, and Oldsmar, to define specific safety projects within each community that will be advanced into design and construction as soon as possible. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas update.

Ms. Favero shared that it looks like the innovative interchanges will not be a good fit for the US 19 corridor. Staff was presented with future traffic forecasts that raised some questions, so staff is in the process of conducting a comprehensive analysis to review what development is on the ground right now on US 19 and what the carry capacity is going forward, to do some ground truthing on the travel demand models. This will make sure that what we plan for in that corridor matches the future development potential. If there is an opportunity to explore a typical section that includes more multimodal treatments, such as a business access travel lane or a multimodal trail, those options will be explored as well. For access to beaches, the Waterborne Transportation Committee will be meeting soon to discuss ways to expand waterborne transportation in the region.

B. Board Action Sheets – February 8, 2023, attached. The Board did review the safety letter regarding the Safety Performance Measures and Targets the TCC sent last month and are in support with this committee to adjust the performance targets for injuries and injury rates.

C. Traffic Fatalities Map attached

D. Tentative Future Agenda Topics:

- Call for Projects Applications
- Complete Streets Funding Recommendations
- 2050 Socioeconomic Data Projects

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Bike Your City will be held in Oldsmar on March 10, 2023.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2023, at 310 Court Street, Clearwater.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 3:25 pm

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3. Proposed Modification to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

SUMMARY

There are no proposed TIP amendments scheduled for this meeting. However, if the need for a TIP amendment(s) arises following the mailing of the agenda packet, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will present the proposed amendment(s) under this agenda item.

ATTACHMENT(S): (Any proposed TIP amendment forms will be provided at the meeting)

ACTION: Provide a recommendation to the Board for TIP amendments (if any)

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4. Draft Transportation Priorities

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas adopts project priority lists for its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on an annual basis. These lists are used for the allocation of federal funding. These lists include Multimodal Transportation Priority, Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Projects, and Regional Transportation Priority Projects. The approved priority lists are used by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the development of its Five-Year Work Program. A description of these lists and proposed changes to each are provided in the discussions that follow. These lists are presented as drafts for review and comment only. Final lists will be brought back to the committee for final action in May.

A. Multimodal Priority List

Since the last update of this list in 2022, ten projects were allocated funding for implementation and are being moved from the 'Unfunded' section of the list and three funded projects have been completed and are being removed from the list. Staff is also proposing to add several projects, including one complete streets project and three projects that local governments applied for funding for through the annual call for projects. Several project descriptions of existing priorities are also being updated. Projects shaded in gray on the table indicate a change to the status or details of the project have been made. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of proposed changes to the list.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2023 Multimodal Transportation Project Priorities

ACTION: Review and comment on the 2023 Multimodal Transportation Project Priorities

B. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Priority List

Since the last update to this list in 2022, three projects were allocated full funding and were moved from the 'unfunded' portion of the list to the 'programmed' portion. Staff is proposing to add five new projects for which applications were received during the Call for Projects issued in 2022. These project applications were evaluated and scored using a set of criteria approved by the Forward Pinellas Board. These projects are proposed to be added to the TA priority list according to the number of points they each received. These projects are being added to the bottom of the list, not to supersede the projects already on the list. Forward Pinellas will provide an overview of the proposed changes to the list.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program Priority List

ACTION: Review and Comment on the 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program Priority List

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Proposed Priority	FPN	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status	Project is on High Injury Network or an Identified Hot Spot	Source of the Project
PRIORITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR FUNDED FOR CONSTRUCTION/IMPLEMENTATION											
P	433880-1	FDOT	SR 686/Roosevelt Boulevard (CR 296 Connector) CR 296 (Future SR 690)/East-West 118th Avenue Expressway/Gateway Express	49th Street North US 19 SR55	I-275/SR 93 East of 40th Street	Construction of grade separated toll facility linking US 19 and the Bayside Bridge with I-275	CST	2017/18	Underway	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
P	256774-2 256774-3	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Republic Dr Overpass and Curlew Road Interchanges) Phase I – Boy Scout Overpass Phase II – Curlew Road Interchange	North of SR 580 Northside Drive	Northside Drive North of CR 95	Construction of grade separated roadway improvements	CST CST	2021/22 2021/22		X	Long Range Transportation Plan
P	422904-2	FDOT	I-275/SR 93/Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement	North of SR 687 (4th St. N.)	North of Howard Frankland Bridge	Bridge Replacement, addition of express lanes, and a multiuse trail.	Design-Build	2019/20	Underway		Long Range Transportation Plan
P	424501-2	FDOT	I-275 Express Lanes	South of SR 694/Gandy Boulevard	North of 4th Street North	Construction of one managed lane in each direction providing interregional connectivity from Gateway Expy and south of Gandy Blvd to Howard Frankland Bridge	Design-Build	2017/18	Underway		Long Range Transportation Plan
P	4377362	Pinellas County	Phase II - Park/Starkey Sidewalks Pinellas Trail Loop, Phase 2 North Gap (partially on Duke Energy ROW)	Ulmerton Road	East Bay Drive	Construction of continuous sidewalks along both sides of corridor	PE CST	2019/20 2021/22	Underway		Pinellas County
P	4400931	Pinellas County	Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail Overpass	Enterprise Road	John Chesnut Sr. Park	Construction of Phase 2 of the Pinellas Trail Loop	Design-Build	2016/17	Underway		Pinellas County
P	437498-1	FDOT	SR 60/Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard at Bayshore Boulevard	N/A	N/A	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass over SR 60 near Bayshore.	CST	2023/24	Design underway	X	Advantage Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
P	440246-1	FDOT	U.S. 19	54th Avenue South	22nd Avenue North	\$1 million Complete Streets upgrade to FDOT resurfacing project to construct a wide sidewalk on west side of roadway	CST	2021/2022	Construction Underway	X	Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
P	443928-1	Oldsmar	St. Petersburg Drive	Dartmouth Avenue	Bayview Boulevard	\$1 million to supplement a City of Oldsmar Complete Streets project.	CST	2023/24			Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
P	443929-1	Largo	Rosery Road	Missouri Avenue	Eagle Lake Park	\$1 million to supplement a City of Largo Complete Streets project.	CST	2023/24			Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
P	437710-1	FDOT	Alt. US 19	South of Curlew Place	North of Country Club	Add SB left turn lane	CST	2023/24			Forward Pinellas Congestion Management Process
P	256881-5	FDOT	Harn Boulevard Overpass	Harn Boulevard	North of 1st Street	Construction of a pedestrian overpass across US 19	CST	2020/21	Construction Underway		Long Range Transportation Plan
P	440093-2	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop	Ulmerton Road	Belleair Road	South Gap - Phase 2, 3, 4	CST	2023/24			Pinellas County
P	440093-3	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop	126th Ave N	Ulmerton Road	South Gap - Phase 1	CST	2023/24			Pinellas County
P	437807-2	FDOT	4th Street North and South	5th Avenue S	5th Avenue N	Urban corridor improvements including sidewalks, pedestrian signal modification and high emphasis crosswalks	CST	2022/2023		X	Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
P	445649-1	St. Petersburg	22nd Street South	9th Avenue S	5th Avenue South	\$1 million for St. Petersburg Complete Streets Project	CST	2027/28	Construction funding deferred by request from City		Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
P	446142-1	PSTA	Bus Replacement Capital Funding	N/A	N/A	Up to \$1.5 million of capital funding for PSTA Bus Replacements	Capital	2024/25			PSTA
P	437636-1	FDOT	Alt. US 19	at Florida Avenue	N/A	Roundabout to improve intersection safety	PE ROW CST	Complete Complete Underway			Alt 19 Corridor Study
P	447535-1	Dunedin	Skinner Boulevard Complete Streets	Alt US 19	SR 580	\$1 million for complete streets project	CST	2024/25			Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
P	437246-2	PSTA	Central Ave Bus Rapid Transit	N/A	N/A	Limited stop transit service from downtown St. Petersburg to the beaches	GST	Underway	Complete		PSTA
P	448486-1	FDOT	Alt US 19 and Bayshore Boulevard @ SR 536/Curlew/Causeway			Intersection improvements	DSB	2023			Alt 19 Corridor Study
P	445681-1	FDOT	Drew Street	Osceola Avenue	E. of US 19	Operational and safety improvements along the corridor.	PE CST	2022 2024	Corridor study underway	X	Forward Pinellas Complete Streets
P	449099-1	St. Petersburg	St. Pete Complete Streets project on 22nd St S	18th Ave S	11th Ave S	\$1 million for complete streets project	CST	2027/28	Construction funding deferred by request from City		Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
P	440254-1	FDOT	SR 693/Pasadena Ave/66th St N	Central Ave	N Tyrone Blvd	Operational improvements along the corridor	CST	2022	Underway		FDOT Pasadena Ave Corridor Study
P	440254-2	FDOT	SR 693/Pasadena Ave/66th St N	Park St	Central Ave	Operational improvements along the corridor	CST	2022	Complete		FDOT Pasadena Ave Corridor Study
P	440254-3	FDOT	SR 693/Pasadena Ave/66th St N	Matthews Rd	Park St	Operational improvements along the corridor	CST	2022	Complete		FDOT Pasadena Ave Corridor Study

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P	451073-1	FDOT	Alt 19 Median Modifications	Wilson Rd.	Curlew Rd.	Construction of concrete medians and pedestrian crossings.	PE CST	23/24 25/26	N/A	X	FDOT Alt 19 Corridor Study
P	451097-1	FDOT	Alt 19 Intersection Improvements	Rosery Road	N/A	Intersection modifications to improve safety.	PE CST	23/24 25/26	N/A	X	FDOT Alt 19 Corridor Study
P	451096-1	FDOT	Alt 19 Intersection Improvements	East Bay	N/A	Intersection modifications to improve safety.	PE CST	25/26 27/28	N/A	X	FDOT Alt 19 Corridor Study
P	451098-1	FDOT	Alt 19 Intersection Improvements	Walsingham	N/A	Intersection modifications to improve safety.	PE CST	24/25 27/28	N/A	X	FDOT Alt 19 Corridor Study
P	450689-1	Pinellas County	62nd Ave Complete Streets	49th Street	34th Street	Up to \$1M for the Pinellas County 62nd Ave N Complete Streets Project	CST	27/28	N/A		Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Program
P	449125-1	St. Petersburg	18th Ave S	37th St	16th Street	Construction of separated bicycle lanes, trail, bike boulevard and pedestrian crossings	PE CST	2023 27/28			Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
P	449853-1	TBARTA	TBARTA Vanpools	N/A	N/A	\$250,000 for additional vanpool services (not to fund existing services)	Operations	27/28	N/A		Forward Pinellas Call for Projects
P	444244-1	FDOT	4th Street Trail Connection	Gandy Boulevard	Big Island Gap Bridge	Trail connection to the Howard Frankland Bridge	CST	22/26	N/A		Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
P	444243-1	FDOT	Ulmerton Trail Connection	Fountain Parkway North	I-275	Trail connection to the Howard Frankland Bridge	CST	24/25	N/A	X	Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
P	448807-1	PSTA	Downtown Clearwater Intermodal Center	N/A	N/A	PSTA Intermodal Center for the downtown Clearwater area.	Capital	23/24	Planning estimate cost of \$29M		PSTA

UNFUNDED MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY PROJECTS

1	439338-3	Forward Pinellas	Systems and Operations Planning Funds	N/A	N/A	\$600,000 annually for planning activities	N/A	N/A	Annual request		N/A
2	438747-2	FDOT	Pinellas County Model Studies	N/A	N/A	\$148,000 annually to conduct surveys to update planning models	N/A	N/A	Annual request		N/A
3	446142-1	PSTA	Bus Replacement Capital Funding, including Associated Charging Infrastructure	N/A	N/A	Up to \$1.5 million of capital funding for PSTA Bus Replacements and associated charging infrastructure, including Solar PV, battery storage and chargers.	N/A	N/A	Annual Request		PSTA
4	N/A	St. Petersburg	1st Avenue Intersection Improvements				N/A	N/A	New Priority		Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program
5	N/A	St. Petersburg	Salt Creek Trail Ext	18th Ave S	26th Ave S	Construction of separated bike lanes, trail, bike boulevard and pedestrian crossings	N/A	N/A	N/A		Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
6	N/A	Pinellas County	Duke Energy Trail Crossing	SR 60	N/A	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass or enhanced trail crossing.	CST	Underway	N/A	X	Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
7	N/A	PSTA	34th St Transit Capital	N/A	N/A	Capital funding for transit station enhancements			N/A	X	34th St Corridor Study
8	N/A	Pinellas County	28th Street North	30th Ave N	Roosevelt Boulevard	Construction of a separated multiuse trail, in conjunction with a section of bike boulevard.	N/A	N/A	Initial funding needed for alignment study		Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
9	N/A	St. Petersburg	Duke Energy Trail Overpass	Roosevelt Blvd./Carillon	N/A	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass at Roosevelt Blvd near Carillon	N/A	N/A	Initial funding needed for alignment study		Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
10	424501-5	FDOT	I-275	South of 54th Avenue South	North of 4th St N	Lane continuity improvements throughout the corridor. And two express lanes in each direction from I-375 to S. of Roosevelt. Adding one additional from Roosevelt to N of 4th St.	ROW Design	2020/21 Underway	N/A		Long Range Transportation Plan
11	448513-1	FDEP	Dunedin Causeway Operational Improvements	Honeymoon Island State Park	Alt US 19	Operational improvements to mitigate congestion on the Dunedin Causeway	N/A	N/A	Funding for improvements at park entrance needed		Congestion Management Process
12	N/A	FDOT	Gulf Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements	195th Street	Walsingham Road	Construction of sidewalk with drainage improvements	PE	23/24			Town of Indian Shores
13	N/A	Pinellas County/Safety Harbor	Sunset Point Rd./Main St	Alt US 19	Phillippe Parkway	Construction of a separated multiuse trail, in conjunction with a section of bike boulevard.	N/A	N/A	Initial funding needed for alignment study		Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
14	N/A	Pinellas County	Duke Energy Trail Overpass	4th Street	Gandy Blvd	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass at 4th/Gandy to connect to Gandy Bridge/Loop	N/A	N/A	Initial funding needed for alignment study	X	Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan

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15	256931-4	FDOT	SR 694/ Gandy Boulevard	East of 4th Street	West of Gandy Bridge	Construction of grade separated overpass at Brighton Bay Blvd. and a trail facility crossing Tampa Bay in the corridor.	PE	2024/25	ROW and CST unfunded	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
	441250-2										
16	433799-1	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Tampa and Nebraska Interchanges)	South of CR 95	South of Pine Ridge Way West	Construction of grade separated roadway interchanges with frontage roads and pedestrian crossings every 1/4 mile.	Design	Underway	CST unfunded	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
							ROW	2026			
17	256998-1	FDOT	SR 686/Roosevelt Boulevard	I-275/SR 93	West of 9 th Street North/Dr Martin Luther King Jr Street North	Construction of a connection between the Gateway Express and Roosevelt Blvd.	Design	Underway	CST unfunded	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
18	257086-1	FDOT	SR 694/Gandy Boulevard	40th Street	East of I-275 (SR 93)	Construction of frontage roads and a ramp from NB I-275 to WB Gandy Blvd.	ENV	2021/22	CST unfunded	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
19	445376-2	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop (South Gap) San Martin Trail, Phase 5.	126th Avenue North	Roosevelt Boulevard	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	PE	24/25			Pinellas County
20	445376-3	Pinellas County	126th Avenue North	US 19/SR 55	34th Street	Construction of 2 lane divided continuous roadway	N/A	N/A	PDE Underway		Pinellas County
21	N/A	Pinellas County	Duke Energy Trail Crossing	SR 580	N/A	Construction of a bicycle/pedestrian overpass or enhanced trail crossing.	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Plan
22	433797-1	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Alderman Interchange)	North of Nebraska Avenue	South of Timberlane Road	Capacity, operational and safety improvements with pedestrian crossings every 1/4 mile.	Design	Underway	CST unfunded	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
							ROW	2026			
23	433796-1	FDOT	US 19/SR 55 (including Klosterman Interchange)	South of Timberlane Road	South of Lake Street	Capacity, operational and safety improvements with pedestrian	Design	Underway	ROW and CST unfunded	X	Long Range Transportation Plan
24	435914-2	FDOT	U.S. 19	66th Avenue North	118th Avenue North	Operational improvements along the corridor	ROW	2023/24	Corridor study underway; partial ROW funding in work program	X	FDOT US 19 SEIS
25	445650-1	FDOT	SR 60 Multiuse Accommodations	Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail	Druid Road Trail	Multiuse accommodations connecting the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail to the Druid Road Trail per the SR 60 Multimodal Implementation Plan	N/A	N/A		X	Forward Pinellas SR 60 Mobility Study
26	N/A	FDOT	Gateway Intermodal Center	Gateway Area of Pinellas County	N/A	ROW acquisition	N/A	N/A			Forward Pinellas Gateway Master Plan
27	444064-1	FDOT	SR 580 Corridor Study	Alt US 19	SR 584	Operational and safety improvements along the corridor.	Planning	2019/20	Corridor study underway	X	FDOT SR 580 Corridor Study
28	N/A	St. Petersburg	Cross Bay Ferry	N/A	N/A	Capital funding for Cross Bay Ferry services	N/A	N/A	N/A		Forward Pinellas Call for Projects
29	N/A	St. Petersburg	Martin Luther King Jr St S	30th Ave S	7th Ave S	Multimodal corridor improvements to moderate traffic speeds and provide a separated bike lane	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	Forward Pinellas Call for Projects
30	N/A	PSTA	Integrated Waterborne Transportation System - Phase 1	Clearwater Beach Maria	Dunedin Marina	NEPA Assessment, design and construction of 5 dock facilities and the acquisition of 5 vessels.	N/A	N/A	N/A		Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Subcommittee
31	N/A	Pinellas Park	78th Avenue	49th Street	US 19	Multimodal corridor improvements	N/A	N/A	New Priority		Forward Pinellas Call for Projects
32	N/A	St. Petersburg	22nd Ave N.	58th Street	4th Street	Intersection modifications and signal timing enhancements	N/A	N/A	New Priority		Forward Pinellas Call for Projects
33	N/A	Pinellas County	Belleair Rd	Kenne Road	US 19	Multimodal corridor improvements	N/A	N/A	New Priority		Forward Pinellas Call for Projects

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

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

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

4) Future priorities may be drawn from the following completed corridor studies: SR 60, Alt US 19, Pasadena Ave and US 19 Frontage Roads. Corridor studies along Drew St, SR 580 and 5th Ave/Alt 19 are currently underway.

DRAFT 2023 FORWARD PINELLAS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PRIORITY PROJECTS

Approved by the Forward Pinellas Board on June 8, 2022

Priority	Project Number	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
PRIORITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR FUNDED FOR CONSTRUCTION/IMPLEMENTATION									
P	4245647/2686A	Pinellas County	Hercules Ave/Greenbriar Blvd Sidewalk - Phase II	Sherwood St	Sunset Point Rd	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2017/18	Construction in FY 2021/22
P	4157387	City of Oldsmar	Oldsmar Trail Phase 6 Extension	along Douglas Rd between Racetrack Rd and Tampa Rd	N/A	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Construction	FY 2018/19	Construction in FY 2022/23
P	4107552	City of St. Petersburg	Bayway South Trail Connection (Phase II) on the Pinellas Bayway South (SR 679)	South end of Boca Ciega Bridge	City limits south of Madonna Blvd	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Design-Build	FY 2021/22	Completed
P	4377362	Pinellas County	Starkey Rd Corridor Sidewalk Project	Bryan Dairy Rd	East Bay Dr	Sidewalk	Construction	FY 2021/22	Construction underway
P	4374981	City of Clearwater/FDOT/SUNTrail	Courtney Campbell Causeway Recreational Trail Overpass	SR 60/Gulf-to-Bay Blvd at Bayshore Blvd	N/A	Pedestrian/Trail Overpass	Construction	FY 2023/24	Construction in FY 2023/24
P	4400932	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop (South Gap)	Ulmerton Rd	Belleair Rd	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	CST	FY 2023/24	Construction in FY 2023/24
P	4400933	Pinellas County	Pinellas Trail Loop (South Gap)	126th Ave N	Ulmerton Rd	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	CST	FY 2023/24	Construction in FY 2023/24
P	4429551	Pinellas County	42nd Ave N Sidewalk Project	35th St N	46th St N	Sidewalk	N/A	FY 2022/23	Construction in FY 2022/23
P	4412151	City of St. Petersburg	71st St N Trail - Pinellas Trail Connector	Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail	38th Ave N	Shared Use Bike Path/Trail	Design	FY 2023/24	Construction in FY 2023/24
P	4473741	City of St. Petersburg	28th St Complete Streets	Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail	1st Ave N	Complete Streets Treatments	CST	FY 2025/26	Construction in FY 2025/26
P	447375-1	City of St. Petersburg	Central Ave Complete Streets	34th St	31st St	Complete Streets Treatments	N/A	N/A	Construction in FY 2025/26
P	447376-1	City of St. Petersburg	22nd St S. Complete Streets	5th Ave S	1st Ave N	Complete Streets Treatments	N/A	N/A	Construction in FY 2024/25
P	449037-1	Pinellas Park	North side of 118th Ave N	Belcher Rd	62nd St N	1.6 mile long 8 foot wide trail	N/A	N/A	Construction in FY 2024/25
P	449035-1	City of St. Petersburg	28th St.	1st Ave N	13th Ave N	0.9 mile long separated bike lanes	N/A	N/A	Construction in FY 2025/26
P	449036-1	City of St. Petersburg	62nd Av S	22nd St S	Dr. MLK Jr St	1 mile long bike lanes	N/A	N/A	Construction in FY 2026/27
P	442955-1	Pinellas County	42nd Ave N	46th St N	35th St N	1 mile long sidewalks	N/A	N/A	N/A
P	450602-1	City of St. Petersburg	6th St	4th Ave S	Mirror Lake Dr	0.42 mile separated bike lane	N/A	N/A	Construction in FY 2027/28

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Priority	Project Number	Responsible Agency	Project	From	To	Description	Funded Phase	Year Funded	Status
1	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	28th St. S.	5th Ave S.	18th Ave. S.	1 mile separated bike lane	N/A	N/A	<u>Construction in FY 2027/28.</u>

UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PRIORITY PROJECTS

2	N/A	Pinellas County	Joe's Creek Trail	46 th Ave./Duval Park Blvd./ Main St./50 th Ave.	Joe's Creek Trail in Lealman	0.9 mile trail	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	St Pete Beach	Sunset Way and Beach Plaza	Corey Ave. 71st Ave .	67th Ave.	0.64 mile ADA compliant sidewalks and bike lanes	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	Pinellas Trail Neighborhood Connections project	various locations	various locations	varies	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	City of Tarpon Springs	Sunset Connector W. Klosterman Rd., Carlton Rd. W. Curlew PL., Florida Ave., Gulf Rd., Sunset Dr., Fred Howard Causeway	CR 880 at Alt US 19	CR 880, CR 896, CR 369	4.4 mile <u>bike/pedestrian</u> <u>infrastructure</u> <u>improvements</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	N/A	City of Tarpon Springs	Disston Ave. Complete Stgrets (Phase 1)	Klosterman Rd	Live Oak Blvd	2.1 mile sidewalk & <u>intersection</u> <u>improvements</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	26th Ave S Trail Grand Central District	Skyway Trail at 38th St/Perry Bayou	21st St	1.45 mile shared use trail	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	N/A	City of St. Petersburg	Crossings (citywide at various intersections: 1st Ave N & S at 18th St, 1st Ave N, 1st Ave S...)	citywide	citywide	citywide	N/A	N/A	N/A

FY = fiscal year; P = programmed

SUMMARY

In 2021, the Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) began a study to evaluate the feasibility of a potential rapid bus transit project in the US 19 corridor, linking S.R. 52 in Pasco County to the Pinellas County Gateway area. The goal of the study was to identify a feasible alternative for implementing transit service, while defining cost requirements and building consensus with FDOT and planning and transportation agencies in Pasco and Pinellas counties.

The study began with the evaluation of 44 potential station sites, a variety of alignment options and ultimately developed a preliminary concept of operations. With the dissolution of TBARTA, the agency has transferred the study results to Forward Pinellas and the Pasco County MPO to continue to further refine the concept and to develop consensus and a funding plan for the implementation of the project.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the various steps undertaken during the study and discuss the recommended alternative and next steps.

ATTACHMENT: N/A

ACTION: None required; informational item only

SUMMARY

In August 2021, a Pinellas County High School student was hit by a vehicle while crossing the street to reach his bus stop and was tragically killed. Since that time, the School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC), a subcommittee to Forward Pinellas, has been convening to discuss opportunities to make school bus stops safer for all children in the county. The STSC is comprised of elected and technical representatives from the School Board and the local governments of Pinellas County. Recognizing that the Pinellas County School District has more than 8,000 existing bus stops, and that many of those bus stops move on an annual basis, the STSC advised staff to develop a methodology to prioritize public school bus stops for additional safety treatments. It should be noted that all public-school bus stops meet certain minimum safety criteria to ensure that students are as safe as possible while waiting for the bus. However, it is recognized that additional safety improvements may be warranted in certain areas to account for human errors that can lead to tragic outcomes.

Forward Pinellas has been working with Pinellas County government and the Pinellas County School District to develop criteria that will lead to a prioritization process. This criterion will also be presented to the Community Traffic Safety Team and the Schools Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety (STEPS) committee for their review and input. Given that so many of the public-school bus stops are located on municipal roadways, the local governments in the county are asked to also weigh in on this criterion. Once bus stop locations are prioritized, Forward Pinellas and the School District will work with our local government partners to identify funding to help implement improved safety measures at the stops that may best benefit from them.

ATTACHMENT: School Bus Stop Safety Prioritization Criteria (to be handed out)

ACTION: None required; informational item only

A. Moving the April Meeting to April 19, 2023

Staff will provide an update

B. SPOTLight Emphasis Area Update

Staff will provide an update of the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas.

C. Forward Pinellas Board Executive Summary – March 8, 2023

ATTACHMENT: Forward Pinellas Newsletter/Executive Summary – March 8, 2023

D. Traffic Fatalities Map

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

ATTACHMENT: Traffic Fatalities Map thru February 21, 2023

E. Tentative Future Agenda Topics

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

- 2050 Socioeconomic Data Projections
- Regional Needs Assessment



Board Meeting Summary & Action Sheet

March 8, 2023

Please note that this summary has not been approved as the official minutes of the board.

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on March 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building.

The board unanimously approved the Complete Streets Funding Recommendations.

The Complete Streets Grant Program provides annual allocations of up to \$100,000 for concept planning projects and up to \$1 million for construction projects. Following a call for projects, Forward Pinellas reviewed three applications for concept planning funding and one application for construction funding. Upon review of the applications, three recommendations for funding were developed.

- \$65,000 to the City of Largo for the Clearwater-Largo Road Multimodal Safety Improvements Project.
- \$37,500 to the City of Pinellas Park for the 60th Street North Complete Street Concept Plan Project.
- \$460,755.17 to the City of St. Petersburg for construction of the 1st Avenue South Bikeway Improvements Project.

Kyle Simpson of Forward Pinellas presented the funding recommendations to the board and requested approval of the Complete Streets Grant Awards.

- Councilmember Floyd requested additional information on the \$1 million available for construction projects. Councilmember Floyd inquired as to what happens to the balance of the million dollars if not all is requested. Mr. Simpson responded that St. Petersburg was the only construction application with a specific amount requested and unused funds would later fund another project on the priority list. He said the money is not actually in an account, but is for future funding through the FDOT work program. Councilmember Floyd inquired as to why there were not more applications for this available funding, with Whit Blanton responding that the available funding does not cover much when it comes to constructing a project, and a local government must have local funding to construct a typical project. Councilmember Floyd shared that St. Petersburg did not request the full amount in order to allow for other local governments to also receive funding.

The board approved the Forward Pinellas Apportionment Plan.

Chelsea Favero presented recommended changes to the Forward Pinellas Apportionment Plan.

Per Section 339.175, F.S., in its capacity as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Forward Pinellas staff recommended changing the voting structure of the board to account for the latest population data from the 2020 Census.

Based on the discussion following the presentation of this item in February, Forward Pinellas staff has modified the proposed changes to retain the single Dunedin seat and the seat shared by Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs. This proposal increases the number of seats on the Forward Pinellas Board from 13 to 15 voting members and restructures the shared seats to allow rotating members to have three-year terms.

- The motion passed for approval of the Forward Pinellas Apportionment Plan with a 7 -5 vote, with Councilmember Buchmann, Commissioner Scott, Councilmember Muhammad, Councilmember Reed, and Councilor Burke dissenting.
- Tarpon Springs Mayor Costa Vatikiotis provided public comment requesting consideration for Tarpon Springs to have its own seat on the Forward Pinellas Board.
- Tarpon Springs Vice Mayor Craig Lunt provided public comment with general comments and sharing that waiting six years for a seat on the board is not adequate.
- Commissioner Panagiotis “Peter” Koulias provided public comment noting that a representative from another city may not understand the issues happening in Tarpon Springs and advocated for the city to have its own seat.
- Commissioner Brian Scott noted he is in favor of staff recommendations to the Apportionment Plan and suggested that Forward Pinellas consider increasing the number of seats to 16 to allow Tarpon Springs to have its own seat.
- Councilmember Jarrod Buchman inquired if Forward Pinellas Board ever had an impasse. Whit Blanton shared that the Board has not experienced an impasse, however, the nominating committee has. The best practice would be to have an odd number of members on the board.
- Councilor Burke inquired as to whether non-voting members can be added to the board.
- Commissioner Janet Long suggested that since the conversations have begun regarding having one regional MPO, the board should accept the staff recommendations on the Apportionment Plan and look forward to what will happen with creating one regional MPO.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Long that the board accept the recommendations of the staff. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Driscoll. Mayor Bujalski mentioned a scrivener’s error that omitted Dunedin from a section of the draft Apportionment Plan. Commissioner Long accepted the change in the motion to include the correction to the scrivener’s error.

Appointment of Auditor Selection Committee Chair

The board appointed Councilor Chris Burke as the Auditor Selection Committee Chair.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff presented the Gandy Project Development & Environment Study.

Craig Fox, FDOT, shared a presentation with the board on the Gandy Boulevard (US 92/SR 600) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study, evaluating capacity, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements along the study corridor. The study limits are from 4th St. North in Pinellas County to West Shore Blvd (CR 587) in Hillsborough County. The purpose of this project is to reduce traffic congestion and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations by reconstructing Gandy Boulevard to provide an elevated controlled access 4-lane to 6-lane roadway mainline separated from local traffic with frontage roads and multiuse trails on both sides of the corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians. The proposed project will also widen the existing westbound Gandy Bridge to accommodate a third travel lane and construct a new bridge to provide a wider structure for three travel lanes and a multi-use trail. The study is divided into three segments: 1) the Pinellas segment from 4th Street to the west end of the Gandy Bridge; 2) the Bay segment includes both Gandy Bridges over Old Tampa Bay and 3) the final segment is in Hillsborough County. Mr. Fox reviewed the preferred typical sections, the project schedule and the project cost with the board. An Open House was held on February 28, 2023, at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

- Councilmember Floyd shared a concern with the traffic flow at 4th Street and the increasing capacity on Gandy Blvd. FDOT assured that the changes would allow a free flow of traffic at this location.

Forward Pinellas staff updated the board on the Advantage Alt. 19: Investing in People and Places Project.

Christina Mendoza of Forward Pinellas presented Advantage Alt. 19: Investing in People and Places, which is evaluating the corridor along Alternate US 19 (SR 595) from SR 60 to 58th Street North at 5th Avenue North, and 58th Street North from 5th Avenue North to Central Avenue. The project goal is to provide people with better access from housing that is affordable to jobs and job training opportunities, as well as other desired destinations via safe and reliable transportation options. A broad overview of the findings included in the corridor characteristics and opportunities analysis and a brief update on the next steps were provided.

- Mayor Bujalski suggested adding tourism considered in the statistics used to determine the location of new station areas.
- Mr. Blanton shared that this is a detailed study about redevelopment and how affordable housing can be a part of the redevelopment strategies. The Long Range Transportation Plan will include a Transit System Plan that will analyze the frequency of the Jolly Trolley and other transit services in key corridors and identify improvements to increase ridership.

SPOTlight Updates

- Executive Director Whit Blanton provided updates on
 - The Waterborne Transportation Committee will meet on March 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Palm Room. This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in waterborne transportation.
 - The Downtown St. Petersburg Mobility Study was completed last year, and Forward Pinellas has been working with FDOT on a conceptual analysis of the I-175 corridor to include possible modifications. A short memo was produced with an outline of the potential alternatives that could be evaluated as part of a PD&E study. A recommendation for adding this to the priority list of projects will be brought to the board later in the spring.

Other Items

- PSTA Report
 - The Board approved the extension of free fares on the SunRunner for an additional six-month period so that new users can continue to try the service without any barriers while the agency can obtain a full year of data for comparison.
 - The Board voted to approve a contract with Jarrett Walker and Associates to develop the Community Bus Plan, which forms the foundation of the Transit Development Plan and the transit component for the Forward Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan.
 - The Board received a presentation on Spring Break services which have begun and includes the Clearwater Beach Park and Ride.
 - For next month's Forward Pinellas Board meeting, PSTA will give a comprehensive presentation on the first six months of the SunRunner.
- Regional Activities Report
 - The next meeting of the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group will be on March 24, 2023, at 9:30 am, at the Starkey Ranch Theater Library. This meeting will consist of the Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas County MPOs to discuss a possible consolidation or merger of the three MPOs.
 - The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Resiliency Summit will be held on May 4th & 5th, 2023.
 - Commission Janet Long shared that she recently returned from Washington DC and had a conversation with the USDOT Government Relations group. They shared that they have money to spend, and are interested in the types of projects we have that are potentially ready to go.
 - Brightline is currently under construction with high-speed rail from West Palm Beach to Orlando. They will be operating in September 2023, on the Florida East Coast Railroad and will tie into the Orlando International Airport in September. Brightline has committed to coming to Tampa in about four or five years at Union Station in Ybor City. Currently, there is no connection to Pinellas County; however, the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee has taken action to request for FDOT to work with Forward Pinellas and all the stakeholders in Pinellas

County to identify and fund a project that will make that connection to Pinellas County.

- Legislative Committee Update
 - Due to a lack of a quorum, the Legislative Committee did not meet.
 - Proposed House Bill 1397 addresses regional transportation planning. This bill focuses on whether to merge or dissolve the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) and PSTA. The House Bill directs FDOT to study whether both agencies should be dissolved, and the Senate Bill only directs FDOT to study the potential merger and focus on HART.
 - Proposed Senate Bill 588 and House Bill 657, filed by Representative Costar in the Oldsmar area would allow school districts to use speed enforcement mechanisms to ticket and warn drivers who are speeding through school zones.
 - An update on proposed Senate Bill 64, the cap placed on the number of public transportation dollars that could be spent from the state's public transportation trust fund has been removed.
 - Proposed Senate Bill 102 & House Bill 627, a preemption bill for housing, which would expand affordable housing funding while it would also restrict local government's ability to regulate density and height of buildings in the community. This is a priority of the senate president, and no amendments will be considered to this bill
 - Proposed Senate Bill 882 & House Bill 885 would broaden the local government infrastructure surtax, such as the Penny for Pinellas, and would allow funds to be spent on operations and maintenance costs instead of just capital costs.
 - Proposed Senate Bill 740 would create a Blue-Ribbon task force to look at county boundaries and potentially realign county boundaries statewide.

- Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Summit to be held on April 28th
- Potential MPO Consolidation Legislation
- Forward Pinellas is hosting Bike Your City 2023 in Oldsmar for Florida Bicycle Month on March 10, 2023
- Forward Pinellas presented highlights from Community In-Service Day which was held on February 20, 2023.
- Citizen Comments:
There were no citizen comments

Action Sheet
March 8, 2023

At its March meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0; Commissioner Long had not yet arrived)
Approved to include the following:
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Acceptance of Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Evaluation

- **Complete Streets Funding Recommendations**
Following a presentation by Kyle Simpson, Forward Pinellas staff, the board approved the funding recommendations for the Complete Streets grants funding. (vote: 12-0)

- **Draft Forward Pinellas Apportionment Plan**
Following a presentation by Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, the board approved the Draft Apportionment Plan. (vote: 7-5; Vice Mayor Buchman, Commissioner Brian Scott, Councilmember John Muhammad, Vice Mayor Patti Reed and Councilor Chris Burke dissenting)

- **Appointment of Auditor Selection Committee Chair**
Following an explanation by Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director, of the need for a board member volunteer to serve on the Auditor Selection Committee as Chair, Councilor Chris Burke volunteered. The board then approved his appointment to the committee. (vote: 10-0; Commissioners Long and Scott had stepped out of the meeting.)

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities (Year 2023)

Through February 20th

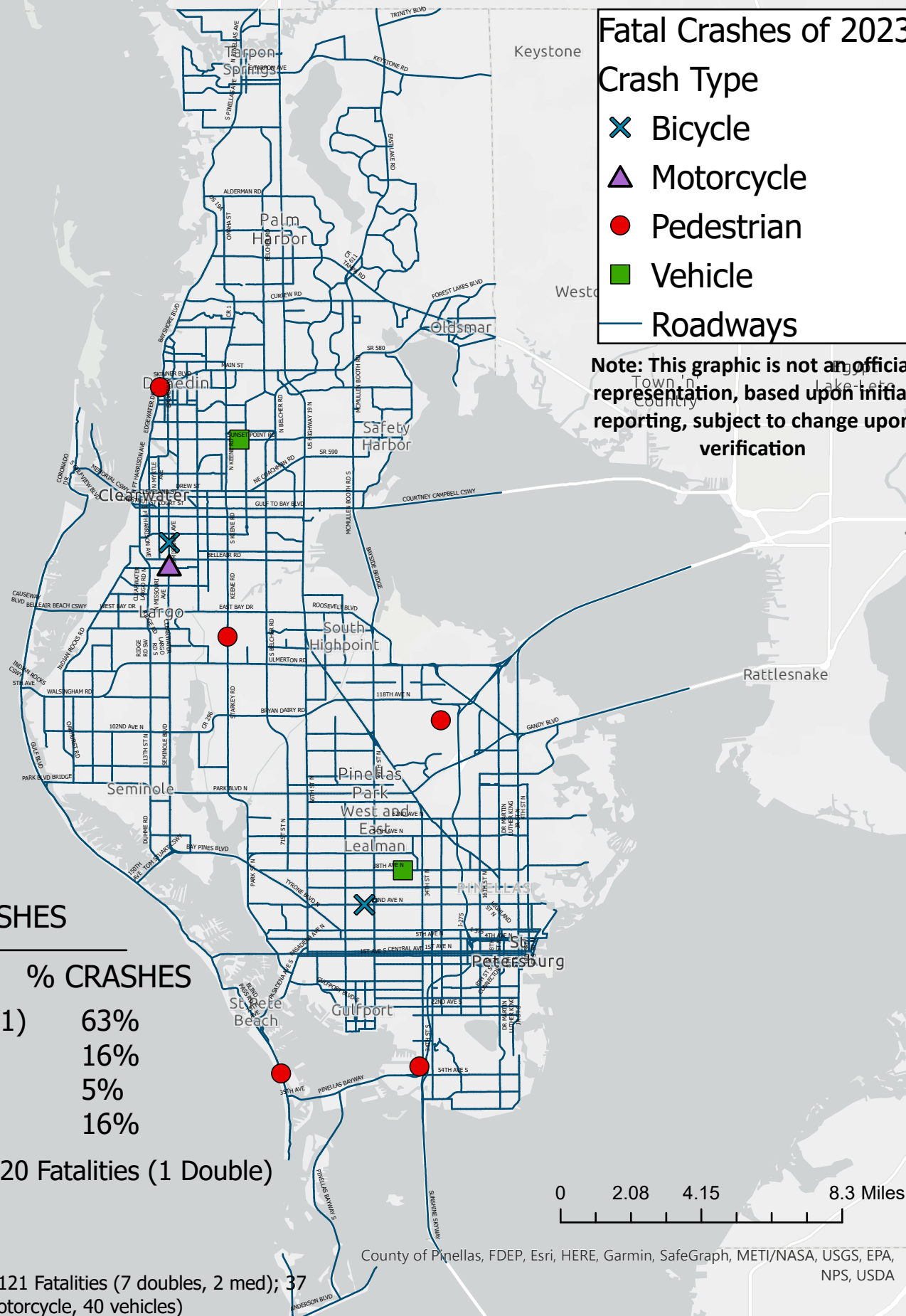


Fatal Crashes of 2023

Crash Type

- ✕ Bicycle
- ▲ Motorcycle
- Pedestrian
- Vehicle
- Roadways

Note: This graphic is not an official representation, based upon initial reporting, subject to change upon verification



FATAL CRASHES

TOTALS	19	% CRASHES
PEDESTRIAN	12(1)	63%
BIKE	3	16%
MOTORCYCLE	1	5%
VEHICLE	3	16%

19 Fatal Crashes; 20 Fatalities (1 Double)

End of 2022: 114 Crashes; 121 Fatalities (7 doubles, 2 med); 37 pedestrians, 13 bike, 31 motorcycle, 40 vehicles)

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