



AGENDA
October 13 , 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
12520 Ulmerton Road
Magnolia Room at Botanical Gardens
Largo, FL 33774

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (1:00)
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**
3. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**
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** (1:10)
 - A. [Community Planning Month](#)
 - B. [Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Awards](#)
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (1:20)
 - A. [Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Meeting](#)
 - B. [Approval of Committee Appointments](#)
6. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – To begin at 1:00 p.m. or as soon as the agenda permits
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (1:20)
 - A. [Amendment\(s\) to the FY21/22 – FY25/26 Transportation Improvement Program](#)**PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL** (1:30)
 - B. **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
 1. [Case CW 21- 13 – City of St. Petersburg](#) (being continued to November 10th)
 2. [Case CW 21-14 – City of Oldsmar](#) (being continued to November 10th)
7. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS** (1:40)
 - A. [PSTA Activities Report](#)
 - B. [TBARTA Activities Report](#)
 - C. [Approval of Scope of Services for Target Employment Industrial Land Study](#) – Action (Rodney Chatman)
 - D. [Private Sector Perspectives: Transit and Jobs Access](#) (Dave Sobush – Tampa Bay Partnership)
 - E. [Alt US 19/5th Ave N Lane Repurposing](#) – Action (Jennifer Musselman – FDOT)
 - F. [Establishment of Nominating Committee Discussion](#) – Action
8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (2:45)
 - A. [SPOTlight Update](#)
 - B. [Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update](#)
 - C. TMA Leadership Group Meeting Update from September 17, 2021
 - D. [Law Enforcement Appreciation Letter from the Citizens Advisory Committee](#)

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (3:00)
 - A. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
 - B. Communications Report
 - C. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items
 - D. Fatalities Map
 - E. Pinellas Trail Data
 - F. Draft PAC Action Sheet
 - G. Committee Vacancies
 - H. Correspondence of Interest

10. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 28 th	MPOAC Governing Board – 3 p.m. - Orlando
Nov 2-4 th	<u>Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit</u>
Nov 5 th	<u>Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Virtual Summit</u>
Dec 10 th	TMA Leadership Group – 9 a.m.
Dec 10 th	Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance – 1:30 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 300, Clearwater, Florida 33756; [(727) 464-4062 (V/TDD)] at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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4A. Community Planning Month



SUMMARY

This October, Forward Pinellas is proud to celebrate National Community Planning Month, highlighting how planning and planners are leading the way forward for everyone in our community. From economic development and transportation planning to reinventing what our communities look like post-COVID-19, this October we are having community conversations about how planners work to improve the well-being of all people living in our communities by taking a comprehensive perspective.

The American Planning Association (APA), its members, chapters, divisions and professional institute use this time to raise the visibility of the important role of planners and planning in communities across the United States. Community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community. Elected officials and citizens who understand and support excellence in planning and plan implementation play a significant role in improving the well-being of all people who live, work and play in our communities.

Forward Pinellas will be participating in National Community Planning Month through social media outreach, highlighting the community conversations we are having throughout Pinellas. If you have an issue you would like to see highlighted, email Amy Elmore at aelmore@forwardpinellas.org.

The Forward Pinellas Board recognizes National Community Planning Month to raise awareness of the important planning work being accomplished in our communities.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Forward Pinellas Board to recognize October as Community Planning Month.

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4B. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Awards



SUMMARY

Each year, one of the members of the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance hosts the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit. As a part of that Summit, each member awards someone from their community with either a “Vision Zero Hero” or a “Bob the Builder” award. These awards are intended to recognize the outstanding contribution of our community members in helping to advance improvements to safety in their community and throughout the region.

This year, Forward Pinellas is the host agency for the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit. Agency staff is recommending that the members of our community listed below be recognized. These community leaders will be attending the board meeting to formally accept their awards and will also be recognized during a virtual ceremony at the Summit itself. A brief description of each individual, along with the rationale behind their nomination, is listed below.

Ms. Veatrice Farrell is the Executive Director of the Deuces Live, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting positive growth and financial revitalization to the 22nd Street South corridor in the City of St. Petersburg. The 22nd Street South corridor, affectionately known as “The Deuces,” operates as the heart of a historically and culturally rich African-American community on the south side of St. Petersburg. The mission of Deuces Live, Inc., is to utilize positive land use transformation and financial opportunities to restore the 22nd Street South corridor to its previous vibrancy. Ms. Farrell provides strategic planning and innovative leadership in her role with Deuces Live to encourage roadway safety through partnership on the 22nd Street South Complete Streets project. Forward Pinellas in its 2020 Complete Streets program provided the City of St. Petersburg with a \$1 million grant in support for the City’s work to develop 22nd Street South into a more livable, safer, and welcoming street. Ms. Farrell has provided support and advocacy for the entire Deuces Live area and specifically, dedication to improve safety within the 22nd Street South corridor.

Ms. Heather Richardson is on the Board of Directors, and is the leading artist, at the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center (SHAMC). The SHAMC is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote knowledge of and education in the fine arts, the visual arts, and the performing arts. Ms. Richardson with SHAMC has been integral to several recent Safe Streets Pinellas initiatives. Specifically, she has provided creative ideas, supplies, a venue, and leadership on community-based public art experiences that connect people through tangible experiences with art and shared roadway responsibility. These events include the 2020 and 2021 Bike Your City events held in Safety Harbor and on the Pinellas Trail respectively, as well as a recent Pop-up Demonstration Art project in Largo. Ms. Richardson has graciously provided her time and knowledge to help connect people through art and bring about awareness to the Safe Streets Pinellas campaign. Through the support of Ms. Richardson and the SHAMC, Forward Pinellas has engaged thousands of people on our Safe Streets Pinellas mission.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Forward Pinellas Board to recognize the recipients of the Forward Pinellas Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit Awards.

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5. 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.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Appointments

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5A. Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Meeting

SUMMARY

The minutes from the September 8, 2021 meeting are attached for the board's review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Forward Pinellas meeting

ACTION: Board to review and approve the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes.



Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on September 8, 2021 at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Councilmember Darden Rice, Forward Pinellas Chair.

The following members were present:

Darden Rice, Chair, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Vice-Chair, City of Indian Rocks Beach Mayor
Representing Beach Communities
David Allbritton, Treasurer, City of Clearwater Councilmember
Janet C. Long, Secretary, Pinellas County Commissioner
Representing Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
Pat Gerard, Pinellas County Commissioner
Cliff Merz, City of Safety Harbor Commissioner
Representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs
Bonnie Noble, Town of Kenneth City Councilmember
Representing Inland Communities
Patti Reed, City of Pinellas Park Vice Mayor
Michael Smith, City of Largo Commissioner

Absent:

Julie Ward Bujalski, City of Dunedin Mayor
Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Karen Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner

Also Present

Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Forward Pinellas
Anne Morris, Assistant County Attorney
Forward Pinellas Staff
Other interested individuals

The board unanimously approved amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The board approved amendments including the reconciliation of projects included in year one (2021/22) of the TIP with projects in year one (2021/22) of the FDOT work program; the addition of a southbound left-turn lane on US 19 at the intersection of Gandy Blvd.; and the acceptance of a \$4.6 million federal grant awarded to Pinellas County from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for a “Connected Community” project to expand connected vehicle roadside units along US 19 and SR 60 along with predictive analytics for incident and congestion risk predictions. These new innovative technologies will measure and manage congestion, and help to create a safer roadway.

- Commissioner Merz clarified that these amendments would not affect any current priorities or projects in the TIP.
- Commissioner Eggers clarified with Pinellas County staff that the innovative technologies include software and roadside units located throughout the SR 60 corridor and on US 19 through the Largo and north county area to manage the traffic system more efficiently.

The board approved three amendments to the Countywide Plan Map

- The board recommended approval of three amendments:
 - An amendment from Pinellas County to amend the property at 20th Terrace SW from Residential Low Medium to Residential High to allow for single-family attached residential subdivision. (10-0)
 - An amendment from Pinellas County to amend the property at 8119 46th Avenue North from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services to allow for the development of a pool contractor office and warehouse. (10-0)
 - An amendment from Pinellas County to amend the property at 1201 Gooden Crossing from Retail & Services to Residential Low Medium to allow for the development of three single-family detached homes. (10-0)

SPOTlight Updates

- The expansion of the entrance to Honeymoon Island State Park is expected to be completed by March 2022. In addition, Forward Pinellas and partners are developing design concepts to improve safety and manage congestion at Alt. US 19 and Curlew Road, and along Causeway Boulevard.
- Forward Pinellas is working with FDOT and the City of Clearwater to discuss design options and questions about the Drew Street Concept Plan, and will hold public meetings as the design phase begins, with a focus on safety issues brought forward by residents.
- Forward Pinellas is beginning a safety study on Gulf Boulevard with the City of St. Pete Beach to identify speed management solutions, improve safety at roadway crossings and encourage people to travel in a safe manner. The study is scheduled to be completed in late 2022.
- Forward Pinellas will conduct a “before and after” safety study analyzing traffic behavior associated with the rectangular rapid flashing beacon at the crossing of the Duke Energy Trail at Sunset Point Road in Clearwater. The analysis will address the effects of modifications to the crossing.

- Forward Pinellas staff launched the Gateway Master Plan Dashboard to track progress on the implementation of the Gateway Master Plan. View the dashboard here: www.GatewayMasterPlan.org
- The Downtown St. Pete Mobility Study will be holding community outreach events in October to get feedback on recommended strategies and scenarios. Staff will present an action plan and recommendations to the City Council and the Forward Pinellas board in coming months.

Updates

- As a result of the Legislative Committee workshop on August 11, 2021, entitled *Finding Common Ground: A Conversation with State Legislators*, a number of legislators have pledged to work more closely with Pinellas local governments during the 2022 legislative session especially on four key topics: How do we keep our streets safe, fund our transportation system, make housing more affordable, and adapt to a changing climate.
- In January 2021, a team of reviewers from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a certification review of Forward Pinellas' plans and programs. They found four noteworthy practices, including outreach flexibility using virtual and hybrid public involvement; complete streets grant funding; Long Range Transportation Plan 2045 Advantage Pinellas; and the 2020 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for the LRTP. They recommended staff review the Public Participation Plan and conduct an Equity Assessment, which are both currently underway. There was one corrective action identified, and that action was remedied by Forward Pinellas shortly after the site visit and before the final Certification Report was completed.
- FDOT is updating the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan, Florida's high priority network of transportation facilities which are vital to moving people and freight, linking Florida's regions, and investing in strategic transportation facilities. Mr. Blanton, Chair Rice, and Commissioner Eggers expressed their hope for more flexibility in SIS funding especially related to transit operations and parallel, arterial roads that could relieve traffic stress on SIS corridors. FDOT staff will provide specific details and recommended changes in 2022. View the full video with more details here: <https://youtu.be/AeeD1SeO08E>
- Partially funded through Forward Pinellas' Complete Streets Grant, the City of Clearwater developed a Complete Streets Concept Plan for the Fort Harrison Avenue corridor from Belleair Road to Myrtle Avenue/Alt. 19, connecting three major destinations, Morton Plant Hospital Campus, Downtown, and the North Marina Area. After two walking audits and several public meetings, the visioning team identified improvements that improve multimodal connections, create a gateway, encourage economic vitality, and attract investment and development. The City of Clearwater plans to complete the design of the northern section and construct the demonstration projects by Fall 2022.
 - Mr. Blanton reinforced that complete streets projects focus on adapting a roadway to make it safe and accessible for all users within the context of the roadway, and eliminating travel lanes is only one tool in the toolbox. Staff will be working to provide

- consistent communication about complete streets as well as analyzing projects before and after a complete streets conversion to ensure we're improving areas strategically.
- City of Clearwater Planning Director Lauren Matzke supported additional traffic analyses to ensure improved roadway functions in daily and emergency conditions.
 - Commissioner Albritton stated that every street has a different personality and the location of the Fort Harrison Complete Streets Concept Plan was ideal. In addition, demonstration projects allowed the City of Clearwater to test and refine possible solutions before significant investment and construction.
- In response to the many benefits of micromobility devices and share programs, the vastly growing popularity, and the regulatory challenges, Forward Pinellas Principal Planner Angela Ryan has developed a new Knowledge Exchange Series module devoted to micromobility, or small, lightweight transportation devices, such as electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric skateboards. The goal of this research is to provide a proactive and collaborative approach to providing a regulatory framework for micromobility in Pinellas County. View the full Micromobility Knowledge Exchange Series here: www.ForwardPinellas.org/Micromobility
 - With the increase of micromobility on our trails, Commissioner Eggers requested we manage safety concerns through continued analysis and education.
 - Angela Ryan noted that Forward Pinellas is currently conducting a speed study on the Pinellas Trail confirming people using micromobility on trails are staying under 20mph. However, the increased usage on the trails since March 2020, along with some users not following trail rules, is leading to a negative perception. Mrs. Ryan highlighted Pinellas County's upcoming trail courtesy campaign that will help educate trail users about being respectful and sharing the trails.
 - Mr. Blanton agreed that education and communication can go a long way and suggested trail rangers help spread the message of safety and sharing the trail. Mr. Blanton noted with the unprecedented trail usage due to the pandemic, we must be mindful to manage a spectrum of different users on the trails.

Other Items

- PSTA, in partnership with Forward Pinellas, held virtual outreach for the Transit-Oriented Development pilot project entitled *SunRunner Rising*, studying how people could get to and from the SunRunner transit stations. PSTA is also celebrating their 1M Flamingo Fares passenger this week. Learn more about Flamingo Fares here: <https://flamingofares.com/>
- TBARTA approved a scope of work to advance regional public transportation through a study for regional rapid transit on US 19 between SR 54 in Pasco County and the Gateway area in Pinellas County.
- Mr. Blanton is drafting a letter to the Florida Legislature dissuading the restriction of -mid-block crossings and rapid rectangular flashing beacons due to the damaging impacts this would have on safety and equity throughout Pinellas County.
- PSTA is currently requesting funding from partners and local governments to resume regular operations of the Clearwater Ferry. In the future, PSTA will also request funding for the

expansion of ferry services. In addition, the Cross Bay Ferry interlocal agreement is currently moving forward.

- Forward Pinellas is seeking an elected official to chair the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board. Thank you Commissioner Michael Smith for your service.
- We are delighted to welcome Alex Burns aboard our team as an Intern through our partnership with the Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Program at the University of South Florida.
- Early bird registration for the 2021 Gulf Coast Safe Streets Hybrid Summit is now open. Register today: www.GulfCoastSafeStreetsSummit.org/Register.

Action Sheet

September 8, 2021

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

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 10-0)
Approved to include the following:
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Cancellation of the December Forward Pinellas Meeting
- **Approval of Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
Following a presentation by Jensen Hackett of FDOT, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved three amendments to the TIP. (roll call vote: 10-0)
- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
Three cases were recommended for approval:
 1. CW 21-10 – Pinellas County (vote: 10-0)
 2. CW 21-11 – Pinellas County (vote: 10-0)
 3. CW 21-12 – Pinellas County (vote: 10-0)

Chair

October 14, 2021

5B. Approval of Committee Appointments



SUMMARY

- **LCB**

Mr. Bob Bolles has submitted an application for a recently open position of TD Rider on the Local Coordinating Board. Mr. Bolles is currently a member of the PSTA TRAC and would like to serve on the LCB to assist in working with transportation needs for physically challenged riders. Having worked in various medical fields, as well as his own experience with physical challenges, he feels he can offer insight to situations other might not address.

Career Source Pinellas has submitted a request to appoint Shawna Peer as the representative for a recently open position of Career Source Pinellas. Shawna currently serves as the Supervisor of Programs and is responsible for the management of local, state and federally funded workforce development programs.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- LCB Membership Listing
- Bob Bolles biography
- Career Source request to appoint Shawna Peer

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve Bob Bolles for the TD Rider seat and Shawna Peer for the Career Source Pinellas seat on the LCB.

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

**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD
FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

Chairman

Commissioner Michael Smith (05/13/2020)

Agency for Health Care Administration – Area 5 Medicaid Office

Emily Hughart (01/08/2020) Ian Martin (Alternate- 10/09/2016)

Citizens

Loretta (Laura) Statsick (05/09/2018)

Bob Bolles (TD Rider) (10/14/2021)

FL Dept. of Elder Affairs

Jason Martino (reappointed in 01/09/2019) Tawnya Martino (Alternate)

Persons with Disabilities

Joseph DiDomenico (Reconfirmed March 2021) Jody Armstrong (Alternate - 05/12/2017)

Pinellas County Dept. of Veterans Services

Zeffery Mims (Reconfirmed March 2021) Mark Swonger (Alternate - 05/08/2019)

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (Non-Voting)

Ross Silvers (Alternate: Vacant)

Transportation Provider for Profit

Brian Scott (Vice Chair - 03/10/2010) (reappointed 11/17/2020)

Community Action Agency

Jane Walker (reconfirmed March 2021)

Over 60

Duncan Kovar (01/13/2021)

Public Education

Joseph Camera (10/14/20) (Alternate: Autumn Westermann (10/14/20))

Department of Children and Families

Ivonne Carmona (Reconfirmed March 2021) Kitty Kelleher (Alternate: 02/8/2017)

Children at Risk

Millicent Battle (10/14/20)

Division of Blind Services

Amanda Honingford (Reconfirmed March 2021) Mark Harshbarger (alternate: 4/11/2018)

Career Source Pinellas

Shawna Peer (10/14/2021) Jennifer Brackney (Alternate - 05/12/2017)

Local Medical Community

Heath Kirby (03/13/2019)

Regional Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Michael Taylor (03/13/2019) (Alternates: Debra Noel and Brett Gottschalk 03/13/2019)

Technical Support – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Tracy Noyes (Alternate: Dave Newell (03/11/2020))

Robert Bolles

To: The TRAC Committee

From: Robert (Bob) Bolles

Date: 17 July 2021

My work experience in a paid capacity includes 15 years in the Communication Dept. of Irvington General Hospital (NJ), 5 years as business administrator of Irvington EMS (township of 65k), later establishing EMTAC which was the EMS and Ambulatory Coach service, 25 years from Reisinger Oxygen Service (Roseland, NJ) beginning as office manager and finishing a General Manager of a compressed gases distributor. Part time work included running my own party decorating business for 5 years and working as an independent contractor for a virtual customer service provider (LiveOps) for 12 years, working in food industry, direct sales and finally All State as FNOL agent.

Volunteer positions have included 35-year member and past president of Northern NJ Muscular Dystrophy Assoc, 10 years Labor Day Telethon Pledge Center coordinator, 12 years as EMT on Irvington Rescue Squad, 20 years working with 4H/Seeing Eye Puppy Raiser Project (8 Dogs), 13 years docent / special events team member at Liberty Science Center (Jersey City, NJ), 9 years on IGH Employees Association with 6 of them being President and negotiating 3 multi-year contracts for 450+ members.

District 13 Representative (elected position) for 6 years (Livingston, NJ), worked / organized several political campaigns for mayors, local and county level council, Governors, Federal House, and Presidential races.

Having worked in various medical fields, as well as my own experience with physical challenges (using a wheelchair for 54 years), I believe I can offer insight to situations others might not address. Most of my life, I have been a people person, able to listen, observe, evaluate, and as needed, work towards a solution that meets everyone's approval.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to work on TRAC's, its members and the public the committee represents.

Sincerely,

Robert Bolles



September 16, 2021

Maria Kelly
Secretary
Forward Pinellas
310 Court St.
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

Dear Ms. Kelly,

CareerSource Pinellas is requesting the appointment of Shawna Peer, Supervisor, to the Local Coordinating Board, as a representative for Jennifer Brackney, CEO of CareerSource Pinellas.

Please see Shawna's bio attached, to be reviewed and presented to the Forward Pinellas Board for approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Brackney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer Brackney
Chief Executive Officer
CareerSource Pinellas

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Clearwater, FL, 33760
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Shawna Peer's Bio

Shawna Peer currently serves as the Supervisor of Programs for CareerSource Pinellas and is responsible for the management of local, state, and federally funded workforce development programs. Starting her career in workforce services almost 15 years ago, Ms. Peer joined CareerSource Pinellas in a support staff role after obtaining her Associate Degree in Public Service from the Technical College of the Lowcountry located in Beaufort, South Carolina. While continuing to grow professionally, as a Career Counselor and later as a Lead Career Counselor, Ms. Peer also continued her educational journey obtaining her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice followed by her Master of Science in Human Services with a specialization in a multidisciplinary approach to service provision. Ms. Peer believes that multidisciplinary collaboration is critical to helping clients increase their skills, education level, and career opportunities.

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6A. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2021/22-2025/26 TIP

SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting that Forward Pinellas, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approve three amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These projects include lane continuity and express lane improvements along I-275/SR 93 from N of 54th Ave S to N of 4th St, otherwise referred to as Section 2 of the Tampa Bay Next program. These projects were previously included in the TIP, but were removed due to projected budgetary impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The TIP amendments for 424501-7 and 449109-2 involve federal funds, which require not only a TIP amendment with Forward Pinellas' current TIP, but also with the State TIP (STIP). For project 449109-1 from 54th Ave N to N of 4th St N, state funds are being used for the design work, which does not require a TIP/STIP amendment; however, for federal consistency purposes, Forward Pinellas staff is recommending amending this project into the MPO's TIP during this amendment process. These amendments will not affect any other projects in the TIP.

Amendment # 1 – FPN 424501-7, I-275/SR 93 from N of 54th Ave S to I-375: \$5,601,000 is being added to the TIP to design lane continuity improvements and noise walls along the corridor.

Amendment # 2 – FPN 449109-2, I-275 (SR 93) from N of I-375 to 54th Ave N; \$4,701,000 is being added to the TIP to design lane continuity improvements and 2 express lanes in each direction along the corridor.

Amendment # 3 – FPN 449109-1, from 54th Ave N to N of 4th St N: \$5,601,000 is being added to the TIP to design an additional express lane along the project corridor in each direction. One express lane in each direction is already under construction as a part of the Gateway Expressway project.

ATTACHMENT(S): TIP amendment forms

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the TIP amendments as outlined above.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Technical Coordinating Committee met on September 22, 2021, and recommended approval by unanimous vote. The Citizens Advisory Committee met on September 23, 2021, and while the CAC did not have quorum to take action, comments made by committee members were all in favor of the proposed amendments, with no comments received in opposition.

The preparation of this report has been financed in part through grant[s] from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, under the State Planning and Research Program, Section 505 [or Metropolitan Planning Program, Section 104(f)] of Title 23, U.S. Code.

The contents of this report do not necessarily reflect the official views or policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
FY2021/22 - 2025 /26

STIP Amendment Number:

** This STIP is in an MPO Area **

TIP Page Number: Attached

On **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**, the **Pinellas MPO** Metropolitan Planning Organization amended the Transportation Improvement Program that was developed and adopted in compliance with Title 23 and Title 49 in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process as a condition to the receipt of federal assistance. By signature below, the MPO representative certifies that the TIP amendment was adopted by the MPO Board as documented in the supporting attachments. **This amendment will be subsequently incorporated into the MPOs TIP for public disclosure.**

The amendment does not adversely impact the air quality conformity or financial constraints of the STIP.

The STIP Amendment is consistent with the Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. (Page Number: TBD)

This document has not been approved

Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairman or Designee
[Pinellas MPO](#)

This document has not been approved

Federal Aid Management Manager or Designee

This document has not been approved

FDOT District Representative or Designee District 07

This document has not been approved

Federal Authorization

STIP amendment criteria:

A - The change adds new individual projects to the current STIP

An air conformity determination must be made by the MPO on amended projects within the non-attainment or maintenance areas

E - The MPO is not in an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area.

This project is not subject to the requirements of 23 CFR 667, where repair and reconstruction was required from two or more permanent emergency events at this location.

Project Name I-275, Section 2

Status	ITEM	Ver	Description	< FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	> FY 2026	All Years
Original STIP											
			Not Available	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proposed Project	424501 7	AM	I-275/SR 93 FROM N OF 54TH AVE S TO I-375 LANE CONTINUITY MANAGED BY FDOT *SIS*		5,600,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,600,000.00
	ACNP	PE		0.00	5,600,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,600,000.00
	DIH	PE		0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	449109 2	AM	I-275 (SR 93) FROM N OF I-375 TO 54TH AVE N LANE CONTINUITY AND EXPRESS LANES MANAGED BY FDOT *SIS*		4,700,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,700,000.00
	ACNP	PE		0.00	4,700,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,700,000.00
	DIH	PE		0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Funding Source After Change	254479 1	AD	INHOUSE CONTINGENCY MANAGED BY FDOT								
	DIH	PE		0.00	1,591,494.00	5,455,671.00	4,051,127.00	3,301,491.00	3,906,935.00	0.00	18,306,718.00
	254569 8	AD	PE CONSULTANT/ MITIGATION/ ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY MANAGED BY FDOT								
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Funding Source Balance Before Change					12,371,681.00	5,455,671.00	4,051,127.00	3,301,491.00	3,906,935.00		29,086,905.00
Funding Source Balance After Change					2,069,681.00	5,455,671.00	4,051,127.00	3,301,491.00	3,906,935.00		18,784,905.00
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Proposed Project After Change					10,302,000.00						10,302,000.00
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Net Change to Proposed Project					10,302,000.00						10,302,000.00
Net Change to STIP											

Notes:

STIP Added on: 8/10/2021; By: Jensen Hackett; Of: FI DOT
STIP Updated on: 9/16/2021; By: Jensen Hackett; Of: FI DOT



September 29, 2021

Rodney Chatman, AICP, Planning Division Manager
Forward Pinellas
310 Court St N.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Nousheen Rahman, Planning Analyst
Forward Pinellas
310 Court St N.
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: CW 21-13; Jabil Future Land Use Map Amendment

Dear Nousheen and Rodney,

With this letter, the City of St. Petersburg is formally requesting that the subject project, Case CW 21-13, located at the Northwest corner of the Gandy Boulevard/Interstate-275 Interchange, be continued from the October 4 Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting to November 1, 2021, and a continuance from the Forward Pinellas Board Meeting date of October 13, 2021, to November 10, 2021.

This request is being made in accordance to Forward Pinellas **Countywide Rule 6.1.3.2 Submission of Application**, which states “*An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map shall be transmitted to the PPC subsequent to the initial action by the governing body authorizing the transmittal of and concurrence with the local ordinance, except where Section 163.3187(2), Florida Statutes, provides for a small-scale map amendment, which may be submitted subsequent to final adoption.*” The initial action by the City Council was to set the public hearing date. The City of St. Petersburg City Council public hearing is scheduled for October 14, 2021, and in accordance with the Countywide Rules and Florida Statutes, the transmittal may be subsequent to final adoption as a small-scale amendment.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

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City of St. Petersburg
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(727)892-5807

CC: Elizabeth Abernethy, City of St. Petersburg
Donald Mastry, Trenam Law

Derek Kilborn, City of St. Petersburg
Mathew Poling, Trenam Law





City of Oldsmar

To provide leadership, innovation, environmental stewardship and excellent services in partnership with the community

October 7, 2021

Mr. Whit Blanton
Forward Pinellas
310 Court St.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Case Number CW 21-14 City of Oldsmar

Dear Mr. Blanton,

We would like to request a continuance for the above referenced case. During a review of the supporting documentation, we discovered a publication error regarding the legal advertisement for the Planning Board public hearing. This will require another Planning Board public hearing and a subsequent City Council public hearing for the First Reading of the Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Felicia Donnelly
Assistant City Manager

October 13, 2021

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.

October 13, 2021

7B. TBARTA Activities Report



SUMMARY

This item will include a report from a TBARTA representative regarding regional transit planning and development activities. The report will provide an opportunity to share information concerning planning initiatives, partnerships, collaboration and other relevant matters.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

October 13, 2021



7C. Approval of Scope of Services for the Target Employment and Industrial Land Study Update

SUMMARY

Due to the lack of vacant greenfield land in Pinellas County, market forces have made the development of residential and commercial property more lucrative to the landowner/developer than industrial development, creating pressure to convert industrial parcels to other uses. At the same time, there is not enough developable industrial land to accommodate many target employers who wish to move into the county.

In response to those conditions, the Pinellas Planning Council initiated the Target Employment and Industrial Land Study in 2008 to develop a series of objectives and strategies, including enacting land use policies that preserve property that can be used for target employment needs. Aviation/aerospace, financial services, high tech industries, information technology, marine science, medical technology, microelectronics, modeling/simulation, optics/photonics, research/development, and wireless technology companies are examples of target employers that the current Countywide Plan policies attempt to attract and retain. These policies were subsequently adopted into the Countywide Plan and have reinforced Pinellas County's economic and redevelopment strategy.

The policies that preserve land for high-wage primary employment opportunities have been in place for over 11 years. Over that period, changes in technology and logistics, workforce development needs, business operating characteristics, regulatory policy pre-emption by the State of Florida (e.g., HB 1339), and other factors have compelled Forward Pinellas to commission a new study. This effort seeks to accomplish several objectives, including an examination of the effectiveness of the target employment preservation policies, an assessment of the needs and criteria for the establishment and expansion of target employment clusters, and a determination if new policy tools should be enacted. Simply put, this study will ascertain whether the current supply of land that could accommodate target employment in the county is sufficient to fulfill the needs of existing and potential target employers over the next 20 years, and identify the most effective strategies to achieve that goal.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Scope of Services for the Target Employment and Industrial Land Study Update
- [Presentation](#)

ACTION: Board to approve the Scope of Services for the Target Employment and Industrial Land Study Update and authorize the staff to select a firm from our existing planning consultants to carry out the work.

TARGET EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL LAND STUDY UPDATE

SCOPE OF SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

A major focus of the Countywide Plan for Pinellas County is the retention and attraction of companies providing high-wage primary employment opportunities, known as target employers. Target employers are vital to the economic health of Pinellas County because these businesses and industries produce goods or services for statewide, national or international markets. The goods and/or services are exported to consumers outside of the region, resulting in a stream of new dollars coming into the local economy and ultimately a distribution of wealth occurs through wages paid to employees, a stronger supply chain, and increases in local government tax revenues.

Businesses providing these types of jobs include those that typically locate on land classified for industrial use, even though few of those types of uses create the negative impacts associated with traditional heavy industrial uses. These are the so-called “clean” industries desired by communities throughout the nation. Previous studies conducted by Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County Economic Development have identified a clear need to retain industrially-designated land for both the expansion of existing firms and for the location/relocation of firms coming to the county. Conversely, not all target employers need to be located on land designated for industrial use and not all industrially-designated land is viable for these types of firms. Dramatic changes in technology, product and service delivery, automation, digitization, etc. have enabled some of these businesses to thrive in a variety of areas and districts.

Due to the lack of vacant greenfield land in Pinellas County, market forces have made the development of residential and commercial property more lucrative to the landowner/developer than industrial development, creating pressure to convert industrial parcels to other uses. At the same time, there is not enough developable industrial land to accommodate many target employers who wish to move into the county. In response, the Target Employment and Industrial Land Study was commissioned in 2008 to develop a series of strategies, including enacting land use policies that preserve property that can be used for target employment needs. Criteria and policies that restrict the conversion of such land to other uses were subsequently adopted into Section 6.5.4.4 of the Countywide Rules and Land Use Goal 9.0 of the Countywide Plan Strategies. These provisions have reinforced Pinellas County’s economic and redevelopment strategy for well over a decade.

Following the 2020 legislative session, Governor DeSantis approved House Bill 1339 (Section 125.01055, Florida Statutes), a bill addressing several provisions including affordable housing. Among other provisions, the new law allows the governing body of a county or municipality to approve an affordable housing development on any parcel designated for residential, commercial, or industrial use. This preemption conflicts with Countywide Plan policies prohibiting residential uses in the Employment and Industrial categories. Furthermore, Pinellas County recently established the Penny for Pinellas Affordable Housing Program and Employment Sites Program. These two programs provide up to \$80 million in grant funding over the next decade for land acquisition or capital projects associated with the development, construction, and major

rehabilitation of local workforce housing units or assistance in the construction and redevelopment of industrial (manufacturing & flex) and office buildings to facilitate a robust local economy that provides growth opportunities for existing businesses and attracts new target industry employers to Pinellas County.

These factors have compelled Forward Pinellas to reassess the locational needs of target employment industries in Pinellas County and the existing policy framework in the Countywide Plan which preserves land for high-wage jobs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Forward Pinellas seeks a Consultant to gather and analyze information that will assist in an assessment of strategies that are effective in retaining and attracting high-wage primary businesses. This effort will include recommendations addressing both those business assistance techniques and regulatory policies necessary to accurately reflect the changing needs of target employers and achieves the objectives of the Countywide Plan.

The project has two main objectives. The first is to identify the needs for industrially-designated land by target employers, including but not limited to those identified in the Countywide Plan. Industrially-designated land includes properties designated Employment or Industrial on the Countywide Plan Map, areas designated with the Target Employment Center overlay, and/or equivalent designations on locally adopted future land use maps. The survey will also generate information about the appropriateness of the size, location, amount, and development readiness of existing sites suitable for business/industrial uses, including an assessment of what constitutes target employment land viability, e.g., whether the land is suitable for development or is constrained by characteristics that limit its use for industrial purposes.

The second objective is composed of two parts. Part a) will identify potential actions that may be employed to support and incentivize the location and/or retention of target employers and to ensure that regulatory provisions do not hamper their locating and/or expanding in Pinellas County. Part b) will evaluate the existing Countywide Plan criteria related to the retention of industrially-designated land and its conversion to other designations.

SCOPE OUTLINE

TASK 1 – KICK-OFF MEETING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND LITERATURE REVIEW

The Consultant shall coordinate all project activities with the Forward Pinellas project manager and provide management of all project tasks. The project shall begin with a kick-off meeting followed by a literature review of the following planning and policy documents. Forward Pinellas staff will provide copies of the planning and policy documents list below.

- Pinellas By Design
- Target Employment and Industrial Land Study
- Target Employment and Workforce Housing Best Practices and Case Studies Research
- Countywide Rules target employment policies
- HB 1339 and the City of St. Petersburg's Consistency Review Submittal

- 2014 & 2017 Pinellas County Economic Leadership Symposiums
- Pinellas Competitive Study – Compete Now
- Economic Development Performance Evaluation
- Homes for Pinellas Virtual Summit, Session 4, “Corridor Planning Strategy – Homes, Jobs, and Transit”
- Penny for Pinellas Guidelines for Housing & Economic Development

Deliverables:

- Summary report of the literature review.

TASK 2 – TARGET EMPLOYERS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Consultant shall survey existing and desired target employers regarding their use of, and need for, industrially-designated land. Target employers include, but are not necessarily limited to, those identified in the Countywide Plan: aviation/aerospace, financial services, high tech industries, information technology, marine science, medical technology, microelectronics, modeling/simulation, optics/photonics, research/development, and wireless technology. This task shall also use relevant data sources such as the National Association for Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), to determine the most viable existing and potential target employment uses for Pinellas County. Staff from Pinellas County Economic Development will provide input on the target number of survey respondents, methodology used to determine the viability of specific target employment uses and the survey process, identification of target employers, etc. A parallel assessment of existing target employers using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) datasets shall also be conducted to supplement the above-referenced survey information.

The target employers survey will answer the following questions:

- 1) In what plan categories are the current target industries located?
- 2) What are their characteristics? (i.e., proximity to transportation facilities, building size, average wage, etc.)
- 3) What are the land-based needs of the target employers identified in the Countywide Plan, including needs for supportive or complementary uses such as residential and retail, and access to multimodal transportation (e.g., bus, pedestrian, bicycle)?
- 4) How much land, of what type, and in what locations, do we need over the next 20 years to accommodate our target employers?

This task is intended to:

- Determine the common/typical characteristics of the target employers, e.g., size, location, access, relationship to like uses, plan categories, etc.
- Determine the needs and criteria for the establishment and growth of target employment clusters.

- Determine whether the current supply of target employment parcels in the county is sufficient to fulfill the needs of existing and potential target employers over the next 20 years concerning land area, location, and proximity to desired supportive uses.

Deliverables:

- The Consultant shall prepare a report summarizing the results of the survey and GIS analysis to include the identification of characteristics and needs of target employers and prioritization of recommended actions required to fulfill those needs. Actions may include measures such as land assembly, infrastructure improvements, area-wide development plans, providing for a mix of land uses, regulatory incentives, etc.

TASK 3 – PRESERVATION CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

The Consultant shall conduct a technical assessment of the effectiveness of the current regulatory framework that was adopted following the completion of the Target Employment and Industrial Land Study in 2008. This assessment will include, at a minimum, a comparative analysis of the land available for target employment uses (e.g., industrially-designated land as defined above), number of primary employers, square footage of new construction and expansion, average wages, etc. for each year between 2008 and 2021. The Consultant shall then use this information to identify criteria related to the preservation of industrially-designated land and its conversion to other designations.

This task is intended to:

- Determine how much land has been absorbed by target industries since 2008.
- Determine how much land has been converted from other categories to industrially-designated land and vice-versa.
- Determine whether the existing policies that seek to preserve land for target employment uses have been successful in maintaining or expanding the number of target employers in Pinellas County.
- Determine criteria by which to gauge the viability of land for target employers.
- Determine which lands, if any, should be recategorized to better reflect these criteria, and to what alternative plan category.
- Determine whether new plan categories or types of uses should be created or modified to accommodate the needs of target employers.
- Determine the characteristics of “prime” industrial land which should be protected from conversion to non-industrial uses for a variety of reasons such as size, location, and infrastructure investment.
- Determine common constraints or impediments to the use of industrially-designated lands.

- Determine whether industrial designations have been appropriately applied to sites.
- Determine whether there are sites that are not currently industrially-designated that should be so designated.
- Determine whether target employers are currently located on appropriately designated sites, including those supportive of the Advantage Pinellas corridor investment strategy.
- Determine whether the industrial designations contained in the Countywide Rules are the appropriate designations for target employers.
- Determine a methodology and develop a summary that classifies or groups industrially-designated lands into categories based on their viability for target employment.

Deliverables:

- The Consultant shall prepare a report summarizing the results of this assessment.

TASK 4 – COUNTYWIDE RULES AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Consultant shall identify a series of recommendations that would result in amendments to the Countywide Rules review criteria when an application for conversion of industrially-designated land is made. Recommendations should address criteria in support of conversion as well as those to be employed when a conversion of land to another category would have negative impacts on the ability of the county to provide viable properties for employment.

This task is intended to:

- Determine the appropriate criteria to be applied to applications for the conversion of industrially-designated land and criteria to permit target industry uses in other categories for clean industries; e.g.:
 - Criteria for evaluating whether a proposed land use qualifies as target employment.
 - Methodology for estimating the target employment capacity of an industrially-designated parcel, based on typical land use patterns and jobs per acre for similar developments.
 - Criteria for allowing industrially-designated parcels to transition to higher-intensity mixed use developments with “no net loss” of target employment capacity.
 - Allow conversion of marginal industrial land (e.g., small sites without good access or infrastructure, sites adjacent to or near residential uses, older multi-story buildings, etc.) unless nearby viable industries would be impacted by encroachment.

- Infrastructure desired or required by target employers (e.g., access to high-speed broadband service, etc.).
- Determine the feasibility of establishing “industrial sanctuaries” where non-industrial uses are restricted. Industrial sanctuaries are a management tool for protecting prime industrial land at the industrial district level by limiting uses to those which would not interfere with the development of the site for industrial uses and/or by preventing or restricting incompatible uses on adjacent or nearby lands.
- Determine the characteristics of other “necessary” industrial lands that should be protected from conversion to other uses such as those needed for heavy automotive repair, and like uses, which have been historically located in areas classified as industrial because of their impacts (noise, dust, light, odor, etc.). While these are not target industries, these uses, are also considered valuable and necessary to Pinellas County’s economic system.
- Identify potential actions that may be employed to support the retention of other necessary industrial lands and to ensure that regulatory provisions do not hamper their location and/or expansion in Pinellas County.
- Identify potential actions to prioritize the location of target employers relative to the Advantage Pinellas corridor investment strategy.

Deliverables:

- The Consultant shall prepare a report summarizing whether the industrially-designated lands on the Countywide Plan Map are appropriate; and whether the Countywide Rules for industrial designations are the appropriate ones for business enterprises we seek. A comprehensive list of recommended amendments to the Countywide Rules to better preserve and enhance land for target employment should also be included in this deliverable.

TASK 5 – STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The Consultant shall work with the staff of Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County Economic Development to develop a Stakeholder Involvement Plan. This plan should be developed following the kick-off meeting and include the identification of relevant stakeholders (e.g., Economic Development Council, Planners Advisory Committee, Gateway Partnership, focus group, etc.), meeting/workshop schedule at key milestones, software platform needs, etc. The objective of this plan is to ensure that the appropriate representatives from the public and private sectors are aware of this project, can easily provide input, and shape the report’s recommendations.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder Involvement Plan

TASK 6 – DOCUMENTATION AND MEETINGS

Technical findings from Tasks 1 through 5 shall be documented in a narrative report for Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County Economic Development staff review. Given the nature of this project, it is recommended that the project documentation also include a series of infographics to summarize the findings in a clear, concise, and public-friendly manner. All project files shall be provided to Forward Pinellas in an approved format.

The Consultant shall hold bi-weekly meetings with the Forward Pinellas project manager to ensure that the project schedule is maintained and concerns are addressed promptly. The Consultant shall also give a number of presentations throughout the course of the project to various stakeholder groups (e.g., Pinellas County Economic Development Council, Planners Advisory Committee, Forward Pinellas Board, Board of County Commissioners, chambers of commerce, etc.) consistent with Task 5 - Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

Deliverables:

- Final report
- Summary Presentation to the Forward Pinellas Board and Countywide Planning Authority

TASK 7 – OPTIONAL SERVICES

This task is reserved to address unanticipated project elements. Task details and fee will be negotiated and authorized by Forward Pinellas if necessary.

Deliverables:

- To be determined

SCHEDULE AND LEVEL OF EFFORT

It is anticipated that the described consultant work will commence in November 2021 and will take approximately eight months ending in July 2022.

Tasks 1 through 6 can be completed for a fee of \$XXX,XXX. The draft fee schedule is attached. The Consultant shall submit monthly invoices to the Forward Pinellas Project manager along with a progress report of activities during the invoice period.

October 13, 2021

7D. Private Sector Perspectives – Transit and Jobs Access Study



SUMMARY

Earlier this year, the Forward Pinellas Executive Committee recommended that the board periodically hear from leaders in the private sector on issues facing Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region. The “Private Sector Perspectives” topic will highlight key issues relating to land development, transportation and infrastructure, affordable housing, workforce development, and similar topics within the scope of Forward Pinellas. Designed to stimulate discussion and potential future activities, the October board meeting will feature the inaugural perspectives topic, with subsequent presentations occurring roughly once per quarter.

The Tampa Bay Partnership, a coalition of regional business leaders joined by a shared commitment to improving the personal and economic well-being of Tampa Bay residents, commissioned a study to understand how different transit investment scenarios improve accessibility of jobs for Tampa Bay residents. While not a specific component of federal or state grant funding, the Partnership believes that job access should be a consideration alongside ridership and cost-effectiveness as agencies contemplate the funding of transit investments. Dave Sobush, the Partnership’s Director of Policy and Research, will present the study findings and conclusions.

ATTACHMENT(S): [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

October 13, 2021

7E. Alt US 19/5th Avenue North Lane Repurposing



SUMMARY

In 2019, the Florida Department of Transportation District 7 identified Alt US 19/5th Ave N as a priority corridor for speed management and completed a Speed Management Study. The study recommended exploring a lane repurposing from west of 16th St N to Dr MLK Jr St N to add a two-way separated bicycle facility. The facility would connect the existing network of separated bicycle lanes on Dr MLK Jr St N to a potential future rail-trail shared use path west of 16th St N.

The Department of Transportation is asking for a letter of support from Forward Pinellas to show local and countywide support as part of the evaluation performed by the Central Office in Tallahassee. FDOT District 7 will present the background and purpose for the project, an initial concept plan, and preliminary traffic information for the board's input and recommendation.

ATTACHMENT(S): [Presentation](#)

ACTION: Board to authorize staff to submit a letter of support to the Florida Department of Transportation for the project, with any additional guidance or consideration as directed.

October 13, 2021

7F. Establishment of Nominating Committee



SUMMARY

The Forward Pinellas Executive Committee is comprised of board officers that include the chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Each officer serves for a one-year term. As prescribed in its Operating Procedures, each year the Forward Pinellas Board must decide the manner in which it wishes to elect its officers for the following year. The board has the option of directly electing its officers from the entire board membership or convening a Nominating Committee.

If a Nominating Committee is preferred, the board shall establish the committee at a regular meeting. The Nominating Committee will then meet and recommend a slate of officers for approval by the full board. With a Nominating Committee, any board member may still express their interest in serving as an officer, or may recommend other members for an officer position before the Nominating Committee makes its official recommendations.

Due the cancellation of the December Forward Pinellas meeting, the process for the election of officers for 2022 will be handled in November.

The term of membership for members' appointments to the board are subject to local elections and/or reappointments. A list of members eligible to hold office is attached. The newly established Executive Committee members shall take office in January.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Listing of Eligible Board Members to Serve as Officers in 2022
- Board Member Listing with Term Limits Outlined

ACTION: Board to establish a Nominating Committee or elect officers from entire board membership.

BOARD MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Board members eligible to serve as officers for 2022 are listed below. Current officers are identified.

- Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy, City of Indian Rocks Beach Mayor, representing beach communities – **Current Vice-Chair**
(subject to re-election in March 2022)
- David Allbritton, City of Clearwater Councilmember – **Current Treasurer**
(subject to re-election in March 2022)
- Janet Long, Pinellas County Commissioner, representing the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority – **Current Secretary**

- Julie Bujalski, City of Dunedin Mayor
- Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
- Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
- Pat Gerard, Pinellas County Commissioner
- Cliff Merz, City of Safety Harbor Commissioner, also representing Tarpon Springs and Oldsmar
- Bonnie Noble, Town of Kenneth City Councilmember, representing the inland communities
(subject to re-election in March 2022)
- Patti Reed, City of Pinellas Park Vice Mayor
(subject to re-election in March 2022)
- Karen Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner
- Michael Smith, City of Largo Commissioner

Board members that are ineligible to serve are listed below:

- Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember – **Current Chair**

FORWARD PINELLAS MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 2021

NAME	Municipal/Board Election Date	Forward Pinellas Term End Date
Chair – Councilmember Darden Rice, St. Petersburg Office: 727-893-7148 Assistant: Jayne Ohlman Email: Jayne.Ohlman@stpete.org Email: Darden.Rice@stpete.org	11/2021	12/2021
Vice Chair – Mayor Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach (representing the Beach Communities) Office: 727-595-2517 Email: ckennedy@irbcity.com	03/2022	12/2022
Treasurer – Councilmember David Allbritton, Clearwater Office: 727-562-4042 Assistant: Tammy Cummings Email: tammy.cummings@myclearwater.com Email: david.allbritton@myclearwater.com	03/2022	09/2025
Secretary – Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County (representing PSTA) Office: 727-464-3365 Assistant: Cassandra Hadad-Broun Email: chadad@co.pinellas.fl.us Email: JanetCLong@pinellascounty.org	11/2024	9/2025
Commissioner Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Office: 727-464-3276 Assistant: Kim Greenleaf Email: kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us Email: deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us	11/2022	9/2022
Councilmember Patti Reed, Pinellas Park Office: 727-369-0700 Email: preed@pinellas-park.com	3/2022	9/2025
Mayor Julie Bujalski, Dunedin Office: 727-298-3001 Assistant: Andrea Nazzaro Email: anazzaro@dunedinfl.net Email: jbujalski@dunedinfl.net	11/2024	9/2025

<p>Councilmember Brandi Gabbard, St. Petersburg Office: 727-893-7148 Assistant: Kimberly Amos Email: kimberly.amos@stpete.org Email: Brandi.Gabbard@stpete.org</p>	11/2021	9/2025
<p>Commissioner Cliff Merz, Safety Harbor (also representing Oldsmar and Tarpon Springs) Office: 727-724-1555 Email: cmerz@cityofsafetyharbor.com</p>	03/2024	12/2022
<p>Commissioner Karen Seel, Pinellas County Office: 727-464-3278 Assistant: Jan Tracy Email: jhtracy@co.pinellas.fl.us Email: kseel@pinellascounty.org</p>	11/2024	9/2022
<p>Commissioner Michael Smith, Largo Email: msmith@largo.com</p>	11/2022	9/2025
<p>Councilmember Bonnie Noble, Kenneth City (representing the Inland Communities) Office: 727-498-8948 Email: nobleb@Kennethcityfl.org</p>	3/2022	12/2022
<p>Commissioner Pat Gerard, Pinellas County Office: 727-464-3360 Assistant: Stacy O'Donnell Email: sodonnell@co.pinellas.fl.us Email: pgerard@pinellascounty.org</p>	11/2022	9/2022

October 13, 2021

8. Director's Report



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

- A. SPOTlight Update
- B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update
- C. TMA Leadership Group Meeting Update from September 17, 2021
- D. Law Enforcement Appreciation Letter from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

ATTACHMENT(S): Law Enforcement Appreciation Letter from the CAC

ACTION: None required; informational items only.

October 13, 2021

8A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update



SUMMARY

The Executive Director will provide an update on the status of the activities related to the adopted SPOTlight Emphasis Areas, which include Enhancing Beach Community Access, a Vision for the US 19 Corridor, the Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Plan (now reduced in emphasis), and the newest topic, Innovations in Target Employment and Jobs Access.

Topics include:

- Waterborne Transportation Committee status report and update
- Dunedin Causeway/Honeymoon Island State Park commitments and opportunities
- Gateway Partnership meeting on October 1st
- Investment Corridor strategic planning initiative update

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

October 13, 2021

8B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update



SUMMARY

The Legislative Committee resumed meeting last month to begin its work for the upcoming session. Based on the preparation for and dialogue at our Legislative Workshop on August 11th, Forward Pinellas staff have drafted the attached legislative priorities for consideration around the following major concepts:

- More flexible transportation funding programs for large urban areas
- A targeted and collaborative approach to safety
- Keeping communities strong and independent while working to solve bigger challenges, such as affordable housing, together
- Ensure Florida's resilient future

The executive director and/or the committee chair will brief the board on the committee's discussions and seek direction on any desired policy positions, as may be needed.

In addition, the executive director drafted a letter to the Legislative Delegation to safeguard local decision-making for mid-block crossings and the use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). The Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance approved the letter for signature by Chair Kimberly Overman and distribution to the legislative members across the region and to the chairs of key committees.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Draft Legislative Priorities
- RRFB Letter

ACTION: Board to approve the legislative priorities or make desired changes to them as needed.



Draft Policy Positions – 2022

FIND FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS TO FUND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

- Taxes on fuel are a primary source of transportation funding for local governments. Increasing fuel efficiency, more electric vehicles in the fleet, and rising roadway maintenance and operating costs are placing pressure on local governments to search for additional funding. **Forward Pinellas supports the creation of a statewide pilot program to tax automobiles based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT), ensuring sufficient roadway funding while charging users fairly.**
- Local fuel taxes are not indexed to the Consumer Price Index to account for inflation, as state fuel taxes are, and therefore, revenues are declining at a faster rate. **Forward Pinellas supports the Legislature permitting the indexing of local fuel taxes for inflation to better keep pace with transportation needs like it has done for state fuel tax revenues.**
- The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) receives the vast majority of state transportation funding. As our highway network continues to mature in urban areas like Pinellas County, and reaches a point where expansion is not a feasible or affordable option, **Forward Pinellas supports increased flexibility for SIS funds for improvements to parallel non-SIS roadways, and allowing premium or express transit operating on the SIS roadway, but not necessarily on its own fixed guideway, to enhance mobility on the SIS.** This is consistent with the legislative position of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.
- The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) is a valuable transportation funding mechanism based on 50/50 state and local participation through regional collaboration. Forward Pinellas believes in fostering stronger regional transportation planning and decision-making and **supports sustained funding of \$250 million per year for the TRIP program** as a way to strengthen regional partnerships to improve mobility.
- Increasing flexibility of funds in urban areas enables MPOs and transit agencies to collaborate on priorities and direct resources to projects where they are most needed. In contrast, the use of legislative earmarks merely reallocates funding from existing priorities, reducing funding for needed local transit projects. **Forward Pinellas supports the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area position calling for increased flexibility for state transportation funding programs in urban areas while discouraging the use of earmarks.**

ENSURE A TARGETED, FOCUSED AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TOWARD SAFETY.

- Distracted driving poses a threat to the safety of motorists and non-motorized users. Between 2015 and 2019, 42 fatalities and 480 incapacitating injuries happened in Pinellas County related to distracted driving crashes (Crash Data Management System). **Forward Pinellas supports legislation that expands upon the adopted Texting While Driving law by prohibiting distracted driving by addressing the use of wireless communications devices with clear definitions and clarification on what it means to be stationary and operating.**
- Rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at pedestrian crossings have proven effective at reducing injuries and fatalities for vulnerable road users. Studies by the National Academies of Science and the Federal Highway Administration show that RRFBs increase driver yielding rates between 73-96% and reduce pedestrian collisions by 47%. **Forward Pinellas supports continued**

local authority over the use of RRFBs.

- Safe Streets Pinellas is a collaborative effort to create a transportation system that is safe for everyone. On average, two people are killed or seriously injured each day in Pinellas County (Crash Data Management System). Forward Pinellas created Safe Streets Pinellas, a sustained effort of education, research and transportation facility improvements, based on the vision that not one person should be killed or seriously injured using our roadways. **Forward Pinellas supports state funding to address high injury corridors, conduct demonstration projects, and educate the public to ensure that Pinellas County streets are safe.**

KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES STRONG AND INDEPENDENT, WHILE WORKING TO SOLVE BIGGER CHALLENGES TOGETHER.

- Florida is a diverse state characterized by unique communities. Pinellas County is an example of that with its many downtowns, beach communities and neighborhoods. Home rule allows local governments to align the values of a community to its ordinances and other governing elements. **Forward Pinellas supports home rule and opposes bills that erode the ability of local governments to reflect the wishes and desires of their communities.**
- In 2011, the Florida Legislature passed legislation curtailing the ability of local governments to regulate vacation rentals, defined as residences that are rented out to visitors on a short-term basis. Preemption of this local authority impairs the ability of communities to determine their own character and protect neighboring homes from the impacts of incompatible tourist-related uses. **Forward Pinellas supports the restoration of local authority to regulate vacation rentals.**
- Building design is essential to community character. Particularly for mature communities such as those in Pinellas County, where neighborhoods are established and new development is primarily infill and redevelopment, design standards ensure that new residential structures fit in aesthetically and functionally, without disrupting quality of life for existing residents. **Forward Pinellas supports local authority to regulate community character through building design.**
- Trust funds such as the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund and the State Transportation Trust Fund are established with a clear purpose. These trust funds should be protected and not subject to transfers to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund. **Forward Pinellas supports protecting funding intended for affordable housing and other specific purposes from being transferred to other sources.**
- State-mandated changes to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are a recurring concern to Forward Pinellas and other MPOs statewide. **Forward Pinellas opposes one-size-fits all changes that would usurp local authority to determine the most appropriate structure of MPOs consistent with federal law and consultation with the Governor.**

ENHANCE RESILIENCE TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY AND PROSPERITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

- The Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation Study, of which Forward Pinellas was a partner along with other MPOs and regional agencies, found that 19% of the Tampa Bay region's roadways are highly or moderately vulnerable to storms, sea level rise, and heavy precipitation. The State can take a leadership role by providing funding to harden infrastructure, conduct vulnerability assessments on transportation projects, incentivize resilient development, and support research and mitigation for sea level rise. **Forward Pinellas supports state funding assistance to address the impacts of climate change and increase the resiliency of our communities.**



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Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance

ONE REGION, ONE VOICE

September 17, 2021

RE: Pedestrian Safety and Mid-Block Crossings Legislation

To Whom it May Concern:

During the last two sessions, the Florida Legislature has introduced and advanced bills that purport to be about pedestrian safety by restricting use of certain safe crossing devices at mid-block crosswalks. These bills actually run counter to improving pedestrian safety, using a tragic fatality to keep Florida’s roadways “dangerous by design” and inaccessible for everyone needing to use a public roadway. Introduced as HB 1113 and SB 1412 in the 2021 Session, they would require certain lighting and location changes to mid-block crosswalks, or state and local governments would be forced to remove the protective flashing beacon devices, thus leaving mid-block crossings unprotected and less safe for users.

Known as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), the yellow flashing pedestrian crossing devices increase the visibility of people crossing a roadway to make vehicle drivers aware of their legal right and presence at an approved crossing location. The RRFBs are a recommended practice in the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Everyday Counts Safety Program and acknowledged as an effective safety device in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Federal approval to change the lights from yellow to red is extremely unlikely, despite formal requests for pilot treatments. They are recognized by FHWA, the Florida Department of Transportation, the state’s MPOs and many local governments as a cost-effective tool in the transportation safety toolbox to help combat Florida’s nationally recognized status as the least safe state for people walking or bicycling.

On behalf of our partners in state and local government across the Tampa Bay region, we urge you to consider the following points in your consideration of potential legislation concerning mid-block crossings and RRFBs:



- Since their start in 2004, RRFBs have proven to **increase motorist response to people using crosswalks from 18% to 88%**. Their success starting in Pinellas County has led to more than 300 devices located throughout the County on state and local roadways, 170 in Hillsborough County, and hundreds more in counties large and small across Florida and the U.S.
- The unfunded mandate of removing these devices will be an enormous fiscal burden on state and local governments. The human cost will be much greater. Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities on our roadways are rising rapidly, and while no traffic control device is 100% capable of preventing serious injuries and fatalities, RRFBs have a proven safety record of **reducing fatalities and crashes by 47 percent**. They save lives every day, but that doesn't make the press.
- On Fletcher Avenue, which serves the University of South Florida area, RRFBs at mid-block crossings have helped to create a dramatic transformation. Prior to installation, Fletcher Ave. was the highest fatality corridor in Hillsborough County. In 2014, RRFBs and other safety measures were installed. The post-construction study completed in 2019 demonstrated a **46% reduction in serious injuries and 60% reduction in fatalities**.
- The FDOT and many local governments in Florida have adopted Vision Zero goals of no traffic deaths on our roadways. The use of RRFBs as approved is one part of the solution involving engineering, education, and enforcement to meet those goals and defined safety targets.
- Restricting these RRFBs and removing mid-block crossings is an equity concern because data show that underserved and minority communities bear an outsized burden **of fatal and serious crashes involving vulnerable road users (people on foot, bicycle or motorcycle)**. In these neighborhoods, residential areas are often separated from commercial areas by higher speed multi-lane roads.

The prior legislation has brought greater awareness to the issue of mid-block crossings, RRFBs and pedestrian safety in general. **We agree that there should be some restrictions on the location of mid-block crossings with RRFBs based on sound professional engineering.** FDOT's Traffic Engineering Manual calls for RRFBs to be limited to roadways with marked, special emphasis crosswalks, four or fewer through lanes (with a refuge island required on five lane facilities with two-way left turn lanes), and a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or less. It is not a simple measure for state or local governments to change the posted speed limit on a roadway without supporting data and analysis that follows specified criteria.

But rather than legislating against a specific safety device that has been proven effective, the Legislature should turn its focus instead to other legal remedies to **protect vulnerable road users**, fund educational efforts adequately and provide more flexible transportation funding options to regions and communities. Those measures would go a much longer way toward improving safety on our roadways.

Thank you for your interest and concern. Please contact me or the following individuals if you have any questions or would like to have a dialogue.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Commissioner Kimberly Overman
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Hillsborough County Commissioner Kimberly Overman
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September 9, 2021

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RE: Local Law Enforcement Support

Dear Board Members

At their meeting on August 26, 2021, the Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee received a presentation by law enforcement officers regarding enforcement efforts regarding DUIs and speeding in Pinellas County. Following the presentation, the CAC approved a motion to recommend that the Forward Pinellas Board commend local law enforcement organizations for their pro-active law enforcement activities and multi-jurisdictional coordination efforts in support of the Vision Zero goals and encourages continued, additional enforcement and coordination efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Vrana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Tammy Vrana, Chair
Citizen Advisory Committee

October 13, 2021

9. Informational Items



Staff and/or board members will provide information and updates on the following items:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
- B. Communications Report
- C. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items
- D. Fatalities Map
- E. Pinellas Trail Data
- F. Draft PAC Action Sheet
- G. Committee Vacancies
- H. Correspondence of Interest

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Fatalities Map
- Pinellas Trail Data
- Draft PAC Action Sheet
- Correspondence of Interest

October 13, 2021

9A. 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
9/7/2021	St. Pete Rotary Club	Virtual	Downtown St. Pete Mobility Study update	Whit Blanton
9/7/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Coordination on transportation topics	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero, Rodney Chatman
9/8/2021	Tampa Bay Applications Group	Virtual	Quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay Transportation Applications Group to discuss innovations and items of interest to the community.	Chelsea Favero
9/9/2021	Lochner and Forward Pinellas	310 Court St.	Consultant meeting	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
9/10/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	US 19 Frontage Roads Discussion and Next Steps	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero, Rodney Chatman
9/10/2021	Forward Pinellas, St. Pete Beach	Virtual	Transportation Alternatives Funding Opportunities for St. Pete Beach	Chelsea Favero, Rob Feigel
9/10/2021	Forward Pinellas, FHWA	Virtual	Freight planning needs for the Forward Pinellas planning area	Chelsea Favero
9/13/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	310 Court St.	Alt 19/Curlew Rd design discussion	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
9/14/2021	Forward Pinellas, Tarpon Springs	Virtual	Transportation Alternatives Funding Opportunities for Tarpon Springs	Chelsea Favero, Rob Feigel
9/14/2021	APA Florida	Virtual	Webinar for Planners' Month in the Districts	Whit Blanton
9/14/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Alt 19/5th Ave N	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
9/14/2021	Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas, Clearwater, Dunedin	310 Court St.	Clearwater Ferry funding discussion	Whit Blanton, Christina Mendoza
9/14/2021	I-4 Coalition	Virtual	Monthly meeting of the I-4 Coalition to discuss Transportation Systems Management and Operations projects for the broader region	Chelsea Favero
9/14/2021	PSTA	Virtual	Presentation to the Transit Riders Advisory Committee	Chelsea Favero
9/15/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas, Clearwater	310 Court St.	Discussion of Drew Street feasibility study	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero, Rodney Chatman
9/17/2021	TMA Leadership Group	PSTA Headquarters	Quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
9/17/2021	SCTPA Staff Directors	Virtual	Monthly meeting of the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance Staff Directors	Chelsea Favero
9/27/2021	Forward Pinellas, FDOT, Clearwater	Virtual	Conversation on potential Clearwater Busway Project	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero

9/27/2021	Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Monthly coordination meeting on transportation and land use topics	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman, Chelsea Favero
9/28/2021	Largo Realtors Group	The Breakroom Restau	Presentation to the Largo Realtors Group on Forward Pinellas activities	Chelsea Favero
9/28/2021	TMA Staff Directors	Virtual	Planning for December TMA/SCTP meeting	Chelsea Favero
9/29/2021	FDOT	Virtual	Pre-RSA meeting for the Ulmerton Rd resurfacing project	Chelsea Favero
9/29/2021	FDOT	Virtual	Pre-RSA meeting for the East Bay Dr resurfacing project	Chelsea Favero
9/30/2021	Tampa Bay Technical Review Team	Virtual	Monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay TRT	Chelsea Favero, Alexis Boback

October 13, 2021

9B. Communications Report



SUMMARY

Each month the board will receive a Communications Report that tracks target analytics, including website hits, blog views, news interviews, and social media reach. The goal of this item is to provide a comprehensive view of the communications and outreach initiatives from Forward Pinellas, and the ways in which the agency engages and serves the community.

ATTACHMENT(S): Monthly Communications Report

ACTION: None required; informational item only.



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THE TRAILS
In 2021

MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

August 2021

7.7K

TOTAL APRIL VIEWS

247

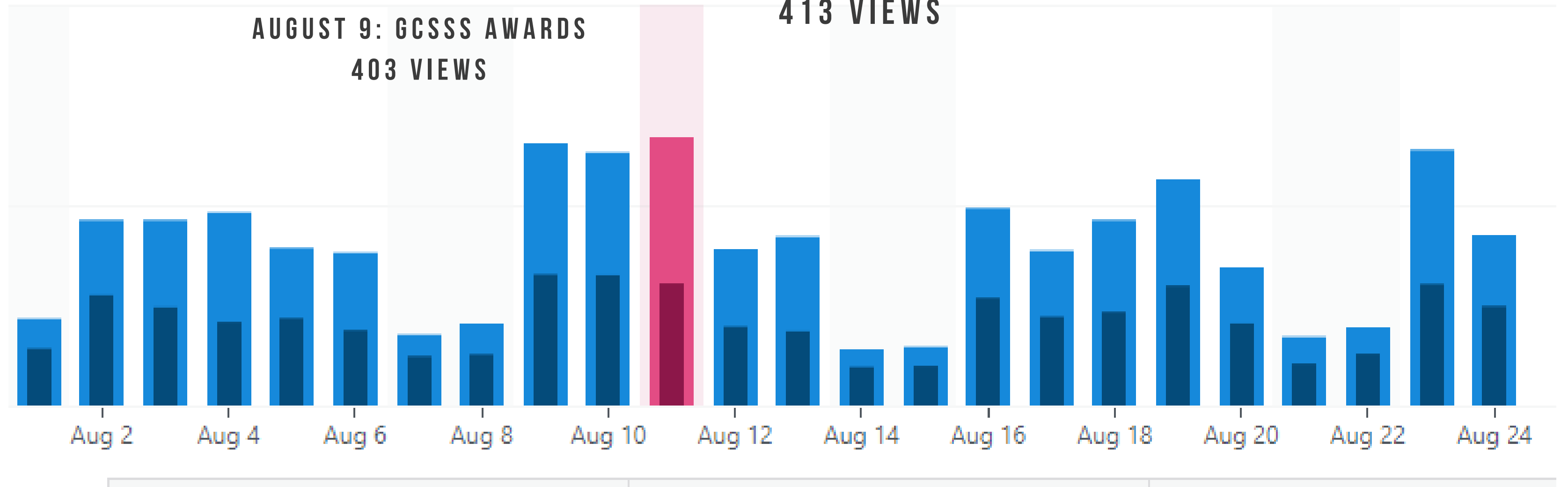
DAILY AVERAGE VIEWS

WEBSITE ANALYTICS

AUGUST 11: FINDING
COMMON GROUND

413 VIEWS

AUGUST 9: GCSSS AWARDS
403 VIEWS



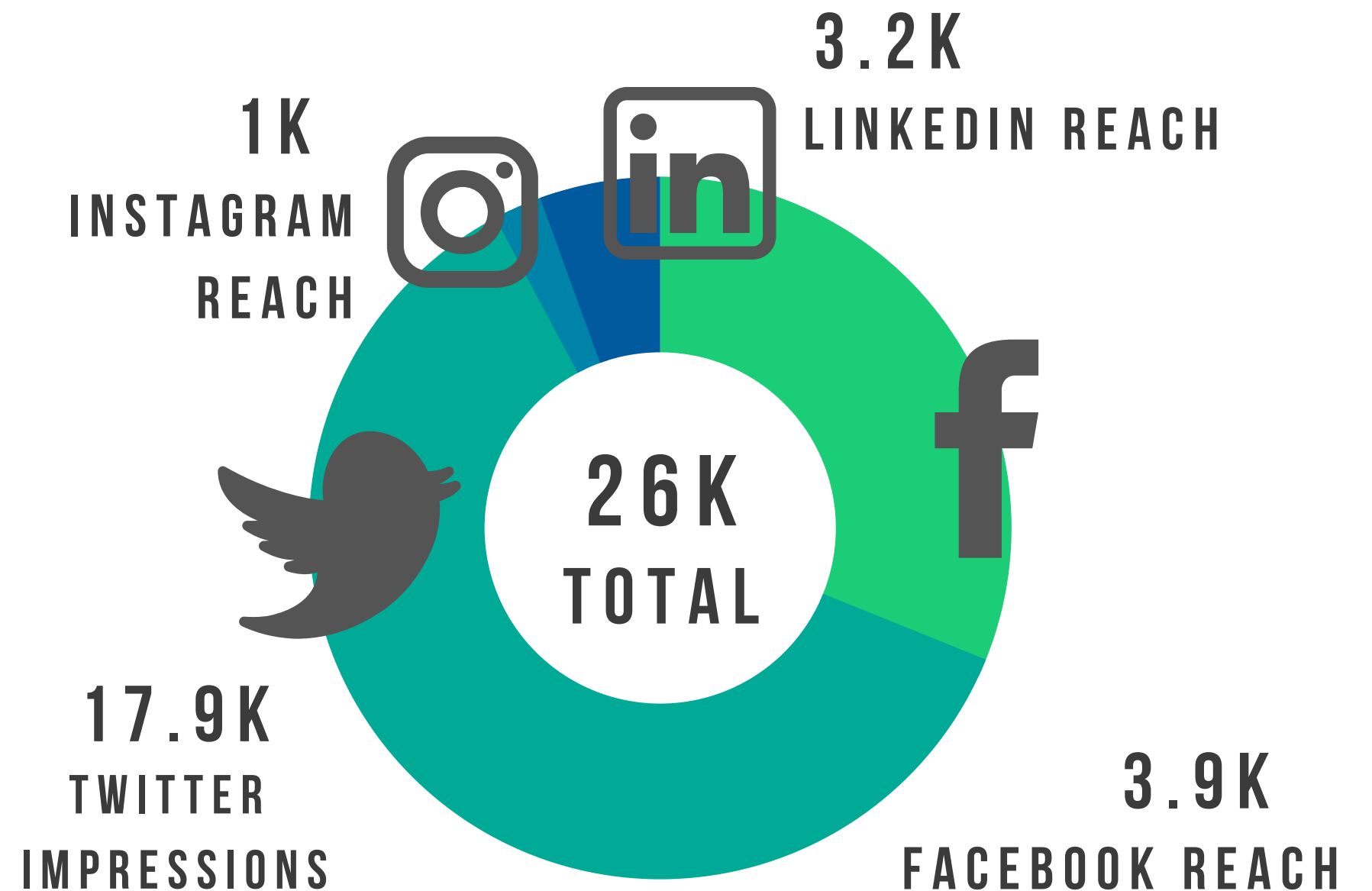
SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

@FORWARDPINELLAS

3.9K SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

1 BLOG POST

1 REGIONAL RELEASE



*Reach and Impressions is the total number of people who see your posts.

*Engagement is the total number of people who clicked, liked or commented on your posts.

October 13, 2021

**9C. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review
Items**



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 and Map Adjustments that have been administratively reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff.

CPA Actions August/September 2021:

The Board of County Commissioners, acting according to its Countywide Planning Authority, held public hearings on August 24, 2021 to consider the following amendments to the Countywide Plan Map and Countywide Rules:

- CW 21-08, a City of Tarpon Springs case located at South Disston Avenue between East Lemon Street and East Boyer Street, was **approved** for an amendment from Residential Medium to Employment (vote: 5-0)
- CW 21-09, a City of Tarpon Springs case located at 41680 US Highway 19 North, was **approved** for an amendment from Employment to Retail & Services (vote: 5-0)
- The Board held the second of two public hearings and **approved** amendments to the Countywide Rules (vote: 5-0)

Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments August/September 2021:

There were no Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments to report.

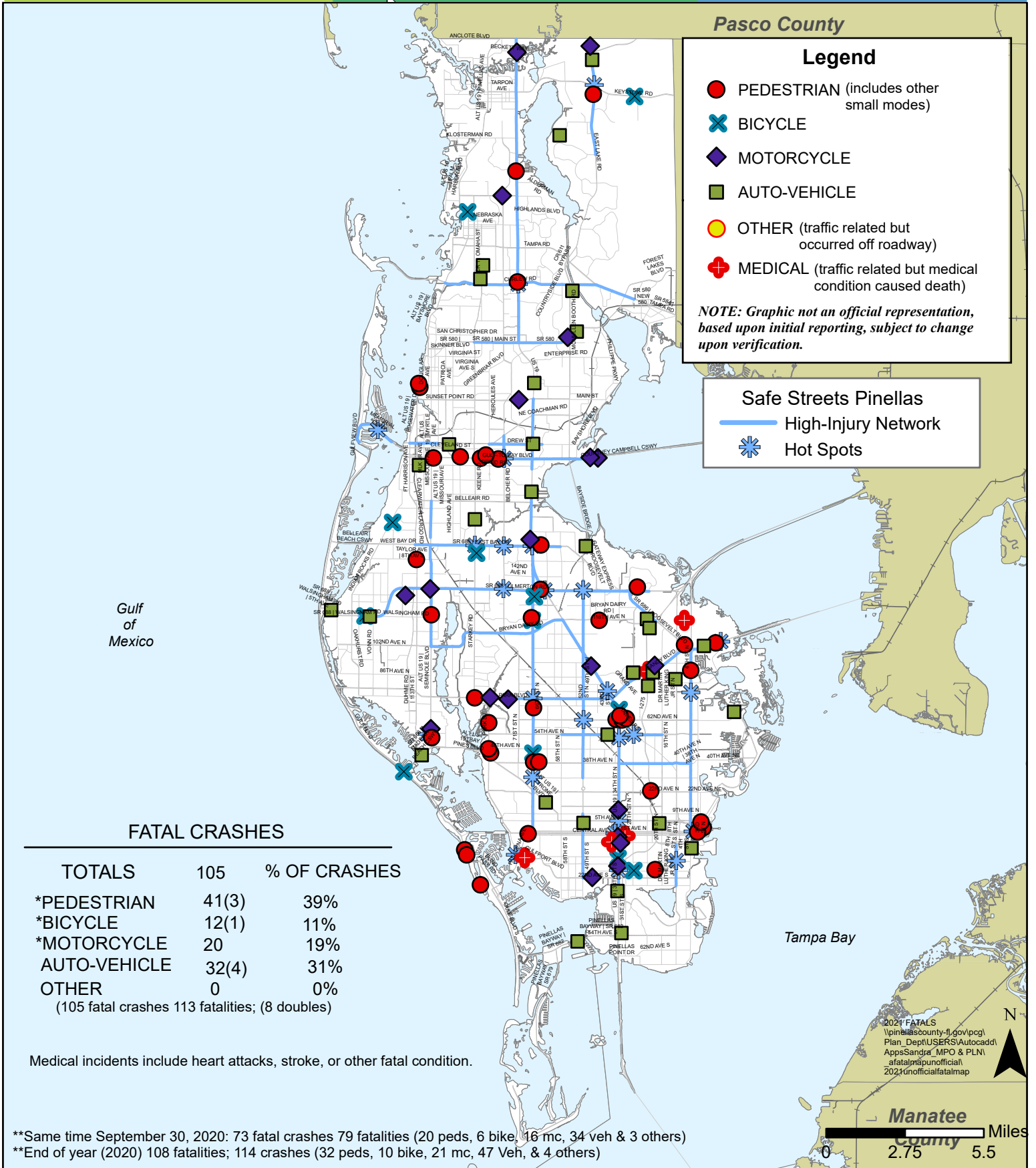
Map Adjustments August/September 2021:

- MA 21-03, City of Largo, located at 12615 Walsingham Road, satisfies the Map Adjustment provisions of Section 7.3.8.5 of the Countywide Rules.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities



Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2020. Map Produced: September 30, 2021.

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Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

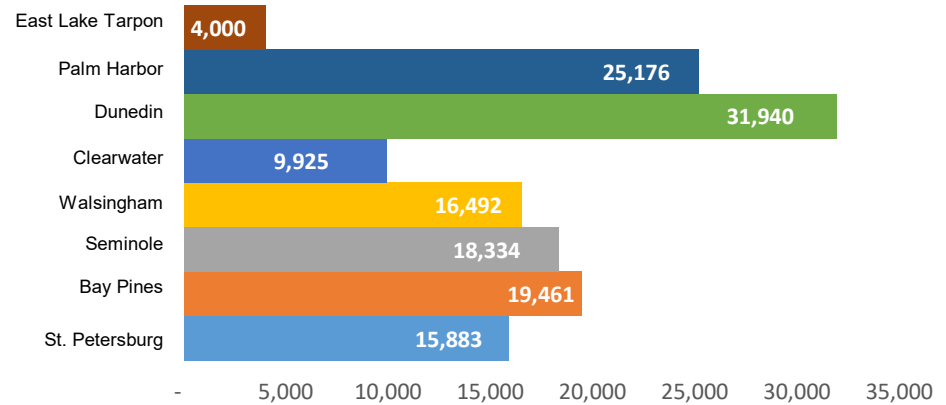
Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
July 1st – 31st (31 days)

July 2021

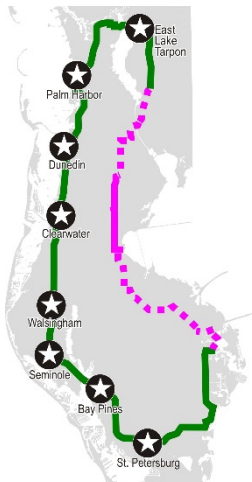
31-Day Count Total: **141,211**
Daily Average Users: **4,555**
Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, July 4th (Dunedin – 1, 721)
- #2 – Sunday, July 10th (Palm Harbor – 1,363)
- #3 – Sunday, July 25th (St. Petersburg – 821)

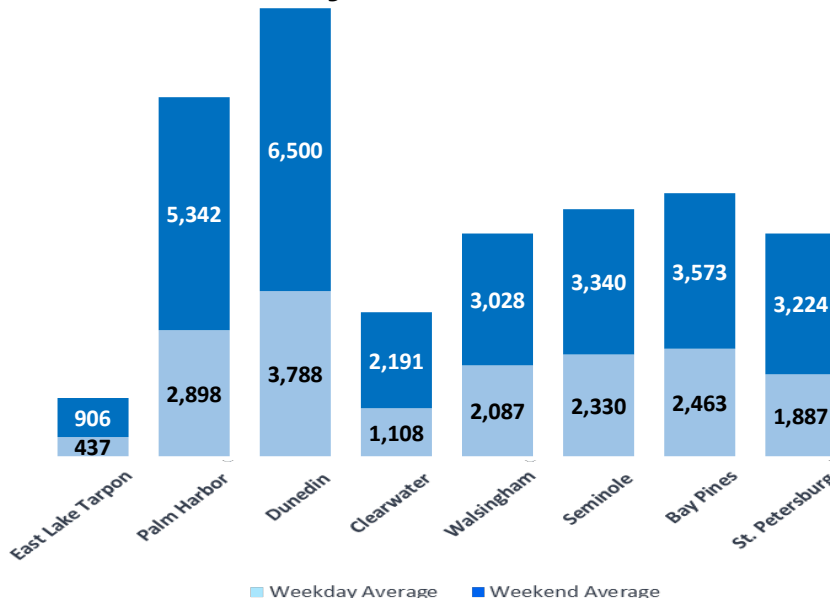
July Monthly Trail Use by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile

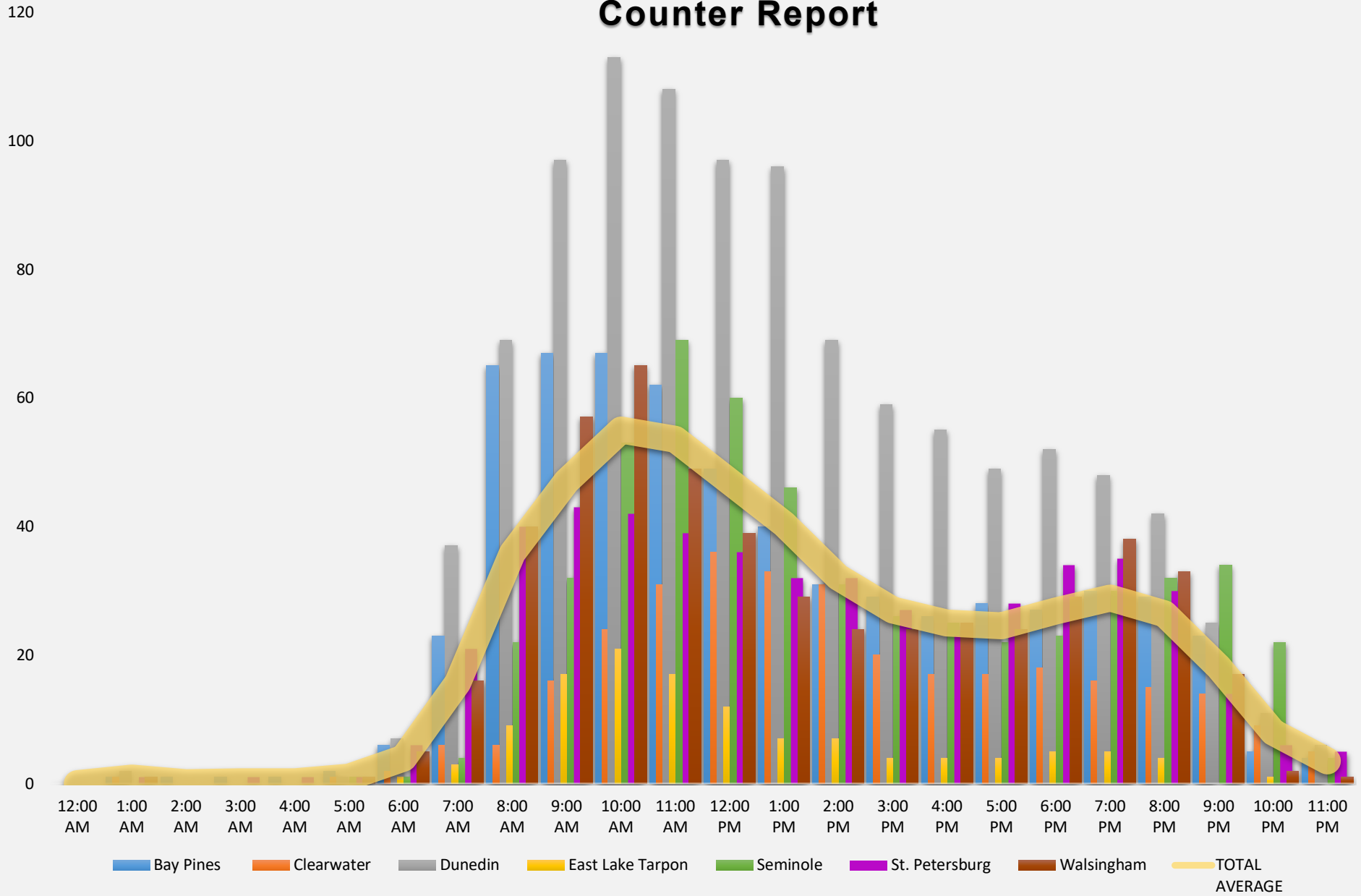


Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
East Lake Tarpon:	8%	92%
Palm Harbor:	23%	77%
Dunedin:	15%	85%
Clearwater:	5%	95%
Walsingham:	15%	85%
Seminole:	21%	79%
Bay Pines:	12%	88%
St. Petersburg:	17%	83%

Source: Forward Pinellas July 2021
National Weather Service: [July 2020](#)

July 2021 Average Hourly Counter Report



Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

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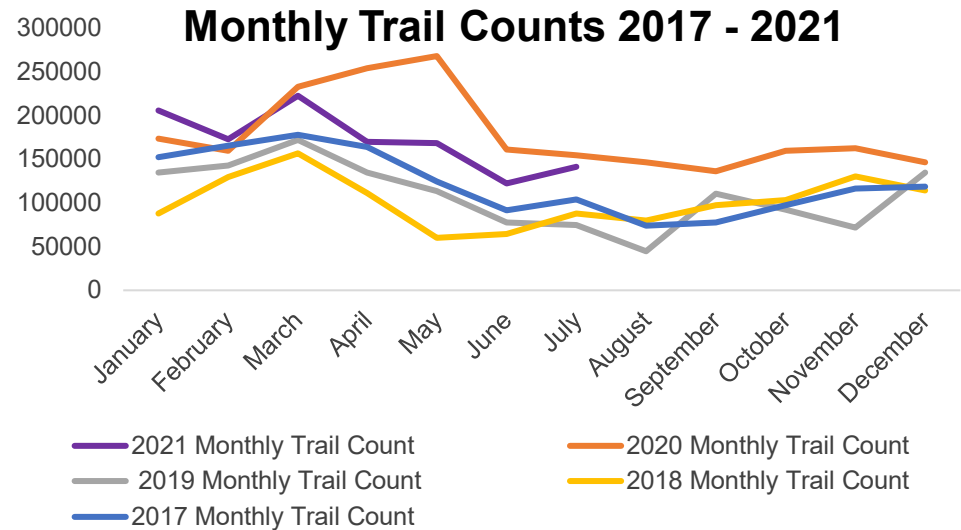
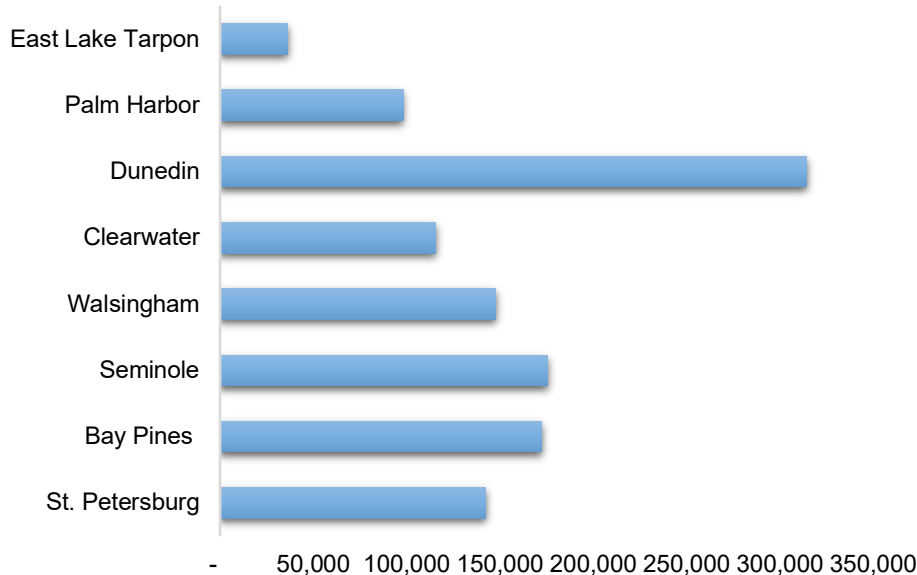
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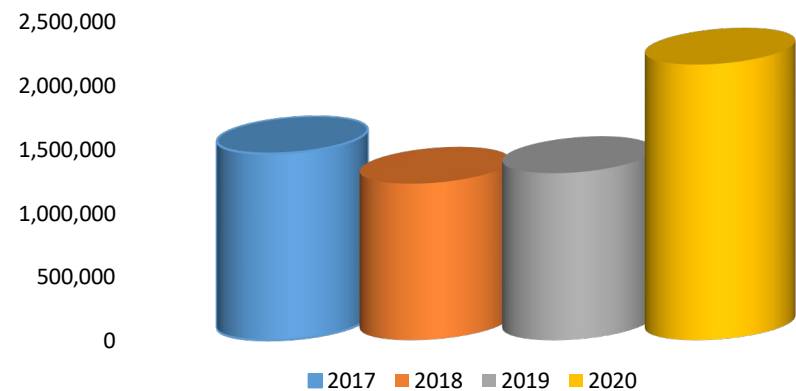
Jan-July 2021 Total Count:

1,202,134

Year to Date Data Per Location



Pinellas Trail Use 2017 – 2020



* 2010 – 2016 Survey Data & 2017-2021 Counter Data. Technical issues with several counters in 2019 resulting in several missing days of data during 2019.

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
August 1st – 31st (31 days)

August 2021

31-Day Count Total: **118,949**

Daily Average Users: **3,837**

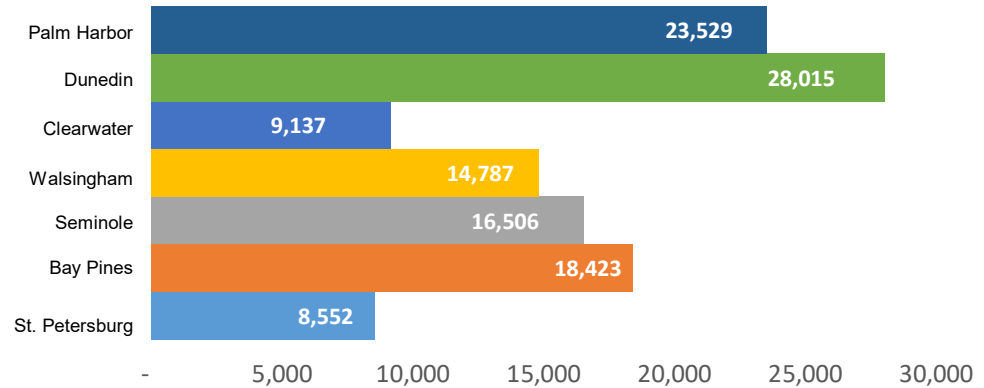
Highest Daily Totals:

#1 – Sunday, August 8th (Dunedin – 1,625)

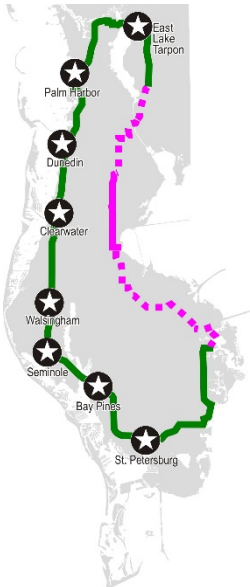
#2 – Saturday, August 7th (Bay Pines – 1,000)

#3 – Saturday, August 21st (Clearwater – 539)

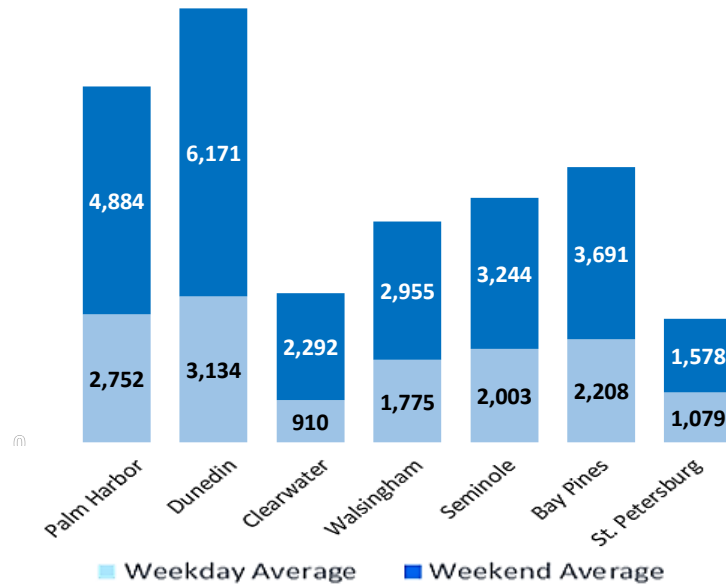
August Trail Users by Counter Location




Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split



Counter Location	Pedestrian (%)	Cyclist (%)
Palm Harbor:	20%	80%
Dunedin:	15%	85%
Clearwater:	3%	97%
Walsingham:	9%	91%
Seminole:	19%	81%
Bay Pines:	13%	87%
St. Petersburg:	17%	83%

Source: Forward Pinellas **August 2021**
National Weather Service: [August 2021](#)

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

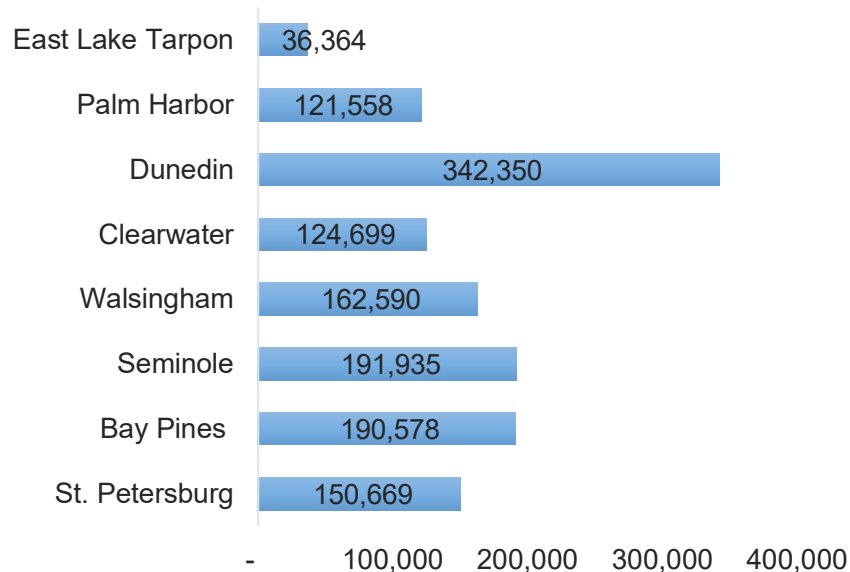
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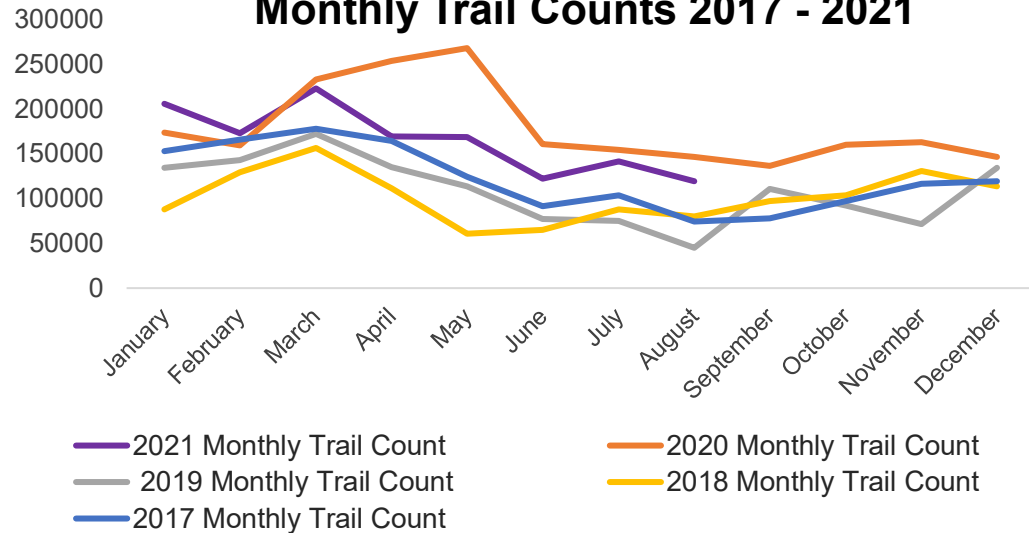


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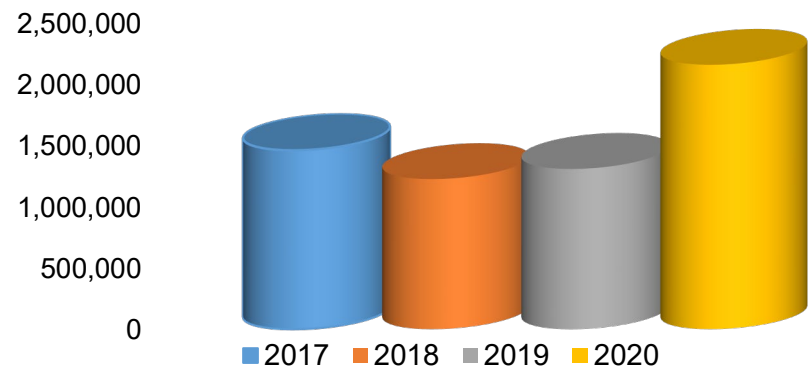
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Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2021



Pinellas Trail Use 2017 – 2020



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**PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET
DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2021**

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u>	<p>The PAC held its October 4, 2021 meeting in the Magnolia Room at the Florida Botanical Gardens: 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.</p> <p>The Chair, Britton Wilson, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included Britton Wilson, Kyle Brotherton, Derek Reeves, Mark Griffin, Corey Gray, Alicia Parinello, Marshall Touchton, Tatiana Childress, Nicole Dufva (1:45 p.m. arrival), Jan Norsoph, Frances Leong-Sharp, Jensen Hackett and Wesley Wright (early departure).</p> <p>Others in attendance: Molly Cord, Felicia Donnelly, Derek Kilborn and Doug Bevis.</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included Rodney Chatman, Nousheen Rahman, Linda Fisher, Angela Ryan and Tina Jablon.</p>	
2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 1 AND AUGUST 30, 2021 PAC MEETINGS</u>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Tatiana Childress</p> <p>Note: Nicole Dufva had not arrived yet</p>	12-0
3. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 13, 2021 MEETING</u> <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u> A. CW 21-13 – City of St. Petersburg	<p>The City of St. Petersburg filed a letter requesting the case be continued to the November 1, 2021 PAC and November 10, 2021 Forward Pinellas meetings.</p>	
B. CW 21-14 – City of Oldsmar	<p>Tatiana Childress, City of Oldsmar, provided a presentation to the PAC to thoroughly outline the details of the map amendment.</p> <p>After a member of the public expressed an interest in speaking, the members discussed the potential for setting a precedence allowing for such participation by the public in the future. Rodney Chatman reminded the committee that this has been afforded to the public on at least one prior occasion by this committee.</p>	

	<p>Jan Norsoph suggested the committee vote on whether or not to allow the public comment. He subsequently made a motion NOT to allow the public comment, which did not receive a second and, therefore, failed.</p> <p>In response to query by Alicia Parinello, it was clarified that the motions being made to allow public comment were only applicable to the current meeting and not future meetings.</p> <p>Marshall Touchton made a motion to allow the public comment for today, which was seconded by Derek Reeves. The motion passed by a vote of 12-1, with Jan Norsoph casting the dissenting vote.</p> <p>Doug Bevis, Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, former Mayor of Oldsmar and former Forward Pinellas Board member, spoke in support of the proposed amendment.</p> <p>The PAC members ultimately voted in favor of the amendment.</p> <p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marshall Touchton</p> <p>Note: Wesley Wright exited the meeting prior to the final vote on the land use case.</p>	12-1
<p><u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> D. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the recent items reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff and recent actions taken by the CPA. No action required; informational item only.</p>	
<p>4. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. Micromobility Knowledge Exchange Series</p>	<p>Angela Ryan provided a presentation to the PAC members to inform them on the latest Knowledge Exchange Series (KES) about micromobility. She highlighted the key findings, reviewed case studies and discussed some practical applications that could be applied in Pinellas County.</p>	
<p>B. Pinellas County's Comprehensive Plan – PLANPinellas - Update</p>	<p>Rebecca Stonefield, Pinellas County Housing and Community Development, offered and overview of the latest update to Pinellas County's Comprehensive Plan, known as PLANPinellas. She explained why the update was needed and reviewed the guiding principles and key policy shifts. She demonstrated the usefulness of the new website.</p>	

<p>C. Proposed Rules Amendments Discussion</p>	<p>Nousheen Rahman provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Countywide Rules concerning Transferrable Development Rights (TDRs). She also reviewed what is intended to remain the same.</p> <p>Subsequently, Linda Fisher provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Countywide Rules regarding Density/Intensity Averaging and Density Pools. She advised that the suggested amendments are more for the purpose of clarification and are not substantive in nature.</p> <p>She outlined the time frame for seeing these amendments adopted. She explained the amendments would likely move forward in conjunction with amendments anticipated to result from the upcoming Target Employment and Industrial Land Study (TEILS) update.</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff will schedule meetings in the future with each local government prior to adoption to answer questions, seek additional input, and to refine and finalize these changes.</p>	
<p>D. Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) Process</p>	<p>Derek Kilborn, City of St. Petersburg, briefed the PAC members on the City's recent experience with the Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) process and answered questions.</p>	
<p>5. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u></p> <p>A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the latest activities related to the SPOTlight Emphasis Areas.</p> <p>Specifically, he alerted the members that the title of the the new SPOTlight topic area, Innovations in Target Employment and Jobs Access, may be changed to something shorter and more intuitive. Additionally, he advised that the TEILS draft scope will be going to the Forward Pinellas Board next week. The study will begin in November, and work is anticipated to conclude by summer 2022. This will include development of a stakeholder engagement plan which will involve the PAC and local governments to ensure value is achieved for all.</p>	

B. Cancellation of the December PAC Meeting	Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Marshall Touchton	12-0
6. <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>	The PAC Chair referred to the events cited in the agenda. Next PAC Meeting is Monday November 1, 2021	
7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

PAC Chair

Date

October 14, 2021

9G. Committee Vacancies



SUMMARY

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

The BPAC currently has six openings: one for a Health Department representative, one for a Clearwater representative, one for a Dunedin representative, one for Pinellas Park/Mid-County, one for the Largo Area and one At Large position (application pending).

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

The CAC currently has one opening for a St. Petersburg representative and one opening for an At Large representative.

- **School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC)**

The STSC currently has two openings, one for Gulfport and one for Oldsmar elected official.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BPAC Membership Listing
- CAC Membership Listing
- STSC Membership Listing

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST**Voting****St. Petersburg Area (St. Pete/Gulfport/So Pasadena/Tierra Verde)**

1. Lisa Charest (10/14/20)
2. Kimberly Cooper (10/13/99) (reappointed 5/9/18)
3. Charles Johnson (06/14/17)
4. Megan Basnett (09/08/21)

Clearwater Area

5. Gloria Lepik-Corrigan (09/08/21)
6. Vacant
7. Win Dermody (03/12/14)

Dunedin Area

8. Russ Hilton (09/08/21)
9. Vacant

Pinellas Park and Mid-County

10. Ronald Rasmussen (12/13/06)
11. Vacant

Largo Area

12. Daniel Alejandro (10/12/16)
13. Vacant

North County Area (Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor/Ozona/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor)

14. Becky Afonso (Vice Chair) (10/08/14)
15. Jared Carter (09/08/21)

At Large Area

16. Paul Kurtz (12/11/13)
17. Vacant - application pending
18. Brian Smith (Chairman) (12/12/12)
19. Lynn Bosco (11/14/12)
20. Stephen Moriarty (06/09/21)
21. Ed Hawkes (11/18/98)
22. Annette Sala (03/12/14)

Seminole Area

23. Jim Wedlake (05/12/10)

Beach Communities

24. Bert Valery (10/1983-10/1998) (reappointed 07/10/02)
25. Alan Johnson (05/09/18)

Technical Support

1. County Traffic Department (Joan Rice – representative; Gina Harvey and Casey Morse – alternates)
2. Pinellas County Planning Department (Caroline Lanford – representative)
3. PSTA (Jacob Labutka – representative; Heather Sobush and Reid Powers – alternates)
4. City of Clearwater (Lauren Matzke - representative)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Lucas Cruse – representative; Cheryl Stacks - alternate)
6. City of Largo (Diane Friel – representative; Taylor Hague - alternate)
7. City of Oldsmar (Alayna Delgado – representative, Tatiana Childress – alternate)
8. City of Pinellas Park (Derek Reeves – representative)
9. Pinellas County School System (Joseph Camera- representative, Autumn Westermann- alternate)
10. Pinellas County Health Department (Vacant – representative)
11. Friends of the Pinellas Trails (Scott Daniels – representative)
12. CUTR (Julie Bond - 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

13. FDOT (Alex Henry - representative)
14. County Parks and Conservation Resources (Lyle Fowler – representative; Spencer Curtis – alternate)

*Dates signify appointment

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

St. Petersburg Area

1. Dylan Carlson (02/03/19)
2. Brandon Huskins (02/10/21)
3. Dyllan Furness (07/08/20)
4. Vacant

Clearwater Area

5. Luis Serna (06/14/17)
6. Bill Jonson (06/13/18)

Dunedin Area

7. Karen Mullins (07/09/14)
8. Bob Henion (02/12/20)

Pinellas park and Mid-County Area

9. Geneva Waters (02/18/17)
10. Brian Scott (09/11/19)

Largo Area

11. Paul Wallace (03/14/18)
12. Loretta Statsick (05/13/20)

Beaches Area

13. Terri Novitsky (12/09/15)
14. Dimitri Karides (02/13/19)

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

15. Caron Schwartz (02/14/18) (Gulfport)

Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor Area

16. Tammy Vrana (Chair) (05/13/15)
17. Kathleen Smith (04/14/21)

At Large

18. Tony Stillo (05/13/20) (Clearwater)
19. Gary Benjamin (01/08/20) (Clearwater)
20. Duncan Kovar (07/12/17) (Safety Harbor)
21. Vacant
22. Tracey Schofield (02/12/20) (Pinellas Park)
23. Connie Bruce (04/14/21) (Pinellas Park)
24. George Thurlow (04/14/21) (Gulfport)
25. Johnny Boykins (04/14/21) (Pinellas Park)
26. Erik Eifel (04/14/21) (Largo)

TRAC

27. Gloria Lepik-Corrigan (01/09/19) (Clearwater)

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

School Board

Bill Dudley - Chair
Carol Cook – Vice Chair

Pinellas County

Commissioner Karen Seel

Clearwater

Councilmember Kathleen Beckman

Citizen

Doug Mullis

Dunedin

Commissioner Deborah Kynes

PSTA

Josh Shulman

Gulfport

Vacant

Largo

Commissioner John Carroll

Oldsmar

Vacant

Gulf Beaches

Mayor Cookie Kennedy

Pinellas Park

Councilmember Keith V. Sabiel

Tarpon Springs

Commissioner Jacob Karr

Seminole

Councilmember Roger Edelman

Safety Harbor

Commissioner Cliff Merz

St. Petersburg

Councilmember Lisa Wheeler-Bowman

Non-Voting Tech Support Members

Pinellas County School Board/Transportation

Matthew Atwell
T. Mark Hagedwood, Transportation

Pinellas County Long Range Planning

Caroline Lanford

Pinellas County Public Works

Joan Rice / Casey Morse

Pinellas County School Board

Marshall Touchton, Demographic Specialist

Pinellas County School Board

Joseph Camera, Customer Service Analyst
Autumn, Westermann, Customer Service Analyst (Alt.)

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September 9, 2021

Forward Pinellas Board
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RE: Local Law Enforcement Support

Dear Board Members

At their meeting on August 26, 2021, the Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee received a presentation by law enforcement officers regarding enforcement efforts regarding DUIs and speeding in Pinellas County. Following the presentation, the CAC approved a motion to recommend that the Forward Pinellas Board commend local law enforcement organizations for their pro-active law enforcement activities and multi-jurisdictional coordination efforts in support of the Vision Zero goals and encourages continued, additional enforcement and coordination efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Vrana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tammy Vrana, Chair
Citizen Advisory Committee



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Mr. Whit Blanton
Forward Pinellas
310 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Whit,

As President and CEO of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, I write to you today to express our desire to have Forward Pinellas include a “capping” alternative at the upcoming Downtown Mobility Study Community Outreach Sessions.

The St. Pete Chamber has great interest in the outcomes from the Study and in ensuring the solutions decided are in the best interest of the community. We recognize the barrier I-175 presents in connecting South St. Pete from our Downtown just as we recognize the spur is an important connection from our waterfront to I-275.

We believe the “capping” option could give us the best of both worlds: it would allow the neighboring areas to connect to downtown, while maintaining the uninterrupted flow that is vital for our downtown hospitals, first responders, and businesses (especially in light of the massive increase in activity expected with the redevelopment of the Tropicana Field site).

We therefore think it is critical that a full set of options, including capping, be presented to the public and decision makers to ensure they have the best and most comprehensive information available to them. This alternative should not be seen as a “Plan B” to be discussed only in the event the “no build” option is chosen but given as much credence as conversion to a boulevard receives.

As always, we appreciate your and Forward Pinellas’ openness to feedback and for being a great partner of the St. Petersburg Chamber. We look forward to working with you further on this and many other projects on behalf of our business community in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Chris Steinocher
President & CEO
St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce

CC: Forward Pinellas Board

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce shall be the preeminent leader of business in order to ensure the economic growth and vitality of our community.



September 24, 2021

Dear Commissioner Gerard,

With the approach of Fall and the waning days of 2021, the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) has many infrastructure projects ahead and underway that will greatly enhance mobility in our region. Please find project and THEA updates that you may wish to share with your constituents:

Upcoming Projects and Public Engagement Opportunities

THEA currently has three Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Studies underway to look at what, if any, changes should be made to improve THEA-owned transportation facilities. A PD&E study is a required process developed by the Florida Department of Transportation to determine social, economic, natural, and physical environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project.

The PD&E process provides the community with opportunities for public input. Below you will find a brief summary of each active PD&E Study as well as the current estimated dates for public input meetings. THEA will send further updates regarding public engagement opportunities as they are confirmed. For more information about THEA's PD&E Studies please visit, www.selmonstudies.com.

- **East Selmon PD&E** – The East Selmon PD&E is a study researching options to reduce congestion on the easternmost part of the Selmon Expressway. Specifically, the East Selmon PD&E is studying a 10-mile stretch of road from Brorein Street in downtown Tampa to I-75 near Brandon. ***The first public engagement opportunity is a Virtual Alternatives Meeting slated for March of 2022.***
- **Whiting PD&E** – The Whiting PD&E is a study looking for ways to connect Whiting Street to Meridian Avenue to improve the grid network in eastern downtown Tampa, and reconstructing Exit Ramps 6-A and 6-B from the Selmon eastbound lanes to Florida Avenue and Channelside Drive respectively. As part of the Study, THEA is also exploring ways to improve operations and safety for Whiting Street between Jefferson Street and Brush Street, the Jefferson Street entrance ramp, and the downtown Tampa eastbound exit ramps. THEA held a Virtual Alternatives Meeting on May 20th, and ***a public hearing to review the preferred construction alternative is tentatively scheduled February of 2022.***
- **Nebraska Ave PD&E** – The primary focus of the Nebraska Ave PD&E is to identify needs, test alternatives, and develop recommendations to alleviate congestion and more efficiently distribute traffic as it enters downtown after exiting the Reversible Express

Lanes (REL). The first public engagement opportunity is a *Virtual Alternatives Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2022.*

THEA Construction Projects

- **Reversible Express Lanes Additional Access and Egress Points** – During the research phase of the Selmon East PD&E, THEA found that two new slip ramps would be a low-cost option to improve near term service levels for drivers on the Selmon Expressway. Slip ramps are internal ramps within the Expressway, similar to the ingress/egress from the Expressway to the REL. Construction of East Selmon Slip Ramps would allow drivers to enter (ingress to) the REL westbound from the I-75 northbound ramp, which is much earlier than the current US 301 entrance ramp provides; and, then leave (egress from) the REL westbound travel direction back on to the westbound lower lanes near IKEA, vs taking the REL all the way to Twiggs Street. THEA believes the construction of these new REL Slip ramps will help reduce cut-through traffic in downtown Tampa as well as Bayshore Boulevard. ***Construction on those two ramps is scheduled to begin in November 2021.***
- **South Selmon Capacity Project** – THEA has concluded both a Virtual Alternatives Meeting and a Public Hearing on the Preferred Alternative for this effort to improve travel times, reduced congestion and improve safety for the portion of the Expressway south of downtown Tampa. ***An RFP for the preferred alternative design includes two additional lanes (one lane each direction) and noise walls for the full length of the project, all within existing THEA right of way. The project is scheduled to be let in mid-2022, with construction beginning in late 2023.***

THEA in the News

THEA has been on quite the streak in 2021 with the recently completed Selmon West Extension winning five industry achievement awards and counting! THEA is proud of its innovative Selmon West Extension – a first of its kind 1.9-mile elevated roadway over Gandy Boulevard that is reducing traffic congestion on neighborhood roads while providing quick and reliable trips for drivers on both sides of Tampa Bay.

THEA has been recognized for:

- Florida Transportation Builders Association Best in Construction
- Construction Management Association of America Florida Project Achievement Award
- International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association Toll Operations, Maintenance & Engineering Award
- Annual Hillsborough Planning Commission Planning & Design Award
- American Segmental Bridge Institute Bridge Award of Excellence

Executive Director Search

After almost 15 successful years of leading THEA, I have chosen to retire effective February 2, 2022. THEA has begun the process to find my replacement by hiring an outside recruitment firm

to conduct a national search to find the person best suited to build on THEA's legacy of innovation and financial stability. THEA's goal is to have a new CEO on board by the end of this year, so that I can help guide our transition. While I am excited for THEA's future, I will greatly miss the wonderful and capable staff that make THEA what it is today.

If you or your staff have any questions about our projects, upcoming events, or latest developments, or if you want more information to provide to your constituents, please contact THEA's Director of Public Affairs, Sue Chrzan at sue@tampa-xway.com.

If you would like to read more about THEA, please visit www.tampa-xway.com.

Sincerely,



Joseph Waggoner
Executive Director and CEO
Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

October 5, 2021

Jennifer Fortunas, Office Manager
FDOT Forecasting & Trends Office
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

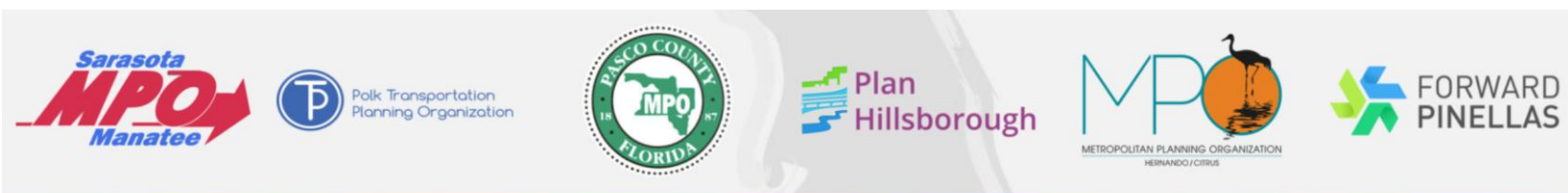
Re: West Central Florida MobilityHUB, a shared regional resource

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our MobilityHUB project, which has been extended across the Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) in the hope of providing equal access to mobility data and analytics for all the partner agencies across the region. We would like to sincerely thank FDOT for offering to sponsor this project, which arose from a strong partnership among FDOT District 7 and the six MPOs of Hernando-Citrus, Pasco, Polk, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Sarasota-Manatee. The SCTPA understands that the Discovery Phase of the project has recently kicked off and we are excited about the opportunity to collaborate.

The launch of the MobilityHUB signals a shift in the traditional ways that transportation data have been siloed within department and agencies. By sharing data and standardizing the analytics we use to evaluate performance, FDOT will seamlessly receive locally derived datasets like pavement condition, transit asset and safety reports, multimodal levels of service, corridor counts, lane closures, and work zone information. At the same time, MPOs will receive data that previously was hosted and maintained across multiple platforms, including bridge condition, crashes, traffic incidents, speed, and several others.

Before FDOT's offer of full-cost sponsorship, our MPOs agreed to be financial partners in this project because it is fundamental to our performance monitoring. The use of performance metrics in planning is not only federally required, but also valuable in improving resource allocation and transparency. The opportunity to share the monitoring data with each other and with FDOT in real time, through this tool, will expand understanding of and collaboration on our region's most pressing challenges.

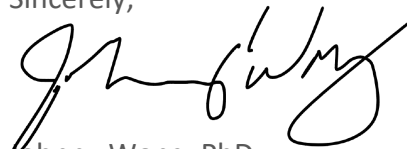


If expanded to other regions in the future, this tool also has the potential to streamline FDOT's coordination with all of Florida's MPOs on performance monitoring and target setting. Accordingly, while the MobilityHUB has the capacity to support sharing of many kinds of data, **we request that the functionalities related to planning-level performance monitoring and target setting be given a top priority.**

Close coordination among FDOT, MPOs, and the consultant team will be essential to this project's success. We envision regular meetings, such as on a biweekly basis, to ensure that developmental milestones are being met. We look forward to discussing the project management arrangement with you and the rest of the team.

Again, thank you for your support of this innovative project.

Sincerely,



Johnny Wong, PhD
Executive Planner, Hillsborough TPO
Project Manager

On behalf of the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance Staff Directors Team:

Beth Alden, Hillsborough TPO Executive Director
Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director
Chandra Frederick, Polk TPO Executive Director
Dave Hutchinson, Sarasota-Manatee MPO Executive Director
Carl Mikyska, Pasco County MPO Coordinator
Carlene Riecsc, Hernando-Citrus MPO Transportation Planner III

Cc: Ken Spitz, FDOT District 7 Transportation Planning Manager
Alice Price, Atkins
Lee Woodcock, Atkins
Drew Messer, UrbanSDK

October 13, 2021

10. Upcoming Events



Staff and/or board members will provide information on the following upcoming events as needed:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 28 th	MPOAC Governing Board – 3 p.m. - Orlando
Nov 2-4 th	Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit
Nov 5 th	Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Virtual Summit
Dec 10 th	TMA Leadership Group – 9 a.m.
Dec 10 th	Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance – 1:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.