



AGENDA

September 8 , 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. Introduction of New Intern (Alex Burns)
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (1:15)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Cancellation of the December Forward Pinellas Meeting
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** (1:20)
 - B. Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)
 1. Case CW 21-10 – Pinellas County
 2. Case CW 21-11 – Pinellas County
 3. Case CW 21-12 – Pinellas County
7. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS** (2:20)
 - A. PSTA Activities Report
 - B. TBARTA Activities Report
 - C. Federal Highway Administration 2021 Certification Report (Teresa Parker)
 - D. Strategic Intermodal System Policy Plan Update (Jensen Hackett)
 - E. Ft. Harrison Avenue Complete Streets Plan (Lauren Matzke)
 - F. Micromobility Knowledge Exchange Series (Angela Ryan)
8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (2:50)
 - A. SPOTlight Update
 - B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update
 - C. Waterborne Transportation Committee Meeting and Cross Bay Ferry Updates
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (3:00)
 - A. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
 - B. Communications Report
 - C. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments

- D. [Fatalities Map](#)
- E. [Pinellas Trail Data](#)
- F. [Draft PAC Action Sheet](#)
- G. [Committee Vacancies](#)

10. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept 17 th	TMA Leadership Group Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Nov 2-4 th	Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit
Nov 5 th	Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Virtual Summit

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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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 July 14, 2021 Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Appointments
- C. Cancellation of the December Forward Pinellas Meeting

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5A. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Meeting



SUMMARY

The minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting are attached for the board's review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Forward Pinellas meeting

ACTION: Board to review and approve the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes.



Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2021

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on July 14, 2021 at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 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)
Julie Ward Bujalski, City of Dunedin Mayor
Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Pat Gerard, Pinellas County Commissioner
Bonnie Noble, Town of Kenneth City Councilmember
Representing Inland Communities
Patti Reed, City of Pinellas Park Councilmember
Michael Smith, City of Largo Commissioner

Absent:

Cliff Merz, City of Safety Harbor Commissioner
Representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs
Karen Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner

Also Present

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

The board unanimously adopted the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact

The board adopted the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact, demonstrating a commitment to work together with all local governments and the private sector to advance housing affordability solutions. Pinellas County and Forward Pinellas are partnering to build a countywide strategy to address the critical shortage of affordable housing in the county. Working with the 25 local governments, the strategy will build upon existing County and local efforts to create affordable housing units through direct investment, public-private partnerships, more diverse market-rate development, and other tools. The strategy will be implemented as part of the Advantage Pinellas plan to link housing, jobs, and transportation on a countywide basis.

- Mayor Bujalski clarified with staff that, while the compact currently focuses on entitlement cities due to their larger size, the intent of the compact is to eventually include everyone.
- Chair Rice discussed the importance of affordable housing as well as bringing in higher-paying jobs to ensure those who live here can work here.
- Pinellas County Planning Manager Evan Johnson noted that this phase of the compact focuses on creating homes that everyone can afford and the connections from those homes to high-paying jobs, noting that the importance of transportation access is often overlooked. Pinellas County and Forward Pinellas will also coordinate with Pinellas County Economic Development and several education partners over the next year to discuss how workforce development could be incorporated in the future.
- Councilmember Gabbard expressed her excitement for the countywide housing compact that will create a unified voice ensuring people can live anywhere in Pinellas County and have safe access to jobs.
- Commissioner Eggers reminded the board that in 2017, Pinellas County voters decided that they would like funding from the Penny For Pinellas program to be spent on affordable housing and economic development. He agreed that it is important we have a concentrated effort throughout the county.
- Mr. Blanton noted that the housing compact is an important step in establishing specific production and preservation targets for affordable housing, which demonstrates an integrated approach to solving this critical problem in Pinellas County.

The board unanimously adopted the FY2022 Forward Pinellas Budget

The board adopted the Forward Pinellas budget for the 2022 fiscal year totaling \$4.81M and maintaining the current 0.0150 millage rate, which moves to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval in September.

- Commissioner Eggers commended Forward Pinellas for being responsible partners with funding while still maintaining many excellent programs and projects.
- Mr. Blanton expressed his gratitude to Pinellas County for their hard work in light of changing economic conditions and willingness to restore their local contribution, which is a reflection of our strong partnership.

The board unanimously approved two amendments to the Countywide Plan Map

- The board recommended approval of two amendments:
 - An amendment from the City of Tarpon Springs to amend the designation of a property on South Disston Avenue from Residential Medium to Employment to allow for the expansion of the existing warehouse/construction materials business.
 - An amendment from the City of Tarpon Springs to amend the designation of a property at 41680 US Highway 19 North from Employment to Retail and Services to allow for continued retail commercial use of the property.

The board reviewed the Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Board members expressed that Whit Blanton has exceeded expectations, especially in leadership, innovation, and developing partnerships. Communications is continually improving internally and his professionalism and responsiveness are greatly appreciated. His insight and commitment to projects and initiatives throughout the county has been invaluable and made a significant, positive impact, demonstrated by Forward Pinellas being named FDOT's Planning Organization of the Year in 2021. The board authorized a pay increase of 3.5% for the executive director.

The board unanimously reaffirmed the Legislative Committee appointments

The board unanimously reaffirmed the appointments of former committee members who previously served on the Legislative Committee in the past year, including Commissioner Dave Eggers, Councilmember Bonnie Noble, Commissioner Michael Smith, Councilmember Patti Reed, Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Commissioner Janet Long, Councilmember Brandi Gabbard, and Councilmember David Allbritton. The board also elected Councilmember Brandi Gabbard as the chair of the Legislative Committee.

SPOTlight Updates

- Forward Pinellas is working with a consultant to research how other cities have preserved industrial land while allowing supporting uses on those lands. This research is a result of the passage of House Bill 1339, pre-empting local governments' ability to restrict industrial lands affordable housing development, and will be used to inform the update of the Target Employment and Industrial Lands Study being conducted by Forward Pinellas later this year.
- Forward Pinellas is evaluating which investment corridor from the Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan to advance to the corridor planning phase. Staff is planning to begin this effort in Spring 2022.
- The project to expand the entrance to Honeymoon Island State Park at the western end of the Dunedin Causeway is expected to be completed in Spring 2022. Forward Pinellas is also coordinating with FDOT, Pinellas County, and the City of Dunedin on complementary safety and mobility improvements, including advanced messaging signs alerting the public of park closures.
- After meeting with Representative Chaney, Forward Pinellas is considering working with the beach communities to hold a workshop to share information on current resiliency initiatives and needs.

Updates

- Cheryl Stacks, Transportation Manager with the City of St. Petersburg, discussed the 18th Avenue South Complete Streets Concept Plan. After extensive analysis and community outreach, the City of St. Petersburg is recommending a redesign option that would create a safe, shared community space by reducing the speed limit, adding various bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and improve transit accessibility. Community engagement will continue through the design process. The City of St. Petersburg is currently working with Forward Pinellas to identify financial responsibilities for this project and discussions will continue to secure funding over the next several years. Whit Blanton concurred that this project is a top priority for Forward Pinellas' Active Transportation Plan and is a creative and community-based approach to planning.
- The board approved Whit Blanton to write a letter regarding the federal infrastructure package advocating for the increased flexibility of Metropolitan Planning Organization funds as well as the ability to use additional transit funding for expanded transit service and not only state of good repair.

Other Items

- PSTA resumed full services this summer and began charging fares in July. They also launched the Flamingo Fares mobile payment application, where people can pay from their phone or mobile device. PSTA began a new paratransit system called "PSTA Access" that will provide transportation for passengers requiring wheelchair-accessible vehicles. They also applied for a grant to pay for a portion of the new, multimodal transit center planned for Downtown Clearwater. Forward Pinellas has placed this project as a top funding priority to assist with funding needs.
- TBARTA is looking for funding to continue the regional Transportation Disadvantaged program in order to provide safe and accessible transportation options to our most vulnerable populations.
- We are delighted to welcome Alexis Boback aboard our team as a Transportation Planner. A University of South Florida graduate, Alexis has experience in travel demand modeling and GIS and is excited to help create a safer Pinellas.
- Forward Pinellas has revised its Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee bylaws, which now require that members serve two 4-year terms in order to create a more dynamic committee that better reflects the evolving needs and desires of our communities. Staff will work with BPAC members to facilitate an orderly and smooth transition of members in coming years.
- Annual Call For Projects is currently open for Complete Streets, Transportation Alternatives, and Multimodal Transportation Priority List Programs. More information can be found at ForwardPinellas.org/CallForProjects
- The Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (formerly the MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee) will be releasing a new logo and website this month to help us speak with one

voice for the region on shared goals and project priorities. This website is the first step to improve communications on regional issues of mutual interest and speak with one voice.

- Finding Common Ground: A Conversation with Local Legislators will be held on August 11, 2021.
- The Forward Pinellas Board agreed to stay at the Extension Room at Ulmerton Road until the end of 2021.

Action Sheet

July 14, 2021

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

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0)

Approved to include the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Meeting
- B. Acceptance of Quarter Three Financial Report
- C. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantage (CTD) Grant Agreement

- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**

Two cases were recommended for approval:

1. CW 21-08 – City of Tarpon Springs (vote: 11-0)
2. CW 21-09 – City of Tarpon Springs (vote: 11-0)

- **Approval of Annual PPC Budget and Millage Rate FY 22**

Following a presentation by Forward Pinellas staff, the board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, adopted a resolution authorizing the transmittal of the budget to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval. (vote: 11-0)

- **Adoption of the Advantage Pinellas Countywide Housing Compact**

Following a presentation by Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County staff, the board adopted the Advantage Pinellas Countywide Housing Compact. (vote: 10-0; Councilmember Reed had left the meeting)

- **Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation**

At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the board approved a 3.5% pay raise for the Executive Director effective October 1, 2021. (vote: 9-1; Commissioner Eggers dissenting)

- **Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Appointments**

The board re-affirmed the appointments to the Legislative Committee with no changes from the prior year and re-appointed Councilmember Gabbard as the Chair. (vote: 10-0)

- **Discussion of Return to Former Meeting Space**

After discussion among the board members, the board opted to continue meeting in the Magnolia Room in Largo at least through the end of this year. (vote: 10-0)

- **Conversation with USDOT Deputy Assistant Charles Small**

The Executive Director updated the board on a recent conversation he had with USDOT Deputy Assistant Charles Small. Following the update and board discussion, the board approved a letter to be written by the Executive Director to advocate for increased funding flexibility among metropolitan planning organizations as well as the ability to use transit funding for expanding transit service rather than only state of good repair. (vote: 9-1; Commissioner Eggers dissenting)

Chair

September 8, 2021



5B. Approval of Committee Appointments

SUMMARY

- **BPAC**

Russ Hilton submitted an application for an open Dunedin seat. Russ owns a Bicycle Tour Company in Dunedin and a strong advocate for bicycling and pedestrian safety. **Megan Basnett** submitted an application for an open St. Petersburg seat. Megan is a frequent traveler and enjoys walkable cities and an advocate for the safety of the pedestrians who walk the cities. **Gloria Lepik-Corrigan** submitted an application for an open Clearwater seat. Gloria is a wheelchair dependent “pedestrian” and transit rider who is very aware of the importance of safe sidewalks and roadway crossings. **Jared Carter** submitted an application for an open Tarpon Springs seat. Jared is committed to improving bicycle infrastructure in Pinellas County and keeping bicyclist and pedestrian safe. The **City of Oldsmar** has submitted a request to appoint Alayna Delgado as primary representative to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Tatiana Childress will move to the alternate position for the City of Oldsmar.

- **TCC**

The City of Largo has submitted a request to appoint Taylor Hague as the primary representative to the Technical Coordinating Committee for the City of Largo.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BPAC Membership Listing
- Application for Russ Hilton
- Application for Megan Basnett
- Application for Gloria Lepik-Corrigan
- Application for Jared Carter
- TCC Membership Listing

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve Russ Hilton, Megan Basnett, Gloria Lepik-Corrigan and Jared Carter as citizen reps for their communities and Alayna Delgado as the City of Oldsmar primary representative and Tatiana Childress as alternate for the BPAC. Approve Taylor Hague as the City of Largo primary representative for the TCC.

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

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 – application pending
7. Win Dermody (03/12/14)

Dunedin Area

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

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

Advisory Committee Member Application

*Applications may also be submitted by electronic mail, FAX or mail. E-mail address:

info@forwardpinellas.org

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

Applicant Information

First Name *

Russ

Last Name *

Hilton

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Work Address *

1600 Michigan Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698

Email *

tours@dunedinbiketours.com

Home phone number

3148140537

Work phone number

Mobile phone number

3148140537

Preferred method of contact

Mobile Phone

Date of Birth

MM DD YYYY

09 / 29 / 1971

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

Gender

Male ▼

Ethnicity

Caucasian ▼

Education & Experience

What is your highest level of education?

Associate's Degree ▼

What was your Major/Subjects of Study in school?

Art Education

Please list any specialize training, licenses or certificates you'd like us to know about.

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About the Committee

Advisory committee you're interested in serving on

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Why are you interested in serving on this committee?

You may add an attachment if you need additional space.

I own a Bicycle Tour company in Dunedin and I see how the Pinellas Trail is utilized by cyclists and pedestrians and feel like I can give input to make improvements for all that use the trail and other places within Pinellas county.

If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to physically attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the membership to which you have been appointed?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain.

Attachments

Please upload any additional files necessary.

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Applicant Information

First Name *

Megan

Last Name *

Basnett

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Work Address *

2519 1st Ave N. St Pete, FL 33713

Email *

meganbrookebasnett@gmail.com

Home phone number

17274603004

Work phone number

7274603004

Mobile phone number

17274603004

Preferred method of contact

Email



Date of Birth

MM DD YYYY

06 / 25 / 1982

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

Gender

Female ▼

Ethnicity

Caucasian ▼

Education & Experience

What is your highest level of education?

Bachelor's Degree ▼

What was your Major/Subjects of Study in school?

Finance

Please list any specialize training, licenses or certificates you'd like us to know about.

None

About the Committee

Advisory committee you're interested in serving on

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Why are you interested in serving on this committee?

You may add an attachment if you need additional space.

As a frequent traveler and someone who hopes to spend the next 60 years in St. Pete, I hope to see the experience enjoyed in the walkable cities we have visited become a part of our everyday local culture with the safety of proper infrastructure.

If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to physically attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the membership to which you have been appointed?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain.

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Applicant Information

First Name *

Gloria

Last Name *

Lepik - Corrigan

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Email *

lepikcorrigan@gmail.com

Home phone number

215-530-4494

Work phone number

215-530-4494

Mobile phone number

215-530-4494

Preferred method of contact

Mobile Phone

Date of Birth

MM DD YYYY

06 / 27 / 1953

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

Gender

Female ▼

Ethnicity

Caucasian ▼

Education & Experience

What is your highest level of education?

Master's Degree or above ▼

What was your Major/Subjects of Study in school?

Bsc. in Biology; MBA in Chemical Pharmaceutical Marketing

Please list any specialize training, licenses or certificates you'd like us to know about.

About the Committee

Advisory committee you're interested in serving on

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Why are you interested in serving on this committee?

You may add an attachment if you need additional space.

I am a wheelchair dependent "pedestrian" and transit rider who is very aware of the importance of safe sidewalks and roadway crossings. Also, as a longtime member of PSTA's Transit Riders Advisory Committee, I have been involved with our advocacy for transit riders who are always pedestrians at the start and end of their bus trips.

If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to physically attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the membership to which you have been appointed?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: Carter Jared Allen
Last First Middle

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Street (Apt.) City, State Zip

Work Address: 1143 Lancer Ln Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Street (Apt.) City, State Zip

727-515-5318 727-515-5318 727-515-5318 jaredcarter42@gmail.com
Home Telephone Work Telephone Mobile Telephone E-mail Address

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

Date of Birth: 03/08/1981

Advisory committee you're interested in serving on: BPAC

Why are you interested in serving on this committee? (you may add an attachment if you need additional space)
I am committed to improving bicycle infrastructure in Pinellas county and keeping cyclists and pedestrians safe, especially those with no other transportation options. I believe this can be done through education and proper planning/implementation of infrastructure to protect Vulnerable Road Users.

Education	Name and Location	Degree	Major/Subjects of Study
High School	Eastside HS, Gainesville, FL		
College or University	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	BS	Exercise Science
Specialized Training, License or Certificate	National Strength and Conditioning Association	CSCS	Health and Performance
Other Education			

If you are appointed, do you know of any reason whatsoever why you will not be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings or otherwise fulfill the duties of the membership to which you have been appointed?
 Yes No If "Yes", please explain:
Yes, if my childcare were to fall through at the last minute. I have family in the area and friends that could help. It shouldn't be a problem.

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Gender: Male Female
 Race: White Hispanic African American American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Asian/Pacific Islander Other

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TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Pinellas County Public Works (Traffic)

Joan Rice (Chair)
Alternates: Tom Washburn & Gina Harvey

Pinellas County Planning

Caroline Lanford
Alternate: Scott Swearingen

Pinellas County School Board

Joseph Camera
Alternate: Autumn Westermann

Department of Environmental Protection

Vacant
Alternate: Vacant

TBARTA

Brian Pessaro
Alternate: Chris DeAnnuntis

Clearwater Planning Department

vacant
Alternate: Lauren Matzke

Clearwater Traffic Operations

Cory Martens
Alternate: Dave Larremore

Dunedin Traffic Engineering

Russell Ferlita
Alternate: Vacant

Indian Rocks Beach

Hetty Harmon
Alternate: Vacant

Largo Community Development –Engineering

Barry Westmark
Alternate: Rafal Cieslak/Megan Dion, PE

Pinellas Park Planning Department

Erica Lindquist
Alternate: Derek Reeves

Safety Harbor

Brandon Henry
Alternate: Marcie Stenmark

Pinellas County Public Works (Eng.)

Brent Hall
Alternate: Erin Lawson

Pinellas County Environmental Mgmt.

Sheila Schneider
Alternate: Vacant

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

Heather Sobush (Vice Chair)
Alternate: Nicole Dufva

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Brian Ellis
Alternate: Vacant

Beach Communities

Vacant

Clearwater Engineering

Roger Johnson
Alternate: Bennett Elbo

Dunedin Planning

Frances Leong Sharp
Alternate: George Kinney

Gulfport

Mark Griffin
Alternate: Mike Taylor

Largo Community Development

Taylor Hague
Alternate: Alicia Parinello

Oldsmar

Daniel Simpson
Alternate: Tatiana Childress

Pinellas Pk. Storm Water & Transportation

Dan Hubbard
Alternate: David Chase

St. Petersburg/Clearwater Int'l Airport

Vacant

St. Petersburg Engineer & Capital Improve Dept.

Evan Birk
Alternate: Kevin Jackson

St. Petersburg Transport. & Parking Mgmt. Dept.

Cheryl Stacks
Alternate: Lucas Cruse

Seminole

Mark Ely
Alternate: Jan Norsoph

Treasure Island

Jamie Viveiros

St. Petersburg Plan & Econo. Develop. Dept.

Tom Whalen
Alternate: Derek Kilborn

St. Pete Beach

Wesley Wright
Alternate: Brandon Berry

Tarpon Springs Planning

Pat McNeese
Alternate: Nick Makris

FDOT (technical support)

Jenson Hackett

September 8, 2021



5C. Cancellation of the December Forward Pinellas Board Meeting

SUMMARY

The Forward Pinellas Board has been officially cancelling its December meetings since 2018. Doing so has allowed the Executive Committee and staff to concentrate on year-end activities and to develop a strategic focus for the coming year.

There have been negligible impacts to the board's advisory committees due to the December cancellations. Any items normally scheduled to go before the board in December are taken up at the November or January meetings.

Therefore, Forward Pinellas staff recommends that the board act to cancel its December 2021 meeting. This cancellation would be subject to change in the event of unforeseen future events.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Board to approve the cancellation of the December 2021 meeting.

September 8, 2021

6A. Proposed Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (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).

Amendment #1 - The Annual Roll-Forward Amendment to the adopted TIP is to reconcile year one of the TIP with the FDOT Work Program. The FY 2021/22 through 2025/26 TIP will take effect on October 1, 2021. Until then, the FY 2020/21 through 2024/25 TIP will be used by FHWA and FTA for authorization of funds. This roll forward amendment is a routine annual process to assist Forward Pinellas in identifying projects that were not committed in the previous Fiscal Year (2020/21) and have automatically rolled into FY 2021/22 of the FDOT Work Program. This amendment ensures that year one of the FY 2021/22 – 2025/26 TIP, adopted by the Board on June 9, 2021, matches year one of the FDOT Work Program. The affected projects submitted for approval are listed in the attached Roll Forward Report and letter from FDOT requesting the Annual Roll-Forward Amendment to the TIP.

Amendment #2 - FPN 435914-3 is for the addition of an interim project that will add a southbound left turn lane on US 19 at the intersection of Gandy Blvd., bike route signage, and additional signal timing and operational improvements. No ROW is needed for this project; an existing bike will be removed by about 1,800' on US 19 to accommodate the change. This project will not affect any current projects in the FY 2021/22 – 2025/26 TIP.

Amendment #3 - FPN 449137-1 is to receive a federal Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grant awarded to Pinellas County from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) in the amount of \$4,622,880. This amount, coupled with the Local Funds contribution amount of \$6,289,000 by Pinellas County, brings the total cost of the project to \$10,911,880. This grant will be used for the deployment of a “Connected Community” project to expand the County’s Smart City data platform to integrate data from third-party providers and video analytics. It will deploy connected vehicle roadside units along US 19 and SR 60 along with predictive analytics for incident and congestion risk predictions. This project will not affect any current projects in the FY 2021/22 – 2025/26 TIP.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Letter from FDOT requesting the Annual Roll-Forward Amendment to the TIP
- Roll Forward Report
- Amendment #2 Table

- Amendment #2 STIP
- Amendment #3 Table
- Amendment #3 STIP

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Technical Coordinating Committee met on August 25, 2021, and recommended approval by unanimous vote. The Citizens Advisory Committee met on August 26, 2021, and recommended approval by unanimous vote.



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August 2, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Blanton,

The purpose of this letter is to request the MPO's approval of the Annual Roll-Forward Amendment to the adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through 2026 to reconcile differences between the TIP and the Department's Adopted Five-Year Work Program. This is a routine, annual process to assist Forward Pinellas in identifying projects that were not committed in the previous fiscal year (FY 2021) and have automatically rolled into FY 2022 of the FDOT Work Program. This amendment ensures that year one of the TIP, adopted by the Board on June 9, 2021, effective October 1, 2021, matches year one of the FDOT Work Program.

The affected projects submitted for the MPO's approval are listed in the attached Roll Forward Report.

Please acknowledge the MPO's approval of this Roll-Forward Amendment to your current TIP by signing this letter and returning it to this office for further processing. The Department appreciates your expeditious handling of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (813) 975-6283.

Sincerely,

Jensen Hackett, MPO Liaison

Attachment: Forward Pinellas Roll-Forward Report

Approved by: _____ Date _____

Councilmember Darden Rice
Chair, Forward Pinellas

Date

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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ITEM NUMBER:437498 1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION:SR 60(CCAMPBELL) PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS FM CCAMPBELL TRL TO BAYSHORE TRL *NON-SIS*
DISTRICT:07 COUNTY:PINELLAS TYPE OF WORK:BIKE PATH/TRAIL
EX DESC:PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

ROADWAY ID:15040000 PROJECT LENGTH: .500MI LANES EXIST/IMPROVED/ADDED: 5/ 0/ 0

FUND CODE	LESS THAN 2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	GREATER THAN 2026	ALL YEARS
PHASE: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
DDR	322,599	220,000	0	0	0	0	0	542,599
DEM	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
DIH	52,035	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,035
DS	54,520	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,520
TALT	0	213,282	0	0	0	0	0	213,282
TALU	0	236,718	0	0	0	0	0	236,718
TLWR	614,980	0	0	0	0	0	0	614,980
PHASE: CONSTRUCTION / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
DS	74,813	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,813
LF	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
SU	0	0	0	5,998,527	0	0	0	5,998,527
TALT	0	0	0	1,265,263	0	0	0	1,265,263
PHASE: ENVIRONMENTAL / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
DDR	0	24,000	0	0	0	0	0	24,000
SU	0	0	11,514	0	0	0	0	11,514
TOTAL 437498 1	1,118,949	694,000	11,514	8,263,790	0	0	0	10,088,253
TOTAL PROJECT:	1,118,949	694,000	11,514	8,263,790	0	0	0	10,088,253

ITEM NUMBER:437636 1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION:ALT US 19/SR 595/PALM HARBOR BLVD @ FLORIDA AVE *NON-SIS*
DISTRICT:07 COUNTY:PINELLAS TYPE OF WORK:ROUNDBOUT
EX DESC:ROUNDBOUT TO IMPROVE INTERSECTION SAFETY

ROADWAY ID:15020000 PROJECT LENGTH: .109MI LANES EXIST/IMPROVED/ADDED: 2/ 0/ 0

FUND CODE	LESS THAN 2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	GREATER THAN 2026	ALL YEARS
PHASE: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
ACSA	112,045	104,800	0	0	0	0	0	216,845
CM	51,051	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,051
DDR	23,778	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,778
DEM	336	0	0	0	0	0	0	336
DIH	27,631	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,631
DS	74,638	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,638
SA	387,163	0	0	0	0	0	0	387,163
PHASE: RIGHT OF WAY / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
DDR	118,038	2,902	0	0	0	0	0	120,940
DS	291,805	0	0	0	0	0	0	291,805
SU	0	397,420	0	0	0	0	0	397,420
PHASE: CONSTRUCTION / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
DDR	0	2,197,506	0	0	0	0	0	2,197,506
DIH	0	29,966	0	0	0	0	0	29,966

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PHASE: ENVIRONMENTAL / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: MANAGED BY FDOT								
DS	14,810	6,003	0	0	0	0	0	20,813
TOTAL 437636 1	1,101,295	2,738,597	0	0	0	0	0	3,839,892
TOTAL PROJECT:	1,101,295	2,738,597	0	0	0	0	0	3,839,892
TOTAL DIST: 07	2,220,244	3,432,597	11,514	8,263,790	0	0	0	13,928,145
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	2,220,244	3,432,597	11,514	8,263,790	0	0	0	13,928,145
GRAND TOTAL	2,220,244	3,432,597	11,514	8,263,790	0	0	0	13,928,145

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TIP - FY 2022-2026

Item Number: 435914 3 Project Description: US 19/SR 55 FROM S OF SR 694/GANDY BLVD TO N OF 78TH AVE *SIS* District: 07 County: PINELLAS Type of Work: ADD LEFT TURN LANE Project Length: 1.497 Extra Description: ADD LEFT TURN LANE AND RESURFACE ROADWAY TIP AMENDMENT: NEW PROJECT AMENDED: 9 - 8 - 2021 L RTP REFERENCE: Objective 2.1, Figure 8, Figure 16, Table 8.3, Project #26								
	Fiscal Year							
Phase / Responsible Agency	<2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	>2026	All Years
CONSTRUCTION / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FDOT								
Fund Code:	GFSA-GENERAL FUND STBG ANY AREA			1,110,000				1,110,000
	Phase: CONSTRUCTION Totals			1,110,000				1,110,000
	Item: 449137 1 Totals			1,110,000				1,110,000
	Project Totals			1,110,000				1,110,000
	Grand Total			1,110,000				1,110,000

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Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
FY2021/22 - 2025 /26

STIP Amendment Number:

** This STIP is in an MPO Area **

TIP Page Number: Attached

On **Wednesday, September 8, 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: **8.33**)

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[Pinellas MPO](#)

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FDOT District Representative or Designee District **07**

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Federal Aid Management Manager or Designee

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 **435914-3, US 19/SR 55 FROM S OF SR 594/GANDY BLVD TO N OF 78TH AVE**

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	435914 3	AM	US19/SR 55 FROM S OF SR 694/GANDY BLVD TO N OF 78TH AVE MANAGED BY FDOT								
	GFS	CST		0.00	1,110,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,110,000.00
Funding Source After Change	254488 5	AD	STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY MANAGED BY FDOT								
	GFS	CST		0.00	1,713,789.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,713,789.00
Funding Source Balance Before Change					2,823,789.00						2,823,789.00
Funding Source Balance After Change					1,713,789.00						1,713,789.00
Net Change to Funding Source					-1,110,000.00						-1,110,000.00
Proposed Project Before Change											
Proposed Project After Change					1,110,000.00						1,110,000.00
Net Change to Project					1,110,000.00						1,110,000.00
Net Change to Funding Source					-1,110,000.00						-1,110,000.00
Net Change to Proposed Project					1,110,000.00						1,110,000.00
Net Change to STIP											

Notes:

STIP Added on: **8/5/2021**; By: **Jensen Hackett**; Of: **FI DOT**

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TIP - FY 2022-2026

Item Number: 449137 1 Project Description: PINELLAS COUNTY ATCMTD CONNECTED COMMUNITY PROJECT *SIS* District: 07 County: PINELLAS Type of Work: TRAFFIC OPS IMPROVEMENT Project Length: 0.000 Extra Description: FY 2020 FHWA ATCMTD GRANT TO PINELLAS CO FOR \$4,622,880 TIP AMENDMENT: NEW PROJECT AMENDED: 9-8-2021 L RTP REFERENCE: Objective 2.1							
		Fiscal Year					
Phase / Responsible Agency	<2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	>2025	All Years
CONSTRUCTION / RESPONSIBLE AGENCY Pinellas County							
Fund Code:	LF-LOCAL FUNDS	6,289,000					6,289,000
	TSM-TRANSPORT SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT	4,622,880					4,622,880
	Phase: CONSTRUCTION Totals	10,911,880					10,911,880
	Item: 449137 1 Totals	10,911,880					10,911,880
	Project Totals	10,911,880					10,911,880
	Grand Total	10,911,880					10,911,880

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 FY2021/22 - 2025 /26

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The STIP Amendment is consistent with the Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. (Page Number:2.1)

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Project Name **449137-1, PINELLAS COUNTY ATCMTD CONNECTED COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Status	ITEM	Ver	Description								All Years			
				Fund	Phase	< FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		FY 2026	> FY 2026	
Original STIP						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			Not Available											
Proposed Project	449137 1	AM	PINELLAS COUNTY ATCMTD CONNECTED COMMUNITY PROJECT FY2020 FHWA ATCMTD GRANT TO PINELLAS CO FOR \$4,622,880 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY NOT AVAILABLE *SIS*			0.00	6,289,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,289,000.00
		LF	CST			0.00	6,289,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,289,000.00
		TSM	CST			0.00	4,622,880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,622,880.00
Funding Source After Change	449137 1	AD	PINELLAS COUNTY ATCMTD CONNECTED COMMUNITY PROJECT FY2020 FHWA ATCMTD GRANT TO PINELLAS CO FOR \$4,622,880 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY NOT AVAILABLE *SIS*			0.00	6,289,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,289,000.00
		LF	CST			0.00	6,289,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,289,000.00
		TSM	CST			0.00	4,622,880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,622,880.00
Funding Source Balance Before Change						21,823,760.00								21,823,760.00
Funding Source Balance After Change						10,911,880.00								10,911,880.00
Net Change to Funding Source						-10,911,880.00								-10,911,880.00
Proposed Project Before Change														
Proposed Project After Change						10,911,880.00								10,911,880.00
Net Change to Project						10,911,880.00								10,911,880.00
Net Change to Funding Source						-10,911,880.00								-10,911,880.00
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September 8, 2021

6B1. Case CW 21-10 Pinellas County



SUMMARY

From: Residential Low Medium
To: Residential High
Area: 1.14 acres m.o.l.
Location: 20th Terrace SW

This proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County to amend a property from Residential Low Medium (intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas) to Residential High (intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a high-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban and intensive qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas).

The amendment area involves two parcels which are located on the western terminus of 20th Terrace SW, approximately 330 feet west of Seminole Blvd. It is adjacent to various residential uses, such as a mobile home park to its north and apartment complexes to its south and west. The subject property is currently vacant, and the applicant proposes to develop the site as a single-family attached residential subdivision. As this would require a higher density than is allowed at the current designation of Residential Low Medium, the applicant is requesting a proposed amendment to the Residential High category.

FINDINGS

Staff submits the following findings in support of the recommendation for approval:

- A. The Residential High category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments and documents in explanation and support of these findings.

LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:

- Map 1 Location Map
- Map 2 Jurisdictional Map
- Map 3 Aerial Map

Map 4 Current Countywide Plan Map
Map 5 Proposed Countywide Plan Map

Attachment 1 Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

[Presentation](#)

MEETING DATES:

Planners Advisory Committee, August 30, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Forward Pinellas, September 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Countywide Planning Authority, October 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its August 30, 2021 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

Case CW21-10

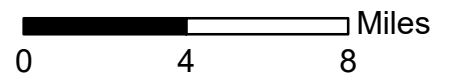
Map 1: Location Map

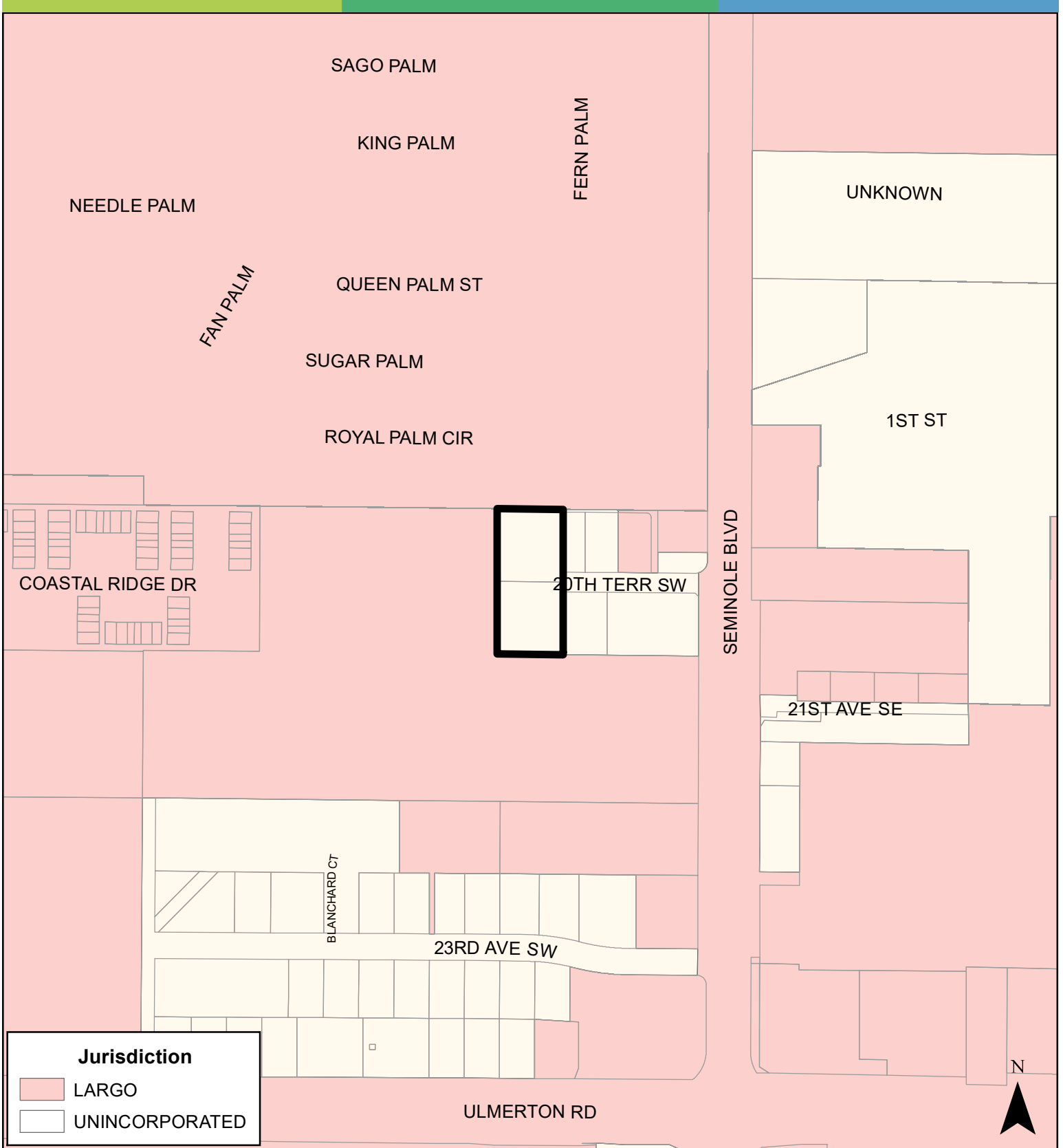


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AREA: 1.14 Acres

TO: Residential High

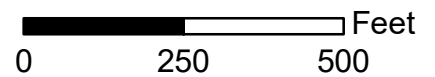




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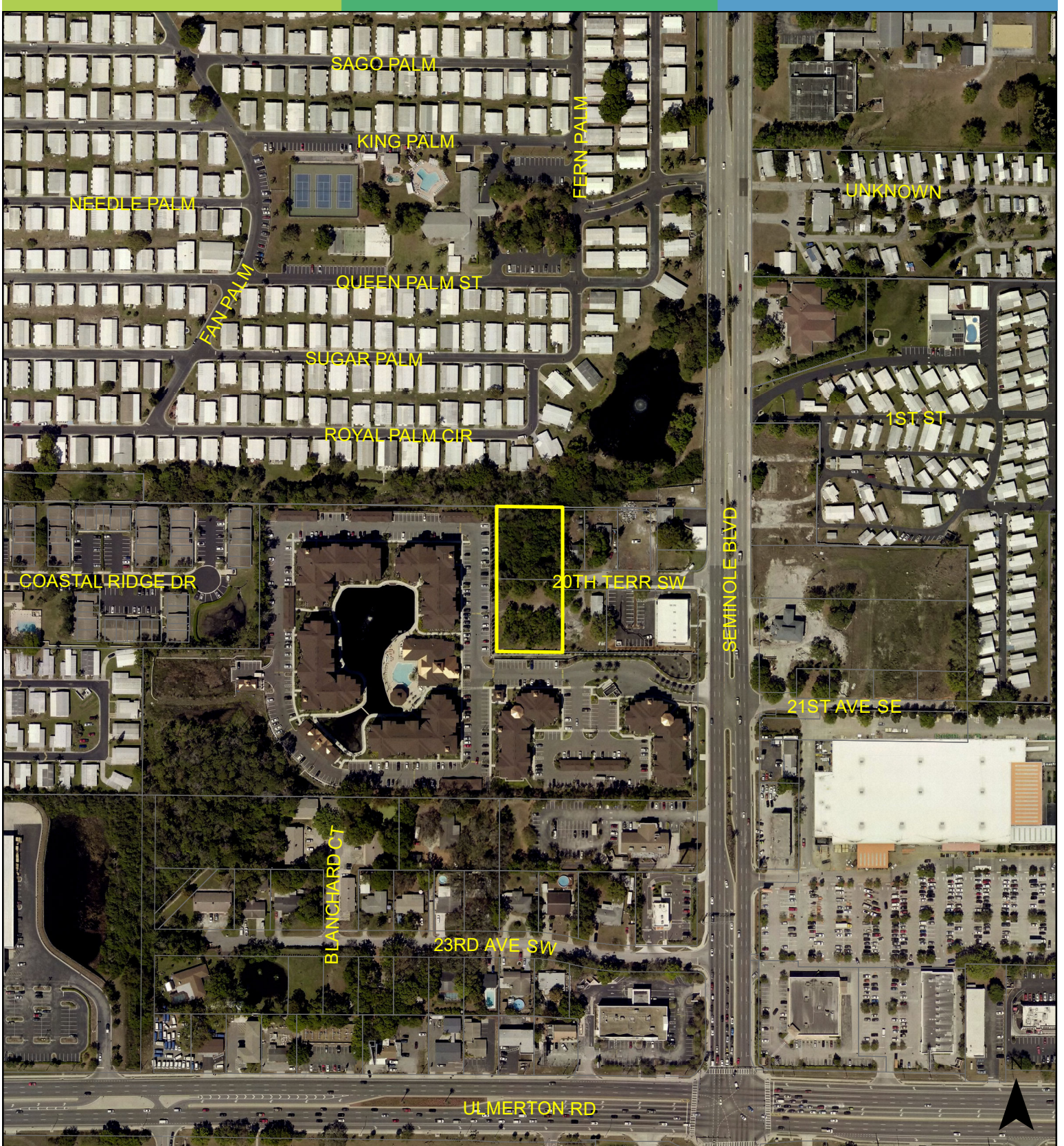
AREA: 1.14 Acres

TO: Residential High



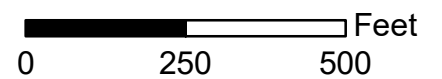
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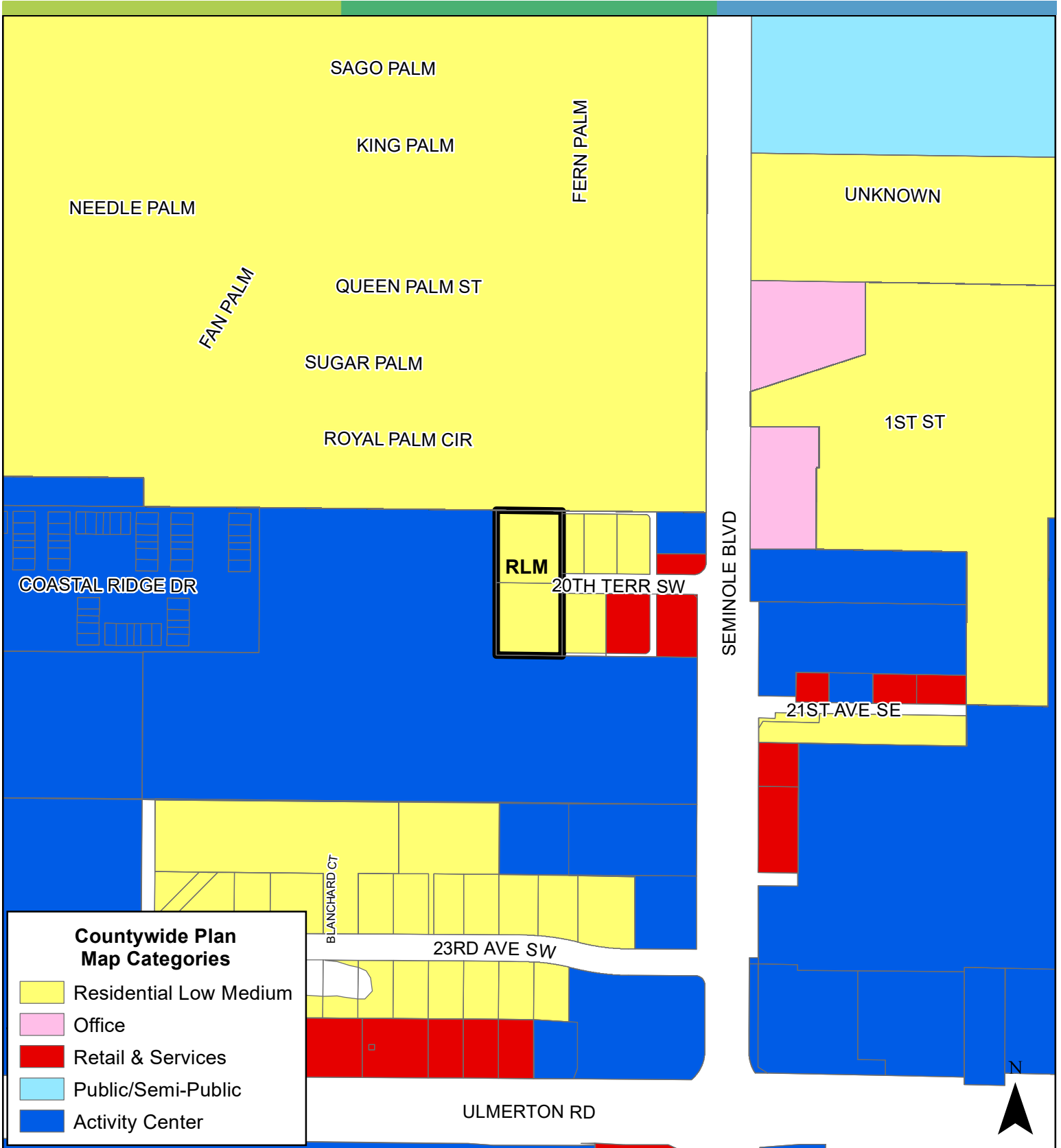
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AREA: 1.14 Acres **TO:** Residential High

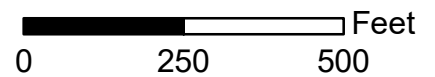


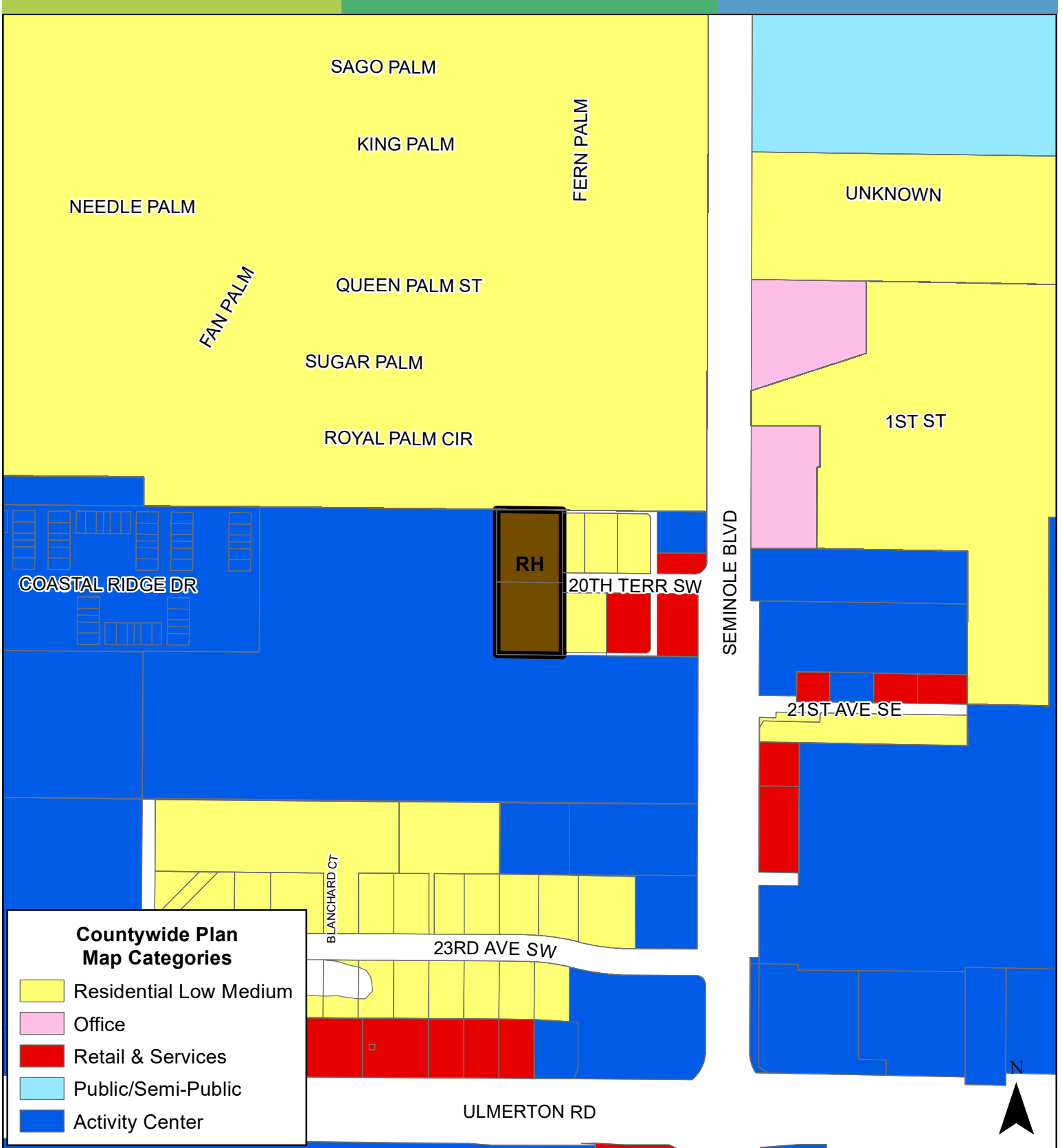


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AREA: 1.14 Acres

TO: Residential High



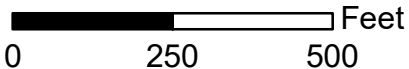


Countywide Plan Map Categories

- Residential Low Medium
- Office
- Retail & Services
- Public/Semi-Public
- Activity Center

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County **FROM:** Residential Low Medium

AREA: 1.14 Acres **TO:** Residential High



0 250 500 Feet

CW 21-10
Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

RELEVANT COUNTYWIDE CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1) **Consistency with the Countywide Rules** – The proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County and seeks to amend the designation of approximately 1.14 acres of properties from Residential Low Medium to Residential High.

The Countywide Rules state that the Residential High category is “intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a high-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban and intensive qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.”

The amendment area involves two parcels which are located on the western terminus of 20th Terrace SW, approximately 330 feet west of Seminole Blvd. It is adjacent to various residential uses, such as a mobile home park to its north and apartment complexes to its south and west. The subject property is currently vacant, and the applicant proposes to develop the site as a single-family attached residential subdivision. As this would require a higher density than is allowed at the current designation of Residential Low Medium, the applicant is requesting a proposed amendment to the Residential High category.

The locational characteristics of the Residential High category are “generally appropriate to locations within or in proximity to urban activity centers; often in close, walkable, or bikeable proximity to high-intensity communities and supporting services; or in areas where use and development characteristics are high density residential in nature.” This particular amendment area is adjacent to the Largo Mall Activity Center to its west, and is thus compatible with the locational characteristics of the proposed category.

- 2) **Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard** – The amendment area is located on roadway segment operating at LOS “D” or above; therefore, those policies are not applicable.
- 3) **Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC)** – The amendment area is not located within a SNCC; therefore, those policies are not applicable.
- 4) **Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA)** – The amendment area is not located on a CHHA; therefore, those policies are not available.
- 5) **Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas** – The amendment area does not involve a designated development/redevelopment area; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

- 6) **Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility** – The amendment area is not adjacent to a public educational facility; therefore, those policies are not applicable. The amendment area is adjacent to the City of Largo to its west and east. City staff have been contacted and found no issues with the amendment.
- 7) **Reservation of Industrial Land** – The proposed amendment does not involve Industrial land; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

Conclusion:

On balance, it can be concluded that the proposed amendment is deemed consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in the Countywide Rules.

September 8, 2021

6B2. Case CW 21-11 Pinellas County



SUMMARY

From: Residential Low Medium
To: Retail & Services
Area: 0.69 acres m.o.l.
Location: 8119 46th Ave. N.

This proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County to amend a property from Residential Low Medium (intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas) to Retail & Services (intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses).

The amendment area is located in the west Lealman area, and fronts the north side of 46th Avenue North and is approximately 0.15 miles east of Park Street. Currently, the subject property is occupied by a vacant single-family home that is in deteriorated condition. The applicant is proposing a pool contractor business on the property, which would include an office, warehouse and some screened outdoor storage. This use would not be consistent with the current Residential Low Medium Category, hence the proposed amendment to Retail & Services.

FINDINGS

Staff submits the following findings in support of the recommendation for approval:

- A. The Retail & Services category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments and documents in explanation and support of these findings.

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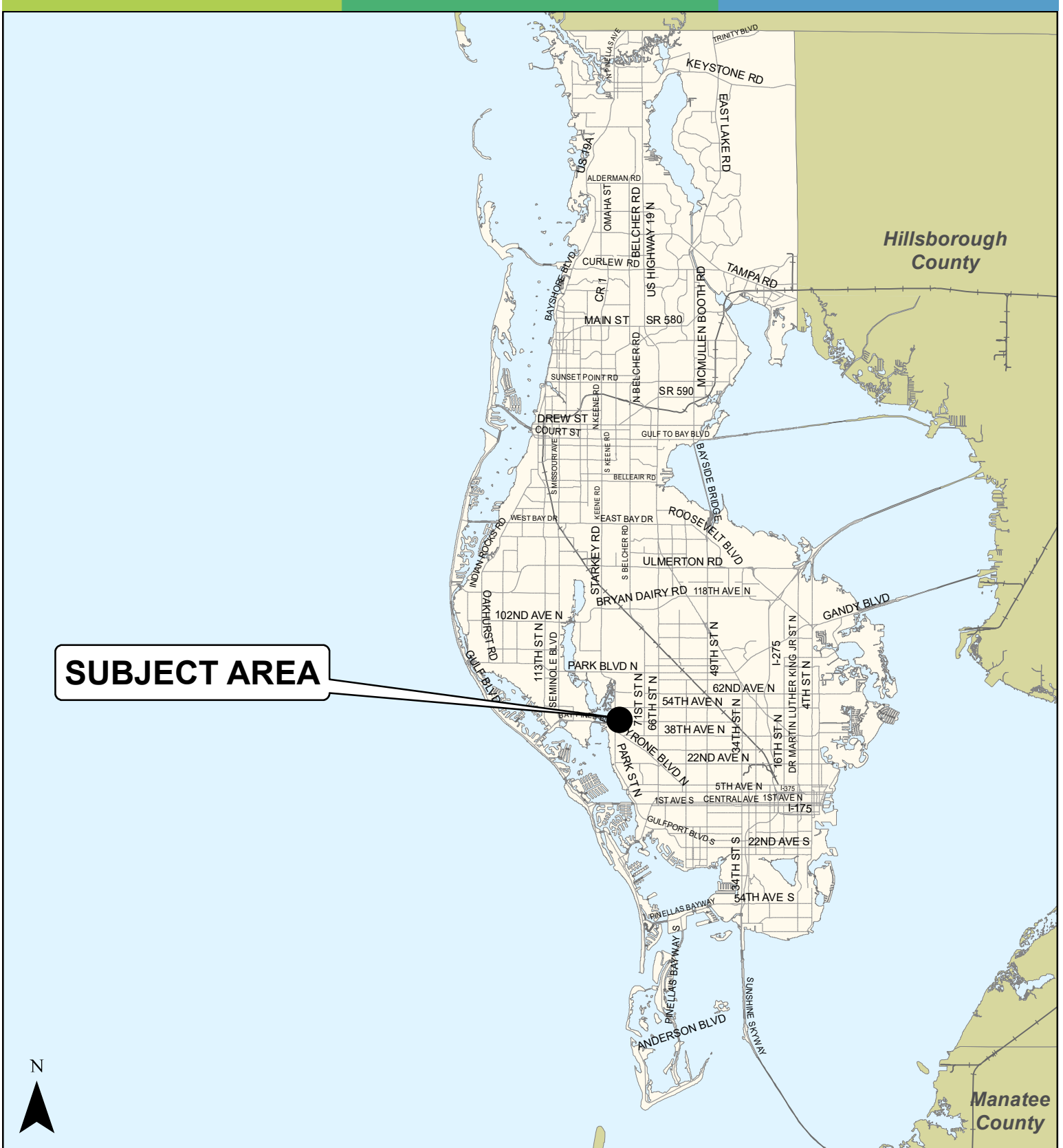
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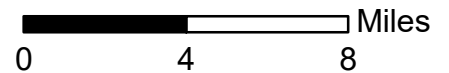
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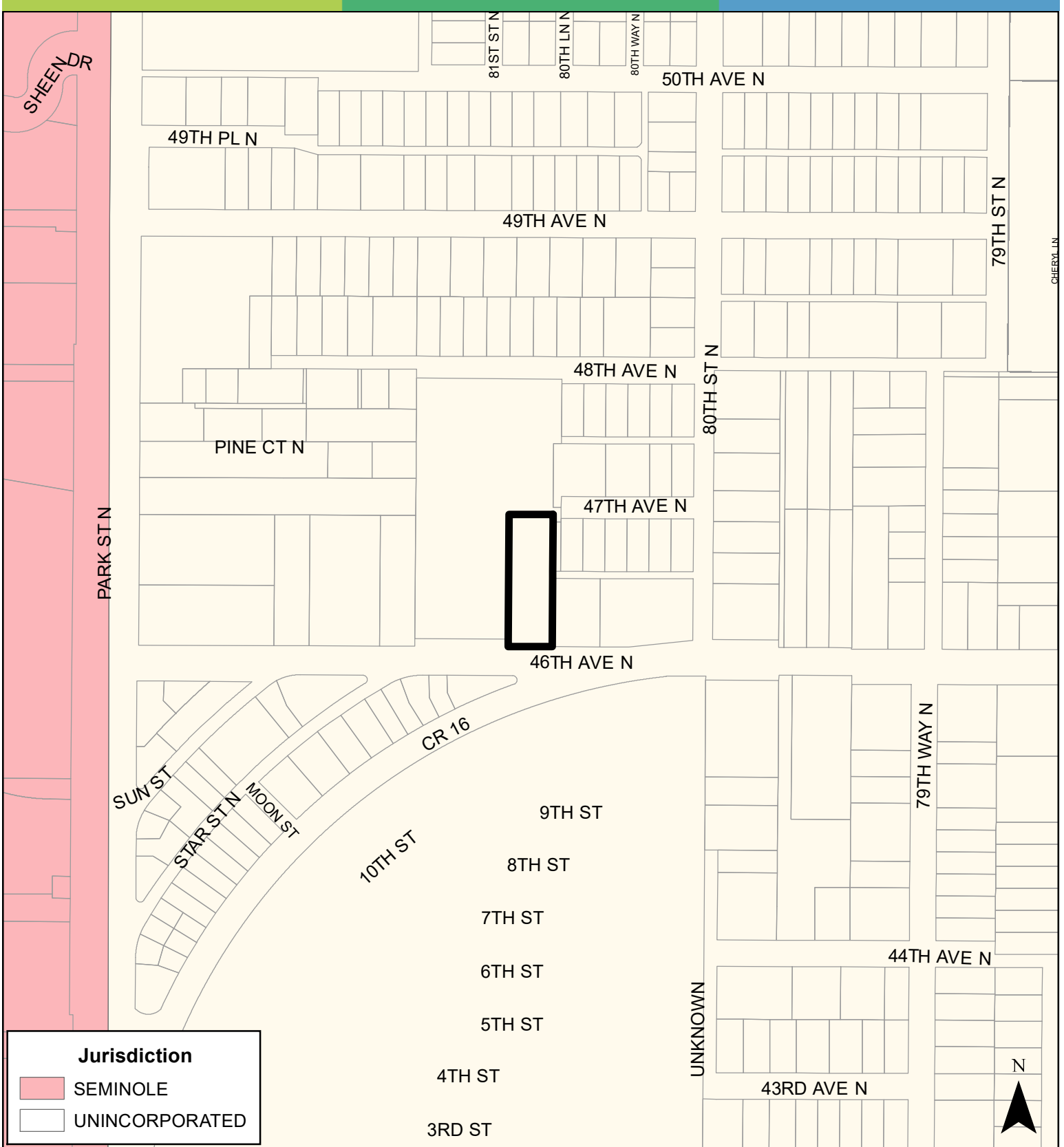


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AREA: 0.69 Acres

TO: Retail & Services

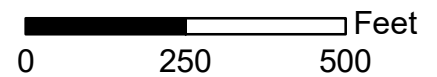




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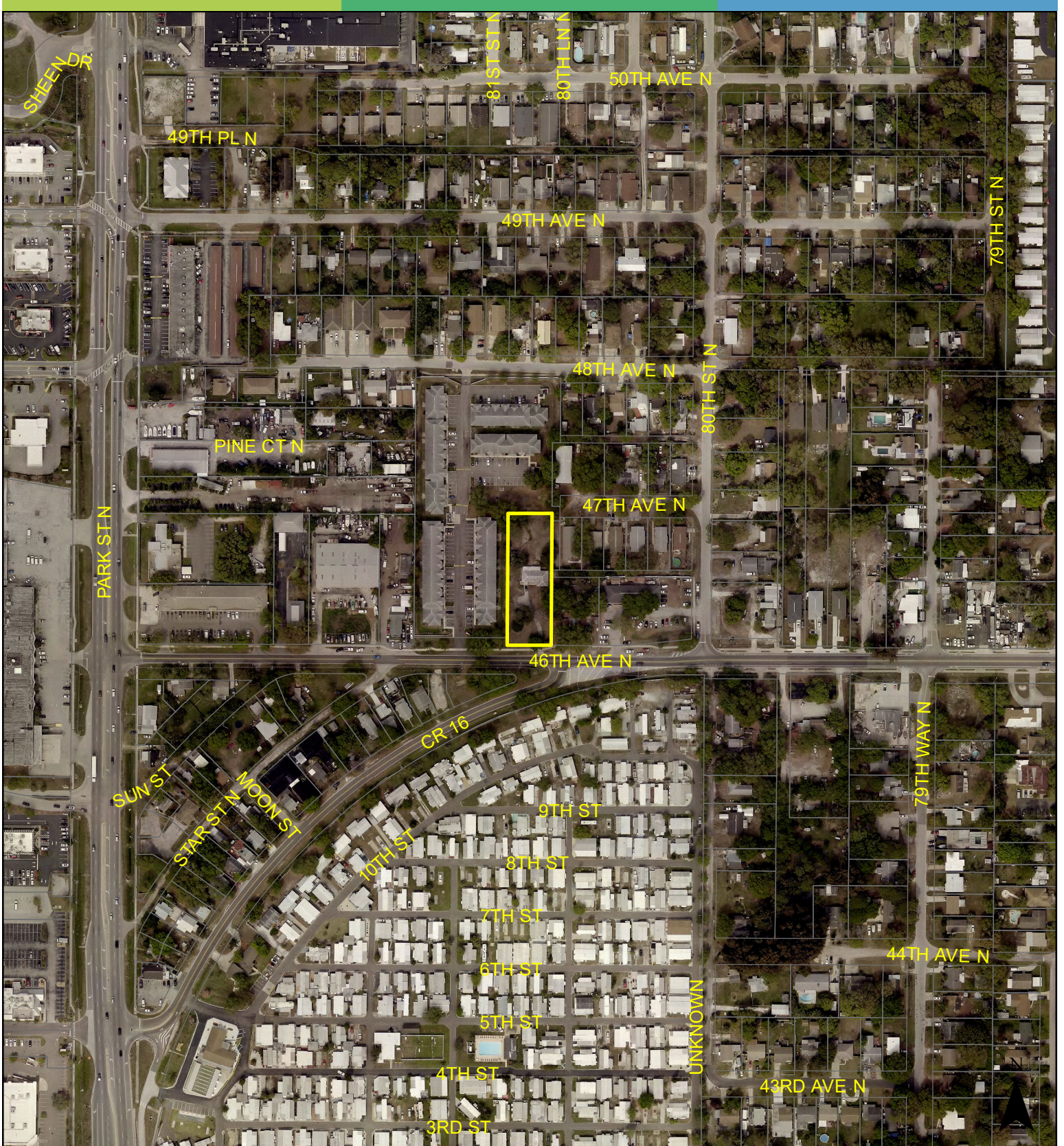
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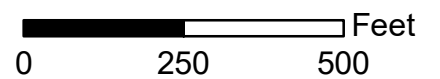
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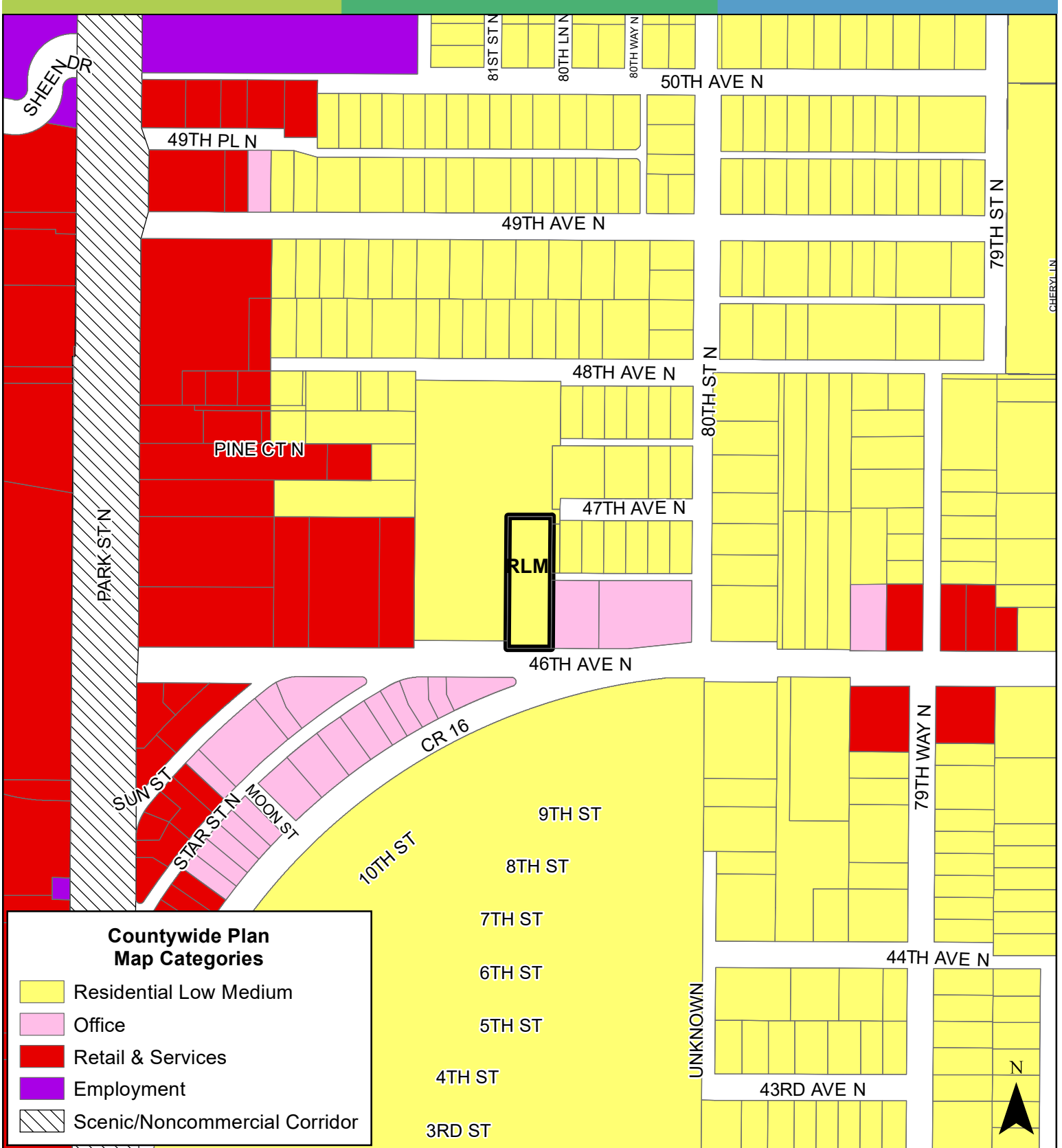
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AREA: 0.69 Acres **TO:** Retail & Services

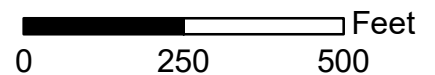


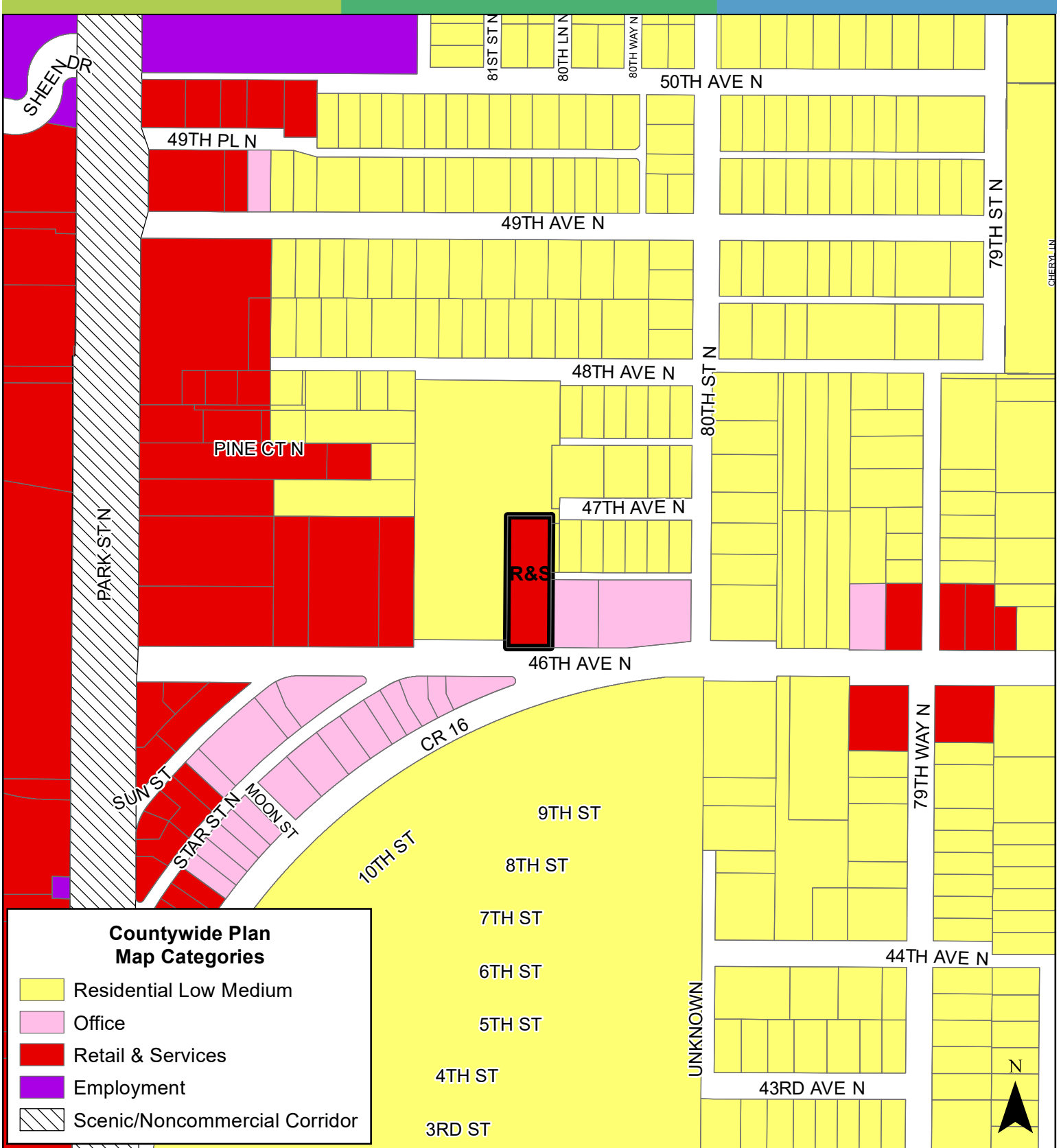


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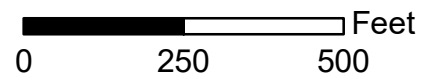




JURISDICTION: Pinellas County **FROM:** Residential Low Medium

AREA: 0.69 Acres

TO: Retail & Services



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RELEVANT COUNTYWIDE CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1) **Consistency with the Countywide Rules** – The proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County and seeks to amend the designation of approximately 0.69 acres of properties from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services.

The Countywide Rules state that the Retail & Services category is “intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses.”

The amendment area is located in the west Lealman area, and fronts the north side of 46th Avenue North and is approximately 0.15 miles east of Park Street. Currently, the subject property is occupied by a vacant single-family home that is in deteriorated condition. The applicant is proposing a pool contractor business on the property, which would include an office, warehouse and some screened outdoor storage. This use would not be consistent with the current Residential Low Medium Category, hence the proposed amendment to Retail & Services.

The locational characteristics for the Retail & Services category are “generally appropriate to locations in and adjacent to activity centers where surrounding land uses support and are compatible with intensive commercial use.” The subject property is located in proximity to a predominantly commercial retail area along Park St N on its west, and is therefore compatible with the proposed category.

- 2) **Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard** – The amendment area is located on roadway segment operating at LOS “D” or above; therefore, those policies are not applicable.
- 3) **Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC)** – The amendment area is not located within a SNCC; therefore, those policies are not applicable.
- 4) **Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA)** – The amendment area is not located on a CHHA; therefore, those policies are not available.
- 5) **Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas** – The amendment area does not involve a designated development/redevelopment area; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

- 6) **Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility** – The amendment are is not adjacent to an adjoining jurisdiction or public educational facility; therefore, those policies are not applicable.
- 7) **Reservation of Industrial Land** – The proposed amendment does not involve Industrial land; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

Conclusion:

On balance, it can be concluded that the proposed amendment is deemed consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in the Countywide Rules.

September 8, 2021

6B3. Case CW 21-12 Pinellas County



SUMMARY

From: Retail & Services
To: Residential Low Medium
Area: 0.65 acres m.o.l.
Location: 1201 Gooden Crossing

This proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County to amend a property from Retail & Services (intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses) to Residential Low Medium (intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas).

The amendment area is located on the east corner of Gooden Crossing and is separated from the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail by Railroad Ave. The subject property is currently vacant, but formerly housed commercial retail uses. It is the intent of the applicant to redevelop the site with three single-family residential lots. While residential is an allowable use under the Countywide Retail & Services category, it is not an allowable use under the corresponding local future land use category, hence the proposed amendment to Residential Low Medium.

FINDINGS

Staff submits the following findings in support of the recommendation for approval:

- A. The Residential Low Medium category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments and documents in explanation and support of these findings.

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[Presentation](#)

MEETING DATES:

Planners Advisory Committee, August 30, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Forward Pinellas, September 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Countywide Planning Authority, October 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its August 30, 2021 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

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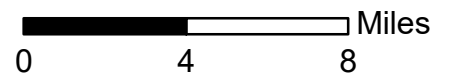
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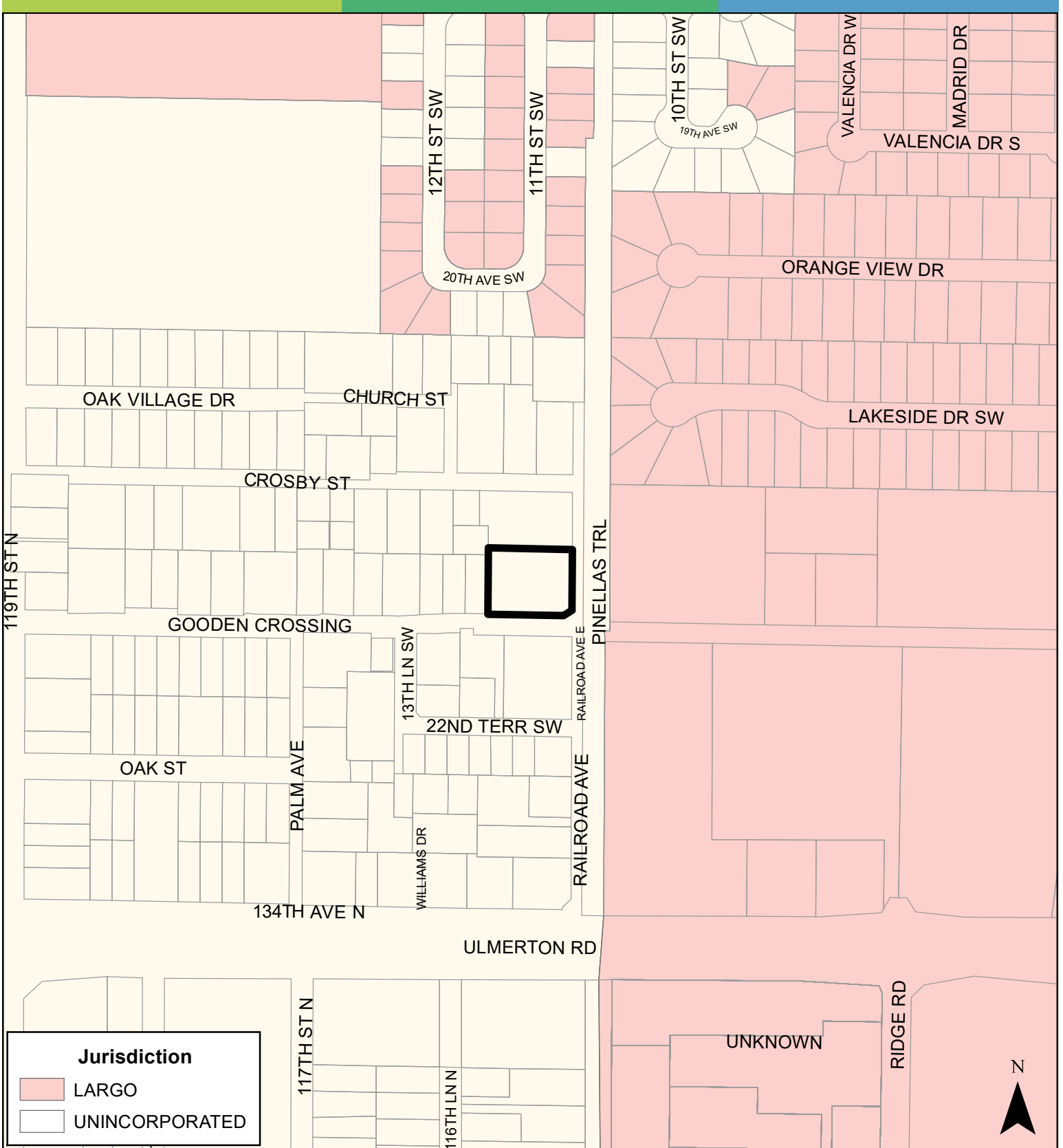


JURISDICTION: Pinellas County **FROM:** Retail & Services

AREA: 0.65 Acres

TO: Residential Low Medium

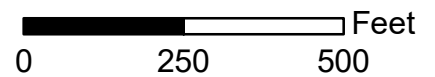




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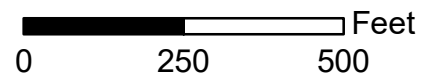
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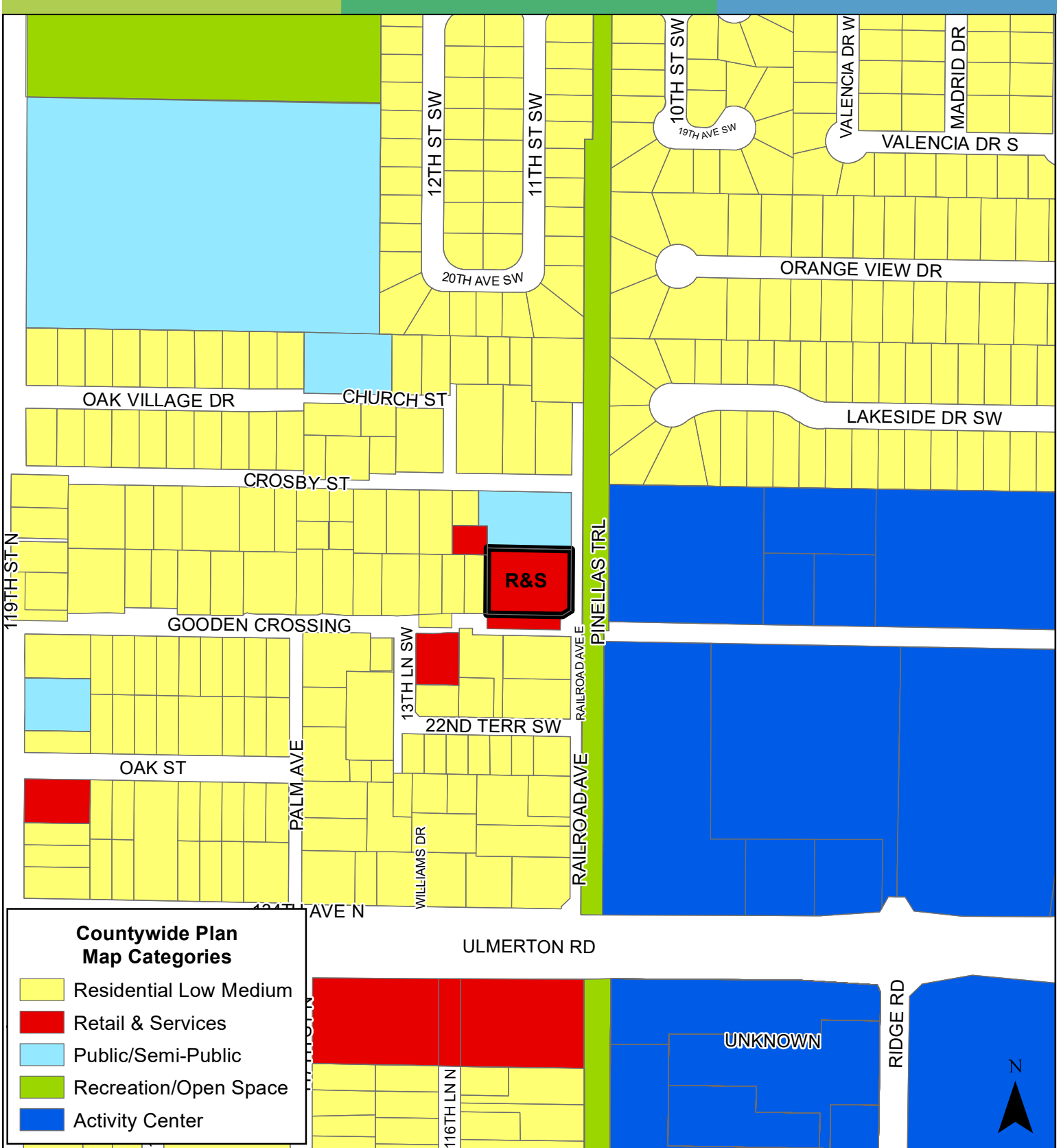


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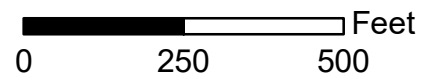


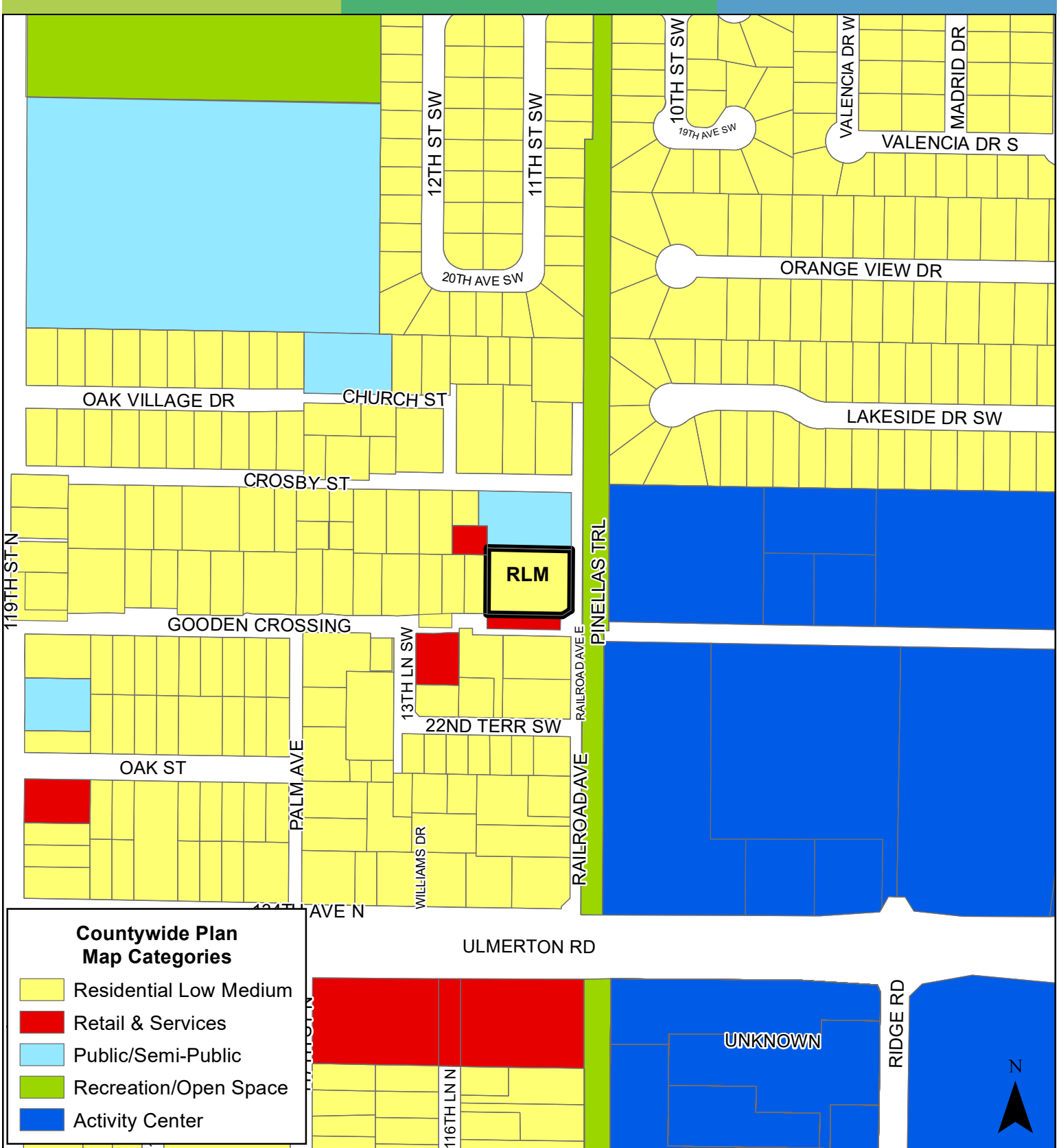


JURISDICTION: Pinellas County **FROM:** Retail & Services

AREA: 0.65 Acres

TO: Residential Low Medium





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Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

RELEVANT COUNTYWIDE CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1) **Consistency with the Countywide Rules** – The proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County and seeks to amend the designation of approximately 0.65 acres of property from Retail & Services to Residential Low Medium.

The Countywide Rules state that the Residential Low Medium category is “intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses.”

The amendment area is located on the east corner of Gooden Crossing and is separated from the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail by Railroad Ave. The subject property is currently vacant, but formerly housed commercial retail uses. It is the intent of the applicant to redevelop the site with three single-family residential lots. While residential is an allowable use under the Countywide Retail & Services category, it is not an allowable use under the corresponding local future land use category, hence the proposed amendment to Residential Low Medium.

The locational characteristics for the Residential Low Medium category are “generally appropriate to locations ranging from rural areas distant from urban activity centers to suburban areas near or in proximity to suburban activity centers; in close, walkable or bikeable proximity to low-density neighborhood servicing uses and low to mid-intensity and density mixed-use areas.” This subject property is located directly adjacent to a primarily residential neighborhood with other single-family homes. Furthermore, it is in proximity to the Largo Mall Activity Center. Therefore, this proposed amendment is consistent with the locational characteristics of the Residential Low Medium category.

- 2) **Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard** – The amendment area is located on roadway segment operating at LOS “D” or above; therefore, those policies are not applicable.
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Conclusion:

On balance, it can be concluded that the proposed amendment is deemed consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in the Countywide Rules.

September 8, 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.

September 8, 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.

September 8, 2021

7C. Federal Highway Administration 2021 Certification Report



SUMMARY

Every four years a team of reviewers from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct on-site certification reviews of Transportation Management Area MPO plans and programs. Forward Pinellas' certification review was conducted on January 28, 2021. The review included staff responses to a comprehensive questionnaire and a virtual site visit. Staff from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority were participants in the certification review process. The Transportation Management Area (TMA) encompasses the urbanized area of Pasco and Hillsborough Counties in addition to Pinellas County. As such, certification reviews were conducted during the same time period for the other MPOs within the TMA.

Following the site visit, the federal reviewer team compiles a report of findings that includes any corrective actions, recommendations and noteworthy practices. The 2021 Certification Report is attached. There was one corrective action identified, and that action was remedied by Forward Pinellas staff shortly after the site visit and before the final Certification Report was completed.

Teresa Parker, FHWA, will present the 2021 certification review findings.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 2021 Federal Certification Report
- [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required; informational item only.



2021 Certification Report

Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area

Hillsborough MPO
Forward Pinellas
Pasco County MPO

Prepared by:

Federal Highway Administration

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Region 4

June 2021

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Executive Summary

Federal Law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly certify the transportation planning processes of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years (a TMA is an urbanized area, as defined by the US Census, with a population over 200,000). A certification review generally consists of four primary activities: a site visit, a review of planning documents (in advance of the site visit), the development and issuance of a FHWA/FTA certification report and a certification review closeout presentation to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) governing board.

As a part of the TMA certification review process, FHWA and FTA utilize a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. The certification review process is only one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, and the level and type of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Tampa Bay TMA is comprised of three MPOs: Hillsborough (MPO), Forward Pinellas (MPO), and the Pasco County (MPO). The Federal Review Team conducted site visit reviews of the Hillsborough MPO on January 21, 2021, Pasco County MPO on January 26, 2021, and Forward Pinellas MPO on January 28, 2021. Since the last certification review in 2017. The Federal Review Team recognizes fourteen (14) noteworthy practices, identifies three (3) corrective actions, and offers six (6) recommendations the MPO should consider for improving their planning processes. More information related to these findings can be found in the Findings/Conclusions section of this report. The Hillsborough MPO report begins on page 1, Forward Pinellas MPO begins on page 28, and Pasco County MPO begins on page 88.

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tampa Bay TMA, comprised by the Hillsborough MPO, Forward Pinellas MPO, and Pasco County MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C, subject to the Pasco County MPO satisfactorily addressing the corrective actions specified in this report. The MPO is encouraged to provide the FHWA and FTA with evidence of satisfactory completion of the corrective actions in accordance with the noted deadlines. This certification will remain in effect until **June 2025**.

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Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

Section I. Overview of the Certification Process

Under provisions of 23 CFR 450.336(b) and 49 CFR 613.100, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA’s transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities. These activities include: 1) a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA’s planning documents (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)); 2) a “site visit” with staff from the TMA’s various transportation planning partners (e.g. the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), local/regional transit service provider, and other participating State/local agencies), including opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the TMA planning process; 3) a Certification Report, which the Federal Review Team prepares, to document the results of the review process; and, 4) a formal presentation of the review findings at a future Hillsborough MPO Board Policy meeting.

Certification of the planning process is a prerequisite to the approval of Federal funding for transportation projects in metropolitan areas. The certification review also helps ensure that the major issues facing a metropolitan area are being addressed. The review process is individually tailored to focus on topics of significance in each metropolitan planning area. Since 2018, to initiate the TMA certification review process, the Federal Review Team has utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. **Appendix A** summarizes the risk evaluation, and the report notes in the relevant sections which topic areas were not selected for review due to existing stewardship and oversight practices after considering the risk factors.

The review for the Hillsborough MPO was held on January 21, 2021. During this site visit, the Federal Review Team met with the staff of the Hillsborough MPO, FDOT, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART), committee representatives, other partnering agencies, and the public. See **Appendix B** for a list of review team members and site visit participants, and **Appendix C** for the TMA Certification Meeting Agenda.

Public feedback and engagement on the MPO's planning process was obtained through Twitter, Facebook, Video, Social Media Flyer, the MPO Website, and email following the initial announcement of the Certification Review on January 21, 2021. For those that did not want to post publicly, contact information for the Federal Review Team was provided. Members of the public were given 30 days from the site visit date to mail, fax or email their comments and/or request a copy of the certification review report. No Comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

A copy of the public engagement notices can be found in **Appendix D**. Screenshots of public input, minutes from the public meeting, including a listing of commenters and a summary of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

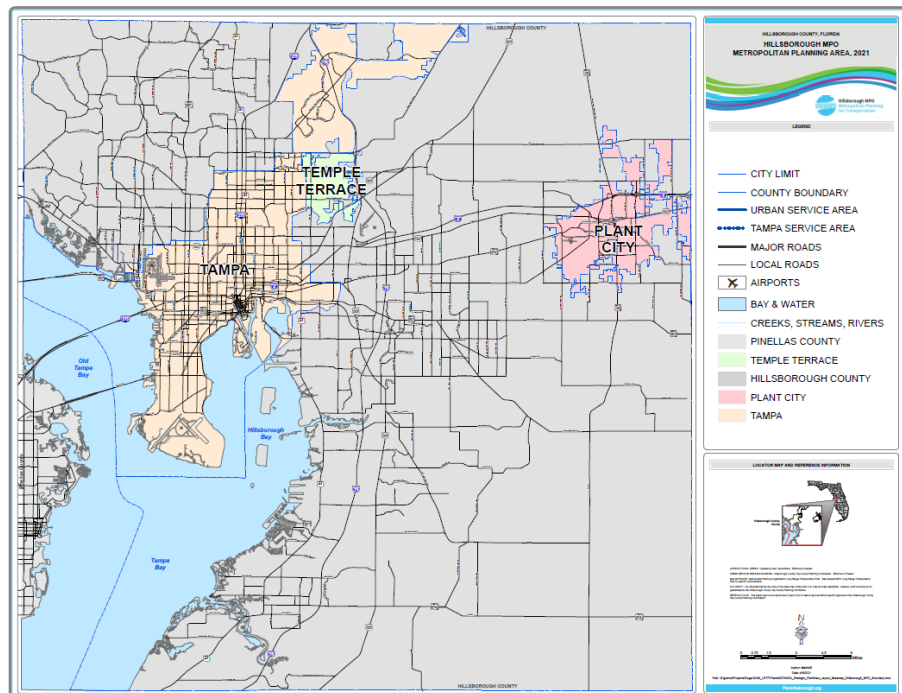
A summary of the 2017 recommendations and their status can be found in **Appendix F**.

An explanation of planning acronyms can be found in **Appendix G**.

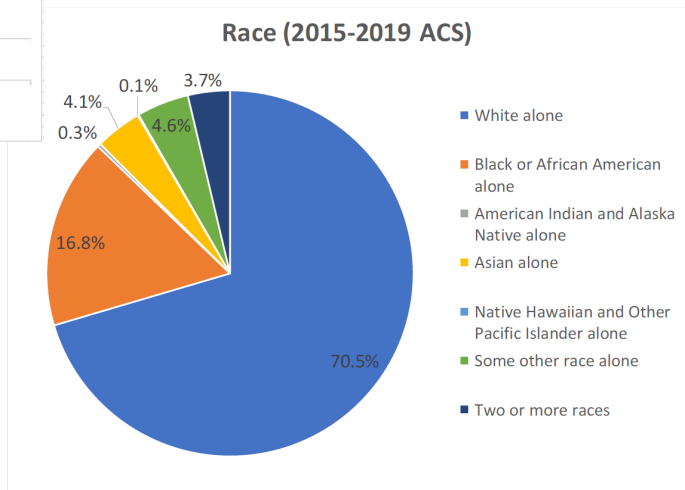
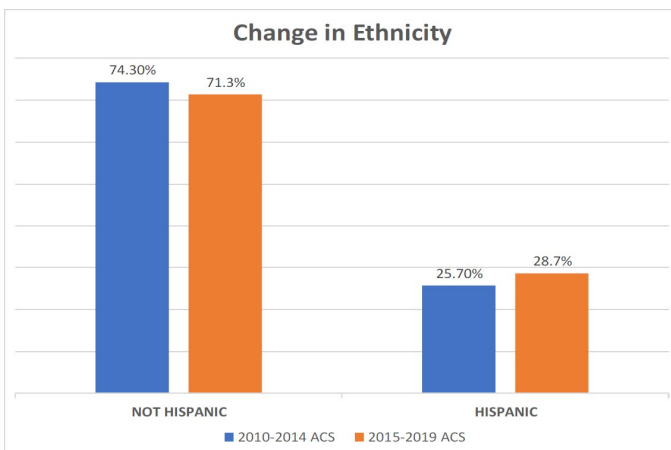
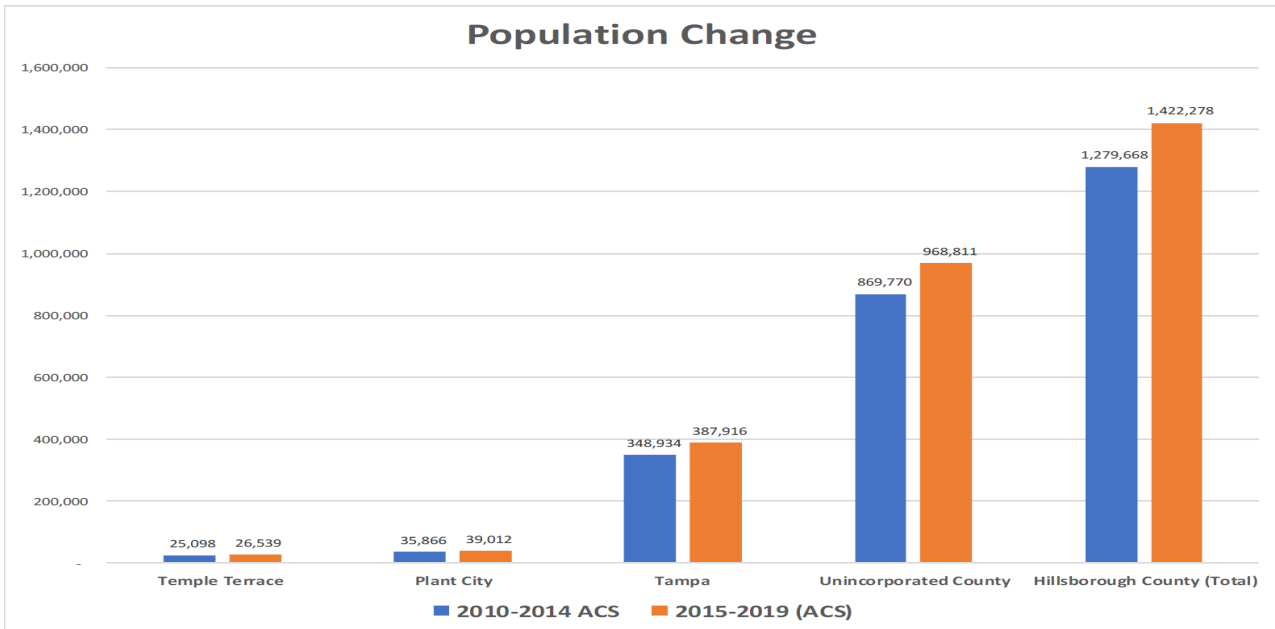
Section II. Boundaries and Organization (23CFR 450.310, 312, 314)

A. Description of Planning Area

Observations: The Hillsborough MPO is located along the east coast of Tampa Bay. The Hillsborough MPO planning area boundary includes the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City, as well as the entire Hillsborough County area, which is a census defined urbanized area. The MPO is bounded by Tampa Bay and Pinellas County on the west, Manatee County on the south, Polk County on the east, and Pasco County on the north. The Hillsborough MPO planning boundary is visually depicted in the following map:



The Demographics from the American Community Survey (ACS) for the five-year period of 2015-2019 shows significant growth in the unincorporated area, as well as in the City of Tampa. The cities of Temple Terrace and Plant City in the northeast portion of the county have also had some growth. Racial population percentages have not changed in recent years for the area, though the MPO is looking closer at racial migration in the region. Ethnicity has changed as there are higher numbers of Hispanics, particularly in Town 'N' Country and Plant City since the last MPO certification.



B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure

Observations: The Hillsborough MPO Board is comprised of sixteen voting members, including elected officials appointed from each of the following local governments and representatives from the transportation authorities noted below. Voting members include the City of Tampa (three members), Hillsborough County Commission (five members), Plant City (one member), City of Temple Terrace (one member), the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) Authority (one member), Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) (one member), Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (one member), the Tampa Port Authority (now referred to as Port Tampa Bay - one member), the Hillsborough City-County Planning Commission (one member) and Hillsborough County School Board (one member). The voting structure of the MPO is one vote per member. Membership from the local governments is based on the proportion of the total population that resides within each jurisdiction.

The overall MPO organization/structure has not changed since the last certification review. The Executive Director of the MPO is appointed by the MPO Board. The MPO staff provides day-to-day transportation planning expertise to the MPO and executes the direction of the MPO Board and its advisory committees. The Hillsborough MPO has several standing committees including: The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Policy Committee, Livable Roadways Committee (LRC), Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB).

Finding: The MPO's boundaries and organization substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.310 and 312.

C. Agreements

Current Agreement(s)/Date(s) Adopted:

By-Laws of the Hillsborough MPO, 02/5/2019

MPO Staff Services Agreement, 10/12/2014

Intergovernmental Coordination and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement, 02/15/2015

Florida TPM Consensus Planning Agreement, 06/30/2020

Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Grant Agreement, 02/03/2020

Fifth Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Regional Transportation and Coordination West Central Florida, 02/11/2020

Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners Agreement, 01/08/2018

Observations: All Agreements are up-to-date.

Finding: The MPO's agreements substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.314.

Section III. Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 450.306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))

Observations: The MPO documented the setting of their Safety (PM1) Performance Measures and Targets, through MPO Board meeting minutes October 30, 2018, February 3, 2019, and February 12, 2020. The MPO documented Bridge and Pavements (PM2) Performance Measures, and Systems Performance (PM3) Performance Measures adoption via meeting minutes October 30, 2018, and February 12, 2020. The Transit Asset Management (TAMs) adoption requirements are reflected in the meeting minutes of October 30, 2018. The most recent update to the biannual report card contains new measures relating to transportation equity, air quality, and multimodal accessibility. The targets are published on the MPO website under the at the following link <http://www.planhillsborough.org/transportation-system-performance/> and <http://www.planhillsborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Attach-State-of-the-System-report.pdf>

The MPO has written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, selection of performance targets, reporting of targets, reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes and reporting of data. These were documented in the State of the System Report approved by the MPO Board (April 2, 2019) and through the Transportation Performance Measures Consensus Planning Document with FDOT and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) Authority. The Consensus Planning Document is adopted annually as part of the current approved MPO TIP (see Appendix C of June 30,2020 TIP).

In the development of the LRTP, the MPO included a description of the performance measures and targets to assess the transportation system performance. They integrated the FDOT Highway Safety Improvement Programs, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Asset Management Plan and Freight Plan. They also included a system performance report and evaluated the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the federally required performance targets, including progress achieved by the MPO in meeting the performance targets in comparison with system performance recorded in previous reports and baseline data.

In the development of the TIP, the MPO designed their TIP to make progress toward achieving the targets and described how they linked their project selections and investments to anticipate target achievement. Specifically, the MPO safety improvements included adding turn lanes, crosswalks improvement, active rerouting, active traffic management, pedestrian safety improvements, Sulphur Springs K-8 safe routes to school's enhancements, Ola Avenue bicycle safety improvements, and other emergent safety technologies. In subsequent TIPs, the MPO will explain how the program of projects from the prior TIP achieved results. Also, the MPO created a 20/21 TIP System Performance Report.

Noteworthy Practice: The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Transportation Performance Measures. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's transportation performance planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 314, 324, and 326.

Section IV. Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306)

A. Transportation Planning Factors

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's planning process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b).

B. Air Quality

Finding: The Hillsborough MPO is currently designated as an attainment area for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b), 324(f), and 326.

D. Transit

Observations: Transit service in the Hillsborough MPO is provided by Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART). The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority is organized in the following manner:

HART has been providing transit service to Hillsborough County for nearly 40 years. In 2018, HART provided an average of 39,417 weekday unlinked trips. As of today, HART provides the following services: Local Fixed Route and Express Bus Service, MetroRapid North-South, TECO Line Streetcar System HARTFlex service in Brandon, Northdale, South County, South Tampa and Town 'N Country, Vanpool & Emergency Ride Home Service (not guaranteed), and HARTPlus Paratransit Service.

The MPO has initiated and participates in a monthly conference call with HART and FDOT staff to discuss the progress of ongoing efforts and needs of the transit agency.

HART participates actively in the planning process and has a good working relationship with the Hillsborough MPO. The planning process appears to be collaborative, cooperative, and comprehensive with the Hillsborough MPO and HART. The

Hillsborough MPO and HART's collaboration has led to the Brandon Corridor & Mixed-Use Centers Pilot Project in 2017.

Through the MPO agreements, cooperative development of the planning products, coordination activities, and implementation of transit projects, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority is a full partner in this MPO's planning process.

Noteworthy Practice: The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Transit. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI

Finding: The MPO's transit activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 613.100 as well as the transit supportive elements outlined in 23 CFR 450.

E. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's ITS activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 322, and 23 CFR 940.

F. Freight Planning

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's freight planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 316, 324, and 326.

G. Security Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's security planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(f), 324(h), and 326.

H. Safety Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's safety planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(h), and 326.

Section V. Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's UPWP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.308.

Section VI. Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316)

A. Outreach and Public Participation

Current Document Title: Public Participation Plan for the MPO Serving Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and Unincorporated Hillsborough County

Date Adopted: June 3, 2020

Observations: The Hillsborough MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides reasonable opportunities for participation in all transportation planning processes by the general public, affected public transportation employees, freight shippers and providers of freight transportation services, public ports, private providers of transportation, representatives of those using public transportation, representatives of those using pedestrian and bicycle facilities, representatives of those with disabilities, and other interested parties. The MPO coordinates with FDOT, state and local agency partners, and the public in PPP development and it periodically revisits the document to ensure accuracy and verify that participation is continuing and open to everyone.

The MPO electronically provides on its website information and documentation related to transportation planning processes. It effectively employs visualization techniques in all documents demonstrating transportation planning processes such as the LRTP, TIP, STIP, and UPWP, satisfying federal requirements.

The MPO actively uses its PPP, demonstrating and documenting robust public participation in all planning processes, including development of the LRTP and the TIP. The MPO also effectively collects and analyzes demographic data to identify, include and solicit input from traditionally underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, as well as low-income households. The MPO maintains performance metrics and biennially reviews and updates the PPP to measure the effectiveness of its efforts.

Additionally, the MPO uses social media outlets to gather public input on transportation issues as well as to further inform the public about specific involvement opportunities such as developing and amending the LRTP and the TIP.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes two noteworthy practices regarding Interested Parties Outreach and Public Participation. For more details about these noteworthy practices, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's outreach and public participation activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316.

B. Tribal Coordination

Observations: The Hillsborough MPO provides a reasonable opportunity to the Indian Tribes by involving Indian Tribal Government(s) that have tribal lands located within its jurisdiction to participate in transportation planning processes, including the development of the public participation plan, LRTP and the TIP.

Finding: The MPO's tribal coordination activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316(c).

C. Title VI and Related Requirements

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's Title VI and related activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 21, 49 CFR 27, 23 CFR 200, 23 CFR 450.316 and 336(a).

Section VII. Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f) (10), 324(g))

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Finding: The MPO's linking planning and NEPA activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f) (10), and 324(g).

Section VIII. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (23 CFR 450.322)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's congestion management process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.322.

Section IX. Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)

A. Scope of LRTP

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes three noteworthy practices regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan. For more details about these noteworthy practices, please see Section XI.

Finding: The general scope of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324.

B. Travel Demand Modeling/Data

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's travel demand modeling processes substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(e).

C. Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit. During the desk audit review, the Federal Review Team noted that the CFP table was not notated or flagged to identify that projects were State/Federal; however, it was referenced on page 58 of the 2045 LRTP SIS projects beyond the first ten years and other related sections of the LRTP document.

Recommendation: The Federal Review Team offers one recommendation regarding Long Range Transportation Plan - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint. For more details about this recommendation, please see Section XI.

Finding: The financial plan/fiscal constraint of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(f) (11).

Section X. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's TIP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.326,328, 330, 332, and 334.

Section XI. Findings/Conclusions

The following items represent a compilation of the findings that are included in this 2021 certification review report. These findings, which are identified as noteworthy practices, corrective actions, and recommendations, are intended to not only ensure continuing regulatory compliance of the Hillsborough MPO's transportation planning process with federal planning requirements, but to also foster high-quality planning practices and improve the transportation planning program in this TMA. Recommendations reflect national trends or potential risks and are intended to assist the Hillsborough MPO in improving the planning process. Noteworthy practices highlight efforts that demonstrate innovative ideas or best practices for implementing the planning requirements.

A. Noteworthy Practices

1. **Transportation Performance Measures:** MPO is commended for their safety target and methodology which was presented to our FHWA Headquarters and FHWA Division, FDOT, and other MPO's within the State of Florida, (November 2019). The MPO is also commended for developing challenges, lessons learned, and successful practices which they shared at the 2018 peer exchange.
2. **Transit:** The Brandon Corridors and Mixed-Use Centers Study was a joint pilot project from the MPO and the Planning Commission (TPC). The purpose of the study was to better coordinate the envisioned land use pattern with planned transportation improvements along major corridors. The Brandon Corridors and Mixed-Use Centers Pilot Project exemplified collaboration with the Hillsborough MPO and HART to better coordinate the envisioned land use pattern with planned transportation improvements along the major corridor within the Brandon Study area.
3. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team was impressed by the MPO's most recent Public Participation Plan (PPP), approved in June 2020. Planning organizations in Florida boast some of the most extensive and innovative outreach programs in the nation, so it is no small accomplishment when one is distinguished for its governing plan. Nevertheless, the MPO has managed to develop a PPP that itself is as user-friendly and engaging as the many activities it governs. The PPP has three notable features: First, it is accessible by topic, obviating the need to access the whole document to find salient information. Second, the plan strategically uses photos, examples and an acronym tool for excellent readability, in both English and Spanish. Finally, despite having the resources to develop a commercial quality PPP, the MPO kept the task in-house and to great effect. The knowledge and expertise of the staff logically link involvement to specific areas of planning concern such as safety, equity, health, transit and mobility. The MPO PPP is a true guiding document that reflects the diversity, energy and pride of the MPO and the communities it serves.

4. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team commends the MPO for collection and use of raw and layered data to both inform and analyze its decisions. Performance management is increasingly more prevalent among Florida’s planning agencies and with greater understanding of data resources comes a wider variety of its use in all planning areas. This is particularly true of Hillsborough MPO in its public involvement and nondiscrimination programs. For example, before selecting involvement strategies for the 2045 LRTP, the MPO analyzed outreach data from its 2014 LRTP survey. Once it identified communities that historically do not participate, it researched methods likely to prompt engagement, including expanded social media and electronic access, developing short videos with specific topics of interest to underserved communities, and altering its survey questions to solicit community opinion on transportation equity and discrimination; all to great effect. Further, the MPO’s use and analysis of demographic data is visible in the programs it supports, like VisionZero, the Coalition of Community Gardens and Future Leaders in Planning, all of which recognize the possibility of disparity and the need to understand demography to ensure equity and nondiscrimination.
5. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team commends the MPO for leading the Resilient Tampa Bay pilot project, funded by an FHWA grant and including its partners and Pasco County and Forward Pinellas MPOs. The pilot was a proactive effort to collect stakeholder input and identify LRTP strategies to prepare for and ensure safety, mobility and infrastructure security during and after extreme weather events.
6. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team was pleased to hear that the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) awarded the 2020 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award to the Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation Study. The TMA leadership growth exemplifies commitment and continues to strive for excellence for the Tampa Bay TMA.
7. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team commends the MPO for their LRTP “It’s Time Hillsborough 2045 Plan” that evaluated Hillsborough County’s transportation needs and prioritized future investments for programs and projects to achieve targets for performance areas by 5 categories; Good Repair and Resilience, Vision Zero, Smart Cities, Real Choices when not driving, and Major Investments for economic growth.

B. Corrective Actions

The Federal Review Team identified no corrective actions.

C. Recommendations

1. **Long Range Transportation Plan- Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint:** The Federal Review Team noted that the MPO indicated in different parts of the LRTP that the funding in the CFP was from State/Federal sources, but the notation was not noted on the CFP table. The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO add State/Federal to the CFP for better transparency.

D. Training/Technical Assistance

At the conclusion of the site visit, the Federal Review Team asked the MPO to identify unmet training or technical assistance needs. The Hillsborough MPO requested assistance with the following:

- a. Title VI and Nondiscrimination Program training, including how to eliminate identified discrimination; address adverse and cumulative impacts of planning decisions on vulnerable populations; update the MPO Title VI and Nondiscrimination Plan; and the role of nondiscrimination programs in integrating transportation and land-use planning.
- b. Training for planners on Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSM&O)
- c. Methods of producing and acquiring data necessary to establish safety and other targets
- d. Whether and how a statewide repository of datasets might allow direct user access without submitting a request to FDOT
- e. Clarification of the process for setting transit targets and transit data exchange

FHWA and FTA will work with the MPO to provide resources in these areas.

E. Conclusion

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tampa Bay TMA, which is comprised in part by the Hillsborough MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **June 2025**.

Appendix A. Summary of Risk Assessment

Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment

Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment	
MPO:	Hillsborough
Date of Assessment:	September 2020
Cert Review Report Date:	June 2021
Topic Area	Selected for additional review?
Organization of MPO/TPO (23 CFR 450.310, 312, 314)	No
Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transportation Planning Factors	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Air Quality	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transit	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Freight Planning	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Security Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Safety Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Outreach and Public Participation	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Tribal Coordination	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Title VI and Related Requirements	No
Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))	No
Congestion Management Process (23 CFR 450.322)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Travel Demand Modeling/Data	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	No
Transportation Improvement Program (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)	No
*Note: With the exception of Transit, if all areas are a "No", then the top 3 areas will be reviewed.	
The additional areas are: Organization of the MPO, Outreach and Public Participation	

Appendix B. Hillsborough MPO Site Visit Participants

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Appendix C. TMA Certification Site Visit Agenda

Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization TMA Certification Review

January 21, 2020

(MS TEAMS)

FINAL AGENDA

Thursday	January 21, 2021	Day One
Federal Certification Team Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teresa Parker (FHWA) ➤ Jim Martin (FHWA) ➤ Carey Shephard (FHWA) ➤ Stacie Blizzard (FHWA) ➤ Brittany Lavender (FTA) 	
Time	Item	Lead
8:30 a.m.	Welcome / Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Roles/Responsibilities/ Key Activities of MPO and Transit Agency Staff 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
9:00 a.m.	Site Visit Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purpose of the Certification Process ➤ Discussion of Risk Assessment ➤ Review schedule and close-out process 	Federal Team –
9:15 a.m.	Discussion of Previous Review Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal TMA Certification ➤ State/MPO Annual 	Federal Team, MPO – Johnny Wong, Transit, FDOT
9:45 a.m.	MPO Overview including changes within MPO since last TMA Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Demographics ➤ Boundaries ➤ Political ➤ Process Changes 	Federal Team, MPO – Rich Clarendon, Transit, FDOT
9:50 a.m.	Share Best Practices and Lessons Learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the MPO most proud of over the last four years? ➤ What challenges have you encountered and addressed? 	MPO – Beth Alden

10:15 a.m.	Break	ALL
10:30 a.m.	Technical Topic: Transit/Transportation Disadvantaged	Federal Team, MPO – Sarah McKinley and Joshua Barber, HART – Chris Cochran, Sunshine Line – TBD, FDOT
11:00 a.m.	Technical Topic: Outreach & Public Participation	Federal Team, MPO – Lynn Merenda (overview, PPP MOE), Lisa Silva & Johnny Wong (LRTP, content analysis), Dayna Lazarus (EJ) Transit, FDOT
11:30 a.m.	<p>Technical Assistance & Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future Needs <p>Additional Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anything else the MPO would like to share with the Federal Team that hasn't been discussed? 	Federal Team, MPO – Johnny Wong (TSMO), Joshua Barber (508 compliance and Nondiscrimination), Transit, FDOT
11:45 a.m.	<p>Public Comment Portion</p> <p>Please allow 3 mins per speaker</p>	
12:15 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion with Federal Team	Federal Team
1:00 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion with MPO staff	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
1:30 p.m.	Adjourn Site Visit	

Appendix D. Public Engagement Notice



Hillsborough MPO
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FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW

JANUARY 21, 2021

HOW'RE WE DOING?



Hillsborough MPO
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Every four years...


The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct reviews of designated MPOs. The primary purpose is to certify we are satisfactorily meeting the planning requirements as defined in Federal laws and regulation. The certification also provides the opportunity to add value to the planning processes through the sharing of best or innovative planning practices, techniques, and/or technology.









The Federal Certification Review Team will hold a meeting with Hillsborough MPO, HART, and FDOT on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Due to the pandemic, this review meeting will be held virtually. As part of our certification, our review team would like to hear from you! Public comments are a vital element of the review, as they allow you to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for your transportation planning area. Please share your thoughts on the Hillsborough MPO's work by submitting comments.



YOUR PARTICIPATION GUIDE

 Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

-  Leave comments on our certification event page: facebook.com/events/771580700111024/
-  Use #HillsboroughMPOfcr in your tweet or other social
-  US Mail address to:
Hillsborough MPO Attn: Beth Alden, Executive Director
P O Box 1110, Tampa, FL 33601
-  Email: mpo@plancom.org
-  Call 813/756-0371 during the virtual review meeting to speak to the review team directly from 11:45a-12:15p on 1.21.21. Time limits apply based on response.
-  Leave a voicemail message at 813/756-0371

MORE POINTERS



Connect through the Federal web page:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm>

Click on Tampa Bay TMA for a direct email to pop up to our reviewers.

Remember Hillsborough MPO!

No matter how you're leaving comment, state that you are providing comment on the Hillsborough MPO or #HillsboroughMPOfcr



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



Ends FEBRUARY 20, 2021

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please visit:

planhillsborough.org/its-time-for-our-federal-certification-review/

Or, contact Dr. Johnny Wong:

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Appendix E. Summary of Public Feedback

FHWA and FTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed comments for the Hillsborough MPO TMA Certification Review. Public comments are a vital element of the certification review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area. No comments were received through the FHWA website or through the MPO email, Tweets, Facebook, Mail, or Calls. The Certification Site Visit (Call-in) comments are included. There were no comments received through Facebook or Twitter. There were a few comments and concerns related to long meetings, need for additional meetings, transportation challenges, at-risk communities and school children. The other comments were complimentary, with the most common themes relaying a message of good collaboration and communication in the MPO's public involvement and outreach. Other comments included support for the MPO's activities with regard to vision zero map and location, membership representation, hybrid meetings, staff and community, transit, appreciation of the MPO efforts, public, MPO engagement, local transportation, and cooperation and coordination. We have reviewed all comments and have taken them into consideration throughout the writing of this report. No comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

Public Comments Received through Certification Site Visit Agenda Item: Share Best Practices Regional Partners/Community Leaders Remarks (Call-in) MPO

Bill Roberts – Chairman of the CAC – group is exuberant even if a virtual format – everyone is welcome to join us. The membership includes transit, port, youth, race/ethnic groups – wide variety of interests and representation. TBARTA is active as well. Public engagement and involvement comment at various levels. Dayna used to be on the CAC but now she is on the planning staff. We review at the CAC level the funding plans each year. They are detailed, lengthy meetings. We make recommendations on most items that come before us. I make them in person to the MPO and usually they follow the recommendation but when they don't, they take comments into account. I have a couple of recommendations that I haven't discussed with staff.

Our meetings are long, and we need to meet more often in workshop mode so we can address what is coming in from the public. Feel like we should also publicize committee meetings so that the public can more easily participate and be aware of what is going on. Feels this is possible in the current hybrid.

Mike Maurino – Director of Transportation Planning for the Westshore Alliance. Used to be the appointee from Hillsborough County to the Planning Commission and MPO. Want to touch on two areas: First, the work that the MPO does as a staff for the community. I have worked for business groups in the region and the MPO is very good about working with business leaders and the community to ensure they are part of the discussion and planning. Improvements in transportation and in transit are the direct

result of spending so much time talking with and collecting needs/concerns. In my neighborhood in Port Tampa City – so much growth has presented varied transportation challenges. As part of the MPO's Livable Roadways Committee - we talk about at-risk communities, children, schools – means so much and shows the depth of the organization right now. Do appreciate their efforts.

Jeff Sims – Environmental Supervisor with EPA of Hillsborough County. Served on MPO Technical Advisory Committee the last 6 years. We meet monthly and review/comment on projects, studies, etc. Impressed with MPO's efforts to include a wide cross section of local agencies, not just the municipalities and county, but also transit, DOH, School Board, Airport, Environment. Terrific cross section that allows for a diverse perspective on the projects and innovation beyond straight line improvements. MPO goes beyond to engage the public – a considered effort to gather input and opinions. They also make vision zero a public program where it isn't just a map, but an actual location and community. Very considerate of comments made by the committee.

Nick An – TOE for City Mobility Department – In listening mode for anything interesting or related to ITS. Also, I'm here to answer any questions that the Federal Review Team may have.

Appendix F. Status of Previous Certification Findings

The following is a summary of the previous recommendations made by the Federal Review Team to the Hillsborough MPO. The MPO's last certification review report was published in 2017.

A. Corrective Actions

There were no corrective actions in the 2017 report.

B. Recommendations

1. **Intelligent Transportation System (ITS):** ITS creates various data streams that can be leveraged in the Planning Process. The MPO is very involved in the region's ITS programs, but does not describe how ITS data can be collected and distributed to further enhance its travel monitoring, safety and other programs, and supplement traditional data collection methods that reflects real or near real time information. The MPO is working with a consultant to create a Data Business Plan for collecting, sharing, and analyzing real-time traffic data between multiple agency partners and has created a Regional Data Working Group due to interest in this topic. The Federal Review Team recommends that the Hillsborough MPO continue to consider and pursue the creation of a program to leverage ITS data to further enhance its data programs.

Update: The Hillsborough MPO advanced its data & analytics program by participating in the Smart Cities Alliance and the now-dissolved Regional Big Data Working Group. In 2019, it kicked off a major initiative to centralize mobility datasets using the subscription-based software, ClearGuide. The ClearGuide Data & Analytics platform uses HERE data (supplied by FDOT Central Office) to generate real-time congestion analytics, as well as incident data from Waze, and crash data from the District 7 Crash Data Management System. In future years, the MPO will expand the functionality of the platform to include demographic, transit, and micromobility data.

2. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The MPO appears to use the terms "public meeting" and "public hearing" interchangeably. From a federal perspective, these terms are very different. A public hearing must meet specific and more stringent requirements spelled out in law that may not apply to a public meeting. Federal law does not require the conducting of public hearings for planning activities. However, state law may dictate otherwise. The MPO should consider evaluating MPO processes and procedures to eliminate indiscriminate use of the words 'public meeting' and 'public hearing'.

Update: Upon the recommendation of the federal review team, the Hillsborough MPO revised its Public Participation Plan (PPP) to clarify the conditions for which

a public hearing must be convened, as well as the requirements for holding a public hearing.

- 3. Public Participation Plan (PPP):** In updating the PPP, the MPO should consider providing a link to documents referenced in the PPP, i.e. including a link to the TIP when describing it in the PPP. It should also develop a searchable planning acronym list making sure to include the definitions of Title VI and LEP. Finally, the MPO should include a better description of how the PPP was developed in consultation with all parties.

Update: Planning documents that reference other plans now do so with a link for easier access. Further, the MPO not only developed a user-friendly acronyms list but created an online version (http://www.planhillsborough.org/mpo_glossary/) that includes acronyms and descriptions in English and Spanish. The MPO added Title VI and LEP to the acronyms list and added a section to the PPP that describes how it is developed in consultation with all parties.

- 4. Title VI and Related Requirements:** The MPO should execute a new nondiscrimination assurance commensurate with its plan update; review standard contract language to ensure the inclusion of assurance nondiscrimination clauses (A and E); update the Title VI and LEP plans during the calendar year; and complete the Inclusivity Plan, currently underway.

Update: The general transportation planning contract for professional services was re-advertised in 2020, and the selected consultants were required to include up-to-date non-discrimination and DBE assurances in their contracts with the MPO. They were reviewed for compliance before final contracts were executed. The Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan and LEP were updated in 2018 to include the most recently available demographic data spanning the metropolitan planning area, and identify the most recent Title VI Program Coordinator. In 2020, all references to the previous Program Coordinator were updated to reflect personnel changes. The Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan is currently being updated with adoption anticipated in 2021. The Sub-Recipient Agreement is included in the UPWP and was signed by the MPO Chairman on May 13, 2020. The 2018 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan included a community characteristics inventory. Currently under development, the 2021 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan will be adopted in 2021. It will include a program review, demographics update, and creation of new internal working groups tasked with identifying and correcting any discriminatory practices.

- 5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** The MPO should annotate tables in the TIP document to clarify the use of Year of Expenditure (YOE) figures; Provide links along with references to critical documents (e.g. PPP when discussion TIP amendments); and consider whether major and minor

amendments are necessary categories or failing that, better define the thresholds for each.

Update: The MPO added YOE footnotes to Table 3 and page 1-1 of the TIP. It also provided a link to cross reference the PPP on pages 6 and 7 of the TIP. Finally, the PPP clarified the definition of TIP amendments and removed from the TIP the section referencing major and minor TIP amendments.

Appendix G. Acronym List

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act	NHS – National Highway System
AQ – Air Quality	NTI – National Transit Institute
CAAA – Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990	PEA – Planning Emphasis Area
CFP – Cost Feasible Plan (of the LRTP)	PL – Metropolitan Planning Funds
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations	PPP – Public Participation Plan
CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	RA – Regional Administrator
CMP – Congestion Management Process	RTIP – Regional Transportation Implementation Plan
DA – Division Administrator	RTP – Regional Transportation Plan
DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services	RPC – Regional Planning Commission
EJ – Environmental Justice	SFY – State Fiscal Year
ETDM – Efficient Transportation Decision Making	SHA – State Highway Administration
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency	SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan
FAST Act – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act	SIP – State Implementation Plan
FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation	SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration	SOV – Single Occupancy Vehicle
FTA – Federal Transit Administration	SPR – State Planning and Research
FY – Federal Fiscal Year	STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
GIS – Geographic Information Systems	STP – Surface Transportation Program
HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program	TAM – Transit Asset Management
HPMS Reviews – Highway Performance Monitoring System	TAMP – Transportation Asset Management Plan
ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	TAZ – Transportation Analysis Zone
ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems	TCM – Transportation Control Measure
LEP – Limited English Proficiency	TDM – Transportation Demand Management
LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan	TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
M&O – Management and Operations	TIP – Transportation Improvement Program
MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century	Title VI – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement	TMA – Transportation Management Area
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding	TMIP – Travel Model Improvement Program
MPA – Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary	TPA – Transportation Planning Agency
MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization	TPCB – Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program
MPOAC – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	TPM – Transportation Performance Management
NAAQS-National Ambient Air Quality Standards	TPO – Transportation Planning Organization
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act	UAB – Urban Area Boundary
NHI – National Highway Institute	UPWP – Unified Planning Work Plan
	U.S.C. – United States Code
	UZA – Urbanized Areas
	VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled

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Forward Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization

Section I. Overview of the Certification Process

Under provisions of 23 CFR 450.336(b) and 49 CFR 613.100, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA’s transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities. These activities include: 1) a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA’s planning documents (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); 2) a “site visit” with staff from the TMA’s various transportation planning partners (e.g. the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), local/regional transit service provider, and other participating State/local agencies), including opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the TMA planning process; 3) a Certification Report, which the Federal Review Team prepares, to document the results of the review process; and, 4) a formal presentation of the review findings at a future Forward Pinellas MPO Board Policy meeting.

Certification of the planning process is a prerequisite to the approval of Federal funding for transportation projects in metropolitan areas. The certification review also helps ensure that the major issues facing a metropolitan area are being addressed. The review process is individually tailored to focus on topics of significance in each metropolitan planning area. Since 2018, to initiate the TMA certification review process, the Federal Review Team has utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. **Appendix A** summarizes the risk evaluation, and the report notes in the relevant sections which topic areas were not selected for review due to existing stewardship and oversight practices after considering the risk factors.

The review for the Forward Pinellas MPO was held January 28, 2021. During this site visit, the Federal Review Team met with the staff of the Forward Pinellas MPO, FDOT, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) transit staff, committee representatives, other partnering agencies, and the public. See **Appendix B** for a list of review team members and site visit participants, and **Appendix C** for the TMA Certification Meeting Agenda.

The purpose of the public engagement process is to inform the public of the Federal transportation planning requirements and allow the public an opportunity to provide input on the transportation planning process to the Federal Review Team. Public feedback and engagement on the MPO's planning process was obtained through press release, Tampa Bay Newspaper Group, MPO website, and a Goggle Customer Satisfaction Survey MPO Website Media link following the initial announcement on January 6, 2021. For those that did not want to post publicly, contact information for the Federal Review Team was provided. Members of the public were given 30 days from the site visit date to mail, fax or email their comments and/or request a copy of the certification review report. No comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

A copy of the public engagement notices can be found in **Appendix D**. Screenshots of public input, minutes from the public meeting, including a listing of commenters and a summary of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

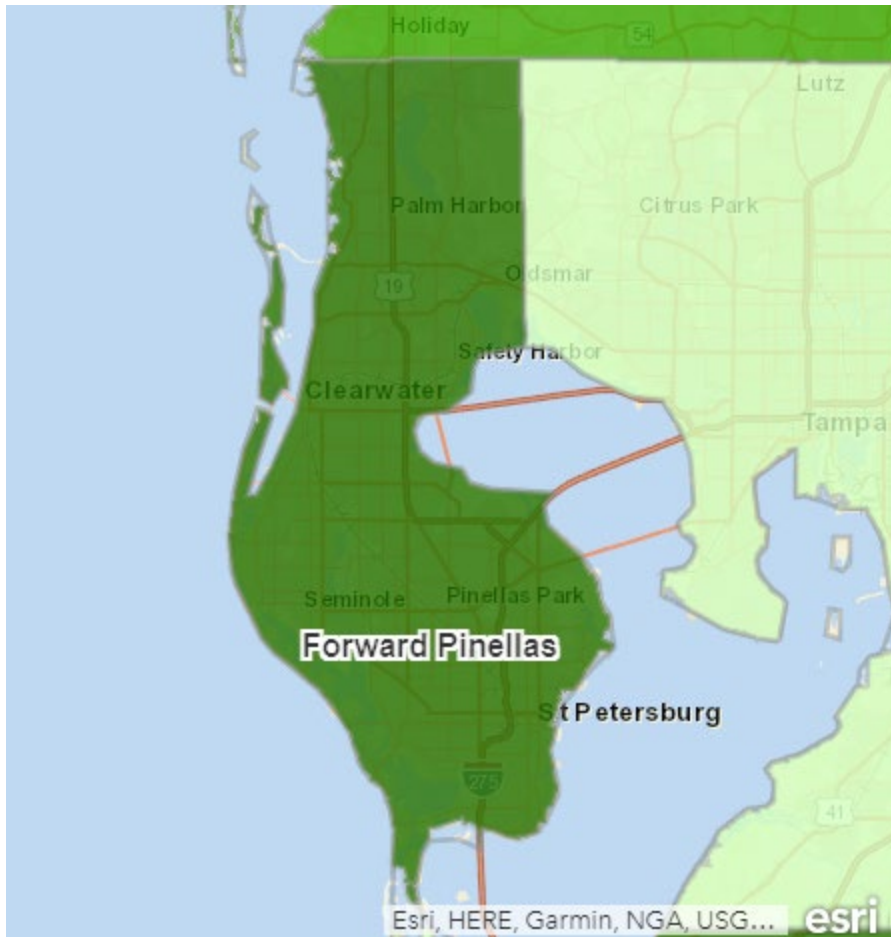
A summary of the 2017 recommendations and their status can be found in **Appendix F**.

An explanation of planning acronyms can be found in **Appendix G**.

Section II. Boundaries and Organization (23CFR 450.310, 312, 314)

A. Description of Planning Area

Observations: The Forward Pinellas MPO is located on Florida's central west coast. The planning area boundary includes all of Pinellas County and the cities of St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Tarpon Springs, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, South Pasadena, Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Treasure Island, and St. Pete Beach, all of which are within census defined urbanized areas. The planning area is bounded on the west by the Gulf of Mexico. The Forward Pinellas MPO planning boundary is visually depicted in the following map:



B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure

Observations: Forward Pinellas Board is comprised of 13 voting members representing 25 local governments and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA). The voting structure is one vote per member. The voting members are: County Commissioners (3), City of St. Petersburg (central city) (2), City of Clearwater (1), City of Largo (1), City of Pinellas Park (1), City of Dunedin (1), the Cities of Oldsmar, Safety Harbor & Tarpon Springs (1) (shared seat rotated every 2 years), the Cities of Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole and South Pasadena (1) (one shared seat rotated biennially), Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach (1) (shares one seat rotated periodically pursuant to the agreement among the ten local governments). The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) is the primary provider of transit services and also has one (1) voting seat on the board.

Since 2017, the MPO has further expanded its regulatory framework supporting integrated, coordinated transportation and land use decision making. The result is strategic focus on economic redevelopment and multimodal transportation that is well-aligned with MPO resources, planning products and the overall regional vision for Pinellas County.

Forward Pinellas has several standing committees including: The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Local Coordinating Board (LCB), School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC), Waterborne Transportation Board Committee (WTC), Legislative Committee, and Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF).

Finding: The MPO's boundaries and organization substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.310 and 312.

C. Agreements

Current Agreement(s)/Date(s) Adopted:

Florida TPM Consensus Planning Agreement, 06/10/2020

Fifth Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Regional Transportation and Coordination West Central Florida, 02/11/2020

Interlocal Agreement For Creation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, 10/15/2014

Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization and Pinellas Planning Council Interlocal Agreement for Staff and Support Services, 12/10/2014

Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Grant Agreement, 01/31/2020

Finding: The MPO's agreements substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.314.

Section III. Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 450.306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))

Observations: The MPO set all of their targets for safety, bridge, pavement, and system performance and for Transit Asset Management (TAM) within the prescribed timeframes. It documented setting the Safety Performance Measure target (PM1) in MPO meeting minutes for February 14, 2018 and February 13, 2019, and February 12, 2020, and that of bridge and pavements (PM2) and System Performance (PM 3) targets in the meeting minutes for February 14, 2018, and February 12, 2020. The MPO documented the Transit Asset Management (TAMs) in board action meeting minutes adopted February 14, 2018. Forward Pinellas has coordinated with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to develop targets for transit asset management measures which can be found at <https://forwardpinellas.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Advantage-Pinellas-2045-Appendices-Low-Res-2-11-2020.pdf> and Chapter 10 section of the 2045 LRTP [link targets](#).

The MPO has written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, selection of performance targets, reporting of targets, reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes and reporting of data. The adoption of this Consensus Document is reflected in the MPO's TIP with FDOT and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) as a separate resolution.

In the development of the LRTP, the MPO included a description of the performance measures and targets to assess the transportation system performance. They integrated goals, objectives, measures, and targets directly into the LRTP from the FDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Asset Management Plan and Freight Plan. They also included a system performance report and evaluated the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the federally required performance targets, including progress achieved by the MPO in meeting the performance targets in comparison with system performance from the baseline data.

In the development of the TIP, the MPO designed their TIP to make progress toward achieving the targets and described how they linked their project selections and investments to anticipate target achievement. Specifically, the MPO identified construction of a bicycle and pedestrian overpass along the Courtney Campbell Causeway near Bayshore Blvd, construction of an overpass at US 19 and Harn Blvd., safety and operational improvements along Alt US 19, construction funding for portions of the Pinellas Trail Loop, funding to construct complete streets improvements along St. Petersburg Drive and Rosery Road, intersection lighting improvements countywide, and roadway modifications to 4th St N to reduce conflict points.

Finding: The MPO's transportation performance planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 314, 324, and 326.

Section IV. Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306)

A. Transportation Planning Factors

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's planning process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b).

B. Air Quality

Finding: The Forward Pinellas MPO is currently designated as an attainment area for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b), 324(f), and 326.

D. Transit

Observations: Transit service in the Forward Pinellas MPO is provided by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).

In 1984, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) became the county's public transit provider with 128 buses on 79 routes. In 2018, PSTA provided an average of 38,387 weekday unlinked trips. As of today, PSTA provides the following services: 40 bus routes which include two express routes to Hillsborough County.

PSTA participates actively in the planning process and has a good working relationship with the Forward Pinellas MPO. The planning process appears to be collaborative, cooperative, and comprehensive between the Forward Pinellas MPO and PSTA.

The PSTA, in coordination with the Forward Pinellas MPO, is constructing a bus rapid transit line from downtown St. Petersburg to St. Pete Beach via the Central Avenue corridor. The proposed project included six miles of exclusive bus lanes, and transit signal priority. PSTA also expects the project to enhance the corridor's economic development. Forward Pinellas and PSTA are jointly leading a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning effort along the corridor, funded by two Federal Transit Administration TOD planning grants.

Through the MPO agreements, cooperative development of the planning products, coordination activities, and implementation of transit projects, the PSTA is a full partner in this MPO's planning process.

Finding: The MPO's transit activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 613.100 as well as the transit supportive elements outlined in 23 CFR 450.

E. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's ITS activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 322, and 23 CFR 940.

F. Freight Planning

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's freight planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 316, 324, and 326.

G. Security Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's security planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(f), 324(h), and 326.

H. Safety Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's safety planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(h), and 326.

Section V. Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's UPWP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.308.

Section VI. Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316)

A. Outreach and Public Participation

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Noteworthy Practice and Recommendations: The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice and offers two recommendations regarding Outreach and Public Participation. For more details about this noteworthy practice and these recommendations, please see Section XI.

Finding: The Forward Pinellas MPO outreach and public participation activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316.

B. Tribal Coordination

Observations: There are no tribal lands within the MPO's planning boundaries requiring the MPO to provide tribal coordination.

Finding: The MPO's tribal coordination activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316(c).

C. Title VI and Related Requirements

Document Title: Title VI Program Related to Transportation Planning Activities

Date Adopted: March 13, 2019

Observations: The Forward Pinellas MPO has a Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator who has direct, independent access to the MPO Executive Director. The MPO has developed and executed a nondiscrimination policy, assurance, complaint filing procedure and 4-factor Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, all of which cover the Title VI protected classifications as well as those defined by other federal and state authorities. The MPO reviews its plans, programs and services at least triennially to determine nondiscrimination and equitable distribution of benefits and burdens, and collects/analyzes demographic data of those impacted by its transportation decisions.

The MPO provides access to its plans, programs and services for those with disabilities. Its posted nondiscrimination policies and complaint filing procedures specifically enumerate disability as a protected classification, and the MPO ensures that its plans and activities include input by and consideration of those with disabilities or their service providers. The MPO conducts program access planning consistent with by 28 CFR 35.150(a) (and the Department of Justice Title II Technical Assistance Manual) that covers both program and facilities access, and the MPO strives to ensure that safety and accessibility are emphasized in its projects and activities.

Finding: The Forward Pinellas MPO's Title VI and related activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 21, 49 CFR 27, 23 CFR 200, 23 CFR 450.316 and 336(a).

Section VII. Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f) (10), 324(g))

Current Document Title: Advantage Pinellas – Engage. Adapt. Connect.

Date Adopted: November 13, 2019

Observations: The MPO's 2045 LRTP includes a discussion of types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out these activities. The discussion focuses on policies, programs and strategies for future project development. The MPO developed the discussion in consultation with applicable Federal, State, wildlife, and regulatory agencies.

The adopted LRTP also consulted with appropriate state and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation and historic preservation by comparing their LRTP with State conservation plans and maps and a comparing the LRTP to inventories of natural or historic resources.

The Forward Pinellas MPO has not developed programmatic mitigation plans as part of their planning process.

Forward Pinellas has undertaken a multimodal, systems-level corridor planning study, the Gateway Master Plan, in coordination with FDOT, four local governments and public transit operators. Forward Pinellas utilized the results in the decision-making processes for project development purposes by identifying purpose and need statements, general travel corridor or modes, preliminary screening of alternatives, providing basic

environmental setting descriptions, and preliminarily identifying environmental impacts and environmental mitigation, and providing the public a reasonable opportunity to review necessary documentation.

Finding: The MPO's linking planning and NEPA activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f) (10), and 324(g).

Section VIII. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (23 CFR 450.322)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's congestion management process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.322.

Section IX. Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)

Current Document Title: Forward Pinellas 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Date Adopted: November 13, 2019

A. Scope of LRTP

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team has identified three noteworthy practices regarding the Scope of the Long Range Transportation Plan. For more details about these noteworthy practices, please see Section XI.

Finding: The general scope of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324.

B. Travel Demand Modeling/Data

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's travel demand modeling processes substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(e).

C. Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit. The Federal Review Team noted that during the desk audit review and site visit, the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) did not include the total cost for each phase in the 2045 LRTP and the CFP was not displayed in a user-friendly manner.

Corrective Action: The Federal Review Team has identified one corrective action regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan – Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint. For more details about this corrective action, please see Section XI.

Finding: The financial plan/fiscal constraint of the MPO’s LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(f) (11) since the corrective actions has already been resolved.

Section X. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO’s TIP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.326,328, 330, 332, and 334.

Section XI. Findings/Conclusions

The following items represent a compilation of the findings that are included in this 2021 certification review report. These findings, which are identified as noteworthy practices, corrective actions, and recommendations, are intended to not only ensure continuing regulatory compliance of the Forward Pinellas MPO transportation planning process with federal planning requirements, but to also foster high-quality planning practices and improve the transportation planning program in this TMA. Corrective actions reflect required actions for compliance with the Federal Planning Regulations and must be completed within the timeframes noted. Recommendations reflect national trends or potential risks and are intended to assist the MPO with improving the planning process. Noteworthy practices highlight efforts that demonstrate innovative ideas or best practices for implementing the planning requirements.

A. Noteworthy Practices

1. **Outreach Flexibility and Public Participation:** During the past year, the Federal Review Team collected several examples of the innovative and nimble way Florida’s MPOs moved to virtual or hybrid public involvement events to accommodate the ongoing pandemic. The Forward Pinellas MPO not only quickly adjusted its outreach strategies, but its efforts garnered higher and more diverse participation. For example, pandemic social distancing restrictions began after the MPO had already scheduled its Bike Your City event, designed to highlight the critical need for safe, connected and accessible bike and pedestrian facilities. Rather than canceling the event, the MPO provided outdoor activities for small groups and individuals, as well as remote opportunities including a virtual scavenger hunt. The MPO also created a QR code and encouraged

participants (online and in-person) to submit selfies of themselves biking or walking. It further worked with a local artist to create a *Bike Our City* mosaic public art display, comprised of glass tiles placed by each individual participant. The results exceeded the MPO's hopes with about 100 in-person registrants, over 500 online, and the submission of 1500-plus selfies.

Similarly, the MPO's Safe Streets Pinellas (SSP) campaign was originally intended as an in-person event. Because the campaign is integral to the MPO's VisionZero program, it could not cancel or reschedule it. Instead, the MPO repurposed SSP using an online platform and added trivia games, an online pledge, an art contest and public service videos. It employed colorful maps of high crash areas with interactive features that enabled the MPO to visually tell the overall story of SSP but allowing the public to engage with issues or locations of personal concern. As with its Bike Your City event, SSP was an unqualified success, exceeding the 150-original registrations with almost 2000 participants, 55 art contest entries, and the distribution of SSP safety information to approximately 44,000.

These examples highlight the innovative planning approaches the Forward Pinellas MPO is using. The MPO was awarded Planning Organization of the Year by FDOT in April 2021, as yet another recognition of their outstanding planning achievements.

2. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team commends the Forward Pinellas MPO on the continuing development and execution of the Complete Streets Grant Funding. This grants program was established in 2015 and to date has awarded \$5 million in construction grants and \$400,000 in concept grants. Grants leverage transportation funding to bring about positive change in land use decisions which help support the 2045 LRTP goals.
3. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team appreciated the overall effort and outcome in the development of the Forward Pinellas 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), *Advantage Pinellas*. The focus on investment corridor strategy, not just investment in transportation but also economic development, is an important factor in the creation of good linkages between land use and transportation. The LRTP development also supported a varied and robust public involvement, using new websites with the MPO partners, apps, and digital approaches.
4. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team was impressed to hear that the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) awarded the 2020 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award to the Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation Study. The award exemplifies TMA Leadership and commitment to continue to strive for excellence for the Tampa Bay TMA.

B. Corrective Actions

1. **Long Range Transportation Plan – Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint:** In accordance with 23 CFR 420.322 (f)(11) the metropolitan transportation plan shall, at a minimum include, “A financial plan that demonstrates how the adopted transportation plan can be implemented.” One missing item noted during the desk audit review and at the site visit, were gaps in the Adopted 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan. Specifically, the projects included in the cost feasible plan did not provide an estimate of the cost and source of funding for each phase of the project being funded. This corrective action was addressed on May 12, 2021, when the Forward Pinellas MPO Board approved a modification to the LRTP that added the phases and source of funding. As a result of the MPO’s action and federal review of the submitted documentation, this corrective action has been satisfied. **No further action is needed.**

C. Recommendations

1. **Outreach and Public Participation:** While Forward Pinellas MPO has a substantially compliant PPP with measures used to periodically evaluate its effectiveness, the core document does not appear to reflect the vibrant, extensive and changing nature of the MPO’s outreach. The Federal Review Team is also unclear how the MPO will effectively analyze involvement data for the significantly higher participation it is experiencing, particularly targeted outreach to and solicitation of input by racial and ethnic minorities and other traditionally underserved groups. The Federal Review Team suggests that the MPO review the PPP and associated documents to determine if they require an update considering the pandemic, recent staff overturn and the MPO’s increasing emphasis on equity. While doing so, the Federal Review Team also recommends the MPO better describe its use of short notice/emergency meetings and update the PPP quick reference table to reflect the public review periods for planning documents as well as how public comments are accepted and addressed.
2. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team reminds the MPO that as a recipient of federal assistance, all its programs, services and activities are subject to Title VI, including an equity assessment the MPO has started. Though its equity effort may be more broadly inclusive, the MPO is minimally obligated to collect and analyze data on the race and national origin of those impacted by its decisions. It must also take steps to eliminate discrimination if/when it is identified. As the MPO continues its effort to develop an equity assessment, the Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO’s equity assessments include: an analysis of project or plan impacts on protected class communities, a review of each MPO program area to verify compliance with the organization’s nondiscrimination policy and plan, and should ensure at a minimum, that the data for this assessment include race and ethnicity per 23 CFR 200.9(b)(4).

D. Training/Technical Assistance

At the conclusion of the site visit, the Federal Review Team asked the MPO staff if they had any training or technical assistance needs. The Forward Pinellas MPO identified technical assistance requests for the following topical areas: Consolidated Planning Grant, Equity Planning, Design – Accessibility and livability standards, Planning Modeling – alternatives to traffic counts and LOS, and more focus on accessibility performance measures, Title VI Training, Innovative Ways to Flex Transportation Funds, more information on funding for resiliency, Planning grant through FTA for SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit investment, and Feedback on the merging of MPOs. FHWA and FTA will work with the MPO to provide resources in these areas.

E. Conclusion

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tampa Bay TMA, which is comprised in part by the Forward Pinellas MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C subject to the MPO satisfactorily addressing the corrective action stated in this report. The MPO is encouraged to provide the FHWA and FTA with evidence of satisfactory completion of the corrective action in accordance with the noted deadlines. This certification will remain in effect until **June 2025**.

Appendix A. Summary of Risk Assessment

Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment	
MPO:	Forward-Pinellas
Date of Assessment:	September 2020
Cert Review Report Date:	June 2021
Topic Area	Selected for additional review?
Organization of MPO/TPO (23 CFR 450.310, 312, 314)	No
Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transportation Planning Factors	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Air Quality	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transit	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Freight Planning	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Security Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Safety Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Outreach and Public Participation	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Tribal Coordination	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Title VI and Related Requirements	No
Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))	No
Congestion Management Process (23 CFR 450.322)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Travel Demand Modeling/Data	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	No
Transportation Improvement Program (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)	No
*Note: With the exception of Transit, if all areas are a "No", then the top 3 areas will be reviewed.	
The additional areas are: MPO Organization and Linking Planning and NEPA	

Appendix B. Forward Pinellas MPO Site Visit Participants

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Sandra Knoebel
Christina Mendoza
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Amy Elmore

Pinellas County Transit

Heather Sobush

MPOAC

Carl Mikyska

Appendix C. TMA Certification Site Visit Agenda

Forward Pinellas Metropolitan
Planning Organization TMA
Certification Review

January 28, 2021

310 Court Street

Clearwater, FL 33756

Virtual MS Teams

FINAL AGENDA

Thursday	January 28, 2021	Day One
Federal Certification Team Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teresa Parker (FHWA) ➤ Jim Martin (FHWA) ➤ Stacie Blizzard (FHWA) ➤ Carey Shepherd (FHWA) ➤ Brittany Lavender (FTA) 	
Time	Item	Lead
8:30 a.m.	Welcome / Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Roles/Responsibilities/Key Activities of MPO and Transit Agency Staff 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
8:45 a.m.	Site Visit Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purpose of the Certification Process ➤ Discussion of Risk Assessment ➤ Review schedule and close-out process 	Federal Team
9:00 a.m.	Discussion of Previous Review Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal TMA Certification ➤ State/MPO Annual 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
9:30 a.m.	MPO Overview including changes within MPO since last TMA Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Demographics ➤ Boundaries ➤ Political ➤ Process Changes 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
9:35 a.m.	Share Best Practices and Lessons Learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the MPO most proud of over the last four years? ➤ What challenges have you encountered and addressed? 	MPO

10:05 a.m.	Break	
10:20 a.m.	Technical Topic: (Public Participation and Outreach)	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
10:40 a.m.	Technical Topic: Long Range Transportation Plan	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
11:00 a.m.	Technical Topic: Transit/Transportation Disadvantaged	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
11:30 a.m.	Technical Assistance & Training ➤ Future Needs Additional Questions Anything else the MPO would like to share with the Federal Team that hasn't been discussed?	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
12:00 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion Among Federal Team	Federal Team
12:45 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion with MPO staff	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn Site Visit	

Appendix D. Public Engagement Notice



January 6, 2021

Media Contact

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Forward Pinellas Hosts Quadrennial Certification Webinar

~~It's time for a check-in and we want your input~~

PINELLAS COUNTY ---- Join [Forward Pinellas](#) for a “Quadrennial Certification” Webinar to learn more about who we are, transportation projects happening in the next five years, and what we’re doing to ensure everyone has access to a safe and equitable transportation network. Forward Pinellas’ Executive Director, Planning Division Manager and Transportation Planning Manager will come together on January 14, 2021 for a two-way conversation with our residents to hear what we’re doing well as an agency and areas where you think we could improve.

“As we prepare for our Quadrennial Certification to ensure we’re being responsible stewards of the resources invested in Pinellas County, we want to hear from you – our residents and partners who help us improve mobility throughout our communities ever day,” says Planning Manager Chelsea Favero.

WHAT: Quadrennial Certification Webinar: Includes Q&A with Forward Pinellas

WHEN: January 14, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/fpcertwebinar

Every four years, Forward Pinellas undergoes a certification process to ensure we’re meeting federal requirements and are being responsible stewards of the resources invested in Pinellas County. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) will conduct the Forward Pinellas 2020 certification review on January 28, 2021 and will use your feedback in their assessment.

Not able to attend? You can still let us know how we’re doing!

Take this quick, 5-question survey to tell us how we’re doing: bit.ly/FPHowAreWeDoing

For more information and to stay up to date about the Quadrennial Certification, visit:
www.forwardpinellas.org/certification

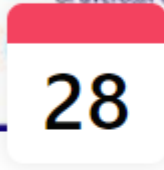
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Let Us Know How We're Doing

- * Attend Online
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- * Message Us on Social Media
- * Call Us: 727.464.5644
- * Email Us:
CFavero@ForwardPinellas.org



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 AT 8:00 AM

Forward Pinellas FHWA Certification Site Visit

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The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration are conducting an evaluation of Forward Pinellas as part of the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Certification Review. TMA Certification Reviews are required to be conducted every four years by federal law. As a part of

Mobile Preview



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🌐 Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

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provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area.

COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY:

Join the Certification Review* on January 28, 2021:

bit.ly/fpcertificationmeeting

Attend the Certification Webinar on January 14, 2021 from 1pm-2pm:

bit.ly/fpcertwebinar

Take this quick, 5- question survey: bit.ly/FPHowAreWeDoing

Comment in this event post or message us

Submit comments directly through the Federal Highway Florida

Division website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/>

Call or Email us:

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o Teresa Parker, FHWA Transportation Planning Specialist: 407.867.6415, Teresa.parker@dot.gov

*To join the Certification Review Site Visit, Microsoft Teams is required. If you do not have access to Microsoft Teams, please contact us for assistance.

Comments received by February 27, 2021 will be considered in the writing of the report.

For more information and to stay up to date about the Quadrennial Certification, visit: www.forwardpinellas.org/certification

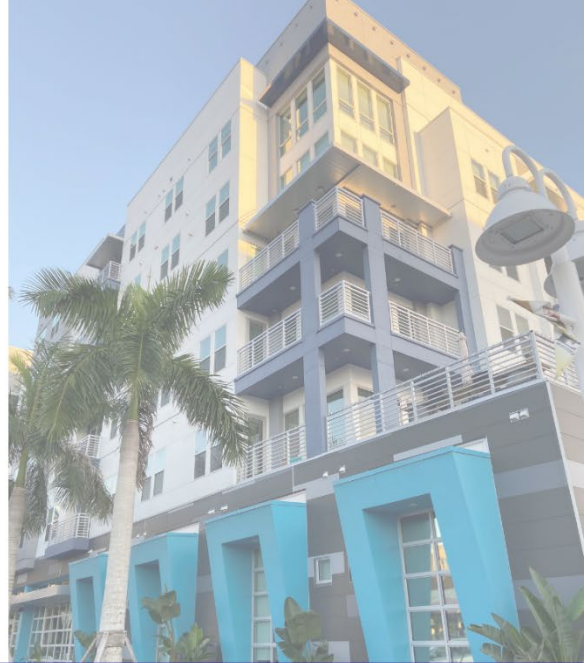
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Pinellas County News Briefs - Dec. 22, 2020

Dec 22, 2020 Updated Dec 22, 2020



Forward Pinellas wants to know how it is doing

Every metropolitan area in the nation has a metropolitan planning organization to help guide investments in its transportation network.

As both the Pinellas Planning Council and the MPO for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas is responsible for prioritizing transportation projects, helping to determine the need for those projects, and guiding land use decisions in Pinellas. This includes projects like repairing sidewalks, adding bikeways and trails, building highways, improving transit and using technology to make travel safer and more efficient.

Forward Pinellas wants to hear the public's thoughts on the things that residents think it is doing well as an agency and areas where it could improve. What things could it be doing to add more value? Are there areas where it is doing a great job?

The public is asked to take a quick, 5-question survey to tell us how we're doing. Visit bit.ly/FPHowAreWeDoing. The survey will be open until Jan. 17, 2021.

The public is asked to check out ways to get involved. Call 727-484-8250 or email info@forwardpinellas.org. Apply for a committee. Subscribe to the blog: forwardpinellas.org/blog. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

The results from this survey will help us determine our planning practices and priorities in the future. In addition, every four years, Forward Pinellas undergoes a certification process to ensure we're meeting federal requirements and are being responsible stewards of the resources invested in Pinellas County.

The United States Department of Transportation will conduct the Forward Pinellas 2020 certification review on Jan. 28, 2021 and will use your feedback in their assessment.

For more information and to stay up to date about the Quadrennial Certification, visit www.forwardpinellas.org/certification.

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https://www.tbnweekly.com/pinellas_county/article_438bcdd8-4477-11eb-b06f-87b6a64b684c.



Forward Pinellas launches survey ahead of MPO recertification

How Are We Doing?

The survey will help guide plans for Pinellas County's transportation network.

Pinellas County is opening a survey to help guide investments in its transportation network.

Forward Pinellas, which includes the Pinellas Planning Council and acts as the county's metropolitan planning organization (MPO), is looking to hear from residents about how they're doing.

The agency is responsible for prioritizing transportation projects, helping to determine the need for those projects and guiding land use decisions in the county.

This includes projects like repairing sidewalks, adding bikeways and trails, building highways, improving transit and using technology to make travel safer and more efficient.

The survey will focus questions on how residents believe the agency can improve, and what residents suggest could make them more effective.

The results from this survey will help the agency determine planning practices and priorities in the future.

Every four years, Forward Pinellas undergoes a certification process to ensure it's meeting federal requirements and is being responsible stewards of the resources invested in Pinellas County. The U.S. Department of Transportation will conduct the Forward Pinellas 2020 certification review on Jan. 28 and will use the survey feedback in the assessment.

The survey is made up of five questions and will be open until Jan. 17. The survey can be accessed [here](#).

Share this:



<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/389262-forward-pinellas-launches-survey-ahead-of-mpo-recertification>



How Are We Doing?

Help us learn how we've helped you in the past and what we can do to help you in the future.

5 Questions

[START →](#)

Appendix E. Summary of Public Feedback

FHWA and FTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed comments for the Forward Pinellas TMA Certification Review. Public comments are a vital element of the certification review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area. The comments advertised through a press release in the Tampa Bay Newspaper and on the MPO Website, and a Goggle Customer Satisfaction Online Survey, and Social Media MPO Contacts. Comments included more funding for transportation; adding trails; traffic concerns. Stakeholders were pleased with the Vision Zero approach, transportation studies and transportations solutions. However, more coordinated use of outreach; more volunteerism is needed on projects; more focus on safety. The MPO has good GIS data sets and map packages; they also assist with making local governments aware of more grant opportunities for transportation and land use planning, design and implementation. Additional common comment themes included providing more opportunities for complete streets and seasonal events which brings positivity to communities. The MPO offers good partnering and communication fostering a positive collaboration with school safety and other educational and outreach opportunities. The MPO has many bicycle and pedestrian opportunities, trails, a focus on pedestrian safety, local planning, land use and development. The MPO coordination with the 27 municipalities is strong, and there was a positive impact adding the Executive Director and the professionalism of the MPO staff. No additional comments were received during the 30-day public comment period following the site visit. We have reviewed all comments and have taken them into consideration throughout the writing of this report. The public comments received begins below.

Forward Pinellas link to the Google Drive folder with the results to an Online Survey: Social Media Contacts.

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a committee member

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

1-5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs?

Safe Streets Pinellas I know a lot about it

Bike Your City I know a lot about it

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes. With the director's and staff's direction, the initiatives in planning are creating a sustainable, safe environment for all Pinellas County citizens.

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I'm a committee member I'm a partner agency

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas has added value to my community by providing Countywide partnerships among the 27 municipalities which fosters positive collaboration.

How can we improve our service to you?

Provide more educational/outreach opportunities for the general public to help gain further understanding of the function of this organization.

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I'm an interested citizen

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Not that I am aware of.

How can we improve our service to you?

Publicize your studies more and inform citizens what other systems you researched and found works and how we can duplicate their success.

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I participated at an event I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs?

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Bike Your City I know some about it

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes, bike your city was a great way to explore and new small business. I'm very happy that this program has my email to keep me informed of events and projects going on.

How can we improve our service to you?

Keep me informed. TU!

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes, but adding trails and trying to come up with transportation solutions.

How can we improve our service to you?

Continue doing what you are doing but speed up the construction process.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes, it has brought awareness to the community of safety outdoors.

How can we improve our service to you?

Keep doing what you are doing.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

YES. Complete streets, RRFB's, Pinellas Trail and many others.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

It has added interested riders to the streets and trails in my town, and neighboring towns

How can we improve our service to you?

Keep supporting regular (seasonally?) events to get people out of their homes and outside smiling at each other. Especially if we are neighbors. I like novelty, but knowing there is an annual event that I can look forward to has helped my mood LOTS this awful year. It is vital to know there are happy people out there still!

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

A forum for intergovernmental coordination and dialogue for the 25 local governments in Pinellas County.

How can we improve our service to you?

Nothing to suggest in this regard.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas provides value to our community through the coordination of land use and transportation planning to promote a safer, more sustainable County. As a practitioner, Forward Pinellas provides important analysis of the state of our system, trends and conditions to better inform my work. Forward Pinellas is a leader of multiple initiatives that will improve transportation in the County and supports partner agencies and governments through technical assistance and grants.

How can we improve our service to you?

Improved access to GIS data sets and map packages.
Assist with making local governments aware of more grant opportunities for transportation and land use planning, design and implementation.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes, by infrastructure improvements throughout the county

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Local Gov't I know a lot about it

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas keeps our town very well informed. It is a pleasure working with them.

How can we improve our service to you?

Cannot think of anything.

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**Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

Yes, by helping local governments focus on Vision Zero and by changing the conversation around corridor planning for transit, and how that addresses congestion for an urban area better than blindly widening roads.

How can we improve our service to you?

By keeping up the good work! Also by being prepared for future revenue shortfalls for capital transportation improvements through exploring more local funding sources. Also by continuing to help the community better understand the planning process and local decision making.

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**Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

The bike trail systems here are great! (Let's do more of them!)

How can we improve our service to you?

Destination amenities. (BIKE RACKS!) Everywhere. Please.

And how about some traffic calming on the Pinellas Trail?

It's like the wild west out there. Assuming cowboys rode stuff like that.... In spandex...

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

I am on the Bike-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, so my main interest is on the trail system and how we can make our streets safer for bikes and pedestrians. I feel we as a community have made significant progress in this endeavor, but still can make huge improvements in both. I think that in particular the addition of Whit Blanton as Executive Director has had a positive impact on both the professionalism as well as the transparency that Forward Pinellas has demonstrated since he came on board!

How can we improve our service to you?

stay on the course you're on!

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a committee member

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

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I know a lot about it

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas effectively interacts with the municipalities within the county and other counties and municipalities within the region. Both are necessary in our largely built out area.

How can we improve our service to you?

Further development on multimodal local and regional transit. It will be great when a citizen must choose between many travel options. This has been neglected for decades and is a major need for us to become a modern competitive metropolitan area. This will affect quality of life and economic development. Support from state and federal

government is a major factor enabling or limiting Forward Pinellas's efforts.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas is on the cutting edge of transportation technology.

How can we improve our service to you?

Continue the great outreach from the team.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Good partner on cross-bay initiatives.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas has provided technical assistance, funding and subject matter expertise on land use, development and transportation planning and policy issues.

How can we improve our service to you?

Additional funding availability for land use and transportation planning and capital improvements would advance mutual goals between the City and County.

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Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

My community is in Hillsborough County, but I keep informed as to transportation matters by being a citizen representative on the School to Trails Safety Committee.

How can we improve our service to you?

By keeping me informed on transportation and school safety matters.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes, by planning projects to improve community infrastructure.

How can we improve our service to you?

There are more needs than the available staff can handle. You could take better advantage of people that have volunteered to help with specific projects. Even with COVID, some of these volunteers could work remotely at least

some of the time. Once you are willing to use existing volunteers more effectively, you could work at recruiting more volunteers.

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Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to

your community? If so, how? How could comprehensive transportation planning NOT add value to my community?

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how? Of course. I enjoy staying informed regarding our ever changing prime destination county.

How can we improve our service to you? Because I serve on a board as a disabled citizen, meetings are always lined with new information that affect everyone, and allows me to express what I learn to others when conversations present. The meetings have taught me so much as to what to expect in the future.

Friday, December 18, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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I participated at an event I'm a committee member

I'm a partner agency

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes, I have safer paths to ride my bike, as well as innovative ways to cross the street.

How can we improve our service to you?

Continue to do what you do; you guys are great!

Friday, December 18, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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Funding Programs I know a lot about it

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Land Use Functions I know a lot about it

Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't I know a lot about it

Monday, December 21, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I participated at an event I'm a committee member

I'm a partner agency I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

The efforts of Forward Pinellas to address traffic fatalities, complete streets infrastructure and responsibility to all County residents is commendable and demonstrates a level of care; this is what resonates with me.

How can we improve our service to you?

Over time, please explore with your attorney, the possibility of "teleworking" meetings, even where a vote is taken. I would like more remote meetings with occasional in-person meetings. We already knew before the pandemic, that teleworking is a good way to cut down on automobile trips in the County. Perhaps the pandemic has provided a platform by which interpretation or legislative "adjustments" to Sunshine directives may be explored. I'd at least start by exploring this topic with the State Attorney General in some manner, especially for the technical boards (staff boards). Televising/YouTubing the PAC and TCC meetings would also provide the public access needed.

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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Funding Programs I know a lot about it

Planning Activities I know a lot about it

Land Use Functions I know a lot about it

Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't I know some about it

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a partner agency I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

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I know a lot about it

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SPOTlight Areas I've never heard of this

Funding Programs I've heard of this but not sure

what it is

Planning Activities I know some about it

Land Use Functions I know some about it

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Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't I know a little about it

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes! Thoughtful, smart people working hard to improve our transportation system

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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I'm an interested citizen

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Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a board member I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

1-5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I know a lot about it

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

In the 30 years, I have resided in Pinellas County, I have seen tremendous growth, and street improvements including bike lanes. Everything that has been done so far has been advantageous to my community.

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a committee member I'm a partner agency

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

1-5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I know a little about it

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Funding Programs I know some about it

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Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't I know a lot about it

**Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

Yes, we have received grants for some of our projects.

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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I'm an interested citizen

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1-5 years

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Friday, January 1, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

The bike lanes on streets are still very dangerous too thin and not separated. There are not enough designated bike lanes in Clearwater, Florida and not enough East to West designated bike lanes from Tampa Bay to the Gulf or to connect to the Pinellas trail. There are many senior drivers and bikers and walkers. Crossing roads is a nightmare. Bike lanes on streets should be either wider or separated via dividers from cars. Pinellas County could be a wonderful destination for tourists and visitors by promoting its safety with biking and walking. Right now, it is very dangerous.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Increased bike lanes via Pinellas Trail

Monday, January 4, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

Tell me more about you

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Less than 1 year

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Not very familiar with your organization. Need to know who you are, who funds you, when did you begin, etc

Monday, January 4, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

I'd say we need raised interstate west to east like over ulmerton road Similar to Lee Roy salmon expressway

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

No idea just heard of it in this website

Monday, January 4, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

Not sure, but I am a Pinellas voter - Independent, and want to learn about things being done in Pinellas County where

public support can help with success. Thank you.

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Not sure, but want to learn more.

Monday, January 4, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

Direct express bus service between downtown St Pete and downtown Tampa

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Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

Doing a good job - I would suggest that some of your programs are not well known by a majority of the population. Maybe utilize more press releases and your blog to bring about a message that works for the general population?

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

By bringing concepts, issues and programs to all the municipalities in Pinellas.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

More public Zoom webinars?

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Listening sessions with our communities! Improving our trails and connecting our communities! Safety Grants!

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a partner agency

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

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I know some about it

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

Continue to engage in outreach capacities. Help deprioritize/disincentive motor vehicle travel and incentivize/prioritize travel by bike. Build better bike lanes. Build more bike lanes. Build protected bike lanes and cycle track. Reduce speed limits in county thoroughfares.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I participated at an event I'm a committee member
I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

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**Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

Yes, through it's efforts to promote safer travel for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists Forward Pinellas has helped promote more equitable and secure transportation.

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How can we improve our service to you?

Increased service that serves those that most regularly ride the bus - low income individuals. Focusing service on higher economic areas may look great for branding - but the people that ride the bus don't live in Old Northeast - they live in South St. Pete - expand service where it is needed.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

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Monday, January 11, 2021

**Customer Satisfaction Survey Form
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I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

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Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

I moved home to Pinellas County in late July after 40+ years away (for work) and live in Seminole where I grew up after living in St. Pete for 12 years. I follow Pinellas on Twitter, etc., read the Tampa Bay Times e-edition daily, but had not heard of Forward Pinellas until this morning. Eager to learn more and get involved as we love being residents of Pinellas County and like the direction our County is headed.

Monday, January 11, 2021

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Monday, January 11, 2021

**Customer Satisfaction Survey Form
Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

I don't know

How can we improve our service to you?

I'm not 100% sure what you do but if your aim is to make Pinellas more clean, safe, walkable, etc., then please keep it up!

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

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Less than 1 year

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas has added value to the community by providing County-wide leadership to coordinate priorities, programs and initiatives within Pinellas County and its partner municipal and County governments and the region. Forward Pinellas provides continuous critical technical assistance to municipalities and County governments. Forward Pinellas grant programs provide opportunities to leverage funding to get projects accomplished. Forward Pinellas collects critical transportation data and leads public campaigns to educate and raise awareness of

transportation issues in our community.

How can we improve our service to you?

Increasing accessibility to source data. Staff are always prompt and helpful with data requests, but it would be nice if there were more direct access data repositories like the crash management system.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a committee member I'm a partner agency

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I know a lot about it

Bike Your City I know some about it

SPOTlight Areas I know a lot about it

Funding Programs I know some about it

Planning Activities I know a lot about it

Land Use Functions I know a lot about it

Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't I know a lot about it

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Forward Pinellas has taken a strategic approach in the integration of land use and transportation planning. They provide leadership at the County and regional levels.

How can we improve our service to you?

Continue to advocate for, and direct funding to, multimodal transportation options.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a partner agency

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

I have no idea, but I am interested to know more.

How can we improve our service to you?

More/better communication, increase community awareness and involvement

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I've never heard of this

Bike Your City I've never heard of this

SPOTlight Areas I've never heard of this

Funding Programs I've never heard of this

Planning Activities I've never heard of this

Land Use Functions I've never heard of this

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Local Gov't I've never heard of this

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Absolutely. FP has been a key and critical partner in Largo's Tri-City Special Area Plan. Forward Pinellas' participation has been outstanding by every measure.

How can we improve our service to you?

Just keep up the good work. Whit's presentation to Largo's City Commission of Forward Pinellas' Legislative priorities for the 2021 session was highly informative, balanced and educational. Information such as this is crucial to all of us working together to achieve critical goals.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a partner agency

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

1-5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I know a lot about it

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Thursday, January 14, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

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Local Gov't** I've never heard of this

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Assisting with trails and walkways in green areas.

How can we improve our service to you?

Keep working on and assisting with making the Pinellas trail complete all around the county and with connecting trails such as the Duke energy trail. Thanks!

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

1-5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I've heard of this but not sure

what it is

Bike Your City I know a little about it

SPOTlight Areas I know a little about it

Funding Programs I've heard of this but not sure

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Planning Activities I know a little about it

Land Use Functions I know a little about it

Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't

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what it is

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

**Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

Forward Pinellas has done a great job in community involvement and creating opportunities for residents to provide input. Listening to our comments creating safe transportation channels for all modes of transportation.

How can we improve our service to you?

Continue to reach out to the members of the community.

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I know some about it

Bike Your City I know some about it

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Saturday, February 13, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

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Saturday, February 13, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

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Local Gov't I've never heard of this

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Not sure.

How can we improve our service to you?

Get the word out

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I've never heard of this

Bike Your City

SPOTlight Areas

Funding Programs

Planning Activities

**Land Use Functions
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Local Gov't**

Thursday, February 18, 2021

**Customer Satisfaction Survey Form
Has Forward Pinellas added value to
your community? If so, how?**

Effective communication on transportation issues.

Interacting effectively with the community

How can we improve our service to you?

Doing a great job!

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm a board member

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

More than 5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I know a lot about it

Bike Your City I know a lot about it

SPOTlight Areas

Funding Programs

Planning Activities

Land Use Functions

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Local Gov't

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

I've never heard of this

Bike Your City I've heard of this but not sure

what it is

SPOTlight Areas I've never heard of this

Funding Programs I've never heard of this

Planning Activities I've never heard of this

Land Use Functions I've never heard of this

Technical Assistance to

Local Gov't I've never heard of this

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

Has Forward Pinellas added value to your community? If so, how?

Yes

How can we improve our service to you?

More sanitary stations at park to sanitation the parks

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

1-5 years

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

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Sunday, February 21, 2021

Customer Satisfaction Survey Form

How are you involved with Forward Pinellas?

I'm an interested citizen

How long have you been aware of Forward Pinellas?

Less than 1 year

How would you rate your awareness of our projects and programs? Safe Streets Pinellas

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Appendix F. Status of Previous Certification Findings

The following is a summary of the previous corrective actions and recommendations made by the Federal Review Team to the Forward Pinellas MPO. The MPO's last certification review report was published in June 2017.

A. Corrective Actions

There were no corrective action in 2017.

B. Recommendations

1. **Intelligent Transportation System (ITS):** The MPO is very involved in the region's ITS programs, but makes no mention of how ITS data can be collected and distributed to further enhance its travel monitoring, safety and other programs, and supplement traditional data collection methods that reflects real or near real time information. The Federal Review Team recommends that Forward Pinellas creates a program to leverage ITS data to further enhance its data.

Update: While no program was created per se, Forward Pinellas staff has been working closely with its partner agencies to collect and utilize ITS data for monitoring purposes. Just a few examples include

- using ITS data to display and analyze crash data for Safe Streets countermeasures
- monitoring FDOT's monthly travel time reports
- cooperating with partners in creating regional TSMO to address I-4 Corridor, and formalizing the relationship with an MOU
- identifying funding for ITS projects in the LRTP

2. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The MPO appears to use the terms "public meeting" and "public hearing" interchangeably. From a federal perspective, these terms are very different. A public hearing must meet specific and more stringent requirements spelled out in law that may not apply to a public meeting. Federal law does not require the conducting of public hearings for planning activities. However, state law may dictate otherwise. The MPO should consider evaluating MPO processes and procedures to eliminate indiscriminate use of the words 'public meeting' and 'public hearing'.

Update: Following the 2017 Quadrennial Certification, Forward Pinellas staff reviewed its procedures regarding public meetings and hearings against federal and state requirements and updated its PPP accordingly. The PPP now indicates that Forward Pinellas holds public hearings for adoption and amendment of the TIP and LRTP and for PPP amendments. A definition of "public hearing" was also added to the glossary to help differentiate them from "public meetings." Page D1 of the PPP provides a table that spells out the procedures for approval and adoption of MPO documents and plans in terms of

committee and board actions, review agencies, schedule requirements, methods of notice and whether public hearings are required.

- 3. Public Participation Plan (PPP):** In updating the PPP, the MPO should consider verifying that the PPP contains an adequate description of an MPO and its duties; including a distinct section on how the PPP was developed in consultation with all parties; adding an appendix or other tool to describe the ‘alphabet soup’ of planning acronyms, i.e. LRTP, TIP, UPWP, LEP, ADA, Title VI, etc.; and documenting the procedure for participation where time constraints prevent CAC or public review prior to Board action on the TIP.

Update: Forward Pinellas added a PPP section on Page 2 of the PPP to provide summary information about the MPO and its responsibilities. It also added a new section on Page 5 that more thoroughly describes the PPP consultation process. Appendix E to the PPP is a glossary of frequently used planning acronyms, and the requirements for short notice meetings are now addressed on pages 26 and 27 of the TIP.

- 4. Title VI and Related Requirements:** The MPO should review its procurement and standard contract documents to verify inclusion of assurance nondiscrimination clauses (A and E) as well as that of 49 CFR 26.13; consider using the recently adopted FTA/FHWA approved template as a resource when updating the Title VI and LEP plans; and better delineate DBE program and goal documents so that FDOT’s race neutral FHWA program cannot be confused with the FTA-approved transit program and goal.

Update: The Forward Pinellas Title VI Plan was updated in 2019 using the FTA/FHWA resources as a development guide. The MPO verified that nondiscrimination clauses from the assurance are include in contract language, including the nondiscrimination in award and contracting statement required by 49 49 CFR 26.13. Finally, the MPO reorganized the Title VI documents on its portal to emphasize the separateness of FTA versus FHWA requirements in the DBE program.

- 5. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** Forward Pinellas must ensure that all planning products include accessibility considerations and involve the community with disabilities and their service representatives in the planning process. The MPO can continue to improve ADA compliance for itself and its local governments by coordinating survey/study activities; helping partners prioritize accessibility improvements; sharing pedestrian rights-of-way and condition data; identifying partners in need of training or technical assistance; and keeping FHWA and FDOT aware of innovative local programs or cost-effective tools that might assist public agencies with meeting ADA requirements.

Update: Forward Pinellas works closely with its Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program Local Coordinating Board (LCB) to ensure MPO plans and programs reflect the needs of the disability community as well as those residing

in low-income and environmental justice areas. The 15-member board meets quarterly and is comprised of representatives of social service agencies, private transportation providers, FDOT and citizens who utilize the program. PSTA is a non-voting member. The TD Program provides transportation assistance to economically and physically disadvantaged citizens in Pinellas County. The LCB is the governing board of the program and provides input to the Forward Pinellas Board and PSTA on matters related to the transportation of disadvantaged communities.

6. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** The MPO should annotate tables or provide a footnote to the TIP tables to clarify that funding is expressed as year of expenditure (YOE).

Update: Footnotes indicating project costs reflect year of expenditures were added to the tables in sections 3 and 4 of the TIP.

Appendix G. Acronym List

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act	NHS – National Highway System
AQ – Air Quality	NTI – National Transit Institute
CAAA – Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990	PEA – Planning Emphasis Area
CFP – Cost Feasible Plan (of the LRTP)	PL – Metropolitan Planning Funds
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations	PPP – Public Participation Plan
CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	RA – Regional Administrator
CMP – Congestion Management Process	RTIP – Regional Transportation Implementation Plan
DA – Division Administrator	RTP – Regional Transportation Plan
DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services	RPC – Regional Planning Commission
EJ – Environmental Justice	SFY – State Fiscal Year
ETDM – Efficient Transportation Decision Making	SHA – State Highway Administration
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency	SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan
FAST Act – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act	SIP – State Implementation Plan
FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation	SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration	SOV – Single Occupancy Vehicle
FTA – Federal Transit Administration	SPR – State Planning and Research
FY – Federal Fiscal Year	STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
GIS – Geographic Information Systems	STP – Surface Transportation Program
HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program	TAM – Transit Asset Management
HPMS Reviews – Highway Performance Monitoring System	TAMP – Transportation Asset Management Plan
ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	TAZ – Transportation Analysis Zone
ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems	TCM – Transportation Control Measure
LEP – Limited English Proficiency	TDM – Transportation Demand Management
LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan	TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
M&O – Management and Operations	TIP – Transportation Improvement Program
MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century	Title VI – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement	TMA – Transportation Management Area
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding	TMIP – Travel Model Improvement Program
MPA – Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary	TPA – Transportation Planning Agency
MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization	TPCB – Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program
MPOAC – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	TPM – Transportation Performance Management
NAAQS-National Ambient Air Quality Standards	TPO – Transportation Planning Organization
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act	UAB – Urban Area Boundary
NHI – National Highway Institute	UPWP – Unified Planning Work Plan
	U.S.C. – United States Code
	UZA – Urbanized Areas
	VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled

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Pasco County MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

Section I. Overview of the Certification Process

Under provisions of 23 CFR 450.336(b) and 49 CFR 613.100, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA’s transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities. These activities include: 1) a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA’s planning documents (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); 2) a “site visit” with staff from the TMA’s various transportation planning partners (e.g. the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), local/regional transit service provider, and other participating State/local agencies), including opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the TMA planning process; 3) a Certification Report, which the Federal Review Team prepares, to document the results of the review process; and, 4) a formal presentation of the review findings at a future Pasco County MPO Board Policy meeting.

Certification of the planning process is a prerequisite to the approval of Federal funding for transportation projects in metropolitan areas. The certification review also helps ensure that the major issues facing a metropolitan area are being addressed. The review process is individually tailored to focus on topics of significance in each metropolitan planning area. Since 2018, to initiate the TMA certification review process, the Federal Review Team has utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. **Appendix A** summarizes the risk evaluation, and the report notes in the relevant sections which topic areas were not selected for review due to existing stewardship and oversight practices after considering the risk factors.

The review for the Pasco County MPO was held January 26, 2021. During this site visit, the Federal Review Team met with the staff of the Pasco County MPO, FDOT, Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT), committee representatives, other partnering agencies, and the public. See **Appendix B** for a list of review team members and site visit participants, and **Appendix C** for the TMA Certification Meeting Agenda.

The purpose of the public engagement process is to inform the public of the Federal transportation planning requirements and allow the public an opportunity to provide input on the transportation planning process to the Federal Review Team. Public feedback and engagement on the MPO's planning process was obtained through the MPO Website and FHWA Website, following the initial announcement on January 22, 2021. For those that did not want to post publicly, contact information for the Federal Review Team was provided. Members of the public were given 30 days from the site visit date to mail, fax or email their comments and/or request a copy of the certification review report. Comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

A copy of the public engagement notice can be found in **Appendix D**. Screenshots of public input, including a listing of commenters and a summary of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

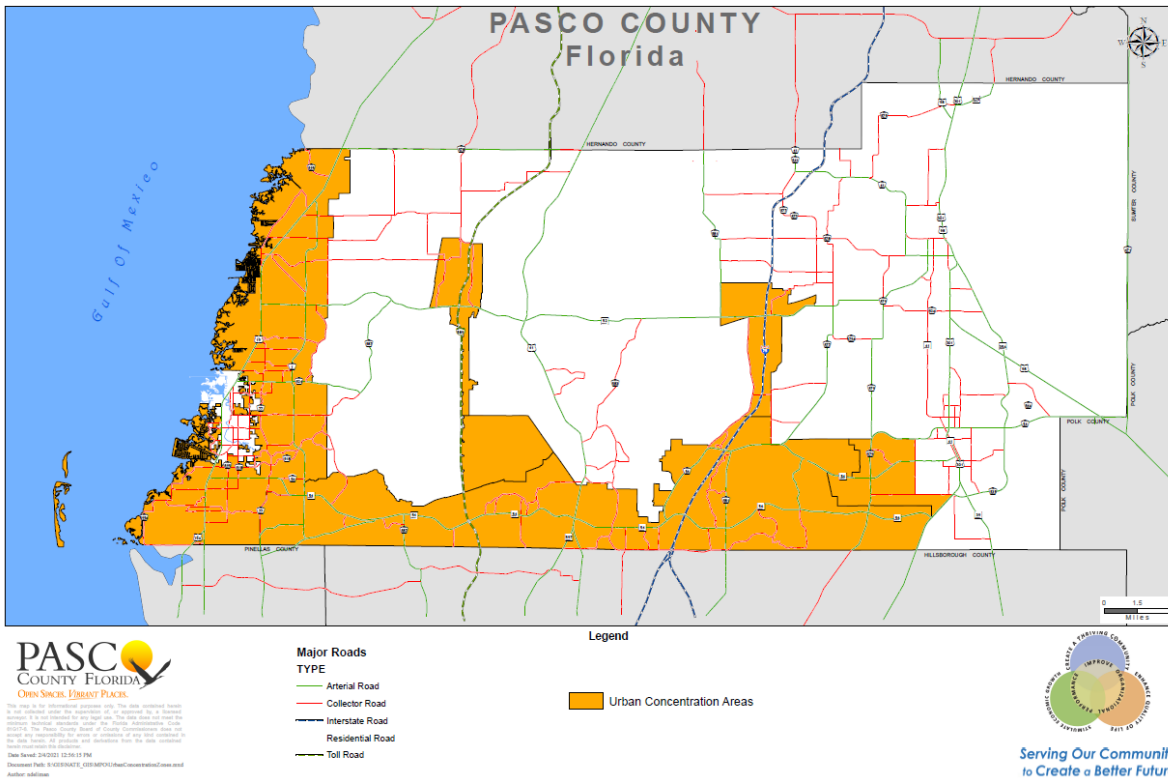
A summary of the 2017 corrective actions and recommendations and their status can be found in **Appendix F**.

An explanation of planning acronyms can be found in **Appendix G**.

Section II. Boundaries and Organization (23CFR 450.310, 312, 314)

A. Description of Planning Area

Observations: The Pasco County MPO is located on Florida's central west coast. The planning area boundary includes all of Pasco County and the cities of New Port Richey, Zephyrhills, Dade City, Port Richey, San Antonio, and the Town of St. Leo, all of which are census defined urbanized areas. The planning area is bounded on the west by the Gulf of Mexico, Hernando County to the north, Polk and Sumter Counties to the east, and Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties to the south. The Pasco County MPO planning boundary is visually depicted in the following map:



B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure

Observations: The Pasco County MPO's overall make up has not changed since the last certification review. However, the MPO has a New Chairman and Vice-President as of January 2021. The Pasco County MPO is still composed of publicly elected municipal and county officials and has nine voting members. The MPO membership is comprised of five County Commissioners from Pasco County (one from each commission district) and one member from each of the cities of New Port Richey, Zephyrhills, Dade City, and Port Richey. With the exception of the five county commissioners from Pasco County who receive two votes per member, the rest of the members have one vote.

The Pasco County MPO has five dedicated staff members of which three were currently vacant at the time of the site visit. The vacant positions included: Executive Director, Executive Planner, and Principle Planner, with the current staff of an Active Transportation Planner II, Planner II, and an Accountant II.

The MPO has five standing committees: the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the Congestion Management Task Force, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board.

The Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General (OIG), conducted an audit documented in a report released March 18, 2021 on the Pasco County MPO's governance structure and associated fiscal financial management processes. As a result of the audit, FDOT and the MPO met to discuss next steps. On March 30, 2021, FDOT asked

the MPO to provide an actionable plan with milestones to address the report findings. The Federal Review Team understands that the Pasco MPO has already begun developing strategies to address the OIG findings. The Federal Review Team identified a corrective action for this concern under the UPWP.

Corrective Action and Recommendation: The Federal Review Team identified one corrective action regarding Agreements and offers one recommendation regarding the Organizational Structure. For more details about this corrective action and recommendation, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's boundaries and organization does not fully satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.310 and 312.

C. Agreements

Current Agreements:

Staff and Support Services Agreement, March 7, 2017

BYLAWS, December 10, 2020

Pasco County MPO and Board of County Commissioners, (BOCC) of Pasco March 10, 2015

Public Transportation Grant Agreement and Pasco County MPO, February 3, 2020

Public Transportation Grant Agreement and Pasco County MPO, March 1, 2021

Transportation Performance Measures Consensus Planning Document with Resolution, June 11, 2020

Interlocal Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement, December 2, 2014

Observations: FHWA became aware of challenges faced by the previous MPO Executive Director in providing important information to the Board for their action. Through routine stewardship and oversight activities, FHWA provided technical assistance regarding implementation of the Executive Director responsibilities. During this certification's desk audit, the Federal Review Team reviewed the latest bylaws and staff services agreement and identified a discrepancy between the two documents as to whom the Executive Director must report. The staff services agreement, which has the Executive Director reporting to a county manager, conflicts with the MPO Bylaws which state that the Executive Director reports to the MPO Board.

Corrective Action: The Federal Review Team has identified one corrective action regarding Agreements. For more details about this corrective action, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's agreements do not fully satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.314.

Section III. Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 450.306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))

Observations: The MPO set its targets for safety, bridge, pavement, and system performance and for Transit Asset Management (TAM) within the prescribed timeframes. It documented setting the Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1) in MPO meeting minutes for February 8, 2018, February 12, 2019, and February 13, 2020, and that of Bridge and Pavement (PM 2) and System Performance (PM 3) Targets via meeting minutes for February 8, 2018 and February 12, 2019, and February 13, 2020.

The MPO adopted the TAM targets on September 17, 2018. This TAM Plan covers a five-year planning period from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2023. The targets are published MPO's website link: <https://www.pascocountyfl.net/4395/Mobility-2045-Long-Range-Transportation>.

The MPO has written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, selection of performance targets, reporting of targets, reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes and reporting of data. These were documented through the Transportation Performance Measures Consensus Planning Document via Resolution 20-172 June 11, 2020 with FDOT and Pasco County Transit.

In the development of the LRTP, the MPO included a description of the performance measures and targets to assess the transportation system performance. They integrated the FDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program's, Strategic Highway Safety Plan's, Asset Management Plan's and Freight Plan's goals, objectives, measures and targets directly into the LRTP. They also included a system performance report and evaluated the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the federally required performance targets, including progress achieved by the MPO in meeting the performance targets in comparison with system performance recorded in previous reports and baseline data.

In the development of the TIP, the MPO designed their TIP to make progress toward achieving the targets and described how they linked their project selections and investments to anticipate target achievement. Specifically, the MPO noted new improvements, additional safety funding towards projects, and a focus on children and school safety, pedestrian and trail user's safety videos/campaigns, and the general population. In subsequent TIPs, the MPO explained how the program of projects from the prior TIP will assist the MPO to achieve progress towards the Vision Zero safety target.

Finding: The MPO's transportation performance planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 314, 324, and 326.

Section IV. Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306)

A. Transportation Planning Factors

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's planning process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b).

B. Air Quality

Finding: The Pasco County MPO is currently designated as an attainment area for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b), 324(f), and 326.

D. Transit

Observations: Transit service in the Pasco County MPO is provided by Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT).

The Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) is organized in the following manner:

PCPT has been providing transit service in the Pasco County areas of Zephyrhills, Lacoche, and Hudson, as well as Tarpon Springs in Pinellas County. PCPT has 16 fixed-route transit buses on nine routes, which include two routes traveling into Northern Pinellas County. Demand response service is also provided to the qualified and registered mobility impaired and the transportation disadvantaged through the PCPT paratransit service. In 2018, PCPT provided an average of 3,157 weekday unlinked trips.

Through the MPO agreements, cooperative development of the planning products, coordination activities, and implementation of transit projects, the Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) is a full partner in this MPO's planning process.

Finding: The MPO's transit activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 613.100 as well as the transit supportive elements outlined in 23 CFR 450.

E. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's ITS activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 322, and 23 CFR 940.

F. Freight Planning

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's freight planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 316, 324, and 326.

G. Security Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Recommendation: The Federal Review Team offers one recommendation regarding Security Considerations in the Planning Process. For more details about this recommendation, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's security planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(f), 324(h), and 326.

H. Safety Considerations in the Planning Process

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's safety planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(h), and 326.

Section V. Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)

Current Document Title: Pasco County MPO UPWP Fiscal Years 2021 - 2022

Date Adopted: May 14, 2020

Observations: The Pasco County MPO's above noted UPWP covers transportation planning activities/products for two fiscal years and contains sufficient description of the costs and activities the MPO plans to undertake the second year of their UPWP's to complete their planning responsibilities.

The MPO's website includes the Adopted Public Participation Plan that provides an overview for the amendment and modification process for the public, and the website also provides a link for any amendments and modifications to the current and prior UPWPs. The document is well written, provides a thorough overview for the public of the planning activities and priorities of the MPO, and includes non-MPO planning studies conducted within the MPO's planning boundaries.

The Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General (OIG), conducted an audit on the Pasco County MPO's (Grants fiscal years 2019-20). The OIG final report findings determined that the Pasco County MPO does not have adequate internal controls and accounting principles and procedures regarding its allocation methods, record keeping,

invoice procedures and the MPO is not receiving reimbursement for indirect costs in accordance with 2 CFR 200. 303, 305, and 403.

Corrective Action: The Federal Review Team identified one corrective action regarding the Unified Planning Work Program. For more details about this corrective action, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's UPWP does not fully satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.308.

Section VI. Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316)

A. Outreach and Public Participation

Current Document Title: Public Participation Plan: A Guide to the Transportation Planning Process

Date Adopted: May 10, 2018

Observations: The Pasco County MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides reasonable opportunities for participation in all transportation planning processes by the general public, affected public transportation employees, freight shippers and providers of freight transportation services, public ports, private providers of transportation, representatives of those using public transportation, representatives of those using pedestrian and bicycle facilities, representatives of those with disabilities, and other interested parties. The MPO coordinates with FDOT, state and local agency partners, and the public in PPP development and it periodically revisits the document to ensure accuracy and verify that participation is continuing and open to everyone.

The MPO electronically provides on its website information and documentation related to transportation planning processes. It effectively employs visualization techniques in all documents, demonstrating transportation planning processes such as the LRTP, TIP, STIP, and UPWP, satisfying federal requirements.

The MPO actively uses its PPP, demonstrating and documenting robust public participation in all planning processes, including development of the LRTP and the TIP. The MPO also effectively collects and analyzes demographic data to identify, include and solicit input from traditionally underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, as well as low-income households. The MPO maintains performance metrics and annually reviews the PPP to measure the effectiveness of its efforts.

Additionally, the MPO uses social media outlets to gather public input on transportation issues as well as to further inform the public about specific involvement opportunities such as developing and amending the LRTP and the TIP.

Noteworthy Practice and Recommendation: The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice and offers one recommendation regarding Outreach and Public Participation. For more details about this noteworthy practice and recommendation, please see Section XI.

Finding: The MPO's outreach and public participation activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316.

B. Tribal Coordination

Finding: There are no tribal lands within the MPO's planning boundaries requiring the MPO to provide tribal coordination.

C. Title VI and Related Requirements

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's Title VI and related activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 21, 49 CFR 27, 23 CFR 200, 23 CFR 450.316 and 336(a).

Section VII. Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f) (10), 324(g))

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Finding: The MPO's linking planning and NEPA activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f) (10), and 324(g).

Section VIII. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (23 CFR 450.322)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's congestion management process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.322.

Section IX. Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)

A. Scope of LRTP

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Noteworthy Practices: The Federal Review Team recognizes two noteworthy practices regarding Long Range Transportation Plan. For more details about these noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

Finding: The general scope of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324.

B. Travel Demand Modeling/Data

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's travel demand modeling processes substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(e).

C. Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint

Observations: A review based on the 2018 FHWA/FTA LRTP Expectations Letter was conducted during the desk audit.

Finding: The financial plan/fiscal constraint of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(f) (11).

Section X. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's TIP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.326,328, 330, 332, and 334.

Section XI. Findings/Conclusions

The following items represent a compilation of the findings that are included in this 2021 certification review report. These findings, which are identified as noteworthy practices, corrective actions, and recommendations, are intended to not only ensure continuing regulatory compliance of the Pasco County MPO's transportation planning process with federal planning requirements, but to also foster high-quality planning practices and improve the transportation planning program in this TMA. Corrective actions reflect required actions for compliance with the Federal Planning Regulations and must be completed within the timeframes noted. Recommendations reflect national trends or potential risks and are intended to assist the Pasco County MPO in improving the planning process. Noteworthy practices highlight efforts that demonstrate innovative ideas or best practices for implementing the planning requirements.

A. Noteworthy Practices

1. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Review Team was impressed with Pasco County MPO's description of its first ever Active Transportation Plan (ATP) initiative. While Florida's MPOs are currently experiencing unprecedented public involvement using virtual platforms, the MPO found another way to leverage the pandemic to maximize outreach. It initially planned ATP Phase 1 for public engagement, but due to COVID-19, rescheduled these activities for Phase 2. It then used the time to create video logs of the area and its systems. MPO staff visited all parts of the county, recording who was using the network, during what time of day and for what activities. Staff also discussed what facets of the system were working and where there appeared to be challenges not discernable through raw data. The results of these efforts not only helped the MPO validate its data but identified various needs of its communities and suggested new ways of public engagement. At a time when electronic involvement resources are omnipresent, the MPO experience is a reminder that field visits are still essential to effective planning.
2. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team commends the Pasco County MPO for receiving the "Bob the Builder" award for their *Observe, Document and Evaluate: Specialized Outreach Based on Local Behavior* presentation. The 2020 Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit presented this award to the Pasco County MPO after evaluating it against 22 other entries. This presentation was developed as part of a Vision Zero Plan for the county. It highlights the safety video library and public service announcements for walking and bicycling in the area. It promotes the safe crossing behavior, and multiuse trails in the county, including the Starkey Gap connection.
3. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team was pleased to hear that the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) awarded the 2020 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award to the Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation Study. The award exemplifies TMA leadership and commitment to continue to strive for excellence for the Tampa Bay TMA.

B. Corrective Action

1. **Agreements:** The staff services agreement, which has the Executive Director reporting to a county manager, conflicts with the MPO Bylaws, which state that the Executive Director reports to the MPO Board. The bylaws are required by 23 CFR 450.310(d)(3) and this discrepancy creates confusion for implementing responsibilities. As a result, the agreement does not clearly identify the responsibilities for carrying out the planning process as required by 23 CFR 450.314(a).

In updating the agreements, the MPO should include detailed language and descriptions of roles and responsibilities for branch departments and the MPO. The MPO should also be mindful that 1) 23 CFR 450.104 defines metropolitan planning organization (MPO) as "...the policy board of an organization created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process; 2) State statutes (339.175(6)(g) F.S.) specifically require each MPO to have an Executive Director that

reports directly to the MPO Board; 3) In the spirit of a “3-C” (continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive) transportation planning process, the “host” of the MPO’s staff does not receive any preferential treatment or deference; and 4) Active communication and coordination between an MPO Executive Director and their Board is critical so that Board decisions can be timely and effectively implemented. **The MPO must update its staff services agreement to be consistent with the MPO bylaws by October 29, 2021**

2. **Unified Planning Work Program:** As noted by the FDOT OIG final report findings, the Pasco County MPO does not have adequate internal controls and accounting principles and procedures regarding its allocation methods, record keeping, invoice procedures and the MPO is not receiving reimbursement for indirect costs in accordance with 2 CFR 200. 303, 305, and 403. Satisfying 2 CFR 200 is integral for meeting the UPWP requirements in 23 CFR 450.308. As requested by FDOT, the Pasco MPO must develop the actionable plan to address all OIG findings. **The development of this plan must be completed by July 30, 2021. The MPO also needs to provide the federal partners status updates quarterly until the plan milestones have been fully achieved.**

C. Recommendations

1. **Organizational Structure:** The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO sufficiently staffs leadership positions to ensure strategic objectives of the organization can be achieved, and that sufficient oversight is in place so that federal requirements are met. The need for this consistent oversight is reinforced by the recent OIG findings, which noted a number quality assurance/quality control issues in the MPO’s accounting and invoicing practices.
2. **Security:** The Federal Review Team noted that the Pasco County MPO has not developed a standalone COOP nor have they tested the county’s COOP since the last 2017 Certification. The MPO should establish an alternate central location where the MPO staff can continue their day to day responsibilities and perform a COOP exercise at the alternative site location. Performing a COOP test at the alternate location may assist the MPO with their concerns and identify any emergencies processes that need strengthening.
3. **Outreach and Public Participation:** Pasco County MPO has a substantially compliant PPP and associated Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan that addresses all the minimum regulatory requirements. However, the MPO has recently undergone significant staff overturn, losing officials responsible for these programs. Since the MPO will undertake a PPP update in 2021 to include changes related to remote and electronic public involvement, the Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO review the documents to ensure:
 - Updates include the time-period for, and methods of, responding to comments or questions submitted by the public through social media or other virtual platforms.

- Identification by name, title and contact information of the new MPO PPP and Title VI Coordinator(s)
- Accuracy of the MPO staff organization chart (particularly easy access of the Title VI Coordinator to the Executive Director)
- Descriptions of the methods used to advise LEP Spanish speakers *in Spanish* of the availability of language services
- Accuracy of the community characteristics inventory data used to evaluate inclusive outreach to and the equity of transportation plan impacts on minorities by race, ethnicity and income

D. Training/Technical Assistance

At the conclusion of the site visit the Federal Review Team asked the MPO staff if they had any training or technical assistance needs. The Pasco County MPO identified technical assistance requests for the following topical areas: Title VI, General MPO Handbook Assistance, and MPOAC Orientation for new Board members. FHWA and FTA will work with the MPO to provide resources in these areas.

E. Conclusion

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tampa Bay TMA, which is comprised in part by the Pasco County MPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C subject to the MPO satisfactorily addressing the corrective actions stated in this report. The MPO is encouraged to provide the FHWA and FTA with evidence of satisfactory completion of the corrective actions in accordance with the noted deadlines. This certification will remain in effect until **June 2025**.

Appendix A. Summary of Risk Assessment

Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment	
MPO:	Pasco
Date of Assessment:	September 2020
Cert Review Report Date:	June 2021
Topic Area	Selected for additional review?
Organization of MPO/TPO (23 CFR 450.310, 312, 314)	Yes
Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transportation Planning Factors	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Air Quality	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transit	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Freight Planning	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Security Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Safety Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Outreach and Public Participation	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Tribal Coordination	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Title VI and Related Requirements	No
Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))	No
Congestion Management Process (23 CFR 450.322)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Travel Demand Modeling/Data	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	No
Transportation Improvement Program (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)	No
*Note: With the exception of Transit, if all areas are a "No", then the top 3 areas will be reviewed.	
The additional areas are: Unified Planning Work Program, Outreach and Public Participation.	

Appendix B. Pasco County MPO Site Visit Participants

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Appendix C. TMA Certification Site Visit Agenda

Pasco County Metropolitan Planning
Organization TMA Certification Review

January 26, 2021

*Virtual: Cisco
WebEx link*

Thursday	January 26, 2021	Day One
Federal Certification Team Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teresa Parker (FHWA) ➤ Jim Martin (FHWA) ➤ Stacie Blizzard (FHWA) ➤ Carey Shepherd (FHWA) ➤ Brittany Lavender (FTA) 	
Time	Item	Lead
8:30 a.m.	Welcome / Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Roles/Responsibilities/Key Activities of MPO and Transit Agency Staff 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
8:45 a.m.	Site Visit Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purpose of the Certification Process ➤ Discussion of Risk Assessment ➤ Review schedule and close-out process 	Federal Team
9:00 a.m.	Discussion of Previous Review Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal TMA Certification ➤ State/MPO Annual 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
9:30 a.m.	MPO Overview including changes within MPO since last TMA Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Demographics ➤ Boundaries ➤ Political ➤ Process Changes 	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
9:40 a.m.	Share Best Practices and Lessons Learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the MPO most proud of over the last four years? ➤ What challenges have you encountered and addressed? 	MPO
10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Technical Topic: Organization of the MPO	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
11:00 a.m.	Technical Topic: Public Participation and Outreach	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
11:30 a.m.	Technical Topic: Transit/Transportation Disadvantaged	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT

12:00 p.m.	Technical Assistance & Training ➤ Future Needs Additional Questions Anything else the MPO would like to share with the Federal Team that hasn't been discussed?	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
12:20 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion Among Federal Team	Federal Team
1:20 p.m.	Preliminary Findings Discussion with MPO staff	Federal Team, MPO, Transit, FDOT
1:30 p.m.	Adjourn Site Visit	

Appendix D. Public Engagement Notice



January 26, 2020

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Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization Federal Certification Review

Public Comment Period Opens January 26, 2021

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a certification review of the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA), including the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The purpose of the review is to ensure regulatory compliance of transportation planning efforts in Pasco County. The public is encouraged to participate by attending the virtual review and/or by providing input to the Federal Review Team. Public comments may be submitted beginning January 26, 2021, through February 26, 2021 via email: mpocomments@mypasco.net, telephone: 727-847-8140, (Telerelay 711), social media, or via MPO Staff:

Email: tgorman@mypasco.net

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You may also visit our [MPO website](#) for more ways to provide public comment or you can:

- **Attend Virtual Review Via WebEx Meeting: January 26, 2021. from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. by clicking [HERE](#).**
- **Attend Virtual Review Via WebEx by calling into the WebEx Meeting at 1-408-418-9388.**
- **If you cannot attend the Virtual WebEx Meeting, you may call 727-847-8140 ex. 7567 to leave a public comment.**

Comments may also be submitted to <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm> or the following contacts:

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Following the comment period, comments will be reviewed and submitted to the Federal Highway and the Federal Transit Administrations along with other supporting documentation if provided by citizens, stakeholders and staff.

Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations will finalize and submit the Tampa Bay TMA Report through an approval process, which typically takes three to six months to complete. The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization anticipates a presentation of the finalized report to the MPO Board June of 2021. Upon MPO Board review, MPO staff will review and address any and all recommendations, findings, or corrective actions.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination laws, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, familial, or income status. *Para asistencia en español, comuníquese con el Especialista del Título VI al 727-847-8140.*

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Pasco MPO Seeks Public Comment on Transportation Planning

~~Four-year review of the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area begins 1/26~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- What are your thoughts on transportation planning in the Tampa Bay area? That's what the Pasco County [Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) (MPO) would like to know as part of MPO's certification for its transportation planning process. Your feedback plays a vital role in the certification review process – giving you direct input on the transportation planning process for our area.

The public comment period begins **January 26, 2021**, and runs through **February 26, 2021**, and we're making it easy for you to weigh in!

Submit your comments on Pasco County MPO's work in any of the following ways:

- ✓ Social Media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) using hashtag: #PascoMPOFederalReview
- ✓ E-mail: MPOComments@mypasco.net
- ✓ Phone: 727.847.8140, Ex. 7567
- ✓ LIVE [Virtual Review Online Meeting](#): Jan. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: bit.ly/MPOMeeting
- ✓ Federal Highway Administration Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm
- ✓ For more options, please visit: bit.ly/MPO-review

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a review of the Pasco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning process, as required by law. The primary purpose of the certification review is to evaluate the MPO's compliance as part of the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA). The Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area consists of the Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organizations. To learn more about this process, and to see the 2017 Certification Report, please visit: bit.ly/MPO-review.

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Pasco Metropolitan Planning Organization Federal Certification Review

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

As part of its Federal Certification Review, the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning (MPO) is seeking public input on our planning activities via phone at:

1.408.418.9388

(Time Limits Based on Response)

Some areas you can comment on include:

- > THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS
- > HOW WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY
- > THE MPO'S ACCESSIBILITY WHEN YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

You can also provide comments at the live Virtual Review on **January 26, 2021 @ 8:30am-1:00pm**. To attend Virtual Review via WebEX:

Visit Pasco MPO Homepage,
<https://pascocountyfl.net/323/MPOTransportation-Planning>
and Click on, It's Time for our Federal Certification Review.

The public has until **February 26, 2021** to provide comments and/or input. Comments and questions may be provided at the Live Virtual Review or via:

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Especialista del Título VI al 727-847-8140.

January 24, 2021

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Appendix E. Summary of Public Feedback

FHWA and FTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed comments for the Pasco County TMA Certification Review. Public comments are a vital element of the certification review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area. The comments were received through Call in during the site visit meeting, MPO Website, and FHWA Website included concerns with traffic, signal operations, transit route frequency, congestion, widening existing roads, and the most common positive theme were on communication, coordination and engagement. Additional comments were received during the 30-day public comment period following the site visit. We have reviewed all comments and have taken them into consideration throughout the writing of this report. The public comments received are provided below.

Kurt M. Scheible - Difficulty crossing US 19 & Moog Rd in order to walk to Metropolitan Ministries. I cannot change the signal crossing at Moog Rd and US 19. The stop across the street from Metropolitan Ministries is located to provide the safest location to stop the bus and allow passenger boarding. I will have my team look at it again, but I do not think the location of the stop will move to be closer to the light. The bus service on US 19 is not timely, the bus arrives too early or late. At this time, the route 19 buses are on a 20-min headway due to COVID issues and this timing is different than what is published in the schedule. This may be the reason for the issue. However, during a non-COVID schedule, the corner of Moog Rd and US 19 is a hard timing point, i.e. a point the drivers must make. I have not seen any reports that have indicated a timing issue for that point. Please remember we are leaving the holiday and snowbird season which has an impact on the number of vehicles driving on US 19, we do see some timing issues during this period due to traffic congestion. Sunday bus service is limited, and not on time.

PCPT does not operate services on Sunday. PCPT will be accomplishing an operational analysis to revamp our system with a focus on expanding service. Sunday service will be part of that process. Overall, Pasco needs to provide more transportation services to their citizens. Some citizens can't afford a car and it's difficult for us to pick up our children, attend work and complete other functions in life without proper transportation. As PCPT has not changed its service in a long time and Pasco County is a fast-growing county, PCPT is accomplishing an operational analysis to revamp our system. An RFP is going through the legal review for bid and I hope it will be on the streets by April 2021.

Comments Received after the Site Visit Date:

Rob Park - Dear Federal Highway Commission, I hope that you and yours are safe in these trying times. Please accept my comments for the area I frequent. My tone may seem overly critical but what is happening to the infrastructure, or lack of, passes in front of me 7 days a week.

Ehren Cutoff Rd (CR 583): I live on Ehren Cutoff Rd. and this is particularly important to me. There is too much traffic on Ehren Cutoff in Land O'Lakes. Ehren Cutoff is a collector road and connects two arterial roads, US 41 and SR 52. According to the Transportation Element of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, "Collectors do not form a continuous network, and generally discourage through traffic." That is not the case, the MPO is encouraging traffic by widening the corners, adding reflectors in corners (which reduces night vision because of the reflection), street lighting, and clearing growth, plus not enforcing speed limits and no passing areas.

US 41 & SR 54 Intersection: The fact that stopping traffic is causing congestion and packs of vehicles is being compounded by a lack of creativity on how to efficiently move vehicles through the intersection. Too much talk and too many added lanes is of no help and is creating longer delays for vehicles going through the intersection.

US 41 & SR 52 Intersection: History is repeating itself. Instead of learning from the US 41 & SR 54 intersection, the MPO is making the same type of intersection. The MPO does not seem to be able to construct anything different.

SR 56 at the Outlet Mall (West of I-75): The intersection to turn into the Mall and the restaurants is no less than 10 lanes wide. Eastbound on SR 56 turning left, only the first 3 cars in each of the three left turn lanes can get through the light at a time. The rest of the vehicles must wait another light cycle which sometimes seems like five minutes. Pedestrians brave enough have no chance of crossing the intersection in one light cycle and must stand in the medium near vehicles, some traveling more than 50 mph.

Ridge Road Extension: Highly controversial. Since the road was proposed years ago, both SR 52 and SR 54 have been six lanes. What is the use of another 2 then 4 and inevitably 6 lane road going to do except spawn more growth? Where does anyone think 7-8 lanes of traffic is going to go (SR 52, Ridge Road Extension and SR 54)? In the theoretical evacuation of the Pasco Gulf Coast, there are only 7 lanes north bound including US 19, which the Ridge Road Extension would not be utilizing. That leaves 4 lanes, the Suncoast Parkway and US 41. Unless Pasco has some deal in place where Hillsborough and Pinellas counties are going to stop their evacuees at the county lines so Pasco can go first, the Ridge Road Extension will be a parking lot. I liken it to flushing too many toilets at the same time, it is just going to back up. The Ridge Road Extension is complete waste of the taxpayer's money, for the purpose of evacuation, and I am surprised the State of Florida is a part to it.

Suggestions: Keep traffic moving. Instead of stopping traffic in one direction for the other direction to cross, build overpasses. Instead of stopping traffic for left turns, use a different method, turn right to turn left. It is not a new concept, the traffic turns to the right, proceed an acceptable distance, and then make a U-turn. This concept could also be applied to the thru traffic, after the U-turn turn right again. Then at least one direction of traffic would not have to stop at all. Elevated thru traffic. Service/access roads so thru traffic is not stopped for left turns and crossing traffic.

Construct roads around commercial areas. Instead of having the businesses, stores, restaurants on the outside of the road, have directional traffic on each side of the commercial areas. Long sweeping U-turns can be around the commercial area, turn lanes would be into the establishments. Vehicles would never need to cross the through traffic. Then instead of gas stations and drug stores on both sides, there would be a fewer in the middle.

Existing areas would be a challenge but all the new growth in Pasco is an excellent opportunity to expand differently. For instance, there is expansion on SR 52 planned between US 41 and I-75. Instead of building all the commerce on each side of SR 52, put all the commerce in between one directional through ways. That same concept could be applied to US 41 where it is not too late in the Connerton area going north.

Rapid Bus from Pasco to Pinellas: Very few are going to ride a bus. The route is probably fine but light rail must be the transport. The light rail does not have to be large, big enough to carry about 12 passengers and run more frequently. No reason to have empty seats going back and forth.

Summary: I think the MPO in Pasco is doing a minimal job at best. There is only lofty planning and no execution except to just add more lanes. The MPO gets a bigger budget, the taxpayer gets glossy brochures and the traffic problem just gets worse.

The misuse of collector roads to reduce the traffic on arterial roads should be stopped immediately. In the case of Ehren Cutoff, the short cut saves a motorist little more than five minutes. Why spend hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money on improving and upgrading a road that does not need it. Good arterial roads are already in place that can handle the volume. The MPO is taking Parkway, Hale Road, and Bell Lake Road (all in the Land O Lakes area) and turning them into short cuts to reduce the volume of traffic at US 41 and SR 54. Those local/collector roads should only serve the taxpayers that live on them, not provide a go around to poor planning.

Johnathon Soto - Difficulty crossing US 19 & Moog Rd in order to walk to Metropolitan Ministries. The bus service on US 19 is not timely, the bus arrives too early or late. Sunday bus service is limited, and not on time. Overall, Pasco needs to provide more transportation services to their citizens. Some citizens can't afford a car and it's difficult for us to pick up our children, attend work and complete other functions in life without proper transportation.

Richard and Molly Connors - We in Pasco county need more alternate routes to drive, aside from SR 54 or possibly widening existing roads. So much development has happened without adding secondary roads to offer other ways to get places. Thanks to Commissioner Mike Wells' efforts, more bus stop benches have been put along SR 54 to encourage bus ridership. We need more of that, along with covered bus stop buildings at the most heavily traveled locations (eg. Walmart at 54 and Little Rd., CVS at Duck Slough, Rasmussen College at 589, etc.) If the bus riding experience is more pleasant and easier to navigate, maybe more people will use them.

After having a minor accident on my bicycle with a car on SR 54 and Starkey Blvd., I would suggest that a pedestrian/bike overpass be installed at that junction, similar to the one along the Pinellas Trail over Alt. Route 19 in Clearwater (or Palm Harbor) I believe.

Sean Sullivan (Executive Director) - The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) works with five MPO's in the Tampa Bay Region, including the Pasco County MPO. Over the course of the last 20 months Pasco County MPO partnered with TBRPC and MPO's from Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties to develop the Resilient Tampa Bay project. This project was funded by FHWA and FDOT and was one of 11 pilot projects throughout the country that looked at the impact of extreme weather on the regional transportation network. Pasco County MPO was a key player in the development of this report.

The Pasco County MPO continues to provide high quality transportation planning services throughout the County. Additionally, Pasco County officials remain engaged in regional transportation planning and have been supportive of development of a regional rapid transit system from Wesley Chapel to downtown St. Petersburg. Pasco MPO staff has provided valuable insight with the transportation planning process and are an educated and experienced group of planning professionals, and are considered a solid partner of the TBRPC.

Appendix F. Status of Previous Certification Findings

The following is a summary of the previous corrective actions and recommendations made by the Federal Review Team to the Pasco County MPO. The MPO's last certification review report was published in June 2017.

A. Corrective Actions

1. **Transit:** Annual Listing of Obligated Projects – Upon review of the planning documents during the desk audit, and subsequent discussion with TPO staff, it was discovered that transit projects were not included in the annual listing of obligated projects. In accordance with CFR 450.332(a) “In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.” Based on this requirement, Pasco County MPO staff needs to coordinate with FDOT and the public transportation operator(s) to ensure that transit projects are included in the Annual List of Obligated Projects. **An Annual List of Obligated Projects for transit projects must be completed by December 31, 2017, making it available in a manner consistent with the MPO's Public Participation Process for the TIP.**

Update: The MPO took necessary actions to resolve the corrective action. FHWA/FTA sent formal correspondence on January 22, 2018 confirming that the corrective action had been satisfied.

2. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** No information is provided in the TIP as to whether project costs are presented in Year of Expenditure (YOE) dollars, as required in 23 CFR 450.324(h). The type of estimate is not footnoted nor mentioned anywhere in the TIP narrative. **The MPO needs to verify that the funding amounts are shown in YOE and amend the TIP to document the use of YOE to meet this requirement. The TIP must be changed by November 30, 2017.**

Update: The MPO took necessary actions to resolve the corrective action. FHWA/FTA sent formal correspondence on January 22, 2018 confirming that the corrective action had been satisfied.

3. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** While the Pasco County MPO's TIP (FYs 2016-17 through 2020-21) includes broad language related to fiscal constraint within the TIP, there is no discussion of revenues available, or funding estimates with which to compare revenues/expenditures by year. Additional documentation in the TIP to support and demonstrate fiscal constraint by year is needed beyond the general statement that the TIP is constrained by year and the

MPO adheres to the FDOT Work program. The MPO stated at the site visit that they would provide this information in a table in the next TIP (FYs 2017-18 through 2021-22). However, the table provided in the draft TIP did not display an adequate level of detail as required per 23 CFR 450.324 (h) and (i). **The MPO must amend the TIP by November 30, 2017, to provide a clear demonstration of fiscal constraint by year.**

Update: The MPO took necessary actions to resolve the corrective action. FHWA/FTA sent formal correspondence on January 22, 2018 confirming that the corrective action had been satisfied.

B. Recommendations

1. **Security:** The Federal Review Team recommends that the Pasco County MPO develop a standalone Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and perform a COOP exercise to identify any emergency processes that may need strengthening. At a minimum, the Federal Review Team recommends that the staff test the existing COOP that is housed within the County's operations.

Update: The MPO is unaware of any COOP tests that may have taken place after the last Certification, though staff turnover makes this difficult to verify. However, the MPO does confirm that it did not develop a standalone COOP and continues to be part of the County COOP for the Planning & Development Division. This COOP is active today and has been since March 2020. The County updated the COOP with addendums to address the pandemic and subsequent return to work. These addendums will be incorporated into a new pandemic section of the COOP to be completed by June 2021.

2. **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** While it appears that the MPO addressed the previously submitted FHWA/FTA comments provided for the UPWP with the posting on the MPO's website of an administrative modification dated June 22, 2016, the posting does not provide all the amended pages that the comments related to. Additionally, the FHWA/FTA letter signature page shows an incorrect date. The most recent letter was dated April 14, 2016. The initial page of the post is from 2016, however, the signature page on the post is dated April 6, 2010. The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO review this and other UPWP posted information to update as needed for accuracy and completeness.

Update: The MPO updated the UPWP to ensure accuracy of dates based on the FHWA/FTA letter, as well as the inclusion of all pages amended as a result of the federal comments.

3. **Public Participation Plan (PPP):** As it updates the PPP in 2017, the MPO should pay particular attention to the following:
 - a. Ensuring that libraries are equipped with the web link or other method of providing hard copy access to the PPP to upon request. If the county libraries cannot be depended upon to share this or other MPO information, reference to them should be removed from the PPP
 - b. Providing web links to specific information that is described or summarized in the PPP. For example, information on the TIP amendment process in the PPP should also be provided or at least linked to the appropriate TIP section. In addition, the Federal Review Team recommends the TIP Amendment Process be provided in the TIP or provide a link to the relevant PPP sections This will assist readers that want to learn more about a program or activity regardless of whether they are reading the product or the PPP.
 - c. Including a distinct section on how the PPP was developed in consultation with all parties. This description is not limited to just review and commentary, but the MPO should document and describe the process by which the public, MPO partners and stakeholders helped to develop the plan.

Update: In 2018, the MPO updated and approved a PPP that better described engagement processes, including how the MPO leverages library services to enhance outreach. The PPP now includes links to other referenced plans and a better description of how the plan was developed in consultation with all interested parties.

4. **Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team observed that the MPO appears to use the terms “public meeting” and “public hearing” interchangeably. From a federal perspective, these terms are very different. A public hearing must meet specific and more stringent requirements spelled out in law that may not apply to a public meeting. Federal law does not require the conducting of public hearings for planning activities. However, state law may dictate otherwise. Therefore, the Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO review and evaluate their processes and procedures to determine if a public hearing or public meeting is required/appropriate and revise language in their planning documents to reflect the interaction accordingly.

Update: The updated PPP clarified use of the two terms and ensured each was used appropriately given the context in the plan.

5. **Title VI and Related Requirements:** FHWA and FDOT have updated the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Sub-recipient Assurance which includes expanded contract clauses that the MPO must insert and require its contractors to insert into all contract instruments. Moreover, for consultant contracts, the MPO must also ensure that contracts include DBE Assurance Language from 49 CFR 26.13. The

MPO should carefully review its procurement and contract documents, verifying that the correct nondiscrimination information is present and up to date.

Update: The MPO has twice executed its nondiscrimination assurance since the 2017 Certification and now does so annually. It was most recently signed in May 2020 and included in the UPWP as well as the nondiscrimination documents. The MPO also reviewed its contract documents to verify the presence of nondiscrimination clauses (Appendices A & E and 49 CFR 26.13).

6. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Federal Review Team recommends the MPO post the supporting LRTP technical documents which included with the hard copy of the plan, with the LRTP documents on the website.

Update: After the 2017 Certification, the MPO posted online the LRTP technical reports and verified that the full document with supporting documents is available to the public via both hard copy and the website.

Appendix G. Acronym List

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act	NHS – National Highway System
AQ – Air Quality	NTI – National Transit Institute
CAAA – Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990	PEA – Planning Emphasis Area
CFP – Cost Feasible Plan (of the LRTP)	PL – Metropolitan Planning Funds
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations	PPP – Public Participation Plan
CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	RA – Regional Administrator
CMP – Congestion Management Process	RTIP – Regional Transportation Implementation Plan
DA – Division Administrator	RTP – Regional Transportation Plan
DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services	RPC – Regional Planning Commission
EJ – Environmental Justice	SFY – State Fiscal Year
ETDM – Efficient Transportation Decision Making	SHA – State Highway Administration
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency	SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan
FAST Act – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act	SIP – State Implementation Plan
FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation	SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration	SOV – Single Occupancy Vehicle
FTA – Federal Transit Administration	SPR – State Planning and Research
FY – Federal Fiscal Year	STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
GIS – Geographic Information Systems	STP – Surface Transportation Program
HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program	TAM – Transit Asset Management
HPMS Reviews – Highway Performance Monitoring System	TAMP – Transportation Asset Management Plan
ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	TAZ – Transportation Analysis Zone
ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems	TCM – Transportation Control Measure
LEP – Limited English Proficiency	TDM – Transportation Demand Management
LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan	TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
M&O – Management and Operations	TIP – Transportation Improvement Program
MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century	Title VI – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement	TMA – Transportation Management Area
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding	TMIP – Travel Model Improvement Program
MPA – Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary	TPA – Transportation Planning Agency
MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization	TPCB – Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program
MPOAC – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	TPM – Transportation Performance Management
NAAQS-National Ambient Air Quality Standards	TPO – Transportation Planning Organization
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act	UAB – Urban Area Boundary
NHI – National Highway Institute	UPWP – Unified Planning Work Plan
	U.S.C. – United States Code
	UZA – Urbanized Areas
	VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled

September 8, 2021

7D. Strategic Intermodal System Policy Plan Update



SUMMARY

The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is Florida's high priority network of transportation facilities important to moving people and freight, linking Florida's regions, and investing in strategic transportation facilities. The Florida Department of Transportation is updating the SIS Policy Plan, which sets the policy direction for designating, planning, and implementing the SIS. It is developed in consultation with statewide, regional, and local partners. During this presentation, FDOT will discuss the process for updating the SIS Policy Plan; its various components; emerging trends and focus areas, including safety, resilience, technology & innovation, urban mobility & connectivity, and rural mobility & connectivity; and the initial thoughts for potential changes in this plan.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- SIS Policy Plan Update FAQ
- Public Question Form
- [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required; informational item only.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SIS POLICY PLAN UPDATE

What is the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)?

The SIS is a statewide network of high-priority transportation facilities, including the state's largest and most significant airports, spaceports, public seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, railways, waterways, and highways.

These facilities represent the State's primary means for moving people and freight between Florida's regions, as well as between Florida and other states and countries.

What is the SIS Policy Plan?

The SIS Policy Plan establishes the policy framework for planning and managing the SIS during the next five years. It identifies objectives and approaches to address changing trends and position the SIS for future opportunities. The Plan includes policies related to designating facilities as part of the SIS, identifying and establishing investment priorities, and collaborating with partners to plan for the future of the SIS.

Why is the SIS Policy Plan being updated?

Florida Statute indicates "the plan shall be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155 and shall be updated at least once every 5 years, subsequent to updates of the Florida Transportation Plan." The current SIS Policy Plan was adopted in March 2016.

How is the SIS Policy Plan being developed?

Florida Statute requires the Department to update the SIS Policy Plan at least once every 5 years following the update to the Florida Transportation Plan. The plan is developed by:

- reviewing the most recent FTP goals and objectives to ensure the SIS Policy Plan aligns with the FTP,
- considering current trends and conditions, including applicable performance measures, to ensure the plan addresses key issues and opportunities for the SIS, and
- gathering input through various partner and public outreach efforts such as partner briefings, social media outreach, virtual information sharing, and website publications.

What is FDOT's process for reaching out to their partners and the public during the update of the SIS Policy Plan?

Florida Statute requires FDOT to provide metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils, local governments, transportation providers, affected public agencies, and citizens with an opportunity to participate in and comment on the development of the update. FDOT is gathering input through various partner and public outreach efforts such as partner briefings, brochures, virtual events, and the department's website. There will also be a public comment period for the draft plan.



When will the SIS Policy Plan update be completed?

Following our targeted outreach efforts, we will draft the plan based on the input received. We will review the information with the FTP/SIS Implementation Committee and FDOT management. The draft plan will be available for public comment toward the end of 2021. The final plan is anticipated to be adopted by early 2022.

What are the focus areas for this SIS Policy Plan update?

The 2022 SIS Policy Plan will focus on these 5 areas:

- **Safety** – how does the SIS, as a key element of the state's transportation system, contribute to our vision of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's transportation system?
- **Resilience** – how can we reduce vulnerabilities of SIS infrastructure to risks including extreme weather, sea-level rise, coastal and inland flooding, wildfires, and extreme heat?
- **Technology and innovation** – how do we prepare the SIS for emerging technologies such as automated, connected, electric, and shared vehicles?
- **Urban mobility and connectivity** – how do we address the impact of congestion in both major and developing urban areas while ensuring the efficiency and reliability of the SIS for interregional travel, especially in areas where there are limited options for adding capacity to SIS corridors or limited modal alternatives to SIS highways?
- **Rural mobility and connectivity** – how can the SIS support rural revitalization and economic development and facilitate emergency evacuation and response, while supporting environmental stewardship goals and community visions?

Will there be a public comment period for the draft plan?

A public comment period will accompany the draft final plan. It is anticipated the public comment period will take place at the end of 2021.

How is the SIS Policy Plan update related to the recent update of the FTP?

The Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) is the state's long-range transportation vision and policy plan for all of Florida, created by, and providing direction to, all organizations involved in planning and managing Florida's transportation system. The SIS is the state's highest priority for transportation capacity investments and a primary tool for implementing the FTP.

Will the SIS Policy Plan update change the designation of a facility?

The SIS Policy Plan is the guiding document for policy and investment decisions for the SIS. It is not facility or project specific. The updated plan may identify changes to SIS designation policies; however, designation of a facility happens during the Designation Review process or through a Designation Change Request (DCR).

Why does the SIS not include all transportation facilities?

The SIS was established by the Governor and Legislature in 2003 to enhance Florida's economic competitiveness by focusing state resources on the transportation facilities most critical for statewide and interregional travel. Other FDOT and partner funding programs can assist with facilities not designated as part of the SIS.



Will my SIS facility receive funding as a result of the SIS Policy Plan update?

The SIS Policy Plan is the guiding document for policy and investment decisions for the SIS. It is not facility or project specific. SIS funding is considered through a set of three inter-related sequential documents known as the SIS Funding Strategy which identifies SIS projects in various stages of development.

- The First Five Year Plan illustrates capacity projects on the SIS that are funded by the Legislature in the FDOT Adopted Work Program (Year 1) and projects that are programmed for proposed funding in the next 2 to 5 Years.
- The Second Five Year Plan illustrates projects that are planned to be funded in the five years (Years 6 through 10) beyond the Adopted Work Program. Projects in this plan could move forward into the First Five Year Plan as funds become available.
- The Cost Feasible Plan illustrates projects on the SIS that are considered financially feasible during the last fifteen years (Years 11 to 25) of the SIS Funding Strategy, based on current revenue forecasts. Projects in this plan could move forward into the Second Five as funds become available or backwards into the Unfunded Needs Plan if revenues fall short of projections.

The FDOT Systems Implementation Office also produces a fourth document which is related to, but not part of, the SIS Funding Strategy. The Unfunded Needs Plan identifies transportation projects on the SIS that help meet mobility needs, but where funding is not expected to be available during the 25-year time period of the SIS Funding Strategy. Projects in this plan could move forward into the SIS Funding Strategy as funds become available.

When will implementation of the SIS Policy Plan update begin?

The SIS Policy Plan is being updated over the course of 2021. It is anticipated that the plan will be adopted in early 2022. Following adoption, FDOT Central Office staff will begin the process of implementing the strategies identified in the plan. The timeframe for implementation will be determined following the adoption of the SIS Policy Plan.



PUBLIC QUESTION FORM

The Florida Department of Transportation encourages public inquiries. This form is subject to public records law.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Information: _____

Date or Meeting Attended: _____

The FDOT is currently answering questions. Please make your questions(s) as specific as possible and offer suggestions to address your concerns. You may continue on the back, if necessary. This form is part of the public record.

QUESTION(S): _____

Please give your completed form to FDOT Staff or email to Lori Marable, D7 SIS Coordinator, lori.marable@dot.state.fl.us. If you wish to mail your question form please send to: Lori Marable, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., Tampa, Florida, 33563.

In addition to the comments received via this form, FDOT will provide a public comment period in late 2021 to receive comments on the draft SIS Policy Plan.

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7E. Ft. Harrison Avenue Complete Streets Plan

SUMMARY

Partially funded through a grant provided by Forward Pinellas, the City of Clearwater developed a Complete Streets Concept Plan for the Fort Harrison Avenue corridor from Belleair Road to Myrtle Avenue/Alt. 19. The project connects three major destinations, Morton Plant Hospital Campus, Downtown and the future Imagine Clearwater waterfront redevelopment plan, and the North Marina Area. The city's primary goal was to develop a Complete Streets Concept Plan that would enhance safety, mobility, and accessibility while also considering the land use context and character surrounding the different segments of the corridor.

City staff will provide a presentation on the development of the Concept Plan and the final plan recommendations for the corridor.

ATTACHMENT(S): [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

September 8, 2021

7F. Micromobility Knowledge Exchange Series (KES)



SUMMARY

Through its Knowledge Exchange Series (KES), Forward Pinellas works with local government partners to address emerging planning topics through applied research and best practices that guide the development of policy and regulatory practices. To date, these topics have included microbrewery development in downtown areas, addressing the challenges of developing “missing middle” housing and advancing urban agriculture. Micromobility transportation is the subject of the latest KES topic. “Micromobility” generally refers to a range of lightweight transportation devices operating at low speeds, typically up to 15 mph. These include electric bicycles as well as electric skateboards and scooters, although regular bicycles will not be addressed as part of this effort.

The rise of micromobility activity that has taken hold in many communities across the country demonstrates the emerging popularity of these devices. But while expanding recreational and economic opportunities, they have confronted local governments with significant regulatory challenges. Matters of placement, parking and speeds are some of the common issues local governments are faced with in the effort to regulate them in a manner that ensures the protection of public safety.

For this KES initiative, Forward Pinellas has developed “*A Guide to Micromobility in Pinellas County*,” a research based practical application resource for local governments to consider when developing micromobility policy or regulatory codes in their communities. This has been developed in collaboration with local government partners and with assistance from the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Tampa. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the KES with emphasis on soliciting feedback from the committee on next steps.

ATTACHMENT(S): [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required, Informational item only.

September 8, 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. Waterborne Transportation Committee Meeting and Cross Bay Ferry Updates

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational items only.

September 8, 2021

8A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update



SUMMARY

The Executive Director will provide a brief 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.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

September 8, 2021

8B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update



SUMMARY

On August 11, 2021, the Forward Pinellas Board Legislative Committee hosted a workshop entitled *Finding Common Ground: A Conversation with State Legislators*, designed to build relationships between the leadership of our Pinellas communities and members of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation, with the goal of leading to a more collaborative legislative process in the future.

The program included a moderated conversation focused 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?

The event was well-attended and included approximately 50 people, including more than 30 elected officials, state legislators, and directors of countywide and regional agencies who took part in the moderated discussion. As a result of this conversation, a number of legislators have pledged to work more closely with Pinellas local governments during the 2022 legislative session.

The committee will resume meeting on September 8, 2021 just before the board meeting to begin its work for the upcoming session.

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

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only; or as deemed appropriate.

September 8, 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 Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments
- D. Fatalities Map
- E. Pinellas Trail Data
- F. Draft PAC Action Sheet
- G. Committee Vacancies

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Fatalities Map
- Pinellas Trail Data
- Draft PAC Action Sheet

September 8, 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
8/3/2021	I-4 Coalition	Virtual	Coordination meeting with I-4 Coalition partners on the need for various Transportation Systems Management and Operations projects in the region.	Chelsea Favero
8/3/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Monthly coordination meeting	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman, Chelsea Favero
8/5/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Coordination meeting on Skinner Blvd improvements	Chelsea Favero
8/6/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas Park	Virtual	Coordination meeting on Comprehensive Plan update	Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/5/2021	UNITE Pinellas	Virtual	Monthly meeting	Whit Blanton
8/6/2021	Vice Mayor Jeff Gow	Dunedin	Discussion of land use and transportation matters of interest	Whit Blanton
8/6/2021	TBARTA	Virtual	Monthly meeting of the TBARTA board and its committees	Chelsea Favero
8/10/2021	I-4 Coalition	Virtual	Monthly meeting of the I-4 Coalition and partners	Chelsea Favero
8/10/2021	TBARTA TMC/TAG	Virtual	Transit management committee meeting	Whit Blanton
8/10/2021	Appointing Authorities	Virtual	Discussion of various management matters	Whit Blanton
8/11/2021	TBARTA CAC	Virtual	Regular meeting of the TBARTA CAC	Angela Ryan and Chelsea Favero
8/11/2021	Forward Pinellas	Ruth Eckerd Hall	Forward Pinellas Legislative Workshop	Multiple
8/12/2021	FDOT	Virtual	MPO presentation on state and federal New Starts Funding	Chelsea Favero
8/12/2021	ULI + City of Dunedin	Virtual	Discussion of issues & opportunities for the Coca Cola Property	Whit Blanton
8/12/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County, Clearwater	Virtual	Meeting to review the findings of the Sunset Point Road Trail Crossing Analysis	Rodney Chatman
8/13/2021	SCTPA	Virtual	Coordination meeting with SCTPA partners to review proposals for the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit	Christina Mendoza, Rodney Chatman, Chelsea Favero
8/13/2021	Forward Pinellas, Dunedin	Virtual	Gladys-Douglas property pre-application meeting	Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/16/2021	SCTPA	Virtual	Coordination meeting with SCTPA partners to discuss communications	Amy Elmore, Chelsea Favero
8/17/2021	AMPLIFY Clearwater	Virtual	Public Policy & Transportation Committee	Whit Blanton
8/17/2021	FDOT	Virtual	Stakeholder meeting on the Drew St. Corridor Study	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
8/17/2021	Forward Pinellas, PCED	Virtual	Meeting to discuss Transit-Oriented Development and Target Employment policy options	Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/18/2021	Forward Pinellas, St. Petersburg	Virtual	Vision2050 coordination meeting	Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/18/2021	Forward Pinellas, Redington Beach	Redington Beach Town Hall	Town Commission meeting	Linda Fisher
8/19/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Coordination meeting with FDOT on the Clearwater Busway project	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
8/19/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County	Virtual	Coordination meeting with County and consulting team on the Advantage Pinellas website	Amy Elmore, Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
8/19/2021	Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Kickoff meeting for the Pinellas County ATCMTD Grant Project	Chelsea Favero
8/20/2021	Forward Pinellas, Clearwater	Virtual	GCSSS Mobile Tour coordination meeting	Rodney Chatman, Angela Ryan

8/20/2021	SCTPA Staff Directors	Virtual	Monthly meeting of the SCTPA Staff Directors	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
8/20/2021	Forward Pinellas, St. Petersburg	Virtual	DTSP Mobility Study coordination meeting	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman, Christina Mendoza, Amy Elmore
8/23/2021	FDOT, MPOs	Virtual	Meeting with FDOT and Hillsborough TPO to discuss lessons learned from the SEIS project for I-275	Chelsea Favero, Whit Blanton
8/23/2021	Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Monthly coordination meeting	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman, Chelsea Favero
8/24/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park City Hall	Presentation to introduce Housing Compact	Linda Fisher
8/24/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas Park	Virtual	Meeting to review the draft City Center Master Plan	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman
8/24/2021	Forward Pinellas, PSTA, St. Petersburg	Virtual	SunRunner Rising Development Study PMT meeting	Rodney Chatman, Christina Mendoza
8/24/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County	Virtual	Meeting to review the multimodal accessibility index tool and report	Rodney Chatman, Jared Austin
8/25/2021	Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas	County Offices	Coordination meeting on complete streets projects	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman, Chelsea Favero
8/25/2021	Forward Pinellas, Redington Beach	Redington Beach Town Hall	Local assistance meeting	Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/25/2021	Forward Pinellas, Oldsmar	Virtual	Oldsmar Town Center preapplication meeting	Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/25/2021	Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County	Forward Pinellas Offices	Design Studio Pilot Program coordination meeting	Whit Blanton, Rodney Chatman
8/25/2021	Forward Pinellas, PSTA, Clearwater, FDOT, Pinellas County	Virtual	Multimodal Transit Center PMT meeting and workshop	Rodney Chatman
8/26/2021	St. Augustine Community Advocates for Racial Equity	Virtual	Presented information about the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact	Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman
8/27/2021	Waterborne Transportation Committee	Magnolia	Discuss ridership and costs	Multiple
8/30/2021	Pinellas County, Hillsborough County, HMS Ferries, Forward Pinellas	Virtual	Discuss the issues and cost considerations for the Ferry Interlocal Agreement	Whit Blanton
8/31/2021	American Planning Association Florida Chapter	Miami	Chapter Executive Committee Meeting and Conference	Whit Blanton

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
9/9/2021	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
9/13/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas	310 Court St.	Alt 19/Curlew Rd design discussion	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero
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
9/15/2021	FDOT, Forward Pinellas, Clearwater	310 Court St.	Discussion of Drew Street feasibility study	Whit Blanton, Chelsea Favero, Rodney Chatman

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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.



MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

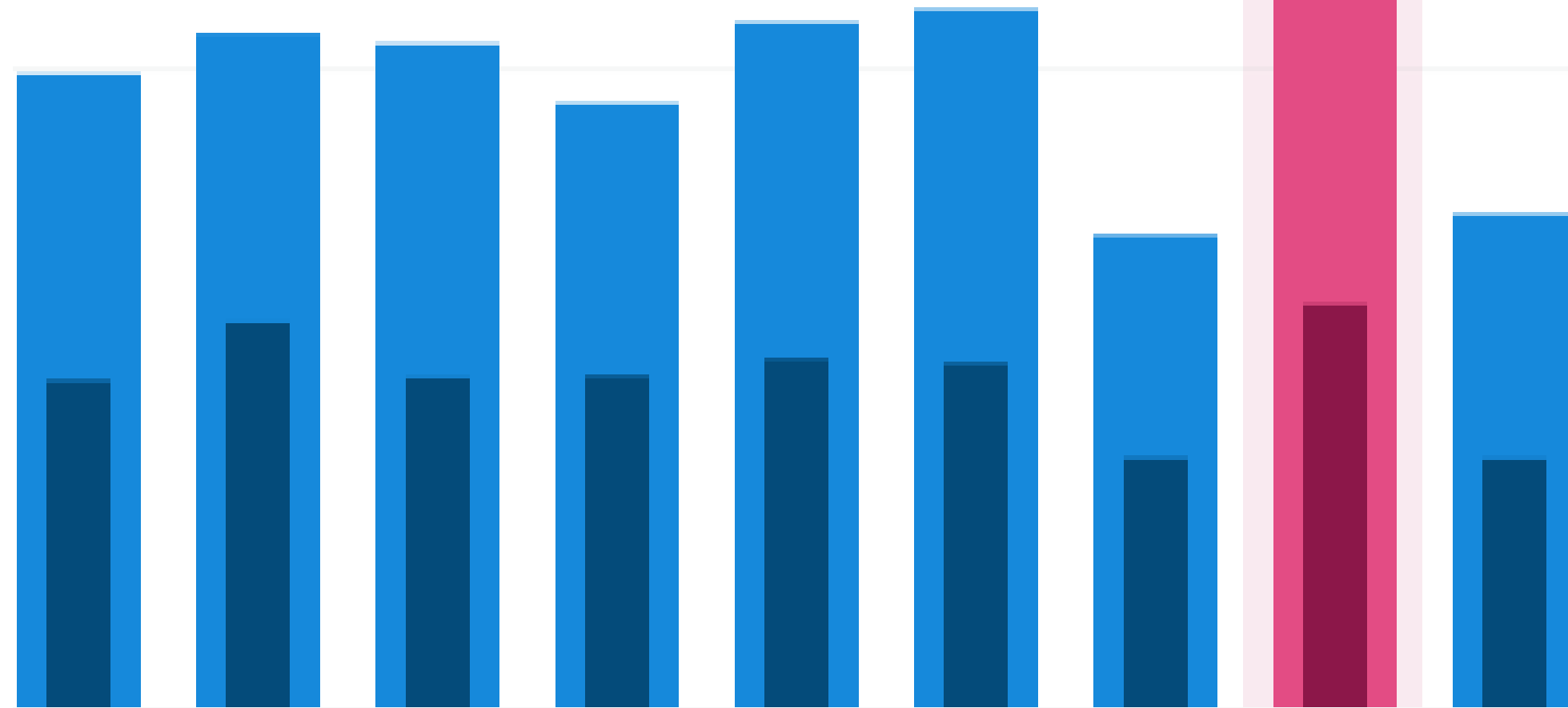
June & July 2021

JULY 8: WELCOME ALEXIS POST
& FDOT PUBLIC MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT

756 VIEWS

JULY 27: GATEWAY MASTER
PLAN NEWS RELEASE

559 VIEWS



Jun 14

Jun 28

Jul 12

Jul 26

WEBSITE ANALYTICS

8.4K

TOTAL JUNE VIEWS

8.5K

TOTAL JULY VIEWS

281

DAILY AVERAGE VIEWS

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

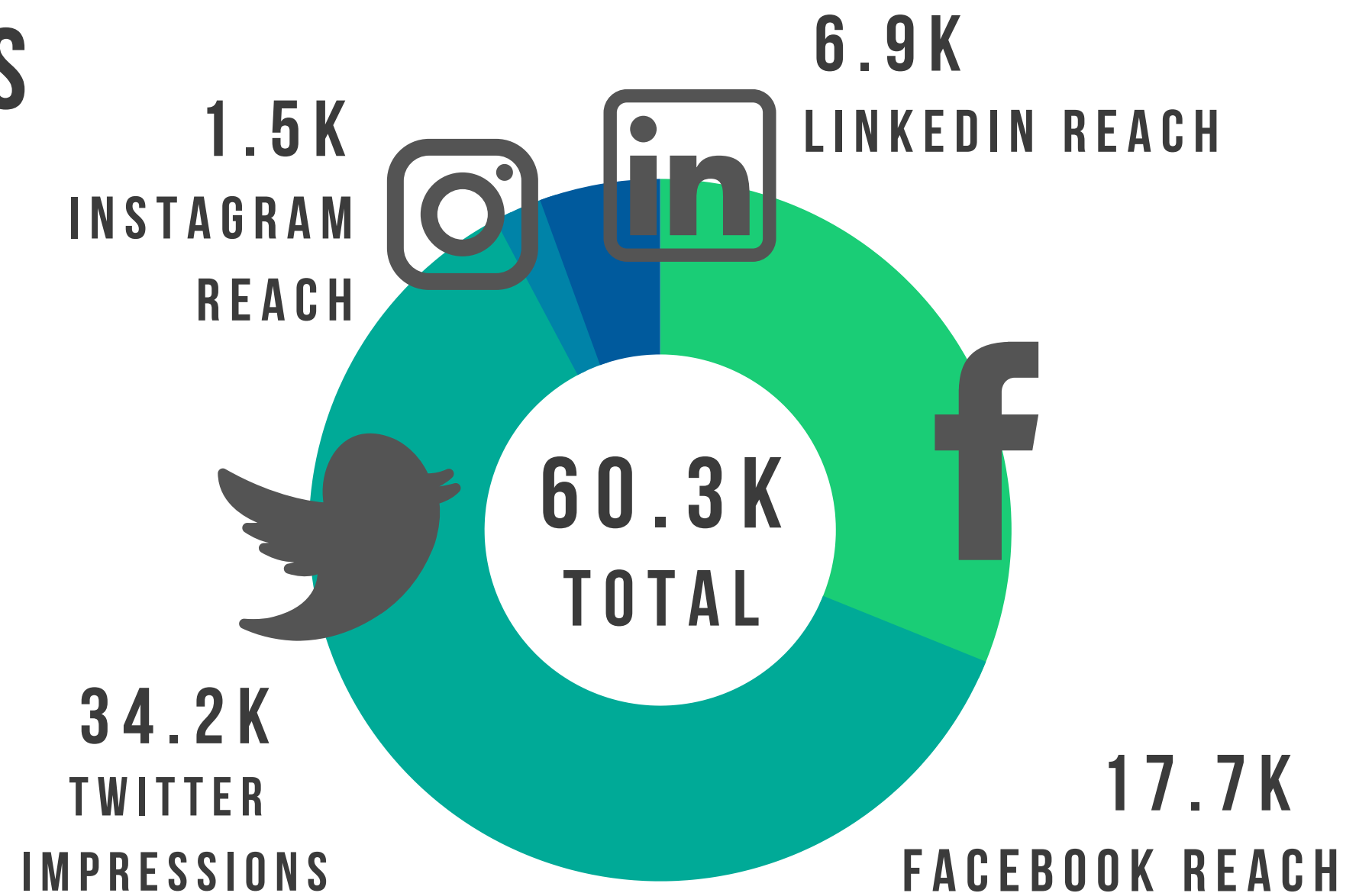
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3.8K SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

4 BLOG POSTS

9 NEWS RELEASES

22 NEWS ARTICLES



*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.

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9C. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments



SUMMARY

This information is presented in order to better, and more systematically, apprise the Forward Pinellas Board of final action(s) by the Board of County Commissioners, in their role as the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) on matters that have been previously considered. This summary also includes the Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments that have been administratively reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff.

CPA Actions July 2021:

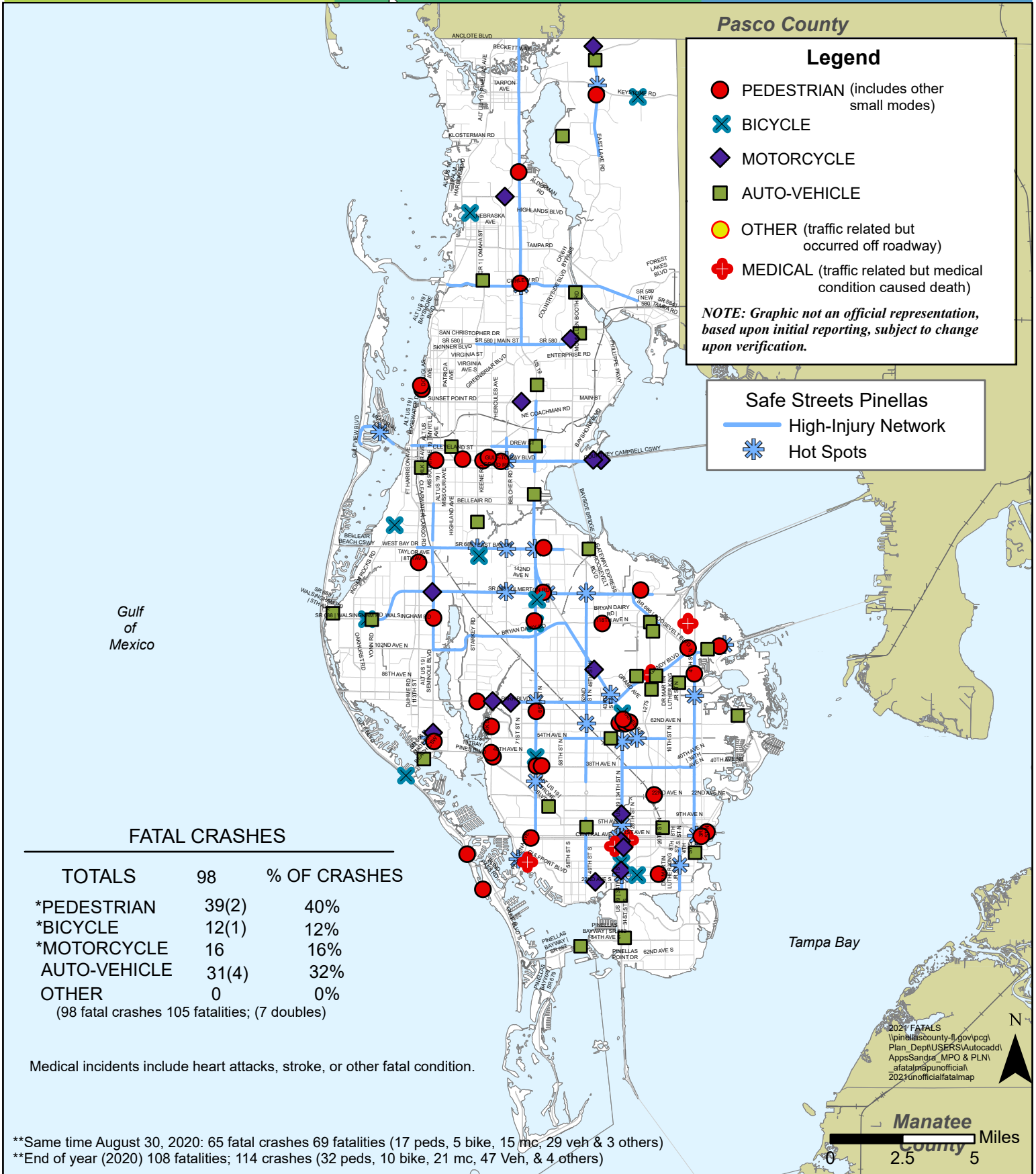
The Board of County Commissioners, acting according to its Countywide Planning Authority, held the first of two public hearings to consider amendments to the Countywide Rules on July 13, 2021. A second public hearing will be held on August 24, 2021 before finalizing the amendments.

Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments July 2021:

- FLUM 21-04, City of Tarpon Springs, satisfies the Tier I provisions of Section 6.1.2.1 of the Countywide Rules

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.



Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2020. Map Produced: September 1, 2021.

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# CRASHES	DATAID	ON STREET	CROSS STREET	MODE	DATE	# FATAL	APPROX TIM	DHSMV	LEO	SEX/AGE
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1	004F21	34TH ST N	62ND AVE N	PED	1/8/2021	1	6:49AM	88425461	FHP	M/57
1	007F21	PARK ST N	CR 16 (S OF 46TH AVE N)	PED IN WC/DELAY	1/18/2021	1	6:52PM	88430141	FHP	M/68
1	012F21	COURT ST	JUST EAST OF MISSOURI AVE	PED/PED IN WC/DELAY	1/29/2021	2	7:26PM	24304614	CLW	M/37, M/59
1	013F21	ROOSEVELT BLVD/SR686	DODGE ST	PED/DELAY	1/30/2021	1	11:36PM	88451237	FHP	M/60
1	014F21	38TH AVE N	66TH ST	PED/DELAY	2/5/2021	1	8:27AM	24234848	SP	M/68
1	015F21	38TH AVE N	64TH ST N	PED	2/8/2021	1	1:10AM	24234920	SP	M/40
1	016F21	1ST ST N	4TH AVE N	PED/WC/DELAY	2/11/2021	1	9:33AM	24235101	SP	F/85
1	018F21	US HIGHWAY 19	CURLEW RD	PED	2/12/2021	1	8:30PM	88436801	FHP	M/61
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1	022F21	HERON BLVD	WHISPERWOOD AVE N	PED/DELAY	2/14/2021	1	8:10PM	24235108	SP	M/65
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1	032F21	4TH ST N	90TH AVE N	PED	3/22/2021	1	1:30PM	24235992	SP	M/52
1	036F21	118TH AVE N	44TH ST N	PED	3/31/2021	1	11:29AM	24085205	PP	F/54
1	038F21	GULF TO BAY BLVD/2100 BLK	400 FT W OF BELCHER RD	PED/DELAY	4/6/2021	1	8:24PM	24305254	CLW	M/46
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1	041F21	CENTRAL AVE	21ST ST S	PEDS/DELAY	4/9/2021	2	8:08PM	24236480	SP	M/61,F/61
1	042F21	STARKEY RD	PARK BLVD	PED/DELAY	4/12/2021	1	8:23PM	88474350	FHP	M/64
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1	045F21	PARK ST N	NEAR 62ND ST	PED	4/23/2021	1	10:05PM	89359382	PCSO	F/62
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1	056F21	66TH ST N	69TH AVE N	PED/DELAY	5/7/2021	1	12:26AM	24085512	PP	M/33
1	058F21	SB US HIGHWAY 19	62ND AVE N	PED/DELAY	5/11/2021	1	1:46AM	88469089	FHP	M/40
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1	064F21	PASADENA AVE N	PINELLAS WAY N	PED	5/20/2021	1	10:02PM	24237431	SP	M/55
1	066F21	SB I 275	LANE APPROACHING 22ND AVE N	PED	5/21/2021	1	7:00PM	?	FHP	M/62
1	076F21	US ALT 19	UNION ST	PED	6/8/2021	1	6:13PM	24305972	CLW	M/82
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1	003F21	66TH ST N	42ND AVE N	BIKE	1/7/2021	1	8:16PM	88841439	FHP/KC	M/49
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1	030F21	34TH ST N	74TH AVE N	BIKE/DELAY	3/17/2021	1	12:57PM	24085087	PP	M/77
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1	061F21	KEYSTONE RD	MEADOWS DR	BIKE/DR & PASS	5/11/2021	2	5:48PM	88428117	FHP	M/ 58; F/50
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1	071F21	US HIGHWAY 19	CENTRAL AVE	MC	5/24/2021	1	6:35PM	24432592	LARGO	M/28
1	073F21	US HIGHWAY 19	46TH ST N	MC	5/31/2021	1	8:35PM	24539484	PP	M/67
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1	093F21	SR 580	720FT WEST OF CHARLES	MC	7/13/2021	1	9:38AM	24306409	CLW	M/58
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1	020F21	SB I 275	EXIT RAMP TO I 375	VEH/DR	2/14/2021	1	4:02PM	88401884	FHP	M/36
1	025F21	GRAND AVE N	28TH ST N	VEH/DR/DELAY	3/3/2021	1	3:00PM	24084989	PP	M/25
1	026F21	ROSER PARK DR S	4TH ST S	VEH/PASS, MC/DR	3/5/2021	2	4:22AM	24235572	SP	F/34, M/33
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1	063F21	SB I 275	MM 28 NEAR GANDY BLVD	VEH/DR	5/18/2021	1	10:27PM	88492539	FHP	M/26
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1	097F21	TYRONE SQUARE BLVD N	NORFOLK ST N	VEH/2 PASS	7/30/2021	2	12:52PM	24239480	SP	M16/F1
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1	100F21	54TH AVE N	43RD ST N	VEH/DRS UNBORN	8/23/2021	1	5:41AM	?	FHP	?/UNBORN
1	101F21	KEENE RD	SOUTH OF ROSERY RD	VEH/DR;VEH/PASS/DELAY	8/23/2021	2	10:14AM	?	LA	?/?; ?/?
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0	033F21	117TH TERRACE N	AT 785	MED/VEH/DR/DELAY	3/22/2021	0	5:11PM	24235980	SP	M/62
0	055F21	CENTRAL AVE	3350 WALGREENS PHAR	MED/VEH/DR	5/6/2021	0	4:02PM	24237076	SP	M/60
0	075F21	EMERSON AVE S	37TH ST S	MED/VEH/DR/DELAY	6/3/2021	0	6:13PM	24237756	SP	M/57
0	085F21	PASADENA AVE S	AT 1238 PASADENA AVE S	MED/VEH/DR	6/28/2021	0	8:46PM	89359781	PCSO	M/54
98						105				
# CRASHES						# FATALS				

2021(7 doubles, 5 medicals) Reports needing verified

NOTES:

- 2020 108 fatal crashes; (114 fatalities, 1 triple 4 doubles; 32 Peds, 10 bike, 21 motorcycle, 47 vehicle, 4 other)
- 2019 105 fatal crashes; 106 fatalities (1 double; 39 peds, 9 Bikes, 22 mc, 31 veh, 5 others)
- 2018 120 fatalities 115 crashes (5 doubles)/(39 peds, 8 Bikes, 31 mc, 44 veh)
- 2017 116 fatalities 110 crashes (4 doubles and 1 triple) / (37 peds, 6 bikes, 30 mc, and 43 veh)
- 2016 117 fatalities110 crashes (3 triples and 1 double)
- 2015 104 fatalities102 crashes

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary



Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
June 1st – 30th (30 days)

June 2021

30-Day Count Total: ***121,892**

Daily Average Users: **3,932**

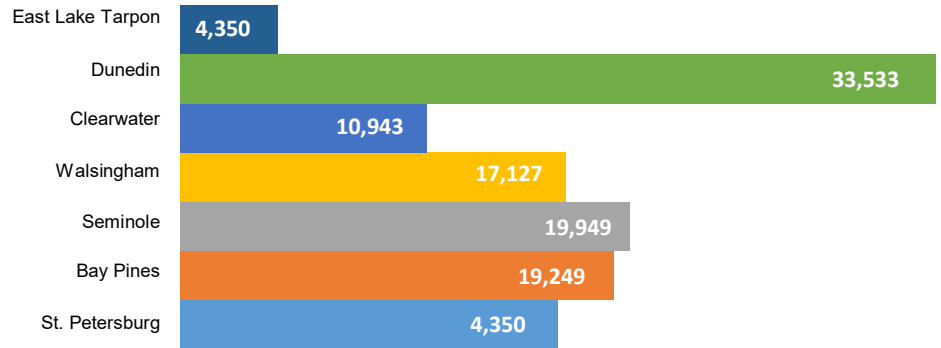
Highest Daily Totals:

#1 – Saturday, June 26th (Dunedin – 1,801)

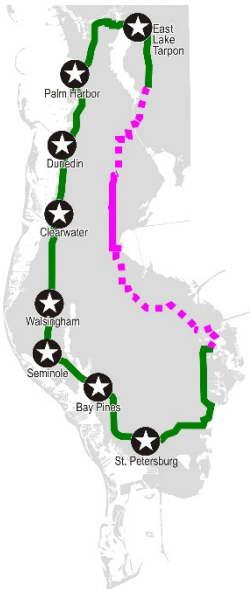
#2 – Saturday, June 5th (Bay Pines – 1,005)

#3 – Saturday, June 12th (Walsingham - 830)

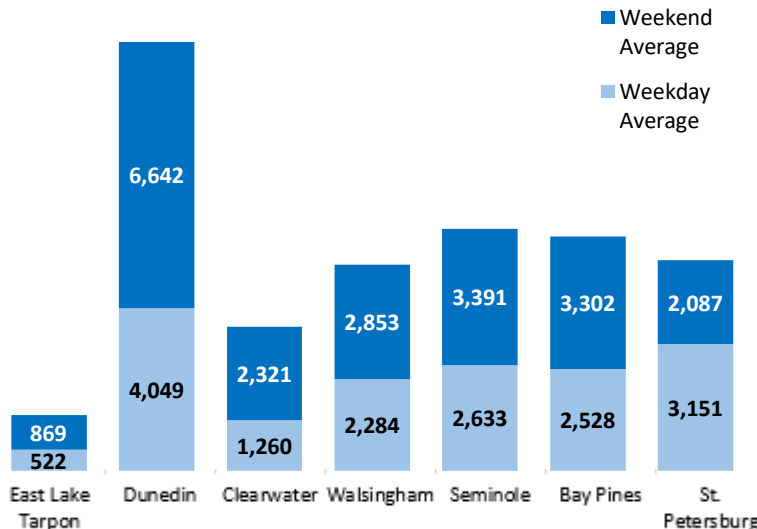
June Monthly Trail Use by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	11%	89%
Dunedin:	18%	82%
Clearwater:	10%	90%
Walsingham:	18%	82%
Seminole:	25%	75%
Bay Pines:	10%	90%
St. Petersburg:	22%	78%

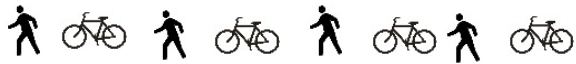
Source: Forward Pinellas *June 2021*
National Weather Service: [June 2020](#)

*Palm Harbor counter technical issues, no data provided.

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

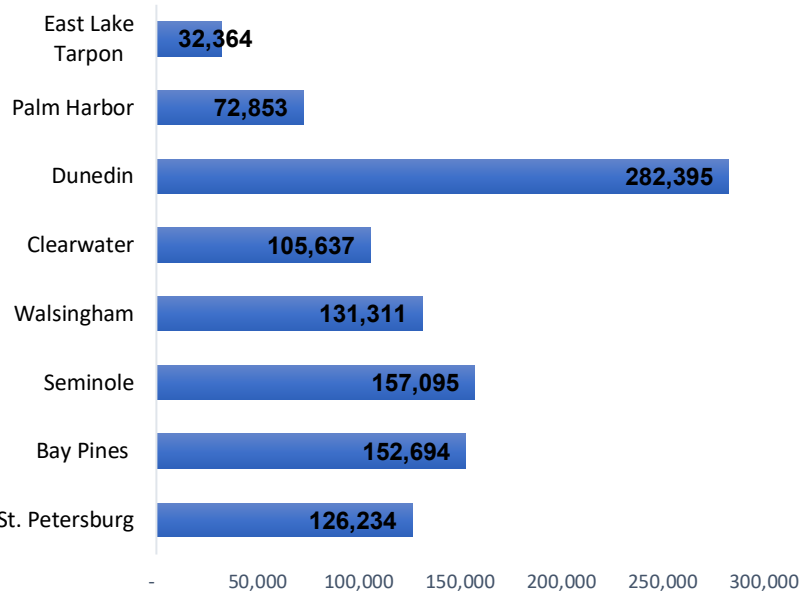
Period: January – June 2021 Data*



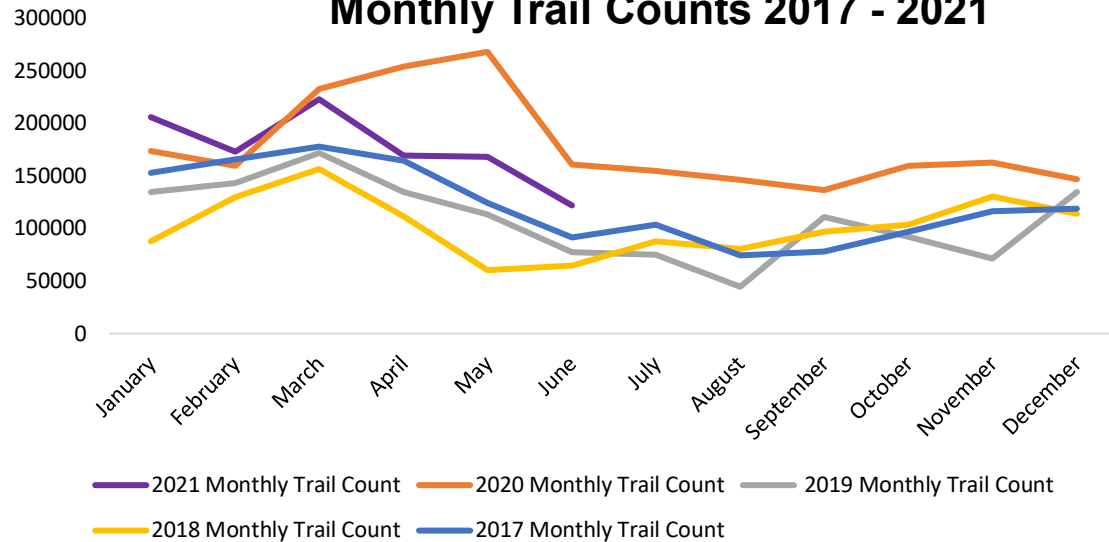
Jan-Jun 2021 Total Count:

1,060,923

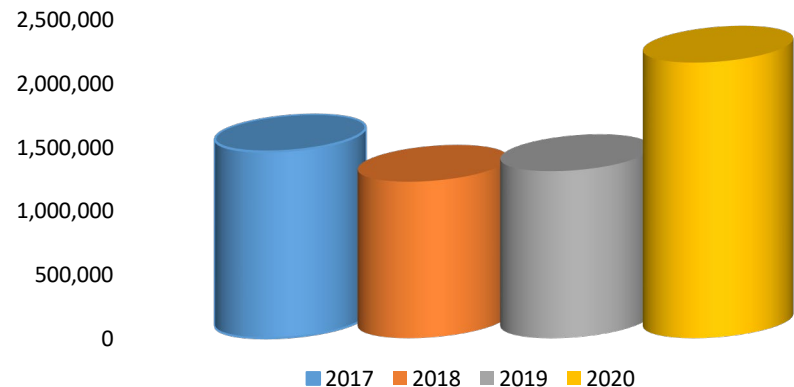
Year to Date Data Per Location



Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2021



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.

**PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET
DATE: AUGUST 30, 2021**

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
<p>1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p>The PAC held its August 30, 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 1:30 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included Britton Wilson, Kyle Brotherton, Derek Reeves, Marcie Stenmark, Corey Gray, Alicia Parinello, Marshall Touchton, Linda Portal, Tatiana Childress, Jamie Viveiros, Jan Norsoph, Frances Leong-Sharp (arrived at 1:38 p.m.).</p> <p>Others in attendance: Mark Griffin, Jenny Rowland, Michael Schoderbock, Molly Cord, Felicia Donnelly, Lauren Matzke, and Lisa Foster</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included Rodney Chatman, Nousheen Rahman, Alexis Boback, and Maria Kelly.</p>	
<p>2. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 MEETING PUBLIC HEARINGS</u> A. CW 21-10 – Pinellas County</p>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Kyle Brotherton</p>	12-0
<p>B. CW 21-11 – Pinellas County</p>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Alicia Parinello</p>	12-0
<p>C. CW 21-12 – Pinellas County</p>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Frances Leong-Sharp</p>	12-0

<p><u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> D. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the staff reviewed Tier I Map Amendments and recent actions taken by the CPA. No action required; informational item only.</p>	
<p>3. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. Clearwater Ft. Harrison Complete Streets Project</p>	<p>Lauren Matzke, Assistant Director of Planning & Development, City of Clearwater, shared a presentation on the Ft. Harrison Complete Streets project. She described the limits of the study area including major destinations such as the Morton Plant Hospital campus, downtown, the Image Clearwater waterfront development, and the North Marina Area. The goals of the study wereto enhance safety, mobility, and accessibility while taking into consideration the land use context and character of the corridor. She then provided an overview of the study recommendations. The Segment 1 recommendations included improving the multimodal connections across the corridor and into downtown and create a gateway into the greater downtown area. The Segment 2 recommendations included using streetscape improvements to create a welcoming, livable, and economically vibrant downtown. The Segment 3 recommendations included beautifying the street space to attract investment and development to achieve a vibrant future land use vision. The Complete Streets Concept Plan was approved in November 2020 and construction of the demonstration projects is scheduled to be completed by Fall of 2022.</p>	
<p>B. Property Rights Element for Comprehensive Plans</p>	<p>Chair Britton Wilson shared St. Petersburg’s experience developing a Property Rights Element for their Comprehensive Plan to fulfill the requirements contained in Senate Bill 59. Section 163.3177(6)(i)2, F.S. now requires local governments to adopt and include the Property Rights Element in any Comprehensive Plan amendment initiated after July 1, 2021. Per Florida State Statute, a local government can choose to adopt its own Property Rights Element, or use the language provided by the state. St. Petersburg’s Comprehensive Plan Amendment package is scheduled for adoption on October 14th. Forward Pinellas</p>	

	<p>staff can assist in providing examples of local government Comprehensive Plans which have already adopted this element.</p>	
<p>C. FEMA Flood Maps</p>	<p>Lisa Foster, Pinellas County Floodplain Administrator, shared a presentation on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) changes and the County’s recommended approach for local government consideration. Ms. Foster reviewed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) changes to the FIRM and the potentially significant effects it will have in Pinellas County. For example, the new maps indicate a decrease in base flood elevation (BFE) in some coastal areas of the county. She then went on to explain the relationship between local land development regulations, FEMA flood zones, and BFE requirements. Ms. Foster explained that if left unchanged, these new maps could result in lower building elevations and less stringent building requirements on new development and increase costs for coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program. She then went on to explain Pinellas County’s vulnerability analysis using a more localized modeling approach which included 2017 LIDAR data and an analysis of storms through 2018. She noted that in some areas the vulnerability analysis shows an increase in BFE and aligns better with observed flooding patterns. It was then explained that local governments have the option to update their floodplain management ordinances to reflect Pinellas County’s vulnerability data which would result in a higher BFE when compared to the new FEMA maps.</p>	
<p>D. Vested Rights Following Flood Map Changes</p>	<p>Lauren Matzke shared Clearwater’s perspective on the FEMA flood map updates and the issues Clearwater is facing. PAC members were invited to share how their local communities are addressing building height questions in light of these changes. A few municipalities had already responded and were thanked for their participation.</p>	

<p>E. State Density Bonus for Graywater Systems</p>	<p>Alicia Parinello, City of Largo Planning Division Manager, shared findings on the new law passed that requires local government to provide a density bonus for certain types of development for which a greywater recycling system is installed. Senate Bill 64, signed into law on June 29, 2021, creates Section 403.892, Florida Statutes (Chapter 2021-168), requires local governments to provide a 25% density or intensity bonus if at least 75% of a development will have a greywater system installed or a 35% bonus if 100% of the development will have such a system. Ms. Parinello shared concerns about the potential for this new law to discourage developers from using other bonuses. She further explained that the density bonus is stackable but cannot go above the density maximums contained in the Countywide Rules. Forward Pinellas is assessing the law's impact on the Countywide Rules and will provide guidance to the PAC in the near future.</p>	
<p>F. Forward Pinellas Legislative Workshop Update</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman shared an update on the Forward Pinellas Legislative Workshop held on August 11, 2021. The event was designed to build relationships between the Pinellas County Delegation and leadership of our Pinellas communities in hopes of a more collaborative legislation process in Tallahassee. This event was well attended including more than 30 elected officials, state legislators and directors of countywide and regional agencies, who took part in the moderated discussion 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. As a result of this conversation, legislators have pledged to work more closely with Pinellas local governments during the 2022 legislative session.</p>	
<p>4. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u> A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the members on the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas. Under Enhancing Beach Community Access, he advised that the Waterborne Transportation subcommittee met on Friday, August 27, 2021, to review the profile of the waterborne transportation system for Pinellas County and regionally, as well as discuss plans to restart the ferry service in Clearwater and Dunedin. Also, discussion</p>	

	<p>on the series of draft recommendations to clarify funding opportunities, new operational structures for water taxis and ferries which will involve PSTA, phasing, and increased coordination between agencies. The newest SPOTLight emphasis area is Innovations in Target Employment and Jobs Access, and the board has asked that Forward Pinellas invite business leaders from the private sector who would be willing to give short presentations to our Board.</p>	
<p>5. <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u></p>	<p>The PAC Chair referred to the events cited in the agenda.</p> <p>Next PAC Meeting is Monday October 4, 2021</p>	
<p>7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

PAC Chair

Date

September 8, 2021

9G. Committee Vacancies



SUMMARY

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

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

- **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 ([5Ba](#))
- CAC Membership Listing
- STSC Membership Listing

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

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 Hagewood, 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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10. Upcoming Events



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 17 th	TMA Leadership Group Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Nov 2-4 th	Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit
Nov 5 th	Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Virtual Summit

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.