AGENDA
January 10, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.
315 Court Street, 5th Floor
Board Assembly Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (1:00)

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE** (1:05)

3. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD** (1:10)
   Citizen comments to the Board are invited on items or concerns not already scheduled for public hearing on today’s agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes.

4. **RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (1:15)
   A. Outgoing CAC Member (Joe Falanga)
   B. Staff Service Awards (Tina Jablon)

5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (1:20)
   A. Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Meeting
   B. Map Adjustment – City of St. Petersburg – Official Acceptance

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – To begin at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as agenda permits
   **PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL** (1:25)
   A. Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendment
      1. Case CW 18-02 – Pinellas County
      2. Case CW 18-01 – Pinellas County
      3. Case CW 18-03 – City of St. Petersburg

7. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS** (1:45)
   A. MPO Regional Coordination Structure Research and Best Practices Project Study
   B. PSTA Activities Report
   C. Clearwater Beach Transit Projects
   D. Forward Pinellas Grant Programs
      1. Planning & Place-Making Grant Pilot Program
      2. Complete Streets Grant Program
   E. Legislative Position Statement – Action

8. **REPORTS/UPDATE** (3:00)
   A. Director’s Report
      1. SPOTlight Update
      2. West Bay Drive Complete Streets Update
   B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update
   C. “The Kennedy Report” on Regional Transit Funding
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (3:10)
   A. Forward Pinellas Board Work Session January 12, 2018
   B. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit February 27, 2018
   C. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
   D. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments
   E. Correspondence, Fatalities Map and Draft PAC Action Sheet
   F. Committee Vacancies
   G. Other

10. **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.
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 December 13, 2017 Meeting
B. Map Adjustment – City of St. Petersburg – Official Acceptance
5A. Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Meeting

SUMMARY

The minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting are not yet finalized with the Clerk. We expect to provide them at the February board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only
SUMMARY

The Countywide Rules include a procedure allowing local governments within Pinellas County to submit Countywide Plan Map boundary adjustments that are minor in nature and include only the following categories: Preservation and Recreation/Open Space.

These categories are often generalized on the Countywide Plan Map and, after site plan review at the local level or other action such as completion of a wetland jurisdictional determination, a more specific area can be delineated. To qualify for this process, the Countywide Rules require submission of one of the following: a letter of determination with accompanying legal description, a wetland jurisdictional survey, or final site plan.

More specifically, as per subsection 7.3.8.5 of the Countywide Rules, adjustments can be:

- Related to and consistent with a jurisdictional boundary determination under state agency rules which is consistent with such rules; or
- Related to and consistent with the purpose and characteristics of the particular plan category being adjusted and, absent a determination by the Executive Director to the contrary, based upon a finding by the local government with jurisdiction or its designee that such adjustment is diminimus in extent and effect.

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This area involves approximately 0.33 acres of property located at 10900 Roosevelt Boulevard. It involves the adjustment of the boundary lines between the Preservation and Activity Center/Target Employment Center categories per an ecological assessment.

LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:

Map 1 Current Future Land Use
Map 2 Proposed Future Land Use
Attachment 1 Ecological Assessment

MEETING DATES:

Planners Advisory Committee, January 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Forward Pinellas, January 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
Countywide Planning Authority, February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommend official acceptance of this map adjustment.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Forward Pinellas staff recommends official acceptance of the map adjustment.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its January 2, 2018 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 10-0 to accept this map adjustment.
**CASE #:** CWP-MA18-01  **FROM:** Preservation

**JURISDICTION:** St. Petersburg  **TO:** Activity Center & Target Employment Center

**AREA:** 0.6 Acres

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**Countywide Plan Map Categories**

- Residential Medium
- Preservation
- Target Employment Center
- Employment
- Activity Center
- Larger Property

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**Map 1 - Current Countywide Plan Map**
CASE #: CWP-MA18-01 FROM: Preservation
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Activity Center & Target Employment Center
AREA: 0.6 Acres
Ecological Assessment Site N-68
5 October 2017

The TBRI site on the Jabil campus is the northwestern most parcel on the campus. It is located on Roosevelt Blvd. and includes an area that is currently shown on the Future Land Use Map as Preservation. It is also shown as Preservation on the zoning map. This Preservation area is located between the building and Roosevelt Blvd. and was originally shown on a site plan for the Showa University Research Institute for Biomedicine as 0.51 acres. It extended from the building location on that site plan into the Roosevelt Blvd. right of way.

In 1982 the Showa University Institute for Biomedicine applied for a site plan approval that proposed impacting 31.49% of this Preservation area. The actual site plan approval required that the applicant relocate a service drive further west on the site in order to reduce the impact to 25% of the Preservation area leaving 0.38 acres of Preservation area.

The City had an Ecological Survey of the Preservation area done in 1983 (Richardson 1983). This survey designated the area as Site N-68 and described it as pine flatwoods with an area of 0.33 acres. The Ecological Survey described the vegetation of the Preservation area in detail for the canopy, understory, and ground cover. It included a list of 19 species that occurred within the Preservation area. It also noted several exotic species and recommended their control in order to maintain the integrity of the pine flatwoods. It is unknown if any effort was made to remove the exotics including Australian pine, Brazilian pepper, and Melaleuca subsequent to the report.

At the time of the Ecological Survey Site N-68 was deemed to meet the criteria to qualify as a City Preservation area. Although the report noted that “due to its small size and weediness, the overall quality of the site is poor”. Section 16.20.160.4 of the City code provides the criteria for designating a preservation area. The criteria includes two parts. First Section 16.20.160.4 lists native plant communities that must be present in order for an area to qualify as a Preservation area. Second, there are a number of environmental factors an area may have that are assigned point values. In order to qualify as Preservation area it must accumulate at least 4 points on environmental factors in addition to being one the native plant communities listed in Section 16.20.160.4.

We recently visited Site N-68 to see if it would qualify as a Preservation area utilizing the criteria of Section 16.20.160.4. Based on the soils and 100 year floodplain the environmental factors add up to 4 points. However, the site is no longer a pine flatwoods as described in the Ecological Survey in 1983. It lack an understory and the ground cover is mowed and maintained St. Augustine grass. Therefore Site N-68 no longer qualifies as a Preservation area under 16.20.160.4.

Using historical aerial photographs (see exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) we research the history of the site back to the time of the site plan approval in 1982. The existing building was
constructed in the early 1980’s after the site plan approval in 1982. The canopy of the Preservation area remained similar to the early 1980s until the aerial photographs from 2001 showed it reduced in extent. In the 2001 and subsequent aerials the open areas of the canopy do not appear to have an understory and look like open grassy areas.

Section 16.20.160.8 requires maintenance of Preservation areas by the property owner to maintain them in a “viable natural condition”. We believe that there have been several different property owners since Preservation site N-68 ceased to meet criteria as a Preservation area under Section 16.20.160.4, likely prior to 2001. The current property owner was not responsible for the lack of maintenance that led to the degradation of the Preservation area.

Recent field review of Site N-68 indicates there is a scattered canopy that includes slash pine, laurel oaks, a single red maple, and carrot wood. The understory is non-existent except for one cluster of saw palmetto around the base of a laurel oak. A few scattered Sabal palm seedlings occur below the canopy. Ground cover is predominantly St. Augustine grass with scattered weedy species that is clearly mowed and maintained. It is likely that the Preservation area has been like this since 2001, when it appears this way in the aerial photographs.

Section 16.20.160.2 indicates that these regulations are intended to encourage preservation of lands in a natural state. Site N-68 is clearly no longer in a natural state. Its landscape position, adjacent to a major roadway and isolated from any other natural area, reduces the biological productivity, wildlife habitat value, and overall ecological value. In the 1983 Ecological Survey of Site N-68 (Richardson 1983) the area was deemed to be of poor natural quality. Changes that have occurred since that time have reduced the quality even more to the point where it no longer meets the criteria for Preservation Areas due to the fact that it is no longer a natural vegetative community. It is likely that Site N-68 has not met the criteria for preservation areas for more than 15 years.
APPLICANT: Dr. Meihan Nonoyama, Showa University Research Institute for Biomedicine 5180 113th Avenue North Clearwater, FL 33520

REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Isamu Abe 13024 Firth Court Tampa, FL 33612

ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER: Rafael Garcia, Architect 4200 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33146

LOCATION: Proposed legal: Partial Replat of Toytown Section A, Block 1, Lot 1, Gen: South side of Roosevelt Boulevard North approximately 510 feet west of 9th Street North.

REQUEST: Requesting approval of a Site Plan for a one-story, 32,600 sq. ft. research/experimental/testing laboratory on a 5.5 acre site zoned IP or IP Preservation.

SITE DATA:
Zone: IP and IP Preservation
Use: Research/Experimental/Testing Laboratory
Site Area: 219,973 sq. ft. 5.05 acres m.o.l.
Proposed Building Coverage: 32,600 sq. ft. 15 % of Site m.o.l.
Preservation Area: 22,254.9 sq. ft. 10.1 % of Site m.o.l.
Maximum Alteration of Preservation Area Allowed: 5,563.7 sq. ft. 25 % of Preservation Area
Alteration of Preservation Area by Proposed Development: 7,010 sq. ft. 31.49% of Preservation Area
Maximum Building Coverage: 87,989.2 sq. ft. 40 % of Site m.o.l.
Open Green Space: Existing: 219,973 sq. ft. 100 % of Site m.o.l. Proposed: 132,900 sq. ft. 60 % of Site m.o.l.
Proposed Paving Coverage: 54,470 sq. ft. 25 % of Site m.o.l.
Parking Spaces: Required: 82 Proposed: 85
Building Height: Permitted: 50 ft. Proposed: one-story
SITE PLAN REVIEW:

I. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS: The applicant has met and complied with the procedural requirements of the Zoning Code Sections 64.23 and 64.337 for a permitted use with a gross floor area up to and including 50,000 sq. ft. on a lot.

II. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The applicant proposes to construct a one-story 32,600 sq. ft. research/testing/experimental laboratory on a 5.05 acre site zoned IP and IP Preservation. The site is presently undeveloped and the applicant is in the process of replatting the property.

According to Section 64.09 Subsection 22(a): Development, alteration or improvement shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the preservation area, leaving the remaining area in its natural state. The proposed site plan indicates a 31.49 percent development of the preservation area.

Item 1. The applicant shall submit a revised site plan showing development of only twenty-five percent of the preservation area.

The land area is adequate and sufficient for the proposed use. Staff recommends APPROVAL of the Site Plan subject to the following:

Item 2. No building permits shall be issued prior to the recordation of the plat.

Item 3. A planting arrangement of grass, trees, and shrubs shall be placed and maintained in an attractive manner in those areas not devoted or set aside for buildings, drives, parking, loading or other such uses.

Item 4. Persons conducting businesses in this district shall prevent the escape from said district of all fumes, odors, smoke, vibrations, and loud, sharp or penetrating noises which are offensive or which constitute a nuisance to surrounding activities or homes near enough to be adversely affected by them or which interfere with the conduct of any other business within this district. See Performance Standards, Section 64.09, Subsec. 8.

Item 5 No trucks, automobiles, busses or other equipment or vehicles shall be parked within fifty feet or any street property line or residentially zoned property, and all parking areas and drives shall be hardsurfaced with concrete, asphalt, or some similar heavy-duty surfacing material as approved by the City.

Item 6 No waste material or refuse shall be dumped upon or permitted to remain upon any part of said property outside of buildings constructed thereon.

Item 7 No materials or supplies shall be stored or permitted to remain upon any part of the property outside of the buildings constructed thereon. Any finished or semifinished products stored on the property outside of the buildings shall be confined to the rear one-half of the property, and shall in no instance be placed on that side of a building adjacent to a street.
Item 8  Acceleration/deceleration lanes, as approved by the City Traffic Engineer, shall be provided on all entrances on major streets in connection with these developments. Such streets shall be determined by the Major Street Map contained within this chapter.

Item 9  Detailed plans and specifications of the proposed operation shall be submitted to the appropriate environmental agency for review and approval before any building permits are issued. Such review shall determine any adverse environmental conditions and what corrective action must be taken by the applicant to prohibit such conditions.

III. THE SITE PLAN HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

a. INGRESS AND EGRESS: AND

b. LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIP OF OFF-STREET PARKING, ETC.:

The Department of Traffic Engineering has reviewed the proposed Site Plan and minimum standards have been met.

Item 10  The applicant shall relocate the proposed service drive to the West side of the site thereby diminishing the alteration of the preservation area.

c. SUFFICIENCY OF SETBACKS, SCREENS, BUFFERS AND GENERAL AMENITIES:

Setbacks are sufficient.

If possible, provision for handling all freight should be on those sides of any buildings which do not face on any street. All such facilities shall be screened from the street.

d. DRAINAGE:

As per City Ordinance #331-F, storm water run-off should not exceed run-off in the undeveloped state.

Item 11:  Submit drainage calculations to Engineering Department for approval.

e. AVAILABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY OF HOOK-IN LOCATIONS:

Water and sewer services are being extended by the City to serve this site.

Treatment plant is adequate.

f. SIGNS:

Item 12.  Sign Plans shall be submitted to License and Inspections for approval.
g. ORIENTATION AND LOCATION OF BUILDINGS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE:

The structure is proposed on the west portion of the site with a landscaped courtyard in the center.

h. PROXIMITY, RELATIONSHIP AND COMPATIBILITY OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED SURROUNDING LAND USE:

The proposed use is a research and testing laboratory. The surrounding land is vacant industrial property.

i. GENERAL AMENITIES:

The proposed structure and landscaped area are general amenities for the site.

j. TREATMENT AND LOCATION OF HANDLING OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL:

The Sanitation Department has approved the site for front end loader pickup. Adequate space for the container must be provided.

k. LANDSCAPING AND PRESERVATION OF NATURAL MAN-MADE FEATURES:

Item 13 Landscaping plans shall be approved by Urban Forester, License and Inspections and shall meet Ordinances 22-F and 131-F.

Item 14. Tree removal permits shall be obtained from Licence and Inspections prior to the removal of any trees.

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SUMMARY

From: Residential Low Medium
To: Retail & Services
Area: 0.6 acres m.o.l.
Location: Near SW Corner of 54th Avenue North and Haines Road, Lealman

This proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County and seeks to amend a property totaling approximately 0.6 acres from Residential Low Medium (used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for suburban, low density or moderately dense residential uses at a maximum density of 10 dwelling units per acre) to Retail & Services (used to depict areas 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). This amendment qualifies as a Type A subthreshold amendment because it is less than ten acres in size and meets the balancing criteria.

The subject property uses are residential, tavern and vacant. It is proposed to be used as retail commercial. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.

FINDINGS

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

A. The Retail & Services category recognizes the proposed use of the site, 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 Locator Map
Map 2 Site Map
Map 3 Aerial Map
Map 4 Current Countywide Plan Map
Map 5 Proposed Countywide Plan Map
MEETING DATES:

Planners Advisory Committee, January 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Forward Pinellas, January 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
Countywide Planning Authority, February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to recommend approval or denial of the requested amendment to the Countywide Planning Authority.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends to the board that it recommend approval of the requested amendment.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Planners Advisory Committee met on January 2, 2018 and voted 10-0 to approve this amendment.
Map 1 - Location

CASE #: CW18-02
FROM: Residential Low Medium
JURISDICTION: Pinellas County
TO: Retail & Services
AREA: 0.6 Acres

SUBJECT AREA
Map 2 - Current Countywide Plan Map & Jurisdictional Map

CASE #: CW18-02  FROM: Residential Low Medium  AREA: 0.6 Acres

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County  TO: Retail & Services

LEGEND:

Unincorporated
Map 3 - Aerial

CASE #: CW18-02
FROM: Residential Low Medium
JURISDICTION: Pinellas County
TO: Retail & Services
AREA: 0.6 Acres

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NORTH

0 100 200 400 Feet
Countywide Plan Map Categories

- Residential Low Medium
- Office
- Residential Medium
- Retail & Services

Map 4 - Current Countywide Plan Map

CASE #: CW18-02
FROM: Residential Low Medium
TO: Retail & Services

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County

AREA: 0.6 Acres

[Map of the area with the proper designations for each category]
Map 5 - Proposed Countywide Plan Map

CASE #: CW18-02
FROM: Residential Low Medium
TO: Retail & Services

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County

AREA: 0.6 Acres

Countywide Plan Map Categories
- Residential Low Medium
- Residential Medium
- Office
- Retail & Services
SUMMARY

From: Residential Medium  
To: Employment  
Area: 0.8 acres m.o.l.  
Location: Near NE Corner of Florida Ave. & 9th Street, Palm Harbor

This proposed amendment is submitted by Pinellas County and seeks to amend a property totaling approximately 0.8 acres from Residential Medium (used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for medium-density residential uses at a maximum density of 15 dwelling units per acre) to Employment (used to depict areas that are developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a wide range of employment uses, including primary industries (i.e., those with a customer base that extends beyond Pinellas County), allowing for flex space, and for uses that have minimal external impacts).

The subject property is vacant. It is proposed to be used as a processing/staging area for crashed vehicles. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.

FINDINGS

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

A. The Employment category recognizes the proposed use of the site, 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  Locator Map  
Map 2  Site Map  
Map 3  Aerial Map  
Map 4  Current Countywide Plan Map  
Map 5  Proposed Countywide Plan Map  
Map 6  Coastal High Hazard Area Map  
Attachment 1  Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis
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Planners Advisory Committee, January 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Forward Pinellas, January 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
Countywide Planning Authority, February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to recommend approval or denial of the requested amendment to the Countywide Planning Authority.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends to the board that it recommend approval of the requested amendment.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Planners Advisory Committee met on January 2, 2018 and voted 10-0 to approve this amendment.
Map 1 - Location

CASE #: CW18-01
FROM: Residential Medium
AREA: 0.8 Acres
JURISDICTION: Pinellas County
TO: Employment

Gulf of Mexico
Tampa Bay

SUBJECT AREA
Map 2 - Current Countywide Plan Map & Jurisdictional Map

CASE #: CW18-01  FROM: Residential Medium  AREA: 0.8 Acres

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County  TO: Employment

LEGEND:

Unincorporated

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NORTH

0 100 200 400 Feet
Map 3 - Aerial

CASE #: CW18-01
FROM: Residential Medium
TO: Employment

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County
AREA: 0.8 Acres
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FROM: Residential Medium
TO: Employment
JURISDICTION: Pinellas County
AREA: 0.8 Acres

Countywide Plan Map Categories
- Residential Low Medium
- Public/Semi-Public
- Residential Medium
- Recreation/Open Space
- Retail & Services
- Preservation
- Employment
- Activity Center

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

CASE #: CW18-01  FROM: Residential Medium  AREA: 0.8 Acres
JURISDICTION: Pinellas County  TO: Employment
Map 6 - Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA)

CASE #: CW18-01 FROM: Residential Medium

JURISDICTION: Pinellas County TO: Employment

AREA: 0.8 Acres

LEGEND:

CHHA
CW 18-01
Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

Relevant Countywide Considerations:

1) **Consistency with the Countywide Rules** – Pinellas County proposes to amend the Countywide Map designation from Residential Medium to Employment.

The current Residential Medium category is used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for medium-density residential uses at a maximum density of 15 dwelling units per acre. The proposed Employment category is used to depict areas that are developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a wide range of employment uses, including primary industries (i.e., those with a customer base that extends beyond Pinellas County), allowing for flex space, and for uses that have minimal external impacts.

The subject property is vacant. It is proposed to be used as a processing/staging area for crash vehicles. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.

2) **Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard** – The amendment area is not located on a roadway operating at an LOS of “F”, therefore those policies are not applicable.

3) **Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC)** – The amendment area is not located on a SNCC, so those policies are not applicable.

4) **Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA)** – The Countywide Rules require a balancing of several criteria when evaluating increases in density or intensity within the CHHA. The intent of this approach is to provide flexibility in regulating coastal development by giving careful consideration of the potential impacts upon vulnerable populations (i.e., hospitals, assisted living facilities, mobile homes, etc.), infrastructure, public access to the water, and other relevant effects. A portion of the amendment area is located within the CHHA. The proposal would result in a slight increase in development intensity (from .50 maximum floor area ratio to .65 maximum floor area ratio) and a decrease in residential density (from 15 dwelling units per acre to 0 dwelling units per acre) allowed on the site, and any redevelopment would have no impact on emergency shelter space and evacuation routes. In addition, the redevelopment of the property would utilize existing infrastructure, thus limiting any potential damage of publicly funded water, sewer, or other improvements by storm events. On balance, the requested amendment is consistent with the criteria used to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed land use category within the CHHA.

5) **Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas** – The amendment area is not located in a redevelopment area, so those policies are not applicable.
6) **Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility** – The proposed amendment area is not located next to a public educational facility or jurisdiction, so 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.
SUMMARY

From: Industrial & Target Employment Center
To: Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center
Area: 0.6 acres m.o.l.
Location: 2700 5th Avenue South

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg and seeks to amend a property totaling approximately 0.6 acres from Industrial (used to depict areas developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a general industrial manner; and so as to encourage the reservation and use of areas for industrial use in a manner consistent with surrounding use, transportation facilities, other necessary infrastructure, and natural resources) and Target Employment Center to Multimodal Corridor (intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county and that are served by multiple modes of transport, including automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian) and Target Employment Center. The current and proposed Target Employment Center category is an overlay used to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a concentrated and cohesive pattern to facilitate employment uses of countywide significance.

The subject property is vacant land and a church. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of St. Petersburg Comprehensive Plan.

FINDINGS

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

A. The Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center categories recognize the proposed use of the site, 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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ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to recommend approval or denial of the requested amendment to the Countywide Planning Authority.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends to the board that it recommend approval of the requested amendment.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Planners Advisory Committee met on January 2, 2018 and voted 10-0 to approve this amendment.
Map 1 - Location

CASE #: CW18-03 FROM: Industrial & Target Employment Center AREA: 0.6 Acres

JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center

Gulf of Mexico

Tampa Bay

SUBJECT AREA
Map 2 - Current Countywide Plan Map & Jurisdictional Map

CASE #: CW18-03 FROM: Industrial & Target Employment Center AREA: 0.6 Acres

JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center

LEGEND:

St Petersburg

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Map 3 - Aerial

CASE #: CW18-03  FROM: Industrial & Target Employment Center  AREA: 0.6 Acres
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg  TO: Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center
CASE #: CW18-03  FROM: Industrial & Target Employment Center  AREA: 0.6 Acres
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg  TO: Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center

Countywide Plan Map Categories
- Residential Medium
- Employment
- Recreation/Open Space
- Office
- Industrial
- Multimodal Corridor
- Target Employment Center

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

CASE #: CW18-03        FROM: Industrial & Target Employment Center        AREA: 0.6 Acres
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg        TO: Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center

Residential Medium            Employment            Recreation/Open Space
Office                        Industrial            Multimodal Corridor
                                       Target Employment Centers
CW 18-03
Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

Relevant Countywide Considerations:

1) **Consistency with the Countywide Rules** – The City of St. Petersburg proposes to amend the Countywide Map designation from Industrial and Target Employment Center to Multimodal Corridor and Target Employment Center.

The current Industrial category is used to depict areas developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a general industrial manner; and so as to encourage the reservation and use of areas for industrial use in a manner consistent with surrounding use, transportation facilities, other necessary infrastructure, and natural resources. The proposed Multimodal Corridor category is intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county and that are served by multiple modes of transport, including automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian. This category is intended to include those transportation corridors connecting Activity Centers, characterized by mixed-use development, and in particular, supported by and designed to facilitate transit. The current and proposed Target Employment Center category is an overlay used to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a concentrated and cohesive pattern to facilitate employment uses of countywide significance.

The subject property is vacant land and a church. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of St. Petersburg Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, Forward Pinellas staff reached out to the Pinellas County Economic Development Department to collect input on this proposed amendment. Economic Development responded by stating they have no objections to this proposed amendment.

2) **Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard** – The amendment area is not located on a roadway operating at an LOS of “F”, therefore those policies are not applicable.

3) **Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC)** – The amendment area is not located on a SNCC, so those policies are not applicable.

4) **Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA)** – The amendment area is not located in a redevelopment area, so those policies are not applicable.

5) **Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas** – The amendment area is not located in a redevelopment area, so those policies are not applicable.

6) **Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility** – The proposed amendment area is not located next to a public educational facility or jurisdiction, so 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.
SUMMARY

The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) is managing a project known as the MPO Regional Coordination and Best Practices Research study. This presentation will provide information about this project’s aim of providing a single preferred option for improving coordination and cooperation among MPOs, FDOT districts, local and county governments, transit providers, and regional transportation entities, including TBARTA and the TBARTA MPOs Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC).

The study builds on the May 2017 Collaborative Labs workshop on regional transportation planning that was sponsored by the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco MPOs. Since then, FDOT has provided funding for independent research into national best practices, and TBARTA has procured a prominent national consultant to conduct the research based on input from a selection committee comprised of MPO and TBARTA staff.

A study management team has been assembled as a non-voting, advisory group to help guide the study, ensure the right questions are considered, and relevant data collected. The team includes the MPO directors, and representatives from TBARTA, the Urban Land Institute, Tampa Bay Partnership, and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Meetings of the group are held monthly, and are open to the public. The next team meeting will be on January 25, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the TBARTA office.

The project is scheduled for completion in December 2018, and will provide information to you and other elected officials to assist in making decisions on improving the regional planning process and outcomes for Tampa Bay. In addition, the study will examine the feasibility of merging the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco MPOs into a single regional MPO. Ultimately, any changes in MPO Board composition or geographic area are up to each respective MPO Board to decide, and to reach agreement with the Governor.

Save the date! A public workshop to develop support for viable options is tentatively planned for May 18, 2018, and invitations will be distributed to your Board members and the public in print and electronically.

Ramond Chiaramonte, TBARTA, will present to the Forward Pinellas Board on this item.

ATTACHMENT(S):  Link to project page

ACTION: None required; informational item only
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
SUMMARY

The City of Clearwater and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) are working with Forward Pinellas on short and long term transportation mobility and safety improvements around Clearwater Beach. Some concerns have been expressed by the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce about the nature of the transit improvements intended to improve mobility and access between the mainland and the beach. These efforts are consistent with recommendations included in the SR 60 Corridor Strategic Implementation Plan, which the board approved last month. The City and PSTA will present an update on the status of these efforts including:

- Modifying the roundabout including the installation of fencing, adding a signalized crosswalk and removing pavers;
- Installing a transit center with a bus bay, covered pedestrian waiting area and pick-up and drop-off areas on the north, westbound side of Causeway Boulevard;
- Permanent and seasonal transit service adjustments;
- Working with FDOT to design a busway on the Memorial Causeway Bridge; and
- Planning for express transit service from Tampa International Airport.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- PSTA Handout – Clearwater Beach Busway
- PSTA Handout – Clearwater Beach to TIA Express Service
- December 1, 2017 Letter from Clearwater Beach Chamber

ACTION: None required; informational item only
Clearwater Beach Busway

PSTA requests State Legislature funding support for the construction of Clearwater Beach Busway, which will provide exclusive access for buses and emergency vehicles on a regularly gridlocked corridor between Downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach.

**Estimated Construction Cost: $9M**

*Design is already underway* on this FDOT-supported project that will benefit residents, commuters, and tourists by:

- Providing a time saving and reliable alternative to driving to the beach
- Reducing traffic and demand for parking
- Increasing capacity for hurricane evacuation

The busway is part of a multi-phase transit improvement plan for Clearwater including:

- The new Clearwater Beach Transit Center opening in Spring 2018
- Enhanced trolley services connecting the mainland to the beach every 12-15 minutes
- The proposed Clearwater Beach to TIA Express that will run from 5am to midnight every 30 minutes.
- PSTA’s new Downtown Clearwater Intermodal Center to replace the existing Park Street Terminal.

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- Florida Department of Transportation
- City of Clearwater
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
- Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater (Visitors & Convention Bureau)
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority
- Forward Pinellas (Pinellas County MPO)

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Connecting Pinellas County’s award-winning beaches and Tampa International Airport (TIA) is essential for our region’s economic development and job growth. PSTA proposes to connect these key destinations with an enticing new express route designed to please visitors, the tourism industry and the traveling public.

The Clearwater Beach to TIA Express will complement local service provided by the existing, and highly successful Route 60, which is the most productive local route in the PSTA System. **The Express will supplement the local service with expedited, limited stop travel between TIA and the beaches, seven days a week.**

**Funding: Annual Operating Costs of $2.2M**
- Service every 30 minutes, 7 days a week, 5am to midnight
- 40’ Vehicles with luggage racks and 25 passenger capacity ($3M)
- Proposed to be contracted to a private operator
- Express service can begin as early as 2018

**2018 Session Legislative Request**
- Future complementary service to St. Pete via Howard Frankland Bridge
- Letter of support for FDOT funding
Serves Major Employers, Destinations, and Residential Areas:

- Tampa International Airport
- Clearwater Mall with connections to frequent local Routes 19 and 60
- Downtown Clearwater with connections to 12 additional local routes
- Tourist/work destinations in downtown Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, Rocky Point, and Westshore area
- Special events in downtown Clearwater and on the Beaches
- Quick transfer to the Suncoast Beach Trolley™ and easy access to other world-renowned beaches

Supports Community Plans and Investments:

- Beach by Design
- Downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach Busway and Corridor Improvements
- Downtown Clearwater Redevelopment Plan
- New Clearwater Beach Transit Center
- Proposed Clearwater Intermodal Center

Service Facts:

- Length of Route: 21 miles
- Proposed Stops: 5 in each direction
- Proposed Frequency: Bus every 30 minutes
- Proposed Service Span: 5am – midnight
- Total Number of Vehicles: 5 branded buses with luggage racks
- Total Capital Cost: $3M
- Annual Operating Cost: $2.2M
- # of Jobs within ½ mile of Proposed Stops: 49,000
- # of Residents within ½ mile of Proposed Stops: 28,000
- # of Hotel Rooms within ½ mile of Proposed Stops: Over 2,600

Supported By:

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- City of Clearwater
- Pinellas County Commission Chair
- Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (Visitors and Convention Bureau)
- Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART)
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA)
- Hillsborough County Aviation Authority/ Tampa International Airport (TIA)
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
- Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce

Legend

- Clearwater Beach to TIA Express Stops
- Planned Regional Express
- Clearwater Beach to TIA Express
- Existing Regional Connections (100X/300X)
- Central Ave BRT Preferred Alignment
- PSTA Local Routes

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RE: PSTA Bus Way

Dear City Manager, Mayor and City Council Members,

Traffic is always an area of concern for our beautiful beach, and although we appreciate the effort of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to bring new transportation alternatives for our visitors, the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce would like to express some concerns that it has regarding the Clearwater Bus Way project, including dedicated bus lanes on the Memorial Causeway, and ultimately the proposed TIA Express Route from the Tampa International Airport to Clearwater Beach. We offer some observations regarding these projects/proposals that may provide thought to reconsider their value and efficiency.

It is our understanding from City staff that in the last 3 years, there has been a reduction in traffic for both the Memorial Causeway and Sand Key access bridges to Clearwater Beach. The numbers shared with us reveal a decrease of the number of cars using both bridges. This demonstrates that existing and recent alternative modes of transit such as the Jolley Trolley and Clearwater Ferry have had a positive effect on our beach access experience. Chamber Members have reported that the modifications made to streets and traffic flow appear to be finally working, thanks to the City’s efforts to remove the crosswalks directly North and South of the roundabout and upon installing the fences that keep most jaywalkers from crossing anywhere other than at traffic lights.

It is also important to note that the Clearwater Bus Way project includes adding three new traffic lights between the foot of the bridge in Downtown Clearwater and the smaller causeway bridge North of the Marina in order to let buses in and out of the proposed designated bus lanes. We are very concerned this will cause more traffic congestion for our visitors, residents and employees traveling daily to and from the beach without reducing their commute time.

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The 2010 feasibility study regarding transportation from Downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach conducted by Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. for the Pinellas County MPO had some interesting survey results:

- When the surveys were conducted in 2010, 40% of visitors responded saying that they would visit downtown Clearwater during their visit. If this were true today, why hasn’t there been more visitors coming to downtown Clearwater when the Beach hotels have had significant increases in occupancy over the past 7 years? This hasn’t been a transportation problem but a development one.

- To the question of, “How will you travel to downtown Clearwater during your visit”? 0% responded by saying “riding a bus”. Most would take some other alternative such as their own or rental car.

- For those traveling day trippers, only 9% who were surveyed said they would use a shuttle service (or bus) between downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach and then only if the service and parking downtown would cost less than parking at the beach.

- In late April 2010, PSTA conducted an on-board survey of its passengers. The results of the survey were analyzed to provide data specific to the Suncoast Beach Trolley. The survey data indicated that 4.3% of the passengers on the Suncoast Beach Trolley are seasonal residents and 21.3% are tourists. The study assumed similar ridership patterns for a proposed transit system between downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach as follows:

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- With the exception of a contract the Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) had with the Jolley Trolley during 2015 to move passengers from Island Estates to Winter’s Dolphin Tale Adventure (WDTA) in Downtown Clearwater due to the increase in visitors resulting from the Dolphin Tale 2 movie release, it is doubtful any of the average daily ridership numbers forecasted for 2015 above were even close to actual daily ridership of public transportation. It is also noted that in September of 2017, CMA permanently closed WDTA to the public further diminishing the demand between Island Estates and Downtown Clearwater.

- Finally, the study revealed few people surveyed supported the cost of dedicated bus lanes along the Memorial Causeway. They felt the money would be better spent improving the Jolley Trolley and PSTA service at Clearwater Beach.
As a Chamber, supported by its members, who work on Clearwater Beach and whose lives and businesses depend on the attractiveness of its beach and access points to its visitors, it is impossible for us to imagine that creating bus only lanes in the center median and south side of the Memorial Causeway is more important that preserving the current aesthetically pleasing look of the Causeway, which is the first part of the Clearwater Beach experience to most of our guests. The plan also shows a change in traffic pattern at the Island Way/Memorial Causeway intersection, making access more difficult for Island Estates residents as well as visitors to the popular, Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Additionally, the recorded data showed that heavy traffic congestion takes place approximately 8 weeks out of the year, raising the question of whether the work and tax payer funds expended for these projects is prudent and necessary as survey respondents in the 2010 feasibility study also revealed. Although the visitor experience is very important, it should not be a priority over resident and worker access, especially if the new traffic pattern and bus way are making a difference only during very limited intervals. Our Chamber Members convey they are more than concerned about the cost of the project, estimated at $9 million, of which 25% would come from local funding.

It is also important to note that the Clearwater Bus Way project, currently under construction, North of the westbound lane of Causeway Boulevard and the dedicated bus lanes proposed for the Memorial Causeway are initial steps to an expanded plan of introducing a TIA Express Bus Route from Tampa International Airport to Clearwater Beach.

The TIA Express Route is being proposed to government agencies and other partners as the answer to Clearwater Beach traffic problems. However, the congestion experienced during 8 weeks out of the year is more due to day-trippers (who are not coming from the airport) and this segment has been decreasing as a result of existing alternative access modes such as the Jolley Trolley and Clearwater Ferry.

Most hotels on Clearwater Beach are built with enough parking to accommodate their overnight guest rental cars, as well as some overflow for restaurant guests or employees. The proposed TIA Express Route has been promoted with the assumption that all hotels and resorts on Clearwater Beach would recommend the service to their guests flying in, and it is also assumed the hoteliers would pick up travelers with their bags at the Clearwater Beach Bus Bay upon arrival at
30 minute intervals. This is a bad assumption as this would be a significant, non-budgeted, and currently unnecessary expense for hoteliers to purchase shuttles and add staffing to accommodate the passenger and bag pick-up and drop-offs at the Bus Bay as the route is proposed. Additionally, the Clearwater Beach Transit Center was not designed for shuttle vehicles to easily enter or exit the terminal area, forcing shuttle vehicles to turn around in very small terminal area which is certain to cause additional congestion.

Furthermore, the TIA Express Route proposal disregards the existing services such as SuperShuttle & ExecuCar, Florida Free Rides, Uber and other taxi companies that not only currently provide transportation for an Airport to Clearwater Beach route, but also offer way more convenience with door to door service. This is currently efficient service offered by the private sector, not with public money and inefficiency.

Our residents and business owners desire what is best for Clearwater and Clearwater Beach, and we are concerned that these projects are short sighted and impractical. We would prefer to see local funds being used to expand the current alternative transportation modes and look at other less costly alternatives such as a bike share program between Downtown and the Beach that would cost far less and provide an interim solution for an issue that needs a practical, permanent and cost effective long term resolution.

Clearwater’s City Council is encouraged to reconsider its support of the Clearwater Bus Way project, the destruction of the aesthetically pleasing medians on Memorial Causeway for limited access dedicated bus lanes, and to also re-consider the reasonableness of the TIA Express proposal from the TIA Airport to Clearwater Beach.

CC: Clearwater Beach Chamber Members
Clearwater Beach Association
Clearwater Innkeepers
Island Estates Civic Association
Pinellas County Transit Authority
Sand Key Civic Association
FDOT
SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas believes that incentives are the best way to encourage our local government partners to initiate planning projects that advance shared goals and objectives. For FY 18, our agency developed the Planning & Place-Making (PPM) Grant Pilot Program with the goal of assisting Pinellas County local governments in the implementation of the Planning & Urban Design Principles of the Countywide Plan, positively affecting the built environment in Pinellas County. This one-year pilot program offers up to $50,000 to fund eligible activities and initiatives that include the drafting of land development regulations that incentivize compact, mixed-use development, form-based codes, design guidelines, signage and wayfinding plans, or completion of an economic profile of an area or corridor. Other project proposals that contribute to an area’s sense of place or are part of a community’s broader revitalization and redevelopment efforts may also be eligible.

On October 23, 2017, Forward Pinellas issued a Notice of Pilot Program Funding Availability to all local governments. The application period closed on December 15, 2017 and we received a total of four applications as described below:

- Pinellas County is requesting $50,000 to develop an optional form-based code to enhance the existing connected, gridded development pattern and promote building form of an appropriate scale, density and intensity for the Downtown Palm Harbor Activity Center. This project proposal builds upon the findings from a previous community engagement process focused on the Master Plan for Downtown Palm Harbor, a retail market study, and updated historic resources survey of the area.

- The City of St. Petersburg is requesting $50,000 to fund a two-part project focused on advancing the “Missing Middle” concept. Part one of the project proposal includes the development of graphic illustrations (including building form, site layout, setbacks, height, parking, etc.) demonstrating nine “Missing Middle” housing typologies. Part two consists of a lending analysis to identify the barriers to financing this type of housing and the development of recommendations for addressing these obstacles. Each element of the overall project proposal seeks $25,000 in funding. This project proposal builds upon the most recent Forward Pinellas Knowledge Exchange Series (KES) topic which explored “Finding the Missing Middle” in Tampa Bay.

- The City of St. Pete Beach is requesting $37,500 for the design, fabrication, and installation of place-making improvements (monument signage) at three gateways to the community. This project proposal advances concepts that were developed through the City of St. Pete Beach Identity Project.

- The City of Tarpon Springs is requesting $50,000 to fund a four-part project in partnership with the Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce. The proposed project elements are as follows; a market analysis of the Sponge Docks and Community Redevelopment Area Activity Center, identification of the highest and best use redevelopment scenario for two prototype project sites, development of a business retention/recruitment strategy, and the performance of a series of interviews and charrettes with local business leaders. This project proposal advances recommendations from Pinellas By Design as well as the City’s Downtown Development Action Plan.
Forward Pinellas staff will review all submitted applications and solicit input from the Planners Advisory Committee to develop a recommendation for funding for consideration by the Forward Pinellas Board at its March 14, 2018 meeting. Copies of the application submittals can be found here: http://forwardpinellas.org/projects/planning-placemaking-grant-program/.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only
SUMMARY

Complete Streets are designed, operated and maintained for all users, regardless of age or ability, based on the context of the roadway and its surrounding area. The Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program is in its second year, and provides funding for both the planning and construction of complete streets projects on a competitive basis for local governments countywide. As in 2017, the program will award up to $100,000 for a concept planning project in fiscal year (FY) 2018/19, and up to $1,000,000 for a construction project with funding available beginning in FY 2023/24.

Between October 9 and December 15, 2017, Forward Pinellas issued a call for local governments to submit applications for funding of Complete Streets projects in their communities. We received a total of four applications, two for concept planning and two for construction:

- The City of Dunedin is requesting $100,000 to develop a Complete Streets Concept Plan for Skinner Boulevard from U.S. Alternate 19 to Bass Boulevard. The proposed project includes the development of a concept plan for improvements such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, traffic calming, enhanced transit stops, additional parking for all modes of travel, enhanced street and pedestrian lighting as well as access management strategies.

- The City of Largo is requesting $1,000,000 in construction funding for Rosery Road between the Missouri Avenue and Eagle Lake Park. The proposed project includes roadway resurfacing, bicycle lanes, improved sidewalks, an enhanced pedestrian crossing near an elementary school, enhanced lighting, signalization improvements, and upgraded drainage.

- The City of Oldsmar is requesting $1,000,000 in construction funding for St. Petersburg Drive from East Dartmouth Avenue to Bayview Boulevard. The proposed project includes reconstruction of the roadway with reduced lane widths, construction of a 10’ multimodal path on one side of the roadway and a widened sidewalk on the other, enhanced planting strips, upgraded drainage, enhanced drainage, additional transit shelters and additional wayfinding.

- The City of St. Petersburg is requesting $60,000 in planning funding for the southern half of the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area, bounded by 49th Street S, 13th Avenue S, 3rd Street S, and 30th Avenue S. The proposed project includes development of an action plan to improve east-west connectivity and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users, particularly across I-275. Alternatives for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, lighting, buffering, and traffic calming would be evaluated.

Forward Pinellas staff will review all submitted applications in conjunction with a subcommittee of the Technical Coordinating Committee and Planners Advisory Committee, and hold a workshop with the Technical Coordinating Committee at its January 24, 2018 meeting to recommend one or more projects for funding. Project applicants will be given 10 minutes each during this workshop to provide an overview of their project and answer questions from committee members. The recommendation for funding will be brought to the Forward Pinellas Board at its March 14, 2018 meeting for review and approval, with funding awarded after July 1, 2018. Full copies of the applications received can be found here: http://forwardpinellas.org/projects/complete-streets/.
ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Information only, no action required
SUMMARY

Over the last few months, the legislative committee discussed potential legislative positions based on activity in the state legislature, a review of other agencies and staff recommendations. At their December meeting, the legislative committee discussed sending a letter from Forward Pinellas to the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation outlining the planning agency’s legislative positions. The committee reviewed the attached draft letter immediately prior to the Forward Pinellas Board Meeting and will provide an update with any revisions to the full board for action to authorize the chairman to sign the letter.

ATTACHMENT(S): Forward Pinellas Legislative Position Statement Letter

ACTION: Board to approve sending Forward Pinellas Legislative Position Statement Letter to the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation
Transportation plays a critical role in economic growth, community character and individual quality of life, and it is a priority issue facing Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region in 2018. As the countywide land use and transportation planning agency that also helps define regional transportation priorities, the Forward Pinellas Board adopted the following legislative position statements at its meeting on January 10, 2018:

- Clarify the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority’s (TBARTA’s) role and responsibilities relative to the system planning and project priority-setting responsibilities of metropolitan planning organizations. While there is a need for strong leadership in regional transportation planning and project development, it should respect the complementary roles different agencies play in terms of planning for land use and transportation, funding, operating and outcome-driven evaluation. The TBARTA Regional Transit Development Plan should reflect project priorities established through the metropolitan planning organizations’ (MPOs) long range transportation plans. We believe that the Regional Transit Development Plan and TBARTA should serve to prioritize, advance, implement and operate transit projects or programs that are officially recognized in the MPO long range plan and on the regional transportation priority list adopted by the MPO.

- Develop and provide funding for a regional express transit network that provides competitive travel times to get workers to their destinations throughout Tampa Bay. This is a relatively low-cost initiative that TBARTA can advance through its Regional Transit Development Plan with application of technology (e.g. regional fare card, transit signal priority, and vehicle automation) and use of express toll lanes on major corridors.

- Adapt existing state transportation funding sources to recognize the increasing need for transit in fast-growing or established urbanized areas. The Forward Pinellas Board supports expanding the eligibility of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to cover regional transit operating and capital costs for service within SIS corridors like I-275 and US 19 that connect major activity centers. Other programs like the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) can also be expanded to provide statewide transit matching dollars and the regulatory barriers reduced to fund transit projects. An example of this is SB 1200 and related HB 535 that revise the annual allocations in the TRIP program to include alternative transportation systems.
• **Make texting while driving a primary offense.** The Forward Pinellas Board urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation, such as SB 90 and HB 33, that would make texting while driving a primary offense, as opposed to its current status as a second offense. In 2015, distracted driving accounted for nine deaths and 569 injuries in Pinellas County alone, with an estimated economic impact of $72,293,100.

• Forward Pinellas requests that any legislative changes to the organizational structure of MPOs be postponed until after this year to allow the Regional Best Practices Study now underway to proceed and develop its recommendations for consideration at the end of the 2018 calendar year. SB 757 would reduce the allowed number of MPO members while increasing the percentage of members that represent Boards of County Commissioners, and SB 984/HB 807 would allow MPOs that merge to maintain their existing representation beyond existing statutory limits on total membership after the merger. Both bills undercut the development of impartial, evidence-based policy recommendations that will be considered for Tampa Bay’s regional transportation planning process in 2019.

• **Support the continuation of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) as a local economic development tool.** CRAs are used to support economic development, including the redevelopment of blighted areas. Monies used in financing CRAs are locally generated, must be spent in ways that are consistent with local government comprehensive plans, and are often used as a match for state and federal funds. They are a valuable tool for communities to invest in areas of high need. HB 17 would severely limit the effectiveness of this important local government tool.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me or Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

John Morroni
Chair

Cc: Delegation members
Beth Alden, Hillsborough MPO
Craig Casper, Pasco MPO
Ray Chiaramonte, TBARTA
The Executive Director will update the board members on the following items:

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Director’s Report
   1. SPOTlight Update
   2. West Bay Drive Complete Streets Update

ATTACHMENT(S):  None

ACTION:  None required; informational item only
SUMMARY

Staff has been working with our chosen consultant, WRT, to prepare a refined scope of services and detailed cost estimate for the Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Plan. We reviewed a draft scope of work and cost estimate in December, and provided comments to the consultant. We expect a revised scope and final cost estimate within the next day or two. An interlocal agreement with the four funding partners has been drafted, and comments received from Pinellas County and the City of Largo. We are in the process of responding to those comments, and will send all four local governments the draft final scope of services, cost estimate and interlocal agreement for their final review, with an expected Notice to Proceed in February following approval by the Forward Pinellas Board.

For the US 19 Corridor Vision, Forward Pinellas staff is meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation staff on January 31st to review findings from the economic and market analysis study recently completed for the Palm Harbor area, and to discuss potential operational and geometric design alternatives. We expect to complete the remaining economic and market analyses for the corridor, along with the express bus transit concept plan, shortly after January for presentation to the advisory committees and board in February and March, respectively.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only
SUMMARY

In response to questions and request for additional information from the cities of Largo and Belleair Bluffs, Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County Public Works staff are meeting with the Largo City Commission on January 9th and with the Belleair Bluffs City Commission on January 22nd. Both cities have invited each other’s commissioners to attend those meetings. The Executive Director will provide a briefing based on the Largo City Commission discussion. In addition, the Forward Pinellas Executive Director is scheduled to address the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce on January 17th.

ATTACHMENT(S):  None

ACTION:  None required; informational item only
8B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update

SUMMARY

The Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee held its monthly meeting on December 13, 2017 at 11:30 prior to the regular Forward Pinellas Board meeting. The committee reviewed and refined the proposed legislative position statements after receiving updates from the executive director. The committee agreed to bring the positions in the form of a letter to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation before the full board in January for approval. A presentation was given by the Suncoast League of Cities on the Florida Regional Compact Initiative, known as TAG Tampa Bay, a newly formed advocacy effort that seeks to demonstrate broad support for regional transportation needs in the Tampa Bay Area to obtain funding from the state and federal government. After which, the committee recommended postponing a full presentation to the board until after the next TMA Leadership Group meeting and discussion takes place around regional transit priorities, providing an opportunity to align transportation requests across counties. This will ideally occur at the January 19, 2018 TMA meeting. A subsequent, more detailed presentation, will follow to the Forward Pinellas Board. The committee is scheduled to meet again on January 10, 2018 before the board meeting to finalize the materials for approval by the full board. The executive director will provide a brief report to the board on the committee’s discussions and recommendations, as appropriate.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Draft December 13, 2017 Legislative Committee Meeting Summary
- MPOAC Legislative Updates
- APA Florida Legislative Updates

ACTION: None required; informational item only
Committee Members in Attendance:
Commissioner John Morroni, Forward Pinellas Chairman
Councilmember Doreen Caudell, Forward Pinellas Vice-Chair
Councilmember Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater representing the Pinellas Suncoast
Transit Authority (PSTA) (alternate)

Also Present:
Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney’s Office
Darryl Henderson, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, VP Public Policy &
Economic Development
Tatiana Zuniga, Intern with Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
Josh Miller, Executive Aide to Commissioner John Morroni
Angela Crist, Executive Director, Suncoast League of Cities
Heather Gracy, President, Suncoast League of Cities and City of Dunedin
Commissioner

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
   The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2017
   Councilmember Jonson moved, seconded by Councilmember Caudell that the
   summary from the November 8, 2017 meeting be approved (vote 3-0).

3. FOLLOW UP ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS
   Whit Blanton provided additional information in follow up to discussion continuing from
   previous meetings regarding proposed legislative positions.

   Staff researched Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) between local governments,
   the state and others to operate transit service, because FDOT will be seeking local
   commitments for capital costs and ongoing operations and maintenance for future
   regional transit projects.

   Staff had a call with the SunRail Executive Director. SunRail has three interlocal
   agreements that encompass governance, operating, and funding after 2021 when the
   seven-year state commitment runs out. This is a good example to follow for our area.
   There is no need to take a formal position at this time, this is just background
   information for future reference.
In the meantime, Mr. Blanton met with Pinellas County Administrator Mark Woodard regarding this and let him know that FDOT is requesting local commitments by the end of 2018 regarding future funding sources before FDOT continues to fund studies, PD&Es and design for a priority corridor coming out of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RTFP). An MOA would be more of a policy statement as opposed to addressing a specific funding source, similar to the ones developed for SunRail.

Councilmember Caudell suggested approaching this jointly with at least two counties in conjunction with a referendum for a funding source. Mr. Blanton provided an overview of the options that he and Mark Woodard discussed. Mr. Woodard indicated that he has regular meetings with the Hillsborough County Administrator and this topic is included in those discussions. They are also meeting with their Pasco County counterpart. The Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group would be the venue for vetting the particular projects coming out of the RTFP to be endorsed by the MPOs and incorporated into the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Regional Transportation Development Plan (TDP) for project advancement.

At this time, Chairman Morroni asked that those present introduce themselves as was missed at the start of the meeting.

Staff follow up on efforts to reach out to Tampa Bay TMA-area MPO counterparts regarding the draft position statements of Forward Pinellas. There was no response received back from Pasco County. Hillsborough County MPO shared its position statements, which are consistent and were provided at the November meeting.

In response to Chairman Morroni’s inquiry, Mr. Blanton advised that Craig Casper is the new director for the Pasco County MPO. Mr. Blanton advised that the differences in the structure of the Pasco MPO, which is housed by Pasco County Board of County Commissioners, is likely more responsible for developing policy than the MPO itself. Mr. Blanton advised that Katherine Starkey regularly attends the TMA meetings. Councilmember Caudell agreed to reach out to her for a response.

Mr. Blanton polled the committee regarding its desire to take official positions on any of the draft statements including:

- To clarify TBARTA’s role relative to the MPOs. Forward Pinellas’s staff perspective is that the MPOs are the system planning organizations for the region; TBARTA is tasked with developing, operating, and facilitating the implementation of transit at a regional scale. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) serve as the transit providers in their respective counties. He updated the committee on the outcomes from the recent TBARTA Board workshop. Specifically, he detailed the changes made to the language in a resolution of support that would have declared TBARTA the exclusive recipient of the RTFP and sole entity responsible for the implementation of the plan.

- To develop a regional express bus pilot program or express bus network.
• Adapt state transportation funding sources for transit, such as broadening the eligibility of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds.

Chairman Morroni inquired if a letter of support was necessary at this time. It was decided that the January board meeting would be sufficient timing to make recommendations to the full board and take action.

Councilmember Caudell suggested careful monitoring of the activities of TBARTA to ensure true regional collaboration and avoid exclusivity.

Councilmember Jonson suggested that we take positions relating to improving pedestrian safety. Mr. Blanton reminded the committee of the action the board took to support laws making texting while driving a primary offense and advised we could take up other specific positions as brought forward by the board and/or committee.

Staff will prepare to take these position statements to the full board in January with a letter of support as needed.

Mr. Blanton then outlined the bills related to the structure of MPOs that are making their way through session and the potential impacts to our board composition. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Blanton also outlined a proposal on special districts with potential impacts on the Pinellas Planning Council. Chelsea Hardy clarified that this is not a bill, but rather a proposal for the Constitution Revision Commission. It follows a different process to reach adoption. It would require a change to the Constitution of the State of Florida. Input is received by the Commission via a website and also through meetings being held around the state. Locally a meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in St. Pete at the University of South Florida from 1-7 p.m. The committee felt it would be important to have a presence at this local meeting along with PSTA.

Mr. Blanton recommended that the committee and the Forward Pinellas Board not take any official positions on any of the MPO bills – and request the Legislature table any changes to MPOs – until such time that the MPO Regional Coordination Structure Research and Best Practices Study is completed with recommendations in time for the 2019 Legislative Session.

4. LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION

Mr. Blanton shared that staff has compiled positions from Pinellas County, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, City of Largo, Clearwater Regional Chamber and others. Staff will review and identify three or four positions that Forward Pinellas could coordinate on and bring back to the committee.

5. SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES – TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY GROUP

Angela Crist, executive director of the Suncoast League of Cities (SLC) and Heather Gracy, SLC President and City of Dunedin Commissioner, presented on the Florida
Regional Compact Initiative and the newly formed advocacy group which seeks to demonstrate broad support for regional transportation needs in the Tampa Bay Area in order to gain funding from the state and federal government. It was discussed that the group would consist of both members and partners working together to gain momentum around three vetted transportation needs in the Tampa Bay Region. It was stressed that this would not get into the details, but merely the agreement on the top three needs. The committee felt the best route for gaining support was to begin with the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group. It was decided to limit the presentation to the full board today until after the next TMA Leadership Group meeting and discussion takes place around regional transit priorities, providing an opportunity to align transportation requests across counties. This will ideally occur at the January 19, 2018 TMA meeting. A subsequent, more detailed presentation, will follow to the Forward Pinellas Board.

6. **UPDATES**
   The committee received the latest legislative updates from the MPOAC and Florida APA. Other relevant correspondence regarding bills of interest was also distributed to the committee members.

7. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**
   It was discussed the Councilmember Jonson would be terming out with the City of Clearwater in March 2018. This will necessitate his replacement on the PSTA Board and subsequently a new appointment by PSTA to the Forward Pinellas Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.
Overview

This week of committee meetings produced some movement on bills and the Governor’s budget proposal was brought before committees for review. The Governor is proposing a total state budget of $87.4 Billion for the upcoming state fiscal year. Transportation Secretary Mike Dew presented the proposed Department of Transportation budget to the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation and Infrastructure on Wednesday and on Thursday he was back at the Capitol presenting to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. The proposed transportation budget is $10.84 Billion for the coming state fiscal year. A breakdown of the budget is as follows:

10.1 Billion for the Transportation Work Program
   - Highway Construction - $4 Billion
   - Seaport Infrastructure Improvements - $171.6 Million
   - Aviation Improvements - $359 Million
   - Bridges (63 bridges repaired, 18 replaced) – $167.7 Million
   - Safety Initiatives/Bicycle & Pedestrian Trails - $337 Million
   - Transportation Work Program Integration Initiative - $14 Million

The last item listed is the system used by the work program office to develop and track projects for the work program. The plan is to revise and update the system which will increase the department’s effectiveness and efficiency in managing the work program. The Secretary also commented that the new system will increase transparency. The proposed budget does involve a reduction of 90 Full Time Equivalents to a total of 6209 positions within the Department of Transportation. There were a few questions, but the focus of the committees seemed to be on other agencies whose directors fielded some tough questions. Not Secretary Dew, the Department and Secretary enjoy the benefits of a good reputation, one that is well deserved. Congrats to Secretary Dew on a successful round of presentations.

A pleasing event this week was a press release announcing the filing of House Bill 33 which would move texting and driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense. The bill is co-sponsored by Representative Toledo (Tampa) and Representative Slosberg (Boca Raton). This by itself would not sound like a big deal but the big news contained in the press release was that Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran would be supporting this piece of legislation! He pointed to data that demonstrates the need for this legislation in Florida. Our many thanks to the Representatives Toledo, Slosberg and the Speaker for their support of this important legislation.
In related news, Senate Bill 90 which is the Senate ban on Texting While Driving by Senator Perry (Gainesville), passed out of it’s first committee. Members of the committee asked to make the law more stringent and the Senator wisely explained that a more stringent law would be less likely to pass both chambers. Our compliments to Senator Perry for taking a pragmatic approach in order to make headway on this important issue.

Lastly, House Bill 575 which is the bill that will reduce the cap on the number of MPO Board members was presented to it’s first committee and unfortunately passed. I had a chance to visit with the bill sponsor, Representative Beshears (Monticello), earlier in the week about this bill. He wants more nimble and effective MPOs and sees this piece of legislation as a step in that direction. The next stop for this bill is Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, a date for the subcommittee to hear the bill has not been set.

As in the last update, shown below are the dates of events for the 2018 legislative session, and included in this legislative update is a listing of bills filed thus far in the session related to transportation. Updates will occur on an as-needed basis until the official start of the 2018 legislative session, then your MPOAC updates will be issued weekly.

A few bills have been filed, many more will be filed over the coming months. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

### Important Dates for the 2018 Legislative Session

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

### Committee Meeting schedule prior to the official Legislative Session beginning on January 9th

- October 2017 - Week of the 9th
- October 2017 - Week of the 23rd
- November 2017 - Week of the 6th
- November 2017 - Week of the 13th
- December 2017 - Week of the 4th
This is a summary of bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of December 07, 2017. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking.

Changes from last update are shown in RED

**HB 33: Texting While Driving** – (Toledo; Slosberg – Co-Introducers: Ahern; Burgess; Fitzenhagen; Jacobs; Metz; Stark) – Similar Bill SB 90. Revises legislative intent; requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by such officer; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Bill has been filed, but not yet assigned to committees.

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

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

**SB 116: Operation of Vehicles** – (Baxley – Co-Introducers: Passidomo) - Requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 117: Operation of Vehicles** – (Stone) - Companion Bill to SB 116. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee.

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

**SB 176: Traffic Infraction Detectors** – (Hutson) – Similar to HB 6001 - Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.
SB 182: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Rodriguez) – Similar Bill HB 567. Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 188: Public School Transportation – (Steube) - Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations.

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

HB 215: Autocycles – (Payne) – Related bill SB 504 (Perry). Defines "autocycle" & revises definition of "motorcycle"; requires safety belt usage by autocycle operator/passenger; authorizes autocycle operation without motorcycle endorsement; provides applicability. Definition of an autocycle: A three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Not knowing from the description what an autocycle looks like, I thought it best to share with you a picture of one. The image of an autocycle is shown below. The bill was amended by the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee to define eligible uses of surtax monies. The bill as written does not allow for surtax monies to be used for salaries or other personnel expenses. The bill passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays.

HB 243: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Avila; Perez) – Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for refinancing existing bonds; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. The bill as written does not allow for surtax monies to be used for salaries or other personnel expenses. The bill passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays.
SB 272: Local Tax Referenda - (Brandes) – Companion bill HB 317. Revises the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules. Passed Community Affairs, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.

HB 317: Local Tax Referenda – (Ingoglia) – Companion bill SB 272. Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Bill is now in Ways and Means Committee. Bill passed Ways and Means Committee, 18 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability Committee.

SB 346: Motorcycle and Moped Riders – (Perry) – Increasing the age (from age 16 to age 21) at which persons who are operating or riding upon a certain motorcycle are exempt from protective headgear requirements, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

HB 353: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher; Brodeur – Co-introducers: Jacobs; Payne) – Related to SB 712. Authorizes person to operate, or engage autonomous technology to operate, autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; provides that autonomous technology is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; provides construction & applicability; defines "human operator." Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, now in Appropriations Committee.

SB 384: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Bill was amended to add hybrid vehicles, when hybrid and electric vehicles comprise 2% of the total number of vehicles registered in the state, the Florida Transportation Commission must conduct a study of the fiscal impact to transportation funding. Bill as amended passed Transportation Committee 7 Yeas, Zero Nays.

SB 504: Autocycles – (Perry) – Related bill HB 215 (see HB 215 for an image of an autocycle). Defining the term “autocycle”; requiring safety belt or, if applicable, child restraint usage by an operator or passenger of an autocycle; including an autocycle in the definition of the term “motorcycle”; authorizing a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On agenda for Transportation Committee 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

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

**HB 535: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Avila)** – Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 13 Yeas, Zero Nays.

**SB 542: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez)** – Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations. SB 544: Procurement Procedures – (Brandes) – Specifying the applicability of procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process for certain procurements by specified transportation, expressway, and bridge authorities, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Was Temporarily Postponed. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

**SB 548: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Campbell)** – Companion Bill is HB 6001. Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector,” respectively and relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors and that cap fines and provide for the deposit and use of fines, and the distribution of specified penalties, respectively, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 567: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Richardson)** – Similar Bill SB 182. Requires DOT to create Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides application & eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays.

**SB 572: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Mayfield; Co-Introducer: Gainer)** – Similar bill HB 525. Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations. On

**HB 575: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Beshears)** – Revises M.P.O. voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. Filed on 11/08/2017, no analysis or related bills at this time. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veteran Affairs Subcommittee.

**HB 633: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Fischer; Co-Introducer: Jacobs)** - Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: $15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

**SB 688: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Garcia)** – Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for non-transit purposes, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Passed Community Affairs with 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.

**SB 712: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes)** – Related to HB 353. Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver’s seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Referred to Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Rules.

**SB 782: Bollards Grant Program – (Rodriguez)** - Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop the Bollards Grant Program in order to provide grants to municipalities and counties for the installation of bollards in their jurisdictions; requiring a county or municipality to specify in its application the area, which may include private property, where it intends to install bollards and why the installation is needed, etc. Annual amount: $250,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

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

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HB 6001: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Avila; Ingoglia) – Similar to SB 176. Companion Bill is SB 548. Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations. Referred to Appropriations Committee, on the Committee agenda for 10/10/2017. Bill passed Appropriations Committee (Yeas 16, Nays 10). Bill has been placed on Calendar for Full House Vote.
### APA Florida Bill Tracking Report December 8 2017

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<td>Local Government Fiscal Transparency: Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post certain voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers &amp; local governments to post certain property tax information &amp; history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings &amp; meetings prior to certain increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing &amp; advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; provides method for local governments that do not operate website to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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**Sorted by Bill Number**
### Interior Design, Landscape Architects, & Geologists

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

- 10/3/2017: HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 10/10/17, 9:30 am, 212 K
- 10/10/2017: HOUSE Favorable by Commerce Committee; 15 Yeas, 7 Nays
- 10/10/2017: HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**Similar**
- SB 526: Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Brandes)

### HB 17 Community Redevelopment Organizations

Raburn

Community Redevelopment Organizations: Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, & no debts. Effective Date: October 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

- 11/14/2017: HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 20 Yeas, 1 Nay
- 11/20/2017: HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- 11/22/2017: HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**Similar**
- SB 432: Community Redevelopment Agencies (Lee (T))

### HB 53 Coral Reefs

Jacobs

Coral Reefs: Establishes Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Accountability Committee

- 11/8/2017: HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, 11/15/17, 8:00 am, 17 H
- 11/15/2017: HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 yeas, 0 Nays
- 11/15/2017: HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

**Identical**
- SB 232: Coral Reefs (Book)

### HB 65 Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision

Roth

Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase percentage of elector votes required to approve amendment or revision to State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

- 8/21/2017: HOUSE Filed
- 8/30/2017: HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Public Integrity & Ethics Committee
- 8/30/2017: HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**Identical**
- SB 978: Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision (Baxley)

### SB 66 Prohibited Discrimination

Rouson

Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; revising the purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to conform to changes made by the act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

- 8/9/2017: SENATE Filed
- 8/28/2017: SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Rules

**Similar**
- HB 347: Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)

**Identical**
- SB 698: Prohibited Discrimination (Book)
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| HB 79      | Public Meetings                               | Roth    | Specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law | Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee | 8/22/2017 HOUSE Filed  
8/30/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee  
8/30/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |
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| SB 84      | Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts | Lee (T) | Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law | Community Affairs              | 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed  
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Rules |
| SB 110     | Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements | Campbell | Requiring specified information to be published on state agency websites in certain languages; requiring state agencies to disseminate certain advertisements to the public in languages other than English through specified media outlets in certain counties; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to publish certain information on its website, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018 | Governmental Oversight and Accountability | 8/9/2017 SENATE Filed  
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules |
| HB 131     | Coastal Management                             | Peters  | Revises criteria for state & local participation in authorized projects & studies relating to beach management & erosion control; revises procedures for prioritizing & funding beach restoration, beach management, & inlet management projects; requires certain funds from Land Acquisition Trust Fund be used for beach preservation & restoration projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee | 9/1/2017 HOUSE Filed  
9/14/2017 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee  
9/14/2017 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee |
| SB 156     | Florida Black Bears                            | Stewart | Creating the “Florida Black Bear Protection Act”; prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a black bear hunting permit; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | Environmental Preservation and Conservation | 8/16/2017 SENATE Filed  
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations |
| SB 158     | Florida Communities Trust                     | Brandes | Revising the permissible activities and projects that may be undertaken, coordinated, or funded by the Florida Communities Trust to include flood mitigation projects; specifying the purpose of flood |                           | 8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations |

Identical bills:

- **HB 79** and **SB 192**: Public Meetings (Baxley)
- **SB 174**: Coastal Management (Latvala (J))
- **SB 158**: Florida Communities Trust (Brandes)
- **SB 159**: Florida Black Bears (Olszewski)**

**Similar** to **SB 84**: Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts (Baxley)
mitigation projects under the trust; specifying a maximum grant award for such projects; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule an application process for such grants, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation
8/16/2017 SENATE Filed
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

**SB 170 Rural Economic Development Initiative**

Rural Economic Development Initiative; Revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deleting a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deleting a provision listing the economic development incentives for which the Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture
10/30/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 11/06/17, 4:00 pm, 110 S
11/6/2017 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/7/2017 SENATE Now in Agriculture

**SB 174 Coastal Management**

Coastal Management; Revising the criteria to be considered by the Department of Environmental Protection in determining and assigning annual funding priorities for beach management and erosion control projects; requiring that certain projects be considered separate and apart from other specified projects; revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term management plan; requiring certain funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be used for projects that preserve and repair state beaches, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations
10/16/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, 10/25/17, 1:00 pm, 301 S
10/25/2017 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/26/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations

**Identical**

**HB 131 Coastal Management**

Coastal Management (Peters)

**HB 175 School District Best Financial Management Practices**

School District Best Financial Management Practices: Requires school districts to annually perform specified self-assessment; requires district school superintendents to provide certain recommendations & district school boards to receive & discuss self-assessment results & recommendations at a publicly noticed meeting; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee
10/3/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
10/3/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee
11/13/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**SB 182 Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program**

Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation
8/21/2017 SENATE Filed
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

**Similar**

**HB 567 Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program**

(Duran)

**SB 188 Public School Transportation**

Public School Transportation; Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from
## SB 192
### Public Meetings

Public Meetings; Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Rules

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### Similar

**HB 79** Public Meetings (Roth)

## SB 204
### Land Acquisition Trust Fund

Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Revising the specified appropriation for spring restoration, protection, and management projects; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Heights Lake Region, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018

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## HB 207
### Growth Management

Growth Management: Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include private property rights element; requires counties & municipalities to adopt or amend land development regulations consistent with private property rights element; provides deadlines; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element if it is substantially in specified form. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

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**SB 362** Growth Management (Perry)

## SB 216
### Schools of Hope

Schools of Hope; Revising enrollment requirements for a hope operator to receive a loan under the Schools of Hope Revolving Loan Program; requiring hope operators to employ school administrators and instructional and noninstructional personnel who meet specified certification requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Education

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## SB 232
### Coral Reefs

Coral Reefs; Establishing the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

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**HB 53** Coral Reefs (Jacobs)

## HB 237
### Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment

Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment

**Peters**
Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment: Prohibits performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; provides that permits for drilling or operating wells do not authorize performance of advanced well treatments; provides applicability. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

10/5/2017 HOUSE Filed
10/12/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
10/12/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

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**HB 243**

**Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax** Avila

Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax: Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for certain purposes; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

11/29/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 10:30 am, 102 H
12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/8/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

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**SB 272**

**Local Tax Referenda** Brandes

Local Tax Referenda; Revising the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

10/24/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
10/30/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
12/7/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/08/17, 9:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

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**HB 273**

**Public Records** Rodrigues (R)

Public Records: Prohibits agency that receives request to inspect or copy record from responding to such request by filing civil action against individual or entity making request. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Accountability Committee

11/29/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 4:00 pm, 17 H
12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
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**SB 292**

**Private Property Rights** Rodriguez (J)

Private Property Rights; Exempting from the definition of "public utility" property owners who own and operate a renewable energy source device and who produce renewable energy from that device and provide and sell such renewable energy to users on that property, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

9/18/2017 SENATE Filed
9/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Rules

**HB 317**

**Local Tax Referenda** Ingoglia

Local Tax Referenda: Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Accountability Committee

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Sports Franchise Facilities; Prohibiting a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land; requiring that a lease of a facility on public land by a sports franchise or a sale of public land for a sports franchise facility be at fair market value, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Commerce and Tourism

9/26/2017  SENATE Filed
10/16/2017  SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

**Similar**

| HB 13 | Sports Franchise Facilities (Avila) |

### Autonomous Vehicles

**HB 353**

Autonomous Vehicles: Authorizes person to operate, or engage autonomous technology to operate, autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; provides that autonomous technology is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; provides construction & applicability; defines "human operator." Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

11/1/2017  HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 11/08/17, 4:00 pm, 102
11/8/2017  HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/8/2017  HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

**Compare**

| SB 712 | Autonomous Vehicles (Brandes) |

### Growth Management

**SB 362**

Growth Management; Requiring local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requiring the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; providing a deadline by which each local government must adopt a private property rights element; requiring the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

9/28/2017  SENATE Filed
10/16/2017  SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules

**Similar**

| HB 207 | Growth Management (McClain) |

### Land Acquisition Trust Fund

**SB 370**

Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund, etc.

**APPROPRIATION:** $100,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations

11/27/2017  SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, 12/07/17, 9:00 am, 301 S
12/7/2017  SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/7/2017  SENATE Now in Appropriations

### Parking Garages

**SB 378**

Parking Garages; Prohibiting a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from adopting or maintaining in effect an ordinance or a rule which has the effect of prohibiting a driver from, or authorizing the issuance of a citation to a driver for, back-in parking a motor vehicle in a parking space located in a parking garage; providing that any such ordinance or rule in effect on a specified date is void, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

10/2/2017  SENATE Filed
10/25/2017  SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules

### Electric Vehicles

**SB 384**

Electric Vehicles; Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
### Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

**SB 388** Anchoring Limitation Areas  
Farmer  
Anchoring Limitation Areas; Revising the anchoring limitation areas within the state to include additional specified areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation  
10/3/2017 SENATE Filed  
10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Rules

### Current Committee of Reference: Commerce Committee

**HB 405** Linear Facilities  
Williamson  
Linear Facilities: Revises definition of "development" to exclude certain utility work on rights-of-way or corridors & creation or termination of distribution & transmission corridors; requires DEP to consider certain variance standard for certification of power plants & transmission corridors; specifies PSC authority to locate transmission lines underground. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Commerce Committee  
12/4/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 2:00 pm, 12 H  
12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay  
12/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

**Identical**  
**SB 494** Linear Facilities (Lee (T))

### Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**SB 432** Community Redevelopment Agencies  
Lee (T)  
Community Redevelopment Agencies; Prohibiting a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist with that agency; authorizing community redevelopment agencies to adopt rules to govern the registration of lobbyists; requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development  
10/30/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 11/07/17, 10:00 am, 301 S  
11/7/2017 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay  
11/8/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**Similar**  
**HB 17** Community Redevelopment Organizations (Raburn)

### Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**HB 439** Public Meetings and Records  
Donalds  
Public Meetings and Records: Expands exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; specifies when litigation is considered imminent; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee  
10/25/2017 HOUSE Filed  
11/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Administration Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee  
11/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**Similar**  
**SB 560** Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation (Steube)

### Current Committee of Reference: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**HB 459** Public Records  
Massullo, Jr.  
Public Records: Provides that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; removes or revises numerous provisions relating to exemptions from public records requirements for trade secrets. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee  
10/26/2017 HOUSE Filed  
11/1/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee  
11/1/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**Compare**
**SB 958**  
Public Records (Mayfield)

**SB 956**  
Public Records (Mayfield)

**Linked**

**HB 461**  
Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

**Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency**  
Massullo, Jr.

Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency: Provides exemption from public record requirements for trade secret held by agency; provides notice requirements; provides process for responding to public record requests; provides exception to exemption; provides that agency employee is not liable for release of records in compliance with act; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 459 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

10/26/2017  
HOUSE Filed

11/1/2017  
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11/1/2017  
HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**Compare**

**SB 956**  
Public Records (Mayfield)

**Similar**

**SB 958**  
Public Records (Mayfield)

**Linked**

**SB 462**  
Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment  
Young

Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment; Prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

10/9/2017  
SENATE Filed

10/25/2017  
SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

**Compare**

**SB 834**  
Well Stimulation (Farmer)

**Identical**

**HB 237**  
Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)

**SB 464**  
Little Wekiva River  
Bracy

Little Wekiva River; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the St. Johns River Water Management District from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for certain purposes related to the Little Wekiva River; reducing such appropriation by a specified amount for debt service; requiring an appropriation to acquire certain lands associated with the Little Wekiva River, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

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11/17/2017  
SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

11/17/2017  
SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**SB 494**  
Linear Facilities  
Lee (T)

Linear Facilities; Revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

11/15/2017  
SENATE Now in Community Affairs

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<td>High-Speed Passenger Rail: Requires railroad company operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, &amp; upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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requires matching funds for TBARTA; removes provision authorizing department, through Florida Rail Enterprise, to use specified funds for certain purposes; creates Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; provides requirements for use of specified funds; provides requirements for county funding requests; requires matching funds for certain distributions; prohibits use of funds to subsidize certain projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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**SB 542 Public Financing of Construction Projects**

Public Financing of Construction Projects; Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

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**HB 559 Florida Black Bears**

Florida Black Bears: Prohibits FWCC from allowing recreational hunting of certain Florida black bears; provides penalty for certain harvesting of saw palmetto berries; authorizes FWCC to designate certain habitats; prohibits prescribed burns in such habitats during specified times. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

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**SB 560 Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation**

Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation; Expanding an exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with an attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; requiring the transcript of a private meeting concerning imminent litigation to be made public upon the occurrence of a certain circumstance, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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**SB 572 High-speed Passenger Rail**

High-speed Passenger Rail; Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

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**SB 574 Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting**

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Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting: Preempting to the state the regulation of the trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees and timber on private property; prohibiting local governments from prohibiting the burial of vegetative debris on certain properties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

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<td>Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Revises M.P.O. voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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<td>Tourist Development Tax: Authorizes counties imposing tax to use tax revenues for specified purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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<td>Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards and commissions are subject to public meetings requirements; revises public meeting notice requirements; provides that member of public has right to speak at public meeting; requires members of board or commission to respond to questions made at public meetings within a specified timeframe; repeals provision relating to reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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### HB 611  Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings  
Regional Agency and Regional Planning Council Meetings: Provides requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain agencies & councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requires notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee  
11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed  
11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee  
11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

### HB 613  Legislation by Initiative  
Legislation by Initiative: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to allow proposal of laws by initiative without legislative or gubernatorial approval; prescribe requirements for subject matter, proposal, & approval of such initiatives; require extraordinary vote of each house of Legislature to amend or repeal laws approved by voters; require Legislature to adopt procedures for initiatives; provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions; require ballot statements for such initiatives to include statement of economic impact.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee  
11/8/2017 HOUSE Filed  
11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Government Accountability Committee  
11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

### SB 658  Tourist Development Tax  
Tourist Development Tax; Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues, under certain circumstances, for specified purposes and costs relating to public facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
11/27/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 12/05/17, 10:00 am, 301 S  
12/5/2017 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays  
12/5/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**Similar**  
HB 585  Tourist Development Tax (Fine)

### SB 688  Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax  
Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax; Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for nontransit purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
11/27/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 12/05/17, 10:00 am, 301 S  
12/5/2017 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays  
12/5/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

**Similar**  
HB 243  Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (Avila)

### HB 697  Impact Fees  
Impact Fees: Prohibits collection of impact fees by a local government earlier than a specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
11/14/2017 HOUSE Filed  
11/27/2017 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee  
11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

**Compare**  
SB 324  Impact Fees (Young)

### SB 698  Prohibited Discrimination  
Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the “Florida Competitive Workforce Act”; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with
respect to the sale or rental of housing, provision of brokerage services, financing of housing or in residential real estate transactions, and land use decisions and in permitting of development, respectively, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

- 7/1/2018 SENATE Filed
- 11/1/2017 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**Similar**
- **HB 347** Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)

**Identical**
- **SB 66** Prohibited Discrimination (Rouson)

### HB 703 Water Management District Surplus Lands

**Burgess**

Water Management District Surplus Lands: Revises circumstances when water management districts must publish intention to sell surplus lands; revises process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

- 12/4/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 2:00 pm, 12 H
- 12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 12/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

**Compare**
- **SB 808** Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)

**Similar**
- **SB 806** Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)

**Linked**
- **HB 705** Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

### HB 705 Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands

**Burgess**

Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands: Provides exemption for certain records relating to sale of surplus lands; authorizes disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 703 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

- 12/4/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 2:00 pm, 12 H
- 12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 2 Nays
- 12/8/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

**Compare**
- **SB 806** Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)

**Similar**
- **SB 808** Public Records/Surplus Lands (Baxley)

**Linked**
- **HB 703** Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)

### SB 712 Autonomous Vehicles

**Brandes**

Autonomous Vehicles; Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver’s seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation

- 11/1/2017 SENATE Filed
- 11/15/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Rules

**Compare**
- **HB 353** Autonomous Vehicles (Fischer)

### HB 725 Permit Fees

**Williamson**

Permit Fees: Requires governing body of local government to post its permit and inspection fee schedules & link to annual building permit & inspection utilization report on its website; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

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**SB 726** SMOKING MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE Farmer

Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use; Redefining terms to authorize the production, processing, transportation, sale, possession, and administration of marijuana in a form for smoking for medical use, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Health Policy

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**HB 727** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS Grall

Property Tax Exemptions: Increases property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ways & Means Committee

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**SB 750** PUBLIC RECORDS Perry

Public Records; Prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing a civil action against the individual or entity making the request, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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**HB 765** TRUTH IN MILLAGE NOTICES Ingoglia

Truth in Millage Notices: Authorizes property appraiser to make proposed property tax & non-ad valorem assessment notices available on property appraiser's website; requires that property appraiser's website provide option for taxpayer to request & receive e-mail notification when such notices are posted on website; requires property appraiser to mail postcard containing specified information for first 3 years in which he or she implements web-based noticing system. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

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**SB 772** HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IMPLEMENTATION Grimsley

Homestead Exemption Implementation; Requiring the Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in a specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within a rural area of opportunity which result from a specified additional exemption; requiring each rural community to apply to the Department of Revenue each year to participate in the distribution of the appropriation and provide documentation supporting the region’s estimated reduction in ad valorem tax revenue, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 (2017), if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2018, and shall apply to the 2019 tax roll

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

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**HB 773** VACATION RENTALS La Rosa

Vacation Rentals: Requires uniform application of local law, ordinance, or regulation relating to vacation rental; revises applicability to include certain amendments to local law, ordinance, or regulation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
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#### Sports Development

**Bill Number:** SB 778  
**Date Filed:** 11/21/2017  
**Committee:** No Current Committee  
**Legislator:** Lee (T)  
**Description:** Sports Development; Repealing provisions relating to state funding for sports facility development by a unit of local government, or by a certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by the local government, etc.  
**Effective Date:** 7/1/2018  

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#### Land Acquisition Trust Fund

**Bill Number:** SB 786  
**Date Filed:** 11/21/2017  
**Committee:** No Current Committee  
**Legislator:** Mayfield  
**Description:** Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Providing an appropriation for certain projects related to the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make grants for such projects, etc.  
**Effective Date:** 7/1/2018  

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#### Listings for Vacation Rental Property

**Bill Number:** SB 789  
**Date Filed:** 11/21/2017  
**Committee:** No Current Committee  
**Legislator:** Stevenson  
**Description:** Listings for Vacation Rental Property: Requires person engaged in leasing, renting, letting, or granting of licenses for use of vacation rentals to display valid certificate of registration number in each rental listing or advertisement; provides penalties for noncompliance.  
**Effective Date:** July 1, 2018  

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#### Lieutenant Governor

**Bill Number:** SB 790  
**Date Filed:** 11/21/2017  
**Committee:** No Current Committee  
**Legislator:** Lee (T)  
**Description:** Lieutenant Governor; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Secretary of State, to specify the secretary’s duties, and to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to cast tiebreaking votes on any measure on which the Senate is equally divided, etc.  

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#### Regulatory Reform

**Bill Number:** SB 791  
**Date Filed:** 11/21/2017  
**Committee:** No Current Committee  
**Legislator:** Diaz  
**Description:** Regulatory Reform: Establishes Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within EOG; requires Administrative Procedures Committee to establish regulatory baseline of agency rules; provides that new rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed regulatory baseline; requires agency proposing new rule to submit rule replacement request to committee; provides that rule replacement request or exemption request may not be approved until initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by specified amount.  
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#### Chief Financial Officer

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**Legislator:** Lee (T)  
**Description:** Chief Financial Officer; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer, etc.  

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#### Water Management District Surplus Lands

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**Committee:** No Current Committee  
**Legislator:** Baxley  
**Description:** Water Management District Surplus Lands; Revising the circumstances when a water management district must publish its intention to sell surplus lands; revising the process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands, etc.  
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### Metropolitan Planning Organizations

**HB 807**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Provides voting membership requirements for certain metropolitan planning organizations designated on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

- 11/22/2017 HOUSE Filed

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### Public Records/Surplus Lands

**SB 808**

Public Records/Surplus Lands: Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 806 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

- 11/8/2017 SENATE Filed
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### Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation

**SB 828**

Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to establish public policy against certain types of well stimulation in order to protect the state’s water resources and to prohibit extreme well stimulation, etc.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

- 11/9/2017 SENATE Filed
- 11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

### Well Stimulation

**SB 834**

Well Stimulation; Citing this act as the "Stop Fracking Act"; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits that authorize extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the department from authorizing certain permitholders to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

- 11/9/2017 SENATE Filed
- 11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

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| SB 990 | Rural Communities
- Designating the “Florida Rural Community Jobs and Business Resiliency Act”; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept an application seeking approval as a rural growth fund; prohibiting the department from reducing the investment authority of an application or denying an application for reasons other than the ones listed; providing that a taxpayer who makes an investor contribution is vested with a credit against state premium tax liability; specifying that an out-of-state business relocating employees to this state must satisfy a specific definition within a certain timeframe before a new principal place of business operations is recognized, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
- Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
- Date Filed: 11/21/2017
| SB 992 | The C-51 Reservoir Project
- Revising requirements related to the operation of water storage and use for Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if state funds are appropriated for such phases; authorizing the South Florida Water Management District to enter into certain capacity allocation agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of certain loans; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
- Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
- Date Filed: 11/21/2017
| SB 1014 | Recyclable Materials
- Deleting a preemption of local law relating to regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
- Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
- Date Filed: 11/28/2017
| HB 2499 | St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I
- Provides an appropriation for the St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
- Current Committee of Reference: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
- Date Filed: 11/13/2017
- Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
- Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
| HB 6005 | Sports Development
- Repeals provision relating to state funding for sports facility development by unit of local government, or by certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by local government. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
- Current Committee of Reference: Careers & Competition Subcommittee
- Date Filed: 8/22/2017
- Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
- Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee
| HB 6039 | Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments
- Removing state preemption on regulation of certain auxiliary containers, wrappings, & disposable plastic bags. Effective Date: July
- Similar to SB 778

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**Note:** The document appears to be a legislative tracking report from Florida, detailing various bills introduced and their status as of December 8, 2017. Each bill includes a brief description of its content, the committee of reference, and the effective date. The table format provides a clear overview of the legislative activity in various categories such as rural communities, water management, recyclables, downtown revitalization, sports development, and plastic bag regulations.
### SB 1014

**Recyclable Materials (Stewart)**

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/28/2017 HOUSE Filed**

**Identical**

**Current Committee of Reference:** Ways & Means Committee

**Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees**

Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to prohibit a state tax or fee from being imposed or raised except through legislation approved by two-thirds of each house of legislature; requires a state tax or fee imposed or raised to be contained in separate bill that contains no other subject.

**Effective Date:** Not Specified

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

**11/9/2017 HOUSE Referred to Appropriations Committee**

**11/9/2017 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee**

**11/15/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 11/17/17, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)**

### HB 7001

**Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees**

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**Effective Date:** Not Specified

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### HB 7007

**Ethics Reform**

Ethics Reform: Repeals provisions relating to state, state university, & community college employee lobbyists; prohibits certain public service announcements; prohibits public officer/agency employee from soliciting specified employment/contractual relationships; authorizes Commission on Ethics to investigate certain disclosures; prohibits certain compensated representation for specified period following vacation of office; deletes provision prohibiting former legislators from acting as lobbyists before certain entities & persons for specified period following vacation of office; prohibits certain officers & employees from soliciting employment/contractual relationships from or negotiating same with certain employers; requires lobbyist to electronically register with commission; revises lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, & investigation requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/9/2017 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB PIE1)**

### PIE1

**State Ethics Reform**

PCB PIE 18-01 -- State Ethics Reform

**Current Committee of Reference:** Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

**11/3/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 11/07/17, 2:00 pm, 404 H**

**11/7/2017 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill with 1 Amendment by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays**

**11/9/2017 HOUSE Committee Bill Filed as H 7007**

### PIE2

**Local Government Ethics Reform**

PCB PIE 18-02 -- Local Government Ethics Reform

**Current Committee of Reference:** Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

**11/3/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, 11/07/17, 2:00 pm, 404 H**

**11/7/2017 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill with 1 Amendment by Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays**

**11/9/2017 HOUSE Committee Bill filed as HB 7003**

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SUMMARY

This is a standing agenda item to keep the board updated on discussions between Pinellas County, Hillsborough County and Pasco County representatives regarding steps needed to reach agreement on a local funding commitment in support of improved regional transit service. The Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group meeting on January 19th will be an important milestone to establish a basis for more detailed conversations on what level of local capital and operating funding commitment may be needed, and by when, to advance one or more regional transit service improvements. The Executive Director will provide an update for the board’s consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S):  None

ACTION:  None required; informational item only
January 10, 2018
9A-G. Informational Items

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
A. Forward Pinellas Board Work Session January 12, 2018
B. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit February 27, 2018
C. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings
D. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments
E. Correspondence, Fatalities Map and Draft PAC Action Sheet
F. Committee Vacancies
G. Other

ATTACHMENT(S):
- Correspondence of Interest
- Fatalities Map
- Draft PAC Action Sheet
9C. 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

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<td>Joint presentation with Pinellas County Public Works and County Planning to the Board of County Commissioners for the transportation work session</td>
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SUMMARY

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

CPA Actions from December 2017:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearing items that went before the CPA in December to report.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- Countywide Plan Map Adjustment – City of Safety Harbor – Official Acceptance, The board officially accepted the map adjustment (vote 6-0).

- Countywide Plan Map Adjustment – City of Tarpon Springs – Official Acceptance, The board officially accepted the map adjustment (vote 6-0).

- 2017 Annual Countywide Plan Map Update, The board officially accepted the update for filing (vote 6-0).

Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments November 2017:

There were no Tier I Amendments to report.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only
Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director
Forward Pinellas
310 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

Re: MPO Comments on FY 2019-2023 Tentative Work Program

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Thank you for the comments received from the Forward Pinellas (MPO) Board. This reply will address the comments where the MPO requested additional information.

- **Harn Boulevard Pedestrian Overpass (Project Number 256881-5):** The department is reevaluating the need for right of way vs maintenance cost of an elevator concept. The department will coordinate a meeting with MPO staff in January to discuss the results of the reevaluation and status of pending projects on US 19.

- **PD&E Study of U.S. 19 at Gandy Boulevard Interchange (Project Number 435914-2):** To maintain stability of the Five-Year Work Program and minimize production delays, it is customary for the department to program construction phases in outer-years for projects that are still in PD&E and Design phases. The subject PD&E Study is in progress and early next year the department project manager will be working with MPO’s staff and the MPO’s Technical Coordinating Committee to receive input and address comments. Once staff and committee comments have been addressed, the MPO Board will be briefed and input will be received. The PD&E public hearing is scheduled to be held in the spring of 2018, during which the public and stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to provide input and comment on the official public record for the project. The Tentative Work Program includes construction in FY 2023. We will work with the MPO to make any necessary changes to the outer year funding during future work program update cycles.

- **Courtney Campbell Causeway/SR 60 Pedestrian Overpass (Project Number 437498-1):** The department always looks for opportunities to advance priority projects at the beginning of the Work Program Update. We will look to advance the construction from FY 2023, based on available funding.

- **I-275 Lane Continuity Improvements:** At the beginning of the next Work Program Update cycle, we will look for an opportunity to advance design and fund construction of the I-275 improvements into an earlier year based on available funding. Please note that previous MPO plans included the preservation of a premium transit (light rail) corridor within the existing I-275 right of way. Unless the premium transit envelope can be revisited, the addition of express lanes would not be feasible in the corridor without acquiring a significant amount of right of way. Early next year, the department
will work with the MPO to determine if the premium transit envelope must be maintained, or if the envelope can be used for express lanes.

We appreciate the continued productive relationship with Forward Pinellas and look forward to continuing working with you and your staff moving forward.

Sincerely,

David Gwynn, P.E.
District Seven Secretary

cc: Stephen Benson, Government Liaison Administrator, FDOT
    Kelli Bradley, Program Management Administrator, FDOT
December 22, 2017

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

Re: Draft Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Highway Component 2045 Cost Feasible Plan

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Thank you for reviewing and providing comments on the Draft Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Highway Component 2045 Cost Feasible Plan. The comments were received in your November 27, 2017 letter, and we appreciate the input and coordination that you and your staff have provided us. Below are responses to the comments provided to us.

- Due to traffic projections, the US 92/Gandy Bridge is anticipated to need to be widened by 2045 and is shown in the draft plan in the outer years. The PD&E Study for US 92 from 4th Street to Westshore Boulevard, scheduled for 2020, will determine what the future Gandy Bridge will be whether it is a bridge replacement project and/or whether the bridge needs to be widened. We look forward to your future involvement in this study.

- SR 694/Gandy Boulevard from East of 4th Street to West of Gandy Bridge will be revised to be A2-6, and we will note that this project is a high priority to be advanced to construction as soon as is feasible. As mentioned above the PD&E is scheduled for 2020, and design for this project is scheduled for 2021.

- In reference to Transit Investments on the SIS, you are correct that the SIS does not fund transit capital or operating costs. We have passed your comment to Central Office. We look forward to working with Pinellas County on transportation alternatives.
While segments on US 19 are currently under design, we will work with MPO staff on solutions for US 19 in northern Pinellas County. The Department will consider incorporating the recommendations from the economic study once completed.

Thank you again for providing feedback.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David Gwynn, PE
District Seven Secretary

cc: Ed McKinney, Planning & Environmental Management Administrator
    Lori Marable, District SIS Coordinator
    Stephen Benson, Government Liaison Administrator
January 3, 2018

Commissioner John Morroni, Chair
Forward Pinellas
310 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: January 2018 Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council Agenda

Dear Commissioner Morroni:

Pinellas County has reviewed the items on the January 10, 2018 Council agenda. Attached is Pinellas County’s comments on the map amendment items on the agenda. I hope this information is helpful to Forward Pinellas in its discussions at the January meeting. It should be noted that comments provided at the Forward Pinellas meeting and the deliberations of the Council can influence County staff concerns or issues regarding an agenda item.

Sincerely,

Renea Vincent,
Planning Director

Attachment:

cc. Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator
   Jacob Stowers, Assistant County Administrator
   Commissioner Ken Welch
   Commissioner Dave Eggers
III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Countywide Future Land Use Plan Amendments

**Subthreshold Amendments**

A. CW 18-02 Pinellas County: County staff **concurs with the Forward Pinellas staff recommendation** that the proposed amendment to Retail & Services be approved.

**Regular Amendments**

B. CW 18-01 Pinellas County: County staff **concurs with the Forward Pinellas staff recommendation** that the proposed amendment to Employment be approved.

C. CW 18-03 St. Petersburg: County staff **concurs with the Forward Pinellas staff recommendation** that the proposed amendment to Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center be approved.

**Regular Agenda**

D. City of St. Petersburg: County staff **concurs with the Forward Pinellas staff recommendation** for the proposed map adjustment to include approximately 0.33 acres and involve adjustment to boundary lines between the Preservation and Activity Center/Target Employment Center categories per an ecological assessment.
December 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution 2017-45 which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs, in Regular Session on December 12, 2017, requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation remove the planned interchange improvements on U.S. Highway 19 in the City of Tarpon Springs from the Strategic Intermodal System 2045 Cost Feasible Highway Plan, and also consider improvements to U.S. Highway 19 that do not include construction of a controlled access facility.

Sincerely,

Irene S. Jacobs, CMC
City Clerk & Collector
RESOLUTION No. 2017- 45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REMOVE THE PLANNED INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS ON U.S. HIGHWAY 19 IN THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS FROM THE STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM 2045 COST FEASIBLE HIGHWAY PLAN; REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. HIGHWAY 19 IN THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARTIALLY CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITY; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN ENTITIES AND PEOPLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, The City of Tarpon Springs ("City") has a transportation network that includes roadways under the control of the Florida Department of Transportation ("Department"); and

WHEREAS, Tarpon Avenue is a key gateway into downtown Tarpon Springs and the Sponge Docks, which are important economic, cultural and community focal points in the City and for all of Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners reviewed a copy of the Department’s Draft Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) 2045 Cost Feasible Roadway Plan, which includes a planned grade separated interchange along U.S. Highway 19 at Tarpon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, similar interchange improvements along segments of U.S. Highway 19 south of Tarpon Springs have contributed toward reduced economic vitality of businesses directly fronting the U.S. Highway 19 roadway; and

WHEREAS, segments of U.S. Highway 19 that have constructed interchanges have crash rates that are similar to the segment in Tarpon Springs, bringing into question the safety benefits provided by the interchanges; and

WHEREAS, the construction of interchanges along U.S. Highway 19 have created challenges and safety concerns for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit rider travel across the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the 15 year growth rate in vehicular traffic on U.S. Highway 19 at Tarpon Avenue shows an overall decline in vehicle counts, on all approaches to the intersection.

WHEREAS, the City has concerns about how the planned interchange will affect access at East Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, further restricting access and limiting economic redevelopment opportunities for traditionally underserved residents and businesses in this economically challenged part of the community

WHEREAS, the Pasco County MPO has removed interchanges on U.S. Highway 19 from its Long Range Transportation Plan, and is focusing instead on redevelopment of the corridor in conjunction with at-grade transportation improvements for safety and business access.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida that this Commission hereby requests the Department to act as follows:

1. To identify improvements necessary to improve the safety of the U.S. Highway 19 intersection with Tarpon Avenue in Tarpon Springs, that do not include the construction of a partially controlled access facility along the corridor.
2. To remove the planned interchange improvements from the SIS Cost Feasible Roadway Plan.
3. To work with Forward Pinellas, serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Pinellas County, to remove the planned interchange improvements at the intersection with Tarpon Avenue from the Long Range Transportation Plan.
4. To work with the City and Forward Pinellas to develop alternative design strategies for U.S. Highway 19 through the City of Tarpon Springs that improve safety and help support the economic vitality of this corridor.

SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION TO THE CLERK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission hereby instructions the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, the District 7 Secretary of the Department, the Pinellas County state legislative delegation, and the Executive Director of Forward Pinellas.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2017.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS, MAYOR

DAVID BANTHER, VICE MAYOR

REA SIEBER, COMMISSIONER

SUSAN MICCIO-KIKTA, COMMISSIONER

JACOB KARR, COMMISSIONER

MOTION BY: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

VOTE ON MOTION

COMMISSIONER KARR No
COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA Yes
COMMISSIONER SIEBER Yes
VICE MAYOR BANTHER Yes
MAYOR ALAHOUZOS Yes

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Jay Daigneault
CITY ATTORNEY

Resolution 2017-45
YEAR 2017 (thru December 31st)

Locations of Reported TRAFFIC FATALITIES

- PEDESTRIAN (includes other small modes)
- BICYCLE
- MOTORCYCLE
- AUTO-VEHICLE
- MEDICAL (traffic related but medical condition caused death)
- OTHER (traffic related but no crash report imminent)

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**Pinellas County Initial Reporting of Traffic Fatalities thru December 31, 2017**

115 Fatalities including Medical Incidents *

115 Fatalities excluding Medical Incidents *

109 Fatalities (fatal) excluding Medical Incidents

0 Other Traffic Related Fatalities but No Imminent Crash Report

41 Auto-Vehicle Fatalities

26.2% of all traffic fatalities

28 Motorcycle Crashes (fatal)

6 Bicycle Fatalities

5.2% of all traffic fatalities

38 Pedestrian Fatalities

22.0% of all traffic fatalities (includes other small modes)

37 Pedestrian Crashes (fatal)

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(medical crashes not included)

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Second: Marie Dauphinais                                                      | 10-0  |
| 3. REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR JANUARY 10, 2018 MEETING    | Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendments                                  |       |
| PUBLIC HEARINGS                                                      | A. CW 18-02 – Pinellas County                                               |       |
|                                                                    | Motion: Jan Norsoph  
Second: Marie Dauphinais                                                      | 10-0  |
|                                                                    | B. CW 18-01 – Pinellas County                                               |       |
|                                                                    | Motion: Heather Urwiller  
Second: Rick Perez                                                                  | 10-0  |
| REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS                                                 | C. CW 18-03 – City of St. Petersburg                                         |       |
|                                                                    | Motion: Jan Norsoph  
Second: Marie Dauphinais                                                      | 10-0  |
| 4. PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST                                      | None required; informational item only                                       |       |
| A. Safety Harbor Walkability Audit                                  | Rodney Chatman introduced the concept of 20 minute neighborhoods and its relationship to the walkability audit. He defined the methodology and process used to conduct the audit. The outcomes were reviewed and the PAC members had the opportunity to ask questions. |       |
| B. “Peril of Flood” Requirements                                    | Linda Fisher led a discussion with the PAC members regarding the comprehensive plan requirements mandated by the Peril of Flood Act. She provided some historical data regarding efforts to date to satisfy the requirements, with joint efforts being coordinated through the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. However, she advised the members that the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) was mandating that each local government do its own basic vulnerability analysis. The City of St. Petersburg staff indicated they formerly met the requirement with a simple text amendment which was approved by the DEO. However, they are currently doing a more comprehensive analysis as part of their Integrated Sustainability Action Plan. City of Largo staff indicated that no significant data analysis has been done to date in Largo. Linda Fisher polled the group |       |
regarding which local governments had already satisfied these requirements. Many have not to this point. She advised that Forward Pinellas staff will continue coordinating with DEO and provide support in this process. Rodney Chatman indicated he would get Chris Moore from Pinellas County to present on the County’s efforts.

C. 2018 Consistency Reminders

Linda Fisher reminded the PAC members of the 2018 deadlines resulting from the adoption of the new Countywide Plan in 2015. She outlined the areas that would need to be addressed at the local government level to ensure consistency with the Countywide Plan, and offered technical assistance to any local governments who need it.

D. Affordable Housing Density Bonus

In follow up to an inquiry at the last meeting, an email requesting additional information was sent to all PAC members from Forward Pinellas staff requesting information on affordable housing density bonus. Jan Norsoph thanked the PAC members for the responses and indicated he had all he needed at this time.

5. OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA

A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the SPOTlight emphasis areas. He indicated that the Forward Pinellas Board took action at its last meeting to release the SR 60 Multimodal Implementation Plan to the City of Clearwater for review. Additionally, Forward Pinellas has submitted again this year for a legislative request to develop a capital grant pilot program for water taxis and ferries. He advised that the Forward Pinellas Board approved the scope of services for the 34th Street South lane elimination study in St. Petersburg. Lastly, the Gateway Master Plan scope and budget is being finalized to go to the Forward Pinellas Board. Whit Blanton advised that Forward Pinellas is hopeful to issue a Notice to Proceed in February.

B. Planning & Place-Making Grant Pilot Program Update

Rodney Chatman announced that four quality applications were received from Pinellas County and the cities of St. Petersburg, St. Pete Beach, and Tarpon Springs. He appreciated their diversity and provided a brief overview of each. He advised that Forward Pinellas staff would be internally evaluating the applications and making a recommendation for funding to the Forward Pinellas Board in March.

C. Truth in Annexation Update

Linda Fisher alerted the PAC members that Forward Pinellas staff would soon be requesting tax information from each local government to update the Truth in Annexation Online Worksheet.
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Respectfully Submitted,

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PAC Chairman                      Date
SUMMARY

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

  The BPAC currently has one opening for the beach communities.

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

  The CAC currently had two openings. One opening for At Large, one opening for Largo and one opening for the Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, So. Pasadena, Belleair, and Belleair Bluffs Area.

- **Local Coordinating Board (LCB)**

  The LCB currently has two openings. An opening for a Citizen Representative, and an opening for Transportation Provider for Profit.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BPAC Membership Listing
- CAC Membership Listing
- LCB Membership Listing

ACTION: None required; informational item only
### BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

**Voting**

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**Technical Support**

1. County Traffic Department (Tom Washburn – representative, Gina Harvey and Casey Morse – alternates)
2. County Parks and Conservation Resources (Lyle Fowler – representative, Spencer Curtis – alternate)
3. PSTA (Jacob Labutka – representative; Heather Sobush and Kristina Tranel – alternates)
4. City of Clearwater (Zain Adam)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Lucas Cruse as representative and Cheryl Stacks as alternate)
6. City of Largo (Valerie Brookens as representative and Katrina Lunan-Gordon as alternate)
7. Pinellas County School System (Tom McGinty - representative)
8. TBARTA (Anthony Matonti -representative; Michael Case 1st alternate and Ramond Chiarmonte 2nd alternate)
9. Pinellas County Health Department (Vacant - representative)
10. CUTR (Julie Bond, representative)
11. Sunstar Paramedics (Vacant - representative, Community Outreach Coordinator)

**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**

(Chris Speese – FDOT)

*Dates signify appointment*
# CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

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

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

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

## Pinellas Park and Mid-County Area
9. Geneva Waters (02/08/17)
10. John Spagnola (06/14/17)

## Largo Area
11. Vacant
12. Neil McMullen (01/13/11)

## Beaches Area
13. Steven Yost (02/08/17)
14. Terri Novitsky (12/09/15)

## Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, Belleair, So. Pasadena, Belleair Bluffs Area
15. Vacant

## Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor Area
16. Larry Roybal (02/09/11)
17. Becky Afonso (07/13/11)

## At Large
18. Kim Marston (02/11/15)
19. Vivian Peters (03/12/11)
20. Patricia Rodriguez (12/09/15)
21. Norris Varkalhoff (05/11/16)
22. Kyle Caudell (07/12/17)
23. Vacant
24. Tammy Vrana (05/13/15)
25. John Estok (11/01/16)
26. Jake Stowers (10/14/15)

## TRAC
27. Dave Kovar (07/12/17)
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD
FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Chairman
Patricia Johnson (Chair – 2/18/2014)

Agency for Health Care Administration – Area 5 Medicaid Office
Penelope Barnard (10/12/2016) (Alternate: Aaron Lounsberry (03/09/2016))

Citizens
Vacant
Brian Scott (Vice Chair - 3/10/2010) (reappointed 3/12/14)

FL Dept. of Elder Affairs
Jason Martino (Alternate: Tawnya Martino)

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

Pinellas County Dept. of Veterans Services
Michael Hill (Alternate: Zeffery Mims (11/8/2017))

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (Non-Voting)
Ross Silvers (Alternate: Vacant)

Transportation Provider for Profit
Vacant

Community Action Agency
Jane Walker (reconfirmed July 2011 MPO)

Over 60
Vivian Peters (10/10/2012)

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

Department of Children and Families
Ivonne Carmona (11/8/2017)
Kitty Kelleher (alternate: 2/8/2017)

Children at Risk
Priscilla McFadden (3-8-2017)

Division of Blind Services
Rachel Jacobs (9/11/2013)

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

Local Medical Community
Quinn Lundquist (10/11/2017)

Technical Support – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Dave Newell (Alternate: Elba Lopez)