Creating the 2045 Plan

The Tri-County Vision for 2045, developed with public input by the residents of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco, establishes preliminary guidance for future transportation and land use. The vision map integrates the best and most supported public priorities for growth, land use, and transportation, with an emphasis on expanding bus and rail services. Potential transportation investments consistent with this direction are highlighted. Additional public input will help the MPOs refine local priorities.

Next Steps

- Public outreach on local priorities
  Summer, 2019
- Local plan adoption
  Fall, 2019

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For a detailed summary of the scenarios and survey results visit: itstimetampabay.org

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What Priorities Emerged

Provide alternatives to driving
- Rail, bus, & walk/bike spaces

Reduce congestion
- Reinvest in established neighborhoods

Minimize outward growth
- Use new technologies
- Improve transportation efficiency

Strengthen downtowns
- Create spaces like them

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Tampa Bay is growing up. Already among the top 20 most populated regions in the country, the Tampa Bay area is also one of the fastest growing. Visit any part of the region and you’ll experience growth firsthand. Construction is booming in Downtown Tampa, St. Petersburg, Wesley Chapel, and numerous other areas. We feel it every day as traffic congestion worsens and commutes get longer. Add another one million people to the area over the next 20 years, and it’s easy to see why It’s TIME to address our mobility needs by creating a sustainable plan to address future land use, growth and transportation.

Over the summer of 2018, the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco County asked citizens of the three counties to identify priorities for land use and transportation and consider three very different scenarios for future growth. Nearly 10,000 citizens responded to the online survey, setting a national record for participation in an online survey. This document summarizes results of the regional survey, providing public input into the development of local 2045 Long Range Transportation Plans that will be adopted in Fall 2019.

Visit itstimetampabay.org to view a detailed summary of results

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No Single Solution Will Solve Our Traffic Problems

Survey participants were presented with three growth and transportation scenarios, enabling them to visualize long-term implications of decisions made now. Citizens overwhelmingly supported expanding local, regional and statewide rail and bus transit services (Scenario C).

Survey Highlights:
Overall, survey respondents said their highest priorities were:
- Reducing traffic jams 75%
- Investing in alternatives to driving, including bus, rail and streetcar options. Priorities were largely consistent across the three counties 74%

Priorities for Transportation:
- Support statewide rail service 82%
- Invest in regional rail and bus transit expansion 81%
- Focus on walk/bike modes 73%
- Interchanges: expanded/new ramps 65%

Priorities for Growth and Land Use:
- Reinvest in neighborhoods 75%
- Strengthen downtowns and similar spaces 73%
- Minimize outward growth 65%

“Create...options to driving everywhere, which can open up job markets that were previously out of reach.”

“Want to see less vehicles and roads, not more.”
“Multimodal! This is our future.”

Tri-County Long Range Vision
Establishes the guiding principles for future transportation and land use decisions. This vision was developed by combining the best and most supported elements from the three scenarios, with an emphasis on expanding transit alternatives. The map highlights potential transportation investments consistent with the key planning themes.