March 17, 2020
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
Tampa Union Station, 2nd Floor
601 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602

Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board TAC Meeting

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Moment of Contemplation
V. Public Comment

★VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary – February 18, 2020* (p.3)

VII. Urban Rivers Projects – Brendan Deska & Zachary Damato

VIII. Continued Discussion of 5-Year Hydrobiological Assessment of the Lower Hillsborough River

★IX. Consistency Recommendation:
   a. Minor Work Permit No. 68853 (EPCHC) * (p.5)

X. Other business
   a. FDOT concerns, email from Gary Reckart* (p.20)

★ Indicates Action Required  * Indicates backup material provided

Tampa Union Station
601 N. Nebraska Ave.
2nd Floor Conference Room
Elevator Access Available

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January 21, 2020
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
Tampa Union Station, 2nd Floor
601 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602

Technical Advisory Council Meeting
Meeting Summary

Present
Richard Formica, COT Citizen*
Michael Gile, EPC*
JJ Loesch, FDEP*
Joel Brown, SWFWMD*
Shawn College, TPC
Heather Maggio, COT**
Petes Romano, ACOE*
Cara Serra, TBRPC*
Caroline Charles, TPC
Jordan Miller, SWFWMD
Merv Johnson, HC Citizen
Joe Kuhn, HC Citizen
Eric DeHaven, SWFWMD
Derek Doughty, Planning Commission*
Jackie Julien, Port Tampa Bay*
Rich Brown, HC Citizen*
Joe Gross, HC**
Stu Marvin, TT Citizen*
Troy Tinch, TT Staff**
Diego Guerra, TPC
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD
Nerea Cormier, COT Citizen
Sid Flannery, HC Citizen
Danielle Rogers, SWFWMD

*Denotes TAC Member or Alternates
**Denotes Staff Ex-Officio Members

I. Call to Order
Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Members were sufficient to establish a quorum.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Brown led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Moment of Contemplation
Chair Brown led in a moment of contemplation.

V. Public Comment
None.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary – January 21, 2020
Motioned by Stu Marvin and seconded by Derek Doughty, the previous meeting summary was approved unanimously.

VII. 5-Year Hydrobiological Assessment of the Lower Hillsborough River, SWFWMD
Ms. Rogers gave a presentation on the results of the second 5-year assessment. Ms. Rogers gave a brief explanation of what SWFWMD is. Ms. Rogers went on to explain the history of the 5-year assessment. Ms. Rogers explained the different recovery strategies that are currently in place. Ms. Rogers stated that SWFWMD has approved an extension request submitted by the River Board. Ms. Rogers explained how they determined what the Minimum Flow should be. Ms. Rogers stated some of the new methods used to pump water could not be accurately represented in the assessment due to it being towards the end of the assessment.

VIII. Independent Technical Review and Supplemental Analyses of the 5-year Hydrobiological Assessment for the Lower Hillsborough River, Sid Flannery
Mr. Flannery started by stating his previous history while working for SWFMWD. Mr. Flannery explained that a big part of the data is measured between the Dam to Sulphur Springs. Mr. Flannery explained that before the 5-year assessment was established, the salinity was very high in the water but has improved since the monitoring of the minimum flow. Mr. Flannery stated that minimum flow has improved since the beginning of the 5-year assessments. Mr. Flannery stated that Sulphur Springs plays an important part in meeting the minimum flow. Mr. Flannery also stated that salinity in the water has an important role in minimum flow.

IX. Consistency Recommendation:
   a. Minor Work Permit No. 19-042 (Port Tampa Bay)
      Motioned by Stu Marvin and seconded by Jackie Julien, the permit was unanimously recommended to be found consistent with the Hillsborough River Master Plan by the River Board.

   b. Minor Work Permit No. 19-044 (Port Tampa Bay)
      Motioned by Stu Marvin and seconded by Jackie Julien, the permit was unanimously recommended to be found consistent with the Hillsborough River Master Plan by the River Board.

X. Other business
Chair Brown mentioned hosting an event on a Friday night sometime in April on a boat. Ms. Maggio talked about the success of Gasparilla Parade clean up.

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting.
AGENDA ITEM IX.
Consistency Recommendation:
a. Port Tampa Bay No. 68853
March 9, 2020

Joseph Robinson (Sent via email)
Nojo.ro@fronteir.net
1621 E. Mulberry Dr.
Tampa, FL 33604

Permittee: JOSEPH ROBINSON
Permit Number: 68853
Type of Permit: INTENT TO ISSUE MINOR WORK PERMIT FOR RIP-RAP
Project Address: 1621 E. MULBERRY DR., TAMPA, FL 33604
Issuance Date: APRIL 3, 2020
Expiration Date: APRIL 3, 2023

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This Intent to Issue the Minor Work Permit (Permit) for rip-rap installation is issued to Joseph Robinson (Permittee) by the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County (EPC) on behalf of the Tampa Port Authority (TPA). The TPA delegated this regulatory authority to the EPC in 2009. Please review this document and attachments carefully, paying particular attention to the conditions and approved drawings. NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY SHALL OCCUR in wetlands or other surface waters until April 3, 2020.

The EPC reserves the right to stop this Permit from becoming effective under any of the following circumstances: (1) if the EPC revokes the Permit pursuant to Section 1-2.052, Rules of the EPC; (2) if a “Notice of Appeal” or “Request for Extension of Time to File a Notice of Appeal” under Part IV of Section 1-2, Rules of the EPC (See NOTICE OF RIGHTS) is timely filed; or (3) if any applicable Federal governmental agency objects to verification that the activity qualifies for the United States Army Corp’s of Engineers’ State Programmatic General Permit. The Permittee shall be noticed in writing if any of these occur. No construction activity may occur until such time as the issue is resolved and the Permit becomes effective. It is possible in some circumstances for the Permit to be challenged after the initial construction date. Please contact the EPC Legal Department if you have any questions regarding this process.

This Permit authorizes the above named permittee, hereinafter referred to as the Permittee, to perform the described work on wetlands and/or other surface waters, on or adjacent to submerged lands under the regulatory or proprietary jurisdiction of the TPA. This Permit
addresses activities regulated under the TPA Submerged Lands Management Rules and EPC Wetland Rule Chapter 1-11, Rules of the EPC. This work shall be accomplished in accordance with the general and specific conditions contained in this Permit. This Permit shall expire on the date noted in this Permit and shall be valid until it expires or such time as it is amended, replaced, or revoked in writing.

Acceptance of this Permit constitutes acceptance of all the attached conditions and the project drawings. Compliance with all conditions is necessary for the Permit to be considered valid. Should you have objections to any of these conditions, please see the attached NOTICE OF RIGHTS detailing the appeal process.

Sincerely,

P. Andy Schipfer, P.E. – Division Director
EPC Wetlands Division

lmc/cb/ss
Enclosures
ec: Ricco Palermo - rpalermo@hcsotampa.fl.us
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    Robert Barron - spgp@usace.army.mil
    Robb Brown – Finn Outdoor, LLC - robb@finnoutdoor.com
cc: Smith
    Delaney
PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 68853

PERMITTEE: JOSEPH ROBINSON
1621 E. MULBERRY DR.
TAMPA, FL  33604

AGENT: FINN OUTDOOR, LLC
ROBB BROWN
1304 43RD AVE.
PALMETTO, FL  34221

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 LINEAR FEET OF RIP-RAP PURSUANT TO PERMIT EXHIBITS AND CONDITIONS

PROJECT LOCATION: 1621 E. MULBERRY DR., TAMPA, FL  33604 /
HILLSBOROUGH RIVER

DATE OF ISSUE: APRIL 3, 2020
EXPIRATION DATE: APRIL 3, 2023

THIS PERMIT CARD SHALL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT THE WORKSITE. FOR QUESTIONS CALL THE WETLANDS DIVISION (813) 627-2600.
1. This Permit authorizes the installation of approximately 100 linear feet of rip-rap.

2. Be advised, if the proposed activity approved by this Permit is modified, a revision to this Permit may be required.

3. The enclosed Permit Card shall be conspicuously displayed at the project site once work on this project has been initiated and shall remain so displayed until the project has been completed. Within fifteen (15) days of completion of this project, EPC is to be notified via email wetlandscompliance@epchc.org.

**RIP-RAP CONSTRUCTION SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

4. The rip-rap shall be installed as depicted per EPC approved Permit exhibits A-1 through A-5. The dock structure depicted in the Permit exhibits is for illustration purposes only and is not approved as part of this Permit.

5. The rip-rap shall be placed within the property limits as depicted per EPC approved Permit exhibits A-1 and A-2.

6. During the installation of the rip-rap material, a floating turbidity curtain and/or silt fence shall be deployed waterward of the work site and attached from adjacent shoreline to adjacent shoreline. The turbidity curtain/silt fence must remain in place until the work has ceased and any resultant construction-related turbidity has settled out. These measures should be removed as soon as water quality returns to sustainable background levels and/or all areas of disturbed soils are stabilized.

7. This Permit does not authorize the rip-rap installation to cover or obstruct any existing storm water outfall pipes.

8. The slope of the rip-rap revetment, in feet, will not exceed one (1) vertical to two (2) horizontal as depicted per EPC approved exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3.

9. The horizontal distance from the toe of the seawall must be no more than 6 feet as depicted per EPC approved exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3.

10. The rip-rap material shall consist entirely of clean concrete rubble or natural boulders one (1) foot to three (3) feet in average diameter. No reinforcing rods or other similar protrusions in concrete rubble shall be exposed and the rip-rap material shall be free of attached sediments. The use of asphalt or other organic materials is prohibited. Filter fabric shall be placed as depicted per EPC approved Permit exhibit A-3.

11. The rip-rap material shall remain unconsolidated.
12. This Permit does not authorize any dredging activity.

13. This Permit does not authorize the placement of pilings or any other structures extraneous to the installation of the rip-rap revetment.

14. All wetland vegetation must be replanted as authorized under this Permit as depicted per EPC approved exhibits A-2 and A-3.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SPGP DETERMINATION

15. Your proposed activity as outlined in your application and attached drawings qualifies for Federal authorization pursuant to the State Programmatic General Permit V-R1, and a SEPARATE permit or authorization will not be required from the Corps. Please note that the Federal authorization expires on July 26, 2021. However, your authorization may remain in effect for up to 1 additional year, if provisions of Special Condition 19 of the SPGP V-R1 permit instrument are met. You, as permittee, are required to adhere to all General Conditions and Special Conditions that may apply to your project. Special conditions required for your project are attached. A copy of the SPGP V-R 1 with all terms and conditions and the General Conditions may be found at https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/SourceBook.aspx.
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SPGP SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Note: JAXBO (Jacksonville District’s Programmatic Biological Opinion), referenced throughout, may be found online in the Jacksonville District Regulatory Division Sourcebook, or at http://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/utils/getfile/collection/p16021coll3/id/577. The SPGP V-R1 instrument and all attachments may be found online through the Sourcebook, or at https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/SPGP/.

In addition to the conditions specified above, the following Special Conditions apply to all projects reviewed and/or authorized under the SPGP V-R1.

Special Conditions for All Projects

1. Authorization, design and construction must adhere to the terms of the SPGP V-R1 instrument including the Procedure and Work Authorized sections.

2. Design and construction must adhere to the PDCs for In-Water Activities (Attachment 6, from PDCs AP.7 through AP11, inclusive, of JAXBO) (Reference: JAXBO PDC AP.1.).

3. All activities performed during daylight hours (Reference: JAXBO PDC AP.6.).

4. For all projects involving the installation of piles or sheet piles, the maximum number of piles, sheet piles or concrete slab walls or boatlift I-beams installed by impact hammer per day is limited to no more than 5 per day. Any installation of metal pipe or metal sheet pile by impact hammer is not authorized (Reference: Categories D and E of JAXBO PDCs for In-Water Noise from Pile and Sheet Pile Installation, page 86.).

5. Projects within the boundary of the NOAA Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary require prior approval from the Sanctuary (Reference: JAXBO PDCs AP.14 and A1.6).

6. Notifications to the Corps. For all authorizations under this SPGP V-R1, including Self-Certifications, the Permittee shall provide the following notifications to the Corps:
   a. Commencement Notification. Within 10 days before the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit or for each phase of the authorized project, the Permittee shall provide a written notification of the date of commencement of authorized work to the Corps.
   b. Corps Self-Certification Statement of Compliance form. Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall complete the “Self-Certification Statement of Compliance” form (Attachment 32) and submit it to the Corps. In the event that the completed work deviates in any manner from the authorized work, the Permittee shall describe the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed on the “Self-Certification Statement of Compliance” form. The description of any deviations on the “Self-Certification Statement of Compliance” form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the Corps.
c. Permit Transfer. When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date the enclosed form (Attachment 2).

d. Reporting Address. The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation, and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of this permit to the following address.

(1) For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

(2) For electronic mail: SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil (not to exceed 10 MB). The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ- 2015-02575 on all submittals.

7. The District Engineer reserves the right to require that any request for authorization under this SPGP V-R1 be evaluated as an Individual Permit. Conformance with the terms and conditions of the SPGP V-R1 does not automatically guarantee Federal authorization.

8. On a case-by-case basis, the Corps may impose additional Special Conditions which are deemed necessary to minimize adverse environmental impacts.

9. Failure to comply with all conditions of the SPGP V-R1 constitutes a violation of the Federal authorization.

10. No structure or work shall adversely affect or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or those eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Prior to the start of work, the Applicant/Permittee or other party on the Applicant’s/Permittee’s behalf, shall conduct a search of known historical properties by contracting a professional archaeologist, and contacting the Florida Master Site File at 850-245-6440 or SiteFile@dos.state.fl.us. The Applicant/Permittee can also research sites in the National Register Information System (NRIS). Information can be found at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/research.

a. If, during the initial ground disturbing activities and construction work, there are archaeological/cultural materials unearthed (which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work in the vicinity and notify the Compliance and Review staff of the State Historic Preservation Office at 850-245-6333 and the Corps Regulatory Project Manager to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions, including salvage operations. Based on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend, or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 325.7.
b. In the unlikely event that human remains are identified, the remains will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes; all work in the vicinity shall immediately cease and the local law authority, and the State Archaeologist (850-245-6444) and the Corps Regulatory Project Manager shall immediately be notified. Such activity shall not resume unless specifically authorized by the State Archaeologist and the Corps.

11. The Permittee is responsible for obtaining any “take” permits required under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s regulations governing compliance with these laws. The Permittee should contact the appropriate local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if such “take” permits are required for a particular activity.

12. For Projects authorized under this SPGP V-R1 in navigable waters of the U.S., the Permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structures or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the Permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

13. The SPGP V-R1 will be valid through July 26, 2021 unless suspended or revoked by issuance of a public notice by the District Engineer. The Corps, in conjunction with the Federal resource agencies, will conduct periodic reviews to ensure that continuation of the permit during the period ending July 26, 2021, is not contrary to the public interest. The SPGP V-R1 will not be extended beyond July 26, 2021, but may be replaced by a new SPGP. If revocation occurs, all future applications for activities covered by the SPGP V-R1 will be evaluated by the Corps.

14. If the SPGP V-R1 expires, is revoked, or is terminated prior to completion of the authorized work, authorization of activities which have commenced or are under contract to commence in reliance upon the SPGP V-R1 will remain in effect provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the date the SPGP V-R1 expired or was revoked.

Special Conditions for Shoreline Stabilization Activities

1. Shoreline stabilization materials must be placed by hand around red mangrove prop roots (Reference: JAXBO PDC A1.3.).

2. Living shorelines can only be constructed in unvegetated, nearshore water along shorelines to create tidal marshes or mangrove habitat for the purpose of shoreline erosion control or aquatic habitat enhancement. Native plants can be placed along the shoreline or between the shoreline and the living shoreline structure (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.4.).

3. Living shoreline structures and permanent wave attenuation structures can only be constructed out of the following materials: oyster breakwaters, clean limestone boulders or stone (sometimes contained in metal baskets or cages to contain the material), small mangrove
islands, biologs, coir, rock sills, and pre-fabricated structures made of concrete and rebar that are designed in a manner so that they do not trap sea turtles, smalltooth sawfish, or sturgeon (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.5.).

a. Reef balls or similar structures are authorized if are not open on the bottom, open-bottom structures with a top opening of at least 4 ft, and reef discs stacked on a pile are pre-fabricated structures are designed in a manner so that they do not trap sea turtles.

b. Oyster reef materials shall be placed and constructed in a manner that ensures that materials will remain stable and that prevents movement of materials to surrounding areas (e.g., oysters will be contained in bags or attached to mats and loose cultch must be surrounded by contained bagged oysters or another stabilizing feature) (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.2.).

c. Oyster reef materials shall be placed in designated locations only (i.e., the materials shall not be indiscriminately dumped or allowed to spread outside of the reef structure) (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.3.).

d. Wave attenuation structures must have 5 ft gaps at least every 75 ft in length as measured parallel to the shoreline and at the sea floor, to allow for tidal flushing and species movement (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.6.).

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f. Other materials are not authorized by this SPGP V-R1 (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.5.).

4. For living shorelines, only native plant species can be planted (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.1.).
EXTENTS OF PROPOSED SHORELINE STABILIZATION 100 LF

RIP RAP TO FOLLOW SHORELINE CONTOUR. 3’x6’x100’ AT A 2:1 SLOPE

*Dock illustration removed for clarity

*Changes in RED made by EPC staff

REVISED
Replaces Drawings Received: Dec. 2, 2019
HILLSBOROUGH RIVER

Approximate location of existing Leather Ferns to be removed for rip-rap installation and replanted at MHW line on 3' centers

1'-3' AVG DIAMETER LIMESTONE RIP RAP; 3' HIGH AT ERODED SHORLINE, EXTENDING 6' WATERWARD AT 2:1

EPC PERMIT
A-2 LMC
EXHIBIT

Joseph and Norma Robinson
1621 E Mulberry Dr
Tampa FL 33604
Permit Application 68853

RECEIVED
FEB 3, 2020
EPC of H.C. WETLANDS
**Proposed Work Cross Section**

- **Erosion Control Blanket** (NAG C125BN or similar)
- **Permeable non-woven geotextile liner** (Mirafi 140 N or similar)
- **Upland replants for erosion control**: Replanted with Florida natives or non-nuisance; Asiatic Jasmine; on 3' centers
- **1-3' Limestone Rip Rap. 3' x 6' at 2:1 slope**
- **Leather Fern replants**: Located at the MHW line along the shoreline on 3' centers
- **Mean high** according to homeowner knowledge; approximately at extent of severe erosion
- **Mean low** according to homeowner knowledge; approximately 7-9' horizontally from current eroded bank, approximately 3' vertically below mean high

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**RECEIVED**

**FEB 3, 2020**

**EPC of H.C. WETLANDS**

**EPC PERMIT**

A-3  LMC

**EXHIBIT**
Shoreline is being eroded due to water velocity and tidal/seasonal fluctuation. Bank currently consists of soil with vegetation including Leather Fern. Two large Live Oaks are being undermined and beginning to be jeopardized. Homeowner would like to install rip rap to restore and protect the bank.
Bank will be stripped of most vegetation in order to install rip rap and restore grade due to many inconsistencies and eroding areas. Any grade work will be above mean high water line on the eroding bank above the river.

**RECEIVED**
FEB 3, 2020
EPC of H.C.
WETLANDS

**EPC PERMIT**
A-5 LMC
EXHIBIT
AGENDA ITEM X.
Other Business:
   a. FDOT concerns, email from Gary Reckart
Name: Gary Reckart  
Email: acts238church@gmail.com  
Subject: FDOT TIS/SEIS  
Message: Greetings MPO members:

My name is Gary Reckart, I reside at 4006 N. Marguerite Street, Tampa, Florida 33603.

I email on this occasion because of my concerns for the environmental protection of Hillsborough River.

FDOT held its last public hearing on its TIS/SEIS on February 27, 2020. This SEIS was to provide location, conceptual, design; and social, economic, cultural, and environmental effects of the proposed project.

My concern is the environmental impacts on the already EPA designated “impaired” condition of Hillsborough River.

FDOT has, since 1966, diverted millions of gallons of untreated storm water (from I-275 north of the I-4 Interchange) into Hillsborough river. Now they want an additional 50 years to continue the same untreated toxic dumping.

The impervious surface from I-4 north to Hillsborough River is about 6,300,000 square feet not counting on and off ramps. None of the storm water has been diverted into proper retention ponds built according to land development policies. No retention ponds are being designed for this four mile stretch of highway. This is totally unacceptable.

I was told by the project manager that the reason no pond sites are designed into the current improvements is because the MPO did not want any of the homes along the corridor to be impacted and so refused to authorize any acquisition of land for them.

This decision if true will cause environmental impacts to Hillsborough River for many, many years. This is unacceptable.
Acquisition of land for a public good has always been the purpose of eminent domain. In the early 60s when the I-275 right of way was purchased, there was no public concern for the environment of Hillsborough River as it is today. Because of this the impacts of toxic storm water into the river were not evaluated.

If indeed the MPO does not care about Hillsborough River and the environmental impacts contributing to it being "impaired," then I am shocked. I will ask all of you to revisit this issue and reverse your decision and demand FDOT retain and treat storm water in retention ponds before any of it is diverted to the river.

I have complained to EPA, FHWA, and SWWMD about their approval of the current SEIS in which there are no protections planned for treatment of the storm water. I will meet personally with all of these departments very soon.

I am opposed to the current SEIS which is soon to become FEIS.

Please protect the river which has not been protected from FDOT expansionism from 1963 to the present, (57 years).

I am asking you to apply the same land development policies to FDOT as you do to citizens who plan to develop property for commercial purposes.

It is time to stop FDOT from using Hillsborough River as its water treatment ponds and Tampa Bay as its filtration system to dilute the toxins to an acceptable per million liter level. Please apply Section 303 (d).

I want all existing culverts and RCPs being used to divert toxic storm water into the river to redirect the storm water into retention ponds. All RCPs going to the river to be plugged and sealed. It is time for storm water to be returned into the aquifer via the natural filtration of soil.

I realize some families may need relocation, but this is necessary to save the river from future environmental harm.

We will soon pass the time to insist on protecting the river. Please do not give FDOT another 50 years of dumping untreated toxic storm water into the river.

Please.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and any action you might take to protect the river from unrestrained FDOT environmental damage to our water heritage.

Sincerely,

Gary Reckart

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