

# 2025 Plan Your Comments & Concerns

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 I live in: (circle one) Tampa Temple Terrace Plant City Unincorporated County Outside Hillsborough

## PLANNING FOR REGION-WIDE TRANSPORTATION

Jobs in Tampa . . . Homes with elbow room in Polk, Pasco, Hernando Counties . . . Beaches and arts in St. Pete and Sarasota . . . In getting around our big region, what's important to you? Your input will be used in drafting the regional transportation plan for Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, Sarasota/Manatee, Polk, and Pinellas Counties.

Below are some of the projects suggested for the regional plan. What do you think?

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	Important				Priority
High speed rail between Tampa Bay and Orlando	1	2	3	4	5
Outer beltway east of I-75	1	2	3	4	5
Rail connecting Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties	1	2	3	4	5
Express buses between counties, with park & ride lots	1	2	3	4	5
Express lanes on interstates, carpool or pay toll to use	1	2	3	4	5
Buying land for major projects before prices escalate	1	2	3	4	5
More toll systems to get road projects funded faster	1	2	3	4	5
Water ferries/ taxis for coastal areas	1	2	3	4	5
Rapid bus lanes to get around traffic jam areas	1	2	3	4	5
Lower tolls at off-peak times (not rush hour)	1	2	3	4	5

What would you say is the biggest issue this region will face in the coming 20 years (whether or not it's related to transportation)? \_\_\_\_\_

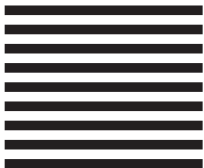
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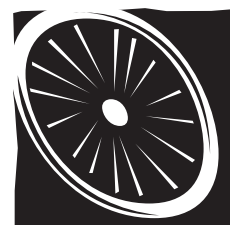
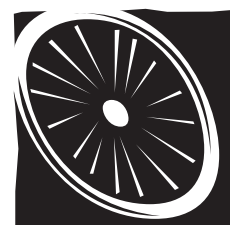
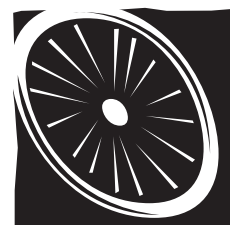
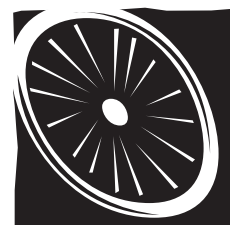
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# Bike-Ped NEWS

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## PLANNING TO WALK

A vision for a better pedestrian environment along ten to fifteen important corridors will be a new feature of this year's Pedestrian Plan update.

A component of the long range transportation plan, the Hillsborough County MPO's Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan identifies sidewalk improvements that are needed, funds available through 2025, and the top priorities for spending those funds. Gaps in the sidewalk network are compared with the places to which people like to walk, such as schools, parks, shopping, and bus stops.

This year's update focuses on a Corridor Improvement Program, taking planning for pedestrians a step beyond sidewalks. Shade trees, lighting, benches, better crosswalks, and other features are all part of the vision of putting pedestrians first. On a sample of roadways, the plan will recommend ways to create an environment where residents want to mingle and kids to play while motor vehicles pass through at safe speeds.



*Wider sidewalks at intersections make pedestrians more comfortable.*

The Pedestrian Plan was last updated in 1998, side-by-side with the 2020 Transportation Plan. Since then, destinations

have shifted with land development, and in the unincorporated county, a recent Sidewalk Master Plan has focused attention on routes to schools.

The MPO's Pedestrian Plan looks at Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City as well as the unincorporated county, but only includes roads that are part of the major road network, such as arterials and collectors. For more information on the plan or to share your thoughts, please contact **Gena Torres** at 273-3774 ext. 357.

## FREE LIGHTS AND HELMETS FOR USF CYCLISTS

A new University of South Florida program will give free lights to students and employees bicycling to, from, or around campus. Vouchers for bicycle helmets will also be distributed.

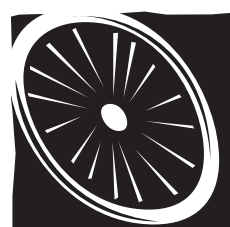
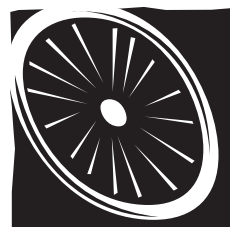


*State law requires helmets for cyclists under 16.*

Florida law requires bicyclists to have front and rear lights when riding between dusk and dawn, and cyclists under age 16 to have helmets. The lights and helmet vouchers will be given out by USF police when they spot cyclists without lights, after dark, or stop them for traffic violations.

Lights and helmet vouchers will also be provided to registrants in the USF Bicycle Anti-Theft program. Members of the USF Bicycle Club plan to distribute lights as well, until supplies are exhausted.

The program is sponsored by the USF Bicycle Club ([www.cutr.usf.edu/bikes](http://www.cutr.usf.edu/bikes)), in partnership



with the USF Police Department and three shops, Temple Terrace Schwinn, Joe Haskin's Bicycle Shop, and the University Bicycle Center.

The bicycle light sets will include both front and rear lights with batteries. Helmet vouchers will be worth up to \$50 towards the purchase of a bicycle helmet. Bicycle Club members reason that a cyclist is more likely to wear a helmet s/he selects. The club plans to issue 100 vouchers with six-month expiration dates.

For more information, please contact **Chris Hagelin**, Faculty Advisor to the USF Bicycle Club at 974-2977 or [hagelin@cutr.usf.edu](mailto:hagelin@cutr.usf.edu).

### WALKING AROUND WESTSHORE

A well-tailored professional sprinting across six lanes of traffic to get to a restaurant isn't as unusual as you might think in the Westshore Business District. The district boasts more jobs than Downtown Tampa,

plus two shopping malls, hotels and countless restaurants, all within a few square miles. Offices and restaurants are often right across the street from one another – but the street is likely to be a high-traffic thoroughfare and difficult to cross.

Improving the walking experience, and thereby encouraging more people to walk, are the goals of a new Westshore-area plan being developed by the MPO. In consultation with the Westshore Alliance, the MPO will study the safety of intersections and street crossings on the major roads, and recommend improvements. The study will also look at zoning code language, including the area's zoning overlay, and suggest policy changes. Making walking more viable could even take a few cars off the congested roads.

To hear from you, an open-house-style public meeting will be held in the latter half of June or early half of July. For more information, please contact project manager **Alan Steinbeck** at (813) 273-3774 ext. 336.

### SEIDLER KEYNOTES BPAC STRATEGY SESSION

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee members were pleased to hear from videographer Robert Seidler at the BPAC annual retreat and strategy session on May 8 at Upper Tampa Bay Park.



*The Upper Tampa Bay Trail celebrates a new trailhead on Waters Avenue with a ribbon-cutting on June 5.*

Seidler is a long-time advocate for cycling and walking. His Elementary Traffic Education Program and the Effective Cycling video are standards nationally for pedestrian and bicyclist training, with thousands in use. He has also produced shorter segments for communities to air as public service announcements, such as the 30-second "Rules for Cycling." Aiming to prevent some of the most frequent types of crashes, it communicates two key messages to kids:

- 🚲 Look before turning;
- 🚲 Look before leaving driveway.

Seidler emphasizes the importance of advocating for good facilities in one's home community. Using the Seattle Terminal 91 Bike Path as an example, he demonstrates the value of having a local bicycle advisory committee, and documents property values increasing by as much as 5-6% along bike paths.

For more information on Seidler's work, visit <http://seidlerproductions.com>.

## WE VALUE YOUR OPINION!

**PLANNING TO WALK** - We would like your thoughts on walking conditions in Hillsborough County, and how best to improve safety, convenience and comfort for pedestrians of all ages and abilities. Your input will be used in the MPO's update of the Hillsborough County Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan.

1. How much do you walk and/or bicycle around Hillsborough County, either for fitness and recreation or for general transportation purposes like getting to work, school, shopping, or visiting friends?

<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Bike:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a week
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 times/week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 times/week
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily or almost daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily or almost daily

2. How should we prioritize pedestrian projects? What is most important? (Please circle a number from 1 to 5.)

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	Important				Priority
Safety, especially at crosswalks & along busy roads	1	2	3	4	5
A complete network of sidewalks	1	2	3	4	5
Access to schools & parks from neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
Access to & from bus stops	1	2	3	4	5
Access to job locations	1	2	3	4	5
Revitalize older neighborhoods & business districts	1	2	3	4	5
Address the disabled and elderly's needs	1	2	3	4	5
Make buildings and streets better designed, so walking is more comfortable & convenient	1	2	3	4	5

3. To create a safe, pleasant environment for walking, what types of projects would make the most difference?

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	Important				Priority
<u>Sidewalk/walking path improvements:</u> removing obstacles, more shade and lighting, benches, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
<u>Intersection improvements:</u> traffic signals timed for pedestrians, painted/lighted crosswalks, shorten crosswalks by adding medians or curb bulb-outs, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
<u>Traffic calming to slow down cars on busy streets:</u> speed tables, lanes that wiggle, narrower lanes, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
<u>Driver training and enforcement:</u> ticketing speeders, requiring drivers yield to pedestrians, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
<u>Bicyclist and pedestrian training and enforcement:</u> enforcing rules of the road, bicycle safety education for kids and adults, etc.	1	2	3	4	5

4. Comments on the above, or on other issues that need attention? \_\_\_\_\_  
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