



Historical Timeline

1962-2017

- ☞ 1962 *Chair and Founder, Herman W. Goldner, City of St. Petersburg*
 - ▲ The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council became the first regional planning council in the State of Florida.

- ☞ 1963-64 *Chair, Councilman W. Douglas West, City of Tampa*

- ☞ 1965 *Chair, Commissioner Rudy Rodriquez, Hillsborough County*

- ☞ 1966 *Chair, Commissioner Richard P. Briggs, Manatee County*

- ☞ 1967 *Chair, Commissioner George J. Ruppel, Pinellas County*
 - ▲ Analysis of Development Factors.
 - ▲ Planning and Development in the Region.

- ☞ 1968 *Chair, Commissioner D. William Overton, City of Sarasota*
 - ▲ TBRPC's Airport Systems Plan took a first look at systems planning for the region and became a model used by the Federal Aviation Administration to develop regional airport systems for all urban Florida regions.
 - ▲ TBRPC's Major Highway Study assisted in the Congressional action to add the additional interstate mileage.

- ☞ 1969-70 *Chair, Commissioner Rudy Rodriquez, Hillsborough County*
 - ▲ *Urban Manpower: A Study of the Tampa Bay Region.*
 - ▲ *Housing and the Environment: A Regional Perspective.*

- ☞ 1971 *Chair, Mayor H. Everett Hougen, City of Clearwater*
 - ▲ *Toward a Livable Environment.*
 - ▲ *Regional Health System.*

- ☞ 1972 *Chair, Commissioner Kenneth D. Brumbaugh, Sarasota County*
 - ▲ *Regional Directory* was published.
 - ▲ *Clearinghouse Review Procedures.*

- ☞ 1973 *Chair, Vice-Mayor Sandra L. Rahn, City of Bradenton*
 - ▲ *Courtney Campbell Causeway Tidal Flushing Study.*
 - ▲ *Population: A Comprehensive Analysis for the Tampa Bay Region.*



- ☞ 1974 Chair, Commissioner Walter Voorhees, Pasco County
 - ▲ Area Agency on Aging established.
 - ▲ *Bay Views* –Bi-monthly newsletter started.

- ☞ 1975 Chair, Councilman Joseph L. Chillura, Jr., City of Tampa
 - ▲ *Future of the Region* growth policy adopted.

- ☞ 1976 Chair, Mayor Armand A. Burke, City of Pinellas Park
 - ▲ TBRPC instrumental in working for the formation of the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA).
 - ▲ TBRPC identifies local planning and funding priorities for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

- ☞ 1977 Chair, Mayor Armand A. Burke, City of Pinellas Park
 - ▲ The Council created and adopted the *Regional Comprehensive Plan Guide*.

- ☞ 1978 Chair, Commissioner Ron Norman, City of Sarasota
 - ▲ TBRPC's Stormwater and Lake Systems Management Plan.
 - ▲ Regional Economic Development Plan and Capital Improvements Guides.

- ☞ 1979 Chair, Commissioner Michael Ledbetter, Pasco County
 - ▲ Tri-County Areawide Environmental Impact Study.

- ☞ 1980 Chair, Commissioner Louis Driggers, Manatee County
 - ▲ Regional quantitative hurricane evacuation study completed and used as a model throughout the nation.
 - ▲ Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council formalized with the passage of the Florida Regional Planning Council Act.

- ☞ 1981 Chair, Assistant Mayor Frederick Allen, City of Gulfport
 - ▲ Regional Economic Information Network (REIN) created by TBRPC under an economic development demonstration program.
 - ▲ Completed Local Government Energy Management Plans for 12 governments.

- ☞ 1982 Chair, Commissioner Jan Platt, Hillsborough County
 - ▲ TBRPC was the first to quantify potential losses from hurricanes with its Hurricane Loss Study.
 - ▲ Council named as one of the state's Census Data Affiliates.
 - ▲ Completed Coastal Energy Facilities Siting Study.



- ☞ 1983 *Chair, Mayor George McGough, City of Largo*
 - ▲ Tampa Bay Study Committee, the Tampa Bay Study Commission and the Agency on Bay Management established to provide a comprehensive approach to management of the Bay's resources.

- ☞ 1984 *Chair, Councilwoman Sandra Rahn, City of Bradenton*
 - ▲ State and Regional Planning Act adopted.

- ☞ 1985 *Chair, Joe McFarland, Hillsborough County, Gubernatorial Appointee*
 - ▲ During Hurricane Elena the Tampa Bay region used the information gathered from the Council's quantitative hurricane evacuation studies.

- ☞ 1986 *Chair, Com. Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr., Manatee County*
 - ▲ TBRPC's fast track edition of the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan served as a model for the other 10 regional plans in Florida.

- ☞ 1987 *Chair, Councilman William D. Vannatta, City of Pinellas Park*
 - ▲ "Future of the Region, A Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan (CRPP) for the Tampa Bay Region" adopted.
 - ▲ TBRPC took a leadership role in supporting growth management legislation and streamlining the Development of the Regional Impact (DRI) process.
 - ▲ TBRPC reviewed the first privately owned area-wide Development of Regional Impact, the Westshore DRI in the City of Tampa.

- ☞ 1988 *Chair, Mayor Robert G. Prior, City of New Port Richey*
 - ▲ TBRPC served as the planning agency for 19 municipalities in the Tampa Bay area to implement the state's growth management legislation.

- ☞ 1989 *Chair, Commissioner George Greer, Pinellas County*
 - ▲ Council framed recommendations of proposed development for consideration by local government and other reviewing agencies.
 - ▲ Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is designated.

- ☞ 1990 *Chair, Commissioner Patricia M. Glass, Manatee County*
 - ▲ National Estuary Program established in Tampa Bay.

- ☞ 1991 *Chair, Commissioner Mike Wells, Pasco County*
 - ▲ Regional Air Quality Task Force established.
 - ▲ First Annual Future of the Region Awards Recognition Program is established.



- ☞ 1992 Chair, C. Coleman Stipanovich, Hillsborough County, Gubernatorial Appointee
 - ▲ Future of the Region Committee established to evaluate Council.
 - ▲ “Operation Get Ready” Task Force created.

- ☞ 1993 Chair, Councilman Robert B. Stewart, City of St. Petersburg
 - ▲ Hurricane Recovery Task Force organized.
 - ▲ Convened planning directors to discuss and adopt dispute resolution rules.

- ☞ 1994 Chair, Mayor Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., City of Dade City
 - ▲ Tampa Bay Visioning Task Force established.
 - ▲ Council received the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Award of Excellence for the 1994 Hurricane! Public Information Campaign.

- ☞ 1995 Chair, Councilman Rudolf “Rudy” Fernandez, City of Tampa
 - ▲ Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) adopted and forwarded to the state.
 - ▲ Hurricane Emergency Preparedness program was expanded by printing the 1995 *Hurricane!* Guide in Spanish.
 - ▲ Served as the lead agency in the establishment of the Florida-3 Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

- ☞ 1996 Chair, Commissioner John Gause, Manatee County
 - ▲ New regional newsletter, the *Quarterly Profile* introduced.
 - ▲ *All Hazards* guide produced.

- ☞ 1997 Chair, Councilman Armand A. Burke, Pinellas Park
 - ▲ NARC selected TBRPC to host the 2000 Annual NARC Conference.

- ☞ 1998 Chair, Commissioner Steven M. Seibert, Pinellas County
 - ▲ Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan signed.
 - ▲ First Executive Committee retreat to develop a new mission for the Council.

- ☞ 1999 Chair, Barbara Romano, Hillsborough County, Gubernatorial Appointee
 - ▲ TBRPC secured 10,000 signatures for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program’s own license tag, which is projected to bring more than \$150,000 to the region annually for environmental programs. Legislative sponsors were Senator Jim Sebesta and Representative Bob Henriquez.
 - ▲ Implementation of Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. (REMI).
 - ▲ Received the Outstanding Public Report Award from the Florida Planning and Zoning Association for the Islandwide Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan for Anna Maria Island.



☞ 2000 Chair, Commissioner Chris Hart, Hillsborough County

- ▲ The “Big Picture” Approach: Addressing Land Use, Transportation, Water, and Intergovernmental Coordination from a Regional Perspective.
- ▲ Project Impact: Building a Regional Disaster Resistant Community.
- ▲ Arts and Cultural Funding District.
- ▲ Hosted the National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference with over 800 in attendance.

☞ 2001 Chair, Mayor Pat Whitesel, City of Palmetto

- ▲ Transportation Summit and Exposition.
- ▲ Telecommuting and Telework Tampa Bay Initiative.
- ▲ TampaBayEvents.org

☞ 2002 Chair, Councilman Jerry King, City of Temple Terrace

- ▲ First edition of Visions Magazine is published.
- ▲ First edition of Tampa Bay Soundings is published.
- ▲ Initial Development of Spatial Growth Modeling-Decision Support GIS.
- ▲ Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit- Interactive CD.

☞ 2003 Chair, Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County

- ▲ Ground-breaking for the new office facility, May 12, 2003.
- ▲ Economic Development District Designation
- ▲ Conducted Continuity of Operation Plans for local governments.
- ▲ 40th Anniversary of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- ▲ Began Regional Transit Round-table Meetings.

☞ 2004 Chair, Commissioner Steve Simon, Pasco County

- ▲ New Office facility at 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. was completed.
- ▲ Produced 70,000 copies of the Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit.
- ▲ Economic Analysis program conducted 21 studies.
- ▲ Telework Tampa Bay was launched.

☞ 2005 Chair, Commissioner Jane W. von Hahmann, Manatee County

- ▲ Recipient of the first annual Tampa Bay Business Journals Government Organization of the Year.
- ▲ Hosted the Regional Hurricane Forum.
- ▲ Hosted the Workforce Housing Think Tank.
- ▲ 20th Anniversary of the Agency on Bay Management.
- ▲ Initial Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan (CEDS).



2006 Chair, Mr. Robert Kersteen, Pinellas County, Gubernatorial Appointee

- ▲ 25 Years in Emergency Management Planning.
- ▲ 5th Update of the Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study.
- ▲ Manufacturing Supply Chain Study.
- ▲ Fiscal Impact Analysis Model, (FIAM), Training.
- ▲ Domestic Security Continuity of Operation Plans, Training and Exercise.
- ▲ Introduction of Audience Response Technology.

2007 Chair, Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City, Florida

- ▲ Celebrating Tampa Bay.
- ▲ Reality Check: One Bay Regional Visioning Event.
- ▲ Statewide Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study Update.
- ▲ Developed Statewide Workforce Housing Initiative.
- ▲ Executive Director, Manny L. Pumariaga, receives the Walter Scheiber Award presented by the National Association of Regional Councils.
- ▲ 20th Edition of the Official Hurricane Guide.
- ▲ 15th Anniversary of the Annual Future of the Region Awards.
- ▲ Capital Improvement Element Local Government Training.

2008 Chair, Commissioner Deborah Kynes, City of Dunedin

- ▲ Marque partner in Reality Check Tampa Bay/One Bay
- ▲ Utilized the Council's technical capabilities and GIS expertise to develop alternative growth scenarios and indicators for the One Bay visioning effort.
- ▲ 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards took place in March 2008 with over 280 attendees and 41 entries.
- ▲ Successful completion of the re-financing of the TBRPC building note.
- ▲ The Council's administrative rules were reviewed and revised per Florida State Statutes.
- ▲ Co-hosted with the Tampa Bay Partnership on the Transportation Summit 2008, A Cents of Place.
- ▲ Co-hosted with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council on the Sustainable Solutions: A Multi Regional Approach Workshop.
- ▲ Recipient for the Tampa Bay Partnership's 2008 Chair's Award for the One Bay effort.

2009 Chair, Commissioner William D. Dodson, City of Plant City

- ▲ Hosted the Senate Bill 360 Workshop with over 200 attendees.
- ▲ Continued work on the Statewide Evacuation Study.
- ▲ Marque partner in Reality Check Tampa Bay/One Bay.



- ▲ Costs saving measures were enacted by going to an electronic format for most of the Council's publications. These included the Annual Report, Visions Magazine, The Regional Directory, and the monthly Council Agenda packets.
- ▲ The Council has been awarded and will host the National Association of Regional Council's 2012 Annual Conference.

☞ 2010 Chair, Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County

- ▲ One Bay Regional Visioning Process Continues. www.onebay.org
- ▲ TBRPC launches Get Ready Tampa Bay! the plug-in electric car initiative.
- ▲ Statewide Regional Evacuation Plan is released.
- ▲ In Memoriam: Herman W. Goldner, Nov. 12, 2016-Sept. 9, 2010, founding father of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- ▲ Targeted Industry Cluster & Workforce Competency Study.

☞ 2011 Chair, Vice-Mayor William D. Dodson, City of Plant City

- ▲ TBRPC co-hosts Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness.
- ▲ TBRPC conducts Economic Analysis of a Catastrophic Event in Tampa Bay.
- ▲ Statewide Energy Resiliency Strategy developed.
- ▲ Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program receives national honor-NADO 2011 Innovation Award.
- ▲ Broadband Florida is launched.
- ▲ Electric Vehicle Charging Stations are installed on Council property.

☞ 2012 Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County

- ▲ TBRPC embarks on 50th Year in regional planning, Feb. 16th, 1962-2012.
- ▲ 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee is formed.
- ▲ 50th Anniversary Celebration held March 23, 2012. Over 300 in attendance which included current and former Council Members, current and former Executive Directors, and current and former Employees. Former Chair, Steve Seibert, was the emcee for the event.
- ▲ 20th Annual Future of the Region Awards held March 23, 2012. Over 300 attended and included support from 20 sponsors.
- ▲ TBRPC Hosts the 46th Annual Conference in June for the National Association of Regional Councils. Over 400 attendees from around the nation.
- ▲ The Tampa Bay Regional Collaboration Committee is formed to study ways to better collaborate on issues of regional significance.



2013 Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island

- ▲ TBRPC holds Strategic Planning Session to update the TBRPC Initiatives Plan. The 2013 Initiatives Plan will serve as a guiding document for Council projects and programs.
- ▲ Florida's eleven Regional Planning Council's partnered with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Dept. of Energy, and the Florida Office of Energy to produce the Florida Energy Resiliency Report.
- ▲ 21st Annual Future of the Region Awards recognized 39 projects and programs throughout the region.
- ▲ TBRPC welcomes three new tenants at their office facility: Ready for Life, Inc.; Healthy Start Coalition; and the PACE Center for Girls, Inc.
- ▲ TBRPC and partners completed the innovative broadband planning initiative. Broadband Florida is a planning project designed to improve internet access and affordability in the state of Florida.
- ▲ TBRPC was recognized by the Florida Chamber Foundation for commitments and efforts on behalf of the Six Pillars Strategic Planning Framework.

2014 Mr. Andres "Andy" Nunez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee

- ▲ TBRPC produces *Valuation Study of Tampa Bay*. The study shows that the Bay's watershed is a significant economic driver for industries within our region, both directly and indirectly.
- ▲ 22nd Annual Future of the Region Awards recognized 25 projects and programs throughout the region.
- ▲ TBRPC Principal Planner, Betti Johnson wins the prestigious 2014 Governor's Award for her statewide contributions in the field of Emergency Management.
- ▲ The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) awarded the TBRPC \$100,000.00 through the Coastal Resiliency Networks (Crest) grant program to leverage the existing *ONE BAY: Livable Communities Working Group* for the purpose of improving the Tampa Bay area's regional capacity to withstand adverse impacts associated with sea level rise, storm surge and extreme weather.
- ▲ TBRPC helps make Tampa Bay "Solar Ready." *Solar Ready Florida* is a collaborative effort to improve and expand the solar market in the Tampa Bay and Southwest Florida regions.
- ▲ TBRPC hosts *The New Normal: Fiscal and Demographic Trends Shaping Florida and Tampa Bay*. The forum presented and discussed the demographic trends shaping our region's economic future.
- ▲ TBRPC participated in the Florida Region Council's Association Strategic Planning Session which serves as a future guide for Florida's 10 regional planning councils.



2015 Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County

- ▲ TBRPC hires new Executive Director, Mr. Sean Sullivan, formerly of Boston. His experience is extensive in the arena of transportation planning. Mr. Sullivan has worked with multiple transit agencies, Federal and State agencies, regional planning councils and local governments.
- ▲ TBRPC Welcome two new counties, Citrus County and Hernando County.
- ▲ 23rd Annual Future of the Region Awards was dedicated in memory of Julia Ellison Greene, former TBRPC Executive Director who founded the Future of the Region Awards Program. Her family was also presented with an honorary Herman Golder Regional Leadership in honor of her many contributions to the Tampa Bay region, the State of Florida and nationally. The awards program recognized 36 projects and programs for regional excellence.
- ▲ TBRPC hosts Energy Summit Tampa Bay. Information was presented on technology, trends, and policy issues that affect the energy future of the Tampa Bay region.
- ▲ TBRPC studies Medical Tourism for the Tampa Bay Region.
- ▲ TBRPC partners with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program for the Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium (BASIS 6). BASIS takes place every five years.
- ▲ ONEBAY: Coastal Resiliency-Projection of Sea Level Rise in Tampa Bay.
- ▲ TBRPC conducts economic analysis study for the Florida Strawberry Festival.
- ▲ In partnership with the Southwest Florida RPC, the TBRPC conducted and Advanced Manufacturing Cluster Study.
- ▲ The Pinellas portion of the Courtney Campbell Trail opens to the public.

2016 Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo

- ▲ TBRPC welcomes new Executive Director, Mr. Sean Sullivan, January 2016.
- ▲ 24th Annual Future of the Region Awards held at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg recognized projects in five new categories: Built Environment, Community Preparedness, Natural Environment, Transportation and Mobility, and Economy and Energy.
- ▲ TBRPC hosted a Fall Open House for members and stakeholders.
- ▲ TBRPC begins work on the Coastal Trail project which included a rural overlay study, assets and opportunities inventory atlas, branding and design guidance.
- ▲ Bay Soundings celebrates 15th year of publication.
- ▲ Courtney Campbell Causeway celebrates 11 years as a Florida Scenic Highway. The Council played a pivotal role in this important designation.
- ▲ TBRPC completed the Medical Tourism Study.
- ▲ The Economic Analysis Program completed 20 projects during 2016, including “The Cost of Doing Nothing” on Tampa Bay Sea Level Rise.



- ▲ The Tarpon Specialty License Plate reached \$1.94 million raised in Tampa Bay since its inception.
 - ▲ Over 370,000 copies of the official Disaster Planning Guide was produced for 8 counties in English and Spanish.
- ☞ *2016 Vice Mayor Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton*
- ▲ TBRPC hosts successful Transportation Summit, *Renovations in Regional Transportation*. The summit presenters included transportation experts from the Tampa Bay region, the state of Florida, the Federal Transportation Administration, and the San Diego Council of Governments. Over 250 attendees participated in the February summit.
 - ▲ TBRPC hosts the 25th Annual Future of the Region Awards at the Hilton Carillon Park hotel on April 28, 2017.
 - ▲ TBRPC completed the five-year update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
 - ▲ TBRPC began work on Phase II of the Coast to Coast Trail.
 - ▲ TBRPC hosted several “Peril of Flood” (SB 1094) Local Government Technical Assistance Workshops to assist local governments with the 2015 Peril of Flood Act requirements.