



Working Group

October 4, 2013

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. Suite 100

Pinellas Park, FL 33782

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Agenda

1. Imagine Hillsborough 2040

Presenter: Shawn College, Executive Planner
Hillsborough City-County Planning Commission

This summer, citizens across Hillsborough County were invited to share thoughts and new ideas with respect to the Imagine 2040 planning scenarios in a variety of ways – from small neighborhood meetings to large community events and through technology, so anyone can have their say on how Hillsborough should grow without having to leave the comfort of home. This fall, all of the smart solutions and big ideas will be pieced into a final scenario representing the choice and voice of the community. In the fall, approval will be sought from the Planning Commission and MPO Board on this preferred scenario. The Imagine 2040 scenario will be used by the Florida Department of Transportation to update travel demand forecasting and will ultimately serve as the vision for improved quality of life as the Comprehensive Plans and 2040 Transportation Plan are updated in 2014. <http://www.planhillsborough.org/plan2040/>

2. Who's Checking in to Downtown Tampa? How location-based social media helps with visioning.

Presenter: Randy Goers, Urban Planning Coordinator
City of Tampa

Will location-based social media become planners' new best friend? The city of Tampa Planning Division is trying to answer this question by mapping and analyzing trends derived from data from Foursquare, the location-based social network, which lets people "check in" to places using their mobile phones. The goal is to determine if social media data can be used to inform planning and redevelopment decisions.

http://www.tampagov.net/dept_planning/files/InVision_Tampa/tampa_foursquare.pdf

3. Bradenton Riverwalk

Presenter: David M. Gustafson, Executive Director
Bradenton Downtown Development Authority

Well-designed public spaces that offer high-quality events promote quality of life and economic development. In addition to aesthetic and recreational benefits, parks also provide positive financial impact by enhancing property values, increasing municipal revenue, and attracting businesses, homebuyers, visitors, and retirees.

For these reasons, the Downtown Development Authority and Realize Bradenton joined forces with many other partners to transform the shoreline of the Manatee River into today's spectacular Bradenton Riverwalk. The redeveloped park opened October 18, 2012. <http://www.realizebradenton.com/index.php/riverwalk>

4. Courtney Campbell Trail

Presenter: Suzanne Cooper, Principal Planner
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The Hillsborough County side of the Courtney Campbell Trail opened August 30, 2013 to walkers, bicyclists, in-line skaters and joggers. The Pinellas County side of the trail is scheduled to be completed in 2014. When finished, the path will be a part of a nine-mile scenic trail on the south side of the Courtney Campbell Causeway. At both ends, the trail is expected to link with other pedestrian/bike paths in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, providing cross-bay connectivity for the Tampa Bay region's trail network. Amenities such as benches, shaded structures, information kiosks and expanded parking for the pedestrian bridge are planned for trail users. A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Hillsborough side of the span is scheduled for November 16th. <http://tbo.com/news/courtney-campbell-causeway-trail-bridge-opens-20130910/>

5. Tampa Bay Water Long-Term Master Water Plan Update

Presenter: Ivana K. Blankenship, Planning and Outreach Program Manager
Tampa Bay Water

Tampa Bay Water is currently updating the 2013 Long-Term Master Water Plan. Seven project concepts were identified by Tampa Bay Water staff and approved by the agency's board of directors for further study as part of the previous Long-Term Master Water Plan update in 2008. During this planning cycle, no new projects will need to be built due to decreased demands in our region. These project concepts have been carried forward into the current Long-Term Master Water Plan update. Over the next 5 years, the seven project concepts will be analyzed further to determine if they are feasible for construction and operation when new water supplies are needed. In addition to these seven project concepts, Tampa Bay Water will study the current water supply system to determine if there are operational efficiencies that could yield additional water supply within existing permits and facilities. <http://www.tampabaywater.org/FutureWater/FutureWater.aspx>

6. Florida Energy Resiliency Strategy

Presenter: Patrick O'Neil, Senior Planner
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The Florida Regional Planning Councils in association with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, and the Florida Office of Energy are identifying strategies to diversify Florida's energy future and reduce reliance on foreign energy sources. Energy resiliency represents efforts to improve the ability or capability to recover from an energy supply disruption. This includes actions or activities that lessen the impact by reducing the magnitude, geographic extent, or time frame associated with an energy supply disruption. A system that is more energy resilient is expected to experience a less widespread energy supply disruption and may experience the disruption for a shorter length of time. The diversification of energy sources through the increased use of domestically available renewable energy is a critical element in enhancing energy resiliency in Florida. <http://www.florida-energy.org/>

7. Regional Round-up

Presenters: Working Group Participants

Please come prepared to share new planning initiatives or update ongoing activities that further the One Bay Livable Communities Vision and Guiding Principles.

- 8. 2014 Meeting Schedule – February 7, 2014 – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**
May, 2, 2014 – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
October 3, 2014 – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM