# **TBARTA**: Past, Present & Future

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### **TBARTA History**

#### 2007 - 2017:

- Tampa Bay Area Regional *Transportation* Authority
- Seven County Region: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota
- Purpose: Improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for passengers and freight
- Merged with *Bay Area Commuter Services* in 2010
- Regional Transportation Master Plan



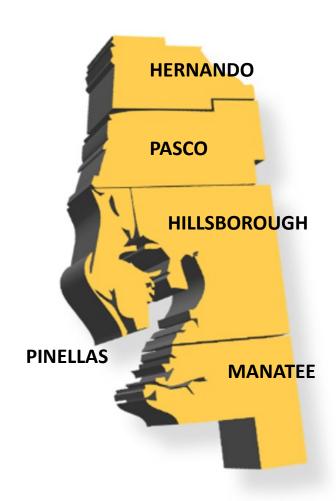
### **TBARTA History**

### 2017 – Present:

Legislature changed to Tampa Bay Regional *Transit* Authority



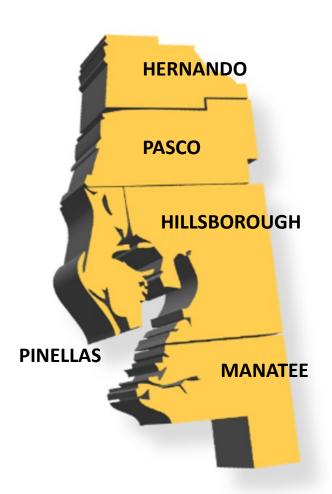
- Five County Region: Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas
- Reduced to 13 voting members
- Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP)





### Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP)

- 10-Year Strategic Blueprint for Regional Transit Vision
- Requirement for Funding of Future Projects
- Defines TBARTA Organizational & Financial Strategy
- Examines Regional Peers and Case Studies
- Establishes Implementation and Action Plan
- Identifies Regional Projects for Early Implementation
- Major Update Every 5 Years





# **Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP)**



Public Outreach **Baseline Conditions** 

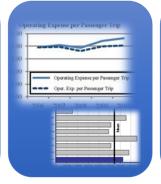
**Evaluation** of Services

Situation Appraisal Transit
Demand &
Mobility
Needs

Goals,
Objectives
& Policies











Efficient & Accessible Regional Intermodal Transportation Network

ioal 1: Increase community wareness and support to improve nd fund public transit meeting the nulti-modal mobility needs of the ommunity.

Goal 2: Enhance our efficient, safe, clean, attractive, and interconnected multi-modal transportation systems.

Goal 3: Develop and enhance sustainable transportation facilities at the Port and Airport to meet the demands of travelers, businesses an the community.

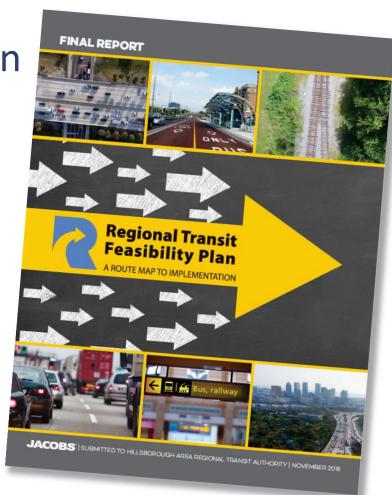
Final Report due to FDOT by September 2020



# Regional Rapid Transit (BRT Project)

Origination: Regional Transit Feasibility Plan

- Which projects best serve our region today while supporting tomorrow's growth?
- Which projects have the greatest potential to be funded and implemented?
- Which projects are most forward thinking and make the best use of today's technology?



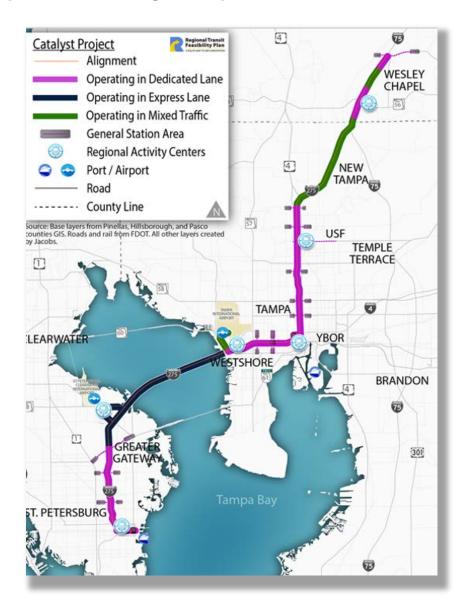




# **Regional Rapid Transit (BRT Project)**

- RTFP Identified Concept, Corridor, Mode
- Transit Route along I-275
- Connects Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Westshore, Gateway, St. Petersburg
- Competes Effectively for Grants



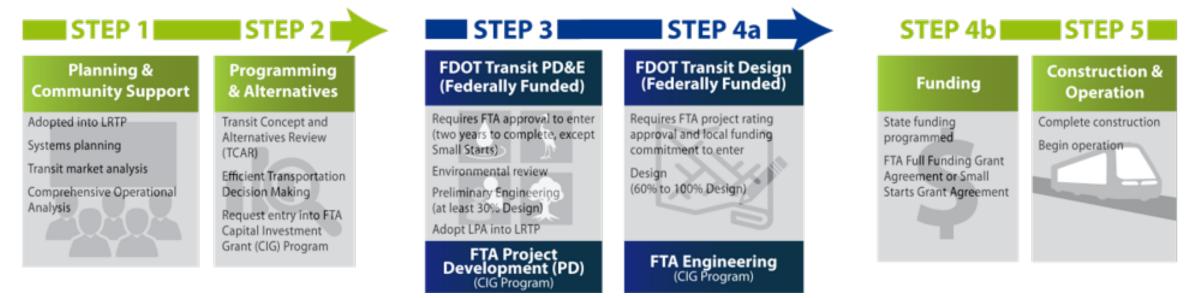




### Regional Rapid Transit (BRT Project)

# Today: Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E)

- Length and Location of Dedicated Lanes?
- Number, Location and Type of Stations?
- Potential for Economic Development?
- Governance and Funding?



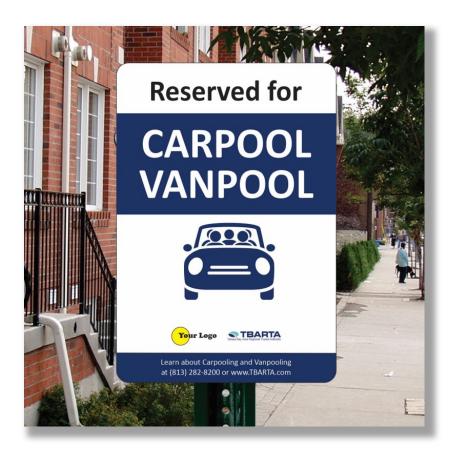


### **TBARTA Commuter Services**

Carpool, Vanpool, Biking, Walking, Public Transit, Telecommuting

#### **BENEFITS**:

- Reduces highway congestion
- Cost savings for commuters
- Cleaner air from lower vehicle emissions
- Less driving stress
- Benefits for employers including tax incentives, employee retention, community recognition





### **TBARTA Commuter Services**

# Vanpooling

- 7-10 employees ride together to save money
- Group shares expenses, including lease, maintenance, fuel
- Federal subsidy offsets \$400 per month
- Tax incentives available to participating employers
- TBARTA partners with Commute Enterprise

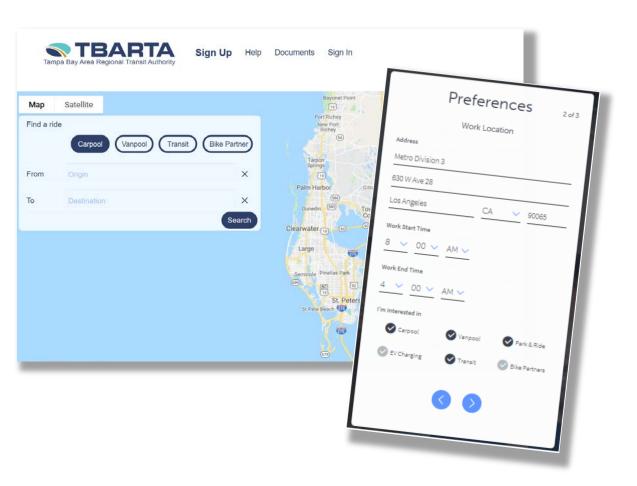






### **TBARTA Commuter Services**

### RideMatch available on TBARTA.com



### **Emergency Ride Home Program**

- For those who use a commute alternative
- Up to 4 times per year
- Covers personal & family emergencies



- Covers only ride home from work, cannot be used going to work
- Available to eligible employees and students who use a commute alternative at least twice per week



# **Moving Forward**

### \$1 Million to Study Transit Innovation

- AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES
- SMART CITY INNOVATIONS
- MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION
- HYPERLOOP
- ZERO-EMISSIONS TRANSIT

### Establish FTA Grantee Status

- FINANCIAL
- LEGAL
- TECHNICAL

Staff Development
Florida Legislative Initiatives







**David Green** 

**Executive Director**