

2035 Plan On Track with Our Vision



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Definitions

- **Multi-modal Transportation** – Various ways to travel including: walking, biking, driving, buses and trains, and the facilities to accommodate these modes and how they relate to each other.
- **Complete Streets** – Designed to be accessible, comfortable and safe for all users – walkers, bikers, drivers, transit riders, children, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Some characteristics include sidewalks separated from traffic, marked bike lanes, bus lanes, accessible transit stops, buildings oriented toward the roadway (not parking lots), and ample pedestrian crossings.
- **Livable Roadways** – Concept that balances design and aesthetics with issues of roadway safety and function; a livable roadway creates a balance among all modes of transportation by improving facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, the appearance of auto-oriented commercial corridors, landscape and maintenance of public rights-of-way, the perceived level of safety of roadway users, and roadway functionality.

Public Transit

- According to AAA, the cost of owning, operating, and maintaining a vehicle is roughly \$8,000 per year for a mid-sized sedan. With the cost of parking added, the cost goes up to over \$9,000 per year (American Public Transportation Association, APTA). If your family could go with one fewer car and take public transportation instead, think of what you could do with the extra money!

- Riding public transit saves you money, is easy, safe, and efficient. It also reduces the wear and tear on your personal vehicle and saves on maintenance costs.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility

- Every trip begins and ends with a walk trip. Whether you are walking to your car from your house, or walking to the transit station down the street, we need to make sure the facilities are in place that can get you there safely.

Transit Oriented Development

- Transit oriented development (TOD) is a way to focus growth while creating attractive, sustainable communities that encourage walking, biking, and transit usage.
- Benefits of TOD include better air quality, preservation of our natural areas, walkable communities where pedestrians and cyclists can get around safer and easier, and increased use of public transportation.

Congestion

- An average commuter in Tampa Bay spends an extra 46 hours per year sitting in traffic. This costs us a total of \$1 billion annually – that averages out to more than \$800 per commuter!

Economic Development

- Investing in transportation brings about economic benefits. For every dollar that's invested in transit, research shows that as much as \$6 is generated in economic returns.

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Creating Jobs

- Businesses regularly consider the availability of public transportation when determining where they will relocate or build new facilities.
- According to APTA, the American Public Transportation Association, for every billion dollars invested in public transportation infrastructure, 47,500 jobs are supported.

Safer Roads and Evacuation

- A safe, efficient evacuation strategy is a necessity. Having different options to get people out of the area will expedite the process – some can leave in cars, some on buses, and in the future, some even on trains – especially for those who can't drive or who do not own a car.

Connecting Communities

- The Hillsborough County MPO is committed to a vision for our future that will improve our livability, sustainability, mobility, accessibility, and connectivity.
- In 2035, we want to be well-connected among places where people live, work, shop, and play in Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay region.
- Whether we focus on walking and biking access, paratransit service, or easy and affordable access to places around the region, we need to make sure everyone has transportation choices, no matter their income, age, or physical ability.

Cost

- We need to make an investment to improve Hillsborough County's transportation future.
- The cost to build everything needed in the 2035 Transportation Plan will exceed \$21 billion.
- Completing all of the transportation projects we need by 2035 will be very expensive, but if we wait, the cost will continue to climb, and our needs will continue to grow.

Funding Sources

- Hillsborough County has available Impact Fees, Fuel Tax, and the Community Investment Tax to pay for some of our transportation needs, but even with all of the funding available, there is still a significant shortfall.
- There are several federal programs that provide funding for major transportation infrastructure and transit projects, but to secure that money (which could pay for 50 percent or more of the cost to build a project), we need to be willing to pay for some of it ourselves with local funding.
- Local funding comes from many different sources. Since we don't currently have enough money to pay for everything we need, we'll have to identify a way to generate more revenue through existing or brand new sources.

Protecting Our Environment

- Public transportation is a responsible environmental choice; it offers an immediate alternative for individuals seeking to reduce their energy use and carbon footprints.
- Taking public transportation far exceeds the combined benefits of using energy-efficient light bulbs, adjusting thermostats, weathering one's home, and replacing a refrigerator.
- One of the most significant positive effects a family can have on the environment is to carpool or use public transportation instead of driving alone.

Accessibility for All

- In Hillsborough County the number of people considered Transportation Disadvantaged is approaching half-a-million.
- Public transportation is a vital link for the more than 51 million Americans with disabilities. It also provides much needed transportation to the millions of Americans that cannot afford to own a car or cannot drive, but need to get to their jobs, doctors offices, or the grocery store.