

# 2035 Plan On Track with Our Vision



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## Regional Economics

- The Tampa Bay region is the 19th largest metropolitan area in the country by population, and the 13th largest television market.
- Tampa Bay's economic center is Hillsborough County, home to the Tampa International Airport and Florida's largest deepwater port. Eleven percent of Pinellas County workers and 24 percent of Pasco County workers commute to Hillsborough County.
- Tampa's transportation system keeps the regional economy moving. The amount of traffic in Hillsborough County is more than twice that of any nearby county.



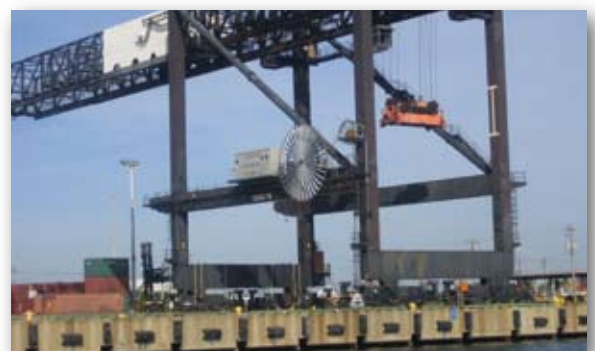
## Competitive Advantage

- Economic activity means better access to jobs; less wasted time due to congestion; increased productivity; and spin-off increases in activity through suppliers and services.
- Hillsborough County's ability to maintain and expand our economic competitiveness with other regions is directly affected by the quality of our connections between destinations.



## Transportation Factoids

- Only 13 percent of Hillsborough County residents and jobs have access to frequent transit service.
- In the Tampa Bay metro area, working families spend an average of \$10,600 per year or 33 percent of their household income on transportation – making it one of the most expensive transportation areas in the nation!



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## Transportation Funding

- Funding for improvements projects comes from federal, state, and local sources and in some cases, public-private partnerships.
- There is a significant gap (about \$15 billion) between costs and available funding for transportation facilities that are needed to achieve goals such as congestion reduction and crash reduction.
- On average, the State of Florida gets back only
  - 86 cents on every \$1 of federal gas tax paid in highway project funding, and
  - 63 cents on every \$1 of federal gas tax paid in transit project funding.
- According to a 2008 study by the Center for Urban Transportation Research, funding shortfalls for transportation are prevalent around the state of Florida, and have been growing.
  - Shortfalls were highest in areas with rapid growth and reliance on state and federal funding sources, such as Hillsborough County.

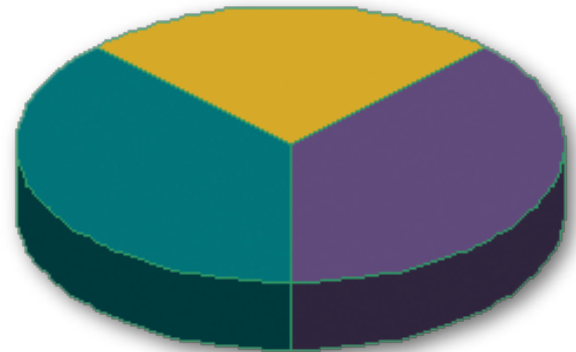
## The 2035 Plan for Hillsborough County Proposed Improvements



### \$11.9 B in Capital Funding for:

- Transit (48%)
- Roadways (50%)
- Pedestrian, Cycling & Smart Signals (2%)

## Proposed Sales Tax Would Fund:



■ 25% Non-Transit Facilities

75% Transit Facilities

■ 1/2 Rail

■ 1/2 Bus

## Proposed Local Sales Tax

- Sales taxes are paid by residents, commuters who reside in other counties, tourists, and businesses.
- Based on 2008 IRS tax tables of the amount of sales tax paid by average income households in Hillsborough County suggests:
  - The average family household would pay \$142 per year, and
  - The average solitary householder would pay \$85 per year.
- The proposed tax is planned to supplement county and city funds for major roads, and to support an expansion of the bus system.
  - This bus system expansion will tie into the rail lines and connect to neighborhoods and outlying areas.

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