

Tampa Bay Applications Group

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FDOT District Seven Office from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Auditorium Opens at 11:30 a.m.)

Future Corridors Action Plan

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Secretary Prasad's "Florida's 21st Century Transportation Vision" called for planning a transportation system that maintains our economic competitiveness by meeting today's needs as well as our needs for decades to come. In 2006, FDOT (in cooperation with partners and stakeholders throughout the state) developed the Future Corridors Action Plan, which provided policy direction for a statewide network of high-speed, high-capacity corridors critical to the state's continued growth over the next 50 years.

The 2060 Florida Transportation Plan calls for Florida to make its most significant transportation decisions in the context of long-rang visions about the future growth and development of Florida's regions, and the state as a whole. The plan further reaffirmed the need to:

- Transform SIS facilities to provide multimodal options for moving people and freight.
- Improve connectivity to existing and emerging regional employment centers and economically productive rural lands.
- Make responsible decisions about where transportation facilities are located.

This presentation will cover the following topics: Why future corridors?; the policy framework for future corridors; the initial study areas; the planning and screening process; and What's next for the Future Corridors Action Plan?

MetroRapid Breaks Ground

Les Weakland, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit

HART recently broke ground on its first Bus Rapid Transit system called MetroRapid. The 17.5-mile route will run between the new Hidden River park-and-ride lot located near I-75 and Fletcher Avenue to downtown Tampa at the Marion St. Transit Center.

MetroRapid will operate along Fletcher Ave and Nebraska Ave and will serve 59 stations. New fiber optic cables running along the route allow the buses to utilize transit signal priority to enhance reliability and travel times. Enhanced MetroRapid stations will include shelters, benches, lighting, and real-time passenger information. This presentation will provide a summary of the MetroRapid project and scheduled completion dates for a fully-operational system.



Source: Metro Magazine

HART Breaks Ground on MetroRapid – an Exciting new BRT System Serving Hillsborough County

"Local officials at the event: (L-R) HART CEO Philip Hale, HART Board Director John Melendez, Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandra Murman, Tampa City Councilman Mike Suarez, HART Board Chair Fran Davin, HART Board Vice Chair Dr. Steve Polzin, Hillsborough County Commissioner Kevin Beckner."

District Seven – An Action Plan for Managed Lanes

Manuel Santos, Managed Lanes Project Manager, Kirk Bogen, PD&E Project Manager

The FDOT District Seven is studying opportunities for implementation of managed lanes to further promote the District's goals for improving the long-term mobility of our residents. The District has several projects underway to assess the feasibility of the implementation of managed lanes along the District's most heavily traveled interstate corridors.

The District has been proactive in coordinating and making presentations to key regional transportation agencies, such as the 4 MPO's in the District and local technical and citizen advisory committees, to discuss the concept of managed lanes, and how this type of improvement may be applicable to our region. This sharing of knowledge and examples from across the U.S. is a critical component of the District's emphasis on regional and local coordination.

This presentation will cover several important key factors including the generally accepted definition of managed lanes, potential benefits including improvement in speeds, and examples of managed lanes throughout the U.S. The District 7 managed lane action plan and identified corridors will be discussed, as well as an update of the PD&E/Feasibility studies underway in District 7.