

# Tampa Bay Applications Group

## Protecting the Environment: An Integral Part of the Transportation Process

May 22, 2014

FDOT District 7 Auditorium, 11201 N. McKinley Ave., Tampa FL 33612

12:00pm - 2:00pm

(Auditorium Opens at 11:30am)

ALL are Welcome - Meeting is FREE - Bring Your Own Lunch

**Environmental Management and Permitting: FDOT's Process for ETDM, PD&E and Design/Permitting**  
**Nicole Selly, FDOT D7, Environmental Management**  
**Virginia Creighton, FDOT D7, Design/Environmental Permits**



FDOT's responsibilities include a variety of disciplines that must be addressed during the transportation planning process. This presentation will highlight how the Environmental Management and Design/Environmental Permits Departments support the transportation process. A summary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) and Project Development and Environment (PD&E) project delivery processes will be provided, as well as how the projects move through the design/environmental permitting and construction stages.

**Addressing the Environment: Howard Frankland Bridge Northbound Bridge Replacement PD&E Study**  
**Christopher Salicco, Environmental Sciences, American Consulting Engineers**

As part of the proposed Howard Frankland Bridge Northbound Bridge Replacement PD&E Study; environmental analyses were conducted to determine habitat types and potential species within the project area, including agency database reviews, field reviews, seagrass surveys, and agency coordination. This presentation will highlight how the FDOT followed the required PD&E/NEPA protection measures and the commitments made to assure that adverse environmental impacts to listed species and suitable habitat within the vicinity of the project corridor will not occur.

**Fort Hamer Bridge: Following the PD&E/NEPA Process with Manatee County as the Applicant**  
**Kent Bontrager, Manatee County, Project Manager**  
**Tom Pride and Terry Cartwright, Environmental Sciences, URS Corporation Southern**

Originally started as a LAP-agreement project between Manatee County, FDOT District One and FHWA, the Fort Hamer Bridge project is located along the Manatee River. The proposed bridge crossing involves several environmental issues such as potential impacts to the historical/archaeological boundaries of the original Fort Hamer, which existed in the late-1800s and plays a significant role in the history of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Under the direction of the US Coast Guard, the applicant (Manatee County) was required to fulfill the NEPA process due to the need for a US Coast Guard bridge permit. This presentation will address how the project used FDOT's PD&E process as the guide to adhering to NEPA requirements.

**Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway and Trail: Promoting Tampa Bay's Unique Physical Environment**  
**Bill Jonson, Clearwater City Councilmember**

Construction of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway and Trail is underway. The Hillsborough portion was opened to the public in fall of 2013 and the Pinellas portion is currently under construction. This presentation will briefly cover the schedule for completion in Pinellas. In addition, it will highlight the process for gaining a scenic highway and trail designation.



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