Historical Timeline

1962-2015

- **1962** Chair and Founder, Herman W. Goldner, City of St. Petersburg
  - The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council became the first regional planning council in the State of Florida.

- **1963-64** Chair, Councilman W. Douglas West, City of Tampa

- **1965** Chair, Commissioner Rudy Rodriguez, Hillsborough County

- **1966** Chair, Commissioner Richard P. Briggs, Manatee County

- **1967** Chair, Commissioner George J. Ruppel, Pinellas County
  - Analysis of Development Factors.
  - Planning and Development in the Region.

- **1968** Chair, Commissioner D. William Overton, City of Sarasota
  - TBRPC’s Airport Systems Plan took a first look at systems planning for the region and became a model used by the Federal Aviation Administration to develop regional airport systems for all urban Florida regions.
  - TBRPC’s Major Highway Study assisted in the Congressional action to add the additional interstate mileage.

- **1969-70** Chair, Commissioner Rudy Rodriguez, Hillsborough County
  - Urban Manpower: A Study of the Tampa Bay Region.
  - Housing and the Environment: A Regional Perspective.

- **1971** Chair, Mayor H. Everett Hougen, City of Clearwater
  - Toward a Livable Environment.
  - Regional Health System.

- **1972** Chair, Commissioner Kenneth D. Brumbaugh, Sarasota County
  - Regional Directory was published.
  - Clearinghouse Review Procedures.

- **1973** Chair, Vice-Mayor Saundra L. Rahn, City of Bradenton
  - Courtney Campbell Causeway Tidal Flushing Study.
  - Population: A Comprehensive Analysis for the Tampa Bay Region.
1974 Chair, Commissioner Walter Voorhees, Pasco County
Area Agency on Aging established.
Bay Views - Bi-monthly newsletter started.

1975 Chair, Councilman Joseph L. Chillura, Jr., City of Tampa
Future of the Region growth policy adopted.

1976 Chair, Mayor Armand A. Burke, City of Pinellas Park
TBRPC instrumental in working for the formation of the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA).
TBRPC identifies local planning and funding priorities for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

1977 Chair, Mayor Armand A. Burke, City of Pinellas Park
The Council created and adopted the Regional Comprehensive Plan Guide.

1978 Chair, Commissioner Ron Norman, City of Sarasota
Regional Economic Development Plan and Capital Improvements Guides.

1979 Chair, Commissioner Michael Ledbetter, Pasco County
Tri-County Area wide Environmental Impact Study.

1980 Chair, Commissioner Louis Driggers, Manatee County
Regional quantitative hurricane evacuation study completed and used as a model throughout the nation.
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council formalized with the passage of the Florida Regional Planning Council Act.

1981 Chair, Assistant Mayor Frederick Allen, City of Gulfport
Regional Economic Information Network (REIN) created by TBRPC under an economic development demonstration program.

1982 Chair, Commissioner Jan Platt, Hillsborough County
TBRPC was the first to quantify potential losses from hurricanes with its Hurricane Loss Study.
Council named as one of the state’s Census Data Affiliates.
Completed Coastal Energy Facilities Siting Study.
1983 Chair, Mayor George McGough, City of Largo
Tampa Bay Study Committee, the Tampa Bay Study Commission and the Agency on Bay Management established to provide a comprehensive approach to management of the Bay’s resources.

1984 Chair, Councilwoman Sandra Rahn, City of Bradenton
State and Regional Planning Act adopted.

1985 Chair, Joe McFarland, Hillsborough Count, Gubernatorial Appointee
During Hurricane Elena the Tampa Bay region used the information gathered from the Council’s quantitative hurricane evacuation studies.

1986 Chair, Com. Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr., Manatee County
TBRPC’s fast track edition of the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan served as a model for the other 10 regional plans in Florida.

1987 Chair, Councilman William D. Vannatta, City of Pinellas Park
“Future of the Region, A Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan (CRPP) for the Tampa Bay Region” adopted.
TBRPC took a leadership role in supporting growth management legislation and streamlining the Development of the Regional Impact (DRI) process.
TBRPC reviewed the first privately owned area-wide Development of Regional Impact, the Westshore DRI in the City of Tampa.

1988 Chair, Mayor Robert G. Prior, City of New Port Richey
TBRPC served as the planning agency for 19 municipalities in the Tampa Bay area to implement the state’s growth management legislation.

1989 Chair, Commissioner George Greer, Pinellas County
Council framed recommendations of proposed development for consideration by local government and other reviewing agencies.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is designated.

1990 Chair, Commissioner Patricia M. Glass, Manatee County
National Estuary Program established in Tampa Bay.
1991 Chair, Commissioner Mike Wells, Pasco County
- Area Agency on Aging provided input and assistance to the state for the creation of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.
- Regional Air Quality Task Force established.
- First Annual Future of the Region Awards Recognition Program is established.

1992 Chair, C. Coleman Stipanovich, Hillsborough County, Gubernatorial Appointee
- Future of the Region Committee established to evaluate Council.
- “Operation Get Ready” Task Force created.

1993 Chair, Councilman Robert B. Stewart, City of St. Petersburg
- Hurricane Recovery Task Force organized.
- Convened planning directors to discuss and adopt dispute resolution rules.

1994 Chair, Mayor Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., City of Dade City
- Tampa Bay Visioning Task Force established.
- Council received the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Award of Excellence for the 1994 Hurricane! Public Information Campaign.

1995 Chair, Councilman Rudolf “Rudy” Fernandez, City of Tampa
- Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) adopted and forwarded to the state.
- Hurricane Emergency Preparedness program was expanded by printing the 1995 Hurricane! Guide in Spanish.
- Served as the lead agency in the establishment of the Florida-3 Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

1996 Chair, Commissioner John Gause, Manatee County
- New regional newsletter, the Quarterly Profile introduced.
- All Hazards guide produced.

1997 Chair, Councilman Armand A. Burke, Pinellas Park
- NARC selected TBRPC to host the 2000 Annual NARC Conference.

1998 Chair, Commissioner Steven M. Seibert, Pinellas County
- Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan signed.
- First Executive Committee retreat to develop a new mission for the Council.
**1999 Chair, Barbara Romano, Hillsborough County, Gubernatorial Appointee**
- TBRPC secured 10,000 signatures for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program’s own license tag, which is projected to bring more than $150,000 to the region annually for environmental programs. Legislative sponsors were Senator Jim Sebesta and Representative Bob Henriquez.
- Implementation of Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. (REMI).
- Received the Outstanding Public Report Award from the Florida Planning and Zoning Association for the Islandwide Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan for Anna Maria Island.

**2000 Chair, Commissioner Chris Hart, Hillsborough County**
- The “Big Picture” Approach: Addressing Land Use, Transportation, Water, and Intergovernmental Coordination from a Regional Perspective.
- Project Impact: Building a Regional Disaster Resistant Community.
- Arts and Cultural Funding District.
- Hosted the National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference with over 800 in attendance.

**2001 Chair, Mayor Pat Whitesel, City of Palmetto**
- Transportation Summit and Exposition.
- Telecommuting and Telework Tampa Bay Initiative.
- TampaBayEvents.org

**2002 Chair, Councilman Jerry King, City of Temple Terrace**
- First edition of Visions Magazine is published.
- First edition of Tampa Bay Soundings is published.
- Initial Development of Spatial Growth Modeling-Decision Support GIS.
- Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit- Interactive CD.

**2003 Chair, Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County**
- Economic Development District Designation
- Conducted Continuity of Operation Plans for local governments.
- 40th Anniversary of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Began Regional Transit Round-table Meetings.
2004 Chair, Commissioner Steve Simon, Pasco County
- New Office facility at 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. was completed.
- Produced 70,000 copies of the Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit.
- Economic Analysis program conducted 21 studies.
- Telework Tampa Bay was launched.

2005 Chair, Commissioner Jane W. von Hahmann, Manatee County
- Recipient of the first annual Tampa Bay Business Journals Government Organization of the Year.
- Hosted the Regional Hurricane Forum.
- Hosted the Workforce Housing Think Tank.
- 20th Anniversary of the Agency on Bay Management.

2006 Chair, Mr. Robert Kersteen, Pinellas County, Gubernatorial Appointee
- 25 Years in Emergency Management Planning.
- 5th Update of the Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study.
- Manufacturing Supply Chain Study.
- Fiscal Impact Analysis Model, (FIAM), Training.
- Introduction of Audience Response Technology.

2007 Chair, Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City, Florida
- Celebrating Tampa Bay.
- Reality Check: One Bay Regional Visioning Event.
- Statewide Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study Update.
- Developed Statewide Workforce Housing Initiative.
- Executive Director, Manny L. Pumariega, receives the Walter Scheiber Award presented by the National Association of Regional Councils.
- 15th Anniversary of the Annual Future of the Region Awards.
- Capital Improvement Element Local Government Training.
2008 Chair, Commissioner Deborah Kynes, City of Dunedin
- Marque partner in Reality Check Tampa Bay/One Bay
- Utilized the Council’s technical capabilities and GIS expertise to develop alternative growth scenarios and indicators for the One Bay visioning effort.
- 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards took place in March 2008 with over 280 attendees and 41 entries.
- Successful completion of the re-financing of the TBRPC building note.
- The Council’s administrative rules were reviewed and revised per Florida State Statutes.
- Co-hosted with the Tampa Bay Partnership on the Transportation Summit 2008, A Cents of Place.
- Co-hosted with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council on the Sustainable Solutions: A Multi Regional Approach Workshop.
- Recipient for the Tampa Bay Partnership’s 2008 Chair’s Award for the One Bay effort.

2009 Chair, Commissioner Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
- Continued work on the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES).
- Strategies were developed by the One Bay Technical Team to implement the One Bay Regional Visioning Plan.
- Hosted the Senate Bill 360 workshop with 200 participants.
- Hosted the 17th Annual Future of the Region Awards.
- The fifth Tampa Bay Area Scientific Symposium (BASIS 5) was held.
- Continued work on the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan.
- Produced the 2009 Official Hurricane Guide in English and Spanish.
- Began work on the Tampa Bay Catastrophic Plan-Project Phoenix.
- Awarded by the National Association of Regional Council’s Hosts for the 2012 Annual Conference.
- Bay Soundings, environmental journal, reached a distribution of 30,000 per quarterly issue.
2010 Chair, Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County
- One Bay Regional Visioning Process Continues. [www.onebay.org](http://www.onebay.org)
- TBRPC launches Get Ready Tampa Bay! the plug-in electric car initiative.
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Plan is released.
- In Memoriam: Herman W. Goldner, Nov. 12, 2016-Sept. 9, 2010, founding father of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Targeted Industry Cluster & Workforce Competency Study.

2011 Chair, Vice-Mayor William D. Dodson, City of Plant City
- TBRPC co-hosts Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness.
- TBRPC conducts Economic Analysis of a Catastrophic Event in Tampa Bay.
- Statewide Energy Resiliency Strategy developed.
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program receives national honor-NADO 2011 Innovation Award.
- Broadband Florida is launched.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations are installed on Council property.

2012 Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County
- TBRPC embarks on 50th Year in regional planning, Feb. 16th, 1962-2012.
- 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee is formed.
- 50th Anniversary Celebration held March 23, 2012. Over 300 in attendance which included current and former Council Members, current and former Executive Directors, and current and former Employees. Former Chair, Steve Seibert, was the emcee for the event.
- 20th Annual Future of the Region Awards held March 23, 2012. Over 300 attended and included support from 20 sponsors.
- TBRPC Hosts the 46th Annual Conference in June for the National Association of Regional Councils. Over 400 attendees from around the nation.
- The Tampa Bay Regional Collaboration Committee is formed to study ways to better collaborate on issues of regional significance.

2013 Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island
- TBRPC holds Strategic Planning Session to update the TBRPC Initiatives Plan. The 2013 Initiatives Plan will serve as a guiding document for Council projects and programs.
Florida’s eleven Regional Planning Council’s partnered with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Florida Office of Energy to produce the Florida Energy Resiliency Report.

21st Annual Future of the Region Awards recognized 39 projects and programs throughout the region.

TBRPC welcomes three new tenants at their office facility: Ready for Life, Inc.; Healthy Start Coalition; and the PACE Center for Girls.

TBRPC and partners completed an innovative broadband planning initiative. Broadband Florida is a planning project designed to improve internet access and affordability in the state of Florida.

TBRPC was recognized by the Florida Chamber Foundation for commitments and efforts on behalf of the Six Pillars Strategic Planning Framework.

2014. Mr. Andres “Andy” Nunez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee

TBRPC produces the Valuation Study of Tampa Bay. The study shows that the Bay’s watershed is a significant economic driver for industries within our region, both directly and indirectly.

23rd Annual Future of the Region Awards recognized 35 projects and programs throughout the region.

TBRPC Principal Planner, Betti Johnson wins the prestigious 2014 Governor’s Award for her statewide contributions in the field of Emergency Management.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) awarded the TBRPC $100,000.00 through the Coastal Resilience Networks (CRest) grant program to leverage the existing ONE BAY: Livable Communities Working Group for the purpose of improving the Tampa Bay area’s regional capacity to withstand adverse impacts associated with sea level rise, storm surge and extreme weather.

TBRPC helps make Tampa Bay “Solar Ready." Solar Ready Florida is a collaborative effort to improve and expand the solar market in the Tampa Bay and Southwest Florida regions.

TBRPC hosts The New Normal: Fiscal and Demographic Trends Shaping Florida and Tampa Bay. The forum presented and discussed the demographic trends shaping our region’s economic future.

TBRPC participated in the Florida Regional Council’s Association Strategic Planning Session which serves as a future guide for Florida’s 11 regional planning councils.
2015 Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County