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## Get Ready Tampa Bay

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**Whereas**, many of the major motor vehicle companies as well as some start-up companies plan to begin launching battery electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by the end of 2010; and

**Whereas**, the Federal government has set a target of at least 1 million plug-in electric vehicles in service by 2015; and

**Whereas**, the use of electric transportation and more specifically, electric passenger and fleet vehicles can reduce the region's reliance on imported petroleum products; and

**Whereas**, several studies have indicated that the use of electric vehicles could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**Whereas**, local governments, businesses, and civic organizations have expressed support for the use of plug-in electric vehicles; and

**Whereas**, the Rocky Mountain Institute has developed an initiative entitled Project Get Ready to promote the use and understanding of electric vehicles; and

**Whereas**, the major electric utilities in the region wish to support Project Get Ready; and

**Whereas**, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has resolved to be Champion for the local Project Get Ready Affiliate known as Get Ready Tampa Bay (GRTB); and

**Whereas**, GRTB will network with other "Get Ready" cities nationwide through the Rocky Mountain Institute in order to prepare Tampa Bay for electric transportation; and

**Whereas**, Get Ready Tampa Bay (GRTB) is a coalition of local governments, regional agencies, utility providers, employers, businesses, consumers, and electric vehicle enthusiasts committed to preparing Tampa Bay, Florida for the early release and integration of plug-in electric vehicles to the Tampa Bay region.

**Whereas**, by example, some of the goals of *Get Ready Tampa Bay* are to:

- Get Tampa Bay electric car "ready."
- Attract Vehicle Manufacturers to early release vehicles in Tampa Bay.
- Create a positive economic impact and green jobs growth.
- Reduce vehicle emissions.
- Increase use of alternative and/or innovative energy.
- Increase energy independence from foreign sources.

**Whereas**, issues and activities of Get Ready Tampa Bay will include but not be limited to:

- Collaborate and Incubate ideas to promote electric transportation and plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and to remove barriers to the consumer's acceptance of electric vehicles;
- Support electric vehicle research efforts and demonstration projects;
- Provide public and media outreach and education related to electric transportation;
- Get fleet managers, businesses, rental car companies, and employers involved in the use of plug-in electric vehicles and installation of charging stations;
- Promote the installation of vehicle-charging stations;
- Expedite the updating and standardization of local codes to facilitate the installation of charging stations in public and private locations;
- Educate electricians and building inspectors to expedite the permitting and installation process;
- Promote vehicle manufacturers' awareness that Tampa bay is getting plug-in ready;
- Maintain a website as a portal for information related to getting Tampa Bay EV ready;

**Now, therefore, be it proclaimed** that the Get Ready Tampa Bay program is hereby established and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is the program Champion; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that Get Ready Tampa Bay will maintain a technical advisory group that will meet on a regular basis to provide member representation and collaboration, oversight, and guidance on the issues and activities related to Get Ready Tampa Bay; and

**Now, therefore, be it further resolved** that each Get Ready Tampa Bay member will provide a representative(s) to the Get Ready Tampa Bay Technical Advisory Group. This representative may change from time to time as the issues and activities warrant; and that commitments in excess of staff time and personnel involvement will be made through a separate memorandum of understanding(s).

Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010 by:

**TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

Attest:

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Jack Mariano  
Chairman

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Lori Denman  
Recording Secretary

The undersigned hereby expresses its commitment to the Get Ready Tampa Bay program

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 by:

**CHARTER MEMBER ENTITY HERE**

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