

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Resolution No. 2010-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING PROJECT GET READY TAMPA BAY TO PROMOTE THE
REGION AS ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLUG-IN READY AND TO ASSIST THE
REGION IN PREPARING FOR THE USE OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, many of the major motor vehicle companies as well as some start-up companies plan to begin launching plug-in and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by the end of 2010; 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, the Rocky Mountain Institute has developed an initiative entitled Project Get Ready to promote the use and understanding of electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Institute has the goal of designating 20 cities/regions as Project Get Ready affiliates and the Federal government has set a target of at least one million electric vehicles in service by 2015; and

WHEREAS, to be an active Project Get Ready affiliate, Rocky Mountain Institute has the following criteria:

1. Create a local Electric Vehicle working group consisting of relevant stakeholders, such as local governments, state and regional agencies, colleges and technical schools, business associations, employers, consumers, civic associations, and the like;
2. Appoint a leader, or "champion," of this group;
3. Agree to hold regular meetings; and
4. Create a charter or plan for the initiative's Electric Vehicle (EV) and Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) rollout; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has several existing technical committees such as the Agency on Bay Management and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee to build upon to create an electric transportation technical advisory group; and

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

WHEREAS, the major electric utilities in the region wish to support Project Get Ready.

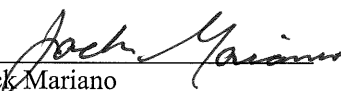
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT THE COUNCIL:

1. Intends to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rocky Mountain Institute to become a regional Affiliate of Project Get Ready; and
2. Will act as the "Champion" for Project Get Ready in the Tampa Bay Region to include the Florida counties of Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas and their municipalities; and
3. Will sponsor the regional program to get the region ready for the use of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The program shall be known as *Get Ready Tampa Bay* and its web site shall be GetReadyTampaBay.org; and
4. Will create a Get Ready Tampa Bay Technical Advisory Group and convene the group regularly to address issues related to educating and preparing the region for electric transportation, electric vehicle roll outs, electric vehicle equipment supply, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and
5. Will create a Charter for Get Ready Tampa Bay and solicit participation from local governments, state and regional agencies, utilities, businesses, colleges and technical schools, business associations, employers, consumers, civic associations, and the like. The Charter shall generally outline the non-binding roles and responsibilities of Get Ready Tampa Bay participants. Binding actions and responsibilities shall be encumbered by separate Memoranda of Understanding or similar agreement.


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL on this 12th day of April, 2010.

FOR THE COUNCIL:

ATTEST:



Jack Mariano
Chairman



Lori Denman
Recording Secretary