TBARTA: Past, Present & Future

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TBARTA History

2007 – 2017:

• Tampa Bay Area Regional *Transportation* Authority

• **Seven** County Region: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota

• **Purpose:** Improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for passengers and freight

• Merged with *Bay Area Commuter Services* in 2010

• Regional Transportation Master Plan
TBARTA History

2017 – Present:

• Legislature changed to Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority

• **Five** County Region: Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas

• Reduced to 13 voting members

• Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP)
Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP)

- 10-Year Strategic Blueprint for Regional Transit Vision
- Requirement for Funding of Future Projects
- Defines TBARTA Organizational & Financial Strategy
- Examines Regional Peers and Case Studies
- Establishes Implementation and Action Plan
- Identifies Regional Projects for Early Implementation
- Major Update Every 5 Years
Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP)

Goals, Objectives & Policies

Goal 1: Increase community awareness and support to improve and fund public transit meeting the multi-modal mobility needs of the community.

Goal 2: Enhance our efficient, safe, clean, attractive, and interconnected multi-modal transportation systems.

Goal 3: Develop and enhance sustainable transportation facilities at the Port and Airport to meet the demands of travelers, businesses and the community.

Efficient & Accessible Regional Intermodal Transportation Network

Final Report due to FDOT by September 2020
Regional Rapid Transit (BRT Project)

Origination: Regional Transit Feasibility Plan

- Which projects best serve our region today while supporting tomorrow’s growth?
- Which projects have the greatest potential to be funded and implemented?
- Which projects are most forward thinking and make the best use of today’s technology?
Regional Rapid Transit (BRT Project)

- RTFP Identified Concept, Corridor, Mode
- Transit Route along I-275
- Connects Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Westshore, Gateway, St. Petersburg
- Competes Effectively for Grants
Regional Rapid Transit (BRT Project)

Today: Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E)

- Length and Location of Dedicated Lanes?
- Number, Location and Type of Stations?
- Potential for Economic Development?
- Governance and Funding?

28-month window to complete by August 2021
TBARTA Commuter Services

Carpool, Vanpool, Biking, Walking, Public Transit, Telecommuting

**BENEFITS:**

- Reduces highway congestion
- Cost savings for commuters
- Cleaner air from lower vehicle emissions
- Less driving stress
- Benefits for employers including tax incentives, employee retention, community recognition
Vanpooling

• 7-10 employees ride together to save money
• Group shares expenses, including lease, maintenance, fuel
• Federal subsidy offsets $400 per month
• Tax incentives available to participating employers
• TBARTA partners with Commute Enterprise
TBARTA Commuter Services

RideMatch available on TBARTA.com

Emergency Ride Home Program

- For those who use a commute alternative
- Up to 4 times per year
- Covers personal & family emergencies
- Covers only ride home from work, cannot be used going to work
- Available to eligible employees and students who use a commute alternative at least twice per week
Moving Forward

$1 Million to Study Transit Innovation

- AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES
- SMART CITY INNOVATIONS
- MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION
- HYPERLOOP
- ZERO-EMISSIONS TRANSIT

Establish FTA Grantee Status

- FINANCIAL
- LEGAL
- TECHNICAL

Staff Development

Florida Legislative Initiatives
David Green
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