



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: Monday, June 10, 2019

The June 10, 2019 meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was hosted by the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority at Tampa International Airport. We express our sincere gratitude to the staff for their hospitality and tour of the new rental car facility.

❖ **Planes, Trains, & Buses: Connecting Our Region**

On Feb. 14, 2018, Tampa International Airport (TPA) opened its new Rental Car Center, connected to the Main Terminal by a 1.4-mile train called SkyConnect that transports travelers in five minutes or less. The project, part of Phase 1 of the airport's Master Plan expansion, also includes a new transit stop for buses that enabled the addition of five new routes to TPA – previously only one route served the airport – including Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's first-ever route to the airport and Hillsborough Area Rapid Transit's first-ever express bus from Pasco County to the airport. Not only do the routes serve the nearly 11,000 people who work at the airport, they serve the flying public, who have easy access to airline boarding pass kiosks and bag check services an elevator ride away from the transit stop in the Rental Car Center. **This project was one of this year's winners in the Transportation and Mobility Category at the 27th Annual Future of the Region Awards.** Aviation staff provided a presentation and tour of the project.

❖ **TBRPC Votes to Support the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks**

The National non-profit organization Coalition Against Bigger Trucks has requested that the Council consider sending a letter to United States Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott indicating concerns about potential increases in heavier and longer tractor trailers that would traverse roadways throughout our region and the state creating an increased risk to the motoring public.

❖ **June is Hurricane Awareness Month**

A resolution by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council declared June 2019 as Hurricane Awareness Month.

❖ **2019 Official Disaster Planning Guides**

The 2019 Official Disaster Planning Guides are now available. The Guides which have been published are in both English and Spanish. The first in the nation, the Guide has been published annually by the TBRPC for over 30 years.

All presentations, pertinent links and minutes of the meetings can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org

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