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The Florida Department of Transportation recently completed a study of regional transit needs in the Tampa Bay area called the Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment (SRTNA). The project was initiated to objectively and comprehensively identify key regional travel patterns and transit operations and infrastructure opportunities in the West Central Florida region for the next 50 years, and to assist prioritization of transit funding with local needs.

After many months of technical work and communication with local agencies and decision makers, the Department has identified what regional transit elements would be needed to create a balanced transportation system in the region and now proposes the “Interstate of Transit.”

To communicate to such a large community while maximizing public involvement dollars, minimizing staff time, and managing key messages of the study, the Florida Department of Transportation developed a video as an outreach tool for use at presentations, workshops, and meetings of business, neighborhood, and civic associations.

The video illustrates the views of different types of people and their need for mobility options. Elected officials, local business leaders, and the FDOT management discuss the community goals, objectives, and desires. The video emphasizes the importance of a strong, multi-modal transportation system and its effects on the economic vitality of the Tampa Bay region.

The video includes an announcement of the new Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and its purpose. The video premiered at the Regional Transportation Forum held on August 21, 2007, prior to the inaugural meeting of TBARTA. It is available to the public by request and on the SRTNA website http://fdot-srtna.c.b.com.

Project participants included: The Florida Department of Transportation Districts Seven and One, Jacobs Carter Burgess and Tampa Digital Studios.

“Although highways will remain the backbone of our system, we must look for other ways to get people to their destinations. I lived in the Tampa Bay area for most of my life and I believe this plan will improve the quality of life there.”

- Governor Charlie Crist
Joe Smith
Chair, Tampa Bay Partnership’s Transportation Initiative

“Has demonstrated his dedication to his community, region, state and nation by being willing to take on the ‘impossible jobs’ that need to be done; and through sheer determination, tenacity and his incredible ability to form alliances, has been successful in achieving benefits for our community, region and state.”

Although Joe formally works with Walsbridge Aldinger, he’s been “on loan” full-time to serve as Chair of the Tampa Bay Partnership’s Transportation Initiative to unite local leaders and guide the project through legislation.

His dedication to TBARTA is an unwavering passion that refuses to be shaken. When asked why he does it, his response isn’t economic or business driven. What motivates him is that the successful formation of this multi-faceted organization brings our region one step closer to building a multi-modal transportation system. Joe believes everyone should be able to work, live and play across the region, not just within the area they are confined to because of transportation inefficiencies.

The Tampa Tribune article went on to comment that Joe was always accessible, working the telephone and e-mail and defending the best elements of various bills that sought to bring this effort to fruition; but, more importantly, he helped weed out the weaknesses and compromised on the differences to the better for everybody. Joe understood the impact this project would have on the quality of life for the people in the entire Tampa Bay region and was skilled at expressing how each facet would benefit residents.

Congratulations to Joe Smith, winner of the 2007 Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership.
The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) was created by the state legislature on July 1, 2007, and given the ability to plan and develop a multi-modal transportation system that will connect seven counties of our region.

The new authority can finance, construct, operate, maintain, and manage the transportation system it develops. It can issue bonds against future fares and tolls to get projects moving today. It can work in partnership with private business enterprises when that is the most efficient way to get things done. TBARTA members come from all around the region. TBARTA will work hand-in-hand with cities, counties, and the state to create seamless connections that get you where you want to go.

TBARTA is charged with many responsibilities, including creating a regional multi-modal transportation master plan by July 1, 2009. The process of developing this regional plan is well underway and includes three phases and numerous opportunities for public involvement and input. The plan will consider a variety of transportation modes, and address mobility, traffic safety, freight movement, emergency evacuation, and economic development needs around the region. The plan will identify projects to accomplish these goals, estimate the costs of the projects, and identify potential funding sources. Projects may include express and rapid bus, passenger rail, ferries, freight services, and roadway improvements, among other types of transportation.

Currently the master plan development is nearing the end of phase one of the process which focuses on identifying the best locations for making regional transportation improvements. During the upcoming technical phases, TBARTA will continue to refine the most desirable route options and identify the best type of transportation improvements for each route. This will be followed by identification of the best performing transportation modes, and address mobility, traffic safety, freight movement, emergency evacuation, and economic development needs around the region. The plan will identify projects to accomplish these goals, estimate the costs of the projects, and identify potential funding sources. Projects may include express and rapid bus, passenger rail, ferries, freight services, and roadway improvements, among other types of transportation.

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SUMMER 2008 workshops

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Citus County

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

North County Community Center

200 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach

Sarasota County

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Lakeside Park

10100 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Hillsborough County

Wednesday, July 21, 2008

USF University Center

4202 N. 25th St., Tampa

Pinellas County

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Largo Cultural Center

155 Central Park Dr., Largo

Manatee County

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Siesta Key Town Hall

104 N. Ocean Blvd., Sarasota

Pasco County

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Riverwalk Community Center

9151 AVENUE A, New Port Richey

Hernando County

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Holiday Inn Express - Spring Hill

38116 Fifth Ave., Zephyrhills

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Online Community Workshop

Wednesday, August 6 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visit www.tbarta.com and click on the Meetings tab to locate the link to our online workshop.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Scenario A

This alternative depicts how scenario builders expect Tampa Bay to look if future development follows the growth patterns and trends of the past. It’s the “business as usual” representation of how and where growth would likely occur if those patterns continue – but it is not a forecast of what will happen in the future.

The scenario anticipates:
- Ongoing development of suburban-type communities.
- The vast majority of new construction will be single family homes.
- The amount of developed land will nearly double as the population grows, requiring more than 500,000 acres to house new residents and provide them with jobs.
- The average commute is likely to become even longer and more expensive as homes are built farther away from employment centers.
- Subdivisions and planned communities will consist of homes that are similar to each other in style and price.
- Up to 200,000 acres of wetlands and wildlife habitat may be impacted.

Scenario B

This scenario places populations and jobs in close proximity to where the more than 1000 citizens participating in Reality Check and One Bay events put their Legos.

The scenario anticipates:
- When compared to Scenario A, this alternative quadruples the use of revitalized properties in and near city centers.
- An increased focus on alternative housing with approximately 60 percent of new homes consisting of options like townhomes, garden apartments, homes above retail stores in mixed-use buildings, and mid- or high-rise condominiums that take advantage of waterfront views or proximity to regional activity centers.
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CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

Commissioner Kynes has served the City of Dunedin since 1999 and she has been with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) since 2000. Commissioner Kynes was President of the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin, Chair of the Pinellas County Arts Council and Chair of the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation. She is an alumna of Leadership Pinellas, Leadership Tampa Bay and Leadership Florida; she has served three terms as Chair of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Commissioner Kynes is also a member of the Florida Regional Council’s Association Policy Board.

COMMISSIONER BILL DODSON, VICE CHAIR
CITY OF PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

Commissioner Dodson has served the City of Plant City since 2002 and he has been with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council since his election to the Plant City Commission. He also serves as Chair of the TBRPC Clearinghouse Review Committee, he is a member of the Legislative Committee and he serves on the Florida Regional Council’s Association Policy Board as well. He is Senior Vice President for Florida Brick and Clay Company, Inc.; he has received numerous honors which have included the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award and the Florida Lions Foundation’s Grand Lion Life Member Award. Commissioner Dodson is a board member for the Plant City Community redevelopment Agency, the Hillsborough County Council of Government and the Tampa Bay Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

COMMISSIONER JACK MARIANO, SECRETARY/TREASURER
PASCO COUNTY

Commissioner Jack Mariano has served on the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners since 2004 and he has been with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council since 2006. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Council’s Clearinghouse Review Committee; he is also a member of the Legislative Committee. Commissioner Mariano is past Chair of the Pasco Metropolitan Planning Organization and past Chair of the Pasco County Tourist Development Council. He is currently a board member for the Richey Suncoast Theatre and the West Pasco Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Mariano is the recipient of many honors which include the Outstanding Government Service Award from the West Pasco Board of Realtors and Kiwanian of the Year.

Scenario C
This alternative emphasizes compact design that encourages mass transit. This scenario envisions the creation of compact, walkable communities located near transit stations to minimize dependency on automobiles.

The scenario anticipates:
- New towns and communities with distinct borders would be built along the transit corridors.
- Generous parks and outdoor recreational areas are expected to be easily accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists in these new neighborhoods, along with schools and community activity centers.
- The most preservation of open space of any of the four options with more redevelopment in and near city cores.
- Of the four scenarios, it’s also the most likely to make commuter rail feasible.
- Job densities are the highest of all four scenarios, with 90 percent more jobs per acre than Scenario A.
- Per capita water and wastewater usage will decrease by about 20 percent, compared to Scenario A, with fewer large lawns and more efficient use of reclaimed water.
- Homes in higher-density communities also cause less air and water.

Scenario D
This scenario focuses on protecting water resources and wildlife habitat, reflecting the long-term commitment of residents to protect natural resources in our region.

The scenario anticipates:
- The ability to sustain recovery efforts of water pollution in the bay. Efforts over the last 40 years have actually reduced water pollution in the bay even as the region’s population boomed.
- An increased emphasis on protecting lands that have environmental value.
- Construction in areas defined as wetlands, aquifer recharge areas and priority habitat will be avoided, even in cases where it might increase conventional sprawl.
- Approximately 24,000 acres revitalized as new mixed-use communities near downtown cores.
- Less than 500 acres of wetlands or priority habitat will be threatened with development.
- The least amount of new construction in flood plains, minimizing harm to people, property and wildlife habitat.
The winners of the 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards are making innovative changes to enhance the quality of life in the Tampa Bay region.

The 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards, is the culmination of months of planning and preparation by the Council and those who submitted applications. This year forty-three applications covering the following categories were received:

- Community Service
- Cultural/Sports/Recreation
- Development
- Environmental
- Infrastructure
- Public Education

After many hours of deliberation the judges acknowledged those projects representing notable achievement in resource planning and management in the Tampa Bay region.

On February 9, 2008, the Independent Awards Jury, Charles D. Blume, Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Christopher Steinocher, Marketing Director of the Tampa Bay Partnership; and Ray Chiaramonte, Assistant Executive Director for the Hillsborough County City-County Commission, reviewed each entry on the following criteria:

- Regional quality of life benefit
- Benefit to the environment
- Innovation
- Cost effectiveness
- Capacity for continuing impact
- Regional benefit

Interested readers may subscribe online at www.baysoundings.com or send an email to circulation@baysoundings.com. Copies are also available at area attractions, and a wide variety of businesses and civic organizations throughout the region.

If you or your company would like to become a sponsor of Bay Soundings, please contact Suzanne Cooper at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, (727) 570-5151 ext. 32 or email suzanne@tbrpc.org.

Explore the waterfront, surrounding coastlands, and issues of Tampa Bay with Bay Soundings!

Bay Soundings chronicles the news and issues affecting the bay, while profiling the people, places and creatures that make it so compelling. Thanks to generous community support, Bay Soundings is distributed free of charge due to the following prime sponsors: Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, The Southwest Florida Management District and Gulfstream Natural Gas System.

Tampa Bay estuary license tag the next time you renew your auto registration. Be a part of an environment success story - the restoration of Florida’s largest open-water estuary. When it comes time to renew your car, motor home or boat trailer license plate, or even before, choose the Tampa Bay Estuary specialty plate. You will be contributing directly to projects that restore Tampa Bay’s natural habitats and improve water quality - ensuring the survival of inhabitants like the spectacular Silver King Tarpon that’s pictured on the plate.

Tampa Bay is getting better...

Congratulations to the following First Place winners!

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Environmental Lands Division Volunteer Program ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division

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CULTURAL/SPORTS/RECREATION
Pinellas County Clean Marina Program ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management

The Clean Marina Program offers education through published materials, workshops, and activities, making it easier for boaters to protect our waterways and marine life from pollution. Marinas receive assistance to protect the environment and meet standards that will provide them with a “Clean Marina” designation.
Do you need a speaker or informative presentation for your next community or business organization meeting?

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council staff is available to provide a presentation on various regional topics at your next community or business organization meeting. Our most requested presentation is a general overview of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council’s activities and programs. This presentation includes a 15 minute DVD with Q&A to follow. Audio visual capabilities are not required by the host facility. Upon request, Council staff will provide all the equipment needed for the presentation.

Contact Wren Krah, Manager of Administration & Public Information, to schedule a presentation: wren@tbrpc.org or (727) 570-5151, ext. 22.
tampa Bay regional Planning Council has acquired an interactive Audience response system. The system consists of credit card sized keypads, receivers, and software. Participants answer questions displayed on a screen and receive answer confirmation on their ResponseCard through two-way communication. Successful transmissions are acknowledged on the participant’s keypad via a three second long visual green light signal. In addition to displaying the audience response instantly on-screen, the TurningPoint software can perform demographic slicing of all responses in countless ways. Currently the Council owns 200 keypads but can add additional keypads for larger events.

To find out how the system can energize your meetings contact, Brady Smith, brady@tbrpc.org, or Avera Wynne, avera@tbrpc.org.

Think Telework!

Allowing your employees to work one or more days per week from home can significantly reduce the cost of commuting for the employee, and at the same time increase productivity, improve employee retention and recruitment, improve morale, and help your company do its part in reducing fuel consumption, congestion and pollution.

To learn more about telework and how it can work for you; visit www.teleworktampabay.org or contact Jessica Lunsford at 727/570-5151 ext. 38 for a free copy of the Telework Tampa Bay Implementation Guide.

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Is the cost of commuting starting to get you down?

Is it starting to negatively impact your employees? What can you do to help?

Telework Tampa Bay is a program of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Bay Area Commuter Services and the Florida Department of Transportation.
Q. What brought the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay into collaboration with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council?
A. Our task at the Foundation is to build a better community in partnership with our donors by understanding and addressing the issues and needs of our region, a mission very similar to your own. The criteria you used to determine the award winners for your future of the region event mirror ours when we engage in grant making. It’s a good fit. We are both working to improve the quality of life in Tampa Bay.

We were very pleased to provide the $2,500 grant to the Volunteer Program at the Environmental Lands Division in Pinellas County. Their program represents a cost effective way to further conservation and environmental awareness.

Q. Why not give directly to a charitable organization? Why would someone want to invest in a Community Foundation?
A. There are many reasons to invest in your local community foundation. We identify current and emerging issues. We gather and channel financial as well as human resources to address the needs of our community and we help prepare our region for the future.

Our donors have told us that one of the most important aspects of having a community foundation is the sense of security they get from knowing their charitable contribution is housed in a permanent fund and that it will continue to provide support for their favorite causes long after they are gone.

Q. There is a lot of public scrutiny of charities these days. How would you say the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay stacks up?
A. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay was recently recognized by the Council on Foundations in Washington, D. C. for compliance with organizational and financial practices that are in accordance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. These are rigorous standards designed to measure our fiscal responsibility and we were very pleased to be awarded their National Seal.

We have recently been recognized by the watchdog group, Charity Navigator. We have had the distinction of being noted on their website as the top rated community foundation of all those rated in 2007. Our reputation is built on trust and integrity and we will do whatever it takes to maintain that reputation.

For more information visit www.cf tampabay.org.

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The NEW Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit

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Not ready to commit the time to develop a plan yet? Then take 10 minutes at lunch to visit our online Pirate Bay Theme Park and play a game designed to be both fun and educational! The Pirate Bay Survival Game® is a concept developed by Susan Muelleit. Emergency Manager for TECO Energy, who teaches business continuity planning to TECO corporate/business customers.

Susan and Stacy are part of the Tampa Bay Business Continuity Planning Committee which has been working since 2002 to provide information and tools to our business community. "Business resiliency will directly equate to our economic recovery after a disaster. It is essential." stated Laurie Feagans, Manatee County Emergency Management Director.

Oh yes, the website, BCP Guidebook and Employee Guidebook are also available in Spanish!

TBRC will be looking for partners and sponsors to help promote the site and assist with future ongoing costs including remote hosting and updates. For more information, go online or contact Betti Johnson at betti@tbrc.org.

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Not ready to commit the time to develop a plan yet? Then take 10 minutes at lunch to visit our online Pirate Bay Theme Park and play a game designed to be both fun and educational! The Pirate Bay Survival Game® is a concept developed by Susan Mueller, Emergency Manager for TECO Energy, who teaches business continuity planning to TECO corporate/business customers.

Susan and Stacy are part of the Tampa Bay Business Continuity Planning Committee which has been working since 2002 to provide information and tools to our business community. "Business resiliency will directly equate to our economic recovery after a disaster. It is essential." stated Laurie Feagans, Manatee County Emergency Management Director.

Yes, the website, BCP Guidebook and Employee Guidebook are also available in Spanish! TBRC will be looking for partners and sponsors to help promote the site and assist with future ongoing costs including remote hosting and updates. For more information, go online or contact Betti Johnson at betti@tbrpc.org.
Q. What brought the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay into collaboration with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council?
A. Our task at the Foundation is to build a better community in partnership with our donors by understanding and addressing the issues and needs of our region, a mission very similar to your own. The criteria you used to determine the award winners for your Future of the Region event mirror ours when we engage in grant making. It’s a good fit. We are both working to improve the quality of life in Tampa Bay.

We were very pleased to provide the $2,500 grant to the Volunteer Program at the Environmental Lands Division in Pinellas County. Their program represents a cost effective way to further conservation and environmental awareness.

Q. Why not give directly to a charitable organization? Why would someone want to invest in a Community Foundation?
A. There are many reasons to invest in your local community foundation. We identify current and emerging issues. We gather and channel financial as well as human resources to address the needs of our community and we help prepare our region for the future.

Our donors have told us that one of the most important aspects of having a community foundation is the sense of security they get from knowing their charitable contribution is housed in a permanent fund and that it will continue to provide support for their favorite causes long after they are gone.

Q. There is a lot of public scrutiny of charities these days. How would you say the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay stacks up?
A. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay was recently recognized by the Council on Foundations in Washington, D. C. for compliance with organizational and financial practices that are in accordance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. These are rigorous standards designed to measure our fiscal responsibility and we were very pleased to be awarded their National Seal.

We have recently been recognized by the watchdog group, Charity Navigator. We have had the distinction of being noted on their website as the top rated community foundation of all those rated in 2007. Our reputation is built on trust and integrity and we will do whatever it takes to maintain that reputation.

For more information visit www.cf tampabay.org.

Dick Fletcher, Former CouncilMember
YEARS OF SERVICE: 1987-1993

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council dedicated the 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards in memory of former Council Member and Channel 10 News Meteorologist, Mr. Dick Fletcher (Fletch). On Tuesday, February 26, 2008, he passed away from complications of a stroke.

His leadership in the community and as a gubernatorial representative on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council allowed him to provide valuable assistance in legislative and policy initiatives. During his tenure on the Council, Dick served as chairman of the Regional Emergency Management Committee following Hurricane Andrew as well as the Agency on Bay Management, a successful arm of the Council which focuses on environmental issues. He also served on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which coordinates the hazardous material incident planning and public right-to-know programs as a media representative.

“The emergency management community is going to miss him and his contributions. More than that, the region is going to miss his caring, not only about weather and emergency management, but preserving our overall quality of life. His lasting legacy will be the effort we all continue to do toward improving emergency management and citizen awareness regardless of where we happen to live,” stated longtime friend and emergency management principal planner, Betti Johnson.
AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM

LET THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MOVE YOUR NEXT MEETING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has acquired an Interactive Audience Response system. The system consists of credit card sized keypads, receivers, and software. Participants answer questions displayed on a screen and receive answer confirmation on their ResponseCard through two-way communication. Successful transmissions are acknowledged on the participant’s keypad via a three-second long visual green light signal. In addition to displaying the audience response instantly on-screen, the TurningPoint software can perform demographic slicing of all responses in countless ways. Currently the Council owns 200 keypads but can add additional keypads for larger events.

To find out how the system can energize your meetings contact, Brady Smith, brady@tbrpc.org, or Avera Wynne, avera@tbrpc.org.

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Allowing your employees to work one or more days per week from home can significantly reduce the cost of commuting for the employee, and at the same time increase productivity, improve employee retention and recruitment, improve morale, and help your company do its part in reducing fuel consumption, congestion and pollution.

To learn more about telework and how it can work for you, visit www.teleworktampabay.org or contact Jessica Lunsford at 727/570-5151 ext. 38 for a free copy of the Telework Tampa Bay Implementation Guide.

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Is the cost of commuting starting to get you down? Is it starting to negatively impact your employees? What can you do to help?

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Do you need a speaker or informative presentation for your next community or business organizations meeting?

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council staff is available to provide a presentation on various regional topics at your next community or business organizations meeting. Our most requested presentation is a general overview of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council’s activities and programs. This presentation includes a 15 minute DVD with Q&A to follow. Audio visual capabilities are not required by the host facility. Upon request, Council staff will provide all the equipment needed for the presentation.

Contact Wren Krahl, Manager of Administration & Public Information, to schedule a presentation: wren@tbrpc.org or (727) 570-5151, ext. 22.
The winners of the 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards are making innovative changes to enhance the quality of life in the Tampa Bay region. The 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards, is the culmination of months of planning and preparation by the Council and those who submitted applications. This year forty-three applications covering the following categories were received:

- Community Service
- Cultural/Sports/Recreation
- Development
- Environmental
- Infrastructure
- Public Education

After many hours of deliberation the judges acknowledged those projects representing notable achievement in resource planning and management in the Tampa Bay region.

On February 9, 2008, the Independent Awards Jury, Charles D. Blume, Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Christopher Steinocher, Marketing Director of the Tampa Bay Partnership; and Ray Chiaramonte, Assistant Executive Director for the Hillsborough County City-County Commission, reviewed each entry on the following criteria:

- Regional quality of life benefit
- Benefit to the environment
- Innovation
- Cost effectiveness
- Capacity for continuing impact
- Regional benefit

Interested readers may subscribe online at www.baysoundings.com or send an email to circulation@baysoundings.com. Copies are also available at area attractions, and a wide variety of businesses and civic organizations throughout the region.

Explore the waterfront, surrounding coastlands, and issues of Tampa Bay with Bay Soundings!

Bay Soundings chronicles the news and issues affecting the bay, while profiling the people, places and creatures that make it so compelling. Thanks to generous community support, Bay Soundings is distributed free of charge due to the following prime sponsors: Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, The Southwest Florida Management district and Gulfstream Natural Gas System.

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Tampa Bay is getting better...

Reel in your tarpon tag today and help keep Tampa Bay on the road to recovery. Please request a Tampa Bay estuary license tag the next time you renew your auto registration. Be a part of an environment success story - the restoration of Florida’s largest open-water estuary. When it comes time to renew your car, motor home or boat trailer license plate, or even before, choose the Tampa Bay Estuary specialty plate. You will be contributing directly to projects that restore Tampa Bay’s natural habitats and improve water quality - ensuring the survival of inhabitants like the spectacular Silver King Tarpon that’s pictured on the plate.

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Congratulations to the following First Place winners!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Environmental Lands Division Volunteer Program ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division

Already totaling 65,000 person-hours, the Division’s volunteer program is the fastest growing section of volunteerism in Pinellas County Government. A model for other agencies, it provides benefits for natural resource protection through education, research, land management, and government administration. Amid stringent budget reductions, this program is also a cost effective avenue for conservation.

CULTURAL/SPORTS/RECREATION

Pinellas County Clean Marina Program ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management

The Clean Marina Program offers education through published materials, workshops, and activities, making it easier for boaters to protect our waterways and marine life from pollution. Marinas receive assistance to protect the environment and meet standards that will provide them with a “Clean Marina” designation.
Commissioner Kynes has served the City of Dunedin since 1999 and she has been with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBPRC) since 2000. Commissioner Kynes was President of the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin, Chair of the Pinellas County Arts Council and Chair of the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation. She is an alumna of Leadership Pinellas, Leadership Tampa Bay and Leadership Florida; she has served three terms as Chair of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Commissioner Kynes is also a member of the Florida Regional Council’s Association Policy Board.

Commissioner Dodson has served the City of Plant City since 2002 and he has been with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council since his election to the Plant City Commission. He also serves as Chair of the TBPRC Clearinghouse Review Committee, he is a member of the Legislative Committee and he serves on the Florida Regional Council’s Association Policy Board as well. He is Senior Vice President for Florida Brick and Clay Company, Inc.; he has received numerous honors which have included the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award and the Florida Lions Foundation’s Grand Lion Life Member Award. Commissioner Dodson is a board member for the Plant City Community redevelopment Agency, the Hillsborough County Council of Government and the Tampa Bay Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

Commissioner Jack Mariano has served on the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners since 2004 and he has been with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council since 2006. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Council’s Clearinghouse Review Committee; he is also a member of the Legislative Committee. Commissioner Mariano is past Chair of the Pasco Metropolitan Planning Organization and past Chair of the Pasco County Tourist Development Council. He is currently a board member for the Richey Suncoast Theatre and the West Pasco Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Mariano is the recipient of many honors which include the Outstanding Government Service Award from the West Pasco Board of Realtors and Kiwanian of the Year.

**Scenario C**

This alternative emphasizes compact design that encourages mass transit. This scenario envisions the creation of compact, walkable communities located near transit stations to minimize dependency on automobiles.

The scenario anticipates:
- New towns and communities with distinct borders would be built along the transit corridors.
- Generous parks and outdoor recreational areas are expected to be easily accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists in these new neighborhoods, along with schools and community activity centers.
- The most preservation of open space of any of the four options with more redevelopment in and near city cores.
- Of the four scenarios, it’s also the most likely to make commuter rail feasible.
- Job densities are the highest of all four scenarios, with 90 percent more jobs per acre than Scenario A.
- Per capita water and wastewater usage will decrease by about 20 percent, compared to Scenario A, with fewer large lawns and more efficient use of reclaimed water.
- Homes in higher-density communities also cause less stormwater runoff and use less electricity, resulting in cleaner air and water.

**Scenario D**

This scenario focuses on protecting water resources and wildlife habitat, reflecting the long-term commitment of residents to protect natural resources in our region.

The scenario anticipates:
- The ability to sustain recovery efforts of water pollution in the bay. Efforts over the last 40 years have actually reduced water pollution in the bay even as the region’s population boomed.
- An increased emphasis on protecting lands that have environmental value.
- Construction in areas defined as wetlands, aquifer recharge areas and priority habitat will be avoided, even in cases where it might increase conventional sprawl.
- Approximately 24,000 acres revitalized as new mixed-use communities near downtown cores.
- Less than 500 acres of wetlands or priority habitat will be threatened with development.
- The least amount of new construction in flood plains, minimizing harm to people, property and wildlife habitat.
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**REGIONALLY SPEAKING**

**Scenario A**

This alternative depicts how scenario builders expect Tampa Bay to look if future development follows the growth patterns and trends of the past. It’s the “business as usual” representation of how and where growth would likely occur if those patterns continue – but it is not a forecast of what will happen in the future.

**Scenario A anticipates:**
- Ongoing development of suburban-type communities.
- The vast majority of new construction will be single family homes.
- The amount of developed land will nearly double as the population grows, requiring more than 500,000 acres to house new residents and provide them with jobs.
- The average commute is likely to become even longer and more expensive as homes are built farther away from employment centers.
- Subdivisions and planned communities will consist of homes that are similar to each other in style and price.
- Up to 200,000 acres of wetlands and wildlife habitat may be impacted.

**Scenario B**

This scenario places populations and jobs in close proximity to where the more than 1000 citizens participating in Reality Check and One Bay events put their Legos®.

**The scenario anticipates:**
- An increased focus on alternative housing, with approximately 60 percent of new homes consisting of options like townhomes, garden apartments, homes above retail stores in mixed-use buildings, and mid- or high-rise condominiums that take advantage of waterfront views or proximity to regional activity centers.
- The number and length of automobile trips will be reduced up to 25 percent.
- Enhanced rail and bus transit options become increasingly viable as the population density increases.
- Compared to Scenario A, land-use patterns include preservation of two-thirds more open space and agricultural land, protection of 75 percent more wetlands, and 80 percent more priority wildlife habitat remaining in its natural state.

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The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) was created by the state legislature on July 1, 2007, and given the ability to plan and develop a multi-modal transportation system that will connect seven counties of our region.

The new authority can finance, construct, operate, maintain, and manage the transportation system it develops. It can issue bonds against future fares and tolls to get projects moving today. It can work in partnership with private business enterprises when that is the most efficient way to get things done. TBARTA members come from all around the region. TBARTA will work hand-in-hand with cities, counties, and the state to create seamless connections that get you where you want to go.

TBARTA is charged with many responsibilities, including creating a regional multi-modal transportation master plan by July 1, 2009. The process of developing this regional plan is well underway and includes three phases and numerous opportunities for public involvement and input. The plan will consider a variety of transportation modes, and address mobility, traffic safety, freight movement, emergency evacuation, and economic development needs around the region. The plan will identify projects to accomplish these goals, estimate the costs of the projects, and identify potential funding sources. Projects may include express and rapid bus, waterborne or managed/toll lanes that will connect our communities together.

Currently the master plan development is nearing the end of phase one of the process which focuses on identifying the best locations for making regional transportation improvements. During the upcoming technical phases, TBARTA will continue to refine the most desirable route options and identify the best type of transportation improvements for each route. This will be followed by identification of the best performing networks of routes in Phase 3 of the screening process.

Additional public engagement will occur during upcoming phases of the master plan development process. For further information and updates, visit the TBARTA website.

Contributors to this article: Jacobs Carter Burgess and Florida Department of Transportation.
Joe Smith
Chair, Tampa Bay Partnership’s Transportation Initiative

“He has demonstrated his dedication to his community, region, state and nation by being willing to take on the ‘impossible jobs’ that need to be done; and through sheer determination, tenacity and his incredible ability to form alliances, has been successful in achieving benefits for our community, region and state.”

- Rhea F. Law, CEO and Chair of the Board
Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A.

Over the past 25 years Joe Smith has been involved with several unprecedented initiatives in the Tampa Bay region and beyond - from shepherding the largest privately funded Comprehensive Plan amendment covering more than 150 square miles in southern Hillsborough County along the I-75 Corridor in the mid-1980s to bringing the New York Yankees Legends field Complex to Tampa as Director of New Development. He then served as special consultant to George Steinbrenner.

Throughout his quarter century in our region, in addition to serving on more than fifteen appointed bodies, including the Hillsborough County Charter Review Board for two terms, he has been tasked with many undertakings that many people thought would be impossible.

In the last 24 months Joe Smith has traveled the state attending more than 250 meetings, meeting with thousands of people and dedicating himself to working full-time toward the creation of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA), a regional undertaking that will unite eight counties and dramatically change the lives of Tampa Bay residents.

According to a recent Tampa Tribune editorial, “Without Joe’s tireless diplomacy and optimism, it is unlikely the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority would have been formed.”

Although Joe formally works with Walbridge Aldinger, he’s been “on loan” full-time to serve as Chair of the Tampa Bay Partnership's Transportation Initiative to unite local leaders and guide the project through legislation.

His dedication to TBARTA is an unwavering passion that refuses to be shaken. When asked why he does it, his response isn’t economic or business driven. What motivates him is that the successful formation of this multi-faceted organization brings our region one step closer to building a multi-modal transportation system. Joe believes everyone should be able to work, live and play across the region, not just within the area they are confined to because of transportation inefficiencies.

The Tampa Tribune article went on to comment that Joe was always accessible, working the telephone and e-mail and defending the best elements of various bills that sought to bring this effort to fruition; but, more importantly, he helped weed out the weaknesses and compromised on the differences to better the bill for everybody. Joe understood the impact this project would have on the quality of life for the people in the entire Tampa Bay region and was skilled at expressing how each facet would benefit residents.

Congratulations to Joe Smith, winner of the 2007 Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
Bring Back the Bayou – Southwest Florida Water Management District/Yak Yak Nature Adventures
City of Clearwater CAN Awards – Clearwater Development & Neighborhood Services Department
Community Care Package for the Troops in Iraq – PSTA
Environmental Lands Division Volunteer Program – Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management – Environmental Lands Division
Pasco County EBT Early Nutrition Program – Pasco County Pinellas County EMS Early Warning Bio-surveillance System – Sunstar Emergency Medical Services
St. Pete Beach Recreational Community Family Center – City of St. Pete Beach

CULTURAL/SPORTS/RECREATION
Arcs in Motion – PSTA
City of New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Complex – City of New Port Richey
Comprehensive Canal Dredging & Preventative Measures Study – Hillsborough County Public Works Department Engineering Division, Specialized Services Group
Loretta Ingraham Recreation Complex Improvements – Harvard Jolly
Pinellas County Clean Marina Program – Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management/Hilton Skate Park – City of Dunedin
St. Pete Beach Recreational Community Family Center – City of St. Pete Beach
“Tampa Bay Your Way!” Multicultural Visitor Guide – Hillsborough County Economic Development Department

DEVELOPMENT
Sandpearl Resort – JMC Communities, Inc
University Area Community & North 22nd Street Master Plans – University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc
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ENVIRONMENT
City of Dunedin’s Green Local Government Program – City of Dunedin Developing a Model of Urban Ecology – Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management/Environmental Lands Division
Hammock Park Natural Systems Restoration Phase 2 – City of Dunedin
Artificial Reef Program – Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration Project Phase 1 – Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management
James E. Grey Preserve – City of New Port Richey
Lake Seminole Habitat Restoration – Boy Scout Troops 371, 404, 340 & 417 of the West Coast Council/Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management & Parks Department/Lake Seminole

INFRASTRUCTURE
Manatee County Reuse System (MARS) – Manatee County
Agricultural Reuse System
Park Blvd. Drainage Improvements Phase 1 – City of Pinellas Park
PSTA’s New Scherer Drive Administration & Operating Facility
Tampa Bay SunGuide System – Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Treasure Island C.W. Bill Young Bascule Bridge – City of Treasure Island

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Catastrophe Readiness and Response: Proactive Roles for Public Libraries – Pinellas County Library System
Connecting People & Place: Weedon Island Preserve
Cultural & Natural History Center – Pinellas Co. Dept. of Environmental Management
Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week – Southeast Florida Water Management District
Stollin’ – PSTA’s Trip Planner – PSTA
Virtual Library Kiosk – Safety Harbor Public Library

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Lakewood Ranch Medical Center
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The Florida Department of Transportation recently completed a study of regional transit needs in the Tampa Bay area called the Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment (SRTNA). The project was initiated to objectively and comprehensively identify key regional travel patterns and transit operations and infrastructure opportunities in the West Central Florida region for the next 50 years, and to assist prioritization of transit funding with local needs.

After many months of technical work and communication with local agencies and decision makers, the Department has identified what regional transit elements would be needed to create a balanced transportation system in the region and now proposes the “Interstate of Transit.”

To communicate to such a large community while maximizing public involvement dollars, minimizing staff time, and managing key messages of the study, the Florida Department of Transportation developed a video as an outreach tool for use at presentations, workshops, and meetings of business, neighborhood, and civic associations.

The video illustrates the views of different types of people and their need for mobility options. Elected officials, local business leaders, and the FDOT management discuss the community goals, objectives, and desires. The video emphasizes the importance of a strong, multi-modal transportation system and its effects on the economic vitality of the Tampa Bay region.

“Although highways will remain the backbone of our system, we must look for other ways to get people to their destinations. I lived in the Tampa Bay area for most of my life and I believe this plan will improve the quality of life there.”

- Governor Charlie Crist

The video includes an announcement of the new Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and its purpose. The video premiered at the Regional Transportation Forum held on August 21, 2007, prior to the inaugural meeting of TBARTA. It is available to the public by request and on the SRTNA website http://fdot-srtna.c.b.com.

Project participants included: The Florida Department of Transportation Districts Seven and One, Jacobs Carter Burgess and Tampa Digital Studios.
17th Annual Future of the Region Awards

We cordially invite you to participate in next year’s…
17th Annual Future of the Region Awards

Call for Entries - October 2008
Deadline for Entries - Early January 2009

17th Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon - March 2009
Venue to be announced

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