



# MEETING SUMMARY

## ELECTED OFFICIALS KICK-OFF MEETING

**May 20, 2020**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

The Florida Department of Transportation – District 7 is conducting a Corridor Planning Study to evaluate the multimodal needs and develop potential solutions for the 56<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup> Street from Selmon Expressway to Fletcher Avenue. The following identifies the attendance and outlines the key comments that were discussed during the meeting.

**Attendees:**

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| Alex Henry, FDOT                              | Michelle Van Loan, City of Tampa           |
| Brian Shroyer, FDOT                           | Cheri Donohue, City of Temple Terrace      |
| Jonah Katz, Hillsborough County               | Andrew Ross, City of Temple Terrace        |
| Eric Lindstrom, Hillsborough County           | Charles Stephenson, City of Temple Terrace |
| Jason Marlow, Hillsborough County             | Justin Willits, HART                       |
| Richard Ranck, Hillsborough County            | Clarence Eng, Kimley-Horn                  |
| Wanda West, Hillsborough County               | Caroline Fraser, Kimley-Horn               |
| Meagan Winchester, Hillsborough County        | Jennifer Musselman, Kittelson & Associates |
| Mark Hudson, Hillsborough Planning Commission | Ryan Mansfield, Kittelson & Associates     |
| Wade Reynolds, Hillsborough TPO               | Mary Raulerson, Kittelson & Associates     |
| Alana Brasier, City of Tampa                  | Leyi Zhang, Kittelson & Associates         |

**Meeting Goal:**

The goal of the meeting was to provide an overview of the project, gather information from the elected officials on the existing conditions of the corridor and the desired future vision of the corridor, and discuss how to engage different groups throughout the study.

**Meeting Highlights:**

**56<sup>th</sup> Street Today**

Attendees were asked to describe what they like about the 56<sup>th</sup> Street today:

- Through way
- Connections
- Access
- Job Center



- Straight Connection

### 56<sup>th</sup> Street in the Future

Attendees were asked to describe what they would like to be different the 56<sup>th</sup> Street in the next 10 years:

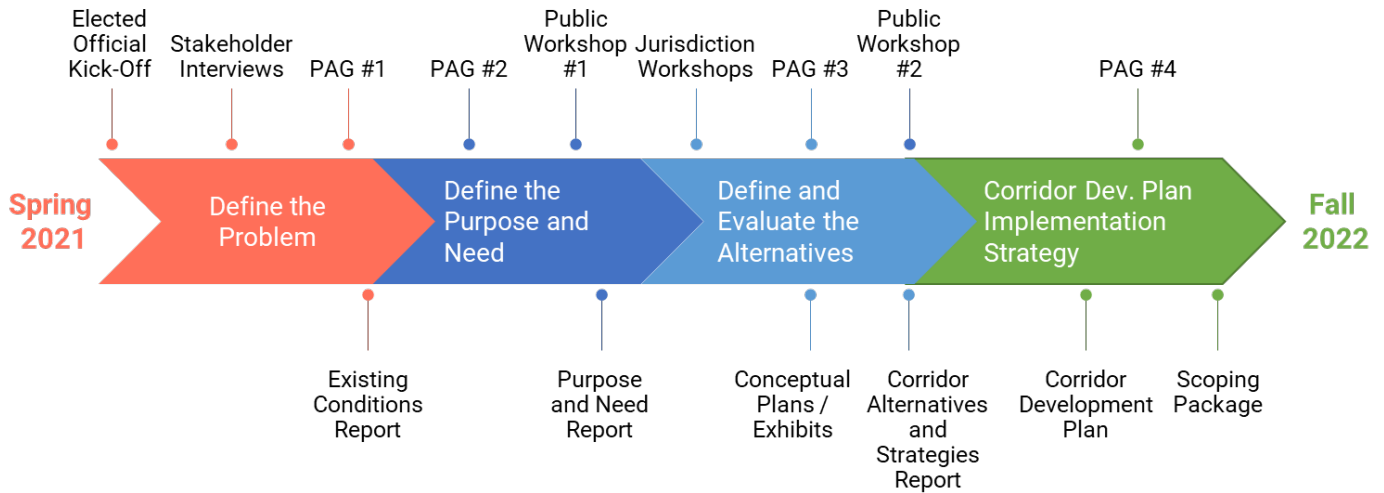
- Placemaking - making it a place to be
- Better bike routes
- Multi model options beyond sharrows
- More landscaping
- Wider
- Attractive
- Safer

### Project Schedule

The proposed schedule is 18-months, with the study ending in Fall 2022. The project will be conducted in four phases:

1. Define the Problem
2. Define the Purpose and Need
3. Define and Select Alternatives
4. Corridor Development Plan Implementation Strategy

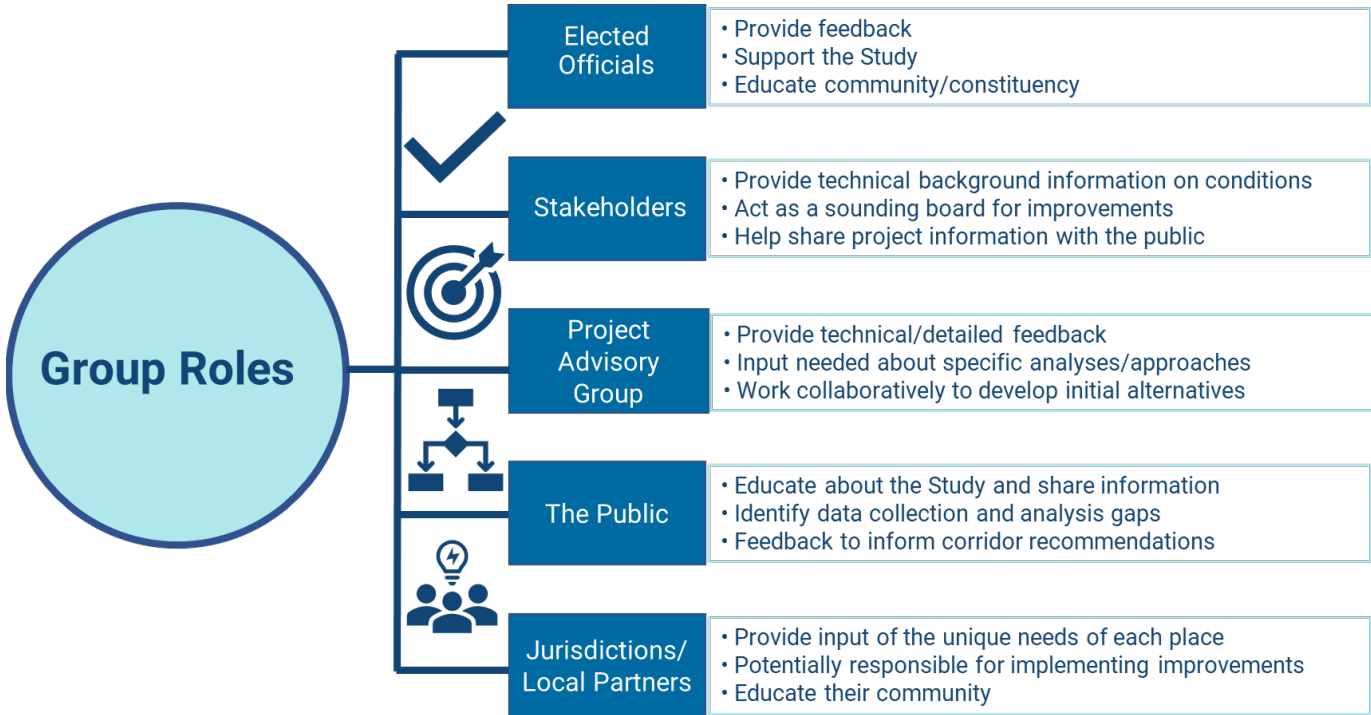
The following graphic illustrates the timing of deliverables and public involvement milestones.





**Group Roles:**

The following graphic illustrates the roles of different groups that will be engaged throughout the study:



**Stakeholders to Interview:**

Attendees provided the following suggestions for stakeholders to interview:

- Port Authority
- Hillsborough River Board
- Industrial realtors and brokers
- Churches
- CSX
- King High School
- Property managers of the large multifamily apartments
- Transit riders
- Business owners

**Elected Officials’ Comments:**

City of Temple Terrace Mayor Andrew Ross was concerned that the study would only be focusing on the vision zero segments of the corridor (from Sligh Avenue to Busch Boulevard). The Study Team explained that the Hillsborough TPO’s Vision Zero Action Plan serves as an impetus for the study, but the study will examine the whole 8.5 miles of 56<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup> Street from Selmon Expressway to Fletcher Avenue.

**Other Comments:**

HART staff asked if an exclusive transit lane could be considered. The Study Team explained they’d be working with PAG members, including HART, to identify and vet alternatives and an exclusive transit lane could be discussed as part of that process.



## Attachments

- [Presentation Slides](#)