



DISTRICT 7

# Project Development & Environment Study

## *Public Involvement Program*

SR 60 PD&E Study from  
Valrico Road to the Polk County Line  
Hillsborough County



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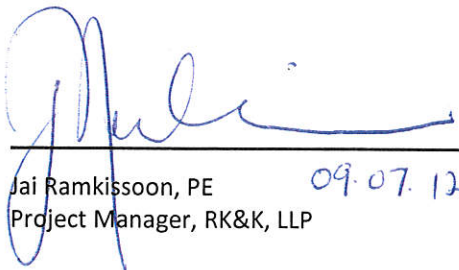
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In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 11 of the *PD&E Manual*, this Public Involvement Program is submitted to the Department for review and approval.

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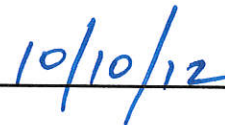
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September 2012

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# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

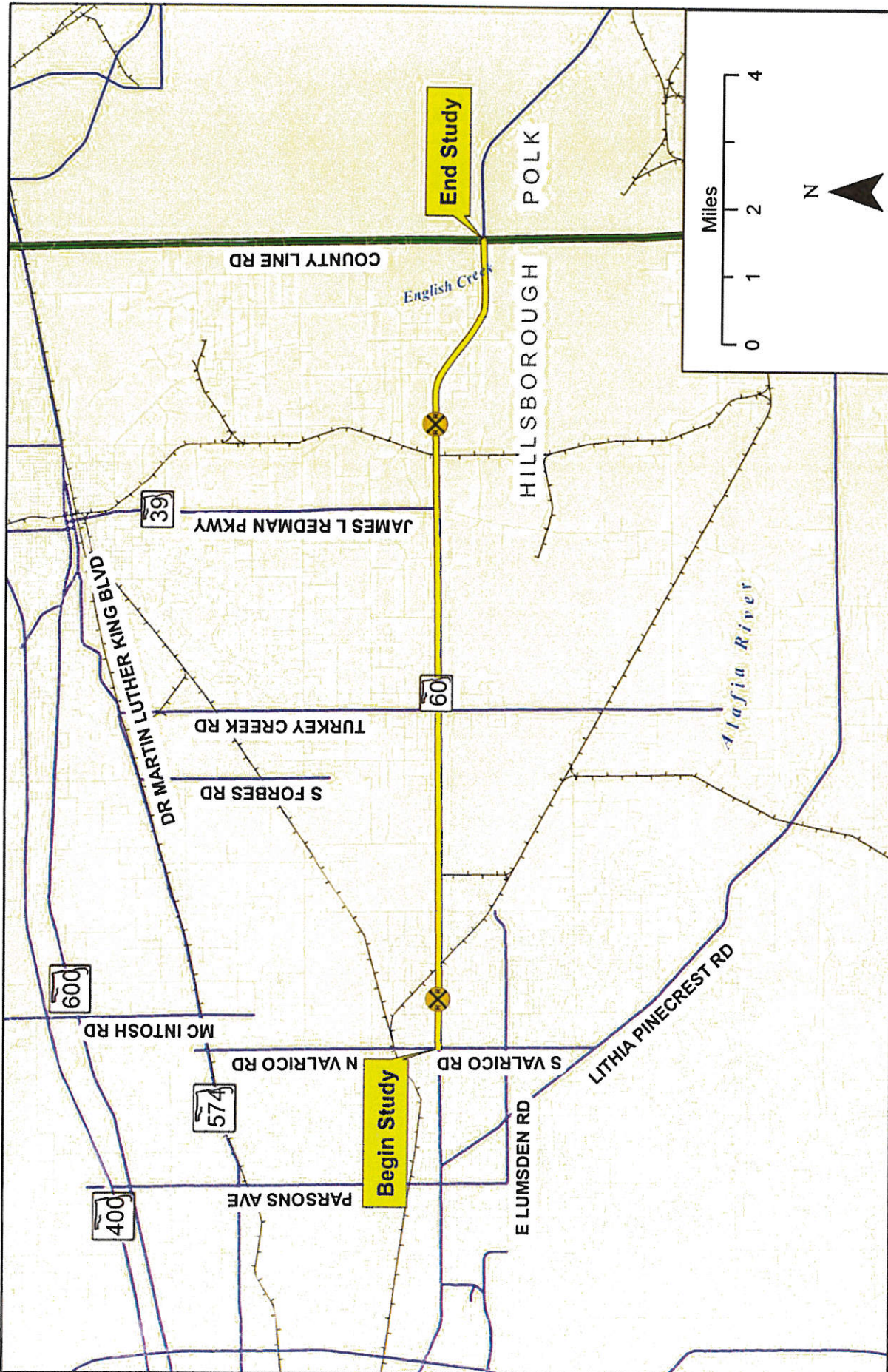
The purpose of this Public Involvement Program (PIP) is to assist in providing information to and obtaining input from concerned citizens, agencies, private groups (residential/business), and governmental entities. The overall goal of this plan is to help ensure that the study reflects the values and needs of the communities it is designed to benefit. A schedule of events and list of documentation exhibiting compliance with all procedures are included.

*This program is in compliance with the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Part 1, Chapter 11; Section 339.155, Florida Statutes (FS), Executive Orders 11990 and 11988, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 771, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).*

This document outlines the various methods by which the FDOT will disseminate project information and solicit input from the community regarding local values and concerns. This PIP is a living document that will be updated as the project development phase progresses. The program specifies the public involvement approach to be taken with the project and the means that will be used to involve the public in the process. This includes a list of contact persons, media, officials, and agencies that may be involved in the project. The collection of public input will occur throughout the PD&E study's duration. This program has been developed in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968, under Title VI and VIII of the United States Civil Rights Act. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

## I. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

<b>Project Name:</b>	SR 60 PD&E Study
<b>WPI Segment Number:</b>	430055-1
<b>Project Limits:</b>	The study limits for the proposed project are along SR 60 from Valrico Road to the Polk County Line in Hillsborough County. The Study Location Map is shown in <b>Figure 1</b> .
<b>Proposed Activity:</b>	To conduct a PD&E study to evaluate the widening of approximately 12.3 miles of SR 60.
<b>Class of Action:</b>	A Type 2 Categorical Exclusion (CE) is the class of action determined for this project.



**SR 60 PD&E Study**  
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**Study Location Map**

**Figure 1**

## **II. BACKGROUND**

SR 60 is a major east-west arterial roadway and is a vital link in the regional transportation network that connects the Tampa Bay region to the remainder of the state and the nation. SR 60 provides connectivity with many of Florida's major highways, some of which include: US 19, I-75, US 98, US 17, US 27, US 441, Florida's Turnpike, I-95, and US 1. SR 60 runs parallel with I-4, located north of SR 60, and provides an alternative to interstate travel through the central part of the state. Proposed improvements to SR 60 will make this east-west roadway a more efficient alternative to I-4. SR 60 is part of the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS). The FIHS is the highway component of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), a statewide network of highways, railways, waterways, and transportation hubs that handle the bulk of Florida's passenger and freight traffic.

The project is included in the Hillsborough County 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as the 2035 Highway Needs Assessment.

In January 2012, FDOT, District Seven submitted this project through the Programming Screen of the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Environmental Screening Tool (EST). The project is listed as ETDM # 4131 – SR 60 from Valrico Road to the County Line Road.

## **III. PROJECT GOALS**

The following goals and objectives have been identified for this study:

1. Collect necessary information to support the department's decision on the type, design, and location of improvements within the project limits.
2. Evaluate alternatives based on factors related to the design and location of the facility including transportation needs, cost estimates, social impacts, economic factors, and environmental effects.
3. Involve and update the public on alternative development and evaluation.
4. Evaluate alternatives and recommend a preferred alternative.
5. Obtain Location Design and Concept Acceptance (LDCA) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

## **IV. IDENTIFICATION OF CONCERNED PUBLIC**

The success of any transportation improvement is dependent upon a successful public outreach effort. Therefore, the FDOT is committed to conducting a proactive public involvement program that focuses on soliciting community interaction throughout the project development process. It is believed that the positive value of implementing a strong public involvement program will result in public awareness of and support for the project.

## A. Communities

The communities within the immediate vicinity of the project limits are as follows:

- Bealsville
- Bloomingdale
- Brandon
- Dover
- Fish Hawk
- Lakeland
- Plant City
- Riverview
- Seffner
- Valrico
- Willow Oak
- Unincorporated Hillsborough County
- Unincorporated Polk County

The following data was obtained from the United States Census Bureau for year 2010 about these communities:

Community Census Tract (2010)	Population	Households	Percent Hispanic	Average Family Size	Families	Median Age	Population 65 & Over
<b>Valrico</b>							
012210	4,530	1,872	23%	2.95	1,186	39.1	949
013203	3,358	1,188	18.2%	3.14	939	40.4	345
013204	2,946	1,415	14%	2.68	828	50.5	810
<b>Brandon</b>							
012304	4,775	1,737	28%	3.16	1,298	34.6	499
013312	4,363	1,516	23%	3.27	1,177	38.6	510
<b>Unincorporated Hillsborough County (Non-CDP)/Plant City</b>							
012403	5,507	1,648	37%	3.54	1,337	30.6	468
013003	3,432	1,069	39%	3.40	832	29.5	303
013004	3,984	1,140	34%	3.65	907	32	378
<b>Unincorporated Hillsborough County (Non-CDP)/Valrico</b>							
013207	3,935	1,307	14%	3.30	1,033	39.1	395
<b>Unincorporated Polk County (Non-CDP)/Willow Oak</b>							
014902	7,268	2,093	39%	3.72	1,705	28.5	591
<b>Unincorporated Hillsborough County (Non-CDP)</b>							
013100	2,793	916	18.6%	3.19	695	38.1	368
<b>Unincorporated Polk County (Non-CDP)</b>							
014802	2,857	981	19%	3.30	722	32.2	310
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,748</b>	<b>16,882</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,659</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,926</b>

A map showing the census blocks surrounding the study limits is shown in **Figure 2**. Since some areas have significant Hispanic populations, project newsletters will be made available in both English and Spanish. All efforts will be made to notify any Spanish speaking interest groups and residents within the project area. See **Section VI. A** for detailed information.

## **B. Agencies**

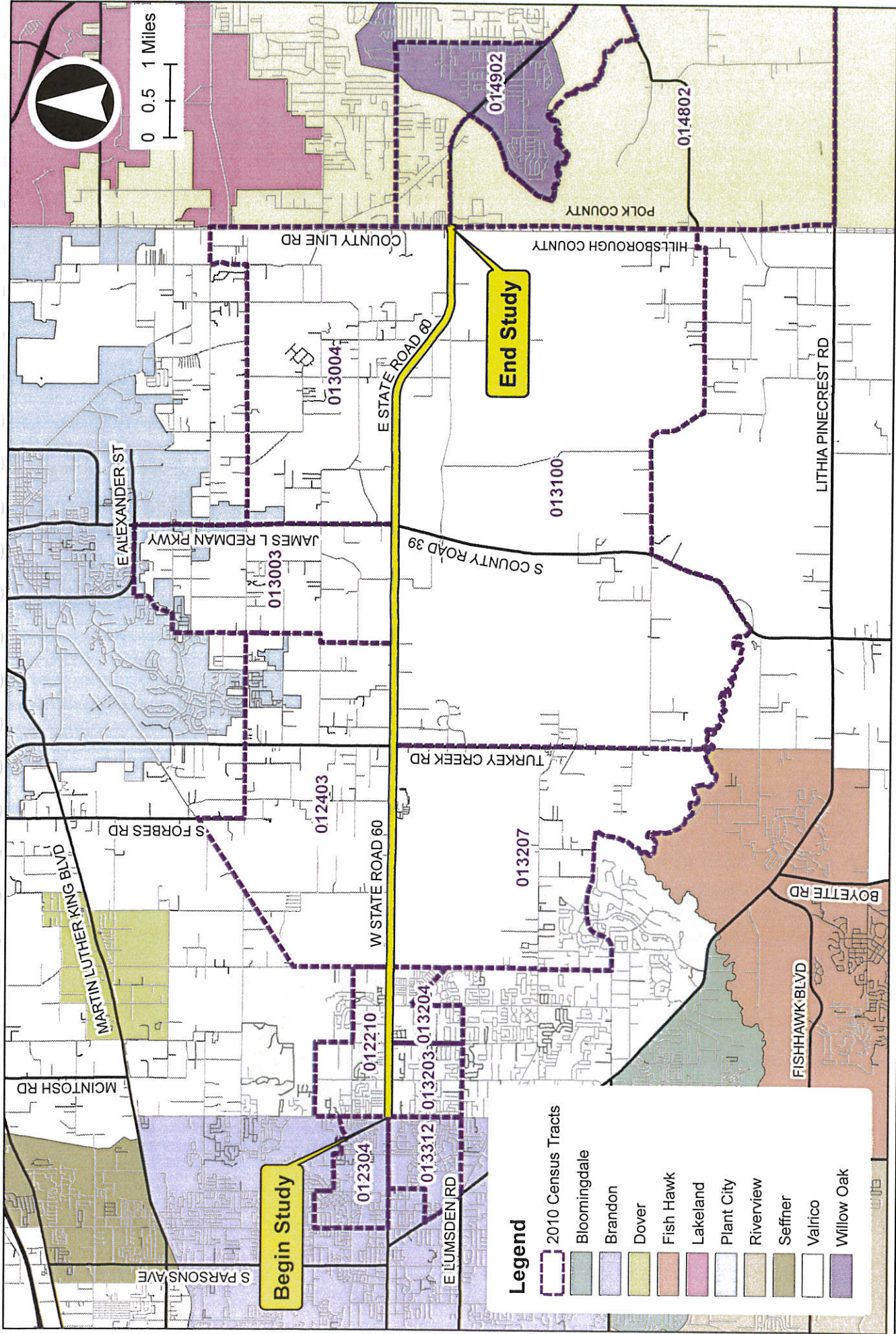
The following federal, state, regional agencies and Native American Tribal Nations have been identified with a possible involvement with this project due to jurisdictional review or expressed interest. These agencies will be contacted directly by the FDOT through the Advance Notification (AN) process at the outset of the project, in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 3 of the *PD&E Manual* or through the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process. The ETDM process uses an Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) as a formal review committee. The *Programming Screen Summary Report* documents this screening coordination. The ETAT members are shown in **Section III.D**. As other concerned public agencies are identified throughout the study, they will also be listed and contacted. For names of contacts and addresses, please refer to **Appendix A**.

### **Federal**

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- US Department of Interior – U.S. Geological Survey – Florida Integrated Science Center
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
- US Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- National Parks Service (NPS)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE)
- US Department of Health and Human Services
- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region IV
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

### **State**

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Florida Department of Transportation – Environmental Management Office
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC)
- Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)



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**Census Designated Places (2010)**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2010)

**Figure 2**



**Regional**

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

**Native American Tribal Officials**

Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Historic Preservation Manager  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Chairman  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Chairman  
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Compliance Review Supervisor  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

**C. Elected and Appointed Officials and Local Agencies**

The following elected and appointed officials and local public interest groups or organizations having a direct or expressed interest in the project have been identified and will be contacted by the FDOT during the course of the study. The FDOT’s consultant will update and maintain e-mail lists and develop an e-mail notification for FDOT’s use. See **Appendix B** for contact information.

**Federal Elected Officials**

The Honorable Bill Nelson	United States Senator
The Honorable Marco Rubio	United States Senator
The Honorable Gus Bilirakis	United States Representative (District 9)
The Honorable Dennis Ross	United States Representative (District 12)

**State Elected Officials**

The Honorable Ronda Storms	Florida State Senator (District 10)
The Honorable Paula Dockery	Florida State Senator (District 15)
The Honorable Rachel Burgin	Florida State Representative (District 56)
The Honorable Rich Glorioso	Florida State Representative (District 62)
The Honorable Seth McKeel	Florida State Representative (District 63)

**Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Sandra Murman, Vice Chair	District 1
Commissioner Victor Crist	District 2
Commissioner Les Miller	District 3
Commissioner Al Higginbotham	District 4
Commissioner Ken Hagan, Chair	District 5
Commissioner Kevin Beckner	District 6
Commissioner Mark Sharpe	District 7

### **Polk County Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Bob English	District 1
Commissioner Melony Bell, Vice Chair	District 2
Commissioner Edwin Smith	District 3
Commissioner Todd Dantzler	District 4
Commissioner Sam Johnson, Chair	District 5

### **Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Mayor Joe Affronti	Chair (City of Temple Terrace)
Ramond Chiaramonte	Executive Director

### **Polk County Transportation Planning Organization**

Mayor Roy Tyler	Chair
Thomas Deardorff	Director

### **Hillsborough County Departments**

Ronald Barton	Economic Development Director
Joe Moreda	Planning & Zoning Director
John Lyons	Public Utilities Director
Mark Thornton	Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director
Ron Rogers	Fire Rescue, Chief
David Gee	Sheriff's Office, Sheriff
Richard Garrity, Ph.D.	Environmental Protection Commission Director
Candy Olson	Public School Board Chair
Preston Cook	Emergency Management Director
Mike Merrill	County Administrator
Frank Chillura	City-County Planning Commission (The Planning Commission)
Pat Frank	Clerk of the Circuit Court
Rob E. Turner	Property Appraiser
Doug Belden	Tax Collector
Earl Lennard	Supervisor of Elections
Gene Boles	Development Services Director

### **Polk County Departments**

Rodney Carson	Central Florida Economic Development Council Director
Tom Deardorff	Planning & Development Director
Gary Fries, PE	Utilities Division Director
Michael Callender	Parks & Recreation Manager
David Cash	Fire Rescue Division, Chief
Grady Judd	Sheriff's Office, Sheriff

Nelson Stiles	Waste Resource Management, Interim Director
Hazel Sellers	Public School Board Chair
Pete McNally	Emergency Management Director
Jim Freeman	County Manager
Jay Jarvis, PE	Transportation Division Director
Richard M. Weiss	Clerk of Courts
Lori Edwards	Supervisor of Elections
Marsha Faux	Property Appraiser
Joe Tedder	Tax Collector
Jeff Spence	Parks and Natural Resources, Director
Chandra Frederick	Land Development, Director

**City of Plant City – City Commission & Departments**

Commissioner Daniel Raulerson	Group 1
Commissioner Rick Lott	Group 2
Commissioner William Dodson	Group 3
Mayor Michael Sparkman	Group 4
Vice-Mayor Mary Thomas-Mathis	Group 5
Gregory Horwedel	City Manager
Brett Gocka, PE	City Engineer
George Shiley	Fire Chief
Jack Holland	Recreation & Parks, Director
Bill McDaniel	Police Chief
Frank Coughenour	Utilities Department, Director

**D. Property Owners & Public/Special Interest Groups**

The land use within the PD&E study limits is mostly agricultural, residential, or vacant properties. The best ways to engage these property and business owners will be to reach them by letters/newsletter and invite them to the public workshop/hearing.

The following ETAT members will be contacted through the ETDM Programming Screen process (ETDM No. 4131) and Advance Notification package to solicit agency input and comments as part of the PD&E process.

**SR 60 Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT)**

- Bureau of Indian Affairs – \*Office of Trust Responsibilities – Environmental Services
- City of Plant City – Phil Searce
- FDOT District Seven – James Andrews
- FDOT District Seven – Robin Rhinesmith
- Federal Aviation Administration – \*Airports District Office
- Federal Highway Administration – Linda Anderson
- Federal Transit Administration – Brian Smart
- FIHS Central Office – Khaleda Hatim

Florida Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services – Dennis Hardin  
 Florida Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services – Vince Morris  
 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity – Jeannette Hallock-Soloman  
 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity – Chris Wiglesworth  
 Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Lauren Milligan  
 Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Chris Stahl  
 Florida Department of State – Ginny Jones  
 Florida Department of State – Laura Kammerer  
 Florida Department of State – Daniel McClarnon  
 Florida Department of State – Alyssa McManus  
 Florida Department of Transportation – Marjorie Bixby  
 Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission – Terry Gilbert  
 Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission – Bonita Gorham  
 Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission – Mary Ann Poole  
 Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission – Scott Sanders  
 Hillsborough County MPO – Wally Blain  
 Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida – \* The Honorable Mr. Colley Billie, Chairman  
 Muscogee (Creek) Nation – \*The Honorable Mr. George Tiger, Principal Chief  
 National Marine Fisheries Service – David Rydene  
 National Marine Fisheries Service – Mark Sramek  
 National Parks Service – Anita Barnett  
 Natural Resources Conservation Service – Rick Robbins  
 Poarch Band of Creek Indians– \*The Honorable Mr. Buford Rolin, Chairman  
 Seminole Nation of Oklahoma – \*The Honorable Mr. Leonard Harjo, Principal Chief  
 Seminole Tribe of Florida – Paul Backhouse  
 Seminole Tribe of Florida – \*The Honorable Mr. James Billie, Chairman  
 Seminole Tribe of Florida – Elliott York  
 Southwest Florida Water Management District – Hank Higginbotham  
 Southwest Florida Water Management District – Paul O’Neil  
 Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council – Suzanne Cooper  
 Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council – John Meyer  
 US Army Corps of Engineers – Robert Barron  
 US Army Corps of Engineers – John Fellows  
 US Army Corps of Engineers – Garrett Lips  
 US Coast Guard – Gene Stratton  
 US Department of Health and Human Services – \*National Center for Environmental  
     Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
 US Department of Housing and Urban Development – \*Regional Environmental  
     Officer  
 US Department of Interior – \*Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office  
 US Department of Interior – USGS-FICS, Director  
 US Environmental Protection Agency – Madolyn Dominy  
 US Fish and Wildlife Service – Jane Monaghan

\* Hardcopy recipient

Other organizations and public/special interest groups which may have an interest in the proposed project include the following groups (see **Appendix B** for contact information):

- Hillsborough County Environmental Land Acquisition and Protection (ELAP)
- Hillsborough County Fair
- Florida Strawberry Growers Association
- FDOT, District One
- CSX Transportation
- Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART)
- Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, Office of Motor Carrier Compliance, Division of Florida Highway Patrol
- Strawberry Ridge Homeowners Association
- Featherock Mobile Homeowners Association
- Oak Hill Village Homeowners Association
- St. Cloud Reserve Homeowners Association
- Parkside Village Homeowners Association
- Kings Mill Townhome Owners Association
- Citrus Hill RV Park
- Spring Hill Estates

## V. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Various techniques will be used to notify the public of the proposed transportation improvements and to facilitate an early and continuous exchange of ideas and information with the community. Mass media used to carry public notices, news releases, public service announcements, news items and interviews are listed under their appropriate categories as follows:

### A. Legal/Display Newspaper Advertisements

Legal/display advertisements will be published in the following newspapers announcing the location, date, and time of the Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing:

This PD&E study is located within the designated market area for the *Tampa Tribune* in Hillsborough County. Below is contact information for these publications. *CENTRO Tampa* provides market reach for Spanish-speaking persons. Below is contact information for these publications.

**The Tampa Tribune**  
200-202 S. Parker Street  
Tampa, FL 33606

**CENTRO Tampa**  
202 S. Parker Street  
Tampa, FL 33606

**The Florida Sentinel**  
2207 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33605

**tbt\***  
200 S. Parker Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33606

Two legal/display advertisements announcing the alternatives public workshop and the public hearing will be published at least 15 days but no more than 30 days prior to the workshop and hearing and again seven to 12 days before the workshop and hearing. A notice will also be electronically submitted for publishing in the *Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW)* at least seven days prior to the alternatives public workshop and public hearing. The FDOT's consultant will submit the *FAW* ad online, after registering with the Department of State's e-rulemaking website. A chronological file of pertinent newspaper clippings will be maintained in the project files.

## B. Newsletters

Four newsletters will be developed for this project and distributed at the following times:

- Study Kickoff – at the start of the study
- Invitation/notice for the alternatives public workshop
- Invitation/notice for the public hearing
- Notice for the “Location and Design Concept Acceptance” (LDCA) at the completion of the PD&E study

## C. News Releases to Local Media

News releases will be prepared by the FDOT's community involvement specialist for distribution to the media by the District Public Information Officer. The following media outlets will receive news releases about the project.

NEWSPAPERS	
<p><b>The Tampa Tribune</b> 200-202 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-259-7711</p>	<p><b>CENTRO Tampa</b> 202 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-259-8133</p>
<p><b>The Florida Sentinel</b> 2207 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Tampa, FL 33605 813-248-1921</p>	<p><b>tbt*</b> 200 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-259-7711</p>
RADIO	
<p><b>WMNF – FM 88.5</b> Tampa, FL <a href="http://www.wmnf.org/">http://www.wmnf.org/</a> 813-238-8001</p>	<p><b>WUSF – FM 89.7</b> Tampa, FL <a href="http://www.wusf.usf.edu/">http://www.wusf.usf.edu/</a> 813-974-8700</p>
<p><b>WFLA – AM 970</b> Tampa, FL <a href="http://www.970wfla.com/main.html">http://www.970wfla.com/main.html</a> 813-832-1000</p>	<p><b>WLCC – AM 760</b> Brandon, FL <a href="http://laleytampa.com/">http://laleytampa.com/</a> 813-879-4760</p>

TELEVISION	
<b>Channel 28</b> <b>WFTS, ABC</b> 4045 N. Himes Avenue Tampa, FL 33607 877-833-2828 <a href="mailto:newstips@wfts.com">newstips@wfts.com</a>	<b>Channel 10</b> <b>WTSP, CBS</b> 11450 Gandy Blvd St Petersburg, FL 33702 727-577-1010 <a href="mailto:desk@tampabay10.com">desk@tampabay10.com</a>
<b>Channel 8</b> <b>WFLA, NBC</b> 200 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-228-8888 <a href="mailto:news@wfla.com">news@wfla.com</a>	<b>Channel 26</b> <b>WZVN, ABC</b> 3719 Central Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-393-2020 <a href="http://www.wzvntv.com">www.wzvntv.com</a>
<b>Channel 30</b> <b>WGCU, TV 3 (Public Media)</b> 10501 FGCU Boulevard South Fort Myers, FL 33965 239-590-2300 <a href="http://www.wcgu.org">www.wcgu.org</a>	<b>Bay News 9</b> <b>Hillsborough Bureau</b> 4400 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Tampa, FL 33614 727-329-2400 <a href="mailto:desk@baynews9.com">desk@baynews9.com</a>
<b>Univision 62</b> <b>WVEA Tampa (Spanish)</b> 2610 W. Hillsborough Avenue Tampa, FL 33614 813-872-6262 <a href="mailto:noticiatampa@entravision.com">noticiatampa@entravision.com</a>	<b>Channel 13</b> <b>WTVT, Fox</b> 3213 W. Kennedy Blvd Tampa, FL 33609 813-876-1313 <a href="mailto:news@wtvt.com">news@wtvt.com</a>
<b>Tampa Bay Community</b> <b>Network Channels 19 &amp; 20</b> 1001 North B Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-254-1687	<b>Channel 22</b> <b>HTV</b> 28th Floor County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. Tampa, FL 33602 813-272-5362 <a href="http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/htv">www.hillsboroughcounty.org/htv</a>
<b>Telemundo Channel 49</b> <b>WRMD</b> 402 N. Reo St. #218 Tampa, FL 33609 813-319-5757 <a href="http://www.telemundo.com">www.telemundo.com</a>	<b>Channel 16</b> <b>WUSF, PBS</b> 4202 E. Fowler Ave., TVB 100 Tampa, FL 33620 813-974-8700 <a href="mailto:news@wusf.org">news@wusf.org</a>
<b>Channel 44</b> <b>WTOG, CW</b> 365-105 <sup>th</sup> Terrace NE St. Petersburg, FL 33716 727-576-4444	

#### **D. Invitational and Informational Newsletters**

A mailing list will be established and the following groups will be contacted to obtain input into the PD&E process and/or provide project information and introduce opportunities for public comment:

- Those whose property lies, in whole or in part within 300 feet on either side of the centerline for each alternative alignment as required by Florida Statute (Section 399.155, FS). The property owner list will be compiled from the Property Appraiser's office utilizing a Geographic Information System (GIS) database containing current tax maps and ownership records. For the public hearing, notification must be received at least 21 days prior to the date of the hearing.
- Elected and appointed officials in the area (city, county, state, federal) and community leaders who have been identified, or have requested to be put on the mailing list.
- Permitting agencies and other federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction within the project vicinity that have been identified and placed on the mailing list of officials, agencies, and interested parties.
- Public and private groups, organizations, agencies, businesses or individuals that request to be placed on the mailing list for this project. Many of these are listed in **Section IV.D**.
- Media in the project area that have been identified and placed on the mailing list to be used for news release/distribution, advertisements, or any other concerns.

These groups will be notified 21 days in advance of public meetings, therefore notifications will be sent out 25 days prior to the public meetings.

#### **E. District Seven Project Information Website**

All pertinent project information will be posted on FDOT District Seven Project Information Website.

### **VI. PUBLIC INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES & MEETINGS**

The following agency and public information meetings will be held to involve the public and interested agencies in the PD&E study process and to inform interested parties of the project's status.

#### **A. Limited English Proficiency Guidelines**

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all reasonable steps will be taken to assure that Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons receive the language assistance necessary to afford them meaningful access to programs and services. Upon request, methods will be provided to make arrangements for an appropriate interpreter and translation services free of charge.

As noted, this project is situated in a location where a recognized component of the population is Spanish-speaking. To facilitate communications with this specific group, a targeted approach has been designed to include:

- The department and/or consultant will provide Spanish-speaking representatives at the alternatives public workshop and public hearing to facilitate translation.
- Advertising the alternatives public workshop and public hearing in a local Spanish newspaper in accordance with **Section V.A.**
- Notation will be made in the project newsletters to indicate that Spanish language versions of the newsletter will be made available upon request. Also, Spanish-speaking groups in the community may request multiple copies of newsletters for distribution.
- Involving the minority and migrant population within the study area by providing project information to the local agencies that serve this group and by conducting small group meetings upon request. Project information will be provided to the following agency and individuals (see **Appendix B** for contact information):
  - **Hillsborough County Hispanic Affairs**
    - Tony Morejon, Hispanic Affairs Liaison
  - **Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**
    - Bibiana Gomez, Chair

## **B. Meeting Sites**

Prospective sites for any meetings to be held shall be inspected for suitability. Consideration will be given to location, parking capacity, seating capacity, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, sound system, lighting, display space, and any other physical characteristics that would influence the viability of these sites. Potential meeting site information can be found in **Section IX.A.**

## **C. Public Official/Agency Kickoff Letter/Newsletter**

A kickoff letter or informational newsletter will be mailed to local, state, and federal officials and agencies representing, or having jurisdiction in, the project area. The purpose of this letter is to inform the officials and agencies of the project initiation and to provide them with general project knowledge as well as concerns related to the proposed improvements. The project fact sheet will be included with the kickoff letter.

## **D. Fact Sheet**

A fact sheet will be prepared for this project and will be updated throughout the duration of the project. It will include general information regarding the project such as WPI Segment Number, project description, project location map, District Seven project information website address, and the Project Manager's contact information. The fact sheet will be provided to the Project Manager and will be included in the kickoff letter to public officials and agencies. The fact sheet can be modified to use as a handout at presentations and meetings.

## **E. Alternatives Public Workshop**

One alternatives public workshop will be held for this study. The workshop will be conducted at a location near the project and at convenient hours to accommodate and promote attendance (see **Section IX.A**). The workshop will be conducted by the FDOT. A quarter-page legal display advertisement will be published at least 15 days but no more than 30 days prior to the workshop again seven to 12 days before the workshop. A FAW ad will be published at least seven calendar days prior to the workshop. See **Section V.A** for additional information.

To enhance the public's understanding of the study and to illustrate the various improvement alternatives under consideration, project information will be presented in various media at the workshop. This may include an audio/visual presentation, board-mounted exhibits, concept plans, and project handouts.

The FDOT will notify elected and appointed officials and agencies by email or by project newsletter at least 21 days prior to the workshop. Letters will also be sent to all property owners and interested citizens on the mailing list 21 days prior to the workshop.

Up to three briefings will be held with the FDOT and its representatives prior to the alternatives public workshop to discuss potential public issues and concerns, and to review meeting materials.

The workshop will present to the public the results of the study to date and allow the public to express concerns, ask questions, and make comments. Public input will be included in the *Comments and Coordination Report* (see **Section XI** for additional information). The workshop will follow an informal, open house format. The meeting handouts will encourage the public to review the displays, ask questions, and discuss issues with the FDOT and their representatives.

Within two weeks of the workshop, a debriefing will be held with the FDOT and their representatives to identify, review, and discuss comments expressed by the public at the workshop. The FDOT team will address and respond to issues raised at the workshop, as necessary, by letter, distribution of news releases, or by other appropriate techniques. All written comments and responses to those comments will be summarized in the *Comments and Coordination Report*.

## **F. Public Hearing**

In compliance with the *PD&E Manual*, 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155, Florida Statute (FS), a formal public hearing will be held for this project. The public hearing will be held to involve the public and interested parties in the PD&E process, to inform them of the project's recommended alternative and to solicit comments for the official project record. See **Section IX** for detailed information.

## **G. Unscheduled Meetings and Presentations**

The FDOT and their representatives (if required) will be available on short notice to attend meetings or make presentations. Such meetings and presentations may be held at any hour between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on any day of the week. Aerial maps, press releases, advertisements, audio/visual displays and other materials may be used for these meetings.

## H. Coordination with Adjacent Projects

Efforts will be made to coordinate with ongoing projects along SR 60.

## VII. COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

As noted in **Section V.B**, a kickoff letter or informative newsletter will be mailed to local, state, and federal elected officials and agencies to provide them with information about the project and to solicit their comments and support.

Meetings will be held throughout the study when deemed appropriate by the department to inform local officials of the project status, the recommended alternative concepts and to receive their comments. Coordination will be accomplished by presentations upon request to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and the Polk County BOCC. Additional Hillsborough County MPO Advisory Committees include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB), and the Livable Roadways Committee (LRC). Additionally, coordination with the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and its committees include the CAC, TAC, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TD-LCB) will be accomplished upon request. Presentation materials may include a fact sheet, PowerPoint presentation, and comment forms. The schedules of monthly meetings for the Hillsborough & Polk Counties BOCC, the Hillsborough County MPO and its sub-committees, the Polk County TPO and its sub-committees, the City of Plant City, and other interested local governments entities are included in **Appendix C**.

## VIII. ANALYSIS & EVALUATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

This activity occurs throughout the duration of the study and consists of maintenance of files, newspaper clippings, letters, and direct contact before, during, and after any of the public meetings for the project's development phase. The FDOT will receive copies of all pertinent public input received from concerned parties throughout the study's duration. All public input received and public informational meetings held during the duration of the study will be documented in the *Comments and Coordination Report* (see **Section XI** for more information). All comments received will be considered during the evaluation of project alternatives.

Translators will be provided free of charge at the alternatives public workshop and the public hearing if requested. Arrangements will be made for a court reporter to be present at the public hearing. Other means of collecting input include:

- Personal contact or written comment forms received during the alternatives public workshop and by letters, visits, or phone calls in response to said meetings.
- Personal contact and written comment forms received during the public hearing or during the formal public comment time of the hearing. All comments,

whether written or oral, will be documented in the transcript of the public hearing proceedings.

- Informal meetings with civic groups, homeowners associations, churches, etc., to provide citizens with a comfortable setting where they can express their concerns regarding the project.
- Up to four newsletters will periodically be distributed to provide an opportunity for comments and questions. A contact person, telephone number, address, and e-mail address will be included in the project newsletters. This contact information will also be provided in Spanish or any other language if necessary.
- The project website will contain a public comments page that will allow the public to request to be added to the project mailing list or to make comments on the project.

## **IX. PUBLIC HEARING**

In compliance with the *PD&E Manual*, 23 CFR 771, and Section 339.155, FS, a public hearing will be held as part of the PD&E study. The public hearing will be held to involve the public and interested parties in the PD&E process, to inform them of the project's preferred alternative(s), and to solicit comments for the official project record.

### **A. Public Hearing Site**

Depending on schedule and availability, the public hearing could be held at one of the following locations in Hillsborough County:

First Choice:

#### **Hillsborough Community College**

Environmental Studies Center, English Creek Center

2802 SR 60 East

Valrico, FL 33594

Contact: Amber Lee, 813-757-2136

Alternatives:

#### **Revival Outreach Center**

225 N. Dover Road

Dover, FL 33527

#### **New Life Church**

2820 SR 60 East

Valrico, FL 33594

Contact: 813-402-8084

#### **Life Center of Brandon**

2596 E. SR 60

Valrico, FL 33594

Contact: Lorraine, 813-526-9618

#### **St. Mary Mission Baptist Church**

1840 SR 60

Plant City, FL

Contact: 813-737-3668

## **B. Public Advertisements**

See Section V.A.

## **C. Newsletters/Notification to Parties**

See Sections V.B and V.D.

## **D. Hearing Presentation**

An audio/visual (PowerPoint) presentation, conceptual design plans, brochure, comment form, and other exhibits will be developed and made available at public hearing. The presentation may be edited for use on local public access TV following the hearing.

## **E. Briefing Meeting**

The department will hold briefing meetings approximately 30 to 40 days prior to the public hearing to review all materials. The meeting will be held at the FDOT offices with various department staff and their representatives to discuss potential public issues or concerns. The hearing graphics, presentation, brochure, and notices will also be presented for review and comment.

## **F. Public Hearing Transcript**

A court reporter will prepare a verbatim transcript of the public hearing to include the formal presentation by the FDOT and oral comments from the public received at the hearing. At least two certified copies of the transcript will be forwarded to the District Environmental Management Office (EMO).

## **G. Engineering/Environmental Documentation for Public Inspection**

Draft documents that may be made available at the public hearing for public review include:

- Design Traffic Memorandum
- Cultural Resource Assessment Survey
- Preliminary Stormwater Management Facilities Report
- Wetlands Evaluation & Biological Assessment Report
- Preliminary Conceptual Plans
- Contamination Survey Evaluation Report
- Preliminary Engineering Report
- Location Hydraulics Report
- Noise Study Report

## H. Availability & Location of Documents for Public Review

Public notice will be provided in the public hearing advertisement indicating where the study documents are located for public review. The study documents will be available for public review from 21 days prior to and through 10 days following the public hearing. Public review sites are anticipated to include the FDOT District Seven office and one of the following public libraries:

### **Brandon Regional Library**

619 Vonderburg Drive  
Brandon, FL 33511-5972  
(813) 273-3652

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00am-9:00pm  
Thursday: 12:00pm-8:00pm  
Friday & Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm  
Sunday: 12:30pm-5:00pm

### **Bruton Memorial Library**

302 W. McLendon Street  
Plant City, FL 33563  
(813) 757-9251

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-9:00pm  
Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

## I. Non-Discrimination Laws and Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance: Notification during the public hearing will be provided in the presentation, by brochure, signage, and through all public advertisements and letters of invitation using the following wording:

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Manuel Santos, EI, Project Manager, at (813) 975-6173 at least seven working days in advance of the Hearing.

## J. SAFETEA-LU Compliance

SAFETEA-LU or Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users stipulates that the public be given reasonable opportunity for commenting on transportation projects. Under SAFETEA-LU a visualization component requires that some sort of visual aid such as GIS maps, graphs, charts, or other methods of interpreting data and information be provided to the public. Visual aids that comply with the standards set forth by SAFETEA-LU will be available at all public workshops/hearings.

## K. Assistance for Spanish-speaking Attendees

Persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Manuel Santos, EI, Project Manager, at (813) 975-6173 at least seven working days in advance of the hearing.

## L. Public Hearing Scrapbook

A scrapbook containing 11" x 17" reproductions of the public hearing display boards, concept plans, presentation material, brochure and sign-in sheets will be prepared. The scrapbook will

also include a project description, project location map, description of alternatives evaluated and shown, a list of documents on display, and a summary of the hearing. A CD containing the electronic files in PDF format will also be included.

### **M. Project Team Debriefing**

A debriefing meeting will be held with the project team no later than two weeks after the hearing. The purpose of the meeting is to identify, review and discuss comments and issues expressed by the public.

## **X. PUBLIC HEARING FOLLOW-UP**

The following procedures will be undertaken after the public hearing:

### **A. Identification of Issues**

The identification of issues raised at the hearing is an integral part of the debriefing meeting process, which shall be attended by staff members who took part in the hearing and spoke with the public. This meeting shall be held within two weeks after the hearing.

### **B. Responses to Questions & Comments**

Questions and comments received from the public, but not answered at the hearing, will be followed up after the hearing. If a written response is necessary, the FDOT will respond accordingly. A copy of all responses will be included in the project files and incorporated in the *Comments and Coordination Report* (see **Section XI** for additional information). This report will also summarize the responses to comments received from the Advance Notification process, the alternatives public workshop, the public hearing, local government meetings, any informal meetings, or any comments received via the project's website.

### **C. Recommendation Notice**

Once all comments are addressed and FHWA approves the final environmental document and grants Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA), a legal advertisement announcing FHWA's acceptance will be prepared and published by the FDOT in the *Tampa Tribune* and *CENTRO Tampa*, as available and as appropriate. A final newsletter may be sent to all individuals on the mailing list to notify them of FHWA acceptance of the environmental document. This newsletter will include the date the document was signed by FHWA, a brief description of the recommended alternative, the schedule for any remaining phases, and the name of the design project manager (if one is assigned). See **Section XII** for additional information.

### **D. Public Hearing Transcript Package**

A verbatim transcript, and public hearing certification, will be provided to the FDOT (see **Section IX.F** for more information).

## **XI. COMMENTS AND COORDINATION REPORT**

A *Comments and Coordination Report* will be prepared to summarize the coordination with the public and local officials. This report will also summarize the comments and responses, results and recommendations of the informal meetings and public hearing. This report will also summarize the responses to comments received from the Advance Notification process, local government meetings, MPO meetings, and any pertinent informal meetings.

## **XII. LOCATION & DESIGN CONCEPT ACCEPTANCE & PUBLIC NOTICE**

In compliance with the FDOT's *PD&E Manual*, Part 1, Chapter 11, once all public hearing comments are reviewed and considered and FHWA approves the final environmental document by granting LDCA, a legal advertisement announcing FHWA's approval will be prepared and published by FDOT in media outlets as specified in **Section V.C.** Notification will be sent to all individuals on the project's mailing list (including property owners, elected officials, and agencies) by newsletter to inform them of FHWA's approval. This notice shall include the date the document was signed by FHWA, a brief description of the alternative selected, the schedule for remaining phases and the name of the design project manager (if it has been assigned).

## **XIII. PUBLIC INFORMATION DURING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

Following the PD&E study phase additional public involvement techniques, will be documented in a *Community Awareness Plan (CAP)*. This *CAP* will be prepared at the start of the proposed project's design and construction phases. It will outline procedures to keep the public informed of the project's design and construction phases.

## **XIV. EVALUATION OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**

Attendance at public meetings does not necessarily indicate the level of success of a project's public involvement efforts. In order to determine if the public involvement activities are achieving the desired results, it is important to assess their effectiveness throughout the study. The use of systematic evaluation efforts will allow the department to improve ineffective techniques and add new public involvement activities, if appropriate.

## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A** – Federal & State Agencies Mailing List

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Mailing List

**Appendix C** – Hillsborough & Polk County 2012 Meeting Schedules

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Federal & State Agencies Mailing List**

## **Federal Agencies**

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Martin Knopp, Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Rd., Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Nahir DeTizio, Area Transportation Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Rd., Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Major Phillip May, Director  
FEMA, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Rd  
Atlanta, GA 30341

Bob Young, Regional Director  
HUD, Region IV  
Five Points Plaza Building  
40 Marietta Street

Suzette Kimball, Regional Director  
U.S. Geological Survey, Eastern Region  
11649 Leetown Rd  
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Sam Hamilton, Director  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region IV  
1875 Century Blvd  
Atlanta, GA 30345

Marie Stewart, Associate State Director  
Bureau of Land Management Eastern States Office  
7450 Boston Blvd  
Springfield, VA 22153

Darren A. Cruzan, Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
1849 C. Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Barry Rosen, Director  
U.S. Department of Interior, USGS  
Florida Integrated Science Center, Orlando  
12703 Research Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32826

Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth St. SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Donnie Kinard, Chief  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch  
701 San Marco Blvd, Room 372  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Charles Schnepel, Section Chief  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Tampa Regulatory Office  
10117 Princess Palm Drive, Suite 120  
Tampa, FL 33610

Dr. Roy E. Crabtree,  
Regional Administrator, SE Region  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
263 13<sup>th</sup> Ave South  
St Petersburg, FL 33701

Tom Tidwell, Forest Chief  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Steve Daw, Regional Director  
National Parks Service, Southern Region  
1924 Building, 100 Alabama St., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Rear Admiral William D. Baumgartner  
Commander – Seventh District  
US Coast Guard  
Brickell Plaza Federal Building  
909 SE First Avenue  
Miami, FL 33131

Douglas Murphy, Southern Region Regional  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Southern Region  
1701 Columbia Avenue  
College Park, GA 30337

Yvette Taylor, Region 4 Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
230 Peachtree Street, NW  
Suite 800  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Timothy Barkley, Office of Public Engagement Director  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

## **State Agencies**

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Commissioner Adam Putnam  
Division of Administration  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
Services  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

ATTN: Sandra Lynch  
Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Southwest District  
13051 N. Telecom Parkway  
Temple Terrace, FL 33637

Lauren Milligan, Environmental Manager  
Florida State Clearinghouse, FDEP  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, M/S – 47  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Nancy Linehan, Director  
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation  
Commission Office of Planning & Policy  
Coordination  
620 South Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

Marjorie Bixby, Manager  
FDOT, Environmental Mgmt Office  
605 Suwannee Street, M/S – 37  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Hunting Deutsch, Executive Director  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
107 East Madison Street  
Caldwell Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4120

Florida Inland Navigation District  
1314 Marcinski Road  
Jupiter, FL 33477-9498

Robert Bendus, Division Director  
Florida DOS, Division of Historical Resources  
State Historic Preservation Office  
500 Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

## **Regional Officials**

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Hank Higginbotham  
Southwest Florida Water Management District  
2379 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899

Suzanne Cooper  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard  
Pinellas Park, FL 33728

## **Tribal Officials**

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Mr. James E. Billie, Chairman  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
6300 Stirling Rd  
Hollywood, FL 33024

Mr. Paul Backhouse, PhD, Acting Tribal Historic  
Preservation Officer  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
30290 Josie Billie Highway  
PMB 1004  
Clewiston, FL 33440

Ms. Anne Mullins, MCRP, Compliance Review  
Supervisor  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
30290 Josie Billie Highway  
PMB 1004  
Clewiston, FL 33440

Mr. Leonard Harjo, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 1498  
Wewoka, OK 74884

Ms. Natalie Harjo  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 1498  
Wewoka, OK 74884

Mr. Buford Rolin, Chairman  
Poarch Band Creek of Indians  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

Mr. Robert Thrower,  
Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

Mr. Colley Billie, Chairman  
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida  
Tamaimi Station  
PO Box 440021  
Miami, FL 33144

Mr. Fred Dayhoff, Section 106 & NAGPRA Coordinator  
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida  
HC 61  
SR Box 68  
Old Loop Road  
Ochopee, FL 34141

Mr. George Tiger, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Office of the Administration  
P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Cultural Preservation Department Officer  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Preservation  
P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Elected Officials, County Agencies & Special Interest Groups Mailing List**

## **Federal Elected Officials**

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Senator Bill Nelson  
United States Senator  
2925 Slazedo Street  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Congressman Gus Bilirakis  
United States Representative, District 9  
110 W Reynolds Street, Suite 101  
Plant City, FL 33563

Senator Marco Rubio  
United States Senator  
3299 E. Tamiami Trail, Suite 106  
Naples, FL 34112

Congressman Dennis Ross  
United States Representative, District 13  
170 Fitzgerald Road, Suite 1  
Lakeland, FL 33813

## **State Elected Officials**

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Senator Ronda Storms  
Florida State Senator, District 10  
Lithia Oaks Business Center  
421 Lithia Pinecrest Road  
Brandon, FL 33511

Representative Rich Glorioso  
Florida House of Representative, District 62  
Suite 204  
110 W. Reynolds Street  
Plant City, FL 33563-3379

Senator Paula Dockery  
Florida State Senator, District 15  
PO Box 2395  
Lakeland, FL 33806-2395

Representative Seth McKeel  
Florida House of Representative, District 63  
4250 South Florida Avenue, Suite 4  
Lakeland, FL 33813-1670

Representative Rachel Burgin  
Florida House of Representative, District 56  
Unit A  
11256 Winthrop Main Street  
Riverview, FL 33578-4267

## **Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners & County Departments**

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Commissioner Sandra Murman, Vice-Chair  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 1)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Commissioner Al Higginbotham  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 4)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Commissioner Victor Crist  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 2)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Commissioner Ken Hagan  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 5)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Commissioner Les Miller  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 3)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Commissioner Kevin Beckner, Chair  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 6)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Commissioner Mark Sharpe  
Hillsborough County BOCC (District 7)  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Mayor Joe Affronti, Chair  
Hillsborough County MPO  
Hillsborough County Center  
PO Box 1110  
Tampa, FL 33601-1110

Ramond Chiamonte, Executive Director  
Hillsborough County MPO  
Hillsborough County Center  
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Tampa, FL 33601-1110

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Hillsborough County Economic Development  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Joe Moreda, Director  
Hillsborough County Planning & Zoning Division  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

John Lyons, Director  
Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department  
925 E. Twiggs Street  
Tampa, FL 33602

Mark Thornton, Director  
Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
10119 Windhorst Road  
Tampa, FL 33619

Ron Rogers, Chief  
Hillsborough County Fire Department  
3210 South 78<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, FL 33619

David Gee, Sheriff  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department  
2008 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33605

Richard Garrity, Ph.D., Director  
Hillsborough County Environmental Protection  
Commission  
3629 Queen Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619

Candy Olson, Chair  
Hillsborough County Public School Board  
901 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Preston Cook, Director  
Hillsborough County Emergency Management  
2711 E. Hanna Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33610

Mike Merrill, Administrator  
Hillsborough County Administrator  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33602

Frank Chillura, Chair  
Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission  
The Planning Commission  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602

Pat Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court  
PO Box 1110  
Tampa, FL 33601

Rob Turner, Property Appraiser  
Hillsborough County Property Appraiser  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602

Doug Belden, Tax Collector  
Hillsborough County Tax Collector  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602

Earl Lennard, Supervisor of Elections  
Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Gene Boles, Director  
Hillsborough County Development Services  
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## **Polk County Board of County Commissioners & County Departments**

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Polk County BOCC (District 1)  
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Bartow, FL 33831-9005

Commissioner Melony Bell, Vice-Chair  
Polk County BOCC (District 2)  
Drawer BC01  
PO Box 9005  
Bartow, FL 33831-9005

Commissioner Edwin Smith  
Polk County BOCC (District 3)  
Drawer BC01  
PO Box 9005  
Bartow, FL 33831-9005

Commissioner Todd Dantzler  
Polk County BOCC (District 4)  
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Bartow, FL 33831-9005

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Polk County BOCC (District 5)  
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Drawer TSO5  
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Polk County TPO  
PO Box 9005  
Drawer TSO5  
Bartow, FL 33831-9005

Rodney Carson, Director  
Central Florida Development Council  
2701 Lake Myrtle Park Road  
Auburndale, FL 33823

Tom Deardorff, Director  
Polk County Planning & Development  
PO Box 9005, Drawer GM01  
Bartow, FL 33830

Gary Fries, Director  
Polk County Utilities Division  
1011 Jim Keene Boulevard, SR 540  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Michael Callender, Manager  
Polk County Parks & Recreation  
515 Boulevard Street  
Bartow, FL 33830

David Cash, Chief  
Polk County Fire Rescue  
PO Box 1458  
Bartow, FL 33831

Grady Judd, Sheriff  
Polk County Sheriff's Office  
1891 Jim Keene Boulevard  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Andrea Stermer, Director  
Polk County Waste Resource Management Division  
10 Environmental Loop South  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Hazel Sellers, Chair  
Polk County Public School Board  
PO Box 391  
Bartow, FL 33831

Pete McNally, Director  
Polk County Emergency Management  
1295 Brice Boulevard  
Bartow, FL 33830

Jim Freeman, County Manager  
Polk County Manager  
Drawer BC01  
PO Box 9005  
Bartow, FL 33831-9005

Jay Jarvis, PE, Director  
Polk County Transportation Division  
Drawer TR01  
PO Box 9005  
Bartow, FL 33831-9005

Richard Weiss, Clerk of Courts  
Polk County Clerk of Courts  
225 N. Broadway Avenue  
Bartow, FL 33830

Lori Edwards, Supervisor of Elections  
Polk County Supervisor of Elections  
PO Box 1460  
Bartow, FL 33831

Marsha Faux, Property Appraiser  
Polk County Property Appraiser  
255 N. Wilson Avenue  
Bartow, FL 33830

Joe Tedder, Tax Collector  
Polk County Tax Collector  
PO Box 1189  
Bartow, FL 33831-1189

Jeff Spence, Director  
Polk County Parks and Natural Resources Division  
4177 Ben Durrance Road  
Bartow, FL 33830

Chandra Frederick, Director  
Polk County Land Development  
PO Box 9005  
Drawer GM03  
Bartow, FL 33831-9005

## **City of Plant City - Elected Officials & Departments**

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Commissioner Daniel Raulerson  
City of Plant City Commission, Group 1  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
PO Box C  
Plant City, FL 33563

Commissioner Rick Lott  
City of Plant City Commission, Group 2  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
PO Box C  
Plant City, FL 33563

Commissioner William Dodson  
City of Plant City Commission, Group 3  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
PO Box C  
Plant City, FL 33563

Mayor Michael Sparkman  
City of Plant City Commission, Group 4  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
PO Box C  
Plant City, FL 33563

Vice-Mayor Mary Thomas-Mathis  
City of Plant City Commission, Group 5  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
PO Box C  
Plant City, FL 33563

Gregory Horwedel, City Manager  
City of Plant City  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
Plant City, FL 33563

Brett Gocka, PE, City Engineer  
City of Plant City  
302 W. Reynolds Street  
Plant City, FL 33563

George Shiley, Fire Chief  
City of Plant City  
604 E Alexander Street  
Plant City, FL 33563

Jack Holland, Recreation & Parks Director  
City of Plant City  
1904 South Park Road  
Plant City, FL 33563-8113

Bill McDaniel, Police Chief  
City of Plant City  
1 Police Place  
PO Box 4709  
Plant City, FL 33563

Frank Coughenour, Utilities Department Director  
City of Plant City  
1500 W. Victoria Street  
Plant City, FL 33563

### **Special Interest Groups**

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Hillsborough County ELAP  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
10119 Windhorst Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
813.635.3500

Hillsborough County Fair  
PO Box 100  
Sydney, FL 33587  
813.737.3247

Florida Strawberry Growers Association  
13138 Lewis Gallagher Road  
Dover, FL 33527  
813.752.6822

Florida Department of Transportation  
District One  
800 N. Broadway Avenue  
Bartow, FL 33830  
813.519.2300

CSX Transportation  
Corporate Headquarters  
500 Water Street, 15th Floor  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
904.359.3200

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority  
4305 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33605  
813.623.5835

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
Office of Motor Carrier Compliance  
Division of Florida Highway Patrol  
Troop C, Public Affairs Office  
Sergeant Steve Gaskins  
11305 N. McKinley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612

Strawberry Ridge Homeowners Association  
509 Strawberry Ridge  
Valrico, FL 33594

Featherock Mobile Homeowners Association  
127 Danny Drive  
Valrico, FL 33594

Oak Hill Village Homeowners Association  
124 Oakhill Village Key Court  
Valrico, FL 33594

St. Cloud Reserve Homeowners Association  
2805 Laurel Leaf Drive  
Valrico, FL 33594

Parkside Village Homeowners Association  
3626 Erindale Drive  
Valrico, FL 33594

Kings Mill Townhome Owners Association  
6554 Krycul Avenue  
Riverview, FL 33578

Citrus Hill RV Park  
5401 Boca Grande Circle  
Dover, FL 33527

Spring Hill Estates  
7500 County Line Road  
Mulberry, FL 33860

Hillsborough County Office of Hispanic Affairs  
Tony Morejon, Hispanic Affairs Liaison  
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602  
813.276.8622

Bibiana Gomez, Chair  
Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 15423  
Tampa, FL 33684

# **APPENDIX C**

## **Hillsborough & Polk County 2012 Meeting Schedules**

Board of County Commissioners		
County	Meeting Schedule	Location
Hillsborough	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month	9:00 am Board of County Commissioners Chambers 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Floor County Center 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33602
Polk	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month	9:00 am Board of County Commissioners Chambers 330 W. Church Street Bartow, FL 33830

Metropolitan Planning Organization/Transportation Planning Organization		
County	Meeting Schedule	Location
Hillsborough MPO	07/30/2012 09/04/2012 10/02/2012 11/13/2012 12/04/2012	9:00 am Board of County Commissioners Chambers 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Floor County Center 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33602
Hillsborough TAC	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month	1:30 pm FDOT D7 Boardroom 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, FL 33612
Hillsborough CAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month	1:15pm FDOT D7 Boardroom 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, FL 33612
Hillsborough ITS	07/26/2012 09/13/2012 11/15/2012	1:30 pm Planning Commission Boardroom County Center 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33602
Hillsborough BPAC	07/11/2012 09/12/2012 10/10/2012 11/14/2012 12/12/2012	5:30 pm Planning Commission Boardroom County Center 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33602
Hillsborough TDCB	08/23/2012 10/25/2012 12/06/2012	9:15 am 11250 N. 56 <sup>th</sup> Street Temple Terrace, FL 33617

<b>Metropolitan Planning Organization/Transportation Planning Organization</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Location</b>
Hillsborough LRC	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month	9:00 am FDOT D7 Boardroom 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, FL 33612
Polk TPO	Every other month on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	9:00 am Neil Combee County Administration Building 330 West Church Street Bartow, FL 33830
Polk CAC	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month	7:00 pm Room 413 Neil Combee County Administration Building 330 West Church Street Bartow, FL 33830
Polk TAC	Last Thursday of every other month	9:30 am Neil Combee County Administration Building 330 West Church Street Bartow, FL 33830
Polk TD-LCB	Meets quarterly	Neil Combee County Administration Building 330 West Church Street Bartow, FL 33830

<b>City Council Board</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Location</b>
Plant City	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month	Sadye Gibbs Martin Auditorium of City Hall 302 W. Reynolds Street Plant City, FL 33563