## UNDERSTANDING TAMPA BAY EXPRESS (TBX)



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This presentation is for educational purposes and was produced by the collaborative effort of the following organizations: OSHNA, THJCA, THCA, the Urban Charrette, Sunshine Citizens, The Heights Collective

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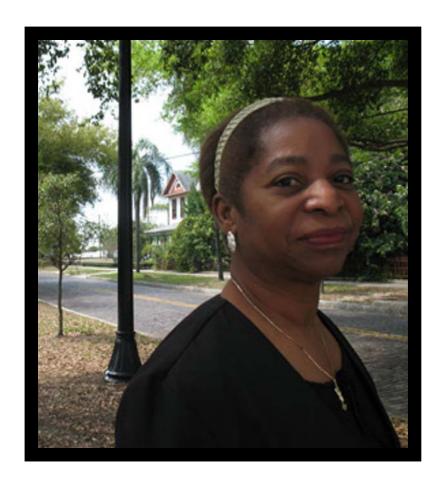
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LESLIE PAREDES | PRESIDENT The Heights Collective



- A lifetime dedicated to community advocacy.
- Co-Founder of the Green ARTery.
- "You have a responsibility to the community and your fellow man."

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PRESIDENT
Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association



- Founded by Chris Vela, longtime community advocate and resident of Ybor City.
- Represents Hillsborough County citizens fighting for smarter growth and more effective transit solutions.
- More online: www.StopTBX.com

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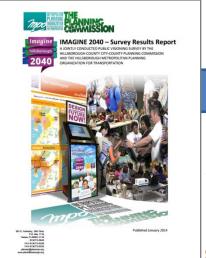
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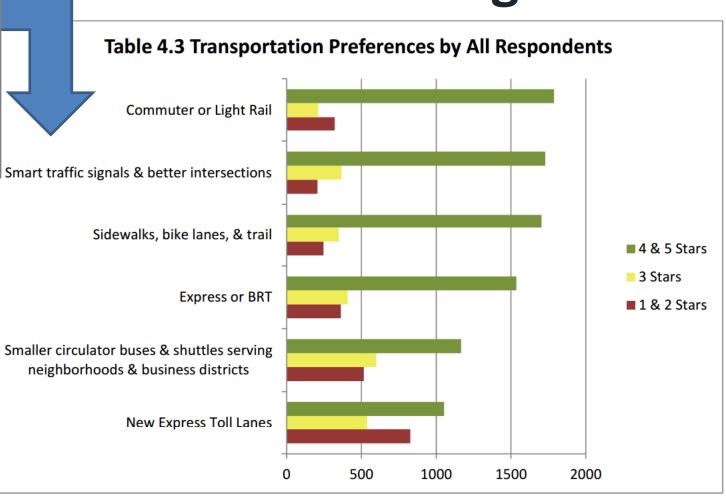
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## WHO? The People Behind TBX

- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- Florida Governor, Rick Scott
- Secretary of FDOT, Jim Boxold
- Secretary of FDOT for District 7, Paul Steinman











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## WHAT? Managed Toll Lanes (TBX)

- 87 Miles of Toll Lanes on Public interstates.
  - » I-4, I-75, I-275
- 4 to 8 new lanes in both directions.
- Cost of \$100 million per mile x 87 miles roughly = \$9 billion.
  - » Does not include property acquisition.





#### **Cost Estimate Summary**

Project Description	Starter Projects Total Cost	Master Plan Projects Total Cos
-275 from South of Gandy Boulevard to North of 4th Street North	\$57,066,120	\$100,441,756
-275 (Howard Frankland Bridge) from North of 4th Street North to South of SR 60	\$415,351,839	\$757,560,665
-275 from South of SR 60 to South of Lois Avenue; SR 60 from South of I-275 to Veterans Expressway	\$557,487,849	\$557,487,849
I-275 from South of Lois Avenue to Rome Avenue	\$70,011,642	\$70,011,642
I-275 from Rome Avenue to North of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; I-4 from I-275 to East of 50th Street	\$1,807,767,680	\$1,807,767,680
I-275 from North of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to North of Bearss Avenue	\$142,188,891	\$254,280,107
I-4 from East of 50th Street to Polk Parkway	\$113,925,701	\$463,005,105
I-75 from South of SR 674 to South of US 301	N/A	\$235,047,165
I-75 from South of US 301 to North of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard	\$138,393,436	\$1,789,232,058
TOTAL	\$3,302,193,159	\$6,034,834,027

Notes: Estimated costs are present day in 2014 dollars and do not include right-of-way acquisition costs. Estimated costs include new express lanes and reconstruction of general use lanes where necessary. Estimated costs may change as PD&E Studies are conducted for individual segments.

January, 2015 - This is a conceptual level estimate created for planning and discussion purposes only. It is not intended for use in PD&E, Design, or Construction.





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## WHAT? Managed Toll Lanes (TBX)

- Dynamic Variable Tolling = charge up to \$2.00 a mile to ride.
- Guarantee riders that 90% of time of speeds on Toll Lanes will be 45 mph or faster.

## WHAT? Managed Toll Lanes (TBX)

#### **FDOT Terms**

- » "Managed" = Better Service
- "Toll" = Price to Use Service
- "Dynamic Pricing" = Prices that Change (based on demand)
- » "Lanes" = More Capacity
  (Supply)

#### Reality

- » "Managed" = Restricted Use
- "Toll" = Another Tax
- "Dynamic Pricing" = Charging More When Most Needed
- "Lanes" = A Highway Inside of a Highway

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#### WHY? FDOT's Reason for TBX

- FDOT's website states the main purpose is for a "new choice for a better commute"
  - » TampaBayExpress.com

## **HOW? Paying for TBX**

- I-4 Ultimate Model: \$2.8 Billion
  - » \$1 billion via Federal loan provided by the USDOT @ 3% interest rate payable over a 42-year period.
  - » \$1.7 billion from foreign investors via Public-Private Partnership (P3) @ 10-12% interest rate over a similar period.

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» Fully guaranteed by the State of Florida—and its taxpayers.



- Charrette: n. An intense collaborative design process.
- Educate citizens on the importance of quality urban design.
- 2008 Winner, "Urban Excellence Award"

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the URBAN CHARRETTE

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## **Neighborhood Assets**





#### Community Charrette

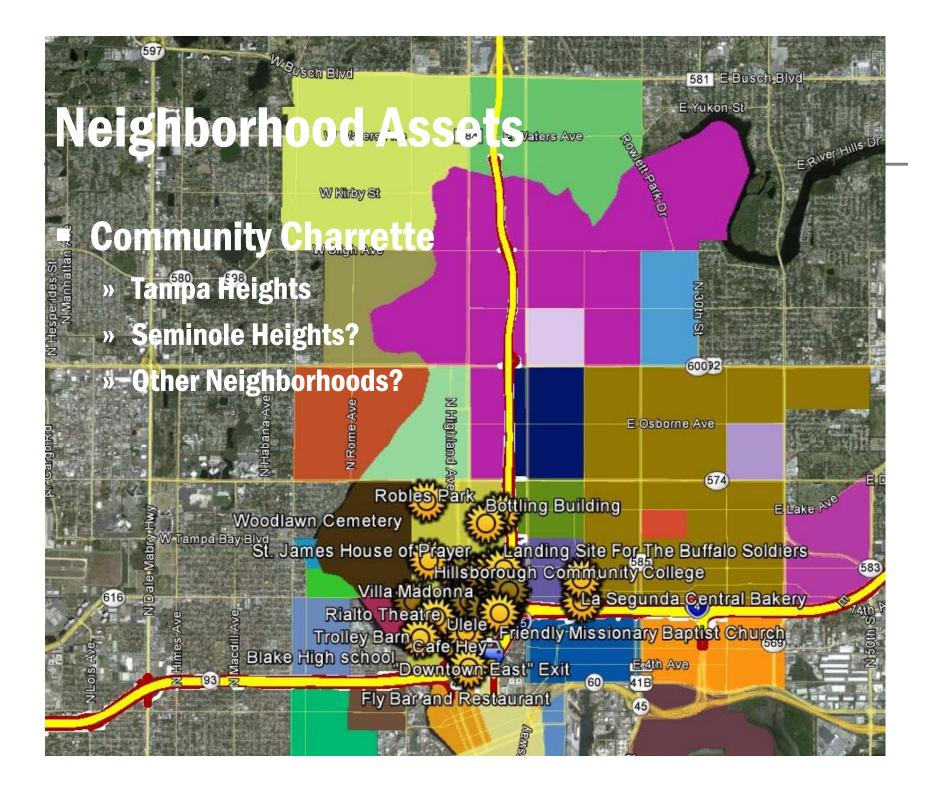




## **Neighborhood Assets**

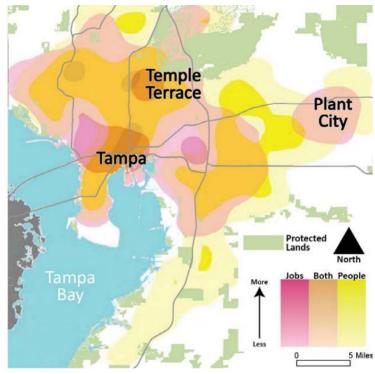
- Community Charrette
  - » Tampa Heights

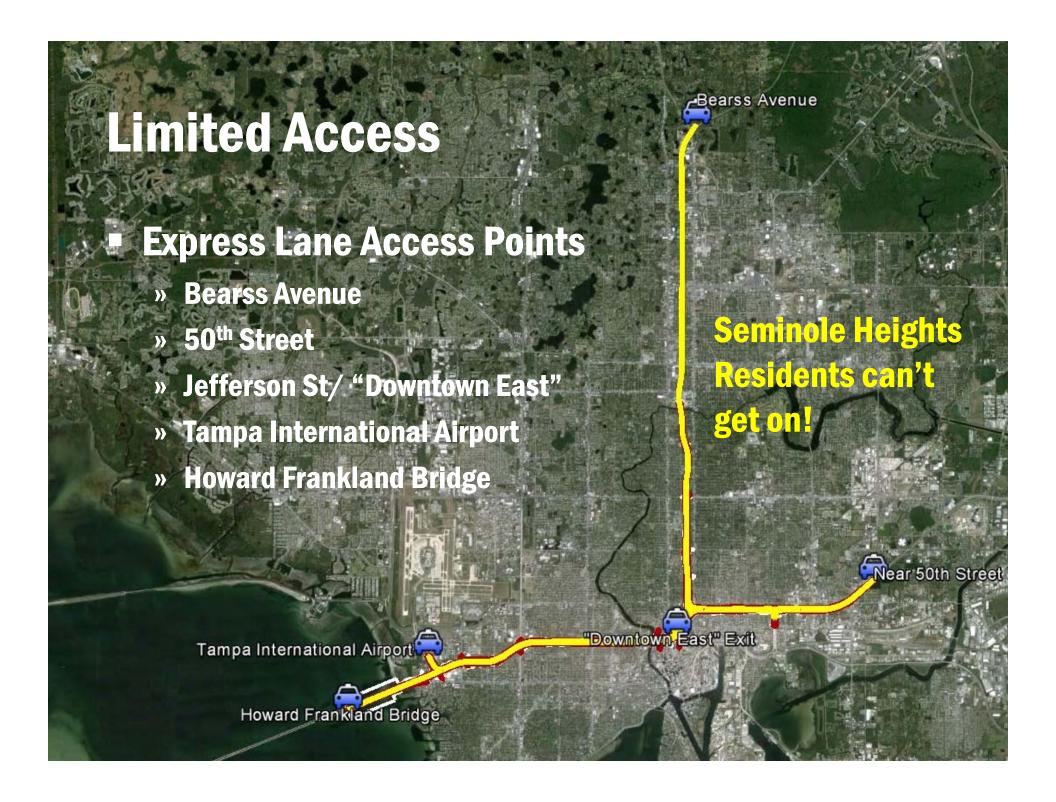




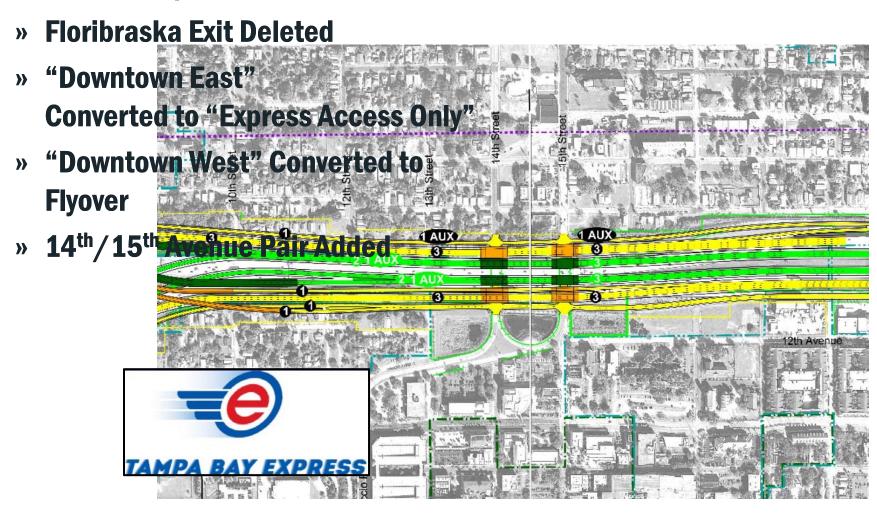
- Why is this a concern?
  - » Neighborhoods lose access to THREE employment centers
    - **Downtown Tampa**
    - Westshore
    - University of South Florida







#### Traditional/"Free" Lane Modifications



#### Feeling Ignored Yet: Livable Streets



#### Community-Identified Issues

- Places that are close by feel far away because of the harsh walking environment.
- Large roads and freeway ramps isolate key community destinations and neighborhoods.
- While some streets have been addressed, getting to key neighborhood and community destinations on a bike is not safe or easy.
- The trail system is expanding, but connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods could allow more people to utilize non-motorized modes of travel and better connect neighborhoods with each other and the Downtown Core.
- Trips through Center City are made easy at the expense of the surrounding neighborhoods and retail nodes.

#### **Key Outcomes**

[CL-1] The status of walking and bicycling will be elevated in the Center City. The number of walking and cycling routes within Center City will be increased as will access to the waterfront, the island neighborhoods, and regional trail facilities.

[CL-2] Roadways carrying areawide traffic through neighborhoods and neighborhood centers (such as Cass/Nuccio, Florida, Tampa, Howard, Armenia, Avenue Republica de Cuba) will be restructured as livable streets that balance the needs of vehicular users, non-motorized users, and the community in which they occur.

[CL-3] Overly wide streets will be examined for "road diets" and streetscape enhancements to right-size the facility to its community purpose.

[CL-4] One-way streets will be re-evaluated with performance measures that consider traffic operations as well as the impact of the street conditions on adjacent residents and businesses. Some streets may be candidates for conversion to two-way operations.

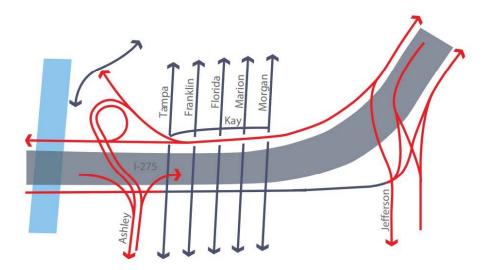
[CL-5] To clearly outline expectations for the future condition of the public realm, especially streets, design standards will be developed to address the creation of a pedestrian-friendly private development edge to the public realm.

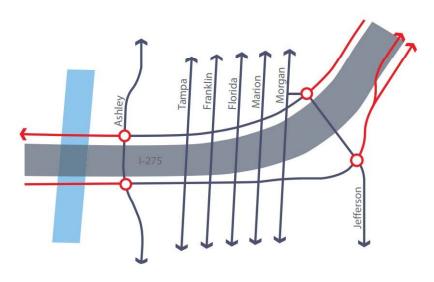
#### Feeling Ignored Yet: Livable Streets



Focused Downtown Access | Existing Condition

Dispersed Downtown Access | Potential Future Condition





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CENTER CITY



# **Limited Access** ₹ 7th Avenue Kay Street 1 AUX Laurel Street

#### Feeling Ignored Yet: Funneling



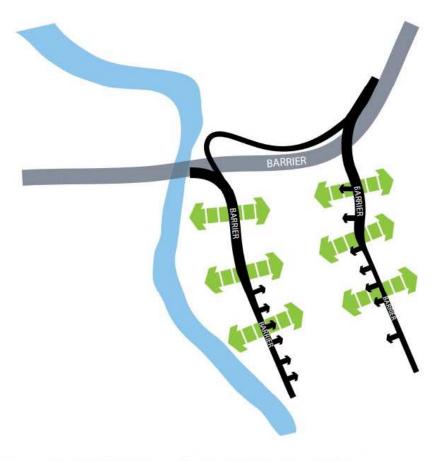
The current downtown access pattern funnels traffic onto Ashley Drive and Jefferson Streets, both north-south streets. The volume and speed of traffic, some of which is bound for destinations outside downtown, creates a barrier between the bulk of downtown and the riverfront. These roads become difficult to cross and are less attractive downtown development locations because of the nature of this traffic condition. A preferred future pattern of

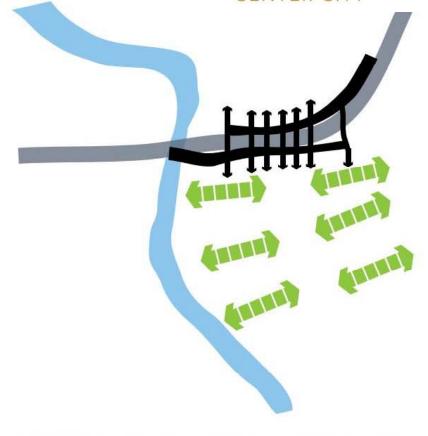
regional access should position this flow in a manner where the dispersed access can occur quickly from I-275, running generally east-west, to the multiple north-south network streets. By focusing this movement nearby the source, the barrier effect of the traffic can be reduced, as traffic is spread out among many streets rather than focused on only a few.

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# **Limited Access** ₹ 7th Avenue Kay Street 1 AUX Laurel Street

## **Economic Impact**

- Estimating Property Value Loss
  - » January 2008 January 2013: Milwaukee & Madison, WI
  - » Walk Score
    - Seminole Heights
    - Tampa Heights

"Somewhat Walkable"



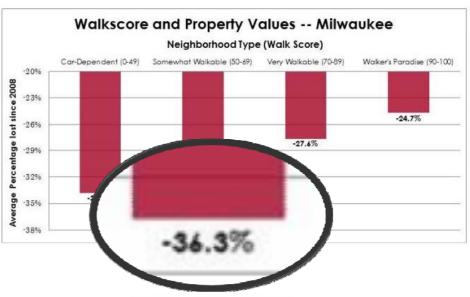
The Hidden Cost Of Highway Expansion <a href="http://www.1kfriends.org/the-hidden-cost-of-highway-expansion/">http://www.1kfriends.org/the-hidden-cost-of-highway-expansion/</a>

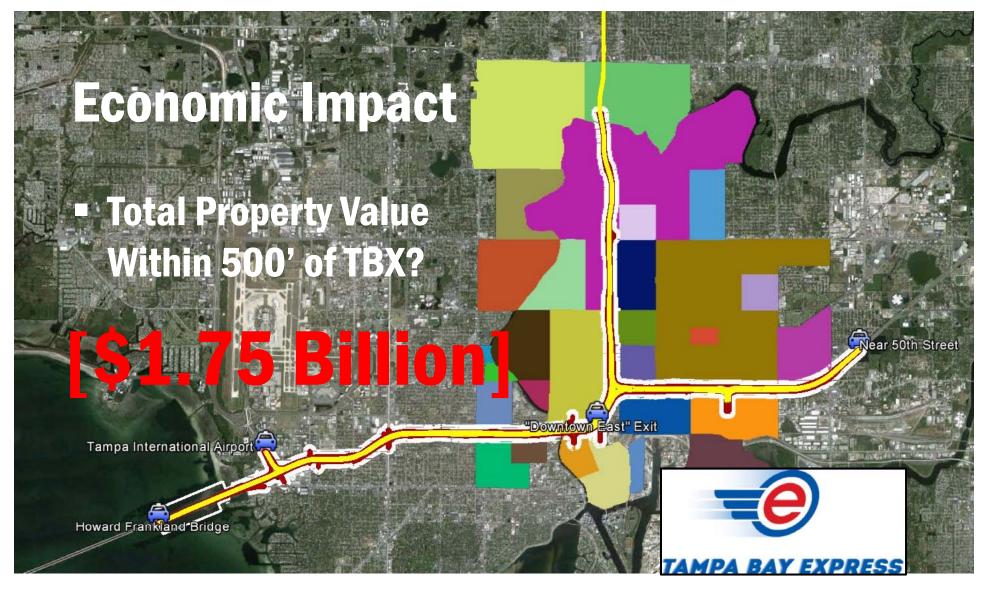
## **Economic Impact**

#### "Somewhat Walkable"

- » Loss in Economic Value
  - 7.9% and 36.3%
  - Average of 20%







Lost Value \$1,753,510,059 x 20% = \$350,702,011

#### **Thank You**

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Charrette in Your Community?



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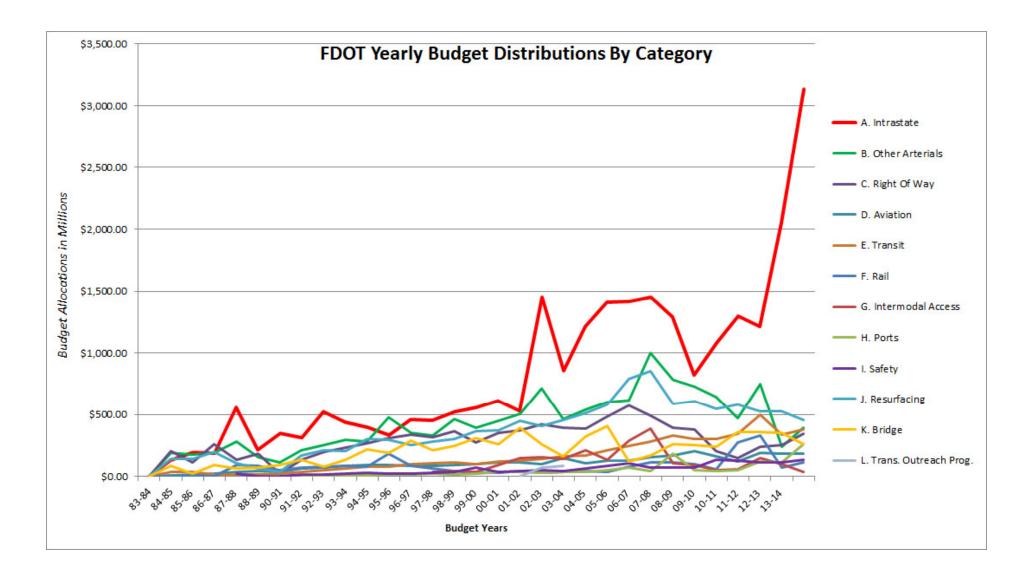
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### **Political/Legislative Issues**

- Highway Funding Crisis: Are We Out Of Money?
  - » Not Really
    - Political Dysfunction.
    - Lack of Willpower.
    - Gridlocked Politics in Tallahassee and DC.

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PETITION CREATOR & RESIDENT Downtown Tampa

## **Political/Legislative Issues**

## Highway Funding Crisis: Are We Out Of Money?

- » Gas Tax, Transit, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), etc.
- » Roads don't pay for themselves, but we love building them.
- » Road zombies and the infrastructure cult.
- » Alternatives like transit are increasingly popular.
- » Why don't we get to vote on this?

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## The Search For "Solutions"

- The "Solution" of Choice: Public Private Partnerships (P3)
  - » Lobbyists love it, but is this really "sustainable?"
  - » Corporate money in the form of P3 projects is pushed as the "solution."

















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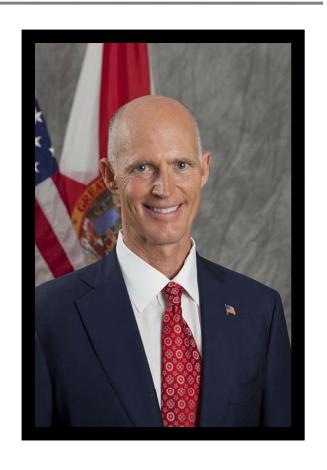
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## The Search For "Solutions"

- Roads don't pay for themselves so state subsidies are required.
- Politicians being bought out by the road lobby
- Politicians and lobbyists doing business as usual.



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## The Search For "Solutions"

- Fungibility: "Goods contracted without a defined scope of work; able to replace or be replaced by another identical item; mutually interchangeable."
  - » Example: "Money is fungible—money that is raised for one purpose can easily be used for another."
  - » P3 money and state tax dollars are fungible.
  - » Classic "bait and switch."

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# **Bringing Home The Bacon**

- "All new capacity will be tolled where feasible."
  - FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad, 2011
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)
  - » Passed in 2012, requires tolls on interstates.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grants can now go to toll lane construction.

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## **Bringing Home The Bacon**

- P3 contractors operate/maintain the lanes.
- MAP-21 is about to expire.
- FDOT fast-tracks the I-4 Ultimate project to take advantage of FHWA grants.
- TBX also fast-tracked with I-4 Ultimate.

## No Public Outreach

- FDOT has learned from the past: North County
   Expressway, Gandy Connector, Bay Area Beltway
- FDOT admits no public meetings, very poor outreach - blame lack of time.
- Why the rush? Because FDOT wants to jam it through with minimal resistance.

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## **TBX Impacts Our Environments**

NATURAL SOCIAL ECONOMIC BUILT

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## **Natural Impacts**

**NATURAL** 

- Hillsborough River
- Air Quality, Dust from Construction
- Water Quality, Drainage & Runoff
- Parks & Recreational Spaces
  - » Robles Park
  - » WaterWorks Park
  - » Perry Harvey Park

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## **Social Impacts**

**SOCIAL** 

 Displacement of Residents and Local Businesses

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» Tampa Heights » VM Ybor » Lincoln Gardens
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- » Seminole Heights » Ybor City
  - Ybor City » N Franklin St.
- » East Tampa
- » Carver City » West Tampa
- Disruption of Neighborhood Dynamics
- Destruction of Civic Spaces
- Lack of Consideration for Lifestyles
  - » Children, Elderly, Disabled, Non-Driver, Non-Car Owner, Non-Commuter

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## **Economic Impacts**

- Disruption of Redevelopment
- Loss of Local Businesses
- Limited Incentive to Use TBX

**ECONOMIC** 

- TBX Does Not Support Real Estate
   Patterns in Tampa's Urban Core
- Provides Greatest Benefit to those:
  - » Living/Commuting From Outside to Inside Hillsborough County/City of Tampa
  - » Passing Thru Hillsborough County/City of Tampa (Semi-Trucks Carrying Freight & Tourists)

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## **Built Impacts**

**BUILT** 

## Interstate Modifications & Additions

- » Loss of Floribraska Ave. Entrance/Exit Deprives Neighborhood Residents from Accessing Interstate System
- » Planned General-Use Lanes/Modifications to N. Highland Ave.
- » Planned General-Use Lanes/Modifications to Orange Ave./Jefferson St.

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## **Built Impacts**

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- Property Acquisition via Eminent Domain
- Loss of Historic Properties
- Increased Traffic Levels on Local Streets and Roads

# What Environment Is TBX Studying?

- Studies completed exclusively for the Westshore Business District & the Westshore Alliance.
- FDOT Decides to Designate Westshore District as the Multi-Modal Hub for the Area
- Only Environment Impacted by TBX where FDOT has Completed a RECENT/OFFICIAL State Environmental Impact Report

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## **Turn Out Tampa – Stop TBX Action**

- Attend the MPO Board Meeting
  - » Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 p.m.
  - » Critical to attend this meeting
  - » Each person has 3 minutes to speak at beginning of meeting, during Public Comments section of the agenda
  - » Your chance to be heard. Members of board will be voting on this later – need to hear from public.
- Request: "Remove TBX from the TIP."

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## **Contact Representatives**

- It is very important to contact your local representatives
- Takes a few minutes.
- Request that they enter your comments into public record.
- Follow up with phone calls as well.

### JOIN THE FIGHT

#### Online Actions and Resources

We need your help. We have information sheets you can download, print and share. There are also easy links with actions that we need for all citizens of the Tampa Bay region to take:

- 1) Contact Officials
- 2) Downloads
- 3) Stay in Touch- Social Media and Email Alerts
- 4) Sign the Petition

Please help us fight for the future we want- one with true multi modal transportation and safe walkable communities. It starts with YOU contacting the Metropolitan Planning Organization and requesting that they remove TBX from the TIP! Thank you.

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#### **CONTACT OFFICIALS**

#### Contact Your Elected Officials

Contact your representatives and tell them you don't want TBX. Tell them how you feel in your own words, or feel free to use this copy/modify as

I am writing to you to ask for your support as your constituent. I want the FDOT's Tampa Bay Express (TBX) project removed from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of Hillsborough County. At a projected cost of \$9 billion dollars, TBX will destroy irreplaceable community assets yet not substantially alleviate congestion. The plan places valuable transportation funding into just one project, when our region needs multi modal solutions and transit. Furthermore, TBX introduces variable rate tolls that tax citizens twice- once for building the road, and continuously to use it. I do not support the FDOT's plan, which repeats the same mistakes of the past, again and again, with no more effective outcome. I urge you to remove the TBX plan from both short range and long range comprehensive transportation plans. I want multi modal transportation options that fix existing roadways all over the county and include safer streets, transit, walkable places and not the same answer of just widening the highway.

Send your message to:

#### Hillsborough County Commission

Contact all commissioners

Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr., Chair, Metropolitan Planning Organization Board P: 813-272-5720 F: 813-272-7048 Email

#### Metropolitan Planning Organization

General Contact

Beth Alden, MPO Executive Director P: (813) 273-3774 ext. 318 Email

#### Florida Legislature

Florida Senate

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, Transportation Committee Chair

Contact Senator Brandes

#### FIND ALL YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Use this link, enter your address and find all your elected representatives. Send them a message and ask for their support to StopTBX.

Find All Representatives









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## **Connect With Us – Share**

- Social Media Sites
- Please join the online community and actively share with your friends and networks.

#### STAY IN TOUCH

## Join the Community Online

Follow us on Social Media and SHARE with your friends!



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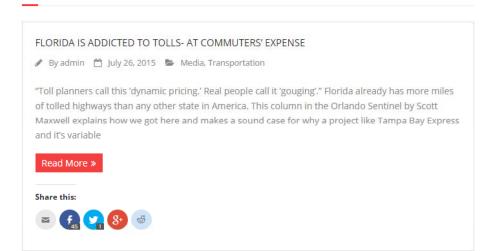
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#### TBX TOLL LANES TOWN HALL MEETING

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Express lanes, NoVoteNoToll, SaveTheHeights, StopTBX, Tolls, Townhall

For the past several weeks, we have been working to develop an educational forum about FDOT's Tampa Bay Express (TBX) project, in conjunction with our community partners, Old Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association, Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association, The Heights Collective, the Urban Charrette, In preparation for our goal to PACK the MPO Board Meeting on

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The General Theory of Walkability | Jeff Speck

July 19, 2015

Miami's experience raises

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MPO Board Meeting, August 4, 5:30 p.m.- Get all the information about attending this CRITICAL meeting!

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#### You Have The Power To Save Your Community

The heart of Tampa does not have to be broken again. As a united force, we CAN stop TBX and make it known that we won't stand for more destruction of our history and our future. Help us fight!





#### Join The Fight Online

Help Stop TBX by joining the fight online: - Sign the petition to cancel the plan.

- Write your representatives and tell them you don't want TBX.
- Like/add us on your social networks and share our updates.

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#### **Come To Meetings**

From the perspective of politicians, there is nothing more powerful than seeing a room of your constituents standing together with one clear message. We need you at the meetings; we need your voice to speak for what is right.

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#### Share, Share, Share

Tell a friend or 20 about the Stop TBX campaigns. Tell them in your own words why it matters to you. Ask them to join the fight. Odds are your loved ones and acquaintances won't want toll lanes instead of transit.

Read More »

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- FDOT is expanding I-275 with tolled express lanes, a plan called TBX.
- The expansion costs over \$9 billion and will take over 15 years.

#### WHY STOP TBX?

- TBX, which was drafted 20 years ago, paves over community assets, local businesses, and historic sites.
- Commuters could pay up to \$100 per commute on Express Lanes!
- · Residents throughout the Greater Tampa Bay area have said in many RECENT polls and studies that they want TRANSIT, not Lexus Lanes.
- This project rams toll lanes through the heart of our most historic areas and our city center. Re-opening the same wounds these communities endured the first time I-275 was built.
- · The project will further divide neighborhoods inhibiting walkability and connectedness between urban core communities.

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## **Immediate Next Steps**

- MPO Board Meeting
  - » Tues. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
  - » County Center, 601 E Kennedy Blvd., 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rooms A & B
- Sign the Petition
- Share
  - » www.Facebook.com/SunshineCitizens
  - » www.StopTBX.com

## **Meet The Panel**

- Jason Ball
  - » Vice President, Sunshine Citizens
- Amanda Brown
  - » Treasurer, Sunshine Citizens
- Lena Young Green
  - » President, THJCA

- Mit Patel
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