

**Transportation Task Force**  
**Idea Generation Discussion**  
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## **Ideas**

### *Regional (11 votes)*

- Regional transportation plans – Multi County discussions
- Partner road corridors with utility corridors (Power/Water etc.)
- Connect the entire Tampa Bay Region
- Regional thinking
- Connect people from where they live to where they work!
- Super regional long term planning
  - Tampa to Orlando as a Metroplex
- Regional approach
- Light rail (*Consider in long-term*)
- Better road planning i.e. are extra \$\$ needed to enhance current projects?

### *Local (4 votes)*

- Better road planning i.e. is extra \$\$ needed to enhance current projects?
- Increased emphasis IT/Smart Technology
- Look at all community plans and ideas
- Roadway widening, is it always possible?
- New roads, road improvements accommodate transit (stations/lanes)
- Public/Private partnerships in road construction
- City/County coordination
  - Scale and timing
- Signal timing resources

### *Toll Roads (1 vote)*

- Toll road not off the table
  - Self funding
  - ≠ sprawl
- Toll road Private/Public partnerships
- Automated high speed toll stations
- Toll Roads – a great idea?
- Toll Road (3x)
- Toll Road extensions
- Beltway/toll roads

### *Sidewalks/Paths/Alternate to Driving (1 vote)*

- Sidewalks and paths
- Become more pedestrian friendly
- Bike paths
- Telework/Telecommuting

### *Land Use and Transit or Transportation (6 votes)*

- Tie Land use to transit
- Density and land use linked to transportation plan
- R-O-W acquisition for light rail
- Strictly enforce urban service boundary
- Development
  - Tie development to infrastructure design
  - Don't over build for what we have
- Upgrade our roads
- Affordable / attainable housing land use
- Enhance our bus system
- Land development code to promote transit

### *Alternate Transportation (9 votes)*

- Bus rapid transit
- Increased bus rapid transit?
- Mass transportation
  - Better routing
  - Pedestrian friendly
- Bus linked with other transportation modes
- HOV lanes
- Use of CSX railroad track?
- Express lanes on I-4 and I-275
- Improve taxi network to potentially tie into future rail stops
- Leverage Selmon Expressway for premium transit service
- Plan for possibility of big bike, scooter, and segway demand
- Consider HOV, HOT, transit lane on Howard Franklin

### *Funding*

- How can we increase Federal funding?
- How do we get \$ out the door? (Build project quicker)
- Let the people decide what they are willing to pay for
- Sales tax study
- Consider projects with the greatest potential to increase capacity first
- Impact fee zone revamp

- Evaluate and standardize development contributions
- Have developers pay into new road projects
- Gas tax, sales tax, impact fees
- Look to DOT funding process and 90 percent emphasis on non-capacity related improvements
- Political feasibility of 5 cent gas tax = \$26M @ year
- Review basic transportation funding levels for similar communities
- We under price travel, travel costs impacts location decisions, mode vehicle decisions
- Get clear understanding of State and Federal \$ for guideway
- Auto and transit are fundamentally different in terms of who pays

### *Long Term (10+ years)*

- Light rail systems utilizing existing rail road system
- Determine if rail works? Position impact on community
- Monorail
- Light rail (3x)
- Grade separation, is it cost effective?
- Do we want to direct locations of growth? (*Consider in Land Use*)
- Should we build new roadway corridors?
- Let the people decide if they are willing to pay more
- Non-auto corridors must be able to serve diverse markets
- Corridor presentation
- Ferries
- Car pooling lanes (*Consider in Alternate Transportation*)
- Provide a system that gets cars off of the roads
- Adequate funding existing bus system
- Capture as much matching dollars as possible from State and Federal
- Minimizing operating costs – Robotics
- Guideway technology is evolving
- High density mixed-use community
- Assessing potential economic development impacts
- Sales tax as vehicle for ad valorem relief
- Don't rely on Federal funding. Create local funding source.

### *Reasons Why?/Rationale*

- Population growth
- Automobile pollution
- Local community growth
- Schools
- Commercial growth
- Time and distance to various location

- Sustainability – Quality of life
- Must be known as community that addresses / tackles problems
- State and Federal – they’re problems
- Gas tax – already authorized not usually controversial
- Funding local comparisons to have community buy in
- Development contribution – underutilized and schools disproportional
- Ever increasing number of failed roadways
- FDOT can help to bring funds
- Need help from all sources: Private sector, legislation and City/County
- Public safety – fire, ambulances
- Reduce reliance on oil
- Any additional funding options need to include various sources – ie. Gas tax, sales tax, impact fees
- Increase construction and operation costs
- Citizen demand for improved mobility
- Economic competitiveness
- Momentum – you’re either getting better or worse
- All recommendations will only happen with attached funding
- Funding –identify projects which will yield the biggest return in increasing capacity “Bigger Bang for our Buck”
- Learn from the leaders in innovative funding strategies
- Community will be more desirable to live in
- Developers can build costs into projects
- The way we fund influences behavior, impacts equity and impacts public’s willingness to pay
- Quality of life
- Financial responsibility
- Less pollution from traffic congestion
- Congestion cost money and time
- People are willing to pay more if they can see a direct benefit
- Learn from the past to build for the future
  - No funding no future
- Funding limits or enhances what can be accomplished regarding transportation. Projects with regional impact will need to tap multiple funding sources and long term solutions need long term funding sources
- Rising fuel costs
- A dysfunctional traffic system costs money
- We under price and under invest in transportation
- Shift costs from homeowners to “all users” ie. Sales tax