



Greenways & Trails Program Highlights

The City of Tampa City Council adopted the City of Tampa Greenways & Trails Master Plan in February 2001 which recommended over 125 miles of on-road and off-road greenways and trails. The City of Tampa Greenways & Trails Citizens Advisory Committee meets bimonthly. The plan is currently being updated with another 150 miles added to the system.

EXISTING & PLANNED TRAILS	EXISTING MILES		PLANNED MILES	
	ONROAD	OFFROAD	ONROAD	OFFROAD
GREENWAY				
Bayshore Boulevard	4.0	5.03	16.13	7.65
East Tampa	HRG	HRG	STUDY	STUDY/1.55
Hillsborough River	20.20	14.99	31.26	40.93
McKay Bay	1.14	4.77	5.55	7.36
New Tampa	13.77	16.55	7.2	18.62
South Tampa	0	5.6	21.81	14.97
West Tampa	3.45	14.71	9.56	10.68
Total by Type	42.56	46.65	91.51	101.76
SubTotal	89.21 MILES		193.27 MILES	
GRAND TOTAL	282.48 MILES			

Trail Partnerships

The City has been instrumental in securing partnerships to provide/fund an additional 55.574 miles of on-road and off-road bike trails since 2004. This demonstrates a significant commitment to making Tampa a more bicycle friendly community.

The City of Tampa, through partnerships with Hillsborough County, FDOT, the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority, Hartline, the Tampa-Hillsborough Aviation Authority, the Hillsborough MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Board and Livable Roadways Committee, the City of Tampa Greenways & Trails Citizens Advisory Committee, area TMO's, the Tampa Bay Freewheelers, neighborhood and civic associations, the Mayor's office and other interested parties have worked diligently to improve bicycle facilities in the City of Tampa.

Currently, there are 42.56 miles of on-road trails (marked, designated bike lanes/paved shoulders) and 46.65 mile of off-road trails.

There are 12.65 miles of on-road bike lane/wide shoulder bicycle facilities financially committed by various agencies in the City of Tampa.

Since 2004, the City and partner agencies have constructed 8.52 miles of off-road trails in the City of Tampa.

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There are 13.084 miles of financially committed off-road multi-use trails in the City of Tampa through feasibility studies, PD&E studies, or scheduled construction by the public sector.

There are 8.34 miles of financially committed trail development and/or easement dedications by the private sector.

Most, but not all of these 55+ miles are in the adopted **Greenways & Trails Master Plan** (East Jackson Street excluded). All are in the proposed **Greenways & Trails Master Plan Amendments**.

Development of a wholistic network of on-road and off-road trails is a tremendous partnership with multiple external agencies. In the past 3.5 years (and before) significant inroads have been made to make the trails network a reality.

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS

City of Tampa Greenways & Trails Master Plan Amendments Final Draft – presented to City of Tampa Greenways & Trails Citizens Advisory Committee on 9/18/07. Public Workshops will be scheduled for Fall/Winter 2007. Proposed amendments include:

- Text amendments reconfirming Tampa Greenways and Trails Citizens Advisory Committee and membership;
- Rules and Procedures and Bylaws for the Tampa Greenways & Trails Citizens Advisory Committee;
- Goals, objectives, policy revision recommendations to the City of Tampa Comprehensive Plan;
- Trail segment amendments (segment number, proposed alignment location, greenway system area, 2001 GT Master Plan status, type (on-road; offroad, riverwalk, surface treatment (concrete, crushed asphalt, rubberized, asphalt, bike lanes, striping sidewalks, bridges, boardwalk), pedestrian signals, seawall, bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements, artistic enhancements, signage, blueways, trailheads, linear feet, mileage, cost estimate, priority level and targeted/dedicated funding source) and aerial maps depicting planned trail alignments;

- Trail typical cross-sections and design specifications (minimums); trail signage specifications (trail, directional, funding, etiquette, safety, posts); trail public art wayfinding (trail marker/confidence banner; gateway sign with location map; stop bar/safety railing; crosswalk; and trail furnishings (benches, bollards, resting/leaning bar; spray mister; etc.)
- Trail Maintenance checklist

STUDIES (IN PROGRESS OR PLANNED)

- South Tampa Greenway Master Management Plan: Keen Parcel – Draft (99% complete)
- Downtown Trails Implementation Plan (initiate 2007)
- Mileage Markers/911 Markers Standards (pilot program –Al Lopez Park 2007)
- Design Specifications II (lighting, bus stops, bicycle pumps, call boxes, bicycle racks & placement, rubberized trail surfaces, bicycle lockers, water fountains/dog fountains, canoe/kayak passive launch, shade structures, picnic table placement, trash receptacle placement, bike lane striping/standard markings (colorized lanes), curbing, pedestrian bridges, trail landscape treatments, security camera systems, trailhead parking lots & restroom facilities. (future 2007/2008)
- American League of Bicyclists “Bicycle Friendly City” Nomination Application (submitted)
- Signage Installation Plan (2007)

ACQUISITIONS (PENDING OR PLANNED) ELAPP

- Chevron Site 3.1 ac Folio# 1393476072 SW Corner Richardson St. & Germer St.
- Standard Concrete Products Inc. 6.387 acres Folio#1393200210 N of Commerce Street
- Jamaica Lake parcels

DEP Office of Greenways & Trails Land Acquisition Grant Program

- Spray Miser (Hardaway tract) 2 acres corridor through 26 acre parcel
- Peyton River Terminals (100’ strip along Interbay Boulevard) – unwilling seller
- Ploof Truck Lines, LLC 0.16 acres (Folio#1370170100 – unwilling seller
- Frontgate Investments 2.5 acres (Folio# 1376220500) Pinewood Lots 3841

- Johnny Thomas parcel. 0.34 acres Folio#1392790000 E of Elliott Street and N of MacDill AFB
- Hugh Gilbert Strickland Post #138 American Legion 25.04 acres 5535 W. Prescott Street
- Adamo Drive parcels

Easements (partial listing)

- Presbyterian Village 300lf
- MacDill Air Force Base Easement #2 (Port Tampa section)
- Tampa Preparatory School (complete)
- Interbay Town Homes
- SouthTown Park
- Casa Bella
- New Port Tampa Bay (0.5 miles)
- Jamaica Lake

Florida Communities Trust

- Kimmins Corp 16.15 acres Folio#1760842000

CSX

- 12th Street between Twiggs and Adamo Drive

DONATIONS (pending)

- Florida Conference /UCC 0.228 acres Folio #1392700000 S. Ellicott Street
- Ward parcel, Riverview Hills Drive

Trail Project Descriptions

- Construction of marked, designated bike lanes and enhancements was initiated in June 2007 on Nebraska Avenue from Zack Street to Lake Avenue (1.7 miles) and from Genesee Street to Frierson Avenue (.69 miles) by FDOT.
- The City Transportation Division updated cost estimates for the Bayshore Boulevard Trail MPO Transportation Enhancement application, which includes marked, designated southbound bicycle lanes for a distance of

4.5 miles and north bound bike lanes between Rome Avenue and Platt Street (.91 miles). Phase One (W. Bay Street to S. DeSoto Avenue) (\$1,936,000) of this project has been deemed eligible and funded for design in FY07/08 and construction in 2010. Phases II and III (\$1,464,000) have been deemed eligible and is pending funding in the FDOT Work Program.

- City supported development of The Tampa Riverwalk, a 2.5 mile off-road trail along the Hillsborough River. A pedestrian/bicycle bridge underpass is currently under construction beneath Platt Street via a TE grant of over \$1.6 million and should be completed in 2008 as part of the Tampa Riverwalk.
- Another pedestrian/bicycle bridge underpass is planned for Brorein Street with design underway and construction scheduled for 2008 as part of the Tampa Riverwalk. Funding for this section and the History Center segment (construction to start in Spring 2008)) is being provided through a congressional earmark of \$2,000,000.
- The City plans to construct the South Tampa Greenway: MacDill Trail between Gadsden Park and Dale Mabry Highway in FY07/08. This project is being funded with CIT funds in the amount of \$180,000.
- The City is in the process of constructing the Hillsborough River Greenway Trail between River Tower Park and Sulphur Springs Park. Construction should be completed in Winter 2007. This 0.08 mile multi-purpose trail is boardwalk and concrete and is being funded via a grant (\$96,660) and CIT funding (\$200,000).
- A 10 foot multi-purpose asphalt trail link (0.22 miles) to Nebraska Avenue in Sulphur Springs Park is scheduled to be constructed in FY07/08.
- Design work is being initiated on the Davis Islands Trail, a 12 foot wide, 1.3 mile multi-purpose asphalt path) via the \$1 million donation from Tampa General Hospital in exchange for park lands. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2008. This project is expected to be completed by March 2009.
- Funding for the South Tampa Greenway: MacDill Trail (0.3 miles multi-purpose) between Bayshore Boulevard and MacDill Avenue has been secured by the City. Environmental permitting is the next step. Construction is scheduled for 2008.
- Construction of a 300 lf segment of the Hillsborough River Greenway Trail: Blake Trail, a 12 foot wide concrete, multi-purpose path will be completed in FY07/08.
- The City has initiated installation of Tampa's Ross J. Ferlita Greenways & Trails signs along city trails routes. This signage system includes on-road directional signage as well as trail etiquette signs. An additional 45 route marker signs and 10 trail marker public art banner features are scheduled to be installed later this year.

- Eight public art trail gateway signs have been fabricated. Location maps will be placed on these wayfinding signs along with location maps are planned for installation. Three of these signs are expected to be installed in FY07/08. The City will install bicycle racks and stop bars at various parks throughout the city in 2008.
- City parking garages are in the process of upgrading bicycle parking facilities.
- The City will continue to install countdown pedestrian signals and enhanced crosswalks at about 40 intersections in the City in 2008. Some of these are located along trail routes.
- City staff worked with the MPO Livable Roadways Committee to develop Livable Roadway Design Guidelines. These guidelines included trail development design specifications, and typical trail cross-sections for both on-road and off-road trails (recommended by the City). The Hillsborough MPO adopted these guidelines. The City is working on including these design guidelines in City Code revisions.
- A thorough City Code review related to bicycle accessibility and the provision of bicycle friendly facilities is underway and recommendations for revisions will be included in the *Greenways & Trails Master Plan Amendments*. These are expected to be adopted in Winter 2007/Spring 2008.
- The City supported and encouraged FDOT in the installation of marked, designated bicycle lanes on North Tampa Street (0.92 miles) and Jackson Street (0.45 miles) in downtown Tampa. FDOT planned and funded the extension of the N. Tampa Street/Highland Avenue bike lanes north to Violet Street to add another 2.5 miles of marked, designated bike lanes.
- City entered into Local Area Participation Agreement for \$501,000 with FDOT for the design of an off-road trail in the vicinity of Manhattan Avenue between Tyson Avenue and Interbay Boulevard. Design on 1.4 miles of multi-purpose trail/sidepath is scheduled to begin in FY07/08. Construction of this trail will not preclude installation of marked, designated bike lanes along Manhattan Avenue a future date. City entered into a Local Participation agreement for \$75,000 with FDOT to conduct a feasibility study of off-road and on-road trail connections between the Gandy boulevard enhancements project and the Friendship Trail bridge, a trailhead and Gandy Boulevard crossing. Gandy Boulevard currently has on-road bike lanes/wide shoulders on the rural section between Bridge Street and the Bridge. This study is scheduled to begin in FY07/08. The **Greenways & Trails Master Plan** adopted in February 2001 and currently being updated/amended includes trail design specifications, typical cross-sections for on-road and off-road bikeways, signage, wayfinding, furnishings and public art specifications. These master plan amendments are scheduled to be adopted in Winter 2007/Spring 2008.

- Non residential developments are required to provide bicycle parking at a rate of one bicycle parking space for every ten motor vehicle parking spaces.. Multi-family residential planned developments are also encouraged to provide bicycle parking facilities at the same rate. In the downtown area (CBD & Channelside) secured covered bicycle parking is encouraged in parking garages built in conjunction with condominiums and/or office structures, as well as inclusion of bicycle parking opportunities within the streetscape utilizing the City's bicycle rack standard - the "Pi" rack. City staff also encouraged incorporation of restrooms/shower facilities and trail signage with new developments. It is anticipated that another 100 bicycle parking racks will be installed throughout the City as a result of this requirement in 2008.
- Through the City's development review process, over 8.6 miles of trail development commitments were made by the private sector for trail construction, easements and/or amenities. This is valued at over \$4.3 million. It is expected that 2 miles of these trail commitments will be open by Winter 2008.
- Hartline, the county transit system has a bikes on busses (BOB) program. Currently, there are 18,200 BOB uses per month logged in Tampa and Hillsborough County. The BOB boardings jumped 11.6% after elimination of the permit requirement last year. Use of the BOB boardings is expected to continue to grow.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW (Up to December 2006)

Through encouragement during the development review process, the private sector has significantly contributed to development of the trails system via:

- Trail construction (Equivalent of 8.6 miles valued at over \$4.3 million of off road trail and trail related amenities)
 - Trail easements and/or land donations, sidewalk linkages and/or sidewalk widenings (160 cases)
 - Enhanced crosswalks at trail crossings (22 cases)
 - Bicycle racks (140 cases)
 - Restrooms/shower facilities encouraged
 - Potential for private sector involvement in over 2 miles of onroad bike lanes

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Website updated
- Trail Guide published
 - 11" x 17" trifold
 - 8 ½ " x 11" pdf

- Information Booths conducted
 - EPC Clean Air Day
 - Mayor's Walk – October & March
 - BACS Commuter Choices Week
 - Bicycle Bash By the Bay
 - City of Tampa Neighborhood Fair
 - GreenFest
 - Commuter Choices Week
 - Breezing By the Bay
- -Flavors of Hillsborough – Tallahassee
 - TampaBayCycle National Bike Month KickOff
- Great American Teach –In (Middle School 22nd Street)
 - American League of Bicyclists Safe Riding Video posted to CTTV
 - Customer Service Center responses
 - National Trails Day (June 1)
- 2006 (McKay Bay Nature Park – nature trail clearing)
- 2007 (Port Tampa to Picnic Island saltbeds – mountain biking tour of planned trail route)
- Speakers Bureau provided
 - Tampa Sertoma Breakfast Club (Westshore)
 - West Tampa Rotary Club
 - Port Tampa Civic Association
 - MPO Livable Roadways Committee
 - MPO BPAC
 - MPO CAC
 - Hillsborough Greenways
- Committee Liaisons to the following:
 - Tampa Greenways & Trails Citizens Advisory Committee (GTCAC) (staff)
 - MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
 - MPO Livable Roadways
 - Hillsborough Greenways
 - Tampa-Hillsborough Blueways Committee (staff)
 - Tampa Downtown Partnership Transportation Committee
 - Wayfinding Sub-Committee
 - Tampa Bay Regional Multi-Use Trails Committee (MUT)
 - TampaBayCycle.com
 - Celebrates National Bike Month – May 1 –31
 - City of Tampa Employees won the TamaBayCycle Business Challenge by logging over 896 bicycle commuter miles in 169 trips during National Bike Month.
 - Celebrates Bike to Work Day May 18
 - Celebrates Bike Week May 14 – 18
 - River Roundtable

- DRC (thru February 2006)
- Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Advisory Group (CCSHAG)
- City of Tampa Commute Options Program for Employees (COPE)
 - Online & paper survey conducted of City Employees by Human Resources Department 815 participants (180 hard copies/635 online)
 - 25% City employees surveyed willing to bike to work...only 1% are.
 - Survey results are being data mined
 - COPE Committee evaluating results & developing incentive programs
 - Sponsored by the Tampa Downtown Partnership in conjunction with the City BACS, Hartline, etc.