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# **A Regional Decision-making Process for Tampa Bay**

**City of Clearwater**

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## Who is Forward Pinellas?

- Charged with addressing countywide land use and transportation concerns, as the Pinellas Planning Council and Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Integrate transportation and land use solutions that connect the communities of our county and the Tampa Bay region



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## Who is Forward Pinellas?

- Forum for countywide decision-making on transportation and land use issues
- Provide technical support, coordination and independent policy advice and guidance to local and state agencies



# TMA Leadership Group



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**Hillsborough MPO**  
Metropolitan Planning  
for Transportation



# Participants

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- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group (and its MPO members)
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Counties and Cities
- Tampa Bay Partnership



# Participants

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- Hillsborough Area Regional Transit
- Pinellas Suncoast Regional Transit Authority
- Tri-County Local Coordinating Board
- Florida Legislature – Bay Area Legislative Delegation
- Florida Department of Transportation
- US Department of Transportation



# Speaking with One Voice

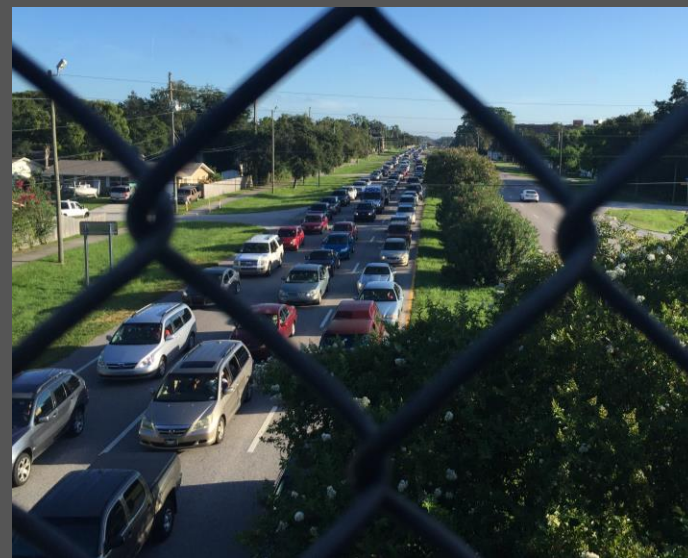
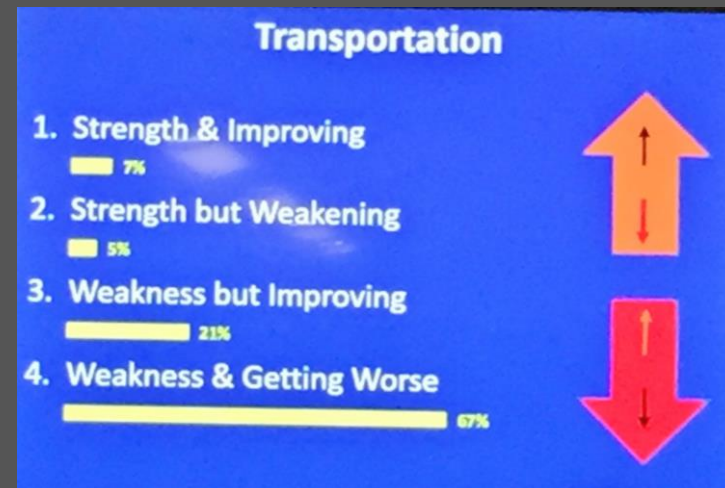
- If each MPO is the forum for countywide decision-making, who can speak for the whole region?
- The TMA Leadership Group's role:
  - Developing regional priorities
  - Focusing on major cross-county traffic movements
  - Helping the Tampa Bay area speak with one voice
- Forward Pinellas representatives:
  - Clearwater City Council Member Doreen Caudell
  - St. Petersburg City Council Member Jim Kennedy
  - County Commissioner Karen Seel





# The Issue

- Perception that our region is lagging others
- Fragmented decision-making
- Federal rulemaking notice on MPO Planning Areas and Coordination
- How do we best strengthen the regional transportation planning process?





# Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – MPO Coordination

- Rule issued in June; public comment period extended
- Requirement to plan for a Metropolitan Planning Area that includes 20 years of expected growth
- Urge to consolidate MPOs in overlapping MPAs
- Option to remain separate but prepare one set of planning products
  - Transportation Plan
  - Performance measures and targets
  - Project priority process
  - Dispute resolution process



# A Deliberative Regional Conversation

- A region of many voices – organize the conversation and define a focal point
- Many options for how we align regionally for transportation



# A Deliberative Regional Conversation

- Mission, roles and responsibilities
- How do we keep what works in Pinellas (countywide land use and transportation) with new regional framework?
- Independent evaluation of those options to help guide a locally-defined solution
- FDOT will support funding for a study if counties and MPOs agree to request one

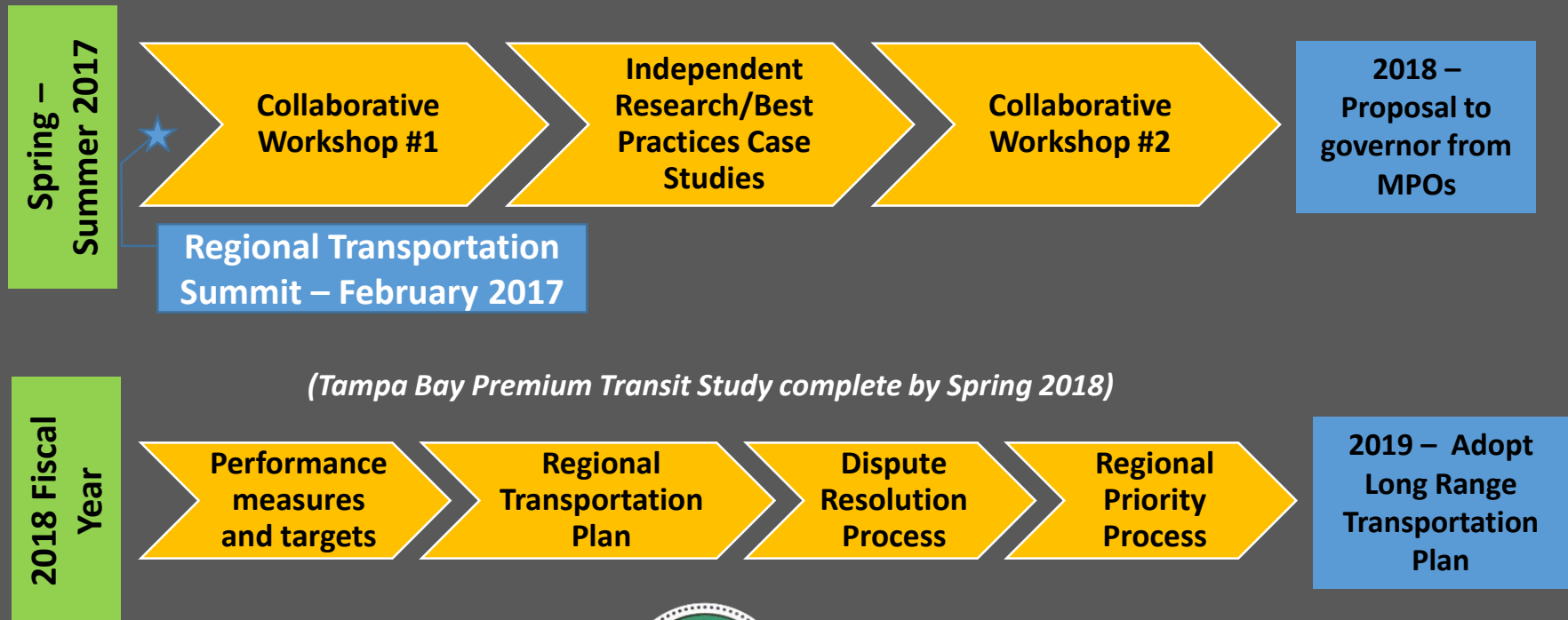


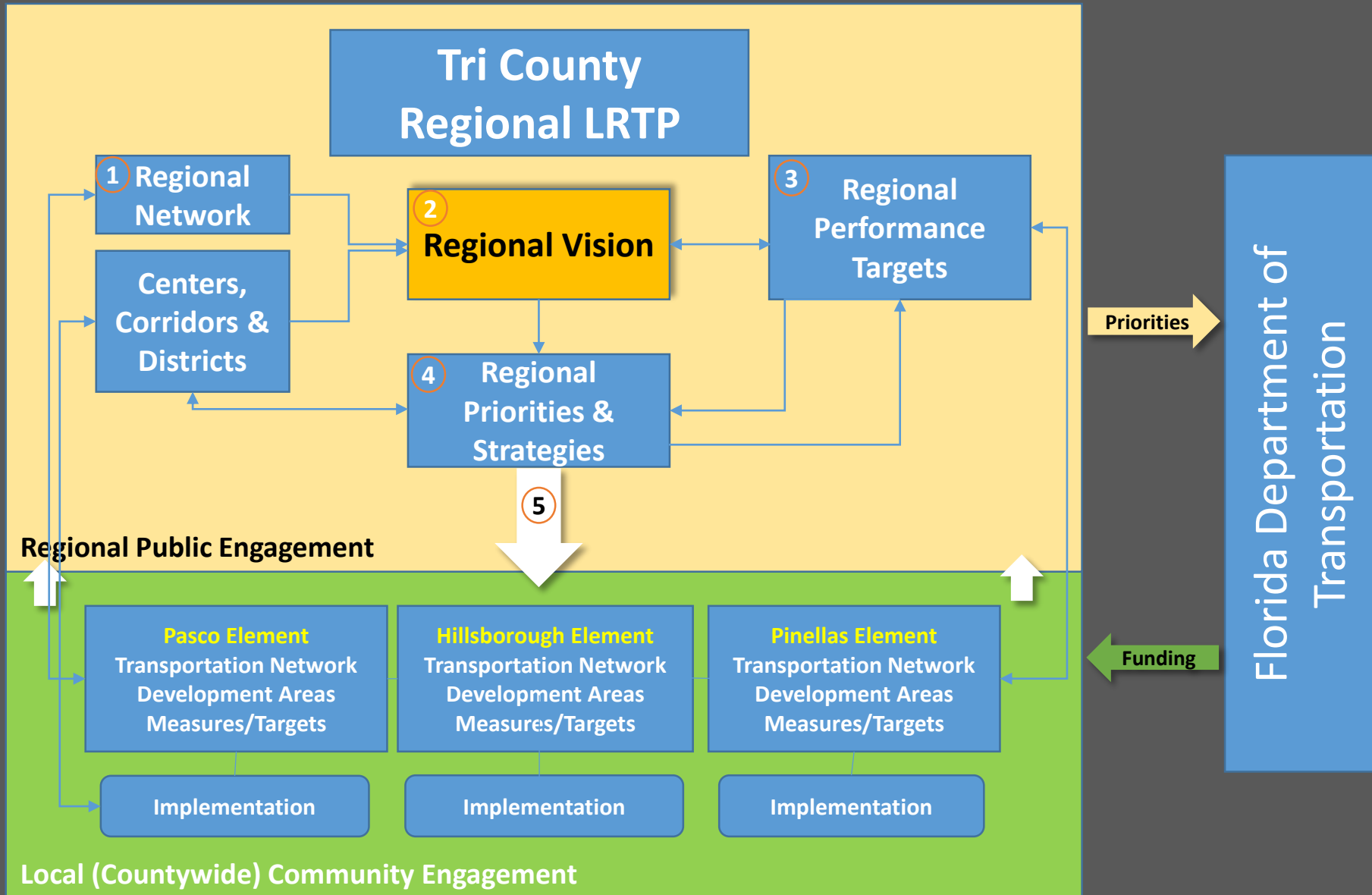
# Regional Governance Study

- Independent research and case study examples to explore options
  - FDOT or legislative funding
  - Do nothing (“no build”) alternative with refinements to current structure
- Collaborative process – two decision forums
  - Define guiding principles and desired outcomes
  - Review options and develop recommendations
- Defined timeline with clear outcomes
  - How soon to begin? 1st quarter 2017 or July 1, 2017
  - 6-9 months to complete



# Suggested timeline for regional processes





# Next Steps

- Prepare scope for study
  - TMA review and recommendation in November 2016
  - Obtain input from counties, cities and business community





# Next Steps

- Expand Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group's responsibility
  - Invite business community and county reps to attend
  - MPOs prepare recommendation to Bay Area Legislative Delegation and Governor
  - Review and recommend regional planning work products
- Prepare joint letter to FDOT Central Office outlining plan



# Complete Streets Program

Call for Projects



# Project Update: Complete Streets Program

- *Complete streets are for everyone, no matter who they are or how they travel.*
- Annual Call for Projects
  - Oct. 17, 2016



# Project Update: Complete Streets Program

- Up to \$100K for concept planning and design
- Up to \$1 million for construction projects
- Applications due Dec. 16
  - Project must be catalyst for land use/redevelopment
  - Must entail some level of local match
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