



INFORMATION ITEM

Regional Premium Transit Study Update



Action: Information

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Background:

- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is funding a regional premium transit study which is being administered by the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) agency and conducted by Jacobs Engineering Group.
- The study, which began in January 2017, is evaluating the top five performing corridors to identify the three best projects to be included in an implementation plan. The implementation plan will include potential funding sources and identify which entity would build and maintain the first project.
- Extensive public outreach will be conducted during the study alongside the technical analysis.
- PSTA staff serves on a technical review committee with HART and Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) staff.

Summary

- The first phase of the Regional Premium Transit Study is underway with an evaluation of how well different corridors connect the region's major activity centers, including the University of South Florida (USF) area, downtown Tampa, the Westshore Area, the Gateway Area, downtown Clearwater, and downtown St. Petersburg. Public outreach through May will focus on these connections and will be followed by the identification of three priority projects by September.
- Staff will provide an update on the study.