



Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: October 12, 2015

❖ Tampa Bay Express

Mr. Hank Schneider, Design Consultant Project Manager for FDOT District 7 provided a presentation on Tampa Bay Express. Tampa Bay Express is a system of express toll lanes that will be built as an addition to existing interstate routes. These new lanes give drivers a choice of paying a toll in order to enjoy a better commute. Express toll lanes are currently used in other cities across the U.S., where they are reducing commute times and relieving overall traffic congestion.

❖ ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group

The Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel has submitted a *Recommended Projection of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Region* to the ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. This collaborative effort between local universities, federal agencies, regional agencies and representatives from Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties provides consistent, practical guidance for local governments and other entities interested in implementing adaptation strategies in their respective jurisdictions.

❖ BASIS 6

The 6th Tampa Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium (BASIS6), hosted by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program was held on September 28th-30th at the University of South Florida in downtown St. Petersburg. The theme for BASIS 6 was *Navigating Changing Tides: Addressing New Challenges with Effective Science and Management* and the symposium explored a variety of topics including the RESTORE Act, climate change, coastal connections, emerging technologies, methods & issues, and the practical application of environmental management & policy. Approximately 200 people participated in the event, which serves as a forum for sharing state-of-the-art research on Tampa Bay. Proceedings will be published in 2016. Symposium materials are available at <http://www.tbrpc.org/events/basis6/>.

All presentations, pertinent links and detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. 727.570.5151