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**Team creating Regional Transit Feasibility Plan
seeks public input on transit options with online survey**

Survey is now online at www.TBRegionalTransit.com

Tampa Bay, FL, May 10, 2018 – The team creating the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan is rolling out an online survey this week to obtain additional public input on the draft plan while hearing more about how residents would use transit.

The survey is on the project website, www.TBRegionalTransit.com, and includes questions about respondents' transit preferences. It also asks for feedback on the team's technical recommendations released earlier this year regarding a proposed "catalyst project" and the Regional Vision.

The draft catalyst project is a 41-mile Rubber Tire Transit concept that would run from Wesley Chapel in Pasco County to Downtown St. Petersburg in Pinellas County while connecting the University of South Florida area, Downtown Tampa, Westshore, and the Greater Gateway/Carillon area along Interstate 275. Urban passenger rail is also a high performing recommendation, using an existing CSX rail line that runs between Downtown Tampa and USF. Feedback is being sought on both projects in the online survey.

Identifying the "catalyst project" is not an all-or-nothing proposition - it's the first of many steps in building the Regional Transit Vision for Tampa Bay. The online survey is available now through the end of summer. The draft plan will be modified after incorporating feedback from the public with the final expected in the fall, allowing the region to move towards engineering, design, and implementation.

To learn more about the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan and the online survey, visit the project website at <http://www.TBRegionalTransit.com>.

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