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TAG Tampa Bay Transportation Advocacy Group

WHEREAS, the municipalities in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties, the Suncoast League of Cities (SLC), the Florida Department of Transportation District 7 (FDOT 7), FORWARD Pinellas, the Hillsborough County MPO, the Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA), the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the Tampa Bay Partnership (collectively, the “Transportation Interests”), all have a shared interest in transportation issues that affect the overall quality of life, economic vitality, and growth in the Tampa Bay Region, and each has developed or supported initiatives intended to further this interest; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Region has been unable to obtain levels of funding that are needed to address its significant transportation challenges, while other local and regional governments throughout Florida and the nation have successfully obtained such funds by building collaborative partnerships and coalitions with other groups having a mutual interest in addressing transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Interests understand the Tampa Bay Region’s transportation issues can be more effectively addressed by working together as a transportation advocacy group (“TAG”) Tampa Bay to provide a united voice at the local, state and federal levels for advancing initiatives to improve mobility and transportation throughout the Region, which will in turn enhance economic development in the Region through increased productivity, employment, business activity, property values, investments and revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Interests hereby establish this TAG Tampa Bay Regional Compact to reflect their respective commitments to collaboration and advocacy on transportation challenges in the Tampa Bay Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH PARTY TO THIS TAG TAMPA BAY REGIONAL COMPACT:



SECTION 1. The terms “TAG Tampa Bay”, “TAG Regional Compact” or “TAG” shall refer to this document, and the collaborative plans, actions and strategies undertaken in furtherance of the TAG Tampa Bay Regional Compact.

SECTION 2. Members of TAG Tampa Bay shall consist of any municipal government, organization, entity, or associate member of the Suncoast League of Cities that signs the TAG Tampa Bay Regional Compact and commits to advocating for TAG issues. Potential Members may include, but are not limited to, the Suncoast League of Cities, its 24 municipal members, and its associate members; the Municipal Association of Pasco County, its municipal members; the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority; and the Tampa Bay Partnership.

SECTION 3. Partners of TAG Tampa Bay shall consist of any entity, organization, or agency that provides data, information, educational and technical assistance to TAG or to TAG Members in furtherance of the TAG Regional Compact. Potential Partners may include, but are not limited to: the Florida Department of Transportation District 7; Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority; Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; FORWARD Pinellas; Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization.

SECTION 4. TAG Tampa Bay will be dedicated to building a coalition of business partners, local governments, transportation agencies, planning agencies, and others, to demonstrate broad public support for full funding of the Tampa Bay Region’s transportation needs by the state and federal governments.

SECTION 5. The parties to the TAG Regional Compact commit to support the following activities:

- Development of and advocacy for joint positions on federal and state legislation, regulations, and administrative policies pertaining to expansion of technology options to further connectivity within the region, specifically, the Regional Fare Payment System, Traffic Management Systems Applications, and OneBusAway Expansion; replacement of the North Bound Howard Frankland Bridge; and the I-275/SR60 Interchange Reconstruction project.
- Convocation of an Annual TAG Tampa Bay Summit focused on advocacy, innovative solutions and strategic pathways for success.
- Development of a TAG Regional Compact Action Plan, including strategies to accomplish the common goals of TAG Members relating to transportation issues, to be revised every three years from the date of publication of the first Action Plan.
- Seek external funding and resources to support the operation and administration of TAG Tampa Bay.



- Establishment of an enduring organizational structure for the TAG Regional Compact, subject to the approval of each Member of the TAG Regional Compact, to facilitate Compact work, enhance the strong relationships among the Compact Members and Partners, and to improve the Compact's competitiveness in seeking external funding and resources.

SECTION 6. TAG Tampa Bay Members will continue to support and foster expanded public, private, and nonprofit engagement in TAG Regional Compact initiatives at the local, regional, state, national, and international levels, with an emphasis on communications, partnerships, and capacity building.

SECTION 7. In pursuit of the common aims of TAG Members under the Regional Compact, each Member pledges to not work at cross-purposes with other Members. However, nothing in this document shall be deemed to limit the power of each Member to govern its respective jurisdictional area.

SECTION 8. The commitments contained herein shall not be effective until approved through the required procedures of each respective party to the TAG Regional Compact.

[INSERT SIGNATORIES OR THEIR SEAL/LOGO, WITH ADOPTION DATE BY EACH]