

Downtown Debriefing Series



Paul J. Steinman, P.E.

District Seven Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation

Paul Steinman was named the District 7 Secretary in March of 2013. He has more than 25 years of DOT transportation experience in Florida, Idaho and Michigan. Paul is a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He holds engineering licenses in Florida, Idaho, Michigan and North Carolina. As the District Seven Secretary, Paul provides administrative oversight for the planning, development and operations for all transportation modes within Citrus, Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco and Pinellas counties. He serves as a member of the FDOT Executive Team, the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) Board and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Board. He is an active participant in the department's effort for incorporating and implementing autonomous vehicle technologies within the transportation network. Paul has an extensive construction background and has previously served as the FDOT State Construction Engineer.



Robert M. Frey, AICP

Planning Director, Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

Bob Frey, AICP serves as the Planning Director for the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) and is the project manager for THEA's Bus Toll Lanes and Automotive/Connected Vehicle initiatives. Bob sits on the Hillsborough County Technical Advisory Committee and works with local jurisdiction/agencies as THEA's representative. Bob has more than 25 years of experience working with local, state and toll agencies in finding solutions to mobility issues.



Justin Begley

Senior Planner, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority

Justin Begley is a Senior Planner with HART in Tampa. Justin has been working with technology to solve problems in transportation since 2001, starting out with Broward County Transit in Fort Lauderdale. Since coming to Tampa in 2005, he has managed an award-winning Intelligent Transportation Systems program and spent 5 years as a Senior Researcher with CUTR at the University of South Florida. In recent years, Justin has returned to HART to work to bring more mobility choices to Hillsborough County.



Brian Gentry, P.E., PTOE

Traffic Management Center Operations Manager, City of Tampa

Brian received his Bachelor of Science in engineering from the University of South Florida in 2005. Since then he has worked primarily for the City of Tampa as a traffic engineer with two brief employment periods with a private consultant and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He earned his Professional Engineering (P.E.) license in 2011 and Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) certification in 2016. His duties as the City of Tampa Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations Manager include TMC daily operations, special events traffic management, performance measure reporting, signal timings and signal studies.