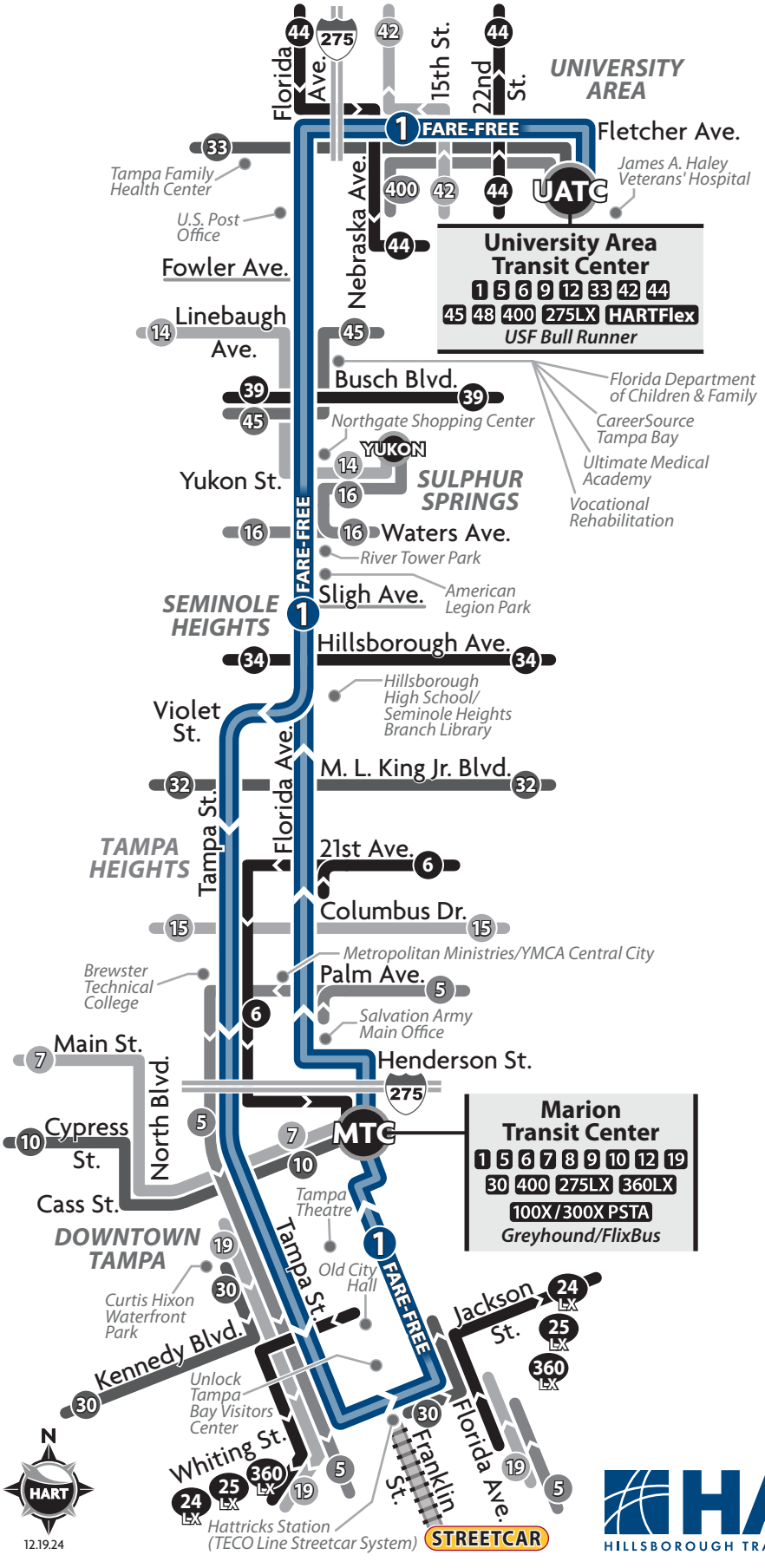
Route 1 FARE-FREE

Through January 4, 2026 Funded by the City of Tampa



LEGEND

Florida Ave. - Downtown Tampa to University Area via Florida Ave.

Weekday 4 a.m. - 12 midnight
Frequency 15/30/60 minutes

Saturday/Sunday 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Frequency 30/60 minutes

HART CONNECTING ROUTES

- 5 40th St.
- 6 56th St.
- 7 West Tampa
- 10 Cypress St.
- 14 Armenia/Howard Ave.
- 15 Columbus Dr.
- 16 Waters Ave.
- 19 South Tampa
- 30 Kennedy Blvd./Town 'N Country
- 32 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- 33 Fletcher Ave./Northdale
- 34 Hillsborough Ave.
- 39 Busch Blvd.
- 42 University Area Connector
- 44 Sinclair Hills Connector
- 45 University Area/Westshore
- 400 Nebraska Ave.
- 24 LX FishHawk/South Tampa Limited Express
- 25 LX Bloomingdale/South Tampa Limited Express
- 360 LX Brandon/South Tampa Limited Express
- STREETCAR TECO Line Streetcar

HART TRANSIT/TRANSFER CENTERS

- MTC Marion Transit Center
- UATC University Area Transit Center
- YUKON Yukon Transfer Center

HART HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Customer Service (813) 254-4278

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Pilot Overview

The Route 1 fare-free pilot timeframe is January 5, 2025 – January 4, 2026, and was initiated and approved for funding by the Tampa City Council, championed by Councilwoman Lynn Hurtak. The fare-free pilot will make Route 1 service fare-free and increase service frequency to every 15 minutes.

Pilot Cost

$1.65 million – funded by the City of Tampa

Why Route 1?

- **Future BRT/Streetcar Corridor:** Route 1 is a key part of the future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and TECO Line Streetcar corridor, among the TPO's top transit priorities.
- **High Ridership:** Route 1 is the highest ridership route in the system, serving over 3,000 daily customers.
- **Streetcar Connection:** This route has the highest bus transfer rate to the streetcar system, facilitating smooth connections.
- **Extensive Network Coverage:** Route 1 connects 70% of the HART bus network, making it a crucial link in our transit system.
- **Improved Service:** The fare-free initiative aims to enhance service and speed up travel times on this busy route.

Access and Equity

Route 1 serves a densely populated and diverse area, with significant implications for access and equity:

- **Population and Employment:** Within a quarter mile of Route 1, there are approximately 32,400 residents and 56,100 jobs. Extending to a half mile, this increases to around 64,000 residents and 103,000 jobs.
- **Vehicle Ownership:** About 18% of households in this area do not own a vehicle, highlighting the importance of accessible public transportation.
- **Economic Disparity:** 26% of the population lives below the poverty line, underscoring the need for affordable transportation options.
- **Demographic Diversity:** 64% of people in the area are from minority backgrounds, reflecting the diverse community served by this route.
- **Disability:** 14% of individuals in this area have a disability, emphasizing the importance of accessible transit services for all.

By offering fare-free rides on Route 1, this pilot program aims to improve transportation access for these communities, fostering greater mobility and inclusivity.

How It Will Work

- **Fare-Free Riding:** Customers can board any bus on Route 1 without paying a fare. One round trip per passenger.
- **Transfers:** If you transfer to another bus, you will need to pay the fare at the transfer point.
- **HART Plus Paratransit Service:** During the pilot, HART Plus paratransit service will also be fare-free for trips that start and end within 1.5 miles of Route 1.

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