

# Downtown as a Neighborhood

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**Nearly 1,900 residential units are currently under construction in our downtown.**

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Downtown Tampa is everyone's neighborhood and we are working to transform it from a business and government center to an exciting 24/7 urban center - with both business and residential neighborhoods, sparked by many diverse cultural and artistic enterprises. Perhaps the most significant undertaking is the Riverwalk that will help open up Tampa's waterfront to the people. This project provides for a two and a half-mile pedestrian walkway running from Channelside up the Hillsborough River to Tampa Heights.

Construction of additional parks and green space along the Riverwalk began this year and will soon be completed. The south park starts at the Platt Street Bridge and continues north along the river to the Brorein Street Bridge. The north park is located between Whiting and E. Washington Streets. Over \$1.7 million will be funded this fiscal year to complete the segment of the Riverwalk under the Platt Street Bridge.



## **Safer Streets for Downtown**

In addition to the Riverwalk, we are concentrating on making downtown safer for pedestrians and residents. As the number of residents in our downtown grows, we must give our streets more of a pedestrian and neighborhood feel. We are embarking on a five-year plan to convert our east/west downtown streets to two-way, starting with Madison and ending with Tyler. This fiscal year we will dedicate \$800,000 to convert Madison Street into a two-way street with pedestrian walkways, landscaping and beautification, new signage and resurfacing.