
Public Works – Fleet, Parking and Transportation

- Major Accomplishment: The unprecedented volume of design, construction and maintenance activities accomplished during this administration.
- Established a seven-year fleet replacement program for sedans, light trucks and police vehicles. Increased funding levels for other vehicle classes (medium and heavy equipment).¹
- Financed the largest parking expansion program without a rate increase.
 - Completed -
 - Ft. Brooke Parking Garage expansion (1,200 spaces)
 - Ybor City Parking Garage (1,200 spaces)
 - Florida/Kennedy Police Parking Garage (280 spaces)
 - Fernando Noriega, Jr. / Palm Avenue Garage (1,200 spaces)
 - Jackson Street Parking Lot (119 spaces)
 - Provided bond financing for the expansion of parking at the Lowry Park Zoo.
- Since 1998, the Transportation Division has:
 - Resurfaced & overlaid 323.76 lane miles of city streets
 - Applied surface treatments to 343.43 lane miles of city streets
 - Constructed 40.2 miles of new sidewalks
 - Replaced 107 miles of existing sidewalks
 - Filled (on an average) 3,243 potholes each year
 - Replaced (on an average) 2,851 traffic signs annually
 - Improved 24 intersections providing turning lanes and signalization
 - Widened Columbus Drive between Grady & Himes
- Provided Special Event Traffic planning for over 350 special events each year.²
- Provided for the Electric Streetcar Trolley
 - \$53,000,000 estimated cost/ City share estimated to be \$10-\$12 million.
 - Phase I (Ybor City to Franklin Avenue) was completed in January 2003, while design and planning work for Phase II continues.
- Developed a strategy to fund New Tampa Area Transportation Improvements
 - East-West Road Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E) Underway
 - \$158.9 Million in Transportation Improvements for New Tampa (planned and under construction)³
- Developed the 40th Street Corridor Redevelopment Strategy⁴
 - \$72,961,000 estimated cost
 - 60% of Design work complete
 - 20+ parcels acquired for ROW
 - Relocation of the DPW-12th Yard to a new facility on 40th Street is scheduled for Spring 2003.
- Provided for the Riverwalk Construction
 - Completed 642 feet of Riverwalk in front of the Marriot Hotel and will complete another 700 feet of Riverwalk within Fort Brooke Park.⁵
 - Completed the Channelside Riverwalk (2000) with FHA funding for \$1,400,000.⁶
 - Completed 1,342 feet of Riverwalk from 1995-2001.

- Encouraged Franklin Street Redevelopment
 - Removed Elevated People Mover
 - Sidewalk/Streetscape Improvements
 - Opened Franklin Street to vehicular traffic
- Established the Facilities Improvement Crew, successfully completing improvements to more than 45 facilities since 1995 (see Appendix B for project list).
- Created the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program in FY01(\$700,000 per year).⁷
- Established priorities for addressing construction and maintenance needs (\$175,000,000).⁸
- Engaged in numerous transportation infrastructure construction and maintenance projects.

Public Works - Fleet, Parking and Transportation Notes:

¹ Total vehicle replacement funding levels has increased from \$4.9 million in FY1994 to \$12.485 in FY2000.

² Special Event Traffic Planning include those events held along Bayshore Boulevard, in the Channel District, at the Ice Palace and in Ybor City.

³ New Tampa Area Transportation Improvements:

Project	Description	Cost	Status
Bruce B. Downs/ Cross Creek Boulevard Left Turn Addition		350,000	Scheduled to Begin 10/02
Bruce B. Downs/ I-75 Northbound Off Ramp Modification Lane Addition		1,700,000	Under Construction Expected Completion 10/02
Bruce B. Downs N Bound Lane Addition (I-75 to Richmond Place)		1,058,545	Under Construction Expected Completion 10/02
Bruce B. Downs South Bound Lane Addition		1,500,000	Design Phase Expected Completion 12/03
Bruce B. Downs Widening PD&E Study		1,500,000	Study In Progress Expected Completion 2004
Bruce B. Downs Widening Six Lanes From Bearss to County Line Road		68,100,000	Begin Following Study Construction Expected 2006
Cross Creek Boulevard Extension To Morris Bridge Ridge		900,000	Under Construction
Cross Creek Boulevard Widening Four Lane From Clay Gully to Arbor Greene		1,200,000	Right of Way In Progress Construction Expected 2003
East/West Roadway Project Development and Environment Study		17,800,000	Study In Progress Expected Completion 2004
East/West Roadway Interchange Interchange at I-275		29,000,000	
I-275/Bruce B. Downs Flyover Ramp Improvements		25,500,000	Design Phase 2004 Construction Expected 2006
Highwoods Preserve Extension to New Tampa Boulevard		500,000	Complete
New Tampa Boulevard Bridge Over I-75 Connecting to Commerce Park Boulevard		9,400,000	Design Phase Construction Expected 2005
Methodist Place Church Access		400,000	Design Phase
Total Cost		\$158,908,545	

⁴ Completed 60% of design phase for project, except southern most segments. Completed final design for most northern section with construction beginning 2003. Obtained over 20 parcels of right-of-way (ROW) through voluntary acquisition. Established Priorities for the Remainder of the Project, including:

- (1) Project reorganization to provide FDOT funding for sections with acquired ROW.
- (2) Begin construction from Busch Gardens to Fowler in late 2003.
- (3) Continue design phases and right-of-way acquisition for remaining sections.
- (4) Initial construction of remaining phases beginning late 2003 to 2008.
- (5) Coordinate acquisition of approximately 130 remaining parcels for right-of-way.

⁵ Parks Department completed the design of the Fort Brooke Riverwalk

⁶ Parks Department project.

⁷ Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program promotes and maintains the safety and livability of the City's residential neighborhoods by reducing the amount of vehicular traffic and the average speed of traffic on neighborhood streets. Installed 25-MPH signs in twenty-eight areas identified with particular speeding problems. Installed Speed Tables on Kirby Street and Pearl Avenue. Reconstructed the Rome and Morrison Intersection with high visibility crosswalks. Studied the Himes, Franklin, and Sterling areas for location of Speed Tables. Improve Himes Avenue from Gandy to Euclid by designing and constructing traffic Islands with pedestrian refuge areas, lane reductions and bike lanes. Provide additional program funding from Gas Tax and Community Investment Tax Funds. The program costs \$3,500,000

⁸ Provide for construction and maintenance of City sidewalks, including backlog of identified needs. Increase funding to eliminate backlog of new sidewalks (\$12 million) and sidewalk repairs (\$2.6 million). Provide for the ongoing maintenance of the City's transportation infrastructure. Infrastructure includes roadways, street lighting, seawalls, bridges, intersections, culverts, traffic signals, and other traffic control devices. Establish programs to eliminate the backlog of transportation infrastructure repairs. Includes the relocation of the 13th Street Yard (to be called the 40th Street Maintenance Facility).