

## Riverwalk Status Update – May 12, 2006

### ❖ Funding

- Federal and State funding requests
  - ◆ Requests submitted to various government levels
    - The State's Proposed Budget includes \$3 million for the Riverwalk and requires the Governor's approval (\$5.5 million was originally requested)
    - \$4.3 million through U.S. Congressman Jim Davis' office
  - ◆ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Request for \$3 million
- Private resources
  - ◆ Capital campaign launched to raise \$20 million for private fundraising goal
  - ◆ Tax deductible donations can be made to Friends of the Riverwalk
    - Checks can be mailed to:  
Friends of the Riverwalk  
P.O. Box 173312  
Tampa, FL 33672-1312
- Grant writer (The City is in the process of negotiating the contract for a grant writer for downtown development)
  - ◆ Grant writer will search for grants to fund projects for entire downtown area, with a focus on the Riverwalk, Curtis Hixon Park development and Ashley Street redesign
- Upcoming fundraiser: Duck Derby on November 4, 2006 at Curtis Hixon Park

### ❖ Segment Update

- Segments 1 – 3 (Channel District)
  - ◆ Enhancement segments that will be part of the “Riverwalk Future Plan” which will occur after the completion of the “Riverwalk 2010 Plan”
- Segment 4 (Tampa History Center with sidewalk to Channelside Drive)
  - ◆ Working with Hillsborough County to integrate Riverwalk with History Center design
  - ◆ Mid-2008 construction completion estimate
- Segment 8 (Platt Street Bridge)
  - ◆ The Tampa Port Authority met on March 21, 2006 and approved the work permit application
  - ◆ FDOT LAP (Local Agency Program) Agreement package – After review and approval by FDOT, the City can begin bidding process for construction
    - FDOT review includes signoff from Tallahassee and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Atlanta
    - Estimate construction in early Fall
    - A LAP agreement's purpose is to ensure that federal funds are spent in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. It also allows the City to complete the segment with additional funding sources even though the Federal money is not available for several more years
    - Platt Street LAP provides for \$860,000 reimbursement in 2009-2010

- Segment 11 (Trump Tower)
  - ◆ Foundation work to be completed in August 2006
  - ◆ Mid-2008 estimated building completion
  - ◆ Includes Riverwalk segment as part of construction project
  
- Segments 13-15 (Kennedy Plaza)
  - ◆ Will build all 3 segments concurrently
  - ◆ Spans area from Sheraton Hotel to Curtis Hixon Park
  
- Segment 16 (Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park)
  - ◆ Thomas Balsley (architect redesigning park) is currently collective all relevant data
  - ◆ Public input meetings will be announced in the immediate future
  - ◆ Architect's park design will also include design for Riverwalk in this segment
  
- Segment 17 (Cass Street/CSX Railroad Bridge)
  - ◆ EDAW and Thomas Balsley will evaluate overpass and underpass options to determine best option for Riverwalk and park
  
- Segments 19-24 (Heights)
  - ◆ The Heights Developer will complete the schematic master plan from North Boulevard to Cass Street
  - ◆ These segments include the Water Works Park that will be designed by Hardeman Kempton
    - Riverwalk will curve through the trees and also come closer to the water's edge than the original EDAW design

❖ **Other Items of Interest**

- Attended the "Flavors of Hillsborough" event in Tallahassee on April 20 to showcase the Riverwalk to State legislators
- Progress Summary
  - 2010 Plan includes 11,815 feet of waterfront or 2.2 miles
    - ◆ 2,830 feet completed (24%): Marriott, Cotanchobee Park, MacDill Park, USF Park and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
    - ◆ 4,320 feet (37%) to be completed by developers: Trump Tower and Heights
    - ◆ 4,665 feet remaining (39%): History Center, Convention Center, Platt Street Bridge, Brorein Bridge, Kennedy Plaza, Curtis Hixon Park, Cass/CSX Bridges
- Forging partnership with Blake High School and the Rampello School to adopt the Riverwalk
- Developing Riverwalk banners to be installed on light poles in completed segments