



PACA Media Release

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TBARTA to discuss status of regional transportation plan during public meeting with PACA on March 12

LAND O' LAKES – Regional transportation officials will discuss the status of their seven-county master plan and how it affects Pasco travelers in a March 12 presentation before PACA – the Pasco Alliance of Community Associations.

The meeting, open to the public and press as well as PACA members, begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, at the Land O' Lakes Community Center. It is located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. in Land O' Lakes.

The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) is developing a legally-mandated master plan of transportation improvements covering the counties of Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Citrus, Hernando, Manatee and Sarasota. The PACA presentation will provide information on the current development of the TBARTA master plan, including an overview of its mid- and long-term visions for the Tampa Bay region. There will be an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions on the plan.

TBARTA's planning includes commuter rail and bus service as key components in accommodating Pasco residents in traveling throughout the region.

Speaking at the PACA meeting will be Brian Bollas, a senior planner with Parsons Brinckerhoff. He has more than 10 years experience in geographic information systems and transportation planning. He is responsible for public input on the master plan. He is a member of TBARTA's Public Engagement Team.

PACA President Bill Parsons said, "PACA scheduled Mr. Bollas to help our members learn what is being planned with mass transit to help alleviate traffic congestion around our communities. This information will be used by PACA to work with government agencies to collectively represent its members – which is one of the purposes of PACA. PACA's Government Affairs Committee is already monitoring road construction. It will integrate the TBARTA information into other plans designed to solve our traffic problems. By learning what is being planned for mass transit in addition to road construction, PACA will be better prepared to work with the appropriate government agencies for the best solutions to resolve our members' traffic concerns."

PACA is a not-for-profit organization whose members include representatives from 72 of Pasco County's homeowner associations, community development districts and condominium associations. PACA assists members by educating them on common issues and finding solutions to shared problems. It also represents the interests of members before local, county and state government.

For further information about PACA, contact President Bill Parsons at (813) 991-6003 or visit the PACA website at: www.MyPACA.org.