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This element identifies and resolves goals, objectives, policies and development proposed in campus master plans that may be incompatible with adjacent local governments, and regional and state agency plans. Intergovernmental coordination shall be utilized to the extent required to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.

Host and affected local governments, agencies, and utility companies with which the University coordinates or is regulated by:

Regional and State:

Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA): DCA is the state's land planning and community development agency. Its role is to assist Florida's communities in meeting the needs of Florida's continually expanding population. The department ensures that new growth complies with the state's vital growth management laws, while also assisting established communities revitalize their older or traditional neighborhoods.

Division of State Lands/Land Management Advisory Council (LMAC): LMAC acquires and disposes of lands, as directed by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Among other functions, the division administers and maintains the records of all lands held by the Board of Trustees and sets boundary lines for lands owned by the Board of Trustees. The LMAC provides oversight for approximately 11 million acres of state lands, including upland leases for state parks, educational facilities, forests, wildlife management areas, historic sites, vegetable farming, and mineral, oil, and gas exploration.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – District 7: FDOT is responsible for preparing plans to construct and maintain roadways within the State of Florida. The University is located within District 7, which encompasses Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. The FDOT roads adjacent to campus are Fowler Avenue and Bruce B Downs Boulevard. The University is required to maintain transportation concurrency at the State and local levels and some of the roads influenced by the traffic generated by the USF-Tampa campus external to the University are governed by the FDOT.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP): FDEP is the lead agency in the state government for environmental management and stewardship, responsible for protecting Florida's air, water, and land. The Department is divided into three primary areas: Regulatory Programs, Land and Recreation, and Planning and Management. Florida's environmental priorities include restoring America's Everglades, improving air quality, restoring and protecting the water quality of Florida springs, lakes, rivers and coastal waters, conserving environmentally-sensitive lands, and providing citizens and visitors with recreational opportunities, now and in the future. USF complies with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements through its participation with the FDEP Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permitting program.

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD): SWFWMD manages water and related natural resources to ensure their continued availability while maximizing environmental, economic and recreational benefits. Areas of responsibility include: water supply; natural systems; water quality and flood protection. The District encompasses all or part of 16 counties and contains 98 local governments spread over approximately 10,000 square miles. A 13-member board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate governs the District. USF submits through SWFWMD for its Environmental Resource Permits (ERP) for all campus development impacts, as well as maintains its Water Use Permit (WUP) which establishes limits for its groundwater water withdrawal.

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC): TBRPC is an association of local governments and gubernatorial representatives, created to coordinate planning and provide an opportunity for sharing solutions among the 43 jurisdictions in the Tampa Bay region. The region's four counties and numerous incorporated areas are required by law to exercise regional cooperation through membership on the Council. TBRPC is responsible for maintaining the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region, as well as for functions related to environmental management, water quality, emergency preparedness planning, protection and restoration of the Tampa Bay estuary, coastal zone management, housing and infrastructure analysis and review, local government comprehensive plan review, cross-acceptance, dispute, and review of transportation plans.

Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA): TBARTA was created by the Florida State Legislature in 2007. The purpose of the agency is to plan, develop, finance, construct, own, purchase, operate, maintain, relocate, equip, repair, and manage multimodal systems in Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties. The agency coordinates its efforts with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to improve transportation in the Tampa Bay Area. As of 2019, TBARTA managed a range of commuter services in the Tampa Bay region, designed to help commuters save money, reduce traffic congestion, and help the environment, these services include Vanpool, Carpool, BikeBuddy, a regional school commuter program, and an emergency ride home program.

Tampa Bay Water: Tampa Bay Water is a regional water supply authority that provides wholesale drinking water to Hillsborough County,

Pasco County, Pinellas County, New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa. They supply water to more than 2.5 million people through the governments we serve. The authority is funded through the sale of water to member governments. Member governments share the cost of developing new supplies, share in environmental stewardship, share voting rights equitably among the three counties, and pay the same wholesale water rates.

Tampa Bay Water responsibilities include:

- Planning, developing, producing and delivering a high-quality drinking water supply.
- Continuously meeting the wholesale drinking water needs of Hillsborough County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa.
- Advocating for the protection of the public's water resources.

City of Tampa

Transportation Division: The Transportation Division of the City of Tampa focuses on transportation planning, project development and management, traffic engineering, right of way permitting, and mass transit initiatives, as well as the City's overall mobility needs. The Transportation Division reports directly to the Administrator of Public Works and Utilities Services for the City of Tampa.

Land Development Coordination (LDC): The LDC is part of the Growth Management and Development Services Department of the City of Tampa. LDC houses the Community Planning and Zoning Section, Subdivision/Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Section and Right-of-Way and Mapping Section and the Comprehensive Planning Section. The mission is to efficiently and fairly administer City Codes and Policies related to land development. The goal of the department is to be responsive to the public's need for accurate information related to the development of their property.

Tampa Police Department: The University context area located within the City of Tampa limits is served by the District Two Patrol Division. The District Two Patrol Division provides uniformed officer patrols, Street Anti-Crime squads, Quick Uniformed Attack on Drugs (Q.U.A.D.) squads, and property crime detectives. USF Police Department has a mutual aid agreement with the City of Tampa Police and Hillsborough County Sheriff Departments.

Fire Department: Tampa Fire Rescue provides essential services in the areas of fire prevention, fire protection, fire suppression, and emergency medical care for the seriously ill and injured. Tampa Fire Rescue also provides hazardous materials response, aircraft rescue, marine firefighting, and fire and life safety education to the public. The Fire Marshal's office, a division of Tampa Fire Rescue, investigates causes of fire, conducts building code reviews, and enforces fire and life safety codes.

Department of Growth Management and Development Services: The City of Tampa Department of Growth Management and Development Services is comprised of the following divisions: Administration, Historic Preservation and Urban Design, Construction Services, Housing & Community Development (HCD), Land Development Coordination (LDC), and Real Estate. The overall department function is to ensure safe and affordable housing and commercial structures that are compatible and compliant with applicable codes and ordinances. The Department is also home to the City's Green Officer, who guides the City in programs and services as they work toward becoming a more sustainable community – "A GREEN CITY."

Water Department: The Tampa Water Department, a department under Public Works and Utility Services, treats and delivers drinking water to a service population of approximately 720,000 people in the Tampa Bay area, encompassing 220 square miles. It is one of the few in the Country that treats both ground and surface water for drinking purposes. The Department is responsible for city-wide water conservation efforts to help manage local water demands.

Solid Waste Department: The Department of Solid Waste & Environmental Program Management provides environmentally-safe, time-responsive, and cost-effective collection, disposal, and recycling services for over 90,000 residential and commercial customers. The department also oversees the City of Tampa's environmental Programs. Approximately 400,000 tons of solid waste is processed annually at the McKay Bay Refuse-to-Energy Facility where it is converted to electrical energy.

Wastewater Department: The Wastewater Department collects, treats, and disposes of more than 55 million gallons of wastewater per day from over 100,000 customers in Tampa and its immediate suburbs. Sanitary treatment requires the careful removal of pollutants and pathogens from wastewater in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local regulations so that the end product can be returned to the environment for natural recycling. The Wastewater Department has four primary divisions: Administration; Engineering; Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant; and Wastewater Collection.

Tampa City Council: The Tampa City Council is a legislative branch of City Government and operates in accordance with the provisions of the 1974 Revised Charter of the City of Tampa. The City Council is responsible for enacting ordinances and resolutions that the Mayor of Tampa administers as chief executive officer. The USF Development Agreement is approved by the Tampa City Council after public hearings.

Public Works Department: The City of Tampa Public Works Department is composed of the following divisions: Clean City; Facility Management Division; Fleet Management Division; Parking Division; Stormwater Department; Right of Way Management Division. The Department of Public Works is dedicated to providing safe transportation mobility by maintaining all the Right of Way assets such as roads, sidewalk, traffic signals, traffic signs, pavement markings, street lights, special events, permit inspections and movable bridges.

Hillsborough County

Board of County Commissioners: The Board approves the County's operating and capital budgets and the County's capital improvement program. It may take action on any programs for the improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents. Under a Charter Ordinance that went into effect May 1985, County Commissioners are directed to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the management of Hillsborough County.

Planning and Growth Management Department: The Planning and Growth Management is a full service community development department responsible for conducting planning, zoning, development review, permitting, and inspections services. The Department serves the public under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator. Basic services for planning and managing the County's growth are focused on planning for future additions of new residential subdivisions and commercial development, meeting the provisions of the County's Land Development Code, planning for capital improvements, and ensuring development is built to life safety and codes construction standards.

Public Works Department: The Mission of the Public Works Department is to provide and manage safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive transportation and storm water systems to satisfy diverse mobility needs and to provide flood protection to public and private lands.

Solid Waste Department: The Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) is responsible for the overall operation of the Hillsborough County Integrated Solid Waste Management System (System), which is responsible for collection, transportation, and disposal of all solid waste generated or brought into the System service area. In addition, based on inter-local agreements with the City of Tampa and Temple Terrace, the System also provides various services to these communities. To accomplish this mission, the SWMD provides a wide range of services which combine to make up the Integrated System. The SWMD's efforts are focused on quality customer service and on the continuous improvement of the effectiveness and efficiency of the services provided.

Emergency Management Operations: Emergency Management is responsible for planning and coordinating the evacuation and sheltering of county residents in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Hillsborough County Emergency Management takes command of all jurisdictions. This agency is also responsible for planning, orchestrating and coordinating response actions and continuity of government in the aftermath of a major disaster. USF serves Emergency Management Operations as the primary Special Needs Shelter at the Yuengling Center. Pizzo / Patel K-8 Elementary School located on USF campus property (corner of 50th St. and Fowler Ave.) is a general public emergency shelter.

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART): HART was created in October of 1979 to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate, and maintain mass transit facilities and supply transportation assistance in Hillsborough County. HART provides the following services: Local Fixed Route and Express Bus Service; In- Town Trolleys; Vanpool & Guaranteed Ride Home Service; 100% Wheelchair/Bike Accessible Buses; Transportation Accessible Program (TAPS); Door-to-Door Paratransit Service; Travel Planning Assistance; Circulator Service in South County; Travel Training; Employer/Subscription Mini-Bus Service; and Bus Buddy Training. This provides a multimodal approach to allow the region to meet the transportation needs of citizens, reduce congestion on the Bay Area's roadways, improve air quality, and provide more sustainable options for traveling. HART has implemented Bus Rapid Transit on Fletcher from Telecom Park to Downtown Tampa. The cooperative U-Pass allows USF students to ride Hart Buses free. The HART Transfer Center is located near the USF Campus on 131st Street. The campus is served by several HART Routes. USF Parking and Transportation Services coordinates the USF Bull Runner shuttle with HART services on an as-needed basis. See Element 5 Transportation for more information.

Hillsborough County Planning Commission: The Planning Commission serves the citizens of Hillsborough County, City of Plant City, City of Temple Terrace, and the City of Tampa by providing a vision for improving the quality of life of county residents. The Planning Commission is an independent, consolidated planning agency, led by 10 citizen appointees from each of the 4 local jurisdictions. The Commissioners are tasked to promote and coordinate comprehensive long-range planning, growth-management, transportation, and environmental protection, through recommendations to the local jurisdictions.

Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): Mandated by federal and state law, the MPO is responsible for establishing priorities to meet short-term (next 5 years) and long-term multimodal transportation needs for Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City, and unincorporated Hillsborough County. USF is represented on the MPO Livable Roadways Committee.

Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) of Hillsborough County: The EPC of Hillsborough County was created in 1967 by special act of the Florida Legislature to control and regulate activities that are or may reasonably be expected to cause pollution or contamination of air, water, soil, and property, or cause excessive and unnecessary noise.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Department: USF Police Department has a mutual aid agreement with Hillsborough County Sheriff Department and the City of Tampa Police Department.

City of Temple Terrace

Temple Terrace City Council: The Temple Terrace City Council is the policy-making branch of the City of Temple Terrace and is comprised of the Mayor and City Council. These elected officials, together with a City Manager, govern the City and represent the citizens as they review activities and establish policies for implementation in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Community Development Department: The Community Development Department is primarily responsible for administering, directing, coordinating, and supervising land development regulation functions and City operations involving site planning, permitting, inspections, geographical information systems and mapping. The department's work is divided into two programs:

Planning and Development and Building: Planning and Development is responsible for coordination and implementation of the City's land development regulation and review process. Key areas of responsibility include: Site plan review; Comprehensive plan changes; Rezoning; Variances; Business district redevelopment planning, including support staff to the City's Community Redevelopment Agency; and Maintenance of the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) database. The Building Division has two main functions: Regulation of building construction activities through permitting and inspection; and Enforcement of the non-criminal aspect of city codes with regard to private and public property.

Public Works Department: The Public Works Department consists of seven divisions: Sanitation, Sewer, Water, Streets, Facility Maintenance, Central Garage, and Central Warehouse under the supervision of Public Works Administration.

Fire Department: The Operations Division includes all emergency and non-emergency responses made by the department's fire and medical teams. The Operations Division oversees and maintains manpower, equipment, vehicles, training, and communications and protects lives and property in the City from all hazards. This is achieved by managing staffing, training, equipment and other apparatus to provide City residents with fire, paramedic medical treatment, and protection from threats to life and property. **Police Department:** The Police Department is the law enforcement branch of Temple Terrace municipal government. One of the primary objectives of the Police Department is to provide a safe, secure community environment for all residents, businesses, and visitors. The Department serves the community by protecting life and property, preserving peace and order, preventing and detecting crime, enforcing all laws and ordinances and promoting the safe, efficient use of the City's streets and highways.

Specific problems and needs: USF deals with specific issues through scheduled meetings on an as needed basis. The majority of problems requiring coordination for resolution are related to adjacent roadway conditions of safety for pedestrians and bicyclists due to traffic congestion. For example, Hillsborough County quickly responded to USF's concern for pedestrian/bicycle safety on 50th Street by conducting a Safety Audit of conditions and then implemented the recommendations with concurrence of USF. Similarly, USF staff was also in coordination for the Fletcher Pedestrian Study and Safety Improvements, including a sidewalk the length of the north campus edge. These issues typically also have the involvement of the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), the New North Transportation Alliance (NNTA), and the MPO Livable Roadways Committee. Hillsborough County continues to work with USF for future off-campus pedestrian and bicycle improvements on 42nd St., 46th St., 56th St., and Bruce B Downs in addition to signal modifications for the proposed new campus road connections the Bruce B Downs and Fletcher at 46th St.

Previous fair share payments made by the University to its host or affected local government as a result of existing Campus Development Agreement(s):

For the Development Agreement based on the 1995 Campus Master Plan, the City of Tampa received \$6,000,000 from the State of Florida Concurrence Trust Fund. Of that, \$3,000,000 was distributed to USF to implement an off-campus shuttle route to serve the many students living to the north of campus and thereby reduce off-campus traffic. From the Development Agreement based on the 2005 Plan, the City received \$5,273,305 from the State Concurrence payments and USF Parking and Transportation Services (PATs) received \$2,273,305 for the expansion of the Bull Runner shuttle with a new route to the south of Fowler Avenue. The current Agreement expires on December 31, 2025. The University is currently working with the City of Tampa to review and revise the agreement.