

Proposed Transfer Center Tampa International Airport

Westshore Alliance
Transportation Committee
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Project Need

- Challenges with Westshore Mall bus transfer center
 - Bus delays from Mall traffic
 - Out of direction travel for several routes
- More central location in Westshore beneficial
 - Many routes come in from north
 - Development activity along Spruce/Boy Scout corridor
 - Significant employment and visitors at TIA
 - Facilitate access for cross county bus services

Proposed Project Overview

- Bus transfer center at TIA
 - Spruce Street/O'Brien
- 3.7 acre parcel
- Connects
 - HART local and limited express routes
 - Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) express service
 - Future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and circulator services

Proposed Project Elements

- 8 bays for HART and PSTA buses
- Raised platform and shelters for passengers
- Small building
 - Restrooms, employee break room, ticket vending
 - Lighting, security provisions
- Kiss 'n Ride facility for passenger drop offs
- Funding – State, Federal, HART

Proposed Project

Pedestrian Connections

- Sidewalk connections from transfer center
 - West along service road to adjacent businesses (Skychef)
 - South to Spruce/O'Brien intersection
- Working with FDOT and Avion development
 - Pedestrian crossings – O'Brien and Spruce Street
 - Bus bays on Spruce Street (east of O'Brien)
- Working with City of Tampa and FDOT
 - Sidewalk connections between Spruce & Westshore Blvd (south side)
 - Funding not confirmed

Required Approvals

- NEPA (environmental approval)
 - Circulating draft concept plan to agencies for review comments
 - Upcoming public meeting in Westshore
- Aviation Authority approval of long term lease
- Permitting
 - City of Tampa and Aviation Authority

Project Schedule

- Completion on NEPA process late June
- Aviation Authority lease approval July
- Design work fall 2009
- Construction summer 2010
- Transfer Center operational summer 2011

Requested Actions

- Support project
- Support funding strategies for pedestrian connections between Spruce Street and Westshore Boulevard