



# Memorandum

**Meeting Details:** February 14, 2024

**Prepared For:** Mayor & Board of Commissioners

**From:** Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

**Subject:** Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan

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## Background

The TBRPC is in the process of creating a project proposal to develop a Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan (TBCMP), similar to [Louisiana's](#). We were among the 120 (out of 869) selected by NOAA to submit a full application for their [Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#) track one funding (we are requesting \$2 million). It would likely be a 4-year project.

A broad summary of the TBCMP: The plan will equip the region with compound flooding maps and a prioritized list of feasible restoration and risk reduction project concepts, both structural and nonstructural, that will serve as guidance to equitably address the many challenges posed by high-tide flooding, storm surge, rainfall-related flooding, and future sea level rise. Our initial Letter of Intent is attached.

It hasn't officially kicked off, but the extensive application required by NOAA is serving as the impetus for building the project's framework for completion. Here is a link to the current working proposal we will be submitting to NOAA for funding, and we will be using this for applying to other grants:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-e9AbR7YOSXh9IbapeDas7\\_8MWkWBjrgllumykweomg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-e9AbR7YOSXh9IbapeDas7_8MWkWBjrgllumykweomg/edit?usp=sharing)

The plan will be designed for local governments in the Tampa Bay region, so their participation is essential for this project's success. Tampa, St. Pete, Oldsmar, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Crystal River, Pasco, and others are already involved. **I am sending this email to get the City of Madeira Beach's support and participation in the project.** I'm hoping to include the local governments as "collaborators" on the project since local gov't staff will be our primary end users/implementers. See the attached document for more information on the distinction between "collaborators" vs "partners."

## Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal responsibility other than staff time participating in Workgroup meetings and training workshops.

**Recommendation(s)**

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve staff to continue with the letter of support to participate in the Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan, coordinated by Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

**Attachments**

- ⊞ Letter of Support
- ⊞ Overview Summary
- ⊞ Partner vs Collaborator