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## **Special Sneak Preview of ‘A Transit System We Desire’ At Channelside Cinemas This Monday Morning *MPO Transit Study To Reveal Vision for 2050***

Tampa, FL, September 19, 2007 – The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has spent the last year working with community leaders, technical experts, citizens and other stakeholders exploring the need for better public transit and how it can support sustainable communities and smart growth in Hillsborough County. Now, the MPO’s vision for “A Transit System We Desire” is ready for a special sneak preview this Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the Channelside Cinemas 10 & IMAX. Admission is free, and the public is welcome to attend.

“The ***MPO’s Transit Concept for 2050*** gives us a platform to work with the Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) to make our communities’ vision a reality,” said Temple Terrace Mayor Joe Affronti, MPO Chair. “The wheels are in motion for a regional transit network that will efficiently connect Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and other locations within Hillsborough County as well as to other destinations throughout West Central Florida.” Final recommendations of the MPO Transit Study will be considered by the MPO Board at its November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additional information about the MPO Transit Study can be found at [www.mpotransit.org](http://www.mpotransit.org). The Channelside Cinemas 10 & IMAX, located at 615 Channelside Drive in Tampa, offer parking validation for the Channelside Garage for up to four hours for fifty cents.



The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization is a transportation policy board comprised of representatives from local governments and transportation agencies focusing on transportation planning and programming decisions that support the mobility needs and economic development of

Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and Hillsborough County.

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