



## News

### **Transit Village Displays at USF Offer East Tampa Transportation Solutions**

**TAMPA, Fla. (July 27, 2007)** – A series of unique three-dimensional urban design schemes for a transit-village in East Tampa will be unveiled Monday, July 30 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the University of South Florida School of Architecture and Community Design located on the Tampa campus in the Human Services (HMS) Building, third floor. The School's Urban Design Studio will present a transit-oriented development and employment center as part of Tampa's proposed light-rail system.

"There haven't been any visions developed for what form transit might take if and when it's implemented. The public needs to be informed and involved in an ongoing effort to better understand the implications of a transit initiative," said Trent Green, associate professor in Architecture and Community Design, who spearheaded the project. "People talk about transit solutions and leave it to the imagination. To my knowledge, this is the first time this kind of urban design vision has been developed around this issue. Clearly, there's a need for many more."

Graduate students in urban and community design have completed five different schemes that focus on the potential redevelopment of a large site at Hillsborough Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street. The transit-village displays feature graphics and large models of a portion of East Tampa that show a possible transit station, mixed-use development and housing integrated into the community.

"This project explores future opportunities for transit-oriented development as the Tampa Bay region anticipates implementing mass transit in the area," said Green. "The students have worked all summer on this project and have done an amazing job."

Among those expected to attend: Lucie Ayres, executive director of the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization; Michele Ogilvie, Hillsborough County Planning Commission; City of Tampa Urban Designer Wilson Stair; Keith Greminger, URS Planning Division; Ed Johnson, East Tampa Development Department; and Sara Hendricks, USF Center for Urban Transit Research.

For more information about the project, contact Trent Green at [green@arch.usf.edu](mailto:green@arch.usf.edu).

*The University of South Florida is among the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of 76 community engaged universities as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is one of Florida's top three research universities—and the newest. USF was awarded more than \$310 million in research contracts and grants last year. The University offers 217 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialty and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The University has a \$1.6 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves 44,038 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.*

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