

Socioeconomics Technical Memorandum

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Land Use

Existing land use along the project corridor, shown on **Figure 3-1**, is primarily commercial with scattered undeveloped parcels, public lands in downtown Tampa, and some open space on the north side of Fletcher Avenue (50th Street and 56th Street stations). The open space is comprised of natural wetlands and uplands which are property of the University of South Florida and are designated as an educational land use. A review of Hillsborough County's future land use map found the dominant adjacent land use will remain commercial.

The total project acreage is approximately 0.83 acres and the relocation of businesses or residences will not be required.

Community Cohesion

The project will not divide any neighborhoods, isolate any ethnic groups, facilitate new development, change property values, or otherwise change the quality of life in an undesirable manner. The project should benefit adjacent and nearby businesses and residents by providing an improved and efficient mode of transportation along the project corridor.

Economic Impacts

The project will not result in regional changes of traffic, changes in the business or residential environment, interruption of access to homes or businesses, or changes in employment opportunities. The project is expected to provide for a more efficient mode of transportation along the corridor through mass transit, resulting in a net benefit to the local residents and business.

