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Chamber Supports Concept of Tampa Bay Passenger Ferry Project

Tampa, Fla. – The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce wrote the seven Board of County Commissioners today to express support of item B12 on the Wednesday June 20th Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners meeting agenda to extend the public-private partnership contract for continued pre-construction and design services for the concept of the Tampa Bay Passenger Ferry with a connection between South and East county and MacDill Air Force Base.

The Chamber and its Military Council are proud to maintain dialogue with MacDill Air Force Base and recognize that transportation improvements are one of the areas we as a business community can best support our installation. MacDill's four gates are access points for thousands of vehicles every morning and are heavily congested. It's essential that we identify alternative transportation options to support personnel commuting to base, but also address congestion relief on thoroughfares in and out of the base.

The Chamber is hopeful that the site consultants will take the following into consideration during their site analysis:

- 1.) Environmental impacts associated with the location of Ferry launch sites.
- 2.) Needed infrastructure investments at sites to accommodate additional commuter transportation in addition to existing transportation use.

About the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is committed to serving our members and enhancing our community by building business success. The Chamber provides a greater return on investment and involvement by providing innovative leadership, inside access, influential advocacy and increased opportunities.

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