



## Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Proposal (this document) must be completed by the governmental entity applying for the grant and signed by either the chief elected official, the administrator for the governmental entity or their designee. Please read the proposal carefully as some questions may require a separate narrative to be completed.

### **Governmental Entity Information**

Name of Governmental Entity: City of Tampa

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: 288.075, F.S.

### **Contact Information:**

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### **Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility**

Pursuant to section 288.101, F.S., the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was created to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training. Eligible governmental entities that wish to access this grant fund must submit public infrastructure proposals that:

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry. (View Florida's [Targeted Industries here.](#))
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity.
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the public.



## 1. Program Requirements:

Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

**A. Provide the title and a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.**

Funds provided through the Florida Job Growth Infrastructure Program will be used to support the development of the West River Riverwalk Project.  
See Attached Description "Response to Question 1A"

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**B. Is this infrastructure owned by the public?**

Yes       No

**C. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?**

Yes       No

**D. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity?**

Yes       No

**E. Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.**

See Attached Description "Response to Question 1E"

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- F. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:
- Economic recovery in specific regions of the state;
  - Economic diversification; or
  - Economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry (View Florida's [Targeted Industries here.](#))
    - As part of this response, describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include a description of the number of jobs that will be retained or created, the average wages of such jobs, and in which industry(ies) the jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or grow jobs or make capital investment.
    - Further, include the economic impact on the community, region, or state and the associated metrics used to measure the success of the proposed project.

See Attached Description "Response to Question 1F"

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If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

## 2. Additional Information:

A. Is this project an expansion of an existing infrastructure project?

Yes  No

B. Provide the proposed commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the public infrastructure project.

Project Start: July 1, 2018 Duration: 36 months

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C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)

1125 W Spruce St, Tampa, FL 33607 at Latitude: 27.960635 Longitude -82.470619

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D. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? (Indicate if more than one are applicable.)

Federal  State  County  City  Other \_\_\_\_\_

E. What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure project?

An environmental permit will be needed for the Brorein Street over-the-water segment.

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F. Detail whether required permits have been secured, and if not, detail the timeline for securing these permits. Additionally, if any required permits are local permits, will these permits be prioritized?

The City will begin working on the design and permitting immediately upon receipt of the award. It took approximately 12 months to obtain the necessary permits for the Brorein Street over-the-water segment for the Tampa Riverwalk, which is similar in design to the facility on the west side. It is expected to require a similar amount of time for this project.

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G. What is the future land use and zoning designation on the proposed site of the infrastructure improvements, and will the improvements conform to those uses?

The future land use designation for the West River segments is 'Neighborhood Mixed Use'. The existing zoning is "Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) – 35". The Brorein Street over-the-water segment adjoins land with a future land use classification of RMU-100 and ROW and a zoning designation of PD and Office Professional. The proposed improvements conform to existing land use and zoning regulations.

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H. Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order be required on the site of the proposed project or on adjacent property to accommodate the infrastructure and potential current or future job creation opportunities? If yes, please detail the timeline.

Yes  No

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I. Is the project ready to commence upon grant fund approval and contract execution? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

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J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.

See Attached Description "Response to Question 2J"

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K. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

See Attached Description "Response to Question 2K"

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**3. Program Budget**

**Estimated Costs and Sources of Funding:** Include all applicable public infrastructure costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

**A. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:**

Construction	<u>\$ 4,200,000</u>	
Reconstruction	<u>\$</u>	
Design & Engineering	<u>\$ 800,000</u>	
Land Acquisition	<u>\$ 1,212,000</u>	
Land Improvement	<u>\$</u>	
Other	<u>\$</u>	Please Specify: _____
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<u><u>\$ 6,212,000</u></u>	

**B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:**

City/County	<u>\$ 1,212,000</u>	
Private Sources	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Other (grants, etc.)	<u>\$ 0</u>	Please Specify: _____
<b>Total Other Funding</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,212,000</u></u>	
<b>Total Amount Requested</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,000,000</u></u>	

**Note:** The total amount requested must equal the difference between the public infrastructure project costs in 3.A. and the other public infrastructure project funding sources in 3.B.

**C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.**

See Attached Description "Response to Question 3C"

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#### 4. Approvals and Authority

- A. If the governmental entity is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before it can execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (e.g., approval of a board, commission or council)?

The City of Tampa Council approves all grant agreements. The City Council meets every 2 weeks.

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- B. If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the governmental entity and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

- i. Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.

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- ii. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.

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- C. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described governmental entity.

Name of Governmental Entity: City of Tampa

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Mayor Bob Buckhorn

Representative Signature: *Bob Buckhorn*

Signature Date: 4/16/18

## Response to Question 1A

### Provide the title and a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.

The West River Riverwalk Project focuses on completing three segments of a 2.1-mile continuous riverwalk along the west bank of the Hillsborough River from the Martin Luther King Community Center to Bayshore Boulevard. This riverwalk will complement the highly successful 2.6-mile Tampa Riverwalk on the east side of the river in downtown Tampa. Funds provided through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund will be used to complete the unfinished segments of the West River Riverwalk and activate the waterfront. Specifically, the funds will be used to:

- **Blake and Stewart Riverwalk Segments** – Construct a 0.91 mile riverwalk in the West River community. This portion of the Riverwalk is comprised of the Stewart Trail (0.65 miles) and Blake Trail (0.41 miles) segments. Both segments are ready to proceed upon receipt of funding.
- **Brorein Street Riverwalk Segment** – Complete a 0.02 mile over-the-water riverwalk segment at Brorein Street to link the West River Riverwalk to Bayshore Boulevard.

When complete, the project will create a vibrant, pedestrian-oriented walkway that will connect the neighborhoods on the west side of the river to the broader downtown community, creates incentives for long-term economic revitalization, and provides a recreational and social amenity for residents of all ages.

The West River Riverwalk Project is located along the west side of the Hillsborough River from Bayshore Boulevard to just south of Columbus Drive (Figure 1). The City of Tampa owns the land where the Blake and Stewart Riverwalk Segments will be constructed. Both segments are ready for design and construction. The Brorein Street Segment extends over the water and the City will own and control that facility. The City of Tampa will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the segments.

Figure 1 shows the entire 2.1-mile West River Riverwalk from the Martin Luther King Community Center to Bayshore Boulevard. The Riverwalk is comprised of the following segments:

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| • Stewart Segment                        | 0.50 Miles | Planned (included in this funding request) |
| • Blake Segment                          | 0.41 Miles | Planned (included in this funding request) |
| • Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park Segment | 0.30 Miles | Under construction (May 2018 completion)   |
| • Tampa Prep Segment                     | 0.11 Miles | Planned                                    |
| • University of Tampa Segment            | 0.25 Miles | Complete                                   |
| • Plant Park to Related Condos Segment   | 0.27 Miles | Planned (via Developer Agreement)          |
| • Related Condos Segment                 | 0.09 Miles | Under construction                         |
| • Brorein Street Over The Water Segment  | 0.02 Miles | Planned (included in this funding request) |
| • Tony Janus Park-Bayshore Blvd Segment  | 0.19 Miles | Complete                                   |

### **Response to Question 1E**

**Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.**

In 2012, Tampa’s Mayor Bob Buckhorn launched a major initiative to revitalize the City’s urban core. Called “InVision Tampa”, the redevelopment plan established a blueprint for the redevelopment of the downtown area. Central to the strategy is making the Hillsborough River the center of the community, rather than the historically viewed edge of downtown. The first step in this strategy was to complete the Tampa Riverwalk, a 2.6 mile continuous pedestrian walkway around the Central Business District. In concert with this public improvement, new public and private investments have been made that have transformed the Tampa Riverwalk into a regional and national attractor.

Building upon the success of the Tampa Riverwalk, in 2014 the City turned its attention to the west side of the Hillsborough River. The West River Riverwalk will connect the parks, public spaces and developments along the west bank of the river, exactly in the same manner as the Tampa Riverwalk does on the east bank. When finished the West River Riverwalk and the Tampa Riverwalk will connect and unify both sides of the river, creating new jobs, promoting new development and transforming into the true center of the community, consistent with the vision established in the “InVision Tampa” center city plan.

### **Response to Question 1F**

**Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote economic recovery, diversification or enhancement of targeted industries.**

The proposed project is located in an area historically known as West Tampa. In 2015, a Community Redevelopment Area was established in West Tampa for the purpose of encouraging new private investment, stimulating new businesses and jobs and creating a more livable community. The construction of the West Riverwalk was identified as one of the projects that would support the revitalization of the community.

Based on the 203 estimated jobs created for the Kennedy Boulevard over-the-water segment of the Tampa Riverwalk completed in 2017, it is estimated that West River Riverwalk Project will generate over 100 jobs.

When complete, the project will fuel continued redevelopment, private investment and new business creation. A prime example is the Tampa Riverwalk. Since 2012, more than 1,000 dwelling units have been completed or are under construction, with 2,400 additional dwelling units planned or announced. More than \$3 billion of new investment has been announced just for the Water Street Tampa project along the southern portion of the Tampa Riverwalk. In addition, almost weekly, there are large, regional festivals along the Tampa Riverwalk attracting thousands to the downtown area.

The same building blocks for business and job creation are in place along the west side of the Hillsborough River. All that is needed is the connection to link pedestrian and economic activity together. For example:

- **West River Development** - The City and Tampa Housing Authority have launched a joint \$700 million redevelopment of the West River Community to transform 821 public housing units into a 2,400 mixed-income, mixed-use community. The first housing developments will begin construction in mid-2018.
- **Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park** - In 2016, the \$35.6 million construction began on the 23-acre Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park along the Hillsborough River. This park will act as a regional park attracting thousands to the waterfront.
- **University of Tampa** – With an enrollment of nearly 9,000 students, the University of Tampa has grown into a major economic center located along the river. The University continues to expand enrollments and facilities.
- **Lafayette Place** – In 2017, the City of Tampa approved plans for the 40-story Lafayette Tower with 12 floors of hotel rooms and 24 floors of offices, plus retail. The tower will be connected by a skybridge to Lafayette Parkview, a neighboring 26-story tower with high-end residential, retail and a parking garage.
- **Related Condos** – Currently under construction are 400 condo units by the Related Group to be completed in 2018.
- **Bayshore Boulevard** – At 4.5 miles in length, Bayshore Boulevard is the world’s longest continuous sidewalk in the world. The West River Riverwalk will connect directly to this facility once the Brorein Street Riverwalk Segment is completed.

## **Response to Question 2J**

### **Does the project have a local match amount?**

The City of Tampa will provide a match of \$1,212,000 in the form of the estimated value of the land that will be used for the Blake & Stewart Trails. This estimate is based on 5.8 acres with a recent appraisal by the Tampa Housing Authority which set an estimated value of \$209,000 per acre.

## **Response to Question 2K**

### **Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.**

The maps and illustrations beginning on Page 5 show the project location, concept and details in support of this application for funding.

### **Response to Question 3C**

**Provide a detailed budget narrative including the timing and steps necessary to complete the project.**

The West River Riverwalk Project will be completed through the following two sub-projects.

The total duration of the project is estimated at 36 months.

- **Riverwalk Project** – The riverwalk is comprised of the Blake Trail and Stewart Trail segments. Preliminary designs have been produced for both segments. These projects are ready to proceed upon receipt of funding. Final design, construction and permitting would be completed in 15 months. Total estimated cost: \$1,500,000.
- **Brorein Street Underpass** – The construction of the Brorein Street underpass is ready to proceed once funds are awarded. Final design, permitting and construction would be completed within 36 months. Total estimated cost: \$3,500,000.

### **Response to Question 4B**

Please find below the City of Tampa Regular Council meeting schedule for the next 6 months.

April 19, 2018

May 3, 2018

May 17, 2018

June 7, 2018

June 28, 2018

July 19, 2018

August 2, 2018

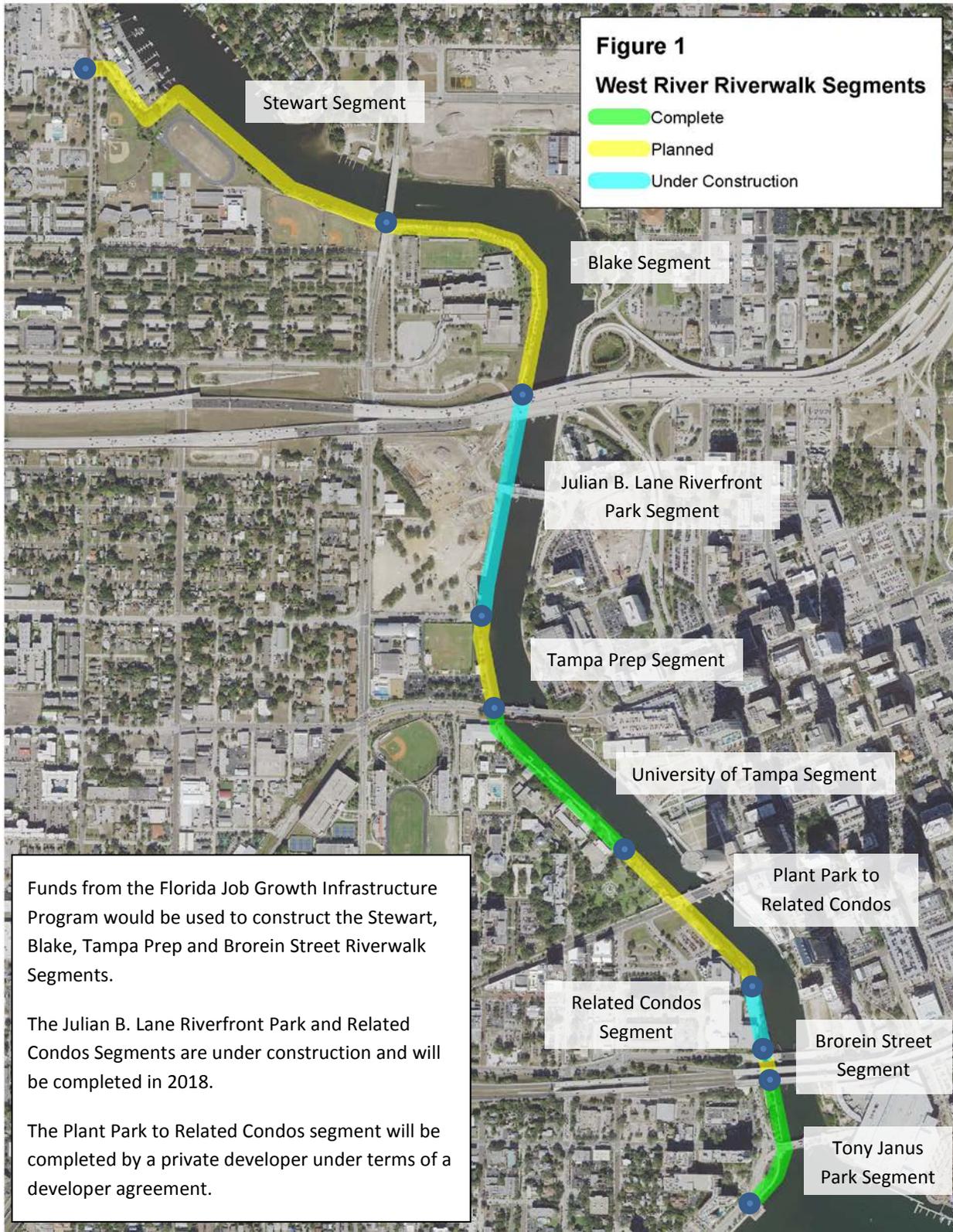
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September 20, 2018

October 4, 2018

October 18, 2018



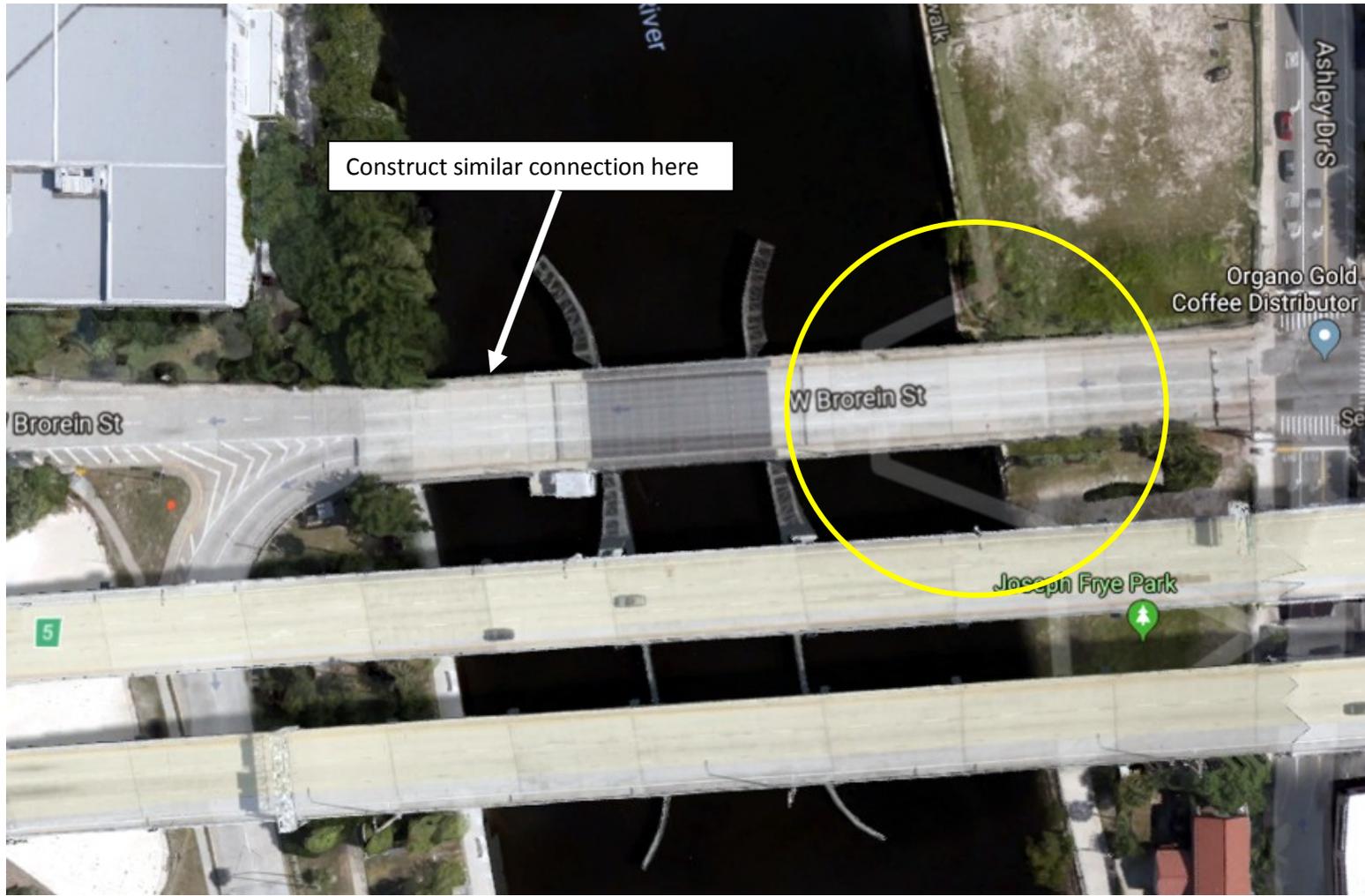
**Artist Rendering of the Stewart Riverwalk Segment and Waterfront Park**



Left Image: Current view of the waterfront which is currently closed to pedestrian use and access.

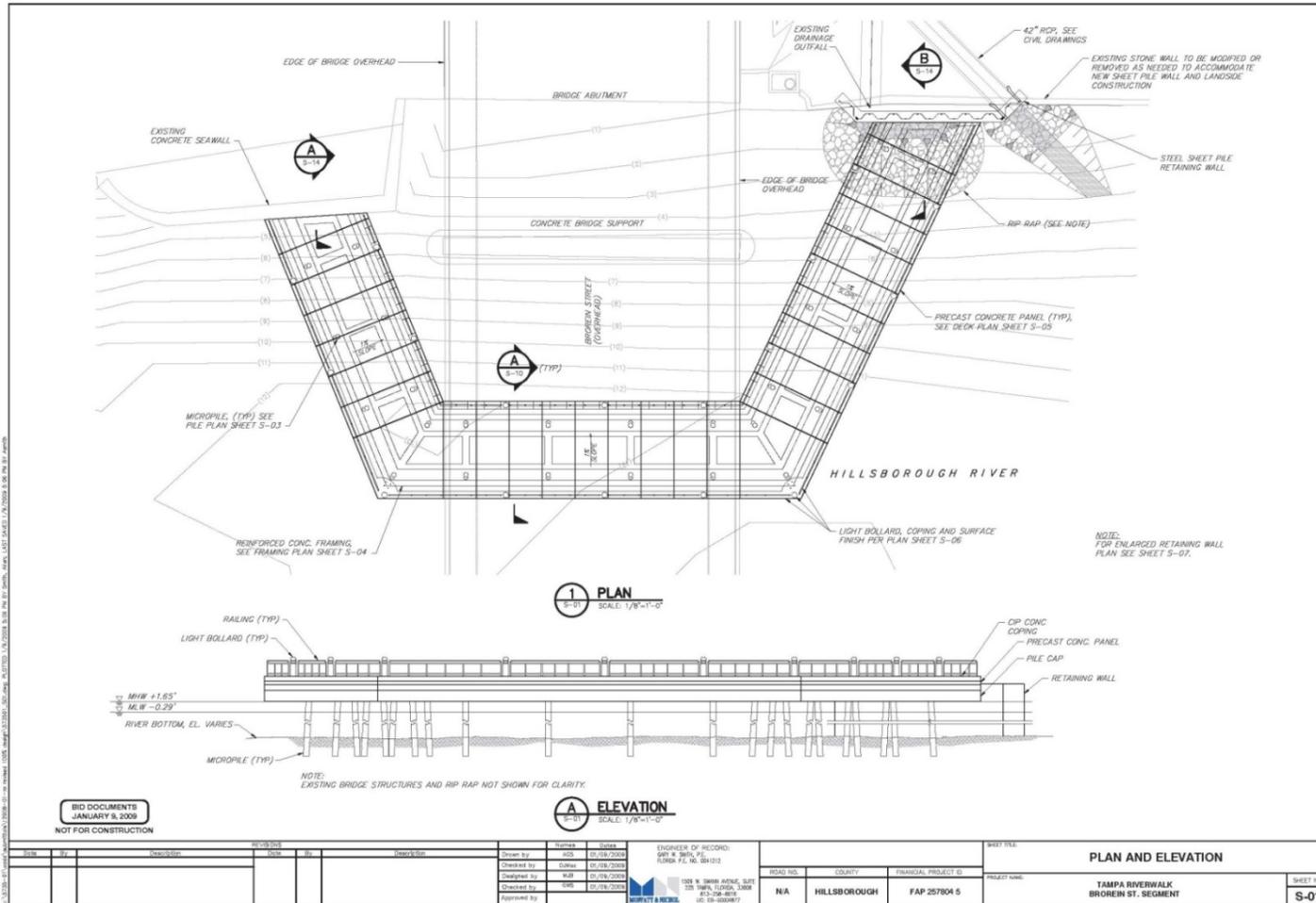
**Brorein Street Over-The-Water Segment**

The image below shows an over-the-water pedestrian connection on the east side of the Hillsborough River. Funds requested from the Florida Job Growth Infrastructure Program would be used to construct a similar over-the-water connection on the west side of the river to create a continuous pedestrian connection from Bayshore Boulevard to the West River Community.

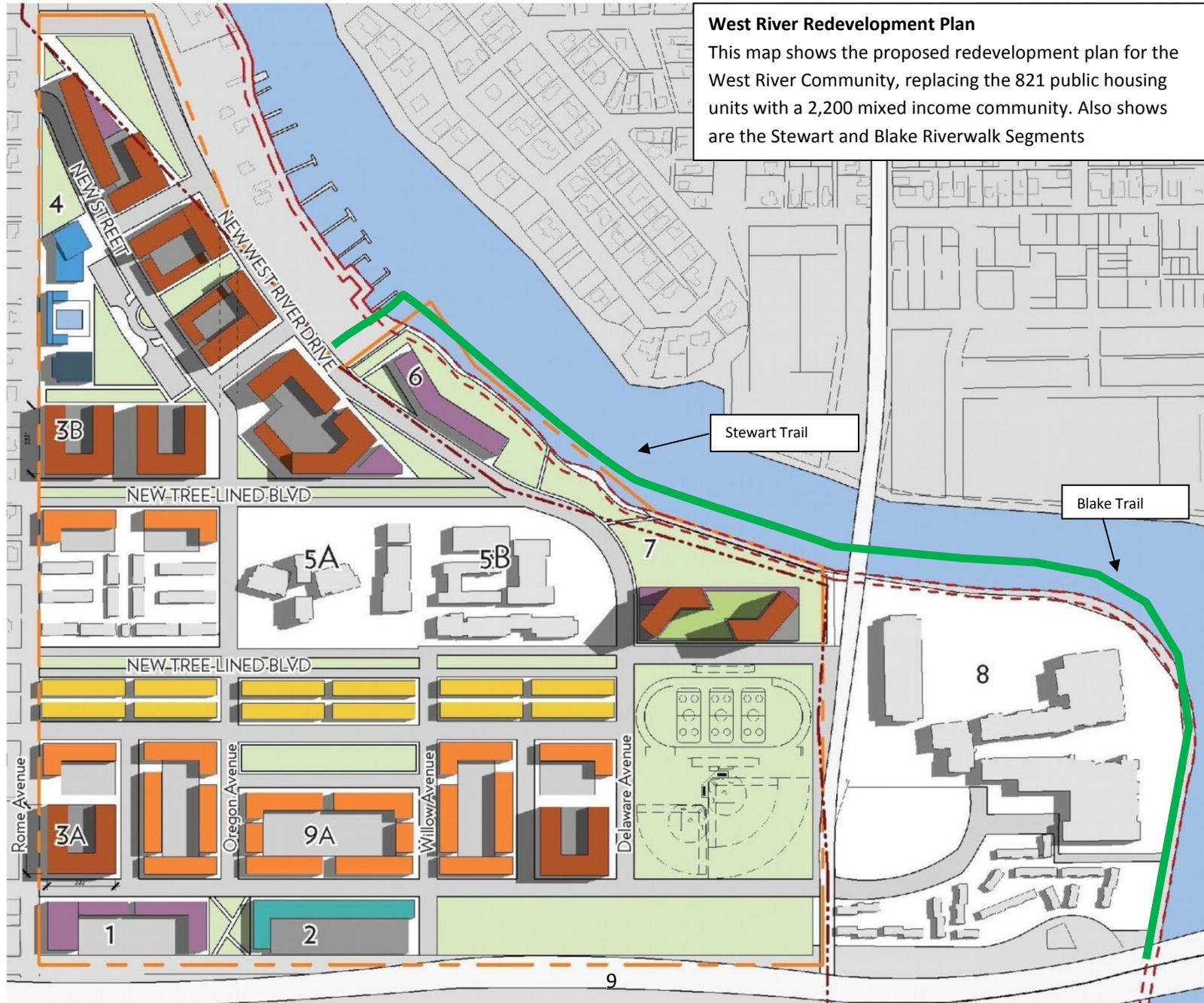


**Brorein Street Over-The-Water Segment**

This image shows the construction detail of the Brorein over-the-water segment existing on the east side of the river. The plan calls for constructing a similar connection on the west side of the river.



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**Artist Rendering of the West River Community**

This rendering shows the full transformation of the West River Community from a poverty stricken distressed area to a mixed-income, mixed-use neighborhood.



### Tampa Riverwalk Images

Below are images of the of the activity typically seen along the Tampa Riverwalk. A similar level of pedestrian and economic activity is expected along the West River Riverwalk.

