



# Tampa's Downtown Vision & Action Plan *Annual Update Community Forum*

Tuesday, May 9, 2006 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
John F. Germany Public Library - Auditorium

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## COMMUNITY INPUT

### **Culture & Arts**

- Emphasize downtown's historic buildings and sites
- Recruit festivals and events to downtown parks and venues
- Promote a downtown central park as *the* community gathering spot for all of Tampa

### **Education**

- Expand involvement between downtown business community and the University of Tampa
- Further study concurrency issues to determine downtown's future school needs, particularly another high school
- Determine how/if downtown residential developers should contribute to new schools through impact fees

### **Environment/Open Spaces/Community Gathering Places**

- Riverwalk should include a wide array of amenities, particularly restaurants/dining establishments
- Riverwalk should engage visitors by offering outdoors activity options including canoe rentals, jet ski rentals, etc.
- Riverwalk should include boat docks
- Riverwalk and parks should have infrastructure (water, electricity, etc.) to support people and events

### **Hospitality**

- Visitors should not have to leave downtown to find things to do

### **Housing/Residential**

- Residents need amenities including grocery stores, etc.
- Residents need street level gathering places

## **Office/Commercial Real Estate**

- Pursue more quality office space that includes amenities like Wi-Fi zones, etc.
- Determine how to address the problem of parking

## **Planning/Design/Zoning**

- Implement a comprehensive streetscape improvement plan which includes distinctions for each neighborhood in downtown
- Work to ease regulations and process for development of sidewalk cafes

## **Retail/ Entertainment**

- Pursue outdoor dining
- Pursue amenities (retail) including grocery stores, etc.

## **Transportation/Parking/Pedestrian Movement**

- Pursue traffic calming solutions
- Promote transportation options (other than driving a car)
- Promote access and ease of travel around downtown, particularly through alternative means of transport (biking, walking, Segway, etc)
- Plan now for a comprehensive circulation system (public transit) to be phased in as population increases
- Continue 2-way streets
- Implement a comprehensive streetscape improvement plan which includes distinctions for each neighborhood in downtown
- Enhance the pedestrian environment in downtown through tree cover, etc.
- Promote a safer environment for pedestrians crossing streets through street traffic calming methods including street light timing, etc.