

City of Tampa Development Services T3 Advisory Report Annual Progress Update for Calendar Year 2020

'Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow' Advisory Teams

Recommendations were Published 2019-2020



Focus on key issues facing our city and find smart solutions that will improve the quality of life for our community.

Development Services



Development Services Advisory Team

Kick-off: June 24, 2019

Report Issued: November 22, 2019

https://www.tampa.gov/t3/development-services



Recommendations:

- 1. Ensure Sufficient Capacity and Resources to Meet Demand
- 2. Increase **Transparency** and Accountability
- 3. **Streamline** the Process
- 4. Update the **Land Development Code**



1. Ensure Sufficient **Capacity** and **Resources** to Meet Demand



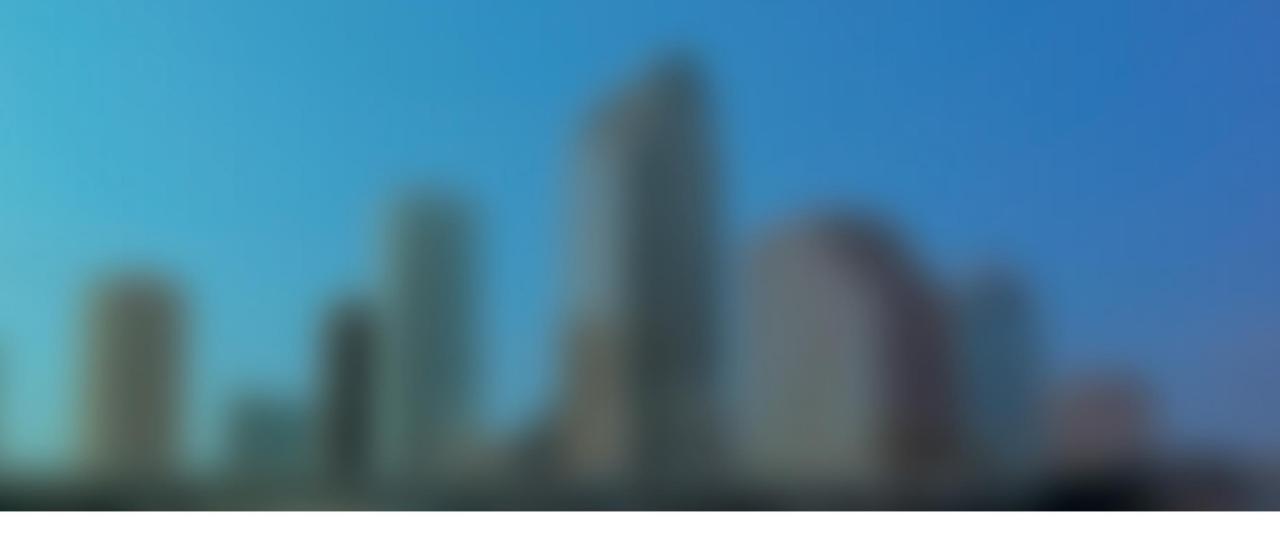
Recruitment / Resourcing Initiatives

Highlight of Key Positions Filled

- Construction Services Manager/Chief Building Official (April 2020)
- Director of Development & Growth Management (October 2020)
- Development Coordination Manager (December 2020)

Highlight of Aligning Resources to Changing Needs

- City Planning Department Created (December 2020)
- 30 Vacancies filled with 16 Internal Promotions (Aug 2019 Dec 2020)
- Right Of Way Division aligned with Mobility Team (Sept 2020)
- Natural Resources Division aligned with Construction Services, Development Coordination, and City Planning (February 2021)



2. Increase Transparency and Accountability

Website Updates

- New landing page for easier navigation to most popular pages.
- Improved visualization (more images vs text).
- Eliminated 300+ documents and forms that were not relevant or accurate.
- Consolidated popular services/topics under residential vs commercial uses.
- Constant work in progress . . .

Construction Services

Construction Services Spotlights





Payments, &



Residential Permits



Commercial Permits

Announcements



- Scheduling an Inspection



- Resources



Resources/FAO's

- Contractors



Use the FFF ESTIMATOR for





- Florida Building Cod
- · Fire Prevention Code
- Local Ordinances National Flood Insurance
- FEMA Maps
- Additional Resource



Documents & Forms

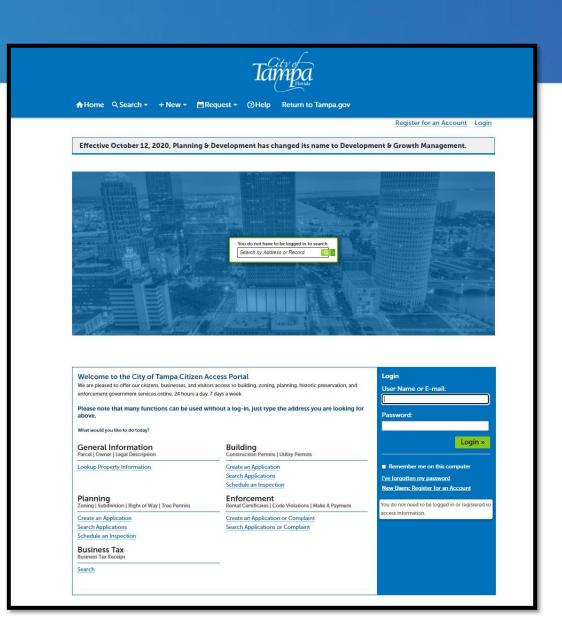


Acela User Updates

- More 'google-like'
- Do not need to register to access information
- Owner can register in addition to their professionals







Advisory Groups

Initiated three Advisory Groups to meet regularly and provide suggestions and feedback on the customer experience:

- Developers & General Contractors
- Design Professionals
- Land Use Attorneys & Consultants



Client Satisfaction Survey

- Piloting a Customer Service Satisfaction Survey for certain application types/new construction.
- Automated into Accela process via e-mail.
- Initiated October 2020.
- Will adapt and expand in coming months.



CSD Customer Satisfaction Survey

PAGE TITLE

Thank you for taking part in this important survey measuring customer satisfaction. The results of this survey will provide us insights in how we can provide better service. This survey should take under a minute to complete. All responses are anonymous.

1. Please let us know how we are doing.
Which of the following were the latest service you received from the City of Tampa Construction Service Department.

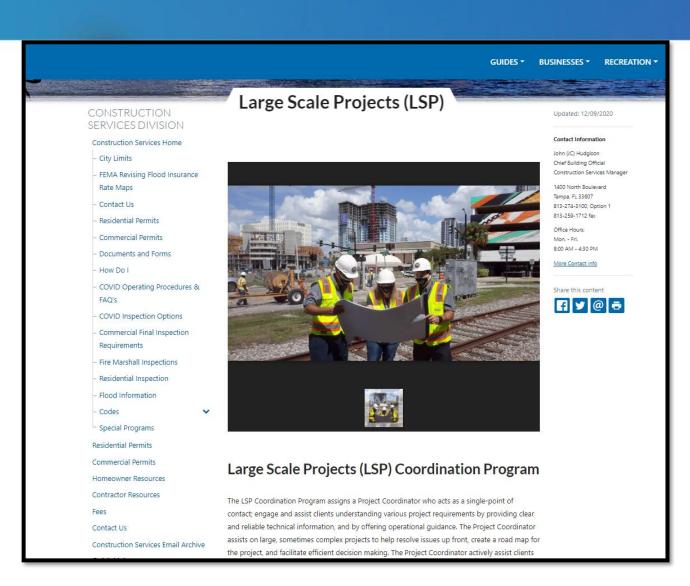
- FastPass Program
- Permitting
- Plan Review
- Inspections

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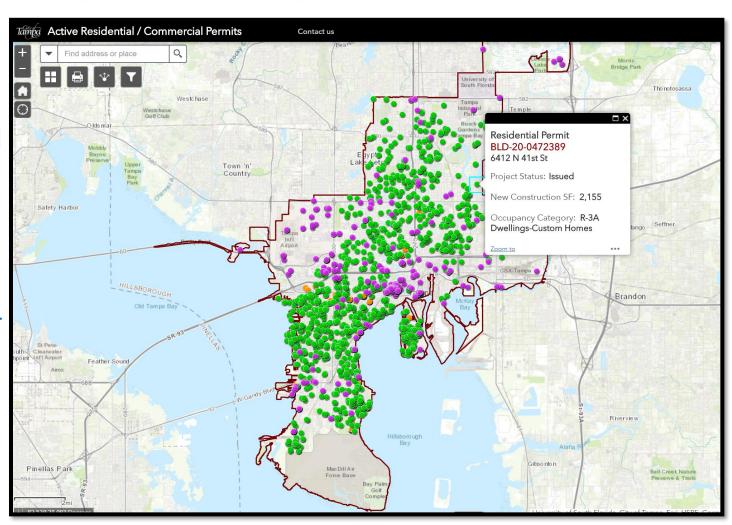
Dedicated Support for Large Scale Projects

- Project Coordinator designated for large and/or complex projects.
- Helps resolve complex matters up front.
- Coordinates with other City Departments when needed.
- Frees other staff to keep routine projects on track.



Active Permits Map for Development

- Available to the public online.
- GIS-based for all active residential and commercial permits.
- 'Hover-over' feature provides permit facts and figures.
- https://tampa.maps.arcgis.com/home/ /index.html



Virtual Appointments – QUp Tampa



 An accelerated response to COVID-related customer service needs

- Optimizes an existing system (Q-Flow).
- Enables VIRTUAL MEETINGS INTEGRATED INTO THE ACCELA FILING SYSTEM (not just a Zoom solution).
- Replicates the in-person experience; linked to customer files to expedite process.
- Targeted roll-out Summer 2021.

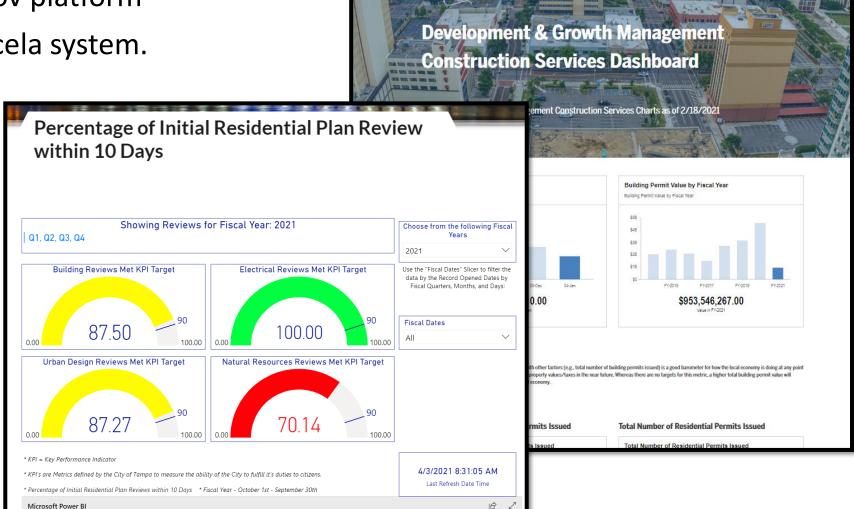


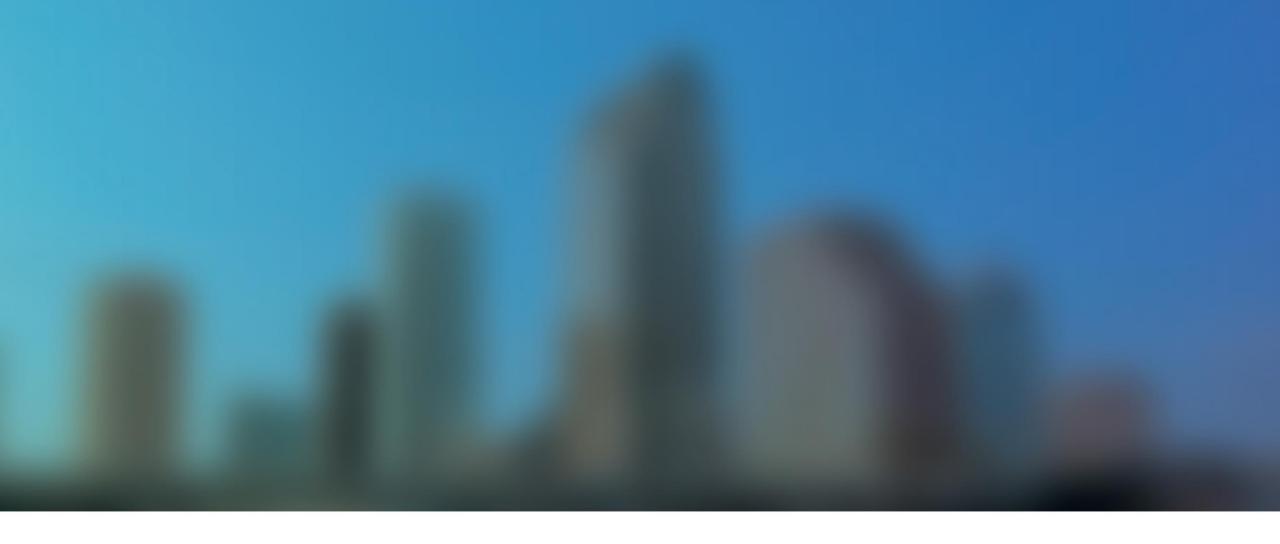
New Dashboards for Measuring and Managing

- Uses new Citywide OpenGov platform
- Data driven direct from Accela system.

Microsoft Power B

 Helps staff quickly identify trends and manage bandwidth in response to changing needs.

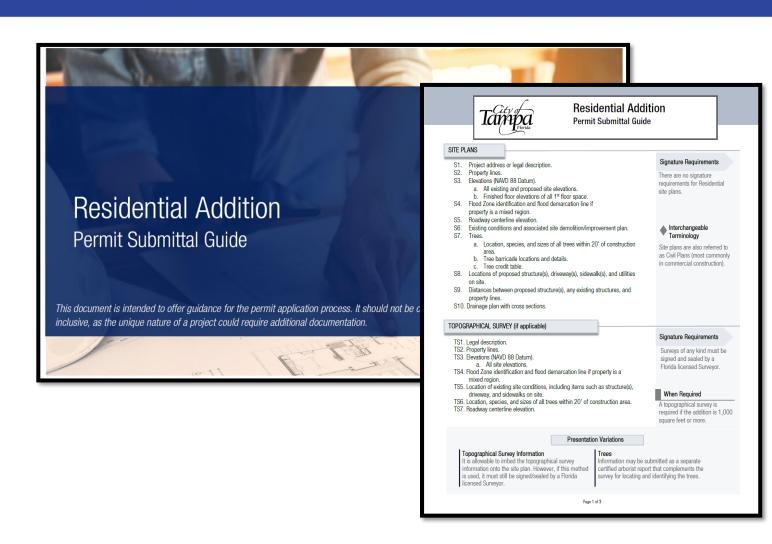




3. **Streamline** the Process

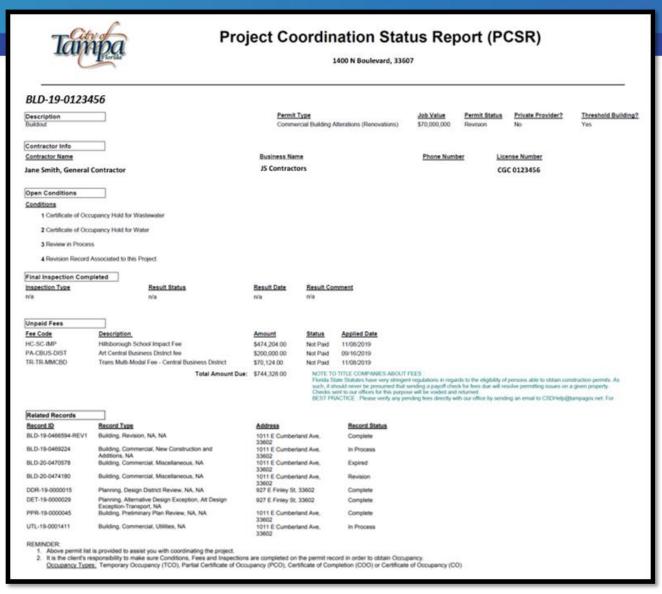
Guidance for the application process

- Developing user-friendly checklists to improve uniformity and predictability
- Publishing guides for overcoming the most common mistakes/gaps



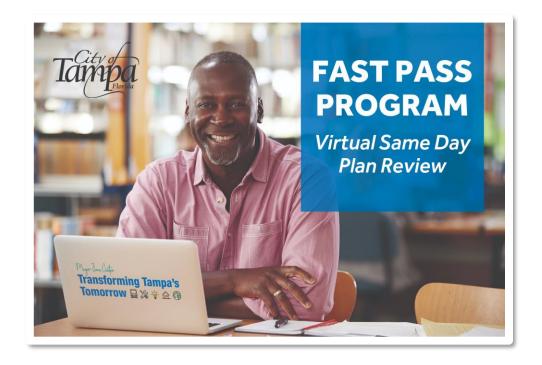
Project Coordination Status Report (PCSR)

- Combines all open permits into one report
- A single view of what is outstanding ACROSS ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS.
- Available for all projects on Accela Citizen Access.



Fast Pass Program

- Same day review and permit for small scale projects
- Started June 1, 2020



Fast Pass Residential	Fast Pass Commercial
Interior alterations	Perimeter walls
Screen enclosures	Installation or replacement of antennae on an existing tower
Pools	
Perimeter walls	
Generators	
Foundation stabilizations	
Driveways	

Homeowner's Night

- Initiated January 2020 (paused for COVID)
- Exclusively for homeowners and small businesses
- Provides in-person direct services:
 - consultation
 - education
 - application assistance
- Caters to flexibility with:
 - extended evening hours
 - staff from multiple divisions
 - bi-lingual support



Steven B., Golf View
Interesting indeed. I like the approach. Kudos to the City for the idea.
Education leads to empowerment.

Mike- the address is listed on the flyer.

16 Jan Thank Reply

Brian M., Old Seminole Heights Great News, Good Idea!

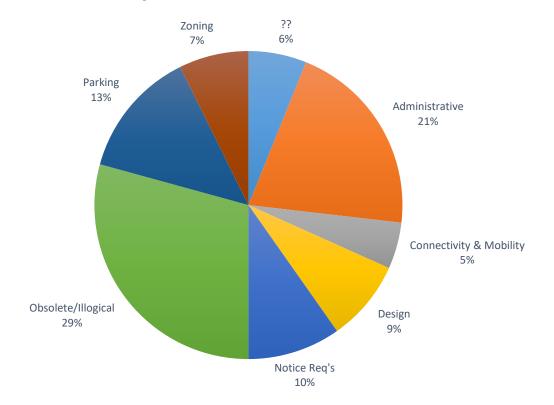


4. Update the Land Development Code

LDC Master Plan - Progress to Date

- Multiple Mayor's Advisory reports recommended changes to the LDC.
- Spring 2020, a City team **conducted a comprehensive assessment** of the recommendations and proposed a 4-phase approach.

Subject Area Percent of Grand Total





LDC Master Plan Updates - Progress to Date

- Phase 1 (Administrative Amendments) adopted by City Council in December 2020, took effect March 1, 2021.
- Phase 2 scope is underway; will coincide with several current LDC proposed changes that are in progress.
- LDC changes will coordinate through City Planning office as a clearinghouse for transparency and alignment.



Additional Service Delivery Improvements

- Additional service improvements for:
 - Alcohol beverage permits
 - Re-zonings
 - Planned Developments
 - Historic preservation certifications and tax relief
 - Variance requests
- Numerous customer response improvements incorporated or underway
- New org structure and co-locating functions to improve services





COVID Response

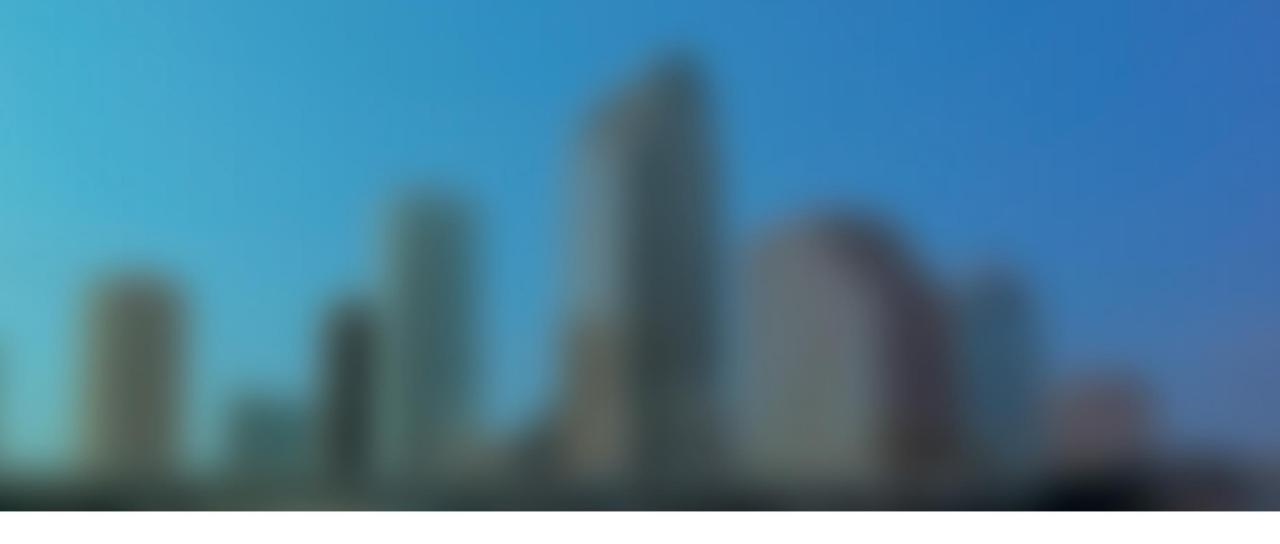
Development Services Response to COVID-10



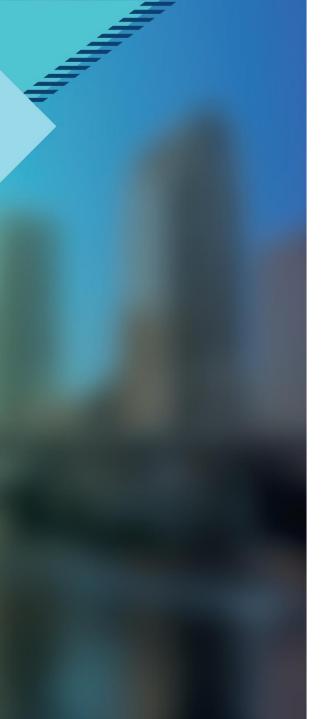


Quasi-judicial Hearings





What lies ahead?



Development Services in 2021

- Continue implementing customer improvements and efficiencies
- Continue evolving performance and accountability measures
- Adapt to the 'new normal' for operations and service delivery



Questions and Feedback