



*Sandy Murman*

February 24, 2020

HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



*Commissioner Sandy Murman toured the newly opened Tampa Family Health Center (TFHC) at 12085 W. Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa. The TFHCs are a federally qualified health center with fourteen accredited and certified medical locations throughout the Bay area, serving the medically underserved population located across Hillsborough County. “This new center will provide critical medical, behavioral and mental healthcare services to individuals and families in desperate need,” said Commissioner Murman.*



**[TECO to invest approximately \\$800 million to expand solar power capabilities](#)** Tampa Electric will invest approximately \$800 million to add 600 megawatts of solar power by the end of 2023. When the expansion is complete, Tampa Electric will have more than 1,250 MW of solar power, which is enough to power more than 200,000 homes, according to a statement. That would account for about 14 percent of the utility’s energy — the highest percentage of solar power of any utility in Florida. So far, TECO has installed 520 MW of solar energy, with another 135 MW to be built within the next year.

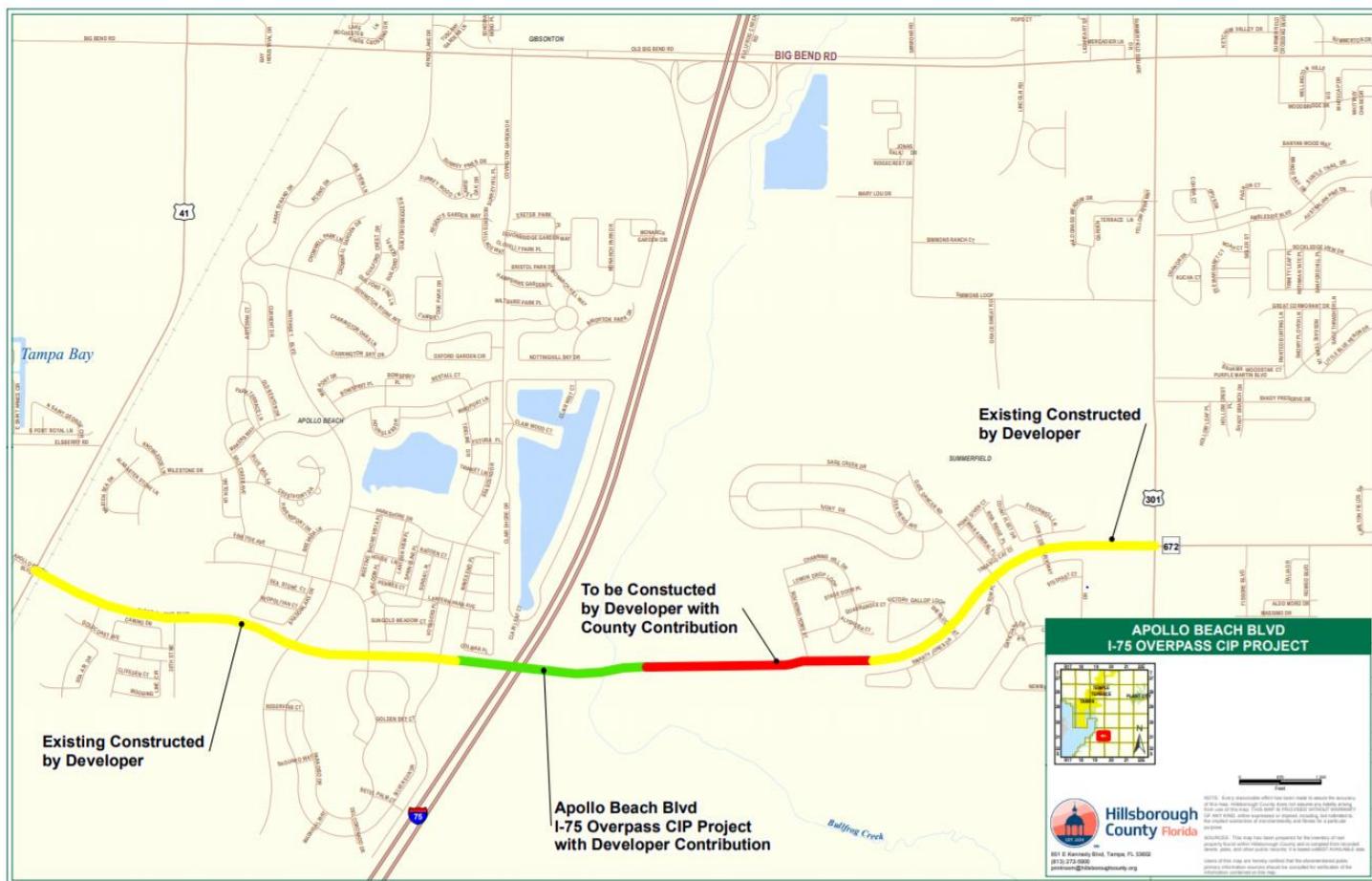


**[Florida Strawberry Festival Days](#)**  
The Board of County Commissioners declared February 27 through March 8, 2020, as [Florida Strawberry Festival Days](#) in celebration of the 85th Florida Strawberry Festival, a world-class event that draws local residents and visitors from around the globe for delicious strawberries, entertainment, exhibits, and fellowship.



**[Neighbors work to renovate Sulphur Springs Tower](#)**  
Built in 1927 by Grover Poole, the water tower then served the Sulphur Springs Hotel that used to reside there. With the natural Sulphur Spring nearby, the resort wanted to capitalize on this local treasure and create a bustling tourist attraction with Florida’s first shopping mall -- Mave’s Arcade -- located on the first floor of the hotel. This business venture led by Josiah S. Richardson failed six years later due to the collapse of Tampa Electric Company dam, which flooded and destroyed the arcade. Serving a short stint as a drive-in theater among other operations, the land is now a neighborhood park that holds memories of Florida’s past.

# Apollo Beach Blvd I-75 Overpass Capital Project



**The Board of County Commissioners approved the funding and construction of a vital new road connecting US 41 and US 301 in south Hillsborough County.**

The Apollo Beach Boulevard I-75 Overpass transportation capital improvement project (Paseo Al Mar Boulevard), CIP 69643, represents a vital transportation link in the south Hillsborough County community. It is a key transportation improvement project that provides for the completion of a new 4-lane divided highway over I-75. The construction of an east/west 4-lane divided highway connecting US 41 to US 301 will provide alternative congestion relief to the Big Bend Road corridor. This project provides for key east-west connectivity to the regional South Coast Greenway Trail for bicycle and pedestrian users. The design for the project includes enhanced safety features consistent with Vision Zero principles such as new sidewalk and bicycle lanes, and accessibility in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) within the project limits.

The total estimated cost for the project is \$22 million. Funding for the project is provided through a \$5.75 million FDOT CIGP grant, \$12 million developer contribution (approximately \$1.5 million expended to date), and \$4.25 million from County funding.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM  
9:00 AM

EPC Board Meeting  
BOCC Regular Meeting

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