



Appendix A: BCC Priorities Aligned to FY25-FY30 Strategic Plan

2025 Year-in-Review Progress Summary

Appendix A – Notable Updates & Accomplishments

Strategic Priority 1: Resilient Infrastructure & Environment

Goal 1.1 – Improve Traffic Flow Efficiency

Project: MPO / Regional Transportation Governance

Forward Pinellas County continues regional coordination to determine whether a single Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) should serve the Tampa Bay region. A multi-jurisdictional workshop is scheduled for February 13, 2026, hosted by the Tampa Bay MPO Transportation Management Area Leadership Group. Discussions will focus on governance structure, voting allocation, inclusion of transportation operators, and representation of smaller municipalities. Each governing body will consider follow-up actions in spring 2026 to advance Phase II planning, including development of an operating framework and legal structure by year-end.

Goal 1.2 – Maintain & Enhance County Infrastructure

Project: Streamlined Land Use Review with Municipal Partners

Building and Development Review Services (BDRS) continued Land Development Code updates to increase flexibility and predictability, including enhancements to minor plats, expanded administrative waivers, and Development Review Committee (DRC) process improvements.

Forward Pinellas advanced proposed amendments to the Countywide Rules allowing certain small-scale, non-policy land use amendments to be approved administratively. Approximately 70% of recent amendments could be processed without public hearings, reducing timelines while preserving escalation authority for policy-significant cases.



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Project: Penny for Pinellas 2028 Preparation

Preliminary internal coordination and data development is underway to support future Penny for Pinellas planning discussions.

Goal 1.3 – Increase Access to Green Space

Strategy: Expand Eligible TDT-Funded Park Facilities

The BCC approved updates to the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Capital Projects Program, adding beach park facilities as an eligible category. The Tourist Development Plan was amended accordingly, allowing publicly owned beach park facilities that function as tourist attractions to compete for funding.

Project: Toytown Youth Sports Park (Landfill Redevelopment)

The County is advancing a public-private partnership to develop a regional youth sports complex atop the former Toytown landfill to drive sports tourism and economic impact.

- Subsurface investigation underway (Jan–Mar 2026)
 - Final proposals due June 2026
 - BCC recommendation anticipated October 2026
 - FDEP grant initiation and design to follow
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Goal 1.4 – Improve Environmental Quality

Strategy: Emergency Beach Renourishment

In June 2025, the BCC authorized \$125.7 million for emergency beach nourishment on Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Upham Beach. Over 2.5 million cubic yards of sand were placed, completing the project 90 days ahead of schedule. Dune plantings are underway. The project was funded through Tourist Development Taxes and \$14.2 million in State funding and proceeded without federal support due to U.S. Army Corps easement requirements.



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Goal 1.5 – Strengthen Resilience & Adaptation

Strategy: Flood Mitigation & Communications

The County led a regional Local Mitigation Working Group and successfully submitted a prioritized project list supporting \$233 million in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding following Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Projects address flood risk reduction, infrastructure hardening, wind retrofits, and generator installation at critical facilities.

A first-of-its-kind mobile home relocation program was launched for Twin City Mobile Home Park residents, providing up to \$40,000 per household using State Hurricane Housing Recovery funds. To date, 44 households have relocated, with redevelopment advancing.

Communications expanded flood risk messaging through water level gage promotion, permitting guidance, resident mailers, and digital campaigns. BDRS is developing a post-storm recovery playbook and implementing the Forerunner platform to modernize substantial damage assessments and automated communications.

Project: Storm Hardening & Shelter Readiness

Emergency Management advanced hardening efforts at 14 schools, shelters, and community facilities. Utilities initiated \$6.8 million in construction projects to protect critical operations.

Goal 1.6 – Ensure Sustainable Water Management

Strategy: Regional Stormwater Collaboration

Pinellas County continues watershed-based stormwater management through the NPDES permit partnership with 21 municipalities. A countywide Mitigation Action Plan is underway to integrate stormwater, flooding, and water quality priorities with state resilience initiatives.



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Strategic Priority 2: Healthy & Safe Communities

Goal 2.1 – Improve Public Health

Project: Care About Me (CAM) Program Expansion

Human Services and Communications expanded CAM outreach through billboards, transit advertising, digital campaigns, and community partnerships. Early analytics show significant increases in engagement across social platforms. CAM promotion was integrated into disaster recovery and permitting support efforts.

Goal 2.2 – Enhance Community Safety

Project: Animal Services Ordinance Updates

Updates to Chapter 14 of the County Code were adopted in December 2025. Staff continues researching shelter guidelines for a future BCC work session.

Project: Gas Station Generator Compliance

Ongoing coordination supports enforcement of state emergency generator requirements.

Strategic Priority 3: Prosperity & Opportunity

Goal 3.1 – Increase Availability of Attainable Housing

Through the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact, the County has invested \$84.6 million in Penny Program housing initiatives, supporting over 3,000 units and leveraging more than \$800 million in private investment. Additional SHIP, HOME, and ESG programs assisted first-time buyers and homeowners with repairs. Communications promoted housing recovery programs, generating more than 2,000 applications.



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Goal 3.3 – Increase Workforce Opportunities

Economic Development partnered with the One Pinellas Business Alliance to launch the Skills Enhancement Training (SET) grant program, supporting customized workforce training for targeted industries.

Goal 3.5 – Foster Business Growth

Project: Advanced Air Mobility at PIE

PIE Airport continues coordination with FDOT and FAA on Advanced Air Mobility initiatives. In December 2025, FDOT submitted its application to the USDOT/FAA Integration Pilot Program, with PIE supporting ongoing requirements.

Strategic Priority 4: Smart Service Delivery

Goal 4.3 – Improve Efficiency Through Technology

BDRS issued approximately 17,000 same-day permits in 2025 and activated a public-facing performance dashboard. AI pilots are underway for automated plan review, permit intake, and customer support. AI efficiencies were also implemented across Communications, Human Services, CVB, Animal Services, and Utilities, delivering cost savings, service improvements, and enhanced analytics.



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Goal 4.4 – Pursue Continuous Improvement

Project: Form of County Government Review

Comparative research and analysis were completed and provided to the BCC.

Project: Naming Policy Update

The BCC adopted updates to the Honorary Naming Rights Policy and approved renaming the Bayside Bridge as the Dillinger McCabe Bayside Bridge in January 2026.

Project: Capital Project Cost Efficiency

Departments continued evaluating incentive structures to improve capital project delivery and cost containment.