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March 26, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Honorable Cole,

Port Tampa Bay (PTB) is seeking FY27 Community Project Funding through the THUD Economic Development Initiative for its **Pendola Point Berths 30 and 31 Redevelopment project** in Hillsborough County, Florida.

PTB is completing a request for funding to transform the west end of the port's Pendola Point property from an underused four-dolphin berth (that can only handle self-unloading vessels), with no usable uplands to the southwest, to a new aggregates terminal. The terminal will have a seven-dolphin berth configuration that extends the useable length, improves vessel positioning, and eliminates conflicts with the turning basin.

This project transforms an underutilized piece of deep waterfront property into a powerful economic engine, essential to meet the existing demand for aggregates and other cargo. Its location near economically challenged communities will reduce barriers to opportunity and advance racial equity by bringing access to new jobs in an Area of Persistent Poverty.

This project will support Florida's booming construction industry by making it easier to transport essential materials for roadway, bridge, and building projects across the state, the Southeast, and beyond. Picking up goods that support the construction industry, as close as possible to their destination, will reduce truck miles traveled, eliminate unnecessary emissions, enhance roadway safety, improve truck operations for in-demand materials, and provide economic benefits for multiple industry sectors.

We hope you will consider the merits of PTB's **Pendola Point Berths 30 and 31 Redevelopment project**. As an organization, we support investments in freight infrastructure, and we encourage Congress to continue investing in goods movement projects. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Elaine Nettle  
Executive Director

National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association

NASCO – North American Strategy for Competitiveness

The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Nossaman LLP

Orange County Transportation Authority

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Port Houston

Port of Hueneme

Port of Long Beach

Port of Los Angeles

Port of New Orleans

Port of Oakland

Port of San Diego

Port Tampa Bay

Port of Vancouver USA

Ports America Chesapeake

Prime Focus, LLC

Puget Sound Regional Council

SANDAG - San Diego Association of Governments

Southern California Association of Governments

Strong Port Strategies

Tennessee Department of Transportation

Washington State Department of Transportation

Will County Center for Economic Development

WSP



# Hillsborough TPO

## Transportation Planning Organization

March 25, 2026

Mayor Andrew Ross  
City of Temple Terrace  
TPO Chair

Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Commissioner Joshua Wostal  
Hillsborough County  
TPO Vice Chair

Paul Anderson  
Port Tampa Bay

Dear Honorable Cole,

Councilman Alan Glendenin  
City of Tampa

On behalf of the Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization, I am writing to express support for Port Tampa Bay's **Pendola Point Berths 30 and 31 Redevelopment** project for the FY 2027 **Appropriations Community Project - THUD – Economic Development Initiative** request for funding application in Hillsborough County, Florida.

Commissioner Harry Cohen  
Hillsborough County

Councilmember Lynn Hurtak  
City of Tampa

Commissioner Chris Boles  
Hillsborough County

Mayor Nate Kilton  
City of Plant City

Port Tampa Bay (PTB) is submitting this request for funding to transform the west end of PTB's Pendola Point property from an underused four-dolphin berth (that can only handle self-unloading vessels), and with no usable uplands to the southwest to a brand new aggregates terminal, with a seven-dolphin berth configuration that extends the usable length, improves vessel positioning, and eliminates conflicts with the turning basin.

Michael Stephens  
Hillsborough County  
Aviation Authority

Councilman Bill Carlson  
City of Tampa

This project will convert an underutilized piece of deep waterfront property into a powerful economic engine that is necessary to accommodate the existing and future demand for aggregates and other cargo.

Commissioner Christine Miller  
Hillsborough County

Commissioner Gwen Myers  
Hillsborough County

Nigel M. Joseph, PhD  
Planning Commission

The conversion will support Tampa Bay's, and Florida at large, booming construction industry by making it easier to bring essential materials to roadway, bridge, and building projects across the Tampa Bay region, State of Florida, and beyond. At the same time, reducing the distance between materials and construction industry activities will reduce overall miles of truck travel, vehicular emissions, enhance roadway safety, improve truck operations for in-demand materials, and enhance economic benefits as this industry spurs growth in multiple sectors.

Greg Slater  
Expressway Authority

Lynn Gray  
Hillsborough County  
School Board

John King  
HART

We are excited to support this important initiative for the Tampa Bay region. Thank you for your favorable consideration of Port Tampa Bay's Berths 30 and 21 Redevelopment project.

Johnny Wong, PhD  
Executive Director



Sincerely,

Johnny Wong, PhD  
TPO Executive Director

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