



2019 Legislative Agenda

The Chamber's Board of Directors presents the following 2019 Legislative Agenda to inform our members about the issues the Chamber will be monitoring and advocating for in 2019. It should be noted that this list is not all inclusive, and may be modified during the year.

Transportation

Transportation is a core service of government that is critical for economic development and facilitating the efficient delivery of goods and services. Sufficient transportation funding of all options is needed to implement a robust and connected transportation network in Tampa Bay.

- Land O' Lakes Redevelopment Plan – \$1.5 Million- U.S. 41 and Land O' Lakes Boulevard.
- Protecting Florida's transportation trust fund so investments in infrastructure connectivity can continue.
- Supporting innovations in all transportation modes, including autonomous, connected, networked and electric vehicles.

Education & Workforce Development

The business community must partner with stakeholders and policymakers to advocate for adequate resources to help recruit, develop and retain talent in Tampa Bay. Plans must be in place today to market and train the workforce of tomorrow.

- Hillsborough County's new education investment as an opportunity for matching dollars, not replacing them; we will work diligently to deliver that message to our elected officials.
- Construction Completion of Pasco Hernando State College's instructional and Performing Arts Center. Requesting Final (\$2,500,000) of a \$18,000,000 project.
- Pasco Hernando State College's Student Success, Professional, and Community Development Center, Requesting (\$7,500,000) of a Total Project Request of \$25,000,000.
- Advocating for increased attainment and quality training programs for a globally competitive workforce.

Economic & Business Development

Economic development and business thrive where regional collaboration is strong, regulatory and tax burdens are minimal, right to work laws that protect our citizens remain in place and where wages are comparatively based. Businesses locate and expand in areas where these factors exist:

- Phased initiatives to reduce the tax burden on commercial real estate transactions,
- Legislation that strengthens Florida's local governments, economic development and tourism agencies, and
- Restoring arts cultural matching grants recommended by the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs.

