

Transportation Accessibility and Barriers

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PSTA Facts

- Over 12 million trips in FY18
- 200 buses in service
- Three primary service types:

Fixed Route Service



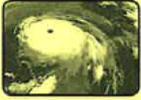
DART/Paratransit



Mobility Programs



Pre-storm operation



SURVIVING THE STORM
IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Plan Ahead for Your Hurricane Transportation Needs.

In an evacuation:

- During a hurricane evacuation, PSTA buses take you where you need to go for **FREE**.
- Routes may be modified and will include evacuation shelters.
- PSTA will attempt to operate all routes until winds reach tropical storm force (40mph).
- Contact PSTA at (727) 540-1900, www.psta.net, or on social media @RidePSTA.



What's my evacuation zone?

- Call Pinellas County Emergency Management at (727) 453-3150 (automated) or (727) 464-3800.
- Check online at www.pinellascounty.org/KnowYourZone
- Download the new "Ready Pinellas" app for checklist preparedness assistance and information. Download the app at Google Play or the App Store.

Stay Informed:

- Sign up NOW for the **FREE Alert Pinellas notification service** to receive emergency information via text messaging phone or email. To register, visit www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas.

If you live in a mobile home, you must always leave during a mandatory evacuation.

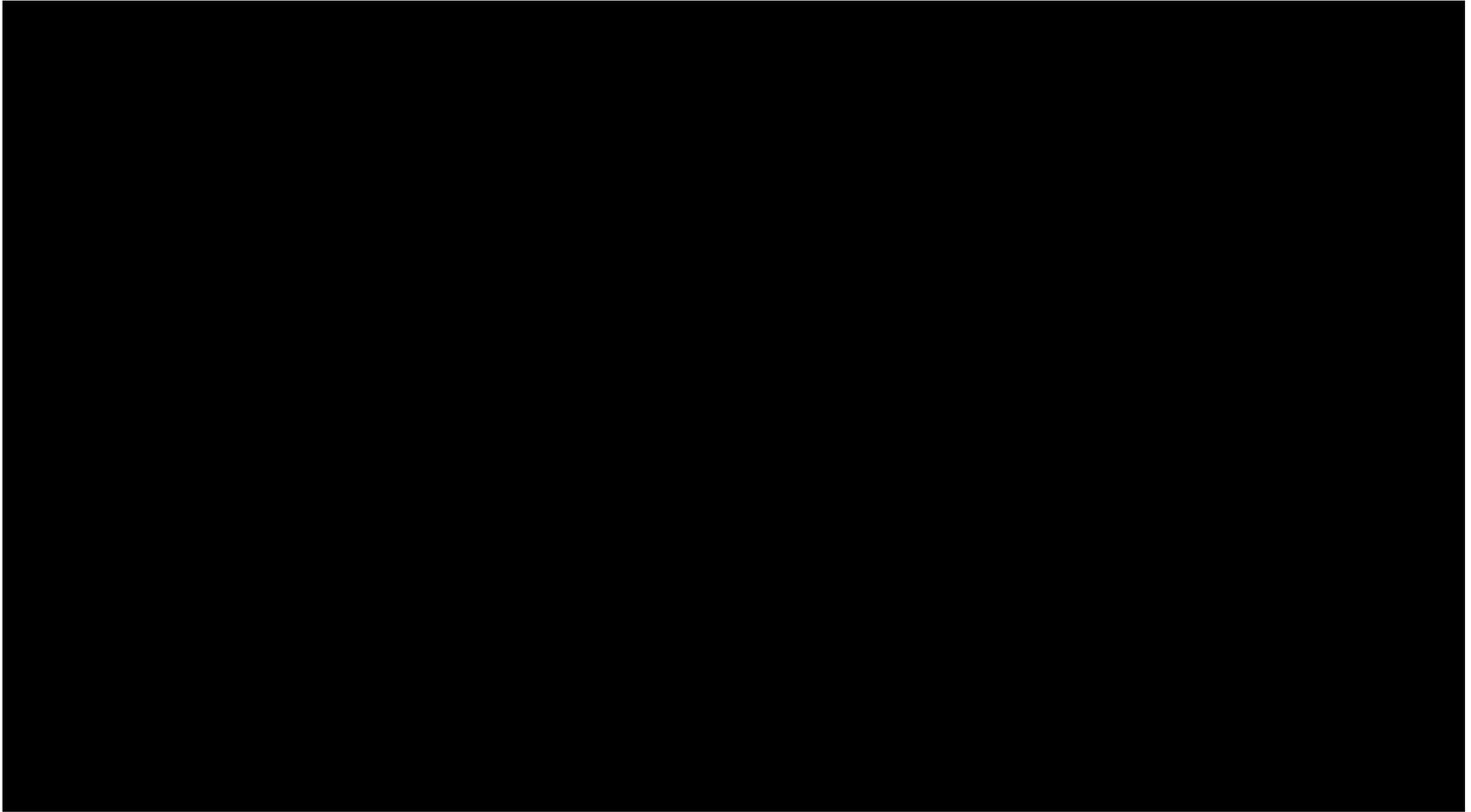



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- During a hurricane evacuation..
 - All routes are operated with no fare required to board
 - DART service is prioritized
 - Buses are provided to evacuate homeless citizens
 - All services end once winds reach tropical storm force (40 mph)
 - Buses moved to higher ground



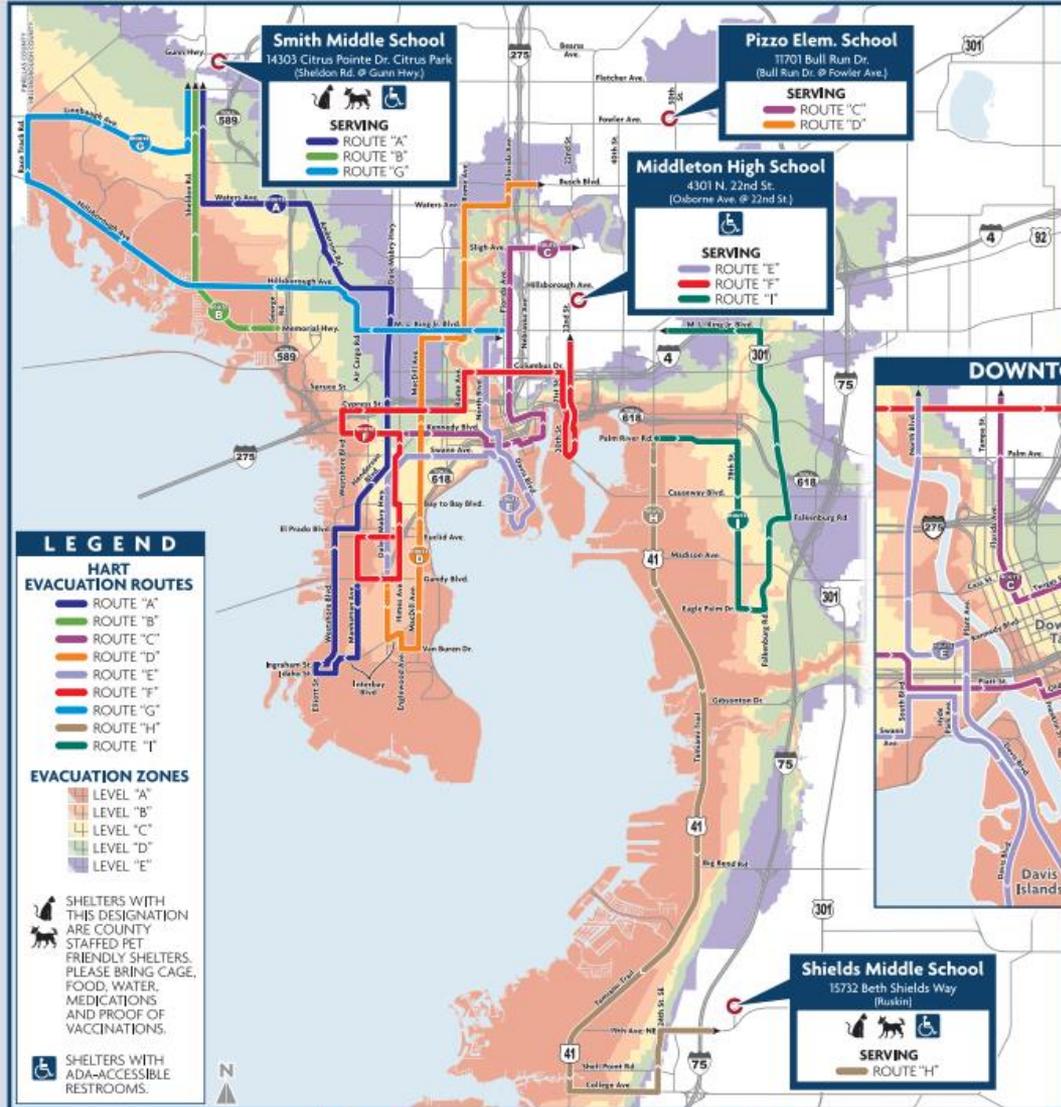
Hurricane Irma Response



Strategic Communication

Emergency Evacuation Bus Routes and Flood Zones

Las Rutas De Autobús Para Evacuación De Emergencias y las Zonas de Diluvio



Find your location on this map to determine your evacuation zone. Then, find your nearest HART Emergency Evacuation Route. Follow the directions on the reverse side of this brochure to use HART's emergency evacuation services.

Encuentre su ubicación en esta mapa para determinar su zona de evacuación. Entonces, encuentre su más cercana Ruta Para Evacuación De Emergencias De HART. Siga las direcciones en el lado inverso de este folleto para utilizar los servicios de evacuación para emergencias de HART.



FHWA: Resilience and Durability to Extreme Weather

- Tampa Bay area received a grant from the FHWA to aid in new federal planning mandate
- State LRTPs* must work on *“improving the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reducing or mitigating the stormwater impacts of surface transportation”*



*Long Range Transportation Plan



What's next?

- How can new transit facilities aid evacuations and be designed with resilience in mind?
 - Busways
 - Transit hubs
- What role will emerging technologies play in evacuations?
 - BAE & Electric Buses
 - TNCs (Uber, Lyft, etc.)
 - Autonomous Vehicles



BAE systems is developing a retrofit to its buses that will allow them to be used as mobile emergency power units

