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DATE: March 12, 2026
TO: The Honorable Chairman Luis Viera and Members of the CRA Board
THROUGH: Cedric McCray, Community Redevelopment Agency Director *Cedric McCray*
FROM: Adriana Colina, Director, Logistics and Asset Management
SUBJECT: Downtown CRA - Tampa Union Station Renovation Update

Motion: Tampa Union Station Monthly Update – (Carlson-Maniscalco) That CRA staff be requested to provide a monthly update on Tampa Union Station, beginning on January 15, 2026.

Background

On April 18, 2024, the Tampa Union Station (TUS) Building Improvement Project was funded in the amount of \$4,080,000 by the CRA, to address the termite infestation and related damage, which included deterioration of the building's decorative plaster, windows, and doors, stained glass window repair/replacement, restroom and electrical upgrades, and pressure wash the exterior. A Veteran Memorial statue is also funded as an art component of this project.

On November 21, 2024, following the CCNA process, which includes the advertisement, review, and selection of a qualified design-build team, City Council approved Reso. 2023-77. This Resolution authorizes a design-build services agreement with the Collage Group to perform the above-described work at the Tampa Union Station. The City's Logistics and Asset Management (LAM) Department staff has been working diligently with the contractor and the lessee (Amtrak) to coordinate, relocate Amtrak into modular spaces and prepare for work to begin on this project with minimal disruption to the approximately 3,100 weekly riders from that station. The biggest challenge and main delay has been in providing compliant, temporary operational facilities for Amtrak. This compliance includes specific DOTAS (DOT-mandated ADA) requirements and subsequent inspections prior to the relocation of their operations, including their ticket booth and waiting area, to a modular building. Please note that this compliance extends beyond the modular units but to a new path to the offices as well. This includes the sidewalk, walkway (slopes, handrails, etc.).

Update from City on the Tampa Union Station Project:

- All required building permits have been issued.
- August 28, 2025, City Council approved the required Hold Harmless documents requested by Amtrak.
- Installation of a compliant modular building for Amtrak staff and restrooms.
- A new ADA-compliant pathway/ramp is scheduled for installation, to meet DOTAS accessibility standards.
- Target move date (pending final inspection approval) March 16, 2026.
- The pest control company is ready to begin the work.
- Installation of appropriate ADA wayfinding signage for passengers/visitors.

Next Steps

Once the final Amtrak inspection is passed, their operations will relocate, and work will begin.

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