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Hillsborough County has a bus system called MetroRapid.

- It is Rapid because the transit signals are adjusted to get the buses through the route quicker than a regular bus. See enclosed from the MetroRapid website: Transit Signal Priority holds green lights and shortens red lights for MetroRapid buses as they approach the intersection, if the bus is 3 minutes (or more) behind schedule. TSP provides a 15 percent travel-time savings, and MetroRapid buses are estimated to travel the North-South route in under an hour.

MetroRapid does not have a dedicated bus lane (which is part of the current definition in the RFA of a rapid transit bus), but rather replaces that with the modification of the traffic signalization.

I would recommend that the definition of Rapid Transit include MetroRapid, as it is a faster delivery system, which is what a rapid transit system is supposed to be.

Let me know your thoughts!

Best Regards,

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