

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: 2019-0556

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Bowman

Date of Introduction: August 13, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: August 13, 2019

Type of Action: Ordinance establishing an Innovation Corridor

Bill Summary: This bill designates Bay Street and its associated public rights-of-way from the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center in LaVilla on the west to the Sports Complex and Entertainment District surrounding TIAA Bank Field on the east as the “Bay Street Innovation Corridor”. Through this ordinance, City departments (including, but not limited to, the Public Works and Planning and Development Departments) and appropriate independent authorities (including, but not limited to, JEA and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority) establish policies and procedures for the promotion and streamlined adoption of new transportation, mobility and communication infrastructure and technologies within the Bay Street Innovation Corridor.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to establish the Bay Street Innovation Corridor, which will encompass three miles from the Jacksonville Regional Transportation center to the Sports Complex and Entertainment District located around TIAA Bank Field.

The Innovation Corridor will:

- have a fleet of Autonomous Vehicles capable of using both the elevated Skyway infrastructure and the Bay Street Corridor at street level (JTA received a \$12.5 million grant from the USDOT to test and introduce autonomous vehicles on the Bay Street Corridor)
- incorporate an Integrated Data Exchange that will have an array of sensors that can monitor weather, flooding, pedestrian movements, traffic flow, traffic signals, parking availability, and many other conditions (JEA has a significant amount of dark fiber infrastructure in the Bay Street Corridor which will enable high speed data transfer and communication exchange)
- enhance mobility and livability in the downtown area and attract investment to the area and grow jobs in the community
- act as a testbed for new emerging technologies which should enable new ideas to be quickly approved for testing and validation of concept

Policy Impact Area: Bay Street Innovation Corridor

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey