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Moving Hillsborough Forward pushes back against national anti-rail contingent

With folks from the conservative Cato Institute and Heritage Foundation headed to Tampa next week to deliver their anti-rail message, the group pushing for passage of a 1 cent sales tax in November to pay for rail, expanded bus service and road improvements launched a counter attack today. A news release from Moving Hillsborough Forward mocks the speakers as "anti-transit troubadour" who travel any place trying to launch rail.

"We expected that our referendum for better countywide transportation would gain national attention from the anti-transit faction, because we've seen it before," said Gary Sasso, chairman of Moving Hillsborough Forward and the Tampa Bay Partnership. "We're gratified to know that other communities have seen right through these arguments against progress."

The release refers the curious to a document called [The Twelve Anti-Transit Myths](#), which offers a counterpoint to anti-rail arguments ranging from "Light rail has been a failure everywhere," to "Rail transit does not spur economic growth" and "Buses cost less and provide the same or better service."

Janet Zink, Times Staff Writer

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Of course the Cato Institute/Heritage folks lied. They are just another part of the anti-American conspiracy to impose a Theocratic Oligarcy on our country.

Faux news is their propaganda arm and the Tea Baggers are their Brown Shirts.

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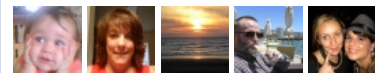
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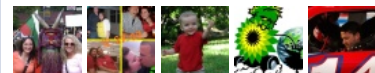
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