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Meeting of the School Transportation Working Group

Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
26th Floor, Conference Rooms A & B

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of STWG #14 June 28, 2017 Meeting Summary

IV. Status Reports

A. TRAC (Transportation and Civil Engineering) STEM Training ((Joe Simmons, SDHC K-12 STEM Coordinator)

B. MPO School Safety Study Methodology (Chris Keller, Tindale-Oliver)

C. HC Pedestrian Facility Program (Leland Dicus, HC Public Works)

V. Share Success Stories, Updates and Results (Cindy Stuart, Chair)

A. Jurisdiction Updates

B. School Board Bus Ride Along

C. School District Updates: 2017-18 school year preparations, etc.

VI. Old Business & New Business

A. STWG Next meeting: **August 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**, 26th Floor, Upcoming topics: Hack-a-thon, ADA access "IDEA" project at schools, annual update to School Five Year Facilities Work Plan, School Heat Map display, Follow up on Crossing Guards program studies, Transit projects, PikMyKid TBARTA results, FDOT Projects: Busch Blvd and Hillsborough Ave studies near schools, Roundabouts, FL School Zone Law revisions

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Addendum

A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP
MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2017
MEETING SUMMARY**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the School Transportation Working Group (STWG) was held on the 26th Floor of the County Center in Conference Rooms A & B. While awaiting Ms. Stuart's arrival, Ms. Silva began the meeting informing the group of roster updates. Attendees provided updates to the roster and changes will be made by staff.

Ms. Stuart officially called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and thanked Ms. Silva for conducting the May meeting in her absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

STWG #14 MAY 24, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

The STWG will not vote on or approve meeting summaries; however, if there are any corrections or additions, please inform Lisa Silva or Wanda West. A Chair's report will be forwarded to the full MPO Board for review, and will be part of the MPO's agendas.

STATUS REPORTS

A. FDOT Intersection Lighting Program

Ms. Rochelle Garrett, District 7 Traffic Design Engineer, presented information on FDOT's Intersection Lighting Program's strategies, successes, and improvements.

Ms. Jan Washington, City of Tampa Engineer, presented information on the City's lighting improvements. In addition, she provided information on the City's Bright Lights, Safe Nights Program and the program's results. Ms. Washington also informed the group of events for upcoming months.

David Bottomly, citizen from Orlando, wanted to know how the lights are maintained. Ms. Washington stated that the new LED System sensors will notify staff when service is needed.

Allison Nguyen, FDOH Program Manager, wanted to know how crime prevention and maintenance would overlay with where children are awaiting buses in the dark. Ms. Washington stated if the City is informed of safety issues of poorly lit areas they will communicate with Tampa Electric.

Ms. Silva informed the group that lighting has been included in the maps that have been worked on.

It was suggested if there was poor lighting, that children could wait at an intersection. James Beekman stated that the school district tries not to put bus stops at intersections, due to other safety issues, like midblock crossing.

There is an opportunity to share with the City the school bus stop locations. Ms. Stuart stated that Lisa will work on getting the bus stop location information over to Ms. Washington.

William Porth, City of Tampa Traffic Safety Coordinator, stated for safety purposes that the City of Tampa encourages people to cross at intersections where lighting exists.

B. FDOT Road Safety Audits – Brandon HS and Hillsborough HS/Memorial MS

Mr. Alex Henry, FDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Specialist, in Mat Weaver's absence provided an update on the School Safety Audits for Brandon HS and Hillsborough HS/Memorial MS. The audits included a 2-mile radius around each school that was reviewed, looking at traffic safety for all users. The efforts were used to launch safety reviews. There will be minor adjustments in the report that was included in the agenda packet.

Information from the road safety audit will be incorporated into projects. Mr. Henry provided some of the short term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations for Brandon. Recommendations ranged from replacing obsolete pedestrian signal push buttons, replacing worn or missing truncated dome mats. In some cases, there was a need for a review of signal timing. In addition, one location will receive additional speed limit signs to facilitate law enforcement.

Mr. Gary Tait, School Traffic Specialist at Tindale Oliver, commented on students crossing SR 60, who should not. Crosswalks in that area will be upgraded to current standards.

For Hillsborough HS/Memorial, Mr. Henry informed the group that a palm tree on the corner of Osborne and Central was obscuring views of pedestrians. A fence is going to be extended to channelize pedestrians to signalized crossing. Mr. Porth informed the group of plans for rebuilding at Osborne and Central Avenue.

Ms. Stuart suggested future school RSA's. Mr. Henry stated that FDOT's happy to support future efforts.

Mr. Porth commented on the CTSA meeting and plans for developing safer walking routes.

Mr. Peter Chui stated that each RSA project costs \$10,000.

Mr. Jim Hudock suggested that better communication take place for future RSAs on County Roads. He stated that discussions need to take place prior to information being distributed to the public.

Ms. Silva will not post anything on the STWG website until she has the final approval.

There was a question regarding liability when RSAs are presented.

Kelley Parris wanted to know if there was a written test given to students on pedestrian safety. Ms. Stuart stated that not all students are exposed to the information.

C. Bellwether Education Partners Panel and Report

Ms. Stuart presented a brief overview of her trip to Washington, D.C. for the Bellwether Education Partners Panel. The difference in policies was very interesting to her. It was a great opportunity to show what work is being done in Hillsborough County and the uniqueness.

D. Back-to-School Fair, August 5, 2017/Principals Meeting Prep, Demonstration Pop Up Events During Open Houses

Ms. Jessica Vega, with HCPS Community & Media Engagement, presented information on the Back-to-School Fair scheduled for August 5, 2017. Kristine Knolls will participate with the fair and will provide information on bike safety. Ms. Vega would like for STWG partners to participate with the fair. 250 families and 20-25 vendors are scheduled to attend the event. Several of the fairs are being advertised by local radio stations. TBARTA was not listed as a sponsor and Ms. Silva suggested that Ms. Vega communicate with the agency regarding participating.

Ms. Stuart suggested that the STWG select schools that are impacted by non-funded busing, and select schools that bring the most visibility to get information out to students.

Ms. Stuart would like for Jamie to get the information about where the most courtesy busing is occurring and get this information out to partners.

E. Boundary/Attendance Process

Ms. Amber Dickerson, presented information on the processes for attendance/boundary changes.

SHARE SUCCESS STORIES, UPDATES AND RESULTS

- Lindsay Preston, St. Joe's Hospital, Children's Wellness & Safety Center, a former P.E. Teacher has joined STWG.
- Jim Hudock suggested a stakeholder presentation at the 7/26 meeting.
- Jurisdiction Updates: Mr. Hudock is working with the City on Bay to Bay.
- Transportation Updates by James Beekman; piloting student TRAC (share results on the pilot potentially in the fall).
- School Board Member ride a long observation will be presented at next month's meeting.
- Ms. Stuart stated that Back to school fairs are taking place district wide.

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

A. School Map Meeting Data Team Meeting Results

B. Next STWG meeting: July 26, 2017, 2:00 PM, 26th Floor

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.



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TRAC (Transportation and Civil Engineering) STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Training

Presenter

Joe Simmons, SDHC STEM Coordinator

Summary

The Hillsborough MPO's School Transportation Working Group (STWG) recruited Hillsborough County School District's K-12 STEM Coordinator, Joe Simmons, to attend TRAC Training. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) TRAC & Rides Instructor Training was held at the Broward MPO on June 19 and 20, 2017. Joe will share ideas learned and discuss potential next steps for potential transportation mentoring and implementation into the STEM program with STWG members.

TRAC is a hands-on, educational outreach program of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The TRAC program is designed for integration into science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). State Departments of Transportation provide the program free of charge to middle and high schools in their state. The [Broward MPO](#) has worked with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to bring this training to Florida. We hope to make this an annual training event.

Vision: To deliver educational outreach programs that connect students to the world of transportation while enhancing math, science, and technology skills.

Mission: To introduce students in grades K-12 to the working world of transportation, especially civil engineering, and inspire them to consider careers in those fields. For more information visit http://mmsd.transportation.org/trac_rides/ or contact Chris Ryan at (954) 876-0036 or ryanc@browardmpo.org.

Recommended Action

None. For information only.

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Attachments

None





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MPO School Safety Study Methodology

Presenter

Chris Keller, Tindale-Oliver

Summary

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) School Safety Study is seeking to prioritize school areas in order to conduct multimodal safety and bicycle/pedestrian access reviews aimed at identifying opportunities to enhance the safety and comfort of getting to and from school.

Input from the STWG will assist in formulating a solid (data-driven) methodology to prioritize future safety projects around schools beyond the current complaint-driven system.

Methodology - The prioritization of school areas for safety improvements may include factors such as student age, school hours/days pedestrian and bicycle crash histories, proximity to bus stops, socioeconomic and demographic data (e.g., equity (communities of concern), percent of free or reduced lunch, income, percent minority, automobile ownership, etc.), presence of a crossing guard, amount of lighting, condition of existing multimodal facilities, potential for use of public transit to access schools, the general concentration of non-bused students in the immediate area, location and size of school speed zone, the number of students impacted by the elimination of non-funded busing and any other pertinent data.

In addition to this data, the following resources will be applied to develop the school safety prioritization methodology:

- Recent Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 School Road Safety Audits (RSA) prioritization information will be utilized for the identification and prioritization of school areas.
- Results from the recently completed Getting to School Survey will be used to prioritize the school areas that may be most in need of safety improvements.
- Results of the HC SD's F.S. 1006.23 Hazardous walking conditions Checklist and Audits.
- Lists of projects/issues identified by HCSD principals.



- Results of the Hillsborough County Public Work's systematic pedestrian facility improvement program and/or sidewalk and shared use path improvement program prioritization methodology (JMT).

The results of the plan's review and prioritization methodology are being presented to the STWG for review and comment. The prioritization methodology will be modified based on the input received from MPO staff and the STWG.

Recommended Action

Provide feedback.

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Attachments

None



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Hillsborough County Pedestrian Facility Program

Presenter

Leland Dicus, HC Public Works

Summary

Hillsborough County Public Works Technical Services Division Section Manager, Engineering Services will share about the Results of the Hillsborough County Public Work's systematic pedestrian facility improvement program and/or sidewalk and shared use path improvement program prioritization methodology (JMT)

Recommended Action

Provide feedback.

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Attachments

None

