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Hillsborough MPO School Safety Study

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Multi-Step Process:

- **A. Define School Types**
- **B. Define School Evaluation Areas**
- **C. Screening 1 – Crashes + Students**
- **D. Screening 2 – Contributing Factors**
- **E. Detailed School Area Review**
- **F. Complete School Safety Audits**
- **G. Follow-Up Activities**

**Step 1** Prioritize Schools

**Step 2** Conduct field reviews of highest priority schools

**Results** Identify enhancements for highest priority schools

Complete

In-Progress
Outreach to Schools

- Letter to Administration
- Phone Calls
- Follow-up Emails
- On-Site Discussions

January 9, 2018

Mr. Russell
Chamberlain High School
3401 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612

Re: Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization School Safety Study

Dear Mr. Russell

Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) and Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are committed to improving the safety and security of the transportation network for all users throughout Hillsborough County. School related transportation is a particularly critical piece of the puzzle for the most vulnerable users, our children. In early 2018, the MPO established the School Transportation Working Group (STWG) and designated a school board member, Cindy Stuart, in its chair, to provide needed coordination at many levels.

Since established, the MPO’s STWG has been committed to ensuring the safety of students getting to and from school, and has commissioned a School Safety Study to specifically address this need. The initial tasks of the School Safety Study have focused on selecting candidate school areas for multi-modal safety projects that will look to identify opportunities to enhance the safety and comfort of getting to and from school, with an emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Using a data-driven process to identify school areas, the School Safety Study has identified your school and the area around your school as a candidate for a multi-modal safety project. What better opportunity for the school than to work with their board members, staff, and parents? Therefore, Mr. Stuart has asked the study team to work very closely with specific concerns related to the safety of your students traveling to and from school. Additionally, we ask you to use the school outreach tools such as ParentLink, to solicit feedback form your parents. Information you provide will be used to identify the issues and help focus efforts on safety improvements that will have a positive impact.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you on making the area around your school safer for your students. Please feel free to contact me, Lisa Silva, schoolplanning.org or 813-757-1774 ext. 329 if you have any questions or would like more information about the study.

Sincerely,

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Completed School Reviews & Meetings

1. Coleman Middle School
2. Ferrell Middle Magnet & Middleton High
3. Leto High School
4. Plant High School
5. Sulphur Springs K-8 Community School
Meeting & Field Review Results

• Passionate people at every school
• Primarily consistent topics with occasional unique requests
• Challenges related to on-site circulation
• Substantial improvements using existing tools and projects
• Everyone can do something to help!
Positives

• Interested administration and parent organizations
• Ongoing and upcoming SRTS Projects
• Educational Programs
Crash Trends
Crash Trends

• Students in “parking” lots
  • Backing Vehicles
  • Vehicles entering parking spaces
Crash Trends

- Students in crosswalks
- Vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians – permissive turns
Observations

- Security & Access Points
- On-Site Walking Routes
  - Connectivity on School Properties
Observations

- On-Site Walkability
Observations

• Driver Behavior
  • Speeding
  • Avoiding pick-up lines
  • U-Turns
Observations

- Maintenance Opportunities
  - Pavement Markings
  - Signing
  - Sidewalk
  - Tree Trimming
Observations

- Engineering Opportunities
  - Pavement Markings
  - Signing
  - Sidewalk Gaps
Observations

- Community Outreach
- Community Engagement
Observations

• Unexpected Stakeholders
Next Steps

1. Chamberlain High School
2. Young Middle Magnet School
3. King High School
4. Muller Elementary Magnet School
5. Pierce Middle School
6. Van Buren Middle School *(being combined with Cahoon Elem. Fall 2018 to form Carter G. Woodson K-8 School)*
Next Steps

1. **Complete Meetings & Field Reviews**
2. **Coordinate with Stakeholders**
   1. Maintaining Agencies
   2. Project Managers
   3. Educational Groups
3. **Finalize “Draft” Report**
4. **Seek Feedback & Verify Implementation**
   **Plan for Recommendations**
5. **Finalize Report**
6. **Present Findings to School Board**
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