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«PrincipalSite_Administrator»
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Re: Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization School Safety Study

Dear «PrincipalSite_Administrator»:

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 particularly critical given it involves the most vulnerable users, our children. In early 2016, the MPO established School Transportation Working Group (STWG) and designated a school board member, Cindy Stuart, as 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 commenced 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 multimodal safety reviews 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 multimodal safety review. Who better to provide invaluable input on a specific school than their own administration, staff, and parents? Therefore Ms. Stuart has asked the study team to seek your insight on any specific concerns related to the safety of your students traveling to/from your school. Additionally, we ask you to use the school outreach tools such as ParentLink, to solicit feedback from your parents. Information you provide will be used to inform the review 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 let me or the MPO's school liaison Lisa Silva, silval@plancom.org or 813 273-3774 ext. 329 know if you have any questions or would like more information about the study.

Sincerely,

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