



**Truck Route Plan Technical Committee - Meeting #8
July 23, 2004**

Meeting Minutes

I. Introductions

Members in attendance:

Voting Members

John Marsicano, Captain, HCSO, D-3
Bill McCall, PGM
Scott Cottrell, Public Works
Bruce Register, Economic Development
Rick Cvarak, Real Estate
Reggie Sanford, EPC
Calvin Thornton, City of Tampa
Ram Kancharla, Tampa Port Authority

Advisory Members

Stacy Williams, Communications
Adam Gormly, Asst. County Attorney

II. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes from July 9th meeting were approved.

III. Truck Route Plan Website Overview

Betsy Howard, PGM, gave a brief overview and tour of the newly developed *Truck Route Plan Website* emphasizing the website has met the main objectives which are for the website to be informative as well as “user-friendly.”

IV. Update on the Tampa Port Authority and its transportation impact on the roadway system

Ram Kancharla, Tampa Port Authority, gave a presentation on the Port of Tampa, which outlined the various methods of transportation in and out of the Port as well as the type of material transported. He stated there are approximately 11,000 truck movements everyday. He also stated the Port of Tampa is the largest port in Florida emphasizing the Port’s capacity and the repercussions if the Port of Tampa were to be closed due to unforeseen incidents such as an act of terrorism.

V. Route Rating Process:

- *Bike Lane and Sidewalk Rating Factors*

Gena Torres presented information on pedestrian and bike issues. She stated the two issues are very different. She stated pedestrian trips are short in length (approximately ¼ mile or less) and bike trips vary in length depending on the cyclist—some cycle to work or just for leisure. The BPAC is updating their plan.

In reference to pedestrian traffic, Scott Cottrell reiterated that Ms. Torres' position is a road without a sidewalk or a sidewalk that is separated from the roadway (i.e., with a buffer between the roadway and the sidewalk) is better suited for a truck route as compared to one with a sidewalk. She stated most pedestrian accidents occur at a crosswalk. In reference to bicycle traffic, Mr. Cottrell then asked Ms. Torres in her opinion that a roadway with a shoulder or a designated bike lane is better for a truck route. She confirmed Mr. Cottrell's statements.

With the information provided by Ms. Torres, Bill McCall stated he would leave the bike lane factor as is, but change the pedestrian factor to "+2" points if there is no sidewalk or if there is a detached sidewalk, and "-1" if it is an attached sidewalk in the *Route Rating Process*.

- *Noise Factor*

Bill McCall presented changes he made to Noise Factor in the *Route Rating Process*. A weight factor of "6" would be used for the negative numbers and a weight factor of "1" for the positive numbers on the first item. He would then give a weight factor of "1" for the negative numbers and a weight factor of "6" for the positive numbers for the bottom item.

- *Alternate Route Availability*

Mr. McCall stated a change is needed in this category. He stated if no additional length is made to the trucks' trip then it should receive a "0".

A motion was made to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and the Committee approved the proposed changes.

VI. arcims2.hillsboroughcounty.org

Bill McCall gave a brief presentation on the *arcims2 system*. The system gives the opportunity to view various roadways throughout Hillsborough County without having to perform fieldwork.

VII. Public Input

Bob Argus expressed concerns about hazardous materials (such as propane) being transported through residential neighborhoods. In response to Mr. Argus' concerns,

Mr. McCall stated the transporting of hazardous materials is regulated by Federal and state laws, and must be permitted.

Claude Fortin recommended the presentation of the *Truck Route Plan Update* to the BOCC be delayed until January 2005. He also expressed concern on the possible removal of weight limit signs on Lithia Pinecrest if it should remain on the Truck Route Plan, and he gave a brief history on the struggle of the citizens in that area over the previous removal of the signs.

VIII. Members Matters of Interest

Early in the meeting, Stacy Williams presented the revised Public Meeting schedule. Mr. Kancharla confirmed all comments from the Public Meetings would be presented to the BOCC. The Chairman stated that the Committee must have all proposals and recommendations by September 10th, which is the last Committee meeting before the commencement of the Public Meetings. Bill McCall expressed concern over the short amount of time to complete the roadway analyses before the September 10th meeting. After some discussion, the Committee decided to leave the schedule as revised and presented by Ms. Williams.

IX. Old Business

Bruce Register raised the issue of “truck types” and where the Committee stands on this issue. Bill McCall stated there is confusion over the issue of “one-ton” trucks. The misunderstanding lies in that the term does not refer to a trucks weight, but refers to a truck that can carry a one-ton load or has a one-ton capacity. Mr. McCall then stated he recommends the Committee leave the regulations as they are stating it is easier for the deputies to enforce the regulations if truck silhouettes are used. After some discussion, the Chairman recommended the Committee defer the truck-type issue until a later meeting.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Adjournment