

**The following are the minutes from the August 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Truck Route Plan Technical Committee Meeting.***

**These are considered “DRAFT” until the Committee  
approves them at the next meeting, which will be  
September 10<sup>th</sup>.**



## **Truck Route Plan Technical Committee - Meeting #10 August 27, 2004**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Introductions**

*Members in attendance:*

##### **Voting Members**

John Marsicano, HCSO  
Bill McCall, PGM  
Bruce Register, Economic Development  
Reggie Sanford, EPC  
Calvin Thornton, City of Tampa  
Ram Kancharla, Port Authority

##### **Advisory Members**

Stacy Williams, Communications  
Adam Gormly, Asst. County Attorney

#### **II. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes from August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

#### **III. Post Office Trucks**

John Murray, US Postal Service, gave a presentation on the routes mail contractors are instructed to use for deliveries to local Post Offices. He also stated the line of travel is determined by the necessary deliveries that must be made to all local Post Offices, and contractors have been instructed to travel on main arteries throughout the county. He also stated the absolute maximum weight of their trucks is 32,000 pounds, but that is rare or never happens. The typical delivery truck only weighs 15,000 pounds.

A question was raised regarding the signing of the mail contractor trucks. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed requesting a letter be sent to the US Postal Service asking the mail contractor trucks be properly signed. Adam Gormly, Assistant County Attorney, stated he would transmit a letter requesting all mail contractor trucks be marked as "US Mail Contractor".

**IV. Final Results: Route Rating Process**

Bill McCall, PGM, presented to the Committee the latest results of the *Route Rating Process* that included last minute additions. This analysis includes 86 roads.

**V. Northwest Area Issues**

***(Race Track Road/Countryway/Linebaugh, Sligh Ave/Pinecrest Manor, Harney Road, Palm River Road, and Henderson Road)***

Bill McCall presented and explained a map he prepared to give an overall view of the *Route Rating Process* results of the northwest area of Hillsborough County as well as the roadways listed above. He said he wanted to emphasize there are very few designated truck routes in the northwest area and, in order to regulate truck traffic, truck routes need to be designated. He then explained various roadway improvements (road widenings, etc.) planned for some of the roadways he is recommending as truck routes as well as the data for not designating others.

Reggie Sanford, EPC, asked how are roadways that are scheduled to be extended or widened evaluated, and how far in the future is the project taken into consideration. Mr. McCall explained if the roadway is in the Capital Improvement Project Program then the roadway was rated as if the improvements were already done.

Ram Kancharla, Port Authority, asked if additional roads could be analyzed before approving the recommendations. Mr. McCall explained the analysis was made on roadways that are currently truck routes and those requested by citizens.

After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and the Committee approved the recommendations as presented by Mr. McCall. In addition, the Committee requested Mr. McCall evaluate additional corridors in the northwest area such as Race Track Road.

The recommendations will be presented to the citizens of Hillsborough County at the Public Meetings scheduled to begin in September.

**VI. Public Input**

Alan Payne, Florida Trucking, stated his company supplies a lot of materials from Zephyrhills to new subdivisions located in the northwest quadrant of Hillsborough County, especially Race Track Road. He stated the regulations of the new ordinance would cause his trucks to drive south and then north in order to access the northwest area. He is requesting the Committee consider the addition of roads to the Truck Route Plan in order to provide better connectivity in the area.

Joan Davis expressed her concerns regarding the Committee not addressing truck types and regulated truck types. She stated to date she has contacted several people in the County, but has not received an answer. She also stated after two years she has received

signs restricting one-ton trucks from her road, but would like to see regulation of two- and three-axle trucks.

In response to Ms. Davis' comments, the Chairman stated the issue has been addressed by the Committee, but they have not come to a resolution. The Chairman agreed to contact Pete Brett of the County's RTC program to see if there is a way to have problem roadways addressed individually.

**VII. Members' Matters of Interest**

David Fechter, TEI Engineering, was introduced and stated his company does volume counts and truck class counts for the County as well as data collection for FDOT, District 7. He stated his company is currently working with Pinellas County on their heavy vehicle ordinance change and their Truck Route Plan. He also stated he would present to the Committee the findings of the Pinellas heavy vehicle ordinance as it becomes available.

Ram Kancharla, Port Authority, raised the issue of the Committee having truck counts on all County roadways before making final decisions on which roads to add or delete to the Truck Route Plan. He stated there are 15,000 truck movements through the Port daily so they are very interested in the outcome.

**VIII. Old Business**

Stacy Williams, Communications, presented the latest proposed schedule for the Public Meeting dates. The first meetings will be held in the northwest area. After finalizing the dates, the dates will be advertised in the newspaper and posted on our website.

**IX. New Business**

**X. Adjournment**