



## **Truck Route Plan Technical Committee - Meeting #13 October 27, 2004**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Introductions**

*Members in attendance:*

##### **Voting Members**

John Marsicano, HCSO  
Bill McCall, PGM  
Rick Cvarak, Real Estate  
Scott Cottrell, Public Works  
Bruce Register, Economic Development  
Ram Kancharla, Port Authority

##### **Advisory Members**

Stacy Williams, Communications  
Adam Gormly, Asst. County Attorney  
Ned Baier, PGM

The Chairman started the meeting by reading into the record a memorandum submitted by Reggie Sanford, EPC, stating: "Let the record reflect I support the overall ordinance and roadway recommendations of the Committee. I would also like to urge his fellow Committee members to reconsider the recommendations that take into account roadways whose improvements are not yet complete. I believe the issues surrounding these roads may be better addressed at the next plan update given the many uncertainties associated with road construction scheduling and financing."

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

The minutes from the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

#### **III. Public Meetings Summary**

Ned Baier, Planning & Growth Management, started his presentation by announcing the BOCC Workshop regarding the Truck Route Plan scheduled for November 10 has been cancelled and rescheduled for January – date not determined yet. He then gave a brief summary of the Public Meetings.

**Keystone:** Overall consensus of the residents of Keystone wants the County to keep through trucks out of Keystone and improve enforcement of current restrictions.

**Ruskin:** Overall very supportive of the overall approach of the Committee recognizing when you add or delete a truck route then you will influence trucks on another route.

**Brandon:** Residents in the Lithia Pinecrest/FishHawk area are very concerned about the designation of Lithia Pinecrest Road and Boyette/FishHawk Boulevard as a truck route. He stated PGM staff will recommend to the Committee the FishHawk/Lithia Pinecrest area be reevaluated due to the low score of the roadway according to the evaluation criteria. Residents also raised concerns about the phosphate trucks vs. the local delivery trucks.

**Westchase:** Residents of Westchase expressed extreme opposition to the “loop” identified by the Committee for several reasons. Residents oppose the rating of a roadway that is planned to be widened vs. a roadway as it is presently (i.e., Race Track Road). They also oppose the “loop” because they feel the current problem with through trucks is more of an enforcement problem. Residents feel that by identifying Countryway and part of Linebaugh on the truck route plan it may make the rest of Linebaugh actually attract more trucks in the future. He stated staff promised the Committee would readdress the issue of future road improvements which would impact Race Track Road and determine whether or not the “loop” would remain a part of the Truck Route Plan.

Westchase residents also expressed concerns over the possible negative consequences of the ordinance change which would encourage trucks to use the closest route in a delivery. They feel the ordinance change would encourage trucks to use Linebaugh Avenue in Westchase.

**Plant City:** Since Mr. Baier was not in attendance at this meeting, he asked Bill McCall to summarize the meeting for the Committee. Mr. McCall stated residents along Sam Allen Road are opposed to that road remaining on the Truck Route Plan and a petition with numerous signatures was given to staff at that time. He stated there was both support and opposition of the recommendation to put Forbes Road on the Truck Route Plan. Opposition is expressed by residents who live on Forbes Road stating this recommendation will increase the truck traffic on that road.

**Sun City Center:** Residents are supportive of the Committee’s work so far and the effort to better disperse truck traffic using alternatives to SR 674. The residents also supported efforts to build additional roads and an additional bypass in south Hillsborough County that could accommodate trucks in the future. There were some concerns about the phosphate trucks that were traveling to the Port of Tampa on CR 39 and then using either SR 674, SR 672 or Lithia Pinecrest. Residents don’t want more truck travel on SR 674, but recognize that the County does not currently have jurisdiction over truck travel on SR 674.

- IV. Citizen Requests – Providence Road (AR #32312) and Orient Road (AR #32257)**  
Mr. McCall presented two Administrative Referrals which were received regarding the Providence Road and Orient Road. In his response to these referrals to the citizens he stated he would bring these issues to the Committee’s attention. After some discussion regarding the rating of these roads, the Committee made a recommendation that the two roads in question, Providence Road and Orient Road, fall into the grading system where

they would be ok to be a truck route and the Committee accepts them as such after consideration brought to us by the citizens. Passed 6 – 0.

**V. Revisit all previous recommendations**

After an extensive discussion and lengthy presentation of citizens' concerns (listed under Public Input) of the current Committee recommendations, the Committee made the following revisions:

1. Remove Race Track and Boyette off because it is future construction with the proviso that they are flagged as a very important issue at the January workshop stating the Committee had intended to make them a truck route but due to planning and construction status prevented them from doing so. Passed 5 – 1.
2. Based on the removal of Race Track Road, delete Countryway and Linebaugh, but reconsidered when Race Track Road improvements are complete. Passed 6 – 0.
3. Remove FishHawk Boulevard and the northern section of Balm Riverview, but will be reconsidered when Boyette is widened. Passed 5 – 1.

**VI. Members' Matters of Interest**

The Chairman explained the next meeting will be held on November 17 at 9:30 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Center, Conference Room B.

**VII. Public Input**

Jim Mills, President of the Westchase Community Association, stated the residents of Westchase do not oppose the local truck traffic which serves the local businesses. The residents oppose the through-truck traffic in Westchase. He explained the "loop" as presented by the Committee's recommendation dissects numerous communities not just Westchase, but Westchester, Waterchase and other communities in the area.

Bob Argus, resident of the Upper Tampa Bay area, stated he had some follow-up technical questions pertaining to the "loop" in northwest Hillsborough. He stated there are two other areas that have not been evaluated: 1. The segment of Countryway from Linebaugh north to Race Track. The area consists of single family homes, but seems to have been evaluated at industrial and asked if they could be looked at further due to the potential point difference. 2. Noise issue – the local library is due to open in six weeks.

Brian Ross, Westchase area, stated the residents in the area believe there are three options: do nothing, add to the Truck Route Plan the portion of Race Track south of Linebaugh Avenue, or designate the entire "loop". He further stated the residents of the communities in that area are willing to meet with staff to decide on an amenable option for both the residents and the industry.

Robert Williams, Fowler White Boggs Banker, stated the residents of Sun City Center want Lithia Pinecrest to be on the Truck Route Plan because they believe if you remove Lithia Pinecrest, it could force some of the truck traffic down to SR 674. He further explained there are only three major roads that enter the southern part of the county on the eastern border: SR 60, Lithia Pinecrest (CR 674), and SR 674; and the north/south road that they bisect is CR 39; in Polk County, there is 37. He requested the Committee not take any action right now, but to consider all the options. He stated Lithia Pinecrest functions as a carrier of regional commerce – an important link between Polk County, the Port of Tampa, and the rest of the world – and should be considered a part of the Truck Route Plan.

Alan Payne, Florida Trucking, gave a presentation on the impact of requiring the trucks to leave the truck route at the closest exit point to their destination. He explained under the current truck route plan in the Sun City Center area, truckers working on the Hurley Dirt Pit project would have to travel 16.96 miles (round trip), and under the proposed ordinance change, truckers would have to travel 24.02 miles (round trip) with an additional job cost of \$17,100. He further explained under the proposed change in the NW Hillsborough area, truckers will have to travel an additional 28.18 miles at an additional cost of \$43.83 round trip. He believes it would be detrimental to approve the ordinance change. He also proposed the Committee consider 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE be considered a truck route. The Committee stated they would evaluate that roadway and discuss it at the next meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

None.

**IX. New Business**

None.

**X. Adjournment**