

Public Meeting #2 Comments
Ruskin Neighborhood Service Center
October 4, 2004, 6:30 PM

- There is an elementary school at the corner of Balm Riverview Road and the eastern end of Big Bend Road and a lot traffic during drop-off and pick-up time, is there a plan to upgrade those roads to make them more amenable to the truck route?

At this time, it is not on the Long Range Transportation Plan or the County's Capital Improvement Program. There is not enough money to widen these roads at this time. As for the school, we tried to avoid roadways with schools for the Truck Route Plan.

- Has the Truck Route Plan been reviewed by the ELAPP Program?

The Environmental Protection Commission has a representative on the Committee and the representative agreed with the rating process as well as the recommendations. Environmental impacts, such as noise impacts and adjacent land use, are evaluated in the ranking.

- What about out-of-state trucks who are not aware of Hillsborough County's truck route plan? Will they be ticketed?

Truck drivers should obtain a copy of the Truck Route Plan as well as roads are posted. John Marsicano, Captain with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's office, stated the driver would probably be given a warning with proof of out-of-state status.

- The Committee has done a really good job. It's a shame the FDOT and the MPO backed out as voting members. As a package, it is a good plan.

Thank you for your comments. FDOT is an advisory committee representative. The Hillsborough County MPO said it did not have the resources to participate in the development of the Truck Route Plan.

- Are there any provisions that say a semi should stay on a two-lane road? Other people have to get off the road if it is less than two-lanes.

No, there is not. If that is the only way he is able to make pick-ups or deliveries. The County has to allow truck access to every piece of property in the County, although there are weight restrictions on some roads.

- Can a semi park at any residential house?

No. That is a code violation. Contact Code Enforcement for clarification.

- How wide are the roadways being designated and will they hold up to the overload?

Lane widths and pavement conditions are factors in the Route Rating Process. If the lanes are too narrow or pavement conditions are not good, the roadway scored very low.

- Great idea having the Sheriff's Office involved in the process.

John Marsicano, Captain with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, is the Technical Committee Chairman.

Summary:

25 Attending/signed in

8 Spoken comments

3 Turned in comments

1 hour Length of Meeting