

Public Outreach Meeting #1  
 Webb Middle School  
 Thursday, May 29, 2009  
 Number of Attendees - 39

Citizen	Location, Resident Area, Address (if identified)	Comment or Question?	Comment/Question	Agency Responder	Agency Response	Follow-Up Required
1		Question	Will state budget cuts affect TBARTA planning/plans?	Bob Clifford, TBARTA	State budget cuts are not affecting TBARTA. TBARTA has funded to continue planning process underway.	No
1		Question	Will the proposed new roads and light rail projects cause environmental damages/impacts?	Bob Clifford, TBARTA	The current plans use existing roadway corridors and CSX lines for light rail options so there would not be environmental damage. There are not new routes or roads being looked at.	No
1		Question	Many of the plans seem to be in low-income neighborhoods. How do the proposed plans affect these neighborhoods?	Ray Chiamonte, MPO	With planning to use exiting corridors and routes, the impact on any neighborhood will be minimal. In fact, the communities will benefit with additional access to jobs the new transportation programs will bring.	No
1		Question	HART said in their presentation said there would need to be \$17M in federal funding, what happens if the federal funding is not available?	Ray Chiamonte, MPO	We would not be able to build the proposed plans without federal funding.	No
2	Town & Country (planning board)	Comment	We have worked in the Town & Country community to improve pedestrian and bike routes. We had the first trail in Hillsborough County here. I am very pleased to see the County knows that local communities want pedestrian friendly communities. For instance, Publix, here in our community on Waters, has about 70% of their employees who do not have cars.	N/A		No
3		Comment	I have a concern over the total amount of money that the plan presented requires, especially when the economy is where it is and we have teachers getting salary cuts. I am definitely in favor of a better bus system. But there are many times I have seen large buses with only 1 or 2 riders. How will you get riders on this Light Rail system? The County needs express buses with local buses for residents. Light rail will not work here in our County. The County should model their system after the New York City transit system with a focus on buses. NYC knows how to cater to residents. A new \$0.01 tax could be used for other priorities like education or police.	Lucia Garsys, Hills. Co.	The \$0.01 tax, if passed by the public, would be for transit and transportation priorities. We need all feedback and concerns and we appreciate your feedback. We are taking all of the feedback from these meetings in consideration as we move forward.	No
4		Question	Is casting a 'vote' with the MPO money an indication of support for a new tax?	Lucia Garsys, Hills. Co.	No, you are not voting for or showing support for a tax. Just showing your opinion on transportation priorities.	