

New North Transportation Alliance (NNTA)  
 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
 Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:00-9:30 a.m.  
 USF Center for Urban Transportation Research

**Attendance**

Raymond Mensah, Chairman	USF Parking and Transportation Services
Vicki Ahrens	MOSI
Julie Bond	NNTA Co-Director, CUTR
Sarah Combs	UACDC
Linda Crescentini	HART
Barbara Donerly	USF Facilities Management
Clarence Eng	Kimley-Horn
Christine Epps	CUTR
Lucia Garsys	Hillsborough County
Patrice Gingras	University Mall
Sara Hendricks	NNTA Co-Director, CUTR
Katina Kavouklis	Florida DOT
Karen Kress	Tampa Downtown Partnership
Eric Larson	Tampa Innovation Alliance
John Lyons	Hillsborough County
Nina Mabileau	City of Tampa
John Patrick	Hillsborough County
Charles Stephenson	City of Temple Terrace
Errol Tillman	Moffitt Cancer Center
Jeff Trim	Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants
Cobb Van Nostrand	Renaissance Planning
Charles White	Hillsborough County
Mike Williams	Hillsborough County
Phil Winters	CUTR
Allison Yeh	Hillsborough MPO
Dr. Fredric Zerla	University Square Civic Association

**Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 8:14am by NNTA Chairman, Raymond Mensah, who welcomed members and visitors and called for a round of introductions.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion that was seconded to approve minutes from the November 9, 2016 NNTA meeting. The board approved the meeting minutes as submitted.

**Presentation: Innovation District Subarea (42<sup>nd</sup>/46<sup>th</sup> Street) Study**

**Lucia Garsys, Chief Development and Infrastructure Services Administrator, Hillsborough County**

**John Patrick, Executive Planner, Public Works, Hillsborough County**

Ms. Garsys provided a presentation of a study of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 46<sup>th</sup> Street area near the University of South Florida, including land use planning, budgeting, policy alternatives and community needs. Ms. Garsys indicated that the study is considering changes as part of a whole system rather than single elements of change. The study is looking at different areas to determine commonalities and feel they have developed a comprehensive plan and now need to develop a strategic detailed plan. Ms. Garsys stressed that each area may have different needs and should be treated differently to meet those needs.

The board engaged the speaker with many questions concerning boundaries of the area under consideration, retail use, pedestrian safety, design, land use redevelopment, the use of yellow flashing beacons, student needs, timeline and ways to encourage less driving.

Ms. Garsys answered questions and summarized what they are looking at, and working with many cities, counties, studies and scopes to determine the best options to proceed.

**Presentation: Fowler Avenue Streetscape Project**

**Jeff Trim, P.E., Project Manager, Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants**

Mr. Trim provided an update on the findings of the Fowler Avenue Streetscape Project, from 30<sup>th</sup> Street to 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants is working with the Innovation Alliance on the Fowler Avenue plan. Mr. Trim described the three concept plans that were developed based on differing levels of growth. Mr. Trim shared that Tampa was recently listed in “Dangerous by Design” as the 7<sup>th</sup> most dangerous city for pedestrians and emphasized that we should revise Fowler to be safe for pedestrians. Mr. Trim showed an example of a section that added bicycle lanes, widened sidewalks and reduced speed for vehicles. Mr. Trim shared that the preliminary design will be delivered to Florida DOT next week.

The board asked Mr. Trim several questions including the timeline for the proposal, costs, traffic considerations, peak traffic times, TDM considerations, public transit considerations, safety, streetscaping and boundaries of the modifications.

**Round Robin Updates**

The Hillsborough County MPO is working on VisionZero and will have upcoming workshops. Hillsborough County calendars and annual reports were available for distribution.

**Announcements**

The NNTA is actively recruiting a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. If anyone is interested in serving in this capacity, contact Sara Hendricks at [hendricks@cutr.usf.edu](mailto:hendricks@cutr.usf.edu).

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.