

New North Transportation Alliance Advisory Board Meeting Minutes--DRAFT

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 8 a.m.

Attendance

Lisa Montelione	City of Tampa, Council Member, District 7
Brad Parrish	City of Temple Terrace
Tom Locke	University Mall
Joseph Michalsky	USF Student Government
Pete Hewitt	Bavarian Village
Fredric Zerla	University Square Civic Association and THAN (Tampa Homeowners An Association of Neighborhoods)
Sebrina Posey	for Suzanne Tate, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital
Barbara Donerly	USF Facilities Planning and Construction
Katina Kavouklis	Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Nina Mabileau	City of Tampa
Christian Wells	USF Office of Sustainability
Julie Bond	NNTA
Jason Jackman	CUTR Safe Routes to School
Sara Hendricks	NNTA
Edward Hillsman	CUTR
Jennifer Iley	CUTR

Welcome/Introductions

Barbara Donerly, Chair of the NNTA, welcomed attendees and asked for round robin self-introductions.

Approval of March Minutes

The March meeting minutes were approved.

Presentations and Discussion

Presentation: Brad Parrish, City of Temple Terrace

Brad Parrish gave a presentation about the Temple Terrace Citywide Multimodal Transportation District. For its efforts, the City of Temple Terrace was one of only 19 cities in the entire nation recognized as a Walk Friendly Community, a program sponsored by the USDOT FHWA, FedEx and the UNC Highway Safety Research Center. A Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD) is a Florida state designation for a district designated by a local government to provide pedestrian improvements and other multimodal improvements as a priority over passenger car level of service. The MMTD is an alternative for local governments to achieve "concurrency", providing for adequate level of service at the time that new development is occupied. Temple Terrace's MMTD is being completed in two phases. Phase I represented the development of comprehensive plan goals, policies and multimodal level of service standards, and a capital improvements program that provides for capacity improvements such as multi-use paths, bike lanes, sidewalks, and transit facilities supported by a transit overlay. These improvements will provide transportation at much lower cost than highway widening. The costs will be paid for, in part, by a mobility fee paid as part of the land development approval process. Phase II includes the creation of flexible code guidelines for implementing the MMTD. The guidelines for land adjacent to major transportation corridors differ from those for other land parcels. Examples of guidelines include shorter block lengths to make it easier to walk, cross access pathways between adjacent developments, parking incentives for alternative vehicles, such as bicycles, carpools, and golf carts, shared parking agreements between adjacent land owners, landscaping, and pocket parks along

major corridors. Some of these ideas may be challenging to implement, requiring added coordination, such as co-locating cross access between two adjacent land owners so that they connect.

Dialogue with Guest: Lisa Montelione, Tampa City Council, District 7

Lisa Montelione, newly elected Council Member for the City of Tampa, District 7, met with the NNTA Advisory Board to discuss the transportation issues of the New North area and talk about priorities and approaches for improving transportation services. Council Member Montelione was appointed by the Mayor to the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the appointed body of multijurisdictional representatives that decide upon the allocation of federal funds for the long term development of regional transportation facilities. Ms. Montelione chairs the Livable Roadways Committee and the Planning, Zoning, Building and Preservation Committee. She also serves on the Hillsborough River Interlocal Board and the Affordable Housing Committee. Ms. Montelione said that her district includes both North Tampa (south of USF) and New Tampa that extends to the Pasco County line. Ms. Montelione said that her constituents want circulators that provide transportation between their subdivisions and retail centers, parks, and other destinations. Bike paths are no longer for recreation only. She said that land developers are waiting to better understand how new state legislation affects growth management regulations. Location is key to a developer and local governments must be cautious about their new power to enact unlimited comprehensive plan amendments. The City and County must coordinate regulations to remove temptation of developers to play the County against the City. The construction industry is interested in sustainability because of market demand and because of energy savings. Ms. Montelione said that if we want to compete in a global economy we must develop a transportation system that provides regional access that is fast and safe. Ms. Montelione encouraged NNTA to continue our outreach to build stronger business sector partnerships. When the business community understands the advantages of better transit, the business community will fuel growth of transit options.

Advisory Board Updates

Barbara asked for updates from NNTA members. Tom Locke talked about the new Fast Train adult training center for computer sciences and medical sciences at the University Mall, in addition to the new House of Hoops, a “Hard Rock Café” for basketball players. Tom also described local business partners organizing with the USF President to develop the Innovation Zone, an initiative to improve the appearance of the area west of USF. Brad Parrish reported that main street redevelopment in Temple Terrace is proceeding, and there will be a new art center. Fred Zerla reported experiencing the advantages of HART bus service from the Tampa International Airport to his home. Nina Mabileau reported that new bridge construction over I-75, connecting New Tampa Blvd. and Commerce Park Blvd., will be underway in July, and Cross Creek Blvd. between Cory Lake Isles and Morris Bridge Road is being designed for 4 lanes. The City is looking for construction funding opportunities. Nina also suggested that Bruce B. Downs Blvd. has a reserved 20-foot transit corridor on the east side that the County might consider for some service alternatives. Nina also suggested that there are coordination opportunities between the Hillsborough MPO, the City of Tampa and the City of Temple Terrace with regard to the MPO’s Phase II bicycle planning efforts. Barbara Donerly reported that the road safety study on 50th Street between Fletcher and Fowler Avenues is complete and that a draft of the USF Tampa Campus Master Plan update will be available in the fall. Christian Wells reported that USF students have been successful generating much press attention from convincing President Genshaft to take a ride on the Bull Runner. Sebrina Posey reported the efforts of the VA Hospital to reach out to the community about the comprehensive health care services available and the VA Hospital is looking for community events and venues to participate in. Tom Locke invited the VA Hospital to set up exhibits at the University Mall on a Saturday afternoon. Nina also suggested the commissary at MacDill Air Force Base.

Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m., with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2011.