

New North Transportation Alliance (NNTA)  
 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
 Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 8:00-9:30 a.m.  
 USF Center for Urban Transportation Research

**Attendance**

Mariann Abrahamsen	City of Temple Terrace
Julie Bond	NNTA/CUTR
Leland Dicus	Hillsborough County Public Works
Christine Epps	NNTA/CUTR
Chaddy Hanwisai	USF Facilities Management
Sara Hendricks	NNTA/CUTR
Rebecca Hessinger	Hillsborough County Economic Development
Karen Kress	Tampa Downtown Partnership
Eric Larson	Tampa Innovation Alliance
Nina Mabileau	City of Tampa
Saroj Nagle	Citizen
Erica Nelson	UACDC
John Patrick	Hillsborough County Planning
Phil Winters	NNTA/CUTR
Aiah Yassin	Hillsborough County Public Works
Fred Zerla	University Square Civic Association and THAN
Rob Zimprich	UACDC

**Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m. by NNTA Co-Director, Sara Hendricks, who welcomed members and visitors and asked for a round of introductions.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion that was seconded to approve minutes from the November 14, 2018 NNTA meeting.

**Presentation: University Area CDC's Neighborhood Transformation Strategy**

**Erica Nelson, Harvest Hope Community Manager**

Ms. Nelson presented information about the Harvest Hope community project. With a focus on 20<sup>th</sup> Street, this is part of the UACDC's holistic clustered community approach to area revitalization. Students from Mort Elementary School who wanted to access the Harvest Hope Park did not have a safe place to walk. Transportation is a barrier to sports participation. The UACDC developed a Community Safety Action Plan, led by Ken Stapleton, out of which a community investment program includes sidewalks, traffic calming, lighting, signage and wayfinding and stormwater solutions. These efforts to restore the community are attracting new investment, including the Blue Sky 115 affordable apartment high rise development on the northeast quadrant of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Fletcher Avenue. It will include retail and office space.

Ms. Nelson distributed a handout. John Patrick of Hillsborough County said that plans are underway for intersection and pedestrian/bicycle improvements in the University Area, along 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This is an opportunity for the County and the UACDC to work together. A UACDC Partners Coalition meeting is scheduled for January 24 at 8 a.m. <http://www.uacdc.org>

### **Hillsborough County Sidewalk Prioritization Methodology**

#### **Leland Dicus, Director, Technical Services Division, Hillsborough County Public Works**

Mr. Dicus gave a presentation about the Pedestrian Facility Improvement Program. Mr. Dicus said that the need for sidewalks is illustrated by the 30 percent of Hillsborough County residents who are transportation disadvantaged (Source: Census, Planning Commission). The Hillsborough County School District is withdrawing courtesy busing from residential areas located less than two miles from a school. In addition, public health is now a factor considered as part of studies and planning. Instead of a reactive, request-based approach that looks primarily at roadway speed and crash rates, the County is now applying a proactive data driven approach that begins with a network screening that includes road segment risk analysis, using mapped crash locations. The approach considers sociodemographic aspects. The County seeks datasets and input from partners.

High risk locations, especially around schools, bus stops, and pedestrian generators and attractors, will advance to project development. Project development includes field audits, and consideration of countermeasures, enhancements and alternatives. There are over 3,000 miles of County roadway and one half have sidewalks. It would cost almost \$1 billion to retrofit all roadways with sidewalks. The Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners has committed \$15 million over 10 years for sidewalks. New revenues from the surtax will add \$3 million of available funds for sidewalk improvements. The network screening phase has identified 1,800 high risk road segments. Retrofit will cost an estimated \$190,000,000. The highest risk are moving to project planning, at an estimated cost of \$35 million.

Attendees identified areas of need, including Harvest Hope area, Fowler, Fletcher, and Bruce B. Downs Blvd. in the vicinity of the VA Hospital. The Temple Terrace representative asked about the process of providing input. This would include developing a list and submitting to the County, community meetings, submitting service requests at <http://www.HCFL.gov> and staff coordination. The City of Tampa representative suggested that this is a good time for HART to discuss with NNTA about HART plans for transit routes and bus stop access needs, since new surtax revenues will go to HART.

Project level performance will be assessed by project status and costs. Network level performance measures will consider crash rates and risk score, percentage corridors enhanced and sidewalk completed, and the weighing of program funding versus needs.

Fred Zerla announced the City of Tampa mayoral forum on Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. A City Council forum is on Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Hills Community Center.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The next NNTA meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2019.