

**CITY OF TAMPA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2005-2006  
December 15, 2005**

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**Block Club:** Area VII

**Neighborhoods:** Lowry Park, North Lowry Park, Sulphur Springs, Forrest Hills, Blue Sink/Curiosity Creek, North Tampa Community, University Square, Hillsborough Heights, Terrace Park, and Temple Crest.

New Tampa-Brookfield, Deer Creek, Cypress Green, Espirit, Fox Chase, Heather Downs, Hampshire, Hampton on the Green, Heritage Oaks, Hunter's Green, Lakeside, Laurel Ridge, Lockwood Links, Magnolia Chase, Nathan's Court, Oakcrest, Osprey Point, Pinnacle, Quail Creek, Richmond Place, Stonebridge, Tampa Palms, Waterforde, Wynstone.

**Boundaries:** Fowler Avenue (north); Sligh Avenue (south); City limits (east); City Limits/Armenia Avenue (west) and New Tampa Annexation.

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**Need and Recommendation 2. Need Flooding Problems Fixed.**

**On the south corner of N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street and E. 109<sup>th</sup>, the entire intersection at N. Lantana and E. 109<sup>th</sup>.**

**These areas flood with just a small amount of rain. They have been fixed before, but it did not last very long.**

**Response:** From Alex Awad, Engineer III, Stormwater, 274-7865. The drainage area is located in the lower Hillsborough Drainage basin. The system drains to the north along 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue drainage pond. The Maintenance and Operations Division will look at system for functionality. Please call the Maintenance Yard at 622-1901 as soon as you observe a flooded condition.

**Update:** From Alex Awad, Engineer III, Stormwater, 274-7865. The Maintenance and Operations Division has checked system for functionality. Please call the Maintenance Yard at 622-1901 as soon as you observe a flooded condition for recordation and monitoring.

**Need and Recommendation 3. Continuation of Sidewalk.**

**From 1005 Wilma Street East to N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street or as far as practical.**

**There is a lot of foot traffic on Wilma and a sidewalk up to 1005 Wilma. Then it stops. The residents in the area would benefit by having this sidewalk continue on eastward.**

**Response:** From Jan Washington, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8303. Each year, new sidewalk locations are selected from our database as candidates for construction based on citizen input, constructability, budget constraints, and a benefit/cost ratio. Citizens can submit site specific requests anytime during the year and they will be evaluated. We retain the information until the sidewalk is built. If a citizen is interested in the current “ranking” of any requested segment, they are encouraged to call the Sidewalk Section at 635-3407 for information.

We evaluated the requested location and consider it to be a priority 3 concern. The following work orders are in our database:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Work Order#</u>	<u>Segment: From: To</u>
3	6720	Wilma: Brooks to 14th
3	6719	Wilma: 13 <sup>th</sup> to Brooks
3	6718	Wilma: 12 <sup>th</sup> to 13th
3	6717	Wilma: 12 <sup>th</sup> to 11th
3	6157	Wilma: 10 <sup>th</sup> to 11th

**Priority 1-**Severe damages in highly traffic areas.

**Priority 2-**Severe damages in low traffic areas.

**Priority 3-**Standard New Sidewalk Construction Request.

**Need and Recommendation 4. Sidewalk on Aster Street from Linebaugh Avenue North to E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

**Many residents have asked for a sidewalk along Aster. There are many children that use this street to travel north and south. Parents would like to see a sidewalk to ensure children’s safety.**

**Response:** From Jan Washington, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8303. Each year, new sidewalk locations are selected from our database as candidates for construction based on citizen input, constructability, budget constraints, and a benefit/cost ratio. Citizens can submit site specific requests anytime during the year and they will be evaluated. We retain the information until the sidewalk is built. If a citizen is interested in the current “ranking” of any requested segment, they are encouraged to call the Sidewalk Section at 635-3407 for information.

We evaluated the requested location and consider it to be a priority 2 concern. It would support pedestrian traffic to a park on the west side of the roadway. We have determined it to be constructable, and the following work orders are in our database:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Work Order#</u>	<u>Segment: From: To</u>
2	6702	Aster: Linebaugh to Poinsettia
2	6701	Aster: Seneca to 108th
2	6700	Aster: Chilkot to Seneca
2	6699	Aster: Holland to Chilkot
2	6697	Aster: Poinsettia to Bougainvillea

**Priority 1-**Severe damages in highly traffic areas.

**Priority 2-**Severe damages in low traffic areas.

**Priority 3-**Standard New Sidewalk Construction Request.

**Need and Recommendation 5. Sidewalk on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.  
From Busch Boulevard North to E. Wilma Street.**

**Many children use N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street to walk to the local mini mart and adults walk to the Laundromat. The foot traffic is constantly obstructing traffic. This is a high drug dealing area. Sidewalks would discourage drug dealers to be hanging out beside the road.**

**Response:** From Jan Washington, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8303. Each year, new sidewalk locations are selected from our database as candidates for construction based on citizen input, constructability, budget constraints, and a benefit/cost ratio. Citizens can submit site specific requests anytime during the year and they will be evaluated. We retain the information until the sidewalk is built. If a citizen is interested in the current “ranking” of any requested segment, they are encouraged to call the Sidewalk Section at 635-3407 for information.

We evaluated the requested location and consider it to be a priority 3 concern. The following work order is in our database:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Work Order#</u>	<u>Segment: From: To</u>
3	6696	13th: Busch to Wilma

- Priority 1-**Severe damages in highly traffic areas.
- Priority 2-**Severe damages in low traffic areas.
- Priority 3-**Standard New Sidewalk Construction Request.

**Need and Recommendation 6. Sidewalk on E. Juneau.  
From Nebraska Avenue East to N. Marks Street.**

**It would be better for the area, if the sidewalk would run the entire length of Juneau. The residents would like to get the project started for whatever is practical from Nebraska Avenue East.**

**Response:** From Jan Washington, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8303. Each year, new sidewalk locations are selected from our database as candidates for construction based on Citizen input, constructability, budget constraints, and a benefit/cost ratio. Citizens can submit site specific requests anytime during the year and they will be evaluated. We retain the information until the sidewalk is built. If a citizen is interested in the current “ranking” of any requested segment, they are encouraged to call the Sidewalk Section at 635-3407 for information.

We evaluated the requested location and consider it to be a priority 2 concern. There is evidence of heavy pedestrian and child activity, being the main thoroughfare for the neighborhood, so it has a higher benefit/cost ratio. We have determined it to be constructable on the south side of the roadway, provided easements and rights-of-way issues can be resolved. If not, then installation may occur on the north side for a few segments, due to limited rights-of-way. The following work orders are in our database:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Work Order#</u>	<u>Segment: From: To</u>
2	6715	Juneau: 9 <sup>th</sup> : Nebraska
2	6716	Juneau: 10 <sup>th</sup> : 9th
2	6736	Juneau: Alaska: 10th
2	6737	Juneau: 11 <sup>th</sup> : Alaska
2	6738	Juneau: 12 <sup>th</sup> : 11th

2	6739	Juneau: 12 <sup>th</sup> : 13th
2	6740	Juneau: 13 <sup>th</sup> : Klondyke
2	6741	Juneau: Klondyke: Brooks
2	6742	Juneau: Brooks: 14th
2	6743	Juneau: 14 <sup>th</sup> : Mulberry
2	6744	Juneau: Mulberry: Marks
2	6745	Juneau: Marks: Semmes
2	6746	Juneau: Semmes: 17th
2	6747	Juneau: 17 <sup>h</sup> : Elmer
2	6748	Juneau: Elmer: 18th
2	6749	Juneau: 18 <sup>th</sup> : Hillsborough
2	6750	Juneau: Hillsborough: 19th
2	6751	Juneau: 19 <sup>th</sup> : Ogontz

NOTE: Existing sidewalk on north side of Juneau from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13th

**Priority 1**-Severe damages in highly traffic areas.

**Priority 2**-Severe damages in low traffic areas.

**Priority 3**-Standard New Sidewalk Construction Request.

**Update:** From Jan Washington, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8303. The Juneau- 9<sup>th</sup>- Nebraska sidewalk is under consideration to be built in FY06.

#### **Need and Recommendation 7. Traffic Calming Devices on E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

##### **Between N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Nebraska Avenue.**

**Speed tables already exist from N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street West to N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The speed tables need to continue west from N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Nebraska Avenue. The community has problems with speeders using the street as a cut through to avoid Fowler Avenue. Teens use E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a racing strip. Many children use E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue to get to Shaw Elementary School. School buses and tractor trailers speed up and down E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Speed tables would stop or at least curtail the problem.**

**Response:** From William Porth, Transportation Technician, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. A speed study has been requested for E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue between N. Nebraska Avenue and N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The estimated time of completion is approximately 12 -16 weeks. After the speed study has been completed, our findings will be shared with you. If you have not received an update on the speed study after this 16-week period, please contact us at 274-8333.

Before considering the installation of speed tables or any other traffic calming measures, a documented speeding problem must exist. This documentation takes place once the Transportation Division staff conducts a speed study and substantiates the existence of a speeding problem.

Speed studies determine the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is the speed at, or below which, 85% of the observed free-flowing vehicles travel. Currently, the Transportation Division, in cooperation with the Tampa Police Department, considers speeding a problem at a point in which 85% of the motorists are traveling 10 mph or more above the designated speed limit.

The City of Tampa has documented over 226 locations city-wide with speeding problems. Of the 226 locations, 156 of them qualify for traffic calming measures because they are classified as local residential or Neighborhood Collector roadways.

As each new speeding location is documented, they are added to the Speeding Location List (SLL). This list contains all of the locations in the city that have documented speeding problems. The SLL is a prioritization tool and a prerequisite prior to considering a location for traffic calming measures. The SLL ranks speeding locations by the greatest differential between the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed and the designated speed limit. This sorting ranks the worst speeding locations first and as each new speeding location is documented and added to the SLL, rankings change.

**Update:** From William Porth, Transportation Technician, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. On Monday, 10/31/05 a 24-hour speed and volume study was conducted on the aforementioned street. The designated speed limit for this section of roadway is 30-mph. The resulting 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 36.9-mph. Based on the results of this study; E. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue from N. Lantana Avenue to N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street does not appear to be experiencing an excessive speeding problem.

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**Need and Recommendation 8. Request Public Park on city owned property.**

**Located at N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, between North 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North 24<sup>th</sup> Street and North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.**

**The property was once used as a training site for heavy equipment operators.**

**This property is almost one city block in a neighborhood that is in great need of more parks, as per the City of Tampa's Parks and Recreation report of 2004 (See Attachments B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4). This property is boarded by single family homes. North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street is a major pedestrian thoroughfare for the children of Van Buren Middle School. This property would make a safe haven for children and homeowners in the neighborhood. This would also create a green space in the middle of homes and high traffic roads.**

**Response:** From Alex Awad, Engineer III, Stormwater, 274-7865. The Stormwater Department does not object to the use of a portion of the Stormwater property along 22<sup>nd</sup> between 99<sup>th</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> for park amenities. As stated previously the upland portion of the property is most desirable. The Parks and Recreation department will have to construct and maintain the amenities that are desired.

**Response:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. From previous requests, Parks and Recreation has installed picnic tables at this site in Fiscal Year 2004. Parks and Recreation will investigate further developments of this Stormwater site. Note, that a portion of this site is a wetland and not appropriate for further development.

**Update:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Department will develop a conceptual design, but must meet with other departments and conduct a cost analysis.

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