

**CITY OF TAMPA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2006-2007  
December 5, 2006**

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**Block Club:** Area V

**Neighborhoods:** Parkview, Courier City/Oscawana, North Hyde Park, Old Hyde Park, Historic Hyde Park, New Suburb Beautiful, Bayshore Gardens, and Palma Ceia Park.

**Boundaries:** I-275 (north); Euclid Avenue (south); Bayshore Blvd. (east); MacDill Avenue (west).

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**Need and Recommendation 1. Stormwater runoff.**

We strongly recommend the City of Tampa Stormwater Department address the stormwater runoff problems that exist in the communities of Benjamin 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> addition to West Tampa and the community of North Hyde Park.

The existing boundaries are north of Kennedy Boulevard to the south side of Laurel Street, and west side of Armenia Avenue to the eastside of Willow Avenue.

During the rainy season, the existing streets will flood and present a major problem for anyone traveling in or out of the community. This flooding causes major damage and difficulties to neighborhood homes and businesses.

**Response:** From Michael Burwell, Supervisor, Stormwater, 274-7864. The streets for this project may need to be completely rebuilt in order to accommodate additional curbing. Coordination with the Transportation Department is needed for the reconstruction efforts. A grant has been requested from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for FY2008 to perform a master basin plan and implement it over the next three years.

## **Need and Recommendation 2. Traffic enforcement throughout the community.**

**Traffic enforcement must improve for Albany Avenue and Fremont Avenue. Vehicles have been reported traveling in excess of 40-50 mph. This includes traffic flowing between Laurel Street and Kennedy exceeding 25 mph speed limit. It has been documented that most of the shortcut violators travel through our community from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We request all documentation in reference to studies made for future calming devices, studies made in the North Hyde Park community and any speeding location list (S.L.L) that has occurred in the past year (2005).**

**This is a heavily populated community, which includes elderly, teenagers, and disabled individuals living in the North Hyde Park community. The speeding vehicles traveling through our community place members of our community in great danger, when crossing the street any place along N. Fremont Avenue and N. Albany Avenue.**

**Response:** From William Porth, Traffic Studies Technician, Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works, 274-8333. Traffic enforcement is provided by the Tampa Police Department (TPD) whom you may contact at 231-6130 directly with your circumstance.

With reasonable advanced notification, public records (historic traffic studies) are available for review at 306 E. Jackson Street, Tampa, Florida 33602, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, east wing. Additionally, copies are available for purchase at a price of \$0.15 per copy plus tax. In order for Transportation staff to research the public records and provide them in a timely manner, please call 274-8333 in advance with the specific locations or studies of concern.

**Response:** From Bob Guidara, Police Major, Police Department, 931-6595. District I will work with Traffic Engineering to assure the signage is properly and sufficiently posted. Officers will monitor the area for violators and cite as necessary. The zone officers on day shift and evening shift will conduct a zone initiative in the area to combat the problem. District enforcement logs will be kept in order to monitor the success of the initiatives. The traffic squad will also be contacted regarding the issue and the District will work with them at this location for resolution.

**Update:** From Major Robert J. Guidara, Tampa Police Department, District III, 276-3700. District I personnel were assigned to work with Traffic Engineering to assure signage was properly and sufficiently posted. Zone officers were assigned to monitor the area for violators and cite as necessary. Lieutenant Gerry McNamara, District I, advised that in the North Hyde Park area at Riverfront Park officers issued 25 traffic citations.

In reference to the complaint of trucks driving on W. Carmen between Albany and Howard, officers met with the business owners who were having deliveries made by trucks using this street. After being warned, the problem appears to be resolved.

Mr. Robert Allen had a complaint of speeding on Albany from Kennedy Blvd. to the interstate during peak hours. The last speed study done for this area was in June 2004. At that time, Albany was

posted a 25 mph with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 37 mph. This area continues to be monitored by patrol units, but no citations have been warranted.

During the month of August, officers followed up on a prior complaint from a resident at 1109 Albany, of vehicles exiting from the on-ramp of the interstate and traveling southbound on Albany. Officers monitored the complaint and issued 126 traffic citations.

Officer Edward Bowden, District I, has remain in contact with Mr. Robert Allen and acts as a liaison for complaints. Mr. Allen has since changed his Neighborhood Watch meetings from monthly to quarterly.

### **Need and Recommendation 3. Curbing throughout the community.**

**Street curbing is requested for the following locations:**

- a. **W. Carmen Street, between N. Howard and N. Rome Avenue**
- b. **N. Fremont Avenue, between W. Cypress and W. Cass Street.**
- c. **W. Gray Street, between N. Howard and N. Rome Ave.**
- d. **W. Lemon Street, between N. Albany and N. Armenia Avenue**
- e. **W. Laurel Street, between N. Albany and N. Rome Avenue**
- f. **W. Nassau Street, between N. Fremont and N. Rome Avenue**
- g. **W. Grace Street, between N. Albany and N. Rome Avenue**

**Curbs are needed to assist in the prevention of soil erosion and to accommodate the new and the old sidewalks located in the North Hyde Park community. Curbing will enhance street parking in various neighborhoods.**

**Street curbing would also assist in the speed of stormwater drain-off and serve to keep debris from flowing into catch basins, causing them to become the catch-all for heavy debris flowing from various locations in the community.**

**Response:** From Michael Burwell, Supervisor, Stormwater, 274-7864. The city does not install curbing to slow erosion of property. Curbing can also create hazardous conditions by removing recovery areas and creating deterrents to parking. Further, curbing does not protect the stormwater system from debris. For these reasons curbing is not recommended for this area.

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