

**CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2003-2004
January 6, 2004**

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-75 (north); Euclid Avenue (south); Bayshore Blvd. (east); MacDill Avenue (west).

Contact Person: Mr. Robert L. Allen, Chairperson
301 N. Fremont Avenue
Tampa, FL 33606
Phone: 254-6844 (h)

Need and Recommendation 1. Street Paving, Curbing and Speeding.

- a. **Requesting copies of traffic study conducted in the NAP area, copies of cave-ins at Westland to Gray Street, and copies of speeding report conducted by Tampa Police Department, District One.**
- b. **Paving of streets: N. Fremont Ave., from Cypress to Cass, W. Carmen Street, N. Howard Avenue to N. Rome Avenue.**
- c. **Brick repair for street N. Westland, W. Kennedy Boulevard to W. Gray Street(please do not remove the antique bricks), where repair work is being conducted.**
- d. **Curbing W. Fig Street, N. Albany to N. Fremont. W. Gray Street, N. Howard Avenue to N. Rome Avenue, W. Carmen Street, N. Howard Avenue to N. Rome Street.**
- e. **Twenty-five miles per hour speed signs on N. Fremont Avenue, N. Albany Avenue, W. Cass Street and W. Cypress Avenue.**

Response to a.: From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. Major Police Officer Smalley of the Tampa Police Department contacted Mr. Robert Allen in reference

to his request for statistical data on April 10, 2003. It was determined that the information that he requested was not available at this time. Master Police Officer Smalley initiated a new traffic complaint based upon Mr. Allen's request. It will take approximately 2-3 weeks before TPD can respond to this request.

Update to a.: From Paul Smalley, Tampa Police Department, 276-3471. A traffic complaint was originated based upon information received from Mr. Robert Allen on April 16th, 2003. Complaint #03-45 listed the problem streets identified by Mr. Allen and surveys were conducted utilizing the departments Kustom Smart Traffic Trailer. Based upon Mr. Allen's requests, the trailer was placed in the areas of N. Albany Street between West Kennedy Boulevard and West Cypress Street, West Cypress Street between North Howard Avenue and North Boulevard and West Cass Street between North Howard Avenue and North Boulevard. Zone officers were also deployed into the area to conduct enforcement. The results of the surveys showed that the majority of the vehicular traffic was traveling at an acceptable rate of speed. During the first part of May 2003, Mr. Allen was provided with copies of the traffic surveys for the roadways that he identified.

Response to a.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. Many attempts and messages were made to Mr. Allen but to no avail. The request for copies of a traffic study conducted in the North Hyde Park area, the contact person needs to provide us additional information regarding the type of study that was done and the specific location where the study was done. Upon receipt of this information, the Transportation Division will furnish the appropriate documentation.

Response to b.: From Scott Shaw, Operations Division, 622-1955. Fremont Avenue is identified for paving in the future. This location will be reviewed at the time the requested paving locations are scheduled.

Response to c.: From Scott Shaw, Operations Division, 622-1955. This need to restore brick streets first appeared in 2000, and reappeared in 2001. We determined that the depressions in the brick are due to pipe failures, and when they are fixed, the Department of Sanitary Sewers are to restore the brick streets.

I suggest the contact person for the neighborhood call Mr. Steve Sweeney directly at 259-1702, and request they restore these depressions in the brick and provide a written response as to when they anticipate doing the work. We will attempt to retrieve the file for the cave-ins, which was done two years ago, and provide a copy of the report to the requestor.

Update to c.: From Scott Shaw, Department of Public Works Operations Division, 622-1955. Department of Public Works has repaired the settled brick areas on Westland Avenue.

Response to c.: From Steve Sweeney, Department of Sanitary Sewers, 259-1702. A meeting was held on-site at Westland: Kennedy to West Gray Street, attended by Department of Public Works and Department of Sanitary Sewers. The Department of Sanitary Sewers was aware of problems between Kennedy and North "A" and repairs were made the brick pavement was replaced over a year ago.

We are in the process of reviewing the televised tapes to determine whether our wastewater collection system is the cause of the problems. We may have to re-televiser those lines, if it is determined that the problems are related to the wastewater collection system and we will make the necessary repairs and brick replacement at that time.

Update to c.: From Brad Baird, Deputy Director, Wastewater Department, 259-1702. The depressions in Westland Avenue from W. Kennedy Boulevard to W. Gray Street were caused by a failing sanitary sewer line. This line has been rehabilitated and the brick street restored at each depression.

Recent televising of other sewer lines in the immediate vicinity of the above sewer line has revealed other failing lines. The Wastewater Department is in the process of rehabilitating or replacing these failing sewers. Where sewer facilities lie beneath brick streets, brick streets will be restored.

Response to d.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The Department of Sanitary Sewers will install curbing for aesthetic reasons, or to prevent washouts from residential property. The criteria for providing curbing is:

1. The curbing will stop water from the right-of-way from entering and flooding private property.
2. The curbing will solve a severe erosion problem adjacent to the pavement.
3. The curbing will enhance the drainage system by channeling the stormwater runoff to an inlet or grate system.

Update to d.: From R. Michael Salmon, P.E., Director, Stormwater Department, 274-8771. A correction needs to be made to Department comment stating: "The Stormwater Department will not install curbing for aesthetic reasons, or to prevent washout from residential property."

Response to e.: From William Porth, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. We are in the sixth year of a ten-year City-wide Speed Limit Reduction Program. The premise of the program is to reduce the speed limit on all local streets and qualifying neighborhood collector streets in the City of Tampa by installing 25 mph speed limit sign where these streets intersection arterial and collector roads. In order to effectively and appropriately lower the speed limit at the requested locations, the consideration of a larger area is necessary. Approximately, (74) 25 mph speed limit signs would need to be installed. The North Hyde Park and West River Front Neighborhoods will be scheduled together to receive 25 mph speed limit signs within the next (4) years.

Update to e.: From William Porth, Traffic Analysis Section, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. We tentatively plan to review the area bounded by Kennedy Boulevard on the south, Boulevard on the east, I-275 on the north and Howard Avenue on the west. This includes the North Hyde Park and West Riverfront Neighborhoods. Local streets at appropriate locations in the above bounded area would receive 25 mile per hour (mph) signs. 25-mph speed limit signs should be installed within fiscal year 2004.

Need and Recommendation 2. Bush Removal, Commercial Vehicles, Tree Trimming, 4-Way Stops, Illegal Dumping, and Noise.

- a. **Heavy bush located at Fremont and Fig Street.**
- b. **Fremont Avenue and North "A" Street, heavy trucks traveling along Fremont, Albany, Gray and State Streets.**
- c. **Trees need trimming for pole numbers:**
 1. **2453841370 located at 301 N. Fremont**
 2. **2453754179 located at 1700 N. "B" Street**
- d. **4-way stop located at Rome and Cass Street.**
- e. **Illegal dumping in alleyways at Rome and Cass Street.**
- f. **Loud noise at Fremont, Albany, North "B" Street, and Fig Street.**

Response to a.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks Department, 931-2121. The Parks Department will investigate the problem, and provide an appropriate solution and resolve the problem.

Update to a.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Parks and Recreation Department will trim and remove any scrubs that impair the sight lines.

Response to b.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The City of Tampa Truck Route Ordinance restricts the use of City streets by through trucks transporting goods throughout the City to only designated routes. However, trucks may deviate from a designated truck route and travel on any street in order to make a delivery, pick-up or service call to a destination, provided that the routing used minimizes the distance traveled over non-truck routes.

The Transportation Division frequently installs "No Trucks" signs where restricted streets intersect with designated truck routes. A recent survey found that several "No Trucks" signs are posted on Fremont Avenue, Albany Avenue, North "A" Street and Gray Street prohibiting the use of these streets by through truck traffic. In addition to installing "No Trucks" signs on State Street, further enhancements to the existing signage will be made. We anticipate the new signage to be in place within 12 weeks.

It would also be helpful if residents could provide our office with the company names and truck numbers of any trucks they see deviating from approved truck routes. This information would allow us to contact the trucking companies directly. The Transportation Division will then request the Tampa Police Department to monitor these streets and enforce any posted truck restrictions.

Update to b.: From William Porth, Traffic Analysis Section, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. Work requests have been completed and submitted to the Transportation Division's Street Maintenance staff for completion. The installation of the new "No Truck Sign" on State Street and enhancements of existing "No Truck Signs" posted on Fremont Avenue, Albany Avenue, North A Street, and Gray Street are awaiting completion.

Response to c.: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning, 274-7884. An investigation of these locations has been initiated and will be forwarded to the Parks Department. Please direct your inquiry to the Parks Department for scheduling.

Update to c.: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning, 274-7884. Tree trimming at 301 N. Fremont was completed on July 7, 2003. Tree trimming at 1700 N. "B" Street has been included in the Pruning Program and will be done in the near future.

Response to d.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The Transportation Division will conduct an Engineering Study to determine if 4-Way Stop Control is justified at the intersection of Rome Avenue and Cass Street. We anticipate completing the study

by mid-June of 2003. At that time, the neighborhood representative will be contacted by our office and given a detailed explanation of the study findings and results. A copy of the study will also be made available upon request.

Update to d.: From William Porth, Traffic Analysis Section, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. The Traffic Studies staff conducted a 4-way stop study on April 9, 2003. Cass Street traffic volume was 3,671 (44%) of the total intersection volume. Rome volume was 4,580 (56%) of the total intersection volume. Rome is considered the minor street and is currently the Stop Street. There were five (5) collisions in 2002. Cass is considered the major street and its 85th percentile speed is 44 miles per hour (mph). This 85th percentile speed allows for the reduction in volume warrants to 70% volumes.

The major street (Cass) had ten, 1-hour periods that exceeded the 210 vehicles per hour warrant. The minor street (Rome) had twelve 1-hour periods that exceeded the 140 vehicles per hour warrant. Of these twelve, ten correspond to the major periods.

The Traffic Studies staff recommends that this intersection become a 4-way stop. A work request will be submitted to have the additional signs installed in the near future.

Response to e.: From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. The Tampa Police Department will coordinate cleanup with Solid Waste and work with code enforcement to identify source of waste.

Update to e.: From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. I spoke with Mr. Allen on November 26th, 2003 and he stated that this problem had been resolved at this area.

Response to e.: From Varghese Jacob, Admin. and Fiscal Office Manager, Solid Waste Department, 348-1104. Solid Waste Code Enforcement has been notified to monitor the area. All illegal dumping problems in public property or City right-of-way should be reported to Solid Waste Code Enforcement Division at 348-1114.

Response to f.: From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. Officers will contact Chairperson Allen to identify time of noise and then identify the source. The Tampa Police Department will then take corrective action to abate the noise.

Update to f.: From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. This problem still continues and is under investigation.

Need and Recommendation 3. Repair Pot Holes, Cave-ins, Repair Basins, Clean Catch Basins, Bush Trimming/Removal, Parkway Tree and Bush Trimming and Cleaning.

- a. **Pot holes on North "A" Street, 1900 block.**
- b. **Cave-ins at 209 Westland Avenue.**
- c. **Potholes located at the intersection of North "A" Street and Westland Avenue.**
- d. **Catch basins located at intersection of North "A" Street and Westland Avenue.**
- e. **Albany Avenue and Fig Street, heavy bush (shrub) located along North "A" Street, South side at Fremont, and Fremont Avenue and Fig Street.**

Response to a. and c.: From Scott Shaw, Operations Division, 622-1955. These needs first appeared in 2000, and reappeared in 2001. We determined that the depressions in the brick are due to pipe failures and when they were fixed, the Department of Sanitary Sewers is to restore the brick streets. An on-site meeting has been arranged with Mr. Steve Sweeney from the Department of Sanitary Sewers to discuss the status of the restoration.

I suggest the contact person for the neighborhood call Mr. Steve Sweeney directly at 259-1702, and request they restore these depressions in the brick and provide a written response as to when they anticipate doing the work. We will attempt to retrieve the file for the cave-ins, which was done two years ago, and provide a copy of the report to the requestor.

Update to a. and c.: From Scott Shaw, Department of Public Works Operations Division, 622-1955. The Department of Sanitary Sewer corrected their piping problems, and Department of Public Works repaired the settled brick areas.

Response to b.: From Scott Shaw, Operations Division, 622-1955. This need first appeared in 2001 as part of a larger request for the segment from Westland to Gray. The cave-ins at 209 Westland have been repaired.

Response to b.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. Within 7 days Stormwater Maintenance will inspect the area for cave-ins to the facilities. If the cave-in problem is a Stormwater problem, it will be scheduled for repair within 45 days. In the future, please contact the Maintenance Division at 622-1901 as soon as possible if you observe such issues.

Response to d.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. Stormwater system will be inspected/cleaned within 60 days.

Update to b. and d.: From R. Michael Salmon, P.E., Director, Stormwater Department, 274-8771. These requests have been completed.

Response to e.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks Department, 931-2121. The Parks Department will investigate the bush cleaning and trimming, and provide a solution to resolve the problem.

Update to e.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Parks and Recreation Department have cleaned the bush area and placed the area on a quarterly cleaning schedule.

Submitted by: Wesley Weissenburger
1919 1/2 W. North Street
Tampa, FL 33606-1512

Need and Recommendation 4. The following is being requested:

- a. Lower speed limits in the community on outside streets.
- b. Streets and potholes repaired, and streets paved.
- c. Large clean-up dumpsters four times a year for everything.
- d. Sewer lines, catch basins, and cave-ins replaced to stop flooding.
- e. Trees (around lighting) trimmed.
- f. Shrubs at corners trimmed.

Response to a.: From William Porth, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. We are in the sixth year of a ten year City-wide Speed Limit Reduction Program. The premise of the program is to reduce the speed limit on all local streets and qualifying neighborhood collector streets in the City of Tampa by installing 25 mph speed limit sign where these streets intersection arterial and collector roads. The remaining neighborhoods are projected to be complete within the next four to five years.

Update to a.: From William Porth, Traffic Analysis Section, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. We have completed the selection process for the seventh (7) year of a ten (10) year

City-wide Speed Limit Reduction Program. However, we did not select streets from the requested area bounded by Hillsborough Avenue on the South, Rome Avenue on the east, Sligh Avenue on the north and Armenia Avenue on the west for fiscal year 2004. However, this and the remaining neighborhoods and surrounding areas are projected to be completed within the next three (3) to four (4) years.

Update to a.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Engineer, Transportation Division, 274-8122. All local streets and qualifying neighborhood collector streets in the requested area bounded by Hillsborough Avenue on the south, Rome Avenue on the east, Sligh Avenue on the north and Armenia Avenue on the west are scheduled to receive 25 mph signs in fiscal year 2005.

Response to b.: From Scott Shaw, Operations Division, 622-1955. A Work Order has been issued to repair one pothole and one area needing asphalt, hopefully within the next few weeks.

Update to b.: From Scott Shaw, Department of Public Works Operations Division, 622-1955. The pothole has been repaired, and the area needing asphalt.

Response to c.: From Varghese Jacob, Admin. and Fiscal Office Manager, Solid Waste Department, 348-1104. Large dumpsters for common use are not recommended because it will attract illegal dumping especially illegal dumping of hazardous materials. Periodic clean-ups can be done through NEAT program or through neighborhood mini-clean-ups. To organize a community mini-clean up, please contact Solid Waste Department at 348-1151.

Response to d.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. System will be inspected, cleaned and replaced if necessary. As soon as you observe a problem, feel free to call the Maintenance Yard at 622-1901.

Update to d.: From R. Michael Salmon, P.E., Director, Stormwater Department, 274-8771. This request has been completed.

Response to e.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks Department, 931-2121. The Parks Department will investigate the problem, and provide an appropriate solution to the problem.

Update to e.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Parks Department has lowered the hedges and uplifted trees to improve sight lines and lighting.

Response to f.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks Department, 931-2121. The scrubs will be trimmed on an as needed basis.

Update to f.: From Ross J. Ferlita, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Parks and Recreation Department have trimmed the scrubs and will maintain them on an as needed basis.