

Mayor Castor's Advisory Teams

Transportation Advisory Team – Chair Dr. Robert L. Bertini

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Visit Tampa Bay - Conference Room Suite 2900

201 N. Franklin Street

Tampa, Florida 33602

Mayor's Lead for Transition Carole Post introduced herself. Ms. Post welcomed Mayor Castor.

Mayor Castor opened the meeting with introductory remarks thanking Ms. Post for being her "party of one" transition team. Honorable Harry Cohen and City of Tampa CFO Sonya Little were thanked for their participation.

Mayor Castor said that transportation is one of the most crucial topics for the City of Tampa and the entire community. She would like the Transportation Advisory Team to examine several key areas, including: what the City can do to make our modes of travel safer for our community; what we can do quickly, such as repaving sidewalks; providing LED lighting to have safer streets through illumination; looking at varied transit options, other than just cars; and provide transportation greenways to connect neighborhoods.

Mayor Castor thanked Chair Bertini for overseeing this team and the members for taking time to be involved.

Chair Robert Bertini thanked the team for bringing their expertise to the table and asked them to think about who is not at this table during this process, particularly future generations. The meeting participants each introduced themselves.

Marcella Hamilton provided an overview of Public Records and Sunshine Laws and asked the team members to review the handout in their folders.

Sunshine Laws

The team is subject to the Sunshine Law. Team members are prohibited from discussing team business outside of a properly noticed meeting. The meetings will be open to the public and minutes will be taken. Staff from the Office of the City Clerk will post the meeting notices and will prepare the minutes. Members may have one-way email correspondence. The team was directed to forward any correspondence to **Marley Wilkes** for distribution.

Public Records Laws

Any document/transmission submitted or received by a team member related to the team's business is a public record, including emails. If a member receives a request for a public record, forward it in a timely manner to Ms. Hamilton. All questions about Sunshine or Public records should be directed to **Assistant City Attorneys Marcella Hamilton** or **Ernest Mueller**.

Marketing and Communications Director Ashley Bauman – "One Voice" – Media Requests

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Dr. Bertini introduced **Marketing and Communications Director Ashley Bauman** who spoke briefly about the City's '**One Voice**' policy and reminded the group to forward all media requests to her office at (813) 390-7455 or via email to Ashley.Bauman@tampagov.net.

Bauman alerted the group to the Mayor's Advisory Team web page online at tampagov.net/t3. The community may now participate by completing an input form online. Carole Post will be providing follow up and a summary to the teams.

Dr. Bertini then introduced City Staff to provide an update on current state Transportation activities and initiatives.

Transportation Current State - Professional Engineer Milton Martinez

Martinez provided a power point presentation which is posted on the City's website.

Transportation Advisory Team Discussion

- Looking for quick wins and long-term goals – especially what can we implement now!
- Integrate planning between departments and other agencies when scheduling projects
- Resurfacing around schools/right-of-ways
- Coordinate lighting projects with TECO
- Get multiple agencies together to save on resources and maximize cost sharing
- Create wish lists funded/unfunded – w/other agencies to increase funding sources
- Need performance measures to track progress
- Need game changer projects/ideas to take city beyond incremental changes
- Engage private partners for day-to-day actions
- Identify and build upon what we do well – identify what we do not do well
- Look at light rail, transit systems, connectors to neighbors from Pinellas to Hillsborough
- Need to attract best and brightest here with quicker commutes/local community connectors
- Set framework to get more riding same system to work – better and closer mobility/bus lines
- More Greenways – enhance frequency of Downtowner – Streetcar Projects
- Build upon existing/approved projects, e.g., new span on H. Franklin Bridge to support light rail/bicyclists/pedestrians
- Identify appropriate funding sources, e.g., DOT/County/Federal
- Consider adding requirements to new developments such as new sidewalks/poles
- Look at transit routes to improve wait time/less travel between connecting routes
- Scooters/sidewalk projects provide mobility in/out of the county with hubs/connections
- Compare services elsewhere (St. Pete) that provide modes other than autos; consider networks and policies

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- Identify traffic patterns/streets to avoid using for quicker transits
- Move Trails oversight from Parks & Rec. to Transportation Dept. to enable potential new funding sources
- Review existing data such as Pinellas Trails surveys which show users do not have access to cars/busses
- Invest in sidewalk trust funds/ADA compliant for wheelchairs
- Gather statistics about road crossings, e.g., top 10 avoidable accidents include motorcyclists
- Vision Zero - In 2018 = 179 killed – so far for 2019 = 90 killed
- Integrate art/murals along roadways helping to slow down traffic
- Lack of needed crossings on Hillsborough/Busch/Fletcher roadways
- Immediate safety needs- eliminate up to two-year wait to install needed crosswalks
- Need to identify whom to contact to bring about changes
- Need education/enforcement for roundabouts and flashing yellow pedestrian signs
- Need crossing intersections to get to key roads/reducing distance to cross (Fowler)
- Consider pedestrian cross-overs – look at changing visual widths (Bayshore) shaping for safety

Technology

- Flashing crosswalks are not working along Bayshore
- Time needed to evolve/transform for safety/mobility
- Collaborate parking apps/all in one
- Lighting/color signals; long signals/walking and driving
- Everyone should have access to technology
- E-scooters technology launches to future technology
- Pedestrian signals often do not work

Parking Issues

- Next generation may be renting out private driveways- may not need/use cars
- Some say not enough parking now - may not need in 20 years
- South Tampa – need to prevent parking on both sides of same street; emergency vehicles and waste collectors unable to access roadways
- Residents currently do not pay to park on city streets
- City Council and city staff differ on parking issues
- Seek out creative alternatives possible rail solution – parking is empty in core areas
- Resources/parking plan could be shared effort – important to get community input/needs
- Provide a clear road map of practical solutions within the City of Tampa

Outreach

- Need to engage community associations/public

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- Build trust – not everyone has ability to come to meetings
- Focus on CSX corridor/regional needs and knowing who to talk to
- Growth in region – future needs – where are we going to live/commute
- Pinellas residents are coming here for employment
- Organize with HART to build trust – try to get all agencies under one umbrella
- Implement what you can now – what is within our influence that can enable quick wins!

Team Members Tasks

- Review discussion list/key points
- Contact agencies to collect available data-bring back
- Compare City of Tampa with other cities/communities and list what we have and do not have
- Next meeting to create specific ideas to get us to a finish line within 90 days.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Location to be determined.

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Support Technician Karencia Ciagala