Keystone Community Meeting

July 13, 2010

*Ned Baier made a presentation on the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan*

Q: Say we’d like to add a bike lane like Gunn and some other roads, do you then get how much it’s going to cost and then try to put that into some kind of budget – how exactly does that work, it’s got to cost money to do that

A: The MPO does that as part of the transportation plan. The county has a corridor preservation plan that identifies what will be needed in the future.

Q: Can you translate what deficient roadways mean in relationship to the community plan?

A:It would be more difficult for any development to occur. Since there are no road widenings called for in the plan, there might be some pressure to widen some of these roads like Gunn Highway.

Q: In terms of definition, what does constraint mean?

A: Constrained by policy that’s in the comprehensive plan, community impact, high transportation cost, right of way acquisition.

Q: What does deficient roads mean?

A: Roads that are over capacity for levels of service

Q: What the correlation of accidents on failed roads?

A: I don’t think there’s any direct correlation to calling it deficient. More accidents is not a criteria used in developing levels of services.

*Chris Bridges, public works department, gave a presentation on current and planned projects*

Q: What is the purpose of the upgrade on the lights?

A:They are easier to maintain. They are state of the art.

Q: I would recommend a right turn lane going west on Tarpon Springs Road.

Q: Is a pedestrian feature part of this upgrade?

A: We typically add pedestrian features – a striped cross walk ADA ramps and walk/don’t walk signals

Q: How did this get on the work list in the first place, someone submitted it to you, who? How can we find out?

A: I can have you talk to the project manager, Gordon. This is the right time to have your voices heard if money could better be used.

Q: You said the roundabout is funded, that was surprising, we thought it wasn’t funded.

Q: When the Keystone Methodist Church school is a bigger size, there is a need for a turn lane, is that part of the plan?

A: I was told the roundabout is about a month away.

Q: We need to slow the traffic down

A: Right now we’re looking at alternatives to study.

Q: I think a roundabout is a good way to keep the speed lower – I think it’s a good option

A: We’ll bring pictures of rural roundabouts and residential roundabouts

Q: Who’s does the study of putting in roundabouts, I think it increases accidents because people don’t know how to use them.

A: We brought in an expert on roundabouts because we only have a handful in Hillsborough County

Q: What happens if you find there are more accidents after you put the roundabout in?

A: I imagine we would try to fix it. Take it out, put a signal in.

*Bill Hand made a presentation on the funded portion of the Upper Tampa Bay Trail*

Q: When do you foresee the target date as far as going down to Van Dyke?

A: We don’t have funding for that yet

Q: What is the separation between the intersection and your crossing?

A: About 100 feet

Q: That intersection is designated as our community center so anything we can do to increase traffic and use of that node is a wonderful thing. We have a desire to promote bicycle use and events in the area. Rural area is wonderful for bicycle activity – it’s basically low car counts – so you could set up a circuit out here and promote that. That trail is going to come very near and I would encourage it to come almost to the intersection at North Mobley and Gunn so we could build a community around that.

A: We’re looking at how to improve the shoulders on Gunn Highway. It’s on the Cost Affordable Plan

Q: Race Track, North Mobley, the entrance to the recreation center, how about the one on Lutz Lake Fern Road? Are there any accesses that you’re planning there?

A: No, that hasn’t taken off maybe at some point in the future

*Gena Torres made a presentation on the Transportation Long Range Plan*

*Marcie Stenmark made a presentation on Scenic Corridors*

Q: What is a marker sign?

A: A sign along the roadway that says this is a scenic corridor.

Q: There are no weight limit signs on the area roads, why?

A: I’m only aware that we post our bridges in the county

Q: Can we get a cross section of the roadway with the bicycle enhancements?

A: We are going to bring you some schematics