



Columbus Drive

CORRIDOR REDESIGN

MPO Committee Meetings
November 2014

Study Purpose

Columbus Drive & 17/18/19th Avenues
(14th Street to 40th Street)

- Scheduled for resurfacing FY16 - Hillsborough County
- Citizen & business request for redesign - City of Tampa, BOCC
- Teamed up with the MPO to study alternatives with other stakeholders



Community Outreach

“17th & N. 15th is a very dangerous intersection”

“Make area more pedestrian friendly with lighting”

“Crosswalk that leads directly into Academy Prep.”



“Street parking on Columbus is a must!”

“West bound right turn lane for trucks at 40th St”

“Smoother travel across RR Crossings”



“Bike lanes or sharrows”



“People drive the wrong way on Columbus all day every day”

“Preserve/enhance historic lighting and install brick-paver crosswalks at the intersections”

Columbus Drive
 Metropolitan Planning Organization

The City of Tampa, at the request of citizens and business owners along Columbus Drive, has asked the Metropolitan Planning Organization to study the potential reconfiguration of Columbus Drive and 177/1819th Streets.

Why?
 Hillsborough County, which has jurisdiction over these roadways, will be repaving them soon. This may be the perfect time to suggest changes that better serve all of the residents and businesses in the area.

What is the purpose of this open house?
 We want to find out if there is support in the community for:

- changing the roadways to two-way
- adding on-street parking where possible
- encouraging the bulk of traffic to use Columbus Drive
- transforming 177/1819th Streets into a neighborhood corridor with safe walking and cycling

Come and provide feedback on the findings and potential improvements to Columbus Drive and 177/1819th Streets. We need your input to help us develop the study recommendations.

When/Where?
 Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014
 6:30-8:00 PM
 Academy Prep Center of Tampa
 1407 E. Columbus Drive
 Tampa, FL 33605

Maps and sketches will be available for inspection at the meeting and on the website at www.stamhillsborough.org/columbus-drive-study. There will not be a formal presentation. Staff will be available to answer questions.

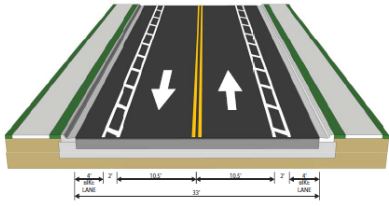
Share your thoughts! Please attend!

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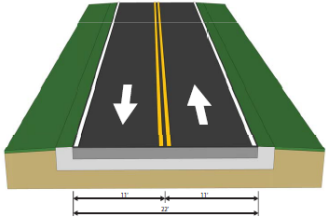
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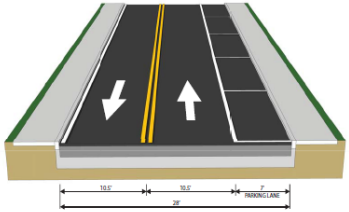
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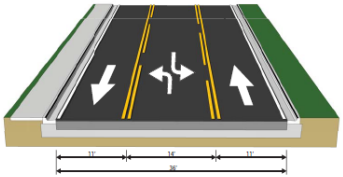
17th / 18th / 19th Avenues
From 15th Street to 40th Street



19th Avenue
From 40th Street to Columbus Drive



Columbus Drive
From 15th Street to 22nd Street

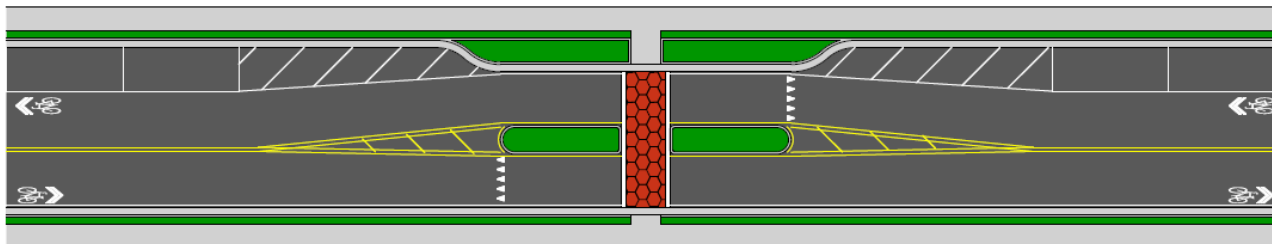


Columbus Drive
From 34th Street to 40th Street

Columbus Drive (Proposed)



17/18/19 Avenue (Proposed)



When asked if
supportive of the
roadways being 2-way,
over 70% were
supportive or very
supportive

September 17, 2014 Public Meeting

Columbus Drive
CORRIDOR REDEFINITION

1. With the resurfacing of Columbus Drive and 17/18/19th Avenues, would you be supportive of the roadways being changed to 2-way traffic?

Very Supportive Supportive Neutral Concerned Unacceptable

Why do you like or not like the idea of 2-way traffic:

2. If you did not already indicate on the display boards, are there specific locations you see people driving the wrong-way, parking in the street or on the sidewalk, walking & cycling, reoccurring crashes or near-misses?

3. Improvements that may be included with the resurfacing are crosswalks, on-street parking and bike lanes where they fit or shared road markings in narrow areas. What other transportation treatments would you like to see if the budget permits:

More street lighting
 Landscaping
 Protected bike lanes
 High emphasis crosswalks
 More on-street parking
 Less on-street parking
 Comments? others street improvements?

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4. What do you think of directing more of the attention to safe walking, bicycling, and slower moving more of the traffic to Columbus Dr?

Neutral 2 = Concerned 1 = Unacceptable

5. In addition to the study recommendations when they are completed, please leave your contact information:

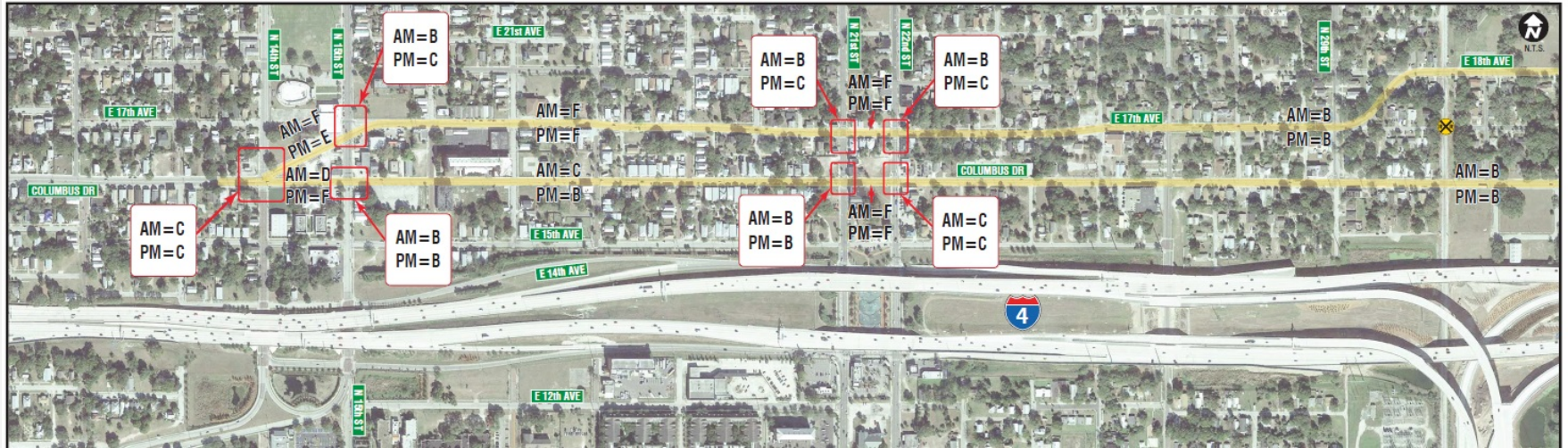
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 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

When asked thoughts on directing more traffic to Columbus:

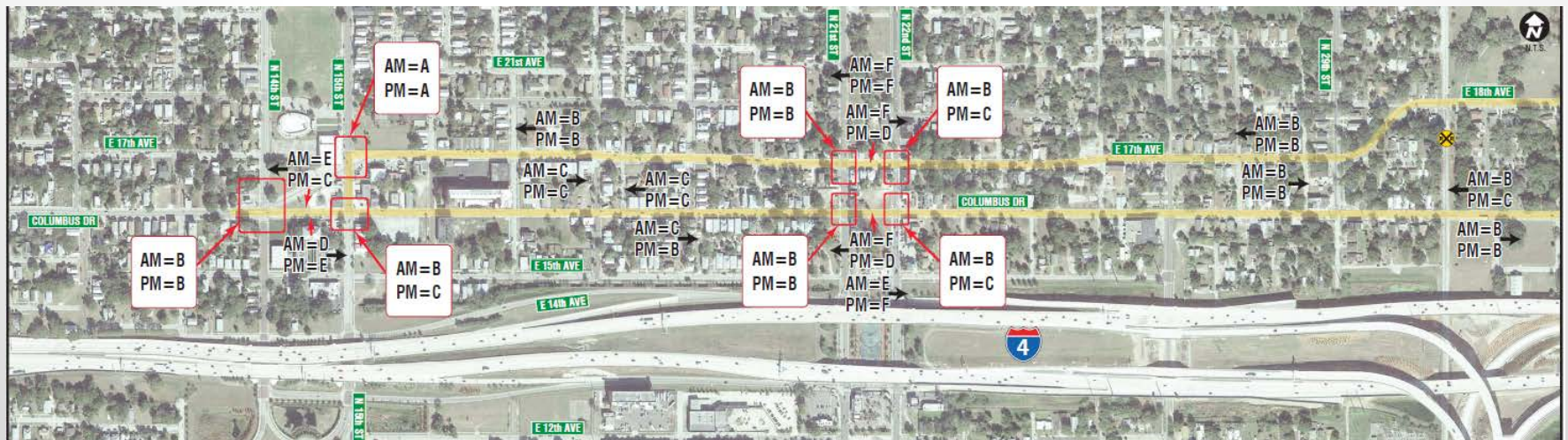
- This would bring in economic development and financial resources to the community
- People would be out at park & walking, meeting neighbors
- 17/18/19 will feel more like a neighborhood
- Safer if speed controlled
- Worried parked cars will get hit

Traffic Analysis – Level of Service

One-way



Two-way



Traffic Analysis – Travel Times

		Existing Year (2014)			
		Morning Peak Hour		Afternoon Peak Hour	
		One-Way	Two-Way	One-Way	Two-Way
Columbus Drive	EB	6:18	5:52	7:03	6:20
	WB	N/A	6:39	N/A	7:20
17/18/19	EB	N/A	4:54	N/A	4:53
	WB	6:00	4:29	6:20	4:31

Travel Times & LOS are the same if not slightly better than the current one-way travel times.

Draft Recommendations

- Two-way both corridors
- Columbus Drive – 2/3 traffic
- 17th/18th/19th Avenues – neighborhood
- On-street parking needed on both
- Accommodate truck deliveries

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N 15TH ST

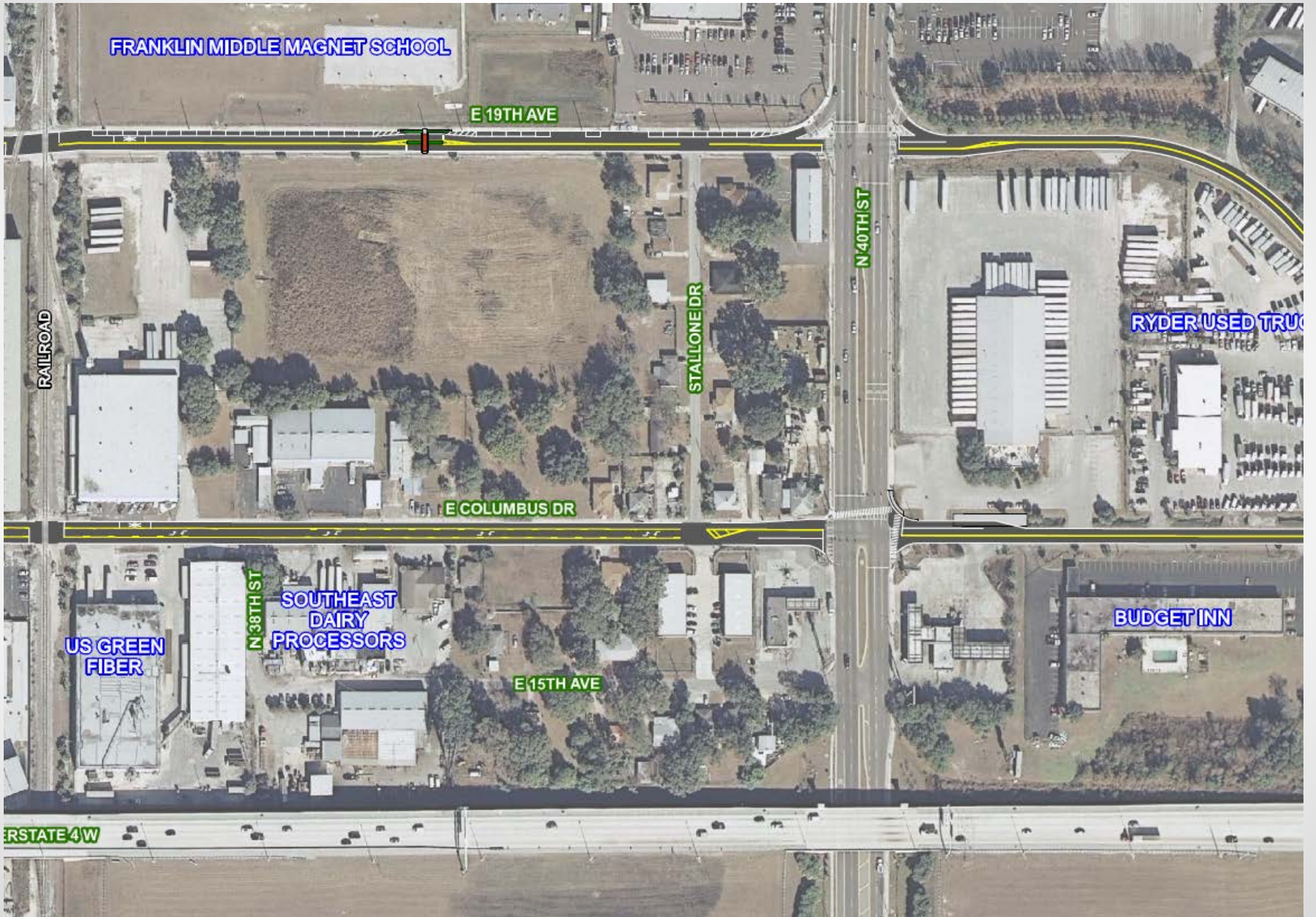
N 17TH ST

JC NEWMAN CIGAR

N 16TH ST

ACADEMY PREP
CENTER OF TAMPA





FRANKLIN MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL

E 19TH AVE

N 40TH ST

RYDER USED TRUCK

RAILROAD

STALLONE DR

E COLUMBUS DR

BUDGET INN

US GREEN FIBER

N 38TH ST

SOUTHEAST DAIRY PROCESSORS

E 15TH AVE

INTERSTATE 4W

Columbus Drive - BEFORE



Columbus Drive - AFTER



17th/18th/19th - BEFORE



17th/18th/19th - AFTER



Next Steps

- Meet with County and City on costs
- Public Meeting Early December 2014
- Presented to the MPO Board in January for approval