

School Transportation Working Group Succession Proposal after December 2018

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which provides transportation coordination and long-range planning, will be completing its role serving as host for the School Transportation Working Group. On February 2, 2016, the MPO Chair created the School Transportation Committee. With the great number of topics and geographic locations needing attention, monthly meetings for the first year were recommended. The inaugural meeting was on April 27, 2016. After each year, the schedule was reevaluated. Since there was momentum and more work to do, the MPO has extended the group's tenure twice. The last scheduled STWG meeting was December 5, 2018.

Coordination has occurred on many levels. Interagency partnerships have been busy problem-solving on a host of topics, from traffic circulation to walk/bike safety to school-pools and transit. The MPO funded, completed and then adopted the School Safety Study on July 31, 2018.

After reviewing adjacent jurisdictions and exploring existing safety groups and a meeting with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Gwynn and staff. MPO Staff suggested and the STWG approved the following proposal to continue the work the STWG set in motion. The three groups are described with contact information below.

School Board Transportation Committee:

The School Board understands that not all its work can be accomplished at regularly scheduled meetings of the entire Board, and that in order to dedicate the necessary time, expertise and focus on individual issues it may be necessary to utilize workshops and committees of the Board.

The board created the following shall be standing committees of the Board. Each committee consists of three Board Members and complies with all Sunshine Law requirements. The Board reserves the right to establish other committees as deemed necessary:

- Facilities
- Teaching & Learning
- Finance
- **Transportation**
- Legislative
- Communications
- Human Resources

Committees meet regularly at the Raymond O. Shelton School Administration Center (ROSSAC) and only recommend items to be considered by the full Board.

Transportation Committee	
Board Members	Senior Staff
Cindy Stuart	Chris Farkas, Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Melissa Snively	
Stacy Hahn	

School District School Circulation Committee:

Contact: Jamie Warrington, Manager- Safety & Training-Transportation Services, under Chris Farkas supervision. Jamie.Warrington@sdhc.k12.fl.us

At inauguration the committee is meeting frequently (bi-weekly) to address the backlog of site issues and address changes needed due to bell times revisions.

The School Circulation Committee is comprised of multi-disciplinary internal school district representatives from safety, transportation, growth management, sites, and security. The Circulation Committee addresses traffic, bike, and pedestrian circulation issues impacting schools and the surrounding communities by coordinating solutions with school administration and other local governmental entities. The committee is and invites attendance of adjacent jurisdictional/agency staff as needed. Example, Blake HS consulted with FDOT, Hunter Green City of Tampa and Farnell with Hillsborough County. In the fall of 2018 staff developed and began hosting an online request form and shared the information via Principals' Weekly Newsletter.

The Circulation Committee is complemented by the bi-monthly Hillsborough County/School District Coordination Meeting in which many departments of Hillsborough County coordinate growth management, planning and land use, real estate, architecture/construction, right-of-way and co-location (park and library) topics.

Contact: Coordination meetings are managed by Amber Dickerson, Manager- Growth Mgmt. and Planning/Planning and Siting, Amber.Dickerson@sdhc.k12.fl.us, (813) 272-4896.

Florida Department of Transportation District 7 Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST):

Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTSTs) are locally based, data- driven groups of highway safety advocates that are committed to a common goal of improving traffic safety in their communities.

CTSTs are multi-jurisdictional, with members from city, county, state, and occasionally federal agencies, as well as private industry representatives and local citizens. CTST boundaries are determined by the organizations comprising the team and can be a city, a portion of a county, an entire county, multiple counties, or any other logical arrangement. The Hillsborough CTST is boundary in the county.

Integrating the efforts of the 4 "E" disciplines that work in highway safety, (Engineering, Enforcement, Education/Public Information, and Emergency Services) is also encouraged. By working together with interested citizens and other traffic safety advocates within their communities, the CTSTs help to solve local traffic safety problems and promote public awareness of traffic safety best practices through campaigns that educate drivers, motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists about the rules of the road.

Each FDOT District has a full-time CTST Coordinator who works closely with the CTSTs in their geographic area. In addition, the State Safety Office has a Traffic Safety Program Manager who serves as a Central Office resource to the District Coordinators. The District 7 CTST Coordinator is Ginger Regalado.

Ms. Stuart began meeting regularly with FDOT's Hillsborough CTST in June 2018. In October, Ms. Stuart met with Sec. Gwynn and CTST staff regarding integration with CTST. FDOT is supportive of the idea to include STWG coordination, and even suggested a subcommittee to meet before or after CTST to address detailed initiatives. CTST will add the School District to their regular agenda for continued discussion of school related traffic concerns/changes. Jamie Warrington will be the school district's designated contact.

The District 7 Hillsborough CTST meets every 4th Wednesday of the Month from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. For meeting location <http://www.tampabaytrafficsafety.com/CTST/SitePages/Hillsborough.aspx>

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