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## Addressing Safety on Our Roadways

According to the *2002 Mean Streets* report, a publication of the Surface Transportation Policy Project, the Tampa-St. Pete-Clearwater metropolitan area ranked as the **2<sup>nd</sup> most dangerous large metropolitan area for walking** in the United States, with 178 pedestrian deaths in 2000 and 2001 combined. Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa had 52 pedestrian fatalities and 9 bicycle fatalities in 2002 alone. The number of bicycle and pedestrian injuries reported during the City and County for the same year topped 960. Sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, lighting and other design features can be used to improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The following questions and answers provide information on how pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers can request safety improvements or report a safety problem to the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County.



**See “Q&A” on page 3.**

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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## City Addresses Residents Concerns Via Online Customer Service Center

The City of Tampa's Online Customer Service Center at [www.tampagov.net](http://www.tampagov.net) allows citizens to make various safety/traffic related requests and to notify officials of a problem within the City, including the following not listed on pg. 3:

- **Traffic sign repair (down, missing, damaged, or faded)**
- **Traffic signal timing concern**
- **Issues related to traffic congestion and traffic enforcement**
- **School area safety concern**
- **Sidewalk damage repair and sidewalk installation requests**

## Upcoming Public Meetings

### Hillsborough MPO Long Range Transportation Plan & Local Governments' Comprehensive Plans

**April 22, 2004**

New Tampa Regional Library  
10001 Cross Creek Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33647

The Long Range Transportation Plan will identify transportation projects, large and small, that are planned to be in place by 2025. The comprehensive plans of the local governments guide growth and development and are designed to improve quality of life. **Public input will help define what transportation projects are included in this year's update of the Long Range Transportation Plan, and what topics will be considered in the coming updates of the comprehensive plans of Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and Hillsborough County.**

Visit [www.plan2025.org](http://www.plan2025.org) for more information.

### Regional Transportation Summit

Sponsored by the West Central MPO  
Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)

**May 14, 2004**

Franklin Templeton Investments, Inc  
100 Fountain Parkway in Carillon, Room 140-1A  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

**Help develop the 2025 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan for West Central Florida** – Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota Counties. The Plan contains high priority regional transportation investments for roads, public transportation, intermodal facilities and multi-use trails. Take this opportunity to **share your views on the region's priorities with key decision-makers.** The Regional L RTP will guide development of individual MPO Long Range Transportation Plans.

See [www.ccctransportation.org](http://www.ccctransportation.org) for more information.

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## “Commuter Center” at the University Mall Recently Removed

You may have noticed that the Transportation Information Center brochure rack at the University Mall is no longer located at the Mall's Guest Services Booth. The rack was removed to make guest services staff more accessible to shoppers. Commuters can still obtain HARTline bus route maps and schedules by requesting them from the guest services staff.

The mall is designing a new brochure rack that will be located in the vicinity of the Guest Services Booth in the near future. This rack will hold the carpool, vanpool, and Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) brochures and will provide space for mall stores to distribute information. In the meantime, **commuters looking for carpool, vanpool, and GRH information can request brochures from guest services staff.**



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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Master Plan Available Online

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Master Plan calls for on-street parallel parking, bus bays, large sidewalks on each side of the roadway, and bicycle lanes. These design elements will make traveling along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. On-street parallel parking will provide needed parking for future business while also calming traffic. Bus bays will allow traffic to flow more smoothly by creating a place where buses can load and unload without blocking the roadway. More information on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Master Plan can be obtained from Hillsborough County's Community Planning website: [www.hccommunityplanning.com](http://www.hccommunityplanning.com).

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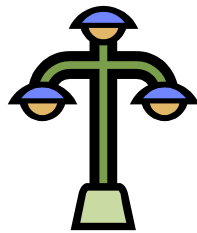
**FDOT**

"Q&A" from Page 1.

### **Q: How can I report a non-working street light?**

*A: Most street lights located **in Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa** are maintained by **TECO Electric**. To report a street light that is out or malfunctioning, record the 10-digit number on the tag of the light pole that is out or malfunctioning and call (813) 223-0800 or complete the form located on **TECO's website**: <http://www.tampaelectric.com/TEHMProductsServices.html>.*

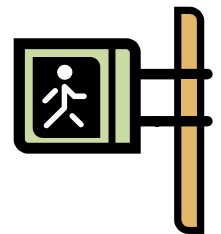
### **Q: How can I request street lights for my neighborhood?**



*A: If you live **in Hillsborough County**, you can contact the County's Traffic Services Division about their "Residential Street Light Program" – a program of the Public Services Department that helps neighborhoods get street lights. For detailed information, call 272-5551. **In the City of Tampa**, request street lights for a dark area on a public street by filling out the form with the City's Customer Service Center located at [www.tampagov.net](http://www.tampagov.net).*

### **Q: How do I request a new pedestrian crosswalk or new roadway pavement markings (centerline markings, travel lane markings through an intersection, edge of pavement markings, etc.)?**

*A: The City of Tampa has a formal system for these types of requests. Visit the customer service section of the website, [www.tampagov.net](http://www.tampagov.net) and do a search for the Street Marking Request form. Once you find the form, fill it out, and submit it to have a City official to review your request. **In Hillsborough County**, contact the Hillsborough Information Line at 272-5900 to be connected with the appropriate department.*



### **Q: How do the City and County decide which intersections need a traffic signal?**

*A: Traffic signal installations must conform to the US Department of Transportation FHA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. You can request a signal installation **in the City of Tampa** through their Customer Service Center at [www.tampagov.net](http://www.tampagov.net). The City will then conduct a comprehensive investigation of traffic conditions and physical characteristics of the location, traffic & pedestrian volumes, speed of vehicles on the uncontrolled approaches, and a one year accident analysis to determine if a traffic signal installation is necessary and feasible. **In Hillsborough County**, contact the Hillsborough Information Line at 272-5900 to be connected with the appropriate department.*



## What is the New North Transportation Alliance?

The New North Transportation Alliance is a **public-private partnership** that provides a forum to address the transportation needs of the New North Area.

The New North is the name given to a major destination area in Hillsborough County. It contains a **high concentration of employment and commercial activity where traffic congestion occurs**. The New North is the area generally bounded by Busch Boulevard to the south, I-75 to the east, 22nd Street to the west, and Bruce B. Downs Boulevard to the north.

### The Alliance's main goals are to:

- Reduce traffic congestion,
- Improve air quality, and
- **Promote commute options**, such as carpooling, vanpooling, transit, bicycling, walking, telecommuting, and compressed work schedules.

The Advisory Board is continuously seeking involvement from private-sector businesses in the New North area. By becoming involved or joining our board, your business will be given the opportunity to represent its interests and to share ideas with other businesses and agencies in the community.

## New North Community Announcements

**Want to save money & make better use of your time by carpooling or vanpooling...but don't know anyone to share the commute with?**

We may be able to help! Join the regional rideshare database by following the link on the **Commuter** page of our website, [www.newnorthalliance.org](http://www.newnorthalliance.org), or by calling 813-974-9799 to speak with a New North Transportation Alliance representative.

### Tampa Bay Interstates Website: *Photos & Project Information*

The FDOT's Tampa Bay Interstates website, [www.mytbi.com](http://www.mytbi.com), has photos and project information for current and future projects throughout the region, including the Downtown Tampa Interchange Project, the Links Project (SR60/I-275/Veterans' Expressway), the I-75 Widening Project, and many others.