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Tampa, Florida 33602  
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Court Reporter  
Notary Public

1 Ms. Mercedes Hearn  
2 7610 West Powhattan Avenue  
3 Tampa, Florida 33615

4 I approve of the Tampa, Hillsborough County  
5 Expressway because It would help the transportation of the  
6 county.

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8 Ms. Lorraine Overhuls  
9 7312 Mt. Vernon Road  
10 Tampa, Florida 33625

11 I am Lorraine Overhuls, from the Keystone Civic  
12 Association and I do not want the Expressway. I feel that  
13 all the other roads should be widened first and I just feel  
14 that we do not need to take residents in the Citrus Park area.

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16 Mr. George Overhuls  
17 7312 Mt. Vernon Road  
18 Tampa, Florida 33625

19 My name is George Overhuls. I am against the  
20 Expressway whole heartedly. I live off of Gunn Highway on  
21 Mount Vernon Road and I just bought this place back for  
22 retirement and I retired out there and I like it and I don't  
23 want it messed up. They can widen, if they widen Waters and  
24 Erlich Road and Gunn Highway, it will handle the traffic  
25 sufficiently. The other way, I can't see how it would help

1 anything. It would just have another congestion at the  
2 other end of the road in place of it, I-275. This way, we  
3 have access to town. We are still going to have to take  
4 Waters or Gunn Highway to get to town. It won't do us any  
5 good out there as far as traffic is concerned.

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7 Mr. Gregory J. Gruzdownich  
8 15908 Winding Drive  
9 Tampa, Florida 33624

10 My name is Gregory J. Gruzdownich. Basically, I  
11 live up in the Country Place Subdivision. And I am for an  
12 Expressway but I am for an Expressway only if it is the  
13 railroad alignment that swings out further to the west. I  
14 am concerned about the Le Clare alignment in terms of such  
15 things as not only the higher cost but also I am concerned  
16 about traffic through the subdivision that I live in. Not  
17 only the traffic but also the potential earlier access or  
18 easier access for crime in that area. So for basic safety  
19 and traffic reasons as well as the cost reasons, I am in  
20 favor of an Expressway only if it goes through that railroad  
21 alignment, west and north of where I live. Also in terms of  
22 the Expressway, I think it would be much more farsighted if  
23 and when the Expressway is originally built, that we build  
24 it with three lanes both ways right from the start. With  
25 the growth of Tampa and this area, I am sure that this type

1 of additional forefront in planning will help in traffic  
2 situations in the future. Instead of having to rebuild and  
3 start working on additional lanes after this is initially  
4 completed.

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6 Mr. Jim Herron  
7 2016 North Village Avenue  
8 Tampa, Florida 33612

9 My name is Jim Herron. I am a property owner  
10 in Hillsborough County. I am commenting regarding the  
11 Northwest Expressway. My feeling is that they haven't  
12 truly studied the alternate plans -- methods of trans-  
13 portation that could be available to people. That a light  
14 rail system would have a greater impact on people at far  
15 less cost. It would help the overall traffic flow. It  
16 could deliver the people downtown without crowding the  
17 already overloaded Interstate 75. And this is one  
18 alternative that needs to be studied before any plans  
19 proceed with an Expressway.

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21 Mr. Eugene C. Barnes  
22 6000 West Linebaugh Avenue  
23 Tampa, Florida 33624

24 My name is Eugene C. Barnes. I would like to  
25 oppose any limited access highway along Anderson Road from

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Waters Avenue to Linebaugh Avenue as proposed by the County. The State Road Department has set regulations on entrances into property off of roads from the intersection and that limit is 160 feet from the intersection that you can have an entrance onto a commercial piece of property. My piece of property is 200 feet of frontage on Linebaugh Avenue after the road right-of-way has been secured through the middle of my property. I own ten acres on Linebaugh Avenue which backs up to the railroad track and there is a canal that goes approximately 20 feet from my property line west. Which would give me absolutely no access onto my property off of Linebaugh with a limited access on Anderson Road. I have four and a half acres of property which my office sits on presently which I will not be able to use. I can understand limited access on major highways but for a matter of not more than one mile. I think it is absolutely ridiculous to have a test case on a limited access highways from the county on this particular project. Test cases are fine and good in some situations but I don't think it is applicable here in that all of the places on Anderson Road, north and south, of this one particular one mile strip from Gunn Highway, not even Gunn Highway, from Lynn Road to Waters Avenue is the only place that it would be limited access. And that property, less than a quarter of a mile is applicable to limited access highway. The rest of the land

1 is burrow pits and unusable land. All the other property  
2 along Anderson Road already has access. I would like to  
3 present strong opposition to limited access on Anderson  
4 Road.

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6 Ms. Alice Burhans  
7 7412 Mount Vernon Road  
8 Tampa, Florida

9 I am opposed to the Expressway. As I believed  
10 when I bought my place in 1971, it would be our last. We  
11 are very happy and it was just what we wanted and could  
12 afford. It is ours now and we have a fixed income and we  
13 can't see where we can get anywhere that we would like as  
14 well or feel as comfortable. Of course it is not important  
15 if we can have piece of mind, if it is that the Expressway  
16 be put a road where they want. Some of these people in this  
17 area are in their 70's and 80's and this is their home where  
18 they had hoped to live their last years and have good  
19 memories of their last major investment, just to have it  
20 taken away. If they would just improve roads that have been  
21 on the books, like Gunn Highway and some of the others, for  
22 14 or 15 years, we would still have our home and the  
23 Expressway would not be necessary. Where does the money go  
24 that was supposed to be used to improve these roads? To pay  
25 the bonds and improve on other roads. Like the Crosstown

1 Expressway. Which, if they wanted a race track they should  
 2 have built one with the money out of that. I would like to  
 3 see our railroad used as an arterial road to connect with  
 4 Hanley which would be an improvement to get some of the  
 5 traffic off of Dale Mabry and also off of Gunn Highway down  
 6 closer to Linebaugh. The money should be spent to repair  
 7 the roads that are existing. The people in Orange Grove  
 8 there, they don't like people using their road to relieve  
 9 some of the traffic on Dale Mabry. But if they want an  
 10 Expressway, I think it should be in their neighborhood.  
 11 Not ours where it is going to ruin my house. And I don't  
 12 know of anybody who really wants the Expressway unless  
 13 they do have some land that they want to get rid of. I  
 14 don't want to get rid of mine, so I am very much against  
 15 the Expressway.

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 17 Mr. Ralph Durhans  
 18 7412 Mount Vernon Road  
 19 Tampa, Florida 33625

20 I am Ralph Durhans. I live at 7412 Mount  
 21 Vernon Road in Tampa. It's a half block away from the  
 22 railroad right-of-way. My age is 78. We own our home  
 23 and have lived there 15 years and love the neighborhood.  
 24 I am very much against the Northwest Expressway because  
 25 I feel it would end up like the Crosstown Expressway.

1 Unused and a debt for the tax payers. Like the Crosstown,  
2 it would not connect to I-275 and soon they would say, if  
3 we extend it to I-275 it would pay for itself. That would  
4 boost the expected cost above the quarter billion dollars  
5 that is the present estimated cost. Better by far to put  
6 a public road on the railroad right-of-way and connect it  
7 on the south end with Hanley Road to make a direct route  
8 south for the people of Carrollwood, Keystone, Citrus Park  
9 and all the many new subdivisions in the northwest section  
10 of Hillsborough County. An unlimited access highway would  
11 better serve everyone in the northwest area without having  
12 to go to certain entrances and exits and points in paying  
13 tolls. Such a road would also have the advantage of going  
14 between Gunn Highway and Linebaugh Avenue with only one  
15 intersection and that with minor road. There would be the  
16 advantage of a limited access highway without the cost  
17 and disadvantages of limited access highways. In time,  
18 Hanley Road would probably have to be opened south of  
19 Hillsborough Avenue but that would be a big advantage even  
20 if the northwest -- that if they do use it. I thought  
21 they were going to leave the railroad at Gunn Highway and  
22 go east of it, but I see that they are going to. The next  
23 paragraph or two I just tell about the advantages of public  
24 road over the other, but I have another paragraph I would  
25 like to get into it. Even if the Northwest Expressway

1 gobbles up the railway right-of-way, the right-of-way south 9  
2 of Gunn Highway that will not be used for the Expressway  
3 should be made a public road to extend Hanley Road north  
4 to Gunn Highway. It would save two miles each way  
5 travelling from the intersection of Gunn and Sheldon Road  
6 to Waters and Hanley Road. It would also make the inter-  
7 section of Sheldon and Gunn a much safer intersection. It  
8 would turn it from a road with a turn from east and west to  
9 north and south, and a road coming in from the west to  
10 basically a crossroad intersecting at right angles which  
11 could have a traffic light or a four-way stop. This is a  
12 very dangerous intersection now, as the traffic accident  
13 reports would show.

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15 Ms. Helen Harrell  
16 8610 Beth Court  
17 Odessa, Florida 33556

18 My name is Helen Harrell. I live at 8610 Beth  
19 Court, Odessa. I feel the Northwest Expressway stretching  
20 the short distance from Dale Mabry and Van Dyke to  
21 Hillsborough and Eisenhower would not be a significant  
22 importance in city bound traffic that would be dumped  
23 at Eisenhower almost like a dead end. Considering the  
24 extensive studies that could have been done, the esti-  
25 mated cost of 252 million dollars plus \$2.50 daily round

1 trip totals per car. It sounds like a far too expensive  
2 package for a road that goes nowhere in either direction.  
3 It seems very likely that a great deal more could be  
4 accomplished by following some practical proposals which  
5 have been made for widening and extending some of  
6 arterial roads and using the railroad alignment. I  
7 attended this presentation and was shocked that  
8 nothing was said how we are going to pay for this  
9 most expensive road that will go to nowhere. Thank you.

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11 Ms. Patricia Giles  
12 8614 Tarpon Road  
13 Odessa, Florida

14 Pat Giles. It appears that the Northwest  
15 Express toll road is a plan that would benefit big  
16 developers that are overcrowding the area with such  
17 projects as the apartments on Van Dyke Road. This trend  
18 toward a bedroom type community is a far cry from the  
19 existing rural atmosphere preferred by long time residents.  
20 This ridiculously expensive proposed 17 mile stretch is not  
21 of practical use to the majority of our northwest residents  
22 and businesses. In fact, daily commuters would avoid the  
23 \$2.50 daily toll and continue to seek out the existing  
24 arterial routes. It is very unfortunate that the county  
25 planners have permitted over rapid growth before first

1 planning adequate roads and other services. Some people,  
2 particularly developers seem to get very thrilled over  
3 having Tampa become the next great city. Pinellas and  
4 Pasco Counties seem to handle very heavy traffic without  
5 subjecting their citizens to an extra expense of toll  
6 roads. In conclusion, I strongly favor the no build  
7 alternative, with the concentrated development of  
8 existing arterial roads plus using the old railroad as  
9 an additional road. And, I feel that the money should  
10 be much better used in this respect to relieve the  
11 problems in our community.

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13 Ms. Madella A. Robertson  
14 8903 Donna Lu Drive  
15 Odessa, Florida 33556

16 Madella Robertson. I oppose the Northwest  
17 Expressway because in a very recent survey, done by the  
18 Keystone Park Civic Association, results show that the  
19 residents of the Keystone Community are strongly opposed  
20 to burrow pits, 99% to 1%. And anymore burrow pits in  
21 our community to get dirt for the Northwest Expressway  
22 would simply destroy our way of life in our community.

1 Ms. Jo Schellenberg  
18420 Wayne Road  
2 Odessa, Florida 33556  
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4 My name is Jo Schellenberg. I am from the  
5 Keystone area. I oppose the Expressway. I do not feel  
6 that it could not really accomplish what they say it's  
7 going to do for the people in our area, such a bypass  
8 for the main traffic. What we need is other roads that  
9 would give us access to areas where we will be travelling  
10 and I just oppose the general thing. Plus how are we  
11 going to pay for this when we say we cannot afford to  
12 do the roads as they are now.  
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14 Ms. Lisa Horton  
6403 Ehrlich Road  
15 Tampa, Florida 33625  
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17 My name is Lisa Horton. I live on Erlich  
18 Road. I would like to express my opinion for no-build  
19 option as my first choice. The second choice would be  
20 the railroad. I don't believe that we need it. I think  
21 that they need to improve the existing roads with all  
22 the money.  
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1 Mrs. Francis W. Buchanan  
2 6401 Ehrlich Road  
3 Tampa, Florida 33625

4 Mrs. Francis W. Buchanan. I would not like  
5 to see this road come through. I don't want it. I never  
6 have wanted it. And if they have to, I would rather that  
7 they use the railroad alignment. Where we live is an ideal  
8 situation. We came back from Alaska back in 1969 and bought  
9 this property. We hoped that we would never have to move  
10 again and I am very happy with where I am at. And I think  
11 they should do another study and four lane these roads, like  
12 Gunn Highway, Ehrlich Road, Van Dyke, Sheldon, first before  
13 they do something like this, so we could stay where we are  
14 at. I think it would make alot of people happy. And I am  
15 going to remember the people that vote for it when I vote  
16 the next time, too.

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18 Mr. Earl L. Shafley  
19 4020-A Cortez Drive  
20 Tampa, Florida 33614

21 My name is Earl L. Shafley. I live at 4020  
22 Cortez Drive, Tampa, Florida. I am strongly and positively  
23 in favor of the Northwest Hillsborough Expressway. It is  
24 a wonderful plan to get some of the traffic off of Dale  
25 Mabry. If the Expressway is not approved, I strongly

1 recommend that all roads that cross or go to Dale Mabry,  
2 have a stop and go light, a red light, installed to safely  
3 permit access of people who are residents to that highway.  
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5 Ms. Rose M. Shafley  
6 4020-A Cortez Drive  
7 Tampa, Florida 33614

8 My name is Rose M. Shafley. I would like  
9 very much for the Northwest Hillsborough Expressway to  
10 be approved. It will take alot of traffic off of Dale  
11 Mabry and that would help me get on and off that road  
12 safely. Because of so much traffic, I fear for my limbs  
13 and life everytime I must get on that road and I must  
14 because I have lived on for four years and the traffic  
15 has doubled in that short time. Please help me live  
16 a normal life. If the Expressway is not approved,  
17 please put a red and green light at our road that  
18 crosses or goes to Dale Mabry so that I can get on  
19 that road and make a left or right turn easily.  
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21 Ms. Winifred Corn  
22 18018 Crawley Road  
23 Odessa, Florida 33556

24 Winifred Corn. I would just like to say  
25 that we need some very, very extensive roads in our area

1 that can help us to get in and out of town. It is just  
 2 getting to the point where it is impossible. And I think  
 3 that you are going to have to decide which is the best for  
 4 everyone and go ahead with it instead of opposing every-  
 5 thing that the commission or the people that are planning  
 6 the roads come up with. We ought to be in on the process  
 7 of getting the best for our money. And we are way behind  
 8 in getting what we need in our area. It should have been  
 9 done 15 years ago, what they are talking about today. It  
 10 is going to be obsolete by the time that it is built and  
 11 I just think that we need to get on with it. The only  
 12 problem that I can see is that I think that the traffic  
 13 is going to have a problem around the airport area if  
 14 everything is going to be coming into that area and  
 15 there is already an overload on the interstate even  
 16 though they widened it, it is going to need alot more  
 17 planning and I don't see why it has to come and terminate  
 18 into that area. It needs to be filtered out into other  
 19 areas.

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 21 Mr. Dennis J. Zent  
 22 14902 Knotty Pine Place  
 23 Tampa, Florida 33625

24 Dennis James Zent. I feel that the proposed  
 25 Expressway is going to add additional traffic, additional

1 complications to my way of life in that immediate area.  
2 And I do not feel that it is going to solve any of my  
3 problems going to and from my work place or destinations.  
4 I would much prefer improvement of the local access roads.  
5 I just feel that overall in summary that the Expressway  
6 is probably a little bit late in planning and the costs  
7 would be excessive. It will not be of use to myself in  
8 my travels. Therefore, I am opposed to the construction.

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10 Mr. David Wheeler  
11 4929 Pennsbury Drive  
12 Tampa, Florida 33624

13 My name is David Wheeler. I am opposed to  
14 Le Clare alignment. I am for the railroad alignment. I  
15 do believe that we do need an Northwest Expressway. I  
16 am opposed to the Lake Le Clare alignment due to the  
17 fact that Country Lake Drive would become a major access  
18 road to the limited access highway if it goes along Lake  
19 Le Clare and that road is not designed to be a major  
20 access highway. In addition, it presents serious safety  
21 problems to many children and residents along that  
22 street and in and off of the adjoining streets. In  
23 addition, the proposed elementary school would be  
24 across the limited access highway from the majority  
25 of the students exposing potential problems in terms

1 of crossing to get to the school. For those reasons,  
2 I favor the railroad alignment for the Expressway.

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4 Ms. Emagene Riek  
8205 Cosme Road  
5 Odessa, Florida 33556

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7 My name is Emagene Riek. I live at 8205  
8 Cosme Road, Odessa, Florida. And I would like to give  
9 a statement about how I feel about the Expressway going  
10 through. I think it is a great waste of money. I don't  
11 think it would be economically sound. I think the money  
12 they would spend, the great amount of money they would  
13 spend on this particular Expressway could be better spent  
14 upgrading the roads in Hillsborough County, especially in  
15 the northwest. I don't feel like that the amount of  
16 money it is going to cost should be spent this way. We  
17 have been promised so many times and for years and years,  
18 the upgrading of the roads out there. We haven't gotten  
19 it. They keep postponing it and postponing it. They say  
20 they don't have any money and yet they are going to spend  
21 all this time and money on a road that I don't believe  
22 will ever pay for itself. Is there anyway that they could  
23 look into upgrading of say, Gunn Highway to four lanes.  
24 They have been promising that for years. They haven't  
25 done it. Dale Mabry, now they say there is no money for

1 Dale Mabry. If they could extend, sat Eisenhower Boulevard  
2 past Waters on out, even to Gunn, I think that would help  
3 a great deal. Those are just one or two suggestions but  
4 if the officials would go into this to upgrade the roads  
5 that we have, we would not need this particular expressway.

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7 Mr. Dewey Riek  
8 8205 Cosme Road  
9 Odessa, Florida 33556

10 Dewey Riek. The Expressway was originally a  
11 good idea but they should have started to acquire the land  
12 at least ten years ago. Now the situation is almost impos-  
13 sible. They will have to run through all of these subdi-  
14 visions and dislocate so many people. It would be much  
15 better to upgrade the existing roads and rechannel the  
16 traffic better than it is now.

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18 Mr. M. E. Whatley  
19 7104 Midland Way  
20 Tampa, Florida 33625

21 My name is M. E. Whatley. I reside at 7104  
22 Midland Way which is in the Woodbriar West Subdivision. I  
23 strongly protest the Lake Le Clare alignment of the proposed  
24 Northwest Hillsborough Expressway for the following reasons.  
25 Number one, my property is located some 200 feet from the

1 right-of-way of the proposed alignment. Noise, air quality  
2 and visual pollution will greatly detract from the value of  
3 my property. But since none of my property would be taken,  
4 I have no leverage with the county and would suffer a finan-  
5 cial loss. Two, there is only one entrance to the Woodbriar  
6 West Subdivision. The entrance and exit approaches to the  
7 Expressway onto Ehrlich Road will make it difficult or  
8 impossible to make a left turn into or out of the sub-  
9 division. This presents a danger to residents who drive  
10 and the school children that must ride one of five school  
11 buses which stop in the subdivision or at its entrance.  
12 Again this presents a danger to me and my family and  
13 lowers the value of my property. Three, I will  
14 personally suffer a substantial financial loss and I am  
15 told that since none of my property is taken, I have  
16 no legal recourse with the state or the county. I do  
17 not believe the Expressway is economically feasible and  
18 I do not wish to see my county tax dollars used to sub-  
19 sidize a road which will cost me so much of my life  
20 savings. Therefore, I prefer the no-build option and  
21 failing that, strongly urge you to use the railroad  
22 alignment over the Lake Le Clare alignment.

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1 Mr. Hans L. Meier  
2 4808 N. Cooper Place  
3 Tampa, Florida

4 Hans Meier. 4808 North Cooper Place. Yes, I  
5 would prefer the Lake Le Clare route instead of the railroad  
6 connection. The Lake Le Clare route, I would prefer.

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8 Mr. Carl E. French  
9 16909 Tobacco Road  
10 Lutz, Florida 33549

11 My name is Carl E. French. The statement I  
12 want to make is the fact that I live out in the area where  
13 this proposed road is supposed to go. I disagree with the  
14 concept of the road entirely. The only people that I  
15 believe that need this road is the people that is going  
16 to make money off of it. Not the people that live there.  
17 And I would like to find out why that they cannot improve  
18 the roads in lieu of putting a new road in. Improve the  
19 roads that are existing, that's what they need to do  
20 because the Department of Transportation either can't  
21 manage to do the job that they are designed to do. So  
22 we would like to find out why they can't do what they  
23 are supposed to be doing what they were supposed to be  
24 hired to do instead of spending everybody's money for  
25 a road that nobody wants except the people that are

1 going to get rich on it. All right. So that's my  
2 statement and that's it. All right.

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4 Dr. Constantine Artzibushev  
16559 Hutchenson Road  
5 Odessa, Florida 33556  
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7 Constantine Artzibushev. I live on Hutchenson  
8 Road, 16559. In reviewing the routes that you have, I feel  
9 that the Lake Le Clare area is completely ridiculous from  
10 an environment standpoint. That's the first. Second, from  
11 a drainage system which crosses right through the -- it  
12 won't effect actually the traffic volume and only just  
13 to ruin the good residential image. Secondly, the route  
14 of railroad section, according to the plan goes close  
15 to Lake Pretty about 100 feet from the lake, which will  
16 be all drainage going to the lake which is also completely  
17 unphysical. The route should be changed. I am not  
18 against the Expressway per se. But I think the area and  
19 location is not right.  
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21 Mr. Gordon Mann  
5562 Pentail Circle  
22 Tampa, Florida 33625  
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24 Gordon Mann. I just feel that the Expressway  
25 or something like is needed in the area, I would feel that

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the railroad alignment is by far, the better of the two and that would uproot the least amount of people. And they already own most of the property to start that route, already, basically. That's about all.

Ms. Pat Mann  
5562 Pentail Circle  
Tampa, Florida 33625

I think they need to replace Kennedy because he has been very nasty through this entire thing and not cooperative with the homeowners whatsoever.

Ms. Lisa Hansen  
10611 N. 27th Street  
Tampa, Florida

Lisa Hansen. I have been living in Tampa for 11 years. I have been driving Dale Mabry over the years and I am glad to see that something is being done in an attempt to alleviate the situation because it has gotten to be an unbearable traffic situation.

Ms Marjorie S. Owen  
2800 E 113th Avenue #110  
Tampa, Florida 33612

My name is Marjorie Ownes. I am a resident in

1 Hillsborough County and I drive Dale Mabry. And I am also  
2 very glad to see the become of the really fine idea to try  
3 to help eleviate the traffic.  
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5 Ms. Mary Ann Crowell  
6 4420 Stonehenge  
7 Tampa, Florida

8 Mary Ann Crowell. I would just like to go on  
9 record saying that I am opposed to the Expressway to start  
10 with. But if they had to have to build it, I would prefer  
11 the Lake Le Clare alignment as a resident of Northdale, I  
12 would be more inclinded to use that alignment as opposed  
13 to the railroad alignment.  
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15 Mr. Paul Crowell  
16 4420 Stonehenge Road  
17 Tampa, Florida 33624

18 My name is Paul Crowell. I am a homeowner  
19 in the Northdale area. I opposed to the construction  
20 of the Northeast Expressway. I don't feel that it is  
21 going to serve any benefit for the area. However, if  
22 it does have to be built, I think that the Northdale  
23 area would get more use out of the Lake Le Clare area.  
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1 Mr. Winfield S. Whitehurst  
2 2505 Thornbrook Place  
3 Tampa, Florida 33618

4 Winfield S. Whitehurst. I am a property  
5 owner on the railroad right-of-way that they mentioned  
6 going through the Citrus Park area. I realize that  
7 this is only one of two segments under consideration.  
8 But in looking at the outline as it is on the maps, if  
9 the railroad right-of-way is chosen, it will virtually  
10 dissect the western portion of my property which sits  
11 right on Gunn Highway. It is 600 feet deep. They  
12 are proposing as I understand it, to take some 200  
13 feet off the front of mine which would entirely land  
14 lock me with having any access to Gunn Highway. And  
15 in essence would render the remaining portion of  
16 my property virtually worthless because there is  
17 no access from the rear portion, from the north  
18 portion, or from the south portion. If in fact this  
19 right-of-way is selected, then if they take any  
20 of my property, I think it is only fair to to ahead  
21 and condemn and take all of my property because it  
22 will be virtually useless as any further value to  
23 me. Someone that owned property from the rear of  
24 me might perhaps be able to utilize it but without  
25 having any direct access myself, it would be of no

1 further value to me because I wouldn't be able to  
2 get to it. I realize the necessity of building  
3 roads for the furtherment of the population in  
4 Hillsborough County but I don't think it should be  
5 done at my expense.

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7 Ms. Patricia M. Whitehurst  
8 2505 Thornbrook Place  
9 Tampa, Florida 33618

10 I am Patricia M. Whitehurst. Property  
11 owner and tax payer. And I very much affirm what my  
12 husband has just indicated on this tape. I cannot be  
13 as prolific as he is but I feel that we have paid our  
14 taxes and we are going to be losing a lot of our future  
15 in our financial backing that we had. So at this point,  
16 if they are going to take the Gunn Highway railroad  
17 property, I would like to say that we hope the remuner-  
18 ation will be considerable or we will probably have to  
19 go to with attorneys and take battle with them.

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21 Mr. A. H. Phillip  
22 3908 Dana Shores Drive  
23 Tampa, Florida 33614

24 My name is A. H. Phillip. I am president of  
25 the Dana Shores Civic Association. And an informal poll of

1 our residents has indicated they support a no-build alter-  
2 native. In examining the proposed route, particularly in  
3 the Eisenhower alignment, I am appalled to see that there  
4 is only two lanes in each direction at the Cortney Campbell  
5 Eisenhower intersection. We currently have a backup, every  
6 morning at this location with two lanes going in the south  
7 direction. With the additional traffic coming from the  
8 Northwest Expressway, there is no way that two lanes will  
9 handle that load of traffic in the mornings and evening  
10 rush hours. At the least, you will have to have three  
11 or four lanes at this location. I noticed that there are  
12 four lanes which funnel down to two lanes at this point.  
13 I believe that either four lanes or at least three lanes  
14 should continue south to the 275 intersection.  
15 Additionally, and I am concerned that the residents of  
16 Dana Shores Subdivision will be land locked by this  
17 proposal. It appears that the only egress from Dana  
18 Shores will be via George Road to Memorial, excuse me,  
19 George Road to Independence Drive. The plans show no  
20 turn out lanes or traffic signals at this location.  
21 This will have to be addressed in the Eisenhower  
22 alignment configuration. Again, the residents of  
23 Dana Shores supports the no-build alternative.  
24 End of statement.  
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1 Mr. Craig Mahlman  
2 800 Twiggs Street  
3 Tampa, Florida 33602

4 Craig Mahlman. I am with the Hillsborough  
5 County Department of Development Coordination. First I  
6 would like to make a few general comments. First of all,  
7 the comments represent the position of the Hillsborough  
8 County Administration. It does not represent the position  
9 of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners.  
10 It is also the Staff's position that these comments are  
11 made early in the process and do not necessarily reflect  
12 any final judgments on the project as a whole. The  
13 Hillsborough County Staff is convinced of the need and  
14 requirement for a major thoroughfare to serve this part  
15 of northwest Hillsborough County. The Public Works  
16 Division has indicated that a number of projects are  
17 included within the Capital Improvements Program to  
18 assist in eleviating traffic problems in northwest  
19 Hillsborough County. These projects include the  
20 extensions and completions of such roads as Casey  
21 Road, Anderson Road, Whiskey Boulevard and Sheldon  
22 Road. Completion of these projects in undoubtedly  
23 assist in moving north and south traffic through the  
24 area. Therefore, there is currently a major commit-  
25 ment of county resources and planned projects to

1 alleviate the traffic congestion in this area. The  
2 County already owns the majority of the railroad  
3 right-of-way which is included as one of the  
4 alignments on the proposed Northwest Expressway plan.  
5 A local road has been proposed which utilizes this  
6 right-of-way and is included within the Capital  
7 Improvements Program recently adopted by the Board  
8 of County Commissioners. The County Staff would  
9 be prepared to recommend to the Board of County  
10 Commissioners a donation of this right-of-way to  
11 the Expressway Authority if an acceptable financing  
12 plan was developed to fund the expressway. As you  
13 know, the financial resources of the county for road  
14 construction are limited. The majority of these  
15 funds have already been committed to other local projects  
16 which are included within the County's Capital Improve-  
17 ment Program. The County Staff is looking forward to  
18 reviewing the financial plan for the Northwest Expressway  
19 once it is completed. If the preliminary costs estimates  
20 of 250 million dollars are accurate, they may approve most  
21 of the cost to fund the project in its entirety in the near  
22 future. It may be appropriate for the Authority to consider  
23 a phase developmental approach where construction would be  
24 phased over a number of years. For example, a two lane  
25 facility could be constructed from Ehrlich Road south to

1 eventually connect into Eisenhower Boulevard. The widening  
 2 of the road as well as the extension north to Dale Mabry  
 3 Highway and the improvements required to Eisenhower and  
 4 the Interstate could be delayed until ridership figures  
 5 fully justify the construction of such a major facility.  
 6 In the meantime, construction plans could be on the  
 7 drawing board and rights-of-way could be reserved to meet  
 8 anticipated demands. The Staff has had the opportunity  
 9 to review the two proposed alignments. The preliminary  
 10 recommendations favor the Lake Le Clare alignment for  
 11 several reasons. These reasons include, first, the  
 12 desire to protect and preserve the environmentally  
 13 sensitive lake district. Two, the desire to protect  
 14 the coming depression of the wellfields in the area.  
 15 Three, the desire to conform with the Hillsborough  
 16 County Comprehensive Plan which designates a greater  
 17 urban concentration along the Lake Le Clare alignment.  
 18 And fourth, a desire to remain closer to existing  
 19 urban areas to provide the best possible services to  
 20 the public. Unquestionably, in either alignment  
 21 there will be difficulties concerning existing and  
 22 planned land usage. The county staff would urge the  
 23 authority to make a decision concerning the two  
 24 alternatives as soon as possible so that the eventual  
 25 right-of-way could be protected from developement

1 proposals. This concludes my presentation. Thank  
2 you.

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4 Mr. Stephen L. Baker  
5 6708 North Armenia Avenue  
6 Tampa, Florida 33604

7           Stephen L. Baker. Primarily my interest is an  
8 economic interest. If the Lake Le Clare alignment goes  
9 through, since I am speaking for Coarsey Groves, it will  
10 cost us a great deal of money as the property through  
11 which it will go will be worthless for any other purpose  
12 after the highway goes through it. I am opposed to the  
13 over all concept and use of this highway at this time.  
14 As it will not benefit the people out there. It needs  
15 to be, the idea of it needs to be expanded further as  
16 many other of my friends have stated. So that it needs  
17 to take in the tri-county area of Hillsborough, Pasco  
18 and Pinellas Counties, rather than just Hillsborough  
19 County. It also appears that money will be withdrawn  
20 from Hillsborough County needs and earmark in used to  
21 support the bonding and the building of this highway  
22 and we need to have our other highways built as have  
23 been proposed by the Horizon 2010 Program. Thank you.

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1 Ms. Mary Pizzorro  
2 6014 West Waters Avenue  
3 Tampa, Florida 33614

4 My name is Mary Pizzorro. I am representing  
5 International Auto Repair of Tampa, Incorporated, located at  
6 6014 West Waters Avenue. The owners are Vito and Vincent  
7 Pizzorro. We are for the no-build alternative. But, if  
8 they do decide to go with the Expressway, we feel that  
9 another study search should be done on the Waters Avenue  
10 interchange. Instead of the off ramp exit coming north  
11 bound exiting on Waters going east, that this could perhaps  
12 be changed and a loop be made on the northside of Waters  
13 Avenue exiting east and west allowing traffic to flow  
14 better. This land on the north side of the road is free  
15 and clear with no standing buildings and would not affect  
16 our property and business. Eliminating the need to be  
17 taken. Thank you.

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CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

I, ROSALIE MARTINEZ, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I was authorized to, and did report the hereinbefore-styled Public Hearing; that the witnesses was by me duly sworn upon oath; and that this transcript is a true and correct Microtranscription of my report of the proceedings had at said session.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, I am not employed by or related to the parties to this matter nor interested in the outcome of the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida this the 15th day of March, 1986.

*Rosalie Martinez*

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