

Project Advisory Group Meeting #3

West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) Corridor Study

from North Dale Mabry Highway to North Nebraska Avenue
Hillsborough County, Florida

FDOT Financial Project ID Number: 435908-1-22-01

North Tampa Branch Library

January 23, 2018 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm



Review of the Public Visioning Workshop



Public Visioning Workshop

- November 16, 2017
 - ≈ 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - ≈ Open house format
 - ≈ Christian Family Church
- Invitation Statistics
 - ≈ 33 Elected Officials
 - ≈ 115 Appointed Officials
 - ≈ 10 Native American Tribes
 - ≈ 1255 Property Owners
 - ≈ 642 Current Residents

The flyer features the FDOT logo at the top left and the 'WEST BUSCH BOULEVARD STUDY' logo at the top right. The main text is titled 'You're invited' and describes the workshop's purpose: to take part in a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Visioning Workshop for a corridor planning study along West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) from North Dale Mabry Highway to North Nebraska Avenue in Hillsborough County – a distance of approximately 3.3 miles. It states that the FDOT is looking for ways to improve West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists. At this workshop, they will gather input on the existing corridor and document ideas to resolve some of the issues that have been observed.

The event details are listed in a blue box: **Thursday, November 16, 2017, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at **Christian Family Church, 3457 W. Kenyon Avenue, Tampa, FL 33614**.

Contact information for Brian Shroyer, CPM, Project Manager, is provided: Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612, 813-975-6449, brian.shroyer@dot.state.fl.us. The website fdot7studies.com/westbuschblvd/ is also listed.

A map at the bottom shows the project corridor highlighted in green, starting at 'BEGIN PROJECT' near North Dale Mabry Hwy and ending at 'END PROJECT' near North Nebraska Ave. Other streets shown include Himes Ave, Kenyon Ave, Artemia Ave, Busch Blvd, Waters Ave, Florida Ave, and Nebraska Ave. Highway markers for 92, 41, and 275 are also visible.

Public Visioning Workshop

- 5 Stations:

- ≈ Station 1: 10 minute **Project Introduction Video**



- ≈ Station 2: **Existing Conditions** displays

- Project location map
- Existing typical sections
- Crash map
- Bicycle and pedestrian counts
- Existing and future (no-build) traffic LOS



- ≈ Station 3: **Concerns and Issues** (sticky-note exercise)



- ≈ Station 4: **Developing the Corridor Vision** (goals and objectives dot exercise)



- ≈ Station 5: **Potential Improvements** (dot exercise)



- ≈ Station 6: **Comments** - user preference surveys and comment forms



Visioning Workshop Video

- Watch presentation video

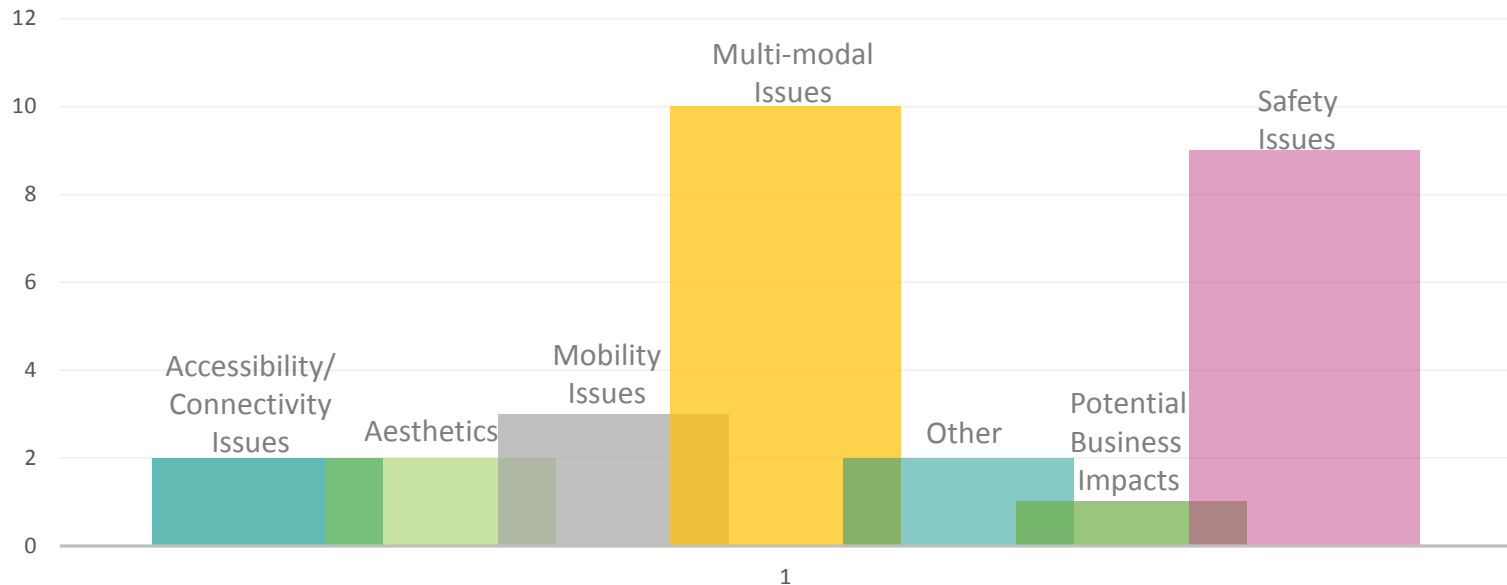
Feedback at the Workshop

- 2 Comment forms
- No responses to preference survey
- High participation at the interactive board stations

Feedback at the Workshop: Concerns and Issues Sticky-note exercise

- Hardcopy plots and a SmartBoard to record feedback
- 29 comments provided
- Study team added this feedback to the Wiki-mapping tool

Sticky-note exercise feedback categories



Feedback at the Workshop: Concerns and Issues Sticky-note exercise

- Safety concerns
 - ≈ Safety issues at the N. Dale Mabry ramp
 - ≈ Vehicles travel above speed limit
 - ≈ Two-way left turn lanes are used as a travel lane
- Multi-modal concerns
 - ≈ Safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists due to high # of driveways
 - ≈ School bus and HART drop-off and pick-up locations
 - ≈ Sidewalk gaps
 - ≈ Crosswalks are not well marked and do not feel safe to cross
 - ≈ Concerns about the amenities provided at the bus stops (specifically eastbound)
- Traffic concerns
 - ≈ Signal timing
 - ≈ Congestion at intersections
 - ≈ Difficulty of getting into/out of driveway near Mossvale Lane/ White Trout Lake proposed development
- Aesthetic improvements (lighting, raised medians and landscaping)

Feedback at the Workshop: Developing the Vision

Developing the Corridor Vision

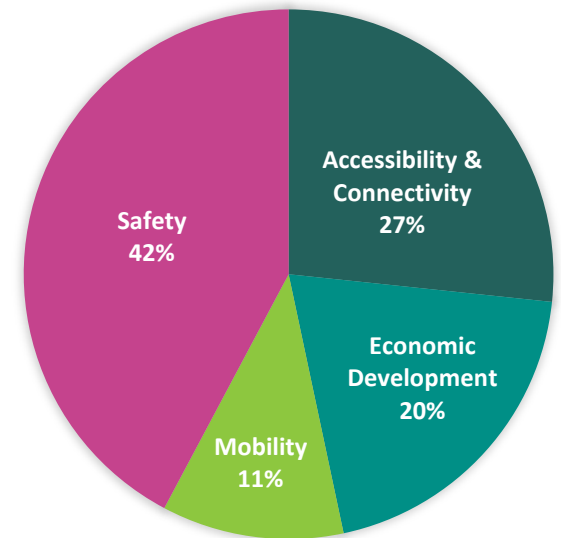
Now we want to know what is important to you! Help us shape the future vision of the West Busch Boulevard Corridor. Vote for the goals and objectives presented here, or add in your own!

My Vision is for a West Busch Boulevard where...

GOAL	OBJECTIVE	VOTES
ACCESSIBILITY & CONNECTIVITY	Transit users have shade and comfortable amenities	★
	A continuous sidewalk runs the length of the corridor	★★★
	Bicycle connectivity is enhanced to adjacent homes and businesses	★
	Safe and frequent options are provided for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the corridor	★★★★★
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Aesthetic enhancements provide shade and adds beauty to the corridor	★
	The corridor adds a unique and inviting character to the community	★
	Existing businesses are preserved along the corridor	★★★★★
	The roadway attracts reinvestment into the corridor and surrounding areas	★
MOBILITY	Travelers experience efficient and reliable travel times	★★★
	Facilities are ADA compliant	
	Congestion is reduced on the corridor	★★
	Citizens with limited mobility have enough time to cross the street	
SAFETY	Crashes occur less frequently and are not as severe	★★★★★
	Drivers slow down to a safe speed	★★★★★
	Increased lighting improves visibility for drivers and pedestrians	★
	Children can travel to and from school safely, regardless of mode of travel	★
	Consolidated driveways reduce conflict points for vehicles and pedestrians	★★★★★

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RESPONSES BY GOAL



PAG Exercise: Feedback helped shape the draft corridor vision statement – now we will refine it.

*Busch Boulevard is a corridor that offers **safe** and comfortable access both through and **across** the corridor for all users, regardless of their transportation mode of choice.*

Feedback at the Workshop: Potential Improvements

Potential Improvements

The limited available right-of-way along the corridor means that many potential improvements can not be accommodated without impacting adjacent properties. Please help prioritize the list of possible improvements below using the provided stickers to indicate your top five desired improvements for the corridor, with "#1" being the most preferred improvement.

ADD ADDITIONAL TRAVEL LANES 5 4

CREATE A PEDESTRIAN-ONLY PHASE AT KEY INTERSECTIONS 3 1 2 1 5 3

IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING 4 2 3 2 2 3

ADD ON-STREET PARKING

ADD MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS 4

LANDSCAPING, PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING, ETC. 2 4 5

LOWER SPEED LIMIT 2 1 3 4 4 5 5

CREATE A WIDE SIDEWALK ALONG ENTIRE CORRIDOR 2 4 1 3 2

ADD ON-STREET BIKE LANES

ADD BUFFERED BIKE LANES 1

ADD A DEDICATED BUS LANE

ADD SCHOOL ZONE 1 1 3

FILL IN SIDEWALK GAPS 3 1 3 1 4

ADD BUS SHELTERS 2 5 2

ADD A LANDSCAPED MEDIAN 5

*Indicates improvements within the existing right-of-way

(WRITE IN ANYTHING ELSE!)

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- Top preferred improvements:

- ≈ Lower the speed limit

- ≈ Create a pedestrian-only phase at key intersections

- ≈ Improve traffic signal timing

- ≈ Construct wide sidewalk/ complete sidewalk gaps

Potential Spot Improvements – near term and within existing R/W

- SEE ROLL PLOTS for EACH ROADWAY SEGMENT

PAG Exercise: Revisit the Corridor Vision Statement

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Next Steps



Next Steps for the Project Team

- Refine range of alternatives
 - ≈ Near-term improvements
 - ≈ Long-term improvements – requires further study.
- Schedule coordination meetings with agency partners: MPO, Hillsborough Co, City of Tampa
- Conduct Alternatives Public Meeting – Spring 2018

Next Steps for the Project Advisory Group

- Collect pertinent data points for the Project Team.
- Attend PAG #4
 - ≈ Summer 2018
 - ≈ Report on final near-term and long-term decisions

Next Steps - Schedule

SR 580/Busch Boulevard from North Dale Mabry Highway to North Nebraska Avenue Corridor Study PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	2017											2018								
	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
Notice to Proceed - Project Begins	★																			
Develop Public Involvement Plan																				
Mailing List																				
Elected Officials/Agency Kick-off Meeting																				
Project Advisory Group (PAG) Meetings																				
Corridor Visioning Workshop																				
Alternatives Public Meeting																				
Final Corridor Alternatives & Strategies Report																				

Questions????

