

Gandy Boulevard Project Advisory Group

Issues Report
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Top Five Issues

1. Consider transit, multi modal & inter modal components in project
2. How do we address the traffic volume on Gandy in its role as a connector between major regional business, employment, residential centers, special events & evacuation routes
3. Create an aesthetically attractive, livable & integrated transportation solution, which becomes as an asset to the community
4. Maintain the viability (social network & neighborhood fabric) of the area businesses & residential areas
5. Separating local and long distance trips

Other Issues

- Maintain the viability (social network & neighborhood fabric) of the area businesses & residential areas
- Challenge of transportation solution encouraging & supporting existing land use
- Residential drive time – reduce travel time for area motorists/users (residents & businesses)
- How do we address the traffic volume on Gandy in its role as a connector between major regional businesses, residential & employment centers & special events & evacuation

Other Issues

- Impact on improvements for safety & environmental concerns
- Impacts on improvements for accessibility (businesses)
- Create an aesthetically attractive, livable & integrated transportation solution, which becomes as an asset to the community
- Corridor transit, multi modal and/or inter modal components in project
- Provide inter modal connection opportunities

Other Issues

- Effectiveness of this area as an evacuation route
- Separating local and long distance trips
- Impact on property values for businesses & residents
- Communication & education of toll component
- Use visualization techniques to illustrate options

Top Five Issues

1. Understand impact on business revenues during construction and long-range
2. Congestion – need better traffic flow today and for events days
3. Hurricane evacuation
4. Need to accommodate all modes of transportation
5. Need to understand impact to quality of life issues

Other Issues

- Congestion – need better traffic flow today and for events days
- How much traffic comes across Gandy and gets on Crosstown
- Environmental Impact Study
- How much traffic going north and south – where are they going?
- Need for origin and destination numbers

Other Issues

- Potential displacement of homeowners
- Compatible with residential/commercial areas
- Lane configurations – alternative routes during construction, good connectivity after
- Time of day for construction
- Outdated infrastructure of area

Other Issues

- Stormwater issues
- Make sure we can pay for it
- Uncertain amount of projected growth
- Accommodate freight and goods movement
- Environmental damage to bodies of water
- Cut through traffic

Top Five Issues

1. Indirect impacts to neighborhoods north & south of Gandy
 2. Preservation of shopping area on Gandy - patronage
 3. Convincing people that 40 percent of traffic is not going to use Gandy (local)
 4. Emergency evacuation
 5. Facility that accommodates projected traffic
- Separation/isolation of neighborhoods north & south of Gandy
- Traffic crossing Gandy

Other Issues

- Facility that accommodates projected traffic
- Indirect impacts to neighborhoods north of Gandy
- Relieve traffic congestion
- Preservation of shopping area on Gandy
- Separation of neighborhood north and south of Gandy

Other Issues

- Impact to MacDill Air Force base
- Impacts on Pinellas side
- Convincing people that 40 percent of traffic is not going to Gandy (local)
- Improve linkages to and along corridor
- Ensuring I-275 improvements are considered in evaluation of determining need

Other Issues

- Traffic crossing Gandy is not too difficult
- Improvements can be supported by tolls
- Impacts to Georgetown community
- Provide modal accommodations
- Improve safety

Other Issues

- Impacts to Cove Apartments – improved access
- Access to businesses and communities
- Emergency evacuation
- General public inclusion in process
- Zoning/land uses – mixed use areas – minimize driving

Top Five Issues

1. Reexamine growth & travel assumptions used to develop needs for traffic (timing)
2. Improve traffic flow
3. Pedestrian crossing
4. Alternative Transportation
5. Turning issues along the corridor, including U-turns

Other Issues

- Improving Traffic Flow
- Air Quality: Hillsborough Co. Ozone Standard, need to reduce Hydrocarbon and Nitrogen, precursors- form ground level ozone (regional problem)
- Lack of access at Regency Cove Entrance (From Pinellas)
- Need to Study Local and Regional Transit service in Coordination

Other Issues

- Is doing nothing a serious consideration
- Access to existing neighborhoods & businesses
- Potential for carbon monoxide “hot spot” (local problem)
- Turning issues along the corridor, including U turns
- Reexamine growth & travel assumptions used to develop needs for traffic (timing)

Other Issues

- Scale of expressway with noise & speed, size
- Availability of other regional corridors to meet needs
- Noise from traffic & other sources
- Role of TBARTA?
- Consideration of managed lanes
- Access to existing neighborhoods & businesses

Other Issues

- Potential for carbon monoxide “hot spot”
- Turning issues along the corridor, including U-turns
- Reexamine growth & travel assumptions used to develop needs for traffic (timing)
- Creative, non-traditional options other than just an expressway for corridor enhancement
- Pedestrian crossing

Other Issues

- Maintenance of the natural resources
- Short-mid-&long-term solutions for financial feasibility
- Alternative transportation
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- Cost to traveler
- Appearance & landscaping to fit in with the community