Re: Infrastructure Task Force District Outreach Meetings - Summary

The Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) conducted Outreach Meetings for neighbors to express their concerns and priorities relating to infrastructure issues at the direction of the City Commission, per the Joint Workshop held on December 6, 2017. One Outreach meeting was held in each of the four districts from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM:

- District 1, on March 19, 2018 at the Beach Community Center
- District 2, on March 27, 2018 at Holiday Park
- District 3, on March 21, 2018 at Joseph Carter Park
- District 4, on March 22, 2018 at Hortt Park

It was determined that the meetings should take place after the March 13, 2018 city elections. The topics were determined by identified issues of priority as directed by Mayor Seiler at its June 5, 2017 meeting; as well as, priorities identified by the Consent Order, Emergency Declaration and subsequent issues determined by the Board. The eight topics were:

- 1. Drinking water
- 2. Sewer System
- 3. Stormwater
- 4. Roads
- 5. Sidewalks
- 6. Parks and Open Spaces
- 7. City Buildings
- 8. Bridges

Chairperson Marilyn Mammano hosted the four meetings. Four or more board members were present at each meeting. Each neighbor attending was tasked with providing his/her top three infrastructure concerns. Percentages represent the votes given to each concern divided by the number of attendees. The top three concerns in each district are bolded.

DISTRICT 1, MARCH 19, 2018

TOPICS	NO. OF DOTS
DRINKING WATER	3%
SEWER SYSTEM	20%
STORMWATER	13%
ROADS	30%
SIDEWALKS	17%
PARKS & OPEN SPACES	10%
CITY BUILDINGS	3%
BRIDGES	3%



DISTRICT 2, MARCH 27, 2018 HOLIDAY PARK

TOPIC- Dots Received	
DRINKING WATER	6%
SEWER SYSTEM	29%
STORMWATER	24%
ROADS	20%
SIDEWALKS	16%
PARKS & OPEN SPACES	4%
CITY BUILDINGS	0%
BRIDGES	2%



DISTRICT 3, MARCH 21, 2018 JOSEPH CARTER PARK

DRINKING WATER	14%
SEWER SYSTEM	24%
STORMWATER	19%
ROADS	19%
SIDEWALKS	14%
PARKS & OPEN SPACES	10%
CITY BUILDINGS	0%
BRIDGES	0%



DISTRICT 4, March 22, 2018 Hortt Park

TOPIC	
DRINKING WATER	9%

SEWER SYSTEM	11%
STORMWATER	18%
ROADS	33%
SIDEWALKS	7%
PARKS & OPEN SPACES	19%
CITY BUILDINGS	2%
BRIDGES	2%





Summary of Concerns Infrastructure Task Force Outreach Meetings

A number of comments were made under the general headings listed below. There is no order of importance and several comments had multiple persons stating the same/similar concerns. The comments listed include concerns of operation or maintenance which remain outside the venue of the Infrastructure Task Force. Recordings of the meetings are available upon request

- "Cut through" traffic on formerly quiet residential streets
- Traffic lights not in sync several lights to get through intersections creates cut through issues to neighborhoods
- Bridge openings too slow and during peak traffic hours
- length of time MOT barriers are in place and no work being done
- tearing up the same roads too often.
- A1A too narrow for EMS vehicles
- Better coordination with County and State projects to minimize the same road under construction
- Bike lanes for and against
- Need for small shuttle type buses that run frequently
- Developers creating traffic congestion due to design of ingress/egress (Trader Joes)
- All buses have a pull out
- Roundabouts, pros and cons

SEWER:

- Smells from GTL and manholes
- Amount of sewage spilled into the waterways
- Health concerns for water sports
- Developers not paying fair share of impact fees
- Capacity of pipes from new development to plant not being taken into account
- Lifespan of pipe lining vs replacement
- Inflow/Infiltration
- Water & Sewer dollars diverted to other city matters
- 5% yearly increase in fees
- GTL in a flood zone what is the backup
- Diverting money from Water and Sewer to other City matters

STORMWATER:

• Flooding and property value

- Cost to repair and increasing fees
- Seawalls
- Climate change and sea level rise accounted for in all planning and construction
- Swales
- Rate structure of fees
- Flooding areas not part of the Master Plan (Melrose Manors)
- Sink holes -2-3 months to fix
- Maintenance schedule for storm drains
- Many cars lost to flooding no city action (Dorsey Riverbend)
- Road by canal needs lights on long poles to mark where street ends and canal begins when flooding.

SIDEWALKS:

- Install on heavy traffic streets in each neighborhood
- Installed, repaired, maintained by City
- Takes from swale both esthetic and drainage concerns
- Not wanted everywhere
- ADA and crosswalks insufficient on busy street (Sistrunk)
- Wider sidewalks for ADA
- Widen street vs adding or widening sidewalks
- Broken sidewalks and liability for slip and falls
- FPL has poles in middle of sidewalk
- Sidewalks cut property in half
- Sidewalks lessen swales for absorption of water
- Concern for the vulnerable citizens safety and mobility
- With 12,000 residential units in downtown, built, building and planned, sidewalks should be mandatory – people walking in the street

PARKS:

- Maintain parks don't add any new
- Pocket parks attract homeless
- Playground equipment over 30 years old
- Parks every 6 blocks
- More staff to add activities and safety
- Safety from drugs and other similar behaviors
- Contaminated Lincoln Park and Wingate
- Park assessment ok only if money goes to parks
- Use vacant lots for pocket parks
- Environmental and equitable justice (Flagler Village vs Sistrunk)
- Fence around Riverland Park
- More pickle ball indoors
- Do not stop senior activities when school is out for children's activities - balance

DRINKING WATER:

• Testing for contaminates (Flint MI)

- Frequency of testing
- Water color
- Use of gray water plan

BRIDGES

- FEC RR bridge suggest it opens only 16 times instead of 32 by timing better
- Freight and RR use growing would like FEC to do an APP to let boaters and traffic know when the trains will be stopping traffic or opening bridges to allow route planning

CITY BUILDINGS

• No comments

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Do a grid of needs vs. wants vs costs from high to low to determine priorities
- Moratorium for construction until sewer infrastructure is repaired
- Lining cutting the diameter of the pipe Ralph explained about tradeoff for more coefficient flow
- Does the City look at "best practices" research what other cities are doing?
- Transparency with how money is being spent and whether it is being used for the purpose it is collected