



Gena Torres gets 'surrey-ous' about walkable communities while training in California.

MPO WALKS AWAY WITH WALKABLE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS!

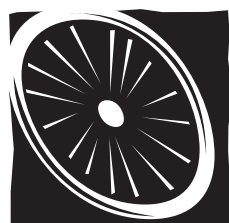
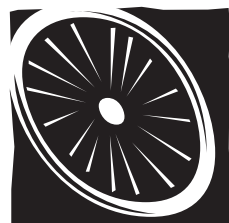
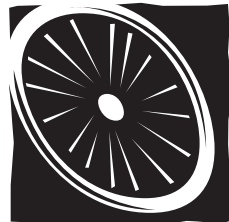
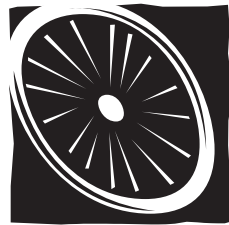
The BPAC was thrilled to find out that the Hillsborough County MPO has been awarded a series of Walkable Community Workshops. In November, Gena Torres put on her walking shoes and traveled to California for a training program in preparation for the upcoming series of workshops. To be held throughout Hillsborough County this spring, the workshops will provide information on how to make communities more pedestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly.

A team of expert instructors from the National Center for Bicycling & Walking will combine vision with real-world experience in implementing the latest approaches to community design and traffic operations in these presentations. The itinerary for each workshop will include fieldtrips where participants apply what they're learning to their



specific community. The eight workshops are designed for elected officials, planning professionals, engineers, law enforcement, public health educators, and for the public at large.

Experience has shown that the Walkable Community Workshops can generate sig-



Public Meeting Notice



How is your MPO doing?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), along with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties, will conduct a public meeting to gather input and comment on the transportation planning process for these areas. This public meeting is part of a federal review process that

is required every three years for large MPOs. 2005 is a review year. The Hillsborough MPO is responsible for the 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan for Hillsborough County, for implementing that plan with a 5-year Transportation Improvement Program, and for coordinating with the Pinellas and Pasco MPO plans regionally.

The federal review team would like to hear from you directly at the public meeting, or via mail or fax.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, public comment forms are available at the Planning Commission office, 601 East Kennedy, 18th floor, Downtown Tampa or by using the Comment Form on the back of this notice.

Public Meeting Date: Monday, January 24th 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: FDOT Auditorium, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Directions: From I-275, take Exit 51 – E Fowler Ave/ 582 E towards USF. Go 2.6 miles. Turn right onto Malcom McKinley Dr/ FL-585A. FDOT is .2 miles on the left.

Persons in need of special accommodations to participate at this meeting or who need transportation and qualify as transportation disadvantaged should contact Phyllis at 273-3774 x355 by January 18th.

For more information: www.hillsboroughmpo.org or call 813/273-3774 x342.

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