

*******REVISED AGENDA*******



CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, November 10, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the October 27, 2009 Commission Workshop minutes.**
- 2. Community Redevelopment Agency
CRA Master Plan Update**
- 3. Community Redevelopment Agency
Downtown Parking Study – Alternative
Transportation (Discussion Continued from CRA
Meeting 10/15/2009)**

WORKSHOP MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2009
TO: City Commission
FROM: Robert C. Ironsmith, Director of Economic & Housing Development *RCI*
THRU: Rob DiSpirito, City Manager *RDS*
**SUBJECT: DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY
Alternative Transportation- Item 2**

In January 2009, the City of Dunedin solicited proposals for an analysis of current and future parking needs for the Dunedin Community Redevelopment District. This analysis was to determine the availability of existing downtown parking and future parking needs over time. The scope of services also included the analysis and recommendation of possible use of modes of alternative transportation in the downtown to include golf carts, bicycles, and a trolley system.

Base Consultants, P.A. and HHI Design of Orlando were selected to perform this study. Their assessment included a roundtable meeting, online survey, and interviews with stakeholders in the CRA District. An update of their findings was given at a May 12, 2009 CRA meeting.

At the October 15, 2009 CRA Meeting, Ms. Laura Barbero-Buffa and Mr. Alex Law of HHI Design presented their final report. Discussion of their recommendations took place for expansion of available surface parking, a potential parking structure, and improvement of our existing wayfinding system. At that time, it was also decided that the alternative transportation portion of the report would be discussed in more detail at the November 10th City Commission Workshop.

The Alternative Transportation segment of that summary included an analysis of the following seven (7) modes of transportation:

- Public Transportation
- Bicycleways
- Pedestrianways
- Golf Carts
- Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (Segways)

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- Bicycle Rickshaws
- Horse Drawn Carriages

Copies of these pages of the presentation on October 15th are attached for your review.

Ms. Barbero-Buffa and Mr. Law will be in attendance at the November 10th City Commission Workshop to discuss and answer any questions.

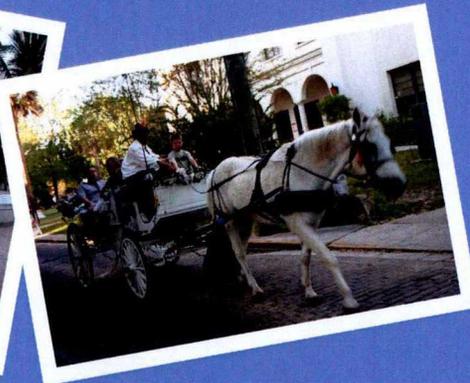
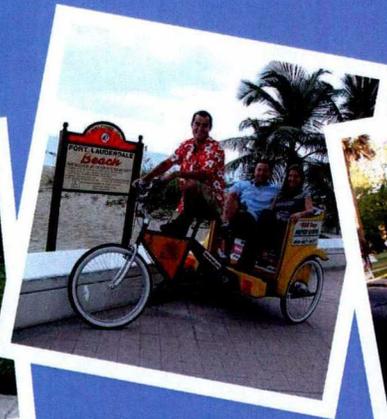
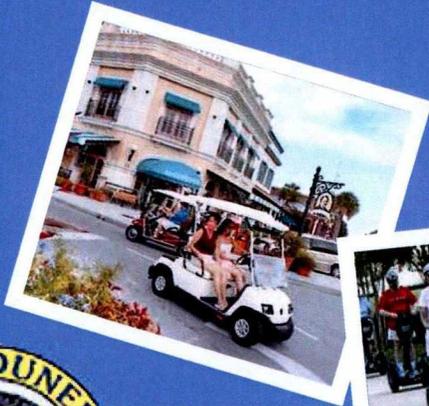
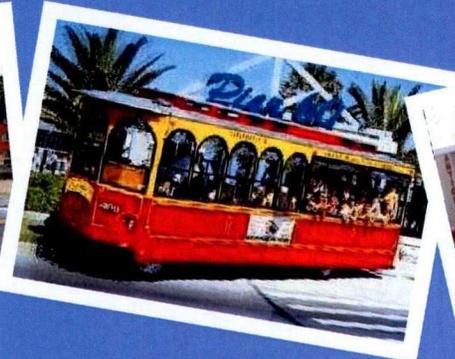
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Attachments

- (1) Downtown Parking Study – Alternative Transportation
- (2) *Draft* Minutes to CRA Meeting, 10/15/2009

DUNEDIN PARKING STUDY ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

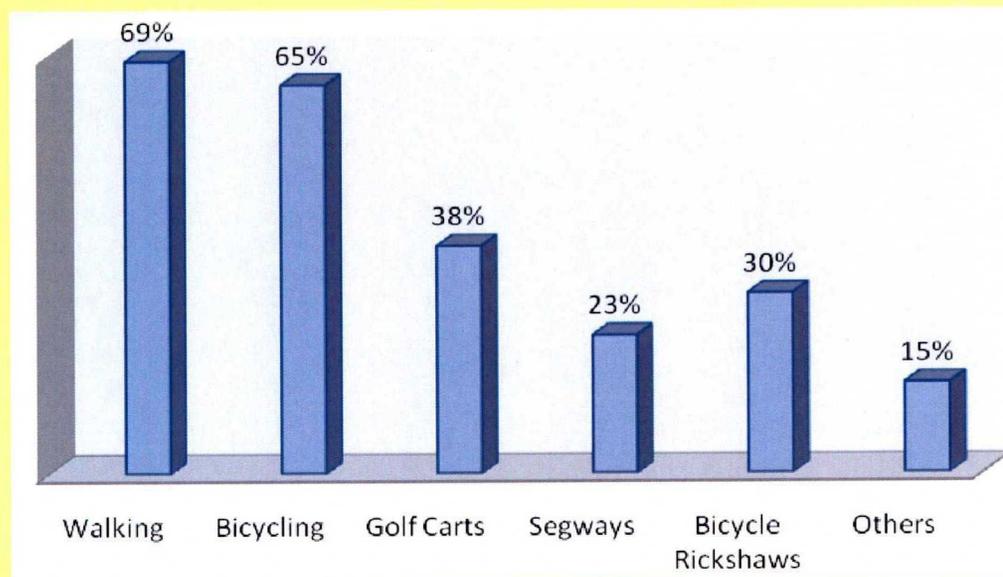
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ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION



- Public Transit
- Bicycleways
- Pedestrianways
- Golf Carts
- Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (Segways)
- Bicycle Rickshaws
- Horse-Drawn Carriages



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Public Transit System



- PSTA has three bus routes that service the Downtown (Route 61, 66 and 78).
- PSTA not able to expand bus service, but to enhance and market the current three stops.
- Several trolley systems were explored:
 - Premium trolley service from Clearwater Beach to Tarpon Springs.
 - Chartering the Jolly Trolley for special Downtown Events (i.e., Progressive Dinner and Wine & Art Walk).

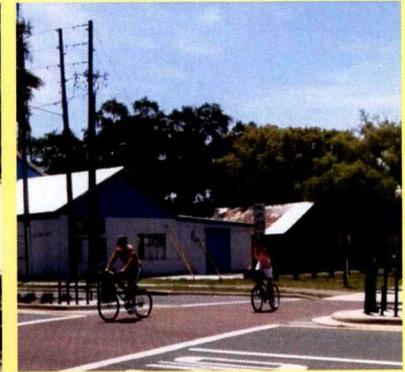


ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bicycleways



- Pinellas Trail helped spur the local businesses and created a bicycle-friendly Downtown.
- There are no other bicycle lanes within the CRA.
- City policy does not prohibit bicycle riding on sidewalks, which may pose pedestrian safety concerns.
- Several City policies provide safe bicycle connections.

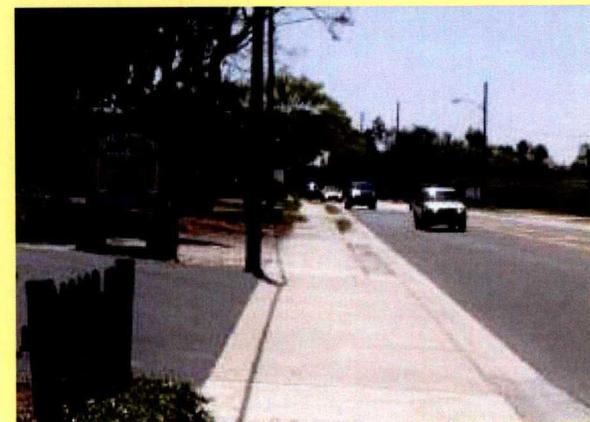


ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Pedestrianways

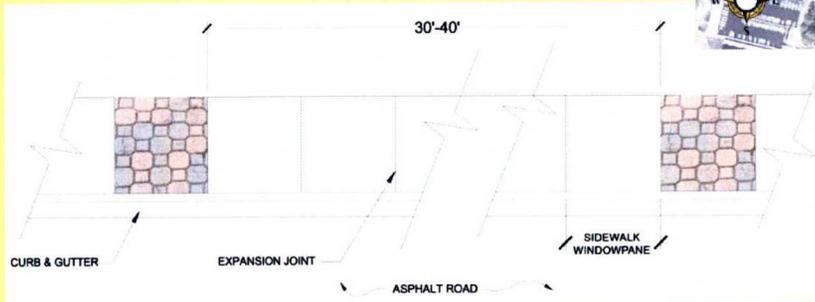
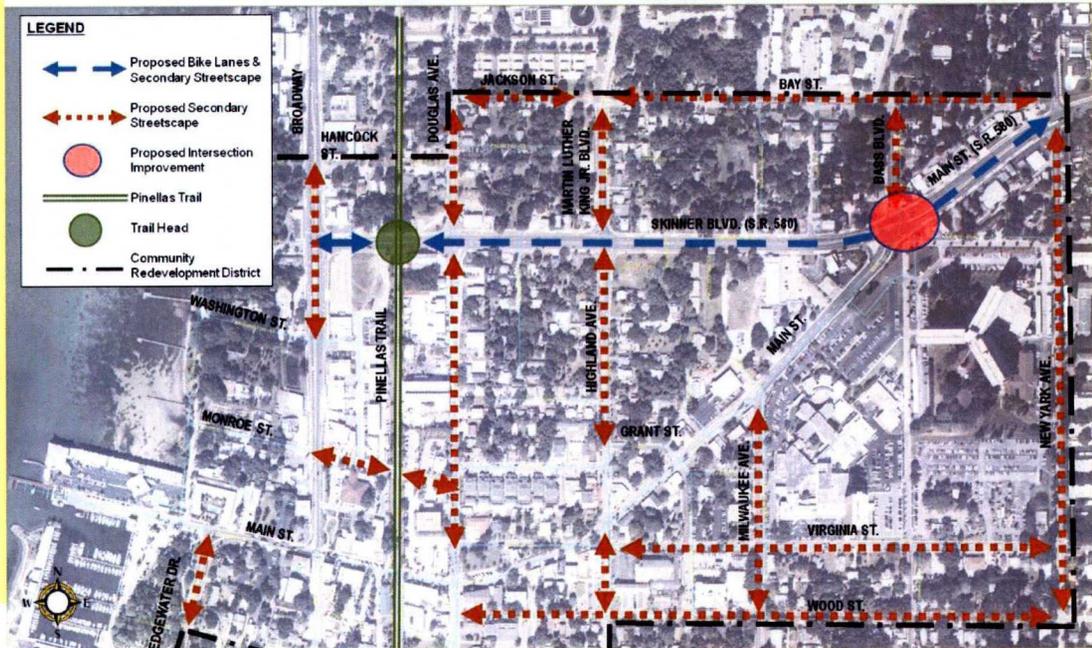


- Pinellas Trail and the decorative Downtown streetscape helped contribute to a pedestrian-friendly environment.
- Connector streets need to be enhanced to provide continuity and sense of arrival to the main commercial area.



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bicycleways & Pedestrianways



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Golf Carts



- *Florida Statute 316.212* allows local governments to regulate golf carts on local roads.
- Designated routes need to be connected to the Dunedin Golf and Country Club.
- Potential for traffic congestion.
- Special parking spaces required.
- Additional operating cost to regulate golf carts.
- May lose the ambience of the “*Best Walking Town in America*”.

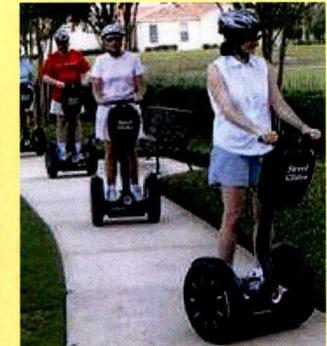


ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (Segways)



- *Florida Statue 316.2068* regulates Segways.
- Local governments may regulate Segways in the interest of safety.
- Mechanical failure may prevent them from being operated in a safe manner.
- Improve tourism by having tours for sightseeing opportunities.
- Allocate special parking areas and potential electrical recharge stations.
- May lose the ambience of the “*Best Walking Town in America*”.

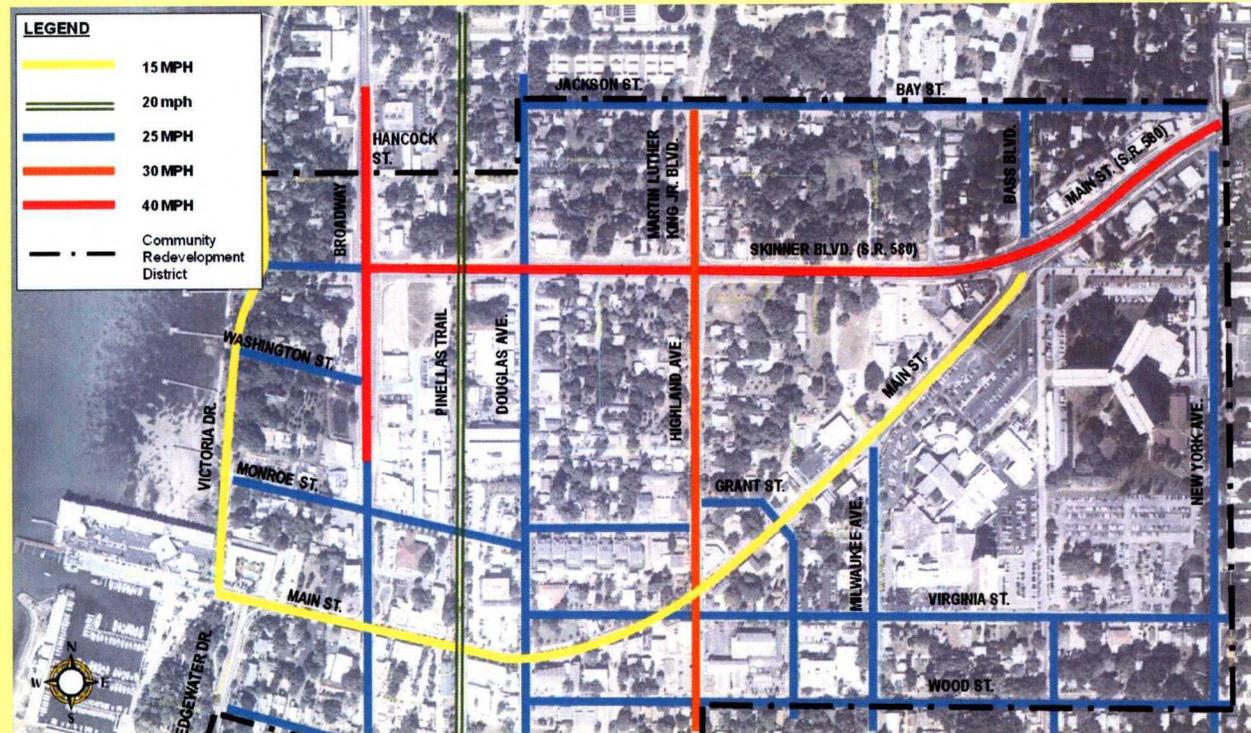


ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Golf Carts & Segways



- Golf carts and Segways are limited to roadways with a speed limit of 25 mph or less.



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bicycle Rickshaws



- Allowed in any place that permits bicycles, except on sidewalks if used for faring passengers.
- Local municipalities need to address safety, operation, and enforcement.
- Could pose a life safety hazard on the road due to automobile collisions.
- Potential for traffic congestion.
- Take up parking spaces.
- Additional operating cost for the City to register, inspect and regulate rickshaws.

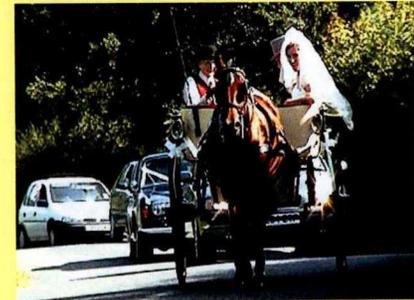


ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Horse-Drawn Carriages



- *Subject to the State Uniform Traffic Control Law, Section 316, F.S.*
- *Section 316.008, F.S. permits local governments to regulate or prohibit the use of horse-drawn carriages on certain streets.*
- Provide sightseeing and tourism opportunities.
- Create traffic congestion and safety concerns.
- Take up parking spaces for carriage stands.
- Additional operating cost for the City to register, inspect and regulate.



QUESTIONS?

