TARPON RIVER



PRIORITIZATION

MEMO

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PURPOSE OF THE MEMO

The purpose of this memo is to provide Tarpon River Civic Association a check list and guide map for communicating with City and their Association members as they methodically implement the projects they communicated as important for improving the livability and mobility of their neighborhood. This prioritization memo also serves as a tool for residents in understanding the City's processes, systems and organizations that are in place and that affect the completion of these public improvements.

Prioritization is defined as the organization or completion of things in the order of their importance. Upon completion of the neighborhood study for Tarpon River, it was clear the residents that participated in the workshops, completed the surveys and online comment mapping platform, most importantly wanted more sidewalks. In particularly, along a specific route - SW 7th Street and SW 9th Ave. Low levels of light, high cut through traffic volumes and high traffic speeds are a major annoyance for the residents of Tarpon River on these two streets as well. The inability to easily walk the route that both pedestrians and cars wish to use the most is a repeated nuisance for many of the residents. On the following pages, based on community feedback, is a list of prioritized improvements informed by the master planning process. Prioritization ranking is based on community need, desires, and the impact the improvement makes toward sustainability improving the Tarpon River's neighborhood environment.

The top 5 priorities listed in the master list of 16 are projects with the highest impact for ease and safety of movement by foot throughout the neighborhood and externally to places of interest. These projects also provide methods for calming traffic speeds. The top 5 priorities are seen as a collection of improvements, that if completed properly and in a timely manner may negate the necessity of other improvement suggestions further down on the list in the future, thus cost-efficiently addressing the needs of the community while providing aesthetic and functional improvements for the residents of Tarpon River.

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Connecting the Blocks Criteria was evaluated for each improvement suggested in the Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan. For reference, rankings are listed in Appendix B Page 74-78 of the Mobility Master Plan. Considering the rankings that each suggested improvement received on Connecting the Blocks criteria, evaluating the residents most commented desires for neighborhood improvements and understanding the action items needed to complete each improvement, all culminated in the prioritization list within.



NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER PLAN



WHAT THE COMMUNITY DESIRES

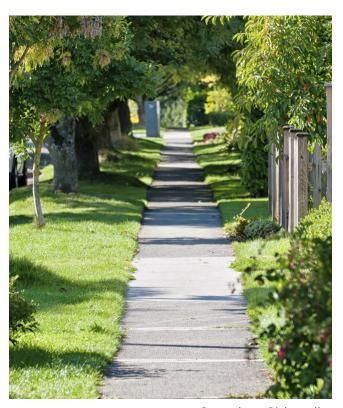
Information regarding the desires and needs of the community were gathered via an online survey, online comment mapping platform and notes taken in during multiple neighborhood workshops. Below is a list of the comments that were most repeated throughout the various platforms.

- + Construction of new sidewalks, widening of existing sidewalks
- + Improved lighting
- + Reduced high cut through traffic volumes and high traffic speeds
- + Add Pedestrian Crosswalks
- + Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in the neighborhood and connections to downtown

When asked which improvement would make residents satisfied with the master plan study, they answered:











Marked Crosswalks

PRIORITIZATION LIST

Graphic symbols reference improvements on Page 48 of the Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan.



Sidewalk Construction -West side of SW 9th Ave. from Lewis Landing to Davie Blvd. SW 7th St. from Lewis Landing to Hardy Park

Sidewalks provide a minimum level of comfort for pedestrians, absent of any other features. Sidewalks are desired on SW 9th Ave and SW 7th Street. Additions of sidewalks to this highly travel route will improve pedestrian comfort and accessibility in the neighborhood.

+ Possible Funding Sources

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- Neighborhood Capital Improvement grants (NCIP)
- Public Works budgets to improve pedestrian walkability, repair and construct sidewalks IN1-2
- Mobility Master Plan funding
- Development Park Impact fees

- Association identify the project as a priority for implementation
- Association to identify funding
- Property owner outreach and concerns by Association
- Procurement of a consultant for necessary design work
- Existing tree, property, and geotechnical surveys of project area Surveyor
- Sidewalk layout plan Landscape Architect
- Construction documents Civil and Geotechnical Engineer
- Bidding and construction implementation





Mini Round-about -SW 9th Ave. at SW 9th St.

A small circular island used in the middle of intersections to force vehicular traffic to slow and negotiate around it. They also increase vehicular safety. It may be landscaped and may have mountable curbs.

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- Procurement of a consultant for necessary design work
- Existing roadway and geotechnical surveys of project area Surveyor
- Curb, paving, signage and striping Plans Civil Engineer
- Landscape architectural design and irrigation construction plans Landscape Architect
- Bidding and construction implementation



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Paint Crosswalks -

SW 11th Ct. at SW 4th Ave. SW 11th St. at SW 4th Ave. SW 10th St. at SW 4th Ave. SW 7th St. at SW 4th Ave. SW 7th St. at S Andrews Ave. SW 6th St. at SW 4th Ave.

There are three locations where crosswalks are missing a signalized intersections. It is recommended that crosswalks are painted to allow for better pedestrian accessibility. Crosswalks should also be painted along driveways on SW 4th Ave to alert drivers of pedestrians.

+ Possible Funding Sources

- City of Fort Lauderdale to order crosswalks from Broward County via Lauderserve

- Broward County approval
- ADA compliant button, new pedestrian signal button and signage
- Letter of support from Civic Association for the City of Fort Lauderdale to submit to county





Pocket Park with Improved Pedestrian & Bike Access, Formalize Parking - SW 11th Ct at SW 4th Ave SW 11th St at Sara Horn Greenway

There are a number of small parks throughout Tarpon River that are underutilized however, with some small changes they could be transformed to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections that also serve to improve drainage through landscape design. The Sara Horn Greenway is a narrow park adjacent to a wide street. By narrowing the street, it can be expanded to become a greater asset to the community and slow traffic. These changes will provide valuable aesthetic, environmental, recreational, and traffic calming improvements for Tarpon River.

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- City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works budgets for enhancing Press Play Fort Lauderdale urban tree canopy goal, cultivate urban forest PP 3-4
- City of Fort Lauderdale Adopt-A-Tree Program
- Broward Beautiful, Biological Resource Division Broward Beautiful Community Grant Program
- Broward County Naturescape funding
- Online crowd-resourcing platforms such as IOBY.org which mobilize neighbors and connect leaders with funding and support
- Neighborhood Capital Improvement grants (NCIP)
- Stormwater Management Funds
- Development Park Impact fees
- Corporate Sponsorship program attractive understated donor signage can be added to the pocket park design

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- Association to identify funding
- Property owner outreach and concerns by Association
- Procurement of a consultant for necessary design work
- Existing tree, property, and geotechnical surveys of project area Surveyor
- Landscape architectural design and irrigation construction plans Landscape Architect
- Civil Plans and construction documents Civil and Geotechnical Engineer
- Bidding and construction implementation





Pedestrian Lighting & Improved Pedestrian Access at New River Bridge to Riverwalk Connection

The bridge on SW 4th Avenue is a primary river crossing point for Tarpon River residents. However, the current access requires residents to walk up the ramp beginning at SW 7th Street. This is not convenient for those accessing the bridge from the Riverwalk. New stairs connecting the Riverwalk to the bridge could help improve residents' access. Installing pedestrian-scale lighting along this connection will create a safer and more comfortable environment for walking. These lights can be LED to save energy and promote sustainability.

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- Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Programs (CSLIP) grants
- Neighborhood Capital Improvement grants (NCIP)
- Federal, County Infrastructure grants

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- Association to identify funding
- Property owner outreach and concerns by Association
- Procurement of a consultant for necessary design work
- Existing property and geotechnical surveys of project area Surveyor
- Landscape architectural design, lighting plan and irrigation construction plans Landscape Architect
- Stair and sidewalk layout and detail plans Civil and Structural Engineer
- Electrical plans Electrical Engineer
- Bidding and construction implementation





Speed Signage Program on SW 7th St. and SW 9th Ave., "Slow Down" kid cut out signage with Tarpon River stickers

Other neighborhoods around the country have found success with neighborhood led signage programs, such as "Slow Down" cut outs and "Children at Play" signs that neighbors can put up on their own.

+ Possible Funding Sources

- Community driven project
- Online crowd-resourcing platform such as IOBY.org which mobilize neighbors and connect leaders with funding and support

- Association identify the project as a priority for implementation
- Association to identify funding
- Bulk purchase of kid cut out signs for neighborhood giveaway, could be a perk to paid membership of Tarpon River Civic Association
- Quarterly or bi-annual neighborhood kid cut out sign pick up day at Lewis Landing park, stickers and paint activity for families to decorate their neighborhood - "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" sign





Pedestrian Lighting on SW 7th St.

Installing pedestrian-scale lighting, especially at locations that are not fronted by homes, will create a safer and more comfortable environment for walking. These lights can be LED to save energy and promote sustainability.

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- Procurement of a consultant for necessary design work
- Existing property and geotechnical surveys of project area Surveyor
- Landscape architectural design and lighting plans Landscape Architect
- Electrical drawings Electrical Engineer



Add Water Trolley Stop at Lewis Landing Park

The Water Trolley connects to Downtown and Las Olas free of charge. A new stop at Lewis Landing Park could provide better access and an alternate form of transportation for Tarpon River neighbors by allowing them to leave their cars behind when headed to many of the desired destinations downtown and on Las Olas Blvd.

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- Corporate Sponsor of the stop

- Association identify the project as a priority for implementation
- Association to identify funding
- Property owner outreach and concerns by Association
- Way-finding signage added, stop added to water trolley stop map
- Coordination with water trolley organization
- Operational funding to add stop to route





Pedestrian Bridge over Tarpon River at SW 11th St.

Neighbors noted a lack of opportunities for crossing Tarpon River. A new pedestrian/bicycle bridge on SW 11th Street will provide connectivity on a low speed and volume street that provides good connectivity to parks in and around the neighborhood.

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- Landscape architectural design, bridge layout and detail, lighting plans Landscape Architect
- Bridge structural drawings Structural Engineer
- Electrical drawings Electrical Engineer
- Bidding and construction implementation





Tighten Turnning Radii -SW 9th Ave. SW 11th Ct.

Large turning radii facilitate faster vehicle turning movements and increase crossing distance for pedestrians. Reducing the curb radii will aid in slowing vehicles and improve pedestrian safety. It may also discourage truck cut-through traffic.

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Pocket Park with Improved Pedestrian/Bike Access -

SW 9th St. at Coconut Dr. SW 9th St. at SW 8th Ave. SW 9th St. at Road Closure

SW 8th St. at Road Closure SW 6th St. at Road Closure SW 5th St. at SW 5th Ave.

There are a number of closed streets throughout Tarpon River that are underutilized. For example, many of the closed streets have been blocked off by narrow planters. Using SW 11th Ct. at SW 4th Ave, pocket park as a new standard, these other locations could be transformed to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections that also serve to improve drainage through landscape design. These changes will provide valuable aesthetic, environmental, recreational, and traffic calming improvements for Tarpon River.

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Raised Intersections 7th at Corner
SW 1st Ave at SW 7th St.
SW 1st Ave. at SW 6th St.

The entire area of an intersection is raised above normal pavement surface level to reduce vehicle speed through the intersection and provide a better view of pedestrians and motorists in the intersection. These are recommended in areas where driveway or roadway widths prevented the use of mini roundabouts.

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Modify Signal Timing -Davie Blvd. at SW 9th Ave. Davie Blvd. at SW 4th Ave. SW 7th St. at S Andrews Ave.

SW 6th St. at SW 4th Ave.

Signal timing was raised as an issue at a number of locations. A signal timing analysis revealed that an update to the signal timing could be beneficial on Davie Blvd at SW 9th Ave. and at SW 4th Ave. and on SW 7th St. at Andrews Ave. The issue on SW 9th Ave. could also be related to the bridge openings, which should be further studied. The signal on SW 6th St. at SW 4th Ave. flashes on the weekends, which causes delays for east-west traffic and difficulty crossing the street. It is recommended that the signal timing be updated to a full signal at all times. A full signal study by the County should be completed to determine impacts to the system from any changes.

- City of Fort Lauderdale to request from Broward County Traffic Engineering Division
- Letter of support from the Civic Association for the City of Fort Lauderdale to submit to the County asking for modified signal timing because it is aligned with the following of the Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 Initiative
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Traffic backs up on Davie Blvd when the bridge opens. On weekdays, it only opens for emergencies and towing companies from 7:30-9AM and 4:30-6 PM. However, it opens irregularly throughout the day, including from 9-10AM when there is usually heavy traffic on Davie Blvd. Adjusting the schedule to better accommodate peak vehicle travel times could help ease traffic.

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Change Geometry -SW 5th St. at SW 4th Ave. SW 7th St. at S Andrews Ave.

Intersection geometry lends itself to higher vehicular speeds in some locations. This can cause issues for pedestrians crossing the street and can encourage people to run stop signs. Therefore, changes in intersection geometry are recommended at three locations. At SW 4th Ave. and SW 5th St., the street can be skewed so that vehicles can no longer exit SW 4th Ave. at high speeds. At SW 7th St. and Andrews Ave., widening the westbound lane and narrowing the eastbound left turn lane could help to better facilitate turning movements.

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Formalize Parking on Alley Street near SW 7th St.

Throughout Tarpon River, people park on the side of the street. In some locations, where the street is wide, on street parking can be formalized. This can have a secondary benefit of calming traffic. Parking along the alley street near SW 7th St. should be formalized. A parking study should be completed for the entire neighborhood to address the needs and opportunities.

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