



Community Traffic Safety Team
of Pinellas County

Pinellas CTST – April 1, 2021

Meeting started at 10:04 am

- Welcome and introductions were given. Mike Zinn thanked everyone for attending the Safety Summit in March.
- February Minutes were approved.

Enforcement:

Roque (TSPD): Nothing new to report.

Blickensdorf (LPD): Reported that they had a St. Patrick's Day DUI detail which was a success. They are continuing with HVE pedestrian details which have been extremely successful. They have had zero pedestrian fatalities since the middle of December. Great work by all their officers.

Mark (PCSO) (Mike Zinn read via email): Hosted 3 classes in March: motorcycle investigation crash (final); standardization field sobriety test; and advanced roadside impaired driving. They trained 44 law enforcement officers in the DUI enforcement area. They conducted a DUI Saturation patrol on St. Patrick's Day which resulted in 12 DUI arrests. They will be holding another DUI Saturation patrol on April 10th and 18th.

Engineering and Bike/Pedestrian:

Mike (City of St. Petersburg): They have a new traffic control signal installed at 4th Street/ 112th Avenue North; this should help with all the mid-angle crashes and slow down traffic coming into the City. Thank you DOT! The signal at 31 Street/ I-275 ramp is currently under construction. The BRT SunRunner Transit along the 1st Avenue corridor has begun construction. This will include a striping plan to implement the RT stations which will be left side boarding with a median on the right side of the bus (lane elimination project, from three lanes to 2 lanes). This will be a huge safety improvement along the corridor. There will be some signal timing modifications in downtown along 3rd and 4th Streets and 5th Avenue North and 5th Avenue South. While the cabinets were open, they asked DOT to add a 3 second leading pedestrian interval at all crossings. This should help with the pedestrian safety downtown.

Sandra (Forward Pinellas): There is an increase in bikes/peds on the trail for February. 2020 was a huge year overall on the trail.

Education:

Julie (CUTR): Gave an update on the Love to Ride campaign, March Bike Month. Most of the biking was in Pinellas County and there were over 110,000 miles ridden for the month. In April, they are hosting a



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virtual 5k. They just launched a pilot during March, Bikesmart online virtual quiz and over 1400 folks took the quiz.

George (TO): Wrapping up all the high schools this month. He has gotten into Citrus and Hernando County high schools. Pinellas schools are still virtual, he is hoping this summer things will change, and he can go back into the classroom. Feedback has been great. Getting a lot of surveys back.

Denise (MADD): Completed some virtual drivers ed Palm Harbor University during March. They have a marine campaign with Alert Today and she has some floating key chains and watertight bags. Mike Zinn said for Denise to get with Mark Easty if they need any of those materials.

Sandra (Forward Pinellas): She would like to have Angela Ryan speak at the next CTST meeting (month) to discuss the Bike Your City virtual event.

Old Business:

Mahshid (AQC): Mahshid stated she had great meetings with Pinellas County regarding submittal applications for speed feedback signs and the RRFB at Dunedin Causeway by Frenchy's restaurant. Still working on the roundabout justifications for Skinner Boulevard HSIP Application. She continues to work on material requests with Bill Riha. Please contact Mahshid if she can help in anyway.

Sandra (Forward Pinellas): They added the High Injury Network (HIN) on the map. We are at 28 fatal crashes; the same as we were last year, at this time. There were 3 double fatalities this month. We had 32 fatalities this time last year, and currently, we have 31.

New Business:

Mike Zinn (FDOT): FDOT has two corridors, in Pinellas County, were they are working to replace the High Sodium Pressure Lighting to LED lighting on Roosevelt Boulevard (Ulmerton area) and Alternate 19 (MLK area).

Open Forum:

Doug Hansen: 66th Street North, Wells Fargo Bank, they put the "one way" enter sign on top of the "do not enter" sign in the median; the "one way" sign points right into the left turn lane. Mike Frederick said to send this information to Kevin Dunn. Mike Zinn stated to copy him on the email to Kevin.

Sandra (Forward Pinellas): *Update from Sarah Capers regarding the Safe Streets Action Plan and Adopting a Resolution of Support (for minutes) – Sandra read during meeting.* On March 10, the Forward Pinellas Board adopted the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan, with a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our roadways by 2045. The Action Plan is based on a data-driven approach to developing a High Injury Network and Hot Spot locations. It includes six categories of actions: Vision



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Zero Program; Data Collection, Monitoring and Analysis; Education Campaign; Street & Roadway Design; Funding; and Legislation. Each action lists performance measures, potential partners and timing. The Action Plan also has an Engineering Toolkit with countermeasures. Forward Pinellas is moving to early implementation steps, including developing a working group and asking partner agencies to support Safe Streets Pinellas. The Action Plan is online at forwardpinellas.org/safestreets. If you are interested in adopting a resolution of support for Safe Streets Pinellas or learning more about the Action Plan or implementation, let me know.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am

Mahshid Arasteh, Mike Blickensdorf, Julie Bond, Joseph Camera, George Edminston, Mike Frederick, Doug Hansen, Brandy Howard, Peter Hsu, Sandra Knobel, Denise McAllister, Lori Palaio, Ginger Regalado, Tyler Roessler, Mike Roque, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Michele Snow, Autumn Westermann, Mike Zinn