



Pinellas CTST – February 4, 2021

Meeting started at 10:02 am

- Welcome and introductions were given.
- Minutes were approved.

Enforcement:

Villano (FHP): Fatals are up a bit, but it is an improvement.

Eastty (PCSO): Received the grant which will allow for extra enforcement. They will be working the Superbowl.

Engineering and Bike/Pedestrian:

Tyler (Element): Discussed several projects they are working on within Pinellas County.

Brentin (CUTR): Bike Walk Tampa Bay is kicking off the Love to Ride Challenge in March for Bike Month. Reminded everyone that you can sign up and start logging rides. CUTR is working with Forward Pinellas to plan a virtual biking event. CUTR completed some traffic box wraps within Hillsborough County. There are several locations planned for Pinellas County in the near future.

Sandra, for Angela (FP): Sandra stated the trail usage is up. Below is the information from Angela regarding the Trail (this was sent via email). **Annual Trail Counter Summary from Angela** | Nearly 30-years ago, the first section of the Pinellas Trail opened in 1990 to connect the cities of Largo and Seminole. Due to the work of dedicated citizens, elected officials and local governments, the Pinellas Trail now extends 47-miles from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg. The Pinellas Trail passes through eight cities and several unincorporated communities where it provides economic, recreational and transportation benefits within Pinellas County. Through funding made available from the Centers of Disease Control in 2016, electromagnetic and infrared sensors have been installed along the Trail to more accurately and consistently count users, differentiate between pedestrians and bicyclists, and log the day, time and direction of travel. These automated trail counters have been installed in eight different sections of the Pinellas Trail. The value of the trail counters has been immeasurable as they have provided a more efficient system of data collection and of reporting. The data helps to inform taxpayers, elected officials, and other stakeholders of the widespread use of the trail. The trail count data also informs Forward Pinellas' efforts to make bicycling and walking safe and healthy transportation options in Pinellas County. Additionally, trail user counts assist in obtaining transportation grants and community support for regional trails. Counter data is collected on a monthly basis at all eight Pinellas Trail Count Stations. Monthly Summary Reports include total user counts, the daily averages, highest daily totals, totals per count station, average weekday and weekend use, and



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total distribution by mode (pedestrians/bicyclists). The Automatic Trail Counters Pinellas Trail 2020 Summary will be presented to the Committee.

Denise (MADD): (Sent in her update via email). She has a good size virtual presentation scheduled for this month at Palm Harbor University HS. There will be 5 Driver Ed classes and 2 HOPE classes in attendance, approx. 150 to 200 kids. They will get merchandise from Alert to give out in March, April and May. The focus will be on BUI and giveaways look like beach towels, floating key chains and bags. She'll keep us updated as to the status on that.

Education:

Brentin (CUTR): CUTR is doing several virtual presentations to different groups around the community.

Autumn (PCS): They are having ongoing problems with drivers passing stopped school busses. She inquired about getting assistance for Oldsmar, St. Pete, Pinellas Park and Largo areas. Mark and Mike B. will be sending her their emails to get something set up. Discussion followed.

Sandra (FP): This spring the staff anticipates taking the Safe Streets Action Plan resolution to the Forward Pinellas Board. Sarah, with Forward Pinellas, asked if she could speak about this in the spring, after the resolution. They are hoping the partners will adopt the resolution for Safe Streets and Vision Zero. Mark mentioned that was okay for her to present in the future. Mark also stated he was going to try and have Vinn Petty from the Florida Traffic Safety Prosecutors Program doing a presentation for the law enforcement folks.

Mark (PCSO): The Public Safety Institute (PSI) is hosting a couple crash courses. IPTM is also hosting classes locally. At the end of this month, we have our Event Data Recorder Analysis course that will be held in Dunedin. These courses are free; check out their websites for more information.

Mahshid (AQC): Inquired from Sandra about Chelsea next steps with RRFB's? Sandra isn't sure but would get back with Mahshid. Sandra stated that Chelsea did have some questions about the Safe Routes grants. Sandra asked if any grants were going on right now. Mahshid said that the deadline was the end of December, but they can add it in for the next round. Bill Riha is reviewing the December applications. Discussion followed.

George (TO): Discussed the HV&I Passes, the McDonald certificates that enforcement started handing out for positive behavior. Mike said 400 certificates were sent out to Hillsborough, Pinellas, Duval Counties. McDonald's donated nearly \$15,000 to this effort. Mark said he would look into this and reach out to the coordinator if they haven't received any.

Old Business:

HSIP | Mahshid (AQC): Mahshid stated she had two great meetings with Pinellas County, Tom Washburn, and City of Tampa and FDOT with Peter Hsu. One thing that came up in the meetings were



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speed feedback signs. Mahshid is working with Pinellas County to try and find the locations of the speed feedback signs they like, the reasons for them, and how they could improve safety. The FDOT and City of Dunedin are still working on the roundabout justifications for Skinner Boulevard HSIP Application. Also, a lot of the Cities are not attending the CTSTs and there is a requirement for them to attend two meetings for the HSIP application. She will reach out to the Cities. Please contact Mahshid if she can help in anyway.

Sandra (Forward Pinellas): This month there were 11 fatal crashes and 13 fatalities total. Same time last year we had 9 fatal crashes. Right now, 2020 is still unofficial; there were 106 for 2020; 32 pedestrian crashes; 10 bicycles, 21 motorcycles, 40 vehicle crashes; and 113 fatalities. When the report is final, she will send over the information.

New Business:

Eastty (PCSO): Mark stated the folks crossing Seminole Boulevard were probably pedestrian at fault. He asked about possibly doing a RSA on Seminole Boulevard to put in more crosswalks. Blickensdorf stated all of theirs were impairment related, pedestrians were at fault. His engineering group took the lead after he brought this up and they are working with Duke and the County to get lights installed on the southbound side. They are also looking at 16th Avenue to either have a traffic light installed or a pedestrian crosswalk. Discussion followed. Sandra mentioned to everyone that they have the high crash intersection application area/report. Mark asked her if she could send it out monthly, along with the regular map.

Open Forum:

Doug Hansen: Brought up some safety issues: US 19/34th Street (9th North and 1st South) in St. Pete, the right lane is in bad shape, tons of potholes and depressions. Asked if FDOT could look at this lane. Mike said he would look into this. At 5th Avenue West a signal advance overlap is needed. The request has to come from the City. Regarding trail maintenance, on the Pinellas Trail, west of 31st Street, that section of trail is in bad condition. He inquired who requests go to for that. Sandra will look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am

Mahshid Arasteh, Mike Blickensdorf, Mark Brown, Joseph Camera, Mark Eastty, George Edminston, Scott Friedman, Doug Hansen, Brandy Howard, Sandra Knobel, Brentin Mosher, Lori Palaio, Ginger Regalado, Tyler Roessler, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Daniel Villano, Autumn Westermann, Mike Zinn