



Pinellas CTST – May 6, 2021

Meeting started at 10:02 am

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

Enforcement:

Roque (TSPD): The school bus stop at West Klosterman Road and Fox Run Drive was moved within the subdivision.

Mark (PCSO): In April, they conducted two DUI saturation patrols on a DUI grant. In St. Petersburg, they arrested 7 people at a 4/20 event. A couple members of PCSO, traffic homicide team, completed a traffic crash reconstruction course. Mark and others attended the forensics evidence from crash fatalities class. They also hosted MIDDLE (Marijuana Impaired Detection and Driving for Law Enforcement) which is put on by IPTM, it went over the marijuana laws in the State. PCSO did a saturation patrol for Cinco de Mayo and only arrested 4 people for DUI. IPTM is currently hosting many free courses for Florida officers. They received approval to start the multi-agency wolf packs again; there will one coming up in July.

Engineering and Bike/Pedestrian:

Mike (CoSP): Updated the group about the double fatality which occurred on Central Avenue; a large pickup truck went through the crosswalk and hit two adults. CoSP has been working with Grand Central District on modifications along this corridor to improve safety; one item they fought CoSP on was the installation of pedestrian crosswalk signs. CoSP was able to put imprinted crosswalks at all intersections, but not the signs. The day after the fatality, the Grand Central District called asking CoSP to put the signs up. CoSP is working on this program which spans 16th Street and 34th Street. Currently it is a 25 MPH speed zone and they are working on trying to get the speed down to 20 MPH.

Mark (PCSO): Spoke about the crash on I-275 which involved a FHP and an impaired driver.

George (TO): Asked if FDOT could compile info/data on recent crash areas, and asked Mark if he could put that in the plans for the upcoming saturation patrol. Mark said absolutely!! George said he would work with Mike Zinn to get Mark the data on specific locations.

Peter (FDOT): Chatted in the chat box and stated, one major safety engineering action FDOT is doing -- Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) which FDOT is installing up to 100 LPI sites in Pinellas



and Hillsborough now. FDOT is very serious about traffic safety. Explained his new position within FDOT to promote traffic safety, he is now the District Administrator. Discussion followed. Janice dropped off a bunch of safety information/items to Mark's office. Mark and his group are working on a DUI grant. Other agencies throughout Pinellas County should be also putting in for grants.

Education:

Julie (CUTR): The Love to Ride campaign is happening during May for National Bike Month. CUTR has safety presentations and safety quizzes going on for Pinellas County. The signal box wrap program continues and they are creating a map of all the wrapped locations. They've had lots of great feedback on the wrapped signal boxes. The I Can Bike camp, which is held in Hillsborough County but is open to everyone, starts on June 14th and is a 5-day camp. This camp helps disabled children learn to ride. They are still looking for volunteers for this event. The high school program is still going strong. CUTR is working on two new safety PSAs which will be filmed at Brandon High School.

George (TO): He is wrapping up all the high schools this month; he has one more high school to complete for Pinellas County. He is hoping they can go back to face-to-face classes for summer school. He has nine schools, for the summer, with two different sessions. They should reach around 500 kids during summer school for drivers education.

Julie (CUTR): They are looking at getting back to doing education at Pinellas Hope, Safe Harbor, and other homeless shelters. They have been dropping off safety related items/literature to the locations.

Brandy (SSC): They have seen a high number of DUI enrollments. They will be speaking with DHSMV about the transition of moving to in-person in the coming months.

Mike (CoSP): There was another attempt, in Tallahassee, to remove RRFBs and he was happy to report, it did not make it through the session.

Mark (PCSO): Brought up the CTST meetings and potentially in August, getting back to in-person meetings at their location.

Tripp (CoTI): Appreciated being on the call. Gulf Boulevard currently has a lot of construction occurring. They are trying to make pedestrian activity as safe as possible. He recently reached out to Peter and FDOT gave him bike lights which he passed out during their public education and events. Appreciates all the support.



Brandy (SSC): She was approached by an SPPD officer who was doing some targeted aggressive driver enforcement. He was looking for literature both virtually and hard copy. Mike and Ginger assisted her with information which she turned over to the SPPD officer. Appreciated the support. Ginger stated she has lots of hard copy literature available.

Angela (Forward Pinellas): Safe Streets Pinellas has been a yearlong project. In March, the Forward Pinellas Board approved their Action Plans. During 2020, there were over 2.1 million people who used the Pinellas Trail. So far this year, January through March, there have been over 600,000 people on the Pinellas Trail. During 2020, there was a 60% reduction of crashes involving pedestrians and a 20% reduction of crashes involving bicyclists. Discussion followed.

Angela (Forward Pinellas) then gave her presentation on Bike your City. Discussion followed.

Marsha Freedman gave her presentation on the SET Principle. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

Mahshid (AQC): Mahshid stated she had great meetings with Pinellas County and some pre-applications for speed feedback signs. She is still working on applications for RRFBs. She continues to work on material requests with Bill Riha and JMT. Thanked Sandy for helping her out with the CDMS database. As Peter said about LPs, the first ones that they are doing for Phase II are 4th Street and 34th Street. Please contact Mahshid if she can help in anyway.

New Business:

Mark (PCSO): Went over the Fatal Map for April. Unfortunately, pedestrians are leading the numbers in fatalities. Mark discussed Park Street crash. George mentioned if street lighting is an issue on that corridor, please send him and Mike Zinn an email with the details. Discussion followed.

Howard Miller (PCSO): The area of US 19 at 298th northbound. There is a turn only lane by Cycle Springs and delineators are directly in the roadway. This is area is a constant problem. Asked if anything can be addressed about this location. Mike Zinn stated he would get with Traffic Ops again on this.



Open Forum:

Mark (PCSO): Brought up the upcoming August CTST meeting being an in-person meeting at the PCSO office, if no one had an issue with it. No one stated any issues. Mark stated he would discuss this further in the June meeting.

Joe Camera (PCS): He stated he has most of his drivers filling out the stop arm violation forms. He is trying to find the correct law enforcement groups to give the forms out to them. There are certain areas that are impacted more with violations than others. Joe will send Mark the immediate problems locations via email. Discussion followed. Miller asked him for the locations as well.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Gave the group the May campaigns.

- National Youth Traffic Safety Month
- National Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- Share the Road: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month – Look Twice for Motorcycles Ride Responsibly
- Heat Stroke Month
- National Police Week - 5/9-5/15
- National EMS Week - 5/16-5/22
- Click It or Ticket - 5/17-6/6
- Bike to Work Week - 5/17-5/24
- Bike to Work Day - 5/21

Mark (PCSO): The Skyway Bridge put up netting on the bridge to try and prevent suicides.

Denata (PC): They will be supporting the May campaigns through the DMS signs and safety messages.

Doug Hanson: Asked who was responsible maintenance on the Pinellas Trail? Went into details of issues on the trail. Denata stated she would assist and to email her the issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am

Mahshid Arasteh, Tripp Bars, Julie Bond, Joseph Camera, George Edminston, Mark Eastty, Mike Frederick, Marsha Freeman, Doug Hansen, Brandy Howard, Peter Hsu, Denata Jones, Howard Miller, Ginger Regalado, Mike Roque, Angela Ryan, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Michele Snow, Robert Wallace, Mike Zinn