



## Pasco CTST – July 28, 2021

Meeting started at 1:35pm

### **I. Welcome and Introductions were made.**

### **II. Minutes Approved**

- Minutes were approved.

### **III. Old Business**

Group reviewed Problem Location sheet.

**1 – Gator Lane @ US 41:** Mike asked one of the safety guys to get involved in this. He is now in contact with Withlacoochee and currently they are out there trying to determine locations. There is a field meeting set up next week. They are running into some wet issues, but they are going to go out there and see what they can adjust.

**2 – Various Locations in the County:** Mike stated the items are in production; the factory is having a slowdown on certain materials. They only received a portion of the signs and it's a new fiscal year. Tina will get Mike the additional locations.

**3 – Little Road and Rye Street:** No update.

**4 – County Line Road at Waterfall Drive:** Mike said through an email change with Clayton, Pasco County, and Ernie, Hernando County, the project is in the purchasing process and is currently out for bid. The MPO is looking at updating the PD&E to see what can be done on County Line Road.

### **IV. New Business**

#### *Education*

Tina/Julie: Stated that the Traffic Skills 101 course will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> in Pasco County. The October course is almost full. This is the prerequisite course for the league instructor course. You will need to bring your own bike and helmet. This is the first time it's being held in Pasco County. Tina mentioned they are using the new Starkey Ranch Library Cultural Center for the bike classes. Discussion followed.

David Cruz: Stated his motorcycle training classes have been full for weekends now. Also, anything he can do to help with the bike program, he's willing to assist. Tina asked David to send him some information about where his location.



Kasey/Tina: AECOM was the MPOs consultant for Vision Zero and Active Transportation Plan, along with TO. Engagement was a huge portion of the Vision Zero plan. Since COVID happened, they've done a lot of videos, PSAs, etc. With the Starkey Ranch School opening, they took advantage of this engagement opportunity with the School Board and the Sherriff's Office. They are trying to help all involved with the new school opening and this unique roadway system around the school. Kasey and the MPO are trying to make the first day of school the safest. They are looking for volunteers for the first week of school to help the kids make it to school safely. Discussion followed. Signs were displayed at the CTST meeting that illustrate the correct way for kids to go to school, the correct biking and walking path. August 9<sup>th</sup> is the training day and August 10<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school. If you are interested in volunteering, send Tina an email. Discussion followed.

George: He is booking schools now and these will be face-to-face sessions. He is looking at a very busy school season. He does have another partner/instructor to tackle all the sessions. They will be teaching at every high school in the district. They have a new PSA on seatbelts from Brandon High School.

Julie: Finishing up the PSAs. They are having a big kickoff to teen traffic safety. Brandon High School was the school where the PSAs were filmed. Everything should be ready to go by September. Discussion followed.

David: Mentioned that if anyone wanted to attend his motorcycle training course, we could do so at no charge.

### *Enforcement*

McConnell: They were involved in Southern Shield. He will have data at the next meeting for citations, etc. In addition, they received a bicycle/pedestrian grant (with Janice Martinez' help) which they use on along US 19, giving out bike lights, literature, etc. Discussion followed regarding speeding in the area. Mike said SR 54 is on the list to do a future safety campaign. Tina is looking at doing two safety plans, within the next 5 years, on US 19 and SR 54, looking at all the intersections.

George: Gave an update on the law enforcement measures that went into the Courtney Campbell Causeway campaign. There were 409 traffic stops, 200+ citations (speed), highest speed recorded was 127 MPH, 5 DUI arrests, multiple aggressive/reckless driving citations, etc.

Julie: Gave an update on the other safety component of the Courtney Campbell Causeway campaign. They utilized geofencing along the Courtney Campbell Causeway, with up to four messages. There have been about 150,000 impressions with the geofencing. If the user clicks on the link, they will be directed to a Courtney Campbell Causeway survey. Over 3,000 people have taken the survey. If they give the survey their contact information, CUTR/FDOT will send them a



lens cloth with safety information on it. This information is on social media as well. A mailer was also sent to around 8,000 people who live in the area with a link to the survey. George and Christian (new instructor) visited 50 businesses on each end of the causeway to give out informational tip cards. Discussion followed.

### *Engineering*

Venkat: He is waiting on the final piece of the puzzle from the utility company on the lighting projects to score the JPA. Hopefully it will happen soon, this week. The speed feedback signs may have a positive impact in the neighborhoods. Mike asked Venkat how far out they are on the traffic signal at 98. The paperwork is currently at the Attorney's office. Most of the purchasing items must go through the Attorney's office for review. Discussion followed.

Tina brought up a Penny for Pasco project that is in design; the Overpass for Suncoast Trail at SR 54 which is in final design right now. Another Penny for Pasco project is the Overpass at SR 52 and the Suncoast Trail which is about a year out. They have an application in for an at grade midblock crossing east of the current crossing at Starkey Trail and SR 54 and Starkey Boulevard, to make this crossing safer.

### *Crash Statistics*

Mike Zinn stated the following statistics for Pasco County for July. Discussion followed.

- 10 motorcycle fatalities
- 2 bicycle fatalities (this time last year there were 13)
- 12 pedestrian fatalities
- 56 total fatalities for Pasco County (YTD)

## **V. Calendar Updates**

Melissa gave the calendar updates for Mike:

- Safe Summer Travels
- National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month
- Wrong Way Driving Awareness Month

## **VI. SRTS Updates**

Tina: Zimmerman is still in the works for Pasco County. Two applications are in for sidewalks, Leonard Road and Ranch Road, off US 19.



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## VII. Open Forum/Announcements

Tina mentioned that the next meeting will be in-person at the City of Zephyrhills, new building.

Tina read Renisa's information in the chat box: Battle of the belts was extremely successful, 11 schools involved and those who ran received prizes. Additionally, we can certify anyone who would like to be a helmet fitter. I will be conducting a class for the Rasmussen students in September. My email is [Rmart115@jhmi.edu](mailto:Rmart115@jhmi.edu) if you'd like to contact me.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

Meeting Attendees: Julie Bond, David Cruz, Kasey Cursey, George Edmiston, Wayne Gaskill, David Guttenplan, Jamal Khdeir, Renisa Martinez, Jeff McConnell, Tina Russo, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Jana Tripp, Venkat Vattikuti, Mike Zinn, Diahann (Pasco resident)

## Problem Locations – July 2021

Item	Date Reported	Description	Staff	Last Update	Date Resolved/Withdrawn	Comments
1	May 2019	Gator Lane @ US 41	Zinn/Venkat	July 2021		<p>Visibility/lighting issue with the Gator Lane @ US 41 crosswalk at Land O' Lakes High School. Its now under construction. Zinn – it has good/active ped signals. The school board is aware of the problem. Venkat made observations of the site. Asked if signal guys to suggest some changes to the intersection. These suggested changes were sent to FDOT to get approved. (10/19) Signal timing was approved. Venkat will reach out to power companies. Sending in work order to get cost estimate. Probably have them by the end of the year. Venkat reached out to Withlacoochee River Electric Coop and they're good to go. Good to go. Locations were identified and poles should be in before/by September. Venkat reached out to Withlacoochee and they should be doing their final locations within a week or so. Hopefully in a month, you'll be able to see the lighting. Venkat sent Withlacoochee River Electric the as-builts for the intersection. It will be about 6 weeks until there are lights and poles at this location. Venkat is going to send an email Withlacoochee River Electric regarding the asbuilts. Venkat said Mike could coordinate with them on the final locations of the poles to install the lights. Venkat stated he copied Mike on the email. Mike has not heard from anyone since the email a couple of months ago.</p> <p><b>Mike asked one of the safety guys to get involved in this. He is now in contact with Withlacoochee and currently they are out there trying to determine locations. There is a field meeting set up next week. They are running into some wet issues, but they are going to go out there and see what they can adjust.</b></p>
2	Sept 2019	Various Locations in the County	Venkat	July 2021		<p>County is looking for TEN Speed Feedback signs from FDOT. FDOT will work with County and safety office to provide the requested signs. Venkat will supply FDOT with the locations and documentation. Will be sending a list out</p>

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					<p>to FDOT's Consultant, via email, to submit applications.</p> <p>Temporarily on hold due to the school situations. Venkat stated the locations have been identified. They are waiting on funding. Venkat will be sending the list back to Bala. Hopefully within a week or two, they will get approval for the final list of locations where they need the speed feedback signs. Venkat is waiting on schools to open. His group conducted speed gun tests this week. Venkat has the list of speed feedback signs and will be sending it to Mike, Peter and Bala tomorrow. Venkat recently sent the list back to Peter, Mike and Bala for the speed feedback sign locations. There were 34 requested locations. However many they, FDOT, can provide, Pasco County will be happy to take. Venkat stated he sent +/- 20 locations to Peter a couple months back. They started pulling run-off-the road crashes (since it is the main criteria) and will send this information to Mike/Peter within a couple of days. Tina asked Venkat to send her the locations. Venkat stated they are finalizing the fact sheet for the speed feedback signs, which they will be sending to Mike, Peter, etc. later today.</p> <p>Mike is checking with Bill; they have been ordered, en route. Possibly looking at costs for Bluetooth devices at each sign/location.</p> <p><b>Mike stated the items are in production; the factory is having a slowdown on certain materials. They only received a portion of the signs and it's a new fiscal year. Tina will get Mike the additional locations.</b></p>
3	Sept 2019	Little Road & Rye Street	Heather Glenny	Mar. 2021	<p>A 16-yr-old was hit on Little Road in late September. The area is very dark (no lighting) and kid did not use a crosswalk when crossing the street. (9/19) Venkat is trying to make lighting a priority in Pasco County. He and his staff are working on a list of corridors that need lighting. Venkat has even brought this up to the School Board about implementing additional school lighting.</p>

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					<p>(10/19) They recently finished ranking the prioritization data. Cost benefit analysis will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Venkat followed up on this with a list of streets without signalized intersections. He will be sending this to FDOT's Consultant to submit applications. In progress. Working with FDOT and JMT on a LAP Agreement. Ongoing. Venkat promised by the end of today, he would send Peter Hsu the dollar amount associated with the lighting on several roadways. Venkat stated he knows this is on the list with FDOT (under LAP) and hopefully when the LAP comes through, they will see this segment for lighting this fiscal year. They will be working with local utility companies so these will have a fast-paced approach. Venkat stated he had a recent meeting with FDOT and this location was part of the overall discussion. Regarding the timeline, it could be until fiscal year 2022 until this starts moving. However, PC will look at the intersection and see if there is any way they can add the intersection lighting immediately. Venkat will have an update at the next CTST meeting. Venkat stated they are working with both Duke Energy and Withlacoochee River Electric. Trying to get the schedule from the energy companies to get it to FDOT to initiate the JPA. Venkat stated they are working with the JPA for the next year on this.</p> <p><b>No update. Need to find out who the new FHP person is to replace Glenny.</b></p>
4	March 2019 – West Central CTST	County Line Road at Waterfall Drive	Venkat	July 2021	<p>Steve D. with Hernando County Schools wanted to know if a signal could be installed at this location. Hernando County will be meeting with Pasco County to go over the requirements for the signal and required equipment and what County agency will install and implement it. Hernando County is designing and working on the agreement for design. Scope of Work agreement is complete. Going to the BOCC with this agreement on January 28th. Consultant is on board to design and build</p>

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					<p>project. Ernie - This is in Pasco County's hands. Ernie stated that the County has sent funds to Pasco County for design of this project. Going to speak to Venkat at the Pasco County CTST to add this project/info to their CTST notes. Ernie is awaiting a returned call. Venkat stated he thought the Engineer Project Manager was working through the plans. Will send us an update for the meeting from his side. Project designs are going through the review process. Zinn stated we would let Ernie Lane know that Venkat is in the design process. Venkat stated he was close to 100% on the design plans for the signal. Mike Zinn asked Venkat to keep in contact with Hernando County about this project. Venkat stated he would make sure he would they get copied in emails going forward. He asked Mike to send him email addresses of the folks interested. Venkat asked Clay to take care of this. Clay stated he would and that they were in the process of bidding this for construction now.</p> <p>Ernie was waiting on a return call from Venkat. Mike mentioned all three of them getting on a call to get this taken care of. Venkat said he would send an email after the meeting to close this item out. Tina asked him to keep her in the loop. No update.</p> <p><b>Mike said through an email exchange with Clayton, Pasco County, and Ernie, Hernando County, the project is in the purchasing process and is currently out for bid. The MPO is looking at updating the PD&amp;E to see what can be done on County Line Road.</b></p>
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