



Pasco CTST – August 25, 2021

Meeting started at 1:38pm

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

Mike displayed the new CTST website and discussed where to find things and new features the website holds. He asked that if anyone sees anything that needs to be corrected, please send him the revisions.

Peter stated Venkat received 14 speed feedback signs. Peter said that he has safety money and can help get equipment out to the counties and cities. Asked everyone to get with Mike if they have any equipment needs. He also mentioned the safety money can take care of signage, bright sticks, and RRFBs.

Mike spoke about geofencing SR 54 in the future. He stated he will be geofencing Labor Day and during the holidays. They have variable message boards on SR 54 which can be used.

Peter discussed the education speed enforcement Courtney Campbell Causeway campaign and stated it included the TPD, HCSO, and FHP. From the data gathered, they will be installing three signals to slow down the speed on the Courtney Campbell Causeway. Julie discussed what geofencing is, the safety messages used, and how it was used on the Courtney Campbell Causeway campaign. George gave an overview of the statistics that were gathered during the campaign which included 409+ traffic stops, 200+ citations, highest speed was 127 MPH, numerous reckless driving citations, and 5 DUI arrests. Julie stated they are geofencing the USF and UT areas with specific, targeted messages. Discussion followed.

II. **Minutes Approved**

- Minutes were approved.

III. **Old Business**

Group reviewed Problem Location sheet.

1. **Gator Lane @ US 41:** No update
2. **Various Locations in the County:** Signs were received. *This will be removed from the list.*
3. **Little Road and Rye Street:** Venkat is working the intersection lighting at this location. This should be complete in the next 60 days.
4. **County Line Road at Waterfall Drive:** Venkat will check on this for the group.



IV. New Business

Tina/Lt. Rux discussed the incident at Regency Park/Maple Hurst where a person was hit. FHP is working this. The news video was shown. Discussion followed about possible solutions for this location.

Education

Julie stated that the Traffic Skills 101 course is coming up on October 2nd in Pasco County. The second course will be on December 4th. 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.

Tina mentioned the Honor Roll ride, a four-day ride, that starts in Titusville and ends in St. Petersburg. It takes place on September 8th and ends on the 12th.

Tina discussed the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit on November 2-4.

Julie showed the new PSAs that were filmed at Brandon High School. These PSAs will be shown during the driver's education classes.

Tina discussed the first day of school at Starkey Ranch School. She stated this is a major bicycle/pedestrian school. They had 10% bike/ped on the first day and then on the 2nd day, they had 20-30% bike/peds heading to school. She said all sorts of modes of transportation were being used. There is a dedicated golf cart location drop-off that is separate from the regular drop-off line. Kasey and herself had plenty of great opportunities to speak with the kids and parents about getting to school.

Enforcement

Tina asked to do a ride-along with Sgt. Palease.

Peter mentioned details of the high visibility grant (September thru February), \$93,000, which could be used for overtime pay and to help educate bicyclists and pedestrians. Tina stated she would get a meeting together to discuss this further. Lt. Rux stated they have several speed details coming up. Discussion followed. George gave specifics on grant funds available for Zephyrhills and Pasco County. Stated they would need to jump on this quick, if interested.

Crash Statistics

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

- 9 motorcycle fatalities (this time last year there were 19)
- 3 bicycle fatalities (this time last year there were 13)
- 13 pedestrian fatalities (this time last year there were 26)



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- 63 total fatalities for Pasco County (YTD)

V. Calendar Updates

Julie mentioned the virtual Sprint for Safety 5K is happening during the month of October.

VI. SRTS Updates

N/A

VII. Open Forum/Announcements

Peter stated that he received an email from a concerned citizen/police officer, regarding the lighting and speeding on SR 54 and Collier Parkway. He discussed how dark at night this intersection is and how lighting would be beneficial. He stated that the traffic volume is high throughout the day/night. He states the speed limit is 45 MPH but visually can see that people are going faster than that. He said a speed trailer out there could help capture the excessive speeds. He also stated a traffic signal in-between Collier Parkway at Parkway Boulevard and Killington Boulevard would help with speeding. *This was added to the Problem Location sheet.*

Mike gave the August campaigns:

- Florida Drowsy Driving Prevention Week (September 1 - 7)
- National Seat Check Saturday (September 25)
- Child Passenger Safety Week (September 19 - 25)

Mike mentioned the Safety Fair at HCC/Raymond James on October 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24pm

Meeting Attendees: Julie Bond, George Edmiston, Peter Hsu, Sgt. Anthony Palease, Tina Russo, Lt. Jacquelyn Rux, Melissa Shepherd, Todd Vandeberg, Venkat Vattikuti, Mike Zinn

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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>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. No update.</p>
2	Sept 2019	Various Locations in the County	Venkat	July 2021	August 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. 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.</p> <p>Signs were received. <i>This will be removed from the list.</i></p>
3	Sept 2019	Little Road & Rye Street	Heather Glenny	Aug. 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> <p>(10/19) They recently finished ranking the prioritization data. Cost benefit analysis will be completed in the next</p>

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					<p>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. Need to find out who the new FHP person is to replace Glennly. Venkat is working the intersection lighting at this location. This should be complete in the next 60 days.</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 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</p>

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					<p>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. 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. 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&E to see what can be done on County Line Road. Venkat will check on this for the group.</p>
5	Aug. 2021	SR 54 and Collier Parkway	Peter	Aug. 2021	<p>Peter stated that he received an email from a concerned citizen/police officer, regarding the lighting on SR 54 and Collier Parkway. They discussed how very dark at night this intersection is and how lighting would be beneficial. He stated that the traffic volume is high throughout the day/night. He states the speed limit is 45 MPH but visually can see that people are going faster than that. He said a speed trailer out there could help capture the excessive speeds. He stated a light in-between Collier Parkway at Parkway Boulevard and Collier Parkway at Killington Boulevard would help with speeding.</p>