



Pasco CTST – September 22, 2021

Meeting started at 1:30pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Minutes Approved

- August minutes were approved.

III. Old Business

Group reviewed the Problem Location sheet.

1. **Gator Lane @ US 41:** Mike stated they are working with Withlacoochee River Electric and Progress Energy on this.
2. **Various Locations in the County:** *Removed from the list.*
3. **Little Road and Rye Street:** Venkat stated they added this to the prioritization list. FDOT is working on the JPA.
4. **County Line Road at Waterfall Drive:** Mike told Ernie with Hernando County that this project is out for bid.
5. **SR 54 and Collier Parkway:** Venkat stated they will be adding intersection lighting. Withlacoochee is behind, Venkat's portion is complete. Discussion followed. Mike mentioned adding the speed feedback sign out there.
6. **Alternate 19/19:** Tina stated this issue came through the MPO. The homeless population is taking advantage the PED signal to hold up traffic to do their panhandling. Mike said they do their best by discouraging it and informing the panhandler that it's illegal and they need to go. If it becomes excessive, Mike would enlist the help of the FHP, with the state roads. Discussion followed.

IV. New Business

Education

Tina mentioned the Traffic Skills 101 course is coming up on October 2nd in Pasco County. The second course will be on December 4th. Tina mentioned they are using the new Starkey Ranch Library Cultural Center for the bike classes. This skills class will get a certification. Discussion followed.



Jeannine stated they are continuing to do their education and can get back into classrooms. MADD had their annual freshman orientation at Mitchell High School. Fivay and Wiregrass Ranch has completed their drivers education class. For this school year, to date, they have reached 750 youths in their youth program. She thanked Alert Today for their partnership. MADD will be at the Pasco Community Night at Wiregrass Mall on October 14th. MADD is having their annual walk on October 9th in Oldsmar.

<https://www.walklikemadd.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1234> The MADD Town Hall will be November 17th; more details to come.

Julie mentioned the Sprint for Safety; October is Pedestrian Safety month.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2021/50457/sprint-for-safety-2021> Julie can help you organize an event if anyone is interested. Julie has been booked with several Rotaries, including Pasco County, to give the Walk/Bike/Drive presentation. CUTR has been doing a lot with Wiregrass Ranch High School; students are taking pledges and doing the Sprint for Safety challenge. Christian is trying to get into Pasco County Schools to give the teen driving program. If anyone has any contacts at Land O'Lakes High School it would be appreciated.

Kasey inquired about the HCC Safety Day. Mike said the Safety Day is October 7th at HCC Dale Mabry Campus and discussed who would be attending.

Enforcement

Lt. Rux discussed the incident that occurred with the bicyclist, that the media covered at the last CTST meeting. The incident was resolved, and the driver was issued a criminal citation for reckless driving. FHP did a complete long form on the incident.

Lt. Rux is still receiving a lot of suggestions/complaints about the SR 54 corridor. She is going to coordinate with Captain Irizarry (PCSO) to work on some speed enforcement details. Mike asked for her to keep him updated on this; he would like to work with them on geofencing the location. He could also get the message boards out as well, similar to what they are doing on the Courtney Campbell Causeway details. Discussion followed. Lt. Rux then discussed the holiday details that are upcoming. She inquired from Sgt. Fenstemacher about their grant and if their locations fluctuate. Discussion followed.

Tina mentioned she was part of the Honor Ride last week.

Engineering

Tina mentioned that Pasco MPO is working on a couple different plans for Ayres Road and Wire Road (possible multi-use path). Also, possible plans for North County Line Road with updated feasibility/PD&E study and the overpasses at the Suncoast and 54 are in the works, hopefully construction will start next year.



Peter said thank you to Pasco County for working with FDOT on the street lighting corridor project. In the coming months, residents will start seeing the street lighting appearing on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, SR 56, and SR 54.

Tina asked Sgt. Fenstamacher if there was any way this group could help them with a high visibility grant. Sgt. Fenstamacher stated they are not pursuing these grants now but would be looking at this in the future. Discussion followed.

Crash Statistics

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

- 11 motorcycle fatalities (this time last year there were 19)
- 3 bicycle fatalities
- 14 pedestrian fatalities
- 73 total fatalities for Pasco County (YTD) (this time last year there were 76)

Lt. Rux stated that the FHP, during September 1-22nd, they worked 738 crashes with 14 troopers. She should have 26 troopers; they are working on recruitment. Out of the 738 crashes, 580 of them were long form crashes (injuries, criminal, vehicles towed, etc.).

V. Calendar Updates

N/A

VI. SRTS Updates

BWTS Training was sent out last week.

VII. Open Forum/Announcements

Mike gave the September campaigns:

- Pedestrian Safety Month
- Walk to School Day (October 6)
- Safety Fair at HCC/Raymond James (October 7)
- National Teen Driver Safety Week (October 17 - 23)
- Florida Teen Arrive Alive Day (October 19)
- National School Bus Safety Week (October 19 - 23)
- Halloween (October 31)

Tina mentioned the tri-county BPAC meeting next Wednesday, and Hillsborough is the host.

Mike mentioned the SAD president will be at the next CTST meeting.



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Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm

Meeting Attendees: Julie Bond, Kasey Cursey, George Edmiston, Dan Fenstemacher, Peter Hsu, Jeannine Lawrence, Janice Martinez, Renisa Martinez, Bala Pahmanabhan, Christine Parns, Tina Russo, Lt. Jacquelyn Rux, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Michele Snow, Jana Tripp, Venkat Vattikuti, Mike Zinn

Problem Locations – September 2021

| Item | Date Reported | Description | Staff | Last Update | Date Resolved/Withdrawn | Comments |
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| 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 (WRE) regarding the as-builts. 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. Mike asked one of the safety guys to get involved in this. He is now in contact with WRE 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. Mike stated they are working with WRE and Progress Energy on this.</p> |
| 2 | 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.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>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 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. 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 Glenn. Venkat is working the intersection lighting at this location. This should be complete in the next 60 days.</p> <p>Venkat stated they added this to the prioritization list. FDOT is working on the JPA.</p> |
| 3 | 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</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>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 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. Mike told Ernie with Hernando County that this project is out for bid.</p> |
| 4 | 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. The citizen stated that the traffic volume is high throughout the day/night. The citizen states the speed limit is 45 MPH but</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>visually can see that people are going faster than that. The citizen said a speed trailer out there could help capture the excessive speeds. The citizen stated a light in-between Collier Parkway at Parkway Boulevard and Collier Parkway at Killington Boulevard would help with speeding.</p> <p>Venkat stated they will be adding intersection lighting. Withlacoochee is behind, Venkat's portion is complete. Discussion followed. Mike mentioned adding the speed feedback sign out there.</p> |
| 5. | Sept. 2021 | Alternate 19 / US 19 | Tina (MPO) | Sept. 2021 | <p>Tina stated this issue came through the MPO. The homeless population is taking advantage the PED signal to hold up traffic to do their panhandling. Mike said they do their best by discouraging it and informing the panhandler that it's illegal and they need to go. If it becomes excessive, Mike will enlist the help of the FHP, with the state roads. Discussion followed.</p> |