



Pasco CTST – October 27, 2021

Meeting started at 1:32pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Minutes Approved

- September minutes were approved.

III. Old Business

Group reviewed the Problem Location sheet.

1. **Gator Lane @ US 41:** No new information.
2. **Little Road and Rye Street:** No new information. Venkat wasn't at the meeting. Tina mentioned she would email him about this project.
3. **County Line Road at Waterfall Drive:** No new information.
4. **SR 54 and Collier Parkway:** FDOT is working on lighting the corridor, through push button contracts. Discussion followed. Venkat wasn't at the meeting. Tina stated she would email Dan F. at the Pasco Sheriff's Office.
5. **Alternate 19/19:** Group discussed. Mike and George mentioned about getting back out doing more on-street education in the future. Julie mentioned it was on Christian's schedule to out there soon. Mike asked to be kept in the loop.
6. **Starkey Trail/Trinity Boulevard RRFB:** Tina mentioned the RRFB and sometimes people do not stop/or use RRFB to cross. In the future, the East/West Trail on Trinity, they will address a new trail crossing for the new trail and the existing Starkey Trail. The MPO is looking at long term solutions for the trail crossing. Discussion followed about the reduced speed limits and signal timings, and other solutions to calm the traffic near the trail crossing.

IV. New Business

Education

Julie stated they are doing geofencing for the SR 54 education campaign and asking people to take surveys. Once that happens, Julie follows up with educational info and they receive a speeding message lens cloth. To date, they've had over 2,000 surveys taken (people are



commenting as well) and about 150,000 impressions. A postcard mailer is going out to the people in the surrounding zip codes (around SR 54). She will share the results with the group when this campaign is complete. Tina stated she would send the survey out to her planning people. Discussion followed. She mentioned there is a Traffic Skills 101 course happening on December 4th; and is a larger class this time. Wiregrass High School did the Sprint for Safety Challenge on a certain day of October, and a bunch of kids walked together, had shirts printed with safety messaging, and gave out safety items. FDOT's Mobility Week starts Friday and the Love to Ride campaign is happening during the month of November and is statewide.

Tina mentioned that the Gulf Safe Streets Summit is next week.

Enforcement

Lt. Rux stated she would let the group know when the next SR 54 Detail would be happening. She will keep us posted on the future detail schedules. She asked Julie to send her the stats/comments on SR 54 campaign. Tina stated that Lt. Rux recorded 50 tickets with over 70+ MPH within 2 hours.

McConnell (Port Richey PD) has a bicycle grant through FDOT/NHTSA and gives out bike lights and pamphlets educating the public at primarily US 19/Ridge Road and US 19/Grand Boulevard. He has had lots of success with this. They put in a grant for an intoxilyzer. Mike mentioned to him about the DUI grant courses if they are interested in attending them (all of this in the CTST calendar). They are getting overtime funds, from a grant, which they'll use for several enforcement details like spring break, upcoming wolfpacks, etc. Tina asked him if they can use any helmets. He agreed and could use some, since his stock of helmets was down. Renisa stated they have helmets to distribute throughout the County. They also have toddler helmets. If anyone needs them, let her know. Discussion followed about having a helmet fitting training class.

Engineering

N/A

Crash Statistics

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

- 12 motorcycle fatalities (last year there were 21)
- 3 bicycle fatalities (last year at this time there were 13)
- 16 pedestrian fatalities (last year at this time there were 23)



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- 77 total fatalities for Pasco County (YTD)

V. Calendar Updates

N/A

VI. SRTS Updates

Tina mentioned that two of their Safe Route applications came out in the next Five-Year Work Program which was presented at the last MPO meeting. The applications were for Bexsley and Fort King.

Discussion about the next month's meeting. Tina brought up combining the November/December meeting into one combined meeting. The consensus was to have the meeting to December 1st at the Starkey Ranch Cultural Theatre. Discussion also came up about having a helmet fitting class after the meeting. Tina would check with the library to see if it's available for that date.

VII. Open Forum/Announcements

Mike gave the November campaigns:

- Aging Driving and Impaired Crash Month
- Celebrate Safety Campaign Month
- Blackout Wednesday, Buzz Driving is Drunk Driving (November 24)
- Pre-Holiday Season, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (November 11 - December 12)

Tina gave an update on the Starkey Ranch school circle/roundabout. They are still working out some kinks with the school; but mostly everything went well.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm

Meeting Attendees: Julie Bond, Kasey Cursey, George Edmiston, Renisa Martinez, Ofc. McConnell, Tina Russo, Lt. Jacquelyn Rux, Melissa Shepherd, Michele Snow, 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 (WRE) 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. 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. No new information.</p>
2	Sept 2019	Little Road & Rye Street	Venkat <i>(Glenny originally brought this to the</i>	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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			<i>meeting)</i>		<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. No new information.</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. No new information.</p>
4	Aug. 2021	SR 54 and Collier Parkway	Peter	Oct. 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> <p>FDOT is working on lighting the corridor, through push button contracts. Discussion followed. Venkat wasn't at the meeting. Tina stated she would email Dan F. at the Pasco Sheriff's Office.</p>
5.	Sept. 2021	Alternate 19 / US 19	Tina (MPO)	Oct. 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 would enlist the help of the FHP, with the state roads. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Group discussed. Mike and George mentioned about getting back out doing more on-street education in the future. Julie mentioned it was on Christian's schedule to out there soon. Mike asked to be kept in the loop.</p>
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