



Pinellas CTST – February 3, 2022

Meeting started at 10:02 am

- Welcome and introductions were given.

Enforcement:

Cpt. Glenny: No update. They are working on keeping their response times low.

Sgt. Blickensdorf (LPD): Nothing to report.

Ofc. Boone (TSPD): Meres Boulevard is opening this weekend. They are getting a lot of complaints of speeding in this area. They will be putting out extra enforcement to combat this. Meres Boulevard was on the problem list. The speed limit is 25 MPH and they're seeing folks speed between 50 - 55 MPH on this street.

Sgt. Eastty (PCSO): Last month they did an internal motorcycle detail, on a Wednesday night in the Largo/Pinellas Park area. They had a lot of "fleeing to elude" arrests and drug charges. It was a successful night. They also conducted speed enforcement on the Bayside Bridge. Next week, he will be attending the NHTSA Region 4 Conference in the Panhandle. On February 23rd and 24th, he will be at the Impaired Driving Coalition Meeting in Orlando. During the week of April 21st, PCSO is hosting IPTM's Motorcycle Investigation Class.

Engineering:

Mike Frederick (COSP): The SunRunner construction continues on the 1st Avenues, this includes lane closures and parking restrictions. February 27th is the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and they've already begun preparations. The City has completed the conversion of 80 intersections to LPIs. Their signal staff continues to work with FDOT on programming other corridors. He thanked Mahshid for her help. Doug asked Mike a question about road curvature signs for the new bus stations. Mike said that this is a shift in the lane and is in within the allowable limits of the MUTCD. They will soon start resurfacing and when that's complete, they will put down the permanent markings for the lane shift. Discussion followed.

George (Benesch): He wanted to remind all Pinellas law enforcement agencies that there will be an Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement Meeting next Tuesday at PCSO.

Joan (PC): A new signal will be placed at the Skinner Boulevard/Pinellas Trail (in the City of Dunedin) location. They are finalizing plans now and construction should start in March.



Bike/Pedestrian:

Julie (CUTR): Stated the Florida Bike Month starts March 1st as well as the Love to Ride Challenge. Forward Pinellas is planning a Bike Your City event on March 18th in Gulfport. They are having a League Cycling Course this weekend which will be held in CUTR. CUTR/FDOT and law enforcement are geofencing Drew Street. Folks will receive the survey and will be provided follow-up information. Mike said this has been a great program. George stated before the geofencing campaign on Drew Street, there were a lot of citizen complaints and Clearwater PD stepped up their law enforcement (LE) efforts. LE discovered they had speeding issues out there as well as making several DUI and drug arrests. Clearwater PD volunteered their variable message signs for the geofencing campaign.

Doug: Discussed he was biking on the Pinellas Trail noticed these three-wheeled motorized vehicles. He noticed them at 24th and 28th Streets on the Trail. He asked the group if they were allowed on the Trail. Easty said he would reach to St. Pete PD about this.

Education:

Brandy (SSC): No update.

Camera (PCSB): Thanked Largo PD for helping with the situation at Lake Palms.

Janice (LEL): They are still in concept writing paper season. The deadline for this is at the end of February. She will also in attendance at the NHTSA Region 4 Conference in the Panhandle.

Denise (MADD): Stated they have quite a few events coming up in the spring. These events include Alcohol Awareness Day at Pinellas Park High School and Weeks of Awareness (there will be speakers coming out to Palm Harbor and Bayshore High Schools). Walk Like MADD will be held March 25th in Tampa.

Sgt. Easty (PCSO): They will be conducting a Wolfpack in March.

Julie (CUTR): Teen Traffic Safety Education Program is going strong. George was successful again this semester at getting into all the high schools in Pinellas County. She also mentioned the scholarship program to get more drivers' education teachers trained. George stated that the costs associated with being a certified drivers education teacher is about \$3000 (out-of-pocket costs for the teacher). FDOT came up with a scholarship program and currently they have six teachers enrolled in getting the certification. They will be doing the same program in Hillsborough County. This class can truly save your life.

Brandy (SSC): SSC will be supporting the Alcohol Awareness Week at Pinellas Park High School.



Old Business:

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1. Miller stated they are still cutting over at the last minute and they are still getting citations. This is a constant problem and doesn't look like it will go away. He said they will have to educate more.
2. Ofc. Boone stated they are still having at least 3-5 crashes per week (on average) at this location. He stated this is due to the backing up of MLK. Currently they are down two traffic guys.
3. Miller stated people think once they leave the light in the school zone, they are out of the school zone. He sits in the middle of the median, in a marked car, and people still speed past him at 55 MPH. He suggested putting up signage in the median to help. Discussion followed.
4. Joe still averages about 12 per week.
5. George said he gave Jockers the direct contact to the CEI for the project. He hasn't heard back if the issue was corrected.
6. Will discuss this item at the next meeting.
7. Ofc. Boone stated they've had multiple incidents at this location due to the no left turn arrows. From his understanding, FDOT has a contractor coming in to work from Huey Avenue to US 19. He heard this was supposed to happen in the spring.

HSIP and SRTS Projects

Mahshid (American Quality Consultants): She is working with Bill Riha and Peter Hsu along with cities and counties on the LPI implementation. They met their goal of 500 locations by the end of 2021. She thanked Pinellas County, City of Clearwater, and City of St. Petersburg for their assistance with reaching this goal. Now they are working on the locations where the equipment is not compatible. FDOT is working on a list of grants for controllers and cabinets. She hasn't heard from anyone at Pinellas County if they are working on any SRTS applications. If you are, she's available to help with SRTS and HSIP applications.

Fatal Map Status

Sandra (Forward Pinellas)/Mark Eastty (PCSO): Displayed the Fatal Map. 153 fatalities for 2021. Sandra mentioned they will have one more upload coming in and then the final one will be out next month. She stated she is trying to solve the yellow highlights listed on the second page. She discussed the five-year rolling average; and the average has gone up. For January 2022, we



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are already have 7 fatalities. Mark mentioned Dr. Le, of CUTR, completed a study on impaired driving reports with pending toxicology. 45% of crashes were still pending. The agencies are forgetting to update the toxicology status. Accurate statistics equal better funding for safety programs, enforcement, etc. Discussion followed.

Sandra discussed the December and Annual Trail Maps. During 2021, just under two million folks used the trail. Discussion followed on the trail being closed at night in Pinellas County, less the Dunedin area. Doug asked about the detour on the trail and when it would be finished. No one was sure of this. Discussion followed.

New Business:

High Crash Intersections

Sgt. Eastty (PCSO): Mentioned that PCSO has their own hot spot maps along with other agencies. Let Sandra know if anyone needs the report she sends out updated. George mentioned he would be providing hot spot maps at the LE Engagement meeting.

Sgt. Eastty (PCSO): Mentioned the next meeting will be in-person at the Sheriff's Office.

Janice (LEO): NHSTA will be pushing out for the Superbowl, "Fans don't let fans drive drunk." Mark said that they will be doing a Saturation Patrol for the Superbowl.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am

Mahshid Arasteh, Mike Blickensdorf, Julie Bond, Anthony Boone, Joseph Camera, Sgt. Mark Eastty, George Edmiston, Chelsea Favero, Mike Frederick, Cpt. Heather Glenny, Doug Hensen, Brandy Howard, Sandra Knoebel, Jonathan Kuntz, Jennifer Nix McGerald, Janice Martinez, Howard Miller, Rich Nestor, Lori Palaio, Joan Rice, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Don Skelton, Robert Wallace, Autumn Westermann, Mike Zinn, Denise with MADD

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Item	Date Reported	Description	Staff	Last Update	Date Resolved/ Withdrawn	Comments
1	May 2019	Gator Lane @ US 41	Zinn/Venkat	Jan. 2022		<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. Mike and several others had a meeting with WREC. Mike gave Emmeth Duran the go-ahead to get in touch with Duke Energy. Venkat stated he sent the information to FDOT yesterday for approval. Mike stated they are waiving the permits for these projects.</p>
2	Sept 2019	Little Road &Rye	Venkat	Jan. 2022		A 16-yr-old was hit on Little Road in late September. The

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		Street	<i>(Glenny originally brought this to the meeting)</i>		<p>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 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 Glenny. Venkat is working the intersection lighting at this location. This should be complete in the next 60 days. Venkat stated they added this to the prioritization list. FDOT is working on the JPA. Venkat stated the JPA's are in and going to the Board in February. He is waiting on funds from FDOT.</p>
3	March 2019 –	County Line Road at Waterfall Drive	Venkat	July 2021	Steve D. with Hernando County Schools wanted to know if a signal could be installed at this location. Hernando County

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	West Central CTST					<p>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.</p> <p>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 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. Venkat stated they are having a pre-app meeting this week.</p>
4	Aug. 2021	SR 54 and Collier Parkway	Peter/Emmeth Duran	Dec. 2021		<p>Peter stated that he received an email from a concerned citizen/police officer, regarding the lighting on SR 54 and</p>

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					<p>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 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. 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. 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> <p>This project will turn into a Pasco County project. Concept plans were completed years ago. Discussion followed regarding speeding on SR 54. Mike discussed the upcoming geofencing campaigns. Lt. Rux discussed the speeding issues on SR 54 and they issued several DUIs, a couple weekends ago, in the Sunlake/Suncoast area.</p> <p>Venkat said they are working on SR 54; he will look at the current JPA to see if this area is included. If it isn't included, they can push this as a stand-alone intersection project. He stated he would with Mike and Peter on this.</p>
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