



**Hillsborough CTST – May 25, 2022**

Meeting started at 9:34 am

**I. Welcome and Introductions were given.**

February and March Minutes were approved.

**II. Business Updates**

**Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates**

Reiser (COPD): He discussed the pedestrian grant and the SMART motorcycle safety program.

**Education**

Belamonte (COTPD): June 21<sup>st</sup> is the DUI education program for local schools.

Reiser (COTPD): In April, through an aggressive driving grant, law enforcement went to Wharton High School and educated the students. There were 25 students per class, and it gave the students information on what programs are available to them.

Susan Boda (Benesch): She discussed that in Pasco County, the students are participating in an art contest. The contest is to create a safety message. The winning artwork will be displayed on the School Board's parking passes countywide. FDOT funded this effort and winners will be announced June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Julie Bond (CUTR): There are many education efforts going on throughout Hillsborough County. CUTR is going to homeless shelters and providing education. They also went to Tampa General Hospital to talk to employees. CUTR is trying to reach the priority audiences including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, etc. The I Can Bike Camp will be held through June 13-17 and will be located at the University Community Development Corp. (CDC) on Fletcher Avenue. The camp teaches kids with disabilities how to ride bicycles. There is a lot of media and political support surrounding this event. They need 75 volunteers to participate in 1 hour and 15-minute sessions per day. Wednesday there is a media event with Junior Polo. Students make art on campuses and sell them at the gala. The Bike Walk Tampa Bay Chair will be there along with Richard Moss. George Edmiston is wrapping up classes and there will be a couple summer school classes. He is doing a great job. Julie reminded everyone that it is Bike Month.

**Enforcement-Crash Statistics**

Reiser (COPD): YTD there have been 19 fatal crashes in the city. This same time last year, there were 28 fatal crashes.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Stated that so far this year, there have been 82 total fatal crashes within the County that includes 21 pedestrians, 8 bicyclists, and 17 motorcycles. This time last year there were 100 total fatal crashes (20 pedestrians, 4 bicyclists, 17 motorcycles).



Janice Martinez (LEO): Over the past month, the average BAC was 0.150, with a 45% refusal rate. White males aging from 20 to 34 were the target demographic.

Mike Taylor (HCSO): He stated there were 2 pedestrian fatalities this week.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Discussed that work zones are now 60 mph on all interstates. They put up temporary speed limit signs and people are checking them regularly. Fines are doubled when workers are present. They are still geofencing the work zone areas.

### **Engineering**

Swara Farheen (HC): They are reducing speeds on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street from 40 mph to 35 mph. This will be implemented in June. At the Citrus Park Extension, they've added streetlights and installation is complete. At Boyette Road and Dorman Road, they are making the intersection a 4-way stop; it is currently a 2-way stop. Studies are complete to justify this change. HC is coordinating with FDOT on the RRFB's on 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Fowler Avenue to Fletcher Avenue. Fowler Avenue is a Vision Zero Corridor. HC is tracking fatalities on all county roads as part of their safety initiatives. Swara passed out a map with the 2022 fatal crashes on county roads. There were 20 fatalities with 7 of them being left turn related.

Abigail Flores (HC): She discussed that they are looking to reduce speed limits on repaving and safety projects. They completed construction of Tier 1 improvements for Leto High, Pierce Middle, and Alexander Elementary Schools. They also started on the design of Tier 2 construction with raised crosswalks for all 3 schools. This work should be constructed next year. Tier 1 improvements for the next 6 schools are underway and should be implemented sometime this year.

HC is working with TPO to improve the bicycle network. HC is revising their methodology. They will be adding bicycle level of traffic safety/pedestrian level of service (LOS) to their comprehensive plan along with what LOS they are shooting for in future CIP projects. The LOS is calculated based on traffic volumes, posted speed limit, and best practices tailored to the HC network. FHWA has great material for developing bicycle facilities.

### **School Transportation Items**

Shirley Ready (HCSB): Parents are working on Cork Road to shorten traffic patterns.

### **HSIP Updates**

Mahshid (American Quality Consultants): She is working with cities and counties on backplates, signal heads, etc. They are working to implement LPI on local roads. They also want to reduce fatal left turn crashes and increase safety in work zones. Discussion on left turn crashes followed. Reiser (COPD) brought up left turn crashes being due to line-of-sight issues. He mentioned having lane offsets of 4 or 5 feet. He asked about the design standards for left turns.

Julie Bond (CUTR): There is a brand-new roundabout at 46<sup>th</sup> Street and Mission Hills.



Melissa Shepherd (JMT): JMT is tasked to assist with gathering resurfacing projects in a 5-year CIP Program where a safety edge tool can be applied. These resurfacing projects are for flushed shoulder not curb and gutter. Hernando County is piloting this tool now. Mike Zinn (FDOT) explained the safety edge - it is where the asphalt comes in and stops, then tapers down at about a 30-degree angle. The safety edge helps cars from dropping off and rolling over. Mike is buying two safety edges per agency. Mike stated he could send out an email with more information.

### **Vision Zero Updates**

Abigail Flores (HC): The County is addressing Vision Zero High Injury Network corridors. TPO has 8 planning studies starting with Mango Road. Mango Road is currently at Tier 1 (quick implementation). The design has begun for Tier 2 (pedestrian and bicycle facilities). 78<sup>th</sup> Street at Causeway Boulevard and Palm River Road is a 40-mph transit corridor and is also a Vision Zero initiative. They are starting to implement medians in the two-way-left-turn-lanes (TWLTL). There will be midblock crosswalks as well. They are working with HART to relocate bus stops by the crosswalks.

### **III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports**

Janice Martinez: Click It or Ticket starts May 23<sup>rd</sup> until June 5<sup>th</sup>. Last week was Police Week. Janice said she has plenty of signs and banners if anyone needs them.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Discussed the 100 Deadly Days of Summer.

### **IV. Open Forum / Announcements**

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Mike discussed the Fatal Maps. He also discussed the Spring Mega Meeting for next fall. There will be boxed lunches, breakout sessions, and will most likely be held at FDOT D7 Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

In attendance: Mahshid Arasteh, Matthew Belamonte, Susan Boda, Julie Bond, Caitlin Carnley, Swara Farheen, Abigail Flores, Anna Grundmann, Daniel Hawkins, Corporal Loy, Janice Martinez, Dave Oneil, Lori Palaio, Will Parisse, Shirley Ready, Sgt. Jim Reiser, Michael Taylor, Mike Zinn