



University CTST – August 3, 2022

Meeting started at 3:01 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were given by the group.

Review and Approval of July 2022 Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up

1. **North Boulevard, by the University of Tampa, to Cypress Street:** Katie mentioned there is not a lot of change since last month because they still do not have the students on campus. Campus move-in is August 24th, and classes start the following Monday. They will not have up-to-date information on how the roadways and traffic patterns are impacted by pedestrian traffic until September or October.
2. **Cass Street, entrance to the University of Tampa:** No update.
3. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** Paige Niehaus sits in on the Drew Park CAC. They are in the process of having a contractor look at all the crosswalks and review Drew Park. Hopefully within the next few months, they will get a response from the contractor as to where there are safety issues. Hawks Landing is at capacity, and they currently have a wait list. They will have over 400 students that will be crossing that walkway to and from the campus at multiple times throughout the day. Paige will keep everyone posted.

Katie Godwin brought up that the City of Tampa is doing construction with replacing the water main on North Boulevard, which is shutting down traffic to one lane in each direction and limiting access. North Boulevard is one of the main arteries through the east and west sides of the campus. With the move-in, they are concerned about construction not being complete on time. Katie was wondering if there was a way to have a talk City about what can be done about this. Kelly Fearon does not have an update, but she will find out. Mike suggested a temporary crossing somewhere in the vicinity. Katie suggested giving the City their move-in dates and maybe the City can pause operation for those days.

III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Katie Godwin (UT): Katie asked how Operation Summer Slowdown went. Mike only got a few comments from law enforcement that operation went well. George Edmiston (Benesch) does not have the exact



report, but he will reach out to Sergeant Gaskins from FHP to find out what type of statistics were derived from Operation Summer Slowdown. He will hopefully have some type of report next meeting.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

None

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Katie Godwin (UT): Katie discussed the University Fatal crash map. The fatal crash by UT was more centered by the downtown area. It was within a one-mile radius of the campus. The one on the west side of the USF campus was from the previous meeting. Lori Palaio (JMT) stated the crash by UT was a run-off-the-road crash. Discussion followed. Melissa Shepherd (JMT) said that the maps are posted on the CTST website. Melissa showed the CTST website and the location of the maps for each CTST group.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Discussed the tampabaytrafficsafety.com the website, such as PSA's.

Julie Bond (CUTR): She mentioned they are trying to schedule as many interactive events as possible on USF campus. They are going to the HCC events, as well. She does not know if UT has any events that CUTR can help with. CUTR is reaching students as they are getting parking passes and other types of events. Brentin Mosher (CUTR) said they are looking to do some early Bull Market events and other pop-up outreach events on campus.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): HCC Welcome Week starts on the 15th, 16th, and 17th. Julie will be there and FDOT will be there. Julie asked Katie if they have any events like this. Katie said they have the Week of Welcome is from move-in day through the Monday of Labor Day. It is largely student organization focused. She will look into it.

Julie Bond (CUTR): UC and HCC can participate in the Traffic Skills 101 Course. The course is in depth for teaching bicycle handling skills, maintenance tips, ABC quick check, etc. Julie has been talking to campuses across the country and they are doing more safety classes for students. There are more people out riding bikes. Julie and Brentin are league cycling instructors. The curriculum that they teach is from the National League of American Bicyclists. They usually want classes of six to eight students at a time. They must bring their own bicycles. They discuss the ABC quick check, tire changing, they do a road ride, and they teach the students skills for riding on the road. Discussion followed. Paige Niehaus (HCC) said they see electric bikes on campus. They are going to do a survey to see how many students bicycle versus use electric bikes, so that they can potentially have charging stations. Being on Dale Mabry Highway, it is harder for students to get there, especially coming from West Tampa and crossing over. It is not the



friendliest location for bikes. The Student Government Association (SGA) had a big event related to road safety; it included bikes, and all forms of road safety. Maybe there is an opportunity for CUTR to come participate.

Julie Bond (CUTR): She said that they may have a separate classroom for pedestrian safety presentations the day of the HCC event. Julie said that they can possibly do bicycle safety as well. Julie said that they can look at route planning for them. Maybe the students can take the back roads instead of riding on Dale Mabry Highway. Julie can line up some LCI's, if HCC is interested. The other universities are doing all types of bicycle safety education. A lot of people are using bicycles more, especially with gas prices.

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): She stated there are some events, such as the one at HCC which is coming up. She asked if there are any health/safety events going on in any of the schools. MADD would love to be there to give out impaired driving prevention information and education. Paige Niehaus (HCC) said August 15th is the start of the semester. Most events are coordinated through SGA. The road safety event is in October or November. Mike Zinn (FDOT) said that they haven't picked a date yet, but he believes they want to move it to November. Discussion followed.

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): Jeannine wants to do more tabling events. Currently, they are doing outreach and education. They spend a lot of time in colleges and high school doing education, especially for underage drinking prevention and impaired driving prevention. They are coordinating with Tampa Police Department, doing some videos for impaired driving prevention. Jeannine thanked FDOT for their help. Mike Zinn (FDOT) said he stated they just finished shooting another PSA on Delta 8. He is happy to share it with the younger crowd, as Delta 8 is becoming a serious issue. Discussion followed.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): He stated there was an article recently in the Tampa Bay Times for golf cart rental which is available Downtown and expands out. Some education may be needed. Discussion followed.

Julie Bond (CUTR): She mentioned the City of Tampa has 4-way stop sign improvements. They have added 81 4-way stops since the end of 2021. This may be something to be aware of with the students.

Next Meeting: September 7th, 2022, 3:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

Attendees: Julie Bond, Brandon Drawhorn, George Edmiston, Kelly Fearon, Katie Godwin, Chadaphan Hanwisa, Jeannine Laurence, Nicole Marchesano, Brentin Mosher, Paige Niehaus, Lori Palaio, Melissa Shepherd, Mike Zinn



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1	May 2022	North Boulevard, by the University of Tampa, to Cypress Street  https://goo.gl/maps/Cd1v5F656YaN4VEo6	Monnie / Mike Zinn	July 2022		<p>Monnie said that North Boulevard, at the University, gets very congested which makes traveling between Kennedy Boulevard and to Cypress Street a challenge. Students are playing frogger because the light schedule hasn't kept up with the student's schedules. She said they can look at safety and traffic flow in the area. Mike Zinn (FDOT) said that in the fall we can get ideas to get someone to go out and check the signal timing.</p> <p>Kelly Fearon, with the City of Tampa, sent the signal information to the Smart Mobility Group. In the fall, they can send someone out to look at the timing to see if there are any adjustments that can be made.</p> <p>There has been a substantial amount of construction occurring, so they will continue to monitor the situation. More details when the fall semester begins. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Katie mentioned there is not a lot of change since last month because they still do not have the students on campus. Campus move-in is August 24th, and classes start the following Monday. They will not have up-to-date information on how the roadways and traffic patterns are impacted by pedestrian traffic until September or October.</p>



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2	May 2022	Cass Street, entrance to the University of Tampa,  https://goo.gl/maps/WS4ifKBqR7ggJU6y6	Gabe Wright / Mike Zinn	July 2022		Gabe brought up Cass Street and stated how this area needs a midblock crosswalk or something for pedestrians to safely cross. There is a lot of student activity in this area. He explained, across the street is Tampa Preparatory School and then if you go over the bridge towards The Barrymore there is a crosswalk, but once you get to the entrance of Cass Street, the next crosswalk is the next light. After the bridge they should install a pedestrian crosswalk/ midblock. Mike Zinn (FDOT) said that he can bring people in from the City of Tampa to the CTST. Monnie said that they have a substantial number of students that live at the Henry and at the Anchor apartments, which are non-campus properties. They also have a contract with the Barrymore Hotel, which they have had for many years. They have over 500 students who live right past the Straz Center. There is a crosswalk by the Straz Center, but the second crosswalk is past the entrance to campus. If students don't cross at the Straz Center, they are running across the street in front of Tampa Prep because the next crosswalk is closer to the signal at North Boulevard. There are complaints with Tampa Prep parents that students are crossing in an unsafe manner. The complaints are due to the location of the crosswalk. Kelly, with the City of Tampa, said that she can have someone look at this. Kelly said that the reason the crosswalk is placed at that location is because of the merge lane onto UT Drive. The location was picked to minimize conflicts. Monnie said they are doing construction over there in the summer, but she does not think the entrance is going to move. Mike Zinn asked if enforcement could help educate the pedestrians or if a handrail can be put up. Monnie doesn't think a handrail would be a deterrent. Google maps was shown of the location. Mike then said a handrail could encroach in the clear zone and will become a maintenance problem if people hit it. Bala Padmanabhan discussed sight distance issues. Mike brought up adding a pedestrian signal. Discussion followed. Mike suggested adding a hedge on the backside of the sidewalk, which may deter the kids from passing. It would be a natural barrier up until the bridge. There has been a substantial amount of construction occurring, so they will continue to monitor the situation. More details when the fall semester begins. No update.



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3	May 2022	<p>Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36</p>	<p>Joseph Bentrovato / Mike Zinn</p>	<p>August 2022</p>		<p>Joseph said that their biggest intersection is near Tampa Bay Boulevard and Dale Mabry Highway; there are lights and crosswalks. The problematic location that students have addressed on campus is on Lois Avenue. There are student apartments (Hawk's Landing) across the street from the campus on Lois Avenue and students must cross Lois Avenue with no crosswalk. Just west of there is a traffic circle. Mike Zinn (FDOT) mentioned that in the Drew Park area they are doing Vision Zero. He said he would check to see if complete streets are being studied in the area that Joseph mentioned. Joseph said that there are 400+ students that are crossing the street routinely. Joseph does not know if it is normal to put a crosswalk at a roundabout. Kelly, with the City of Tampa, has been working with the CRA on this location. She does not have an update for this meeting, but she can find out from the team. Mike said that students are crossing at the entrance of the parking lot. They do not go down to the roundabout to cross. Kelly will follow up with CRA and figure out pedestrian improvements.</p> <p>Paige Niehaus sits in on the Drew Park CAC. They are in the process of having a contractor look at all the crosswalks and review Drew Park. Hopefully within the next few months, they will get a response from the contractor as to where there are safety issues. Hawks Landing is at capacity, and they currently have a wait list. They will have over 400 students that will be crossing that walkway to and from the campus at multiple times throughout the day. Paige will keep everyone posted.</p>