



University CTST – December 7, 2022

Meeting started at 3:00 pm

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and introductions were given by the group. The November meeting minutes were approved.

II. **Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up**

1. **North Boulevard, by the University of Tampa, to Cypress Street:** Katie said that the pedestrian traffic has evened out. The City of Tampa is working on deconstructing the road for the potable water system. Hopefully, construction will be completed by the beginning of February for the second semester.
2. **Cass Street, entrance to the University of Tampa:** Katie said that the UT construction team that meets with the City is talking about installing a dedicated bicycle lane. There is a bicycle lane along Cass Street and leads up to North Boulevard. There is a bicycle lane missing along the barrier of our campus and Tampa Preparatory School. The bicycle lane then picks up on the other side of bridge in the downtown limits. Over the next couple of weeks, they will be modifying the road and putting in a dedicated bicycle lane space. It will start on December 9th and probably finish before the end of December. It will fix the bicycle challenges but there has not been the ability to move the pedestrian crosswalk further east which would be helpful to the students.
3. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** Mike has not heard back from the City on this item. This is on the City's radar.
4. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** Nicole does not have an update right now. She is waiting on a response.
5. **New IQ Apartments – Missing Crosswalks:** Kathleen has not heard back from the County contact. She will try to contact him again. Mike asked her to try a couple more times.

III. **Calendar Updates/Activity Reports**

Law Enforcement Activity

Nicole Marchesano (USF PD): She discussed the stressors of finals week. There have been a bunch of concerts on campus and a lot of increase in population coming in and out of the campus. There has been nothing else to report. DUI's have calmed down. She does not know if it is the proactivity of the law enforcement officers. Since they integrated the two drug canines on campus, the shift has gone from DUI related to drug related. There has always been an uptick of drug related cases on campus, but its mostly been marijuana. Phase II for the five new officers is coming up this Friday. Four of the five of them will be



going to midnight shifts. There will be an uptick in DUI enforcement starting this Friday. Discussion followed.

Michael White (Tampa PD): Mike Zinn asked Michael White about the City of Tampa. Michael sent some of his units there. It did not result in any DUI arrests. They did a bunch of stops for speeding. Grants will be completed hopefully by end of the week to put more resources out there.

George Edmiston (Benesch): Tampa PD received \$625,000 and Hillsborough County received \$650,000 in federal impaired driving grants this year. This will help outside the universities as well. Discussion followed.

Michael White (Tampa PD): As far as the fatal crashes, he mentioned the fatal at McKinley Drive and Bougainvillea Avenue. A vehicle turned in front of a motorcycle. He does not believe they were students.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Julie Bond (CUTR): CUTR is doing their typical outreach near and around campus. They have gone out and spoke to students. They did a walk around campus with FDOT employees. Hopefully, they can do that with USF students too because they got to look at infrastructure and look at things that were happening on campus. They crossed the pedestrian bridge across Fowler Avenue. CUTR has completed walking audits. If anyone is interested in a walking audit, CUTR can arrange for any type of group. They ended the Sprint for Safety. They are gearing down for university to be closed. Julie met with UT on Bicycle Friendly University. If any university need assistance, USF is a silver level bicycle friendly university. Katie said they are putting together their group and committee to work on it. Julie said that there is a group of master's students in public administration, and they are doing their capstone project on the application for Temple Terrace to be a bicycle friendly community.

Katie Godwin (UT): She mentioned UT is looking at their internal infrastructure in addition to putting together this group. They have a lot of vehicular entrances and most of the parking garages are in the outside areas of campus. UT is looking to find out what are the appropriate traffic patterns. Can they remove some of the vehicular entrances so that they can better encourage and support pedestrian and bicycle safety within the interior? They are making moves and having conversations on that.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Kathleen Koviak (USF): Kathleen discussed the fatal crash on McKinley Drive. Ofc. White said that the crash was on November 30th. Melissa Shepherd said the fatal crash on McKinley Drive was not captured in this fatal map, but it will most likely be captured in the next map. Ofc. White said that there was another fatal crash that will probably be a double DUI manslaughter right outside UT, North Boulevard, and Columbus Drive.



V. Open Forum | Announcements

Shaina Finkel: She is a freshman at UF. She spoke with the police department at UF and spoke about potentially joining their alcohol related coalition meeting that they have on campus. They deal with DUI related things on campus, along with impaired driving. UF also has Night Life Navigators, which is part of Student Government. It's like the university version of SADD. They work on campus with impaired driving, safe driving, etc. She is looking to get involved in that and will keep everyone updated. Shaina is also getting involved in CTST's in District 2. Kathleen and Nicole have resources and are willing to help.

Nicole Marchesano (USF PD): Graduation is coming up Friday and Saturday. The precautionary thing right now is that there is an increase in traffic on campus and outside of campus. Along Fowler Avenue, Alumni, and Leroy Collins there is going to be an uptick in traffic this weekend. Use precautions.

Kathleen Koviak (USF): They are winding down for the semester. They had some final programs and spoke about celebrating the end of the semester safely. She spoke about being safe for Gasparilla. That can be discussed more in the January meeting. Gasparilla brings traffic concerns. They are planning to do outreach when next semester starts.

Katie Godwin (UT): UT has two more weeks of school. This is the last week of classes and then finals are next week. Commencement activities start the 16th. There will be increased activities in their area, along with commencement activities at the fairgrounds. The UT wellness office is doing another final program on how to focus and concerns on Adderall overuse. They are also doing positive ways to cope with stress and how it feels like to go home. A lot of students must travel far to go home.

Next Meeting: January 4th, 2023, 2:00 pm – In-person meeting FDOT District 7 – Headquarters, Sun Guide Conference Room, 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL, 33612. Park in the back for the next CTST meeting. It is in the red two-story building in the back. They are meeting at 2:00 pm instead of 3:00 pm, so that they can give a tour.

Ellen Snelling: The MADD Candlelight Vigil is tomorrow, and it is at 7:00pm at Mission Hills Church on 56th Street. A lot of victims are there and they light candles for their loved ones who were killed or injured in DUI crashes. TPD, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Temple Terrace, etc., will be there.

Shaina Finkel: FDOT is funding presentations in high schools around Florida with well-known speakers on distracted driving. There are still four open spots. The only requirement is there is at least four hundred high school students in attendance. They need permission from the high school and then once permission is approved there is a booking link.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm



THE TAMPA BAY AREA
UNIVERSITY CTST

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Attendees: Susan Boda, Julie Bond, Brandon Drawhorn, George Edmiston, Shaina Finkel, Katie Godwin, Kathleen Koviak, Nicole Marchesano, Lori Palaio, Melissa Shepherd, Ellen Snelling, Michael White, Mike Zinn



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1	May 2022	<p>North Boulevard, by the University of Tampa, to Cypress Street</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/Cd1v5F656YaN4VEo6</p>	Monnie / Mike Zinn	Dec 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. 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. 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 .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> <p>Kelly Fearon said that she has no update other than that they are looking at the corridor and it is part of the City's High Injury Network. Katie said that North Boulevard and Spaulding Drive are key crossways from the east side of campus to the west side of campus. This week was the second full week of classes. Students are getting into their habits and migrating into their standard class progressions. They have a new parking garage on one side of the road, and the main campus is on the other side of the road. There is a substantial amount of pedestrian traffic. There are some key pressure point times, which adds irritation to the community. During these key pressure point times, traffic is backed up far down North Boulevard, sometimes almost to Kennedy Boulevard, which is on the south side of campus. Traffic usually occurs in chunks of time during class transitions. Mike asked Katie if she sees any solutions since she observes the campus regularly. Katie said that they need to education the students. She also said that maybe a longer timing of either the roadway light or the pedestrian signage, particularly east to west could</p>



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						<p>help. Students' cross east to west to get to the other side of campus, as well as vehicles trying to turn north and south onto North Boulevard. Pedestrians are walking consistently through the light, which causes vehicle backup. Katie said that there have been ideas to have raised crosswalks installed with flashing lights. There are four major crossing points on North Boulevard. They are wondering if students would use the raised crosswalk. Monnie said that the construction currently going on at North Boulevard is not helping understand students' patterns. There's a light at Kennedy Boulevard, then the students are running across North A Street with no light. There are lights at Spaulding Drive (North B). 200 yards down there's another crosswalk, and 200 yards down there is another crosswalk, and then there's a light at Cass Street. North Boulevard is problematic. A lot of classroom space is going on the west side of campus and parking. Once construction is finished, it will be a corridor to watch. They will continue to monitor the corridor, especially after construction is finished.</p> <p>The City of Tampa is still doing construction and it is causing unusual traffic patterns. The construction is still causing traffic issues, but it is getting better and slowly evening out.</p> <p>Katie said that the pedestrian traffic has evened out. The City of Tampa is working on deconstructing the road for the potable water system. Hopefully construction will be completed by the beginning of February for the second semester.</p>



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2	May 2022	<p>Cass Street, entrance to the University of Tampa,</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/WS4ifKBqR7ggJU6y6</p>	Gabe Wright / Mike Zinn	Dec 2022		<p>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.</p> <p>Kelly Fearon said that they are focusing on the cycle track that ends on one side of North Boulevard and then it picks back up on the other side</p>



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						<p>of the bridge. They want to see if they can do a quick build project and extend the bicycle lane through there. Mike said that maybe they can put up a hedge to make students go further down to the crosswalk, instead of taking a shortcut between the tracks and Cass Street. Kelly will ask the stormwater department to see if it's a possibility. Discussion followed.</p> <p>There is construction on and around campus. They just opened a temporary pedestrian gate. The pedestrian gate triggered students to cross where they are supposed to cross. They will see if this gate will remedy itself.</p> <p>Katie said that the UT construction team that meets with the City is talking about installing a dedicated bicycle lane. There is a bicycle lane along Cass Street and leads up to North Boulevard. There is a bicycle lane missing along the barrier of our campus and Tampa Preparatory School. The bicycle lane then picks up on the other side of bridge in the downtown limits. Over the next couple of weeks, they will be modifying the road and putting in a dedicated bicycle lane space. It will start on December 9th and probably finish before the end of December. It will fix the bicycle challenges but there has not been the ability to move the pedestrian crosswalk further east which would be helpful to the students.</p>



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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>	Joseph Bentrovato / Mike Zinn	Nov 2022		<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. 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> <p>There are no new updates. They are in the process of having the consultants on board to review the Drew Park area and provide recommendations to the CAC for the Drew Park CRA. Paige anticipates that that crosswalk would be a part of their recommendations. They are waiting for the process to move forward. There hasn't been any concerns or issues regarding the endangerment of students, but it is not a safe crossing. Mike will reach out to the City to see if he can get an update on this.</p> <p>Mike has not heard back from the City on this item. This is on the City's radar.</p>



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4	Oct 2022	<p>Lighting issues at Bruce B Downs and Holly Drive</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/7VwSCs3xRYoEbFidA</p>	Nicole Marchesano	Nov 2022		<p>Nicole mentioned that there were two recent car crashes at Bruce B. Downs and Holly Drive. There have been a lot of night crashes. It is very dark in that area. Crashes are on the border of the campus.</p> <p>Nicole Marchesano, with USF PD said that she put a work order in to update the lighting there, as it is dark. Someone is assigned to it, and they are working on it.</p> <p>Nicole does not have an update right now. She is waiting on a response.</p>
5	Oct 2022	<p>New IQ Apartments – Missing crosswalks</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/TWRmRLdyGaF4CTva6</p>	Kathleen Koviak	Nov 2022		<p>Kathleen Koviak, with USF, stated that a new IQ Apartment complex was built a few years ago. The roads near the IQ Apartment complex are not accommodating to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Nicole said that there is no crosswalk at IQ apartment. Pedestrians and bicyclists can cross at the main intersection, but they have to walk/bike there. Students are impatient. Mike said that he saw a few traffic signals going in at Bruce B. Downs. Daniel asked when the new multi-use trail would be complete. Discussion followed. The County needs to address this.</p> <p>Mike will send Kathleen Koviak a County contact, Robert Campbell, who can direct Kathleen to someone that knows about that project. Nicole Marchesano said she is more than happy to give assistance as well.</p> <p>Kathleen has not heard back from the County contact. She will try to contact him again. Mike asked her to try a couple more times.</p>