



Hillsborough CTST – January 25, 2023

Meeting started at 9:31 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given.

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

William Porth (City of Tampa): He stated that today is the ribbon cutting for the first quick build project. The ribbon cutting today is on the east side of the Cass Street Bridge at 10:30 am. It's along Cass Street that connects the previously built cycle tracks that are separated by concrete separators east of the post gate garage over into Ybor City and then west of North Boulevard over into North River Heights. It was a low-cost project, simple mill and overlay for a portion of it. It also involved restriping and moving the through and turn lanes to the north side of the road and maintaining a two-way cycle track on the south side of the road separated with a recycled rubber product and vertical delineators. The City is also changing out a few signs. The next project is coming up in February; it is the ARDC or 14th Street between Columbus Drive and Lake Avenue. In March, they are moving over to Main Street, in the area between Armenia Avenue and MacDill Avenue. The City will be receiving some materials from FDOT, dynamic speed feedback signs, and they will be putting together the layouts and locations for those. They have had some challenges with Bay-to-Bay Boulevard that bisects the city west of Dale Mabry Highway, over towards Manhattan Avenue. They are doing some work with them out there to build some vertical deflection devices on approach to Lois Avenue; it has been a challenge for people to move in and out of the intersection without risk of injury.

Kelly Fearon (City of Tampa): They are working with Hillsborough County on implementing an all way stop control on Columbus Avenue and 26th based on some recommendations from a previous safety report. They are doing a safety study on Westshore Boulevard from Gandy Boulevard to Boy Scout Boulevard – the whole stretch.

Sgt. Reiser (TPD): TPD is working on all the grants they received last year. They are doing work zone enforcement activity, specifically on the interstates, especially near Howard Franklin, there are a lot of high-speed drivers out there. TPD is also working on the speed and aggressive driving and the pedestrian high visibility enforcement grants. They are getting ready for Gasparilla; lots of road closures which take effect Friday night. There have not been many changes over the last few years, routes are the same. There will be a full shutdown along Bayshore Boulevard. TPD continues to do outreach and will be doing more outreach over the next couple of days. There were no fatal crashes in City of Tampa in January. They were down roughly 25 percent in fatalities across the City from last year. The number of fatalities last year was 60 compared to 81 in 2021.

Matthew Belmonte (TPD): For Gasparilla, they are beginning the road closures after 7:00 pm on Friday night. They will be towing all the cars from the thoroughfares that give egress to the fire trucks and



ambulances that are trying to access the parade route. That is something the DUI squad is tasked with Friday night. They will still be available to work their usual impaired driving assignments. Saturday, thanks to the FDOT enforcement grant, they are going to bring in extra officers to work with them and they are bringing in both cycles for the DUI squad to supplement numbers. With Gasparilla, it is anticipated that it may be a big night as far as arrests go. Their education grant is up and running. TPD was at several high schools leading up to Gasparilla. They are doing a presentation of the Academy of Holy Names on Friday morning.

Abigail Flores (HC): For pedestrian and bicycle programs for safety and mobility, Hillsborough County is continuing their work with the TPO on the Bicycle Network Safety Improvements, and they have scoped out four projects for the bicycle network and they are doing project development for those projects. The County is taking their pedestrian network and they are starting to develop a new methodology to rank Hillsborough County roadways for pedestrian access, safety, and network quality. This will be kicked off this year. The County continues project development for five locations for their pedestrian corridor safety program including Dustin Drive, Riverview Drive, Pine Street, Manhattan Avenue, and Van Dyke Road. The County also has their transit safety and access program. They are currently doing project development for three locations which include the Livingston Avenue area, the Boyette Road corridor, and a third location is to be determined. What the County does in project development is identify how people are accessing transit on these main corridors and then enhance walking and biking to get to transit areas.

Education

Julie Bond (CUTR): CUTR is doing educational presentations with various groups over the next few months. They have a big safety event on Thursday, February 16th at Valencia Lakes where CUTR will give presentations to about 1,600 homes. They are planning quite a bit of education during March, which is Florida Bicycle Month. Temple Terrace's Bike with the Mayor date planned on March 17th. In Pinellas County, the Bike Your City will be on March 10th with Forward Pinellas in Oldsmar. FDOT and CUTR are partnering with Forward Pinellas for that event. Tampa may be planning one, but it is not on the books yet. On Friday, they had a great event at the University Area CDC with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's, where they did helmet fittings. They had a table set up with Mike Zinn and FDOT. They spoke to a lot of kids and did a lot of great education at the event. This event was last Friday at UADCS off Fletcher Avenue and 22nd Street. CUTR's high school program is going great. George has many schools booked.

Dawn Lewis (Tampa General): For the Battle of the Belts Campaign, they partnered with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office this year for the annual seatbelt campaign with the help of Corporal Wayne Phillips. The best overall seatbelt campaign went to Newsome High School, then second was Bloomingdale High School, and third was Steinbrenner High School. The award ceremony will be held at Newsome High School on Friday morning at 10:30 am. For the Stop the Bleed Training, public classes are free for the community. She has all the dates ready for 2023 and there will be a monthly class free and open to the public with rotating locations each month between the Brandon Health Plex and the Tampa General Community Health Center in South Tampa. The first class is tonight at the Brandon Health Plex at 5:30 pm.



She is hoping to get an official flyer from the marketing department, and once she has that she will send it to the CTST group so that it can be posted on the website.

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): They are continuing to be in the schools, and continue doing their Power of Youth programming. There are a lot of people reaching out to them to do presentations. They have a retired Tampa Police Officer come in sometimes to speak with them. MADD is working with other groups as well to do general MADD 101 impaired driving prevention, not just with youth. There are two awareness campaigns coming up, one in March which is their Annual Walk at USF, on March 31st. They have another campaign in May, which is a month-long awareness campaign that's a bicycle campaign to remind people about all vulnerable road users and how impaired driving can impact them as well.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): In partnership with Hillsborough County Council PTA, they received a AAA grant to bring sidewalk stompers to five elementary schools in the County. They did their first bicycle helmet fitting event at their partner school Pride Elementary with Suncoast Safe Kids. They gave away and fitted almost 200 bicycle helmets.

Karen Buckenheimer (More Health): She stated they also are continuing their programs in schools. There are two lessons on bicycle and pedestrian safety that they teach in the elementary schools throughout Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. They also teach in the driver's education classes. The trauma program focuses on cars and pedestrians and speeding.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): The fatal maps were displayed and discussed. There were four fatal crashes in January: two pedestrian crashes, one head on crash, and one other. The pedestrian crash was on 19th Avenue NW and Sandy Daisy Place. The other pedestrian crash was on East Sligh Avenue and River Trace Road. The head on crash was at Gunn Highway and Dale Mabry Highway/South Gunn Ramp. Lastly, the other crash was on I-4 and US 27. There were 214 fatal crashes in the year of 2022. We had a high percentage of pedestrian crashes at 30 percent. Mike Zinn, FDOT, stated the total fatal crashes for 2021 was 272; there was a decrease. There's two that just got added since this list. We are up to 216 fatal crashes. Years 2021 and 2022 are still unconfirmed, so numbers may fluctuate a bit. In 2022, it is up to 216 now instead of 214. In 2021, there were 272 and during 2020 total fatalities was 213, so 2021 wasn't a good year at all.

Discussion followed. Jim Reiser, Tampa PD, up in bicyclists by about 50 percent. Motorcycle crashes were up because they are all over the speed limit and they are riding beyond their abilities. They are trying to address that through the SMART program and motorcycle education. Most of the crashes on high-speed roads for motorcycles were state roads primarily, such as Dale Mabry Highway, Hillsborough Avenue, and the area of Memorial Highway and I-275. Discussion followed. Peter Hsu, FDOT, discussed the emphasis areas 2021 vs 2022. Peter said he is impressed with Hillsborough County related to drunk and drug severe and fatal crashes. These are not official numbers because 2022 data depends on the agencies. This is ten-days old 2022 data comparison, but the number increase is not that much. They had challenges related to



motorcycle safety and work zone safety. For the commercial vehicle side, he is counting on his counterpart industry in District One. Discussion followed about motorcycle safety.

Engineering

Abigail Flores (HC): They have several programs in Hillsborough County and one of them is the Speed Management Speed Zoning Program. One of the components of the safe system approach is safe speeds. This program to identify safe speeds on their roadways. HC has a tool for identifying target speeds. Next, they have their lane departure program, which addresses crashes and lane departure crashes. They are doing a systemic proactive approach for lane departure. HC has been working on their Safety and Mobility Annual Report based on fiscal year 2022 numbers. They want to dig into the numbers and see where their problem areas are. HC would like to develop a dashboard.

Bob Campbell (HC): For the annual budget, the fiscal year 2023 budget has targeted safety and a number of work categories including their routine resurfacing and lowering speed limits as well as their capital widening projects and intersection projects.

School Transportation Items

None.

HSIP Updates

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): They are working on material requests with Bill Riha and local agencies. Currently, they have been working on safe strides to zero intersections and the first report is complete. They work with local agencies to promote LPI's on local roads. If there any requests for HSIP applications, send it in an email format to Mahshid Arasteh and Bill Riha.

Vision Zero Updates

None.

III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Matthew Belmonte (TPD): The golf cart safety item will be discussed during the next meeting and Matthew will get with his legal advisor on this. Matthew will present at the next meeting.

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Mike discussed the campaigns.

- The Kickoff for Mayors Fitness Challenge
- The whole Month of February is Hit and Run Awareness Month Stay at the Scene Campaign
- Walking Safety Education for Safe Mobility for Life
- School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day is February 5th
- Superbowl Impaired Driving Campaign is February 12th



Melissa Kincheloe (HCSO): They should be receiving the Governor's Proclamation for Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. It's the first Friday in February which makes it Friday, February 3rd. A lot of the guards have been at the school for 20+ years. The schools recognize them, and the children will give them cards and notes.

Next Meeting will be February 22, 2023, at 9:30 am and will be a virtual meeting.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

In attendance: Ricci App, Mahshid Arasteh, Lari Ann Ball, Matthew Belmonte, Susan Boda, Julie Bond, Karen Buckenheimer, Bob Campbell, Abigail Flores, Swara Farheen, Kelly Fearon, Scott Friedman, Emily Hinsdale, Peter Hsu, Melissa Kinchloe, Jeannine Laurence, Dawn Lewis, Brian McCarthy, Dave O'Neil, Lori Palaio, Keith Pippin, William Porth, Jim Reiser, Jessica Rohr, Shirley Ready, Melissa Shepherd, Ellen Snelling, Mike Zinn