



Hillsborough CTST – December 12, 2023

Meeting started at 9:31 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given.

Bob Campbell (HC): Bob discussed a New York Times article that was about a different approach to address pedestrian safety, including distracted driving.

October 2023 minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Last month was the Walk with the Temple Terrace Mayor event. Last Saturday was the Temple Terrace Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. Lastly, HCC Dale Mabry Campus had a safety day last month and CUTR had a table there to discuss safety and asked the students safety questions.

Jim Reiser (Gresham Smith): Gresham Smith is doing outreach for motorcycle safety within FDOT District Seven. It is also motorcycling riding season. They are also doing motorcycle safety outreach at motorcycle club events.

Education

Eric Henry (FDOT): FDOT attended a two-day Ruskin Seafood Festival a couple of weeks ago. Eric also announced that Ginger Regalado officially retired.

Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County): Hillsborough County has been doing various Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects. Many of these projects will go into design during FY 2024.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Gena Torres (Hillsborough TPO): Gena asked the CTST group about cameras going around school zones. Bob Campbell said that Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is leading this effort at various locations. Discussion followed.

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori Palaio, of JMT, discussed the Hillsborough County fatal crash map. From January 1st to October 2nd there have been 145 fatal crashes. At the last CTST meeting from January 1st to August 8th there were 115 fatal crashes. There have been 30 new fatal crashes since the last CTST meeting including one right angle, two bicycle, one head-on, three sideswipe, one rear end, four other, two left turns, eight run off the roads, and eight pedestrian fatal crashes. Of all the fatal crashes in Hillsborough County

this year, approximately 60 percent occurred at night, 32 percent were intersection related and 39 percent were lane departure related. Currently, there are 145 crashes through October 2nd. At the same time last year, there were 164 fatal crashes, so we are down by 19 fatal crashes from last year's numbers. Lori discussed the changes to the CTST map. A pie chart was added on fatal crashes by jurisdiction which shows 61 percent fatal crashes on state roads, three percent fatal crashes in Plant City, 29 percent fatal crashes in Hillsborough County, seven percent fatal crashes in City of Tampa, and no fatal crashes in Temple Terrace. The map also shows the jurisdictional breakdown by road users. Vehicle operators and pedestrians have the highest fatalities among road users.

Matthew Belmonte (Tampa PD): Matthew discussed the Tampa PD DUI statistics. In October, there were 93 arrests and during November there were 95 arrests. There have been 24 DUI related crashes, with six wrong way drivers in October and three in November. There were 1,195 DUI arrests last year.

Engineering

Abigail Flores (Hillsborough County): The pedestrian program kicked off. Hillsborough County has a list of roads ranked for pedestrian safety. The County is in project development for Orient Road, 37th Street, and Lutz Lake Fern Road. They are in Tier-One design and construction for signing and pavement marking on Sheldon Road, Waters Avenue, Bloomingdale Avenue, Boyette Road, Fletcher Avenue, and Gibsonton Drive, doing quick implementation/low-cost improvements. The County is working on a transit safety and access program for Memorial Highway. They are doing construction at Boyette Road and Himes Avenue, as well as Bearss Avenue and Livingston Avenue being in design. The County is working on speed management program phase two with Burgess and Niple. They are looking at design speeds and choosing corridors to test to bring speeds down. The County also has a lane departure program, and they are in phase two and refining the methodology. They are coming up with candidate locations for treatments at tangents and curves. The County wants to come up with a systemic approach to address lane departure crashes and improvements. The County is also working on resurfacing projects to improve access and safety, including at bicycle lanes and crosswalks at Owens Road, Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, etc. Abigail Flores will do a future presentation at a CTST meeting on the safety and mobility annual report.

Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County): The lane departure program will add new equipment on curves, including flashing beacons on Morris Bridge Road, east of I-75. They are also doing a Roadway Safety Audit (RSA) on Morris Bridge Road, on the Pasco side to I-75. The County reduced the speed limit on Morris Bridge Road from 55 mph to 45 mph; the average speed of drivers is over 55 mph. The County hopes to change the character of speeders and add hardened centerlines. The County is making improvements to 78th Street and changing the characteristics of the corridor in March 2024. The County is doing an RSA with stakeholders to come up with low-cost improvements to control crashes and fatalities. They are also doing a training program for people who want to learn about Roadway Safety Audits.

Lama Alfaseeh (Hillsborough County): Lama went to the Florida Puerto Rico ITE and presented on safety projects and the Target Zero Dashboard. The dashboard shows fatal and severe injury crashes at intersections, as well as heatmaps and spatial data. The crash data has different levels of resolutions, including county data, top 15 intersection data, and fatal and severe intersection level data that is

presented spatially and temporally. The County is collaborating with CUTR on safety and emergency responses and data focused research. There is a Wimauma rehabilitation plan in place. They are combining law enforcement data with fire rescue data. Lama also discussed the complete streets guide and what is in the guide.

Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County): The County is replacing controllers to improve response times to hospitals for crashes, post event. This implementation technique will be the first in the Country and will be up and running in June or July.

Gena Torres (Hillsborough TPO): FDOT changed their policy where the TPO can weigh in on projects during the scoping phase by submitting comments. An example is the resurfacing project on Dale Mabry Highway; they can provide comments on. Gena thanked FDOT for this new policy.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Ginger Regalado's final project before retirement was a third round of signal cabinet wrap art at the intersections of Busch Boulevard, Fowler Avenue, Nebraska Avenue, and SR 60.

Linda Wu (Burgess and Niple): Linda discussed the typical cross section and the design speed of 40 mph at Lithia Pinecrest Road.

School Transportation Items

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): Plant High School is doing a road redesign project to re-stripe and add planters and paint to redefine the road. There are parking issues, so the school hopes this will help vehicles show where they need to go to not block crosswalks and the roadway. This will be implemented in January and will be funded through the PTSA on Himes Avenue. Discussion followed.

Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County): The Florida Legislature made criteria for school speed zones so that the guidelines are standardized and are consistent throughout all school speed zones. Hillsborough County has 259 school speed zones.

HSIP Updates

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): The HSIP portal is going well. Applications were sent in by the City of Tampa and Plant City. Hillsborough County is in the process of sending their application. If anyone needs help applying for HSIP funding, reach out to Mahshid. For local agencies to be eligible for HSIP funding they must attend at least four CTST meetings in a year, as well as do a presentation on a project at a CTST meeting.

Vision Zero Updates

Gena Torres (Hillsborough TPO): The TPO is working with the County and the City on Sligh Avenue and Waters Avenue. World Day of Remembrance was recently held on 78th Street. This day of remembrance was a day to remember people who have died in traffic crashes. The names of the people who died were put on a paper bag with candles and was walked down 78th Street.



Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): Hillsborough County is partnering with the City of Tampa on a project from Gandy Boulevard to Kennedy Boulevard.

III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

None

Open Forum / Announcements

George Edmiston (Benesch): George discussed the final Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) wave on the Courtney Campbell Causeway on December 20th. There will be air support, as well as addressing move over violations, red light violations, etc. It will start at 9:30am at the Clearwater PD Substation on McMullen Booth Road. There will be around 50 officers in attendance.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Over the course of the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) program there have been over 30,000 citations and tickets handed out on state roads only.

Susan Boda (Benesch): Susan thanked the law enforcement officers for attending the MADD Vigil Walk of Remembrance. The Walk of Remembrance was lined by officers on 56th Street, in Temple Terrace, at Mission Hills Baptist Church.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth recently travelled to Washington, DC and attended a seminar on the high friction surface treatment. High friction surface treatment aims to reduce stopping distance, as well as, addressing pedestrian intersection safety and reducing high severity rear end crashes. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed about nominating a new chair and vice chair. Bob Campbell, of Hillsborough County, was nominated to continue being the chair. Emily Hinsdale, of Sidewalk Stompers, was nominated to be vice chair. Both nominations were voted and approved by the group.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2024, 9:30 am – Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Lama Alfaseeh (Hillsborough County), Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Matthew Belmonte (Tampa PD), Susan Boda (Benesch), Sara Bringger (USF PD), Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County), Emmeth Duran (FDOT District 7), George Edmiston (Benesch), Abigail Flores (Hillsborough County), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), Melissa Kincheloe (Crossing Guards for Hillsborough County), Ameer Khawaja (City of Temple Terrace), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Shirley Ready (Hillsborough County School District), James Reiser (Gresham Smith), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Michael Tayler (Hillsborough County Trauma Agency and EMPC), Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County), Gena Torres (Hillsborough MPO), Matt Weaver (Element Engineering Group), Linda Wu (Burgess and Niple), Mike Zinn (FDOT District 7)