

Pasco CTST – December 13, 2023

Meeting started at 10:13am

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina discussed changing the meeting time and place of the CTST meetings. She suggested that possibly having a morning meeting would have a larger attendance. Melissa Shepherd from JMT suggested sending out a poll to decide future Pasco CTST's meeting time and place.

II. Meeting Dedication

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina dedicated this CTST meeting to Kinley Edwards. Kinley Edwards was a seven-year-old girl who was killed after a man failed to stop for traffic, causing a rear end crash. The crash occurred near SR 54 and Lakepointe Parkway. Kinley was sitting in the back seat, along with her little sister.

III. Minutes Approved

- October minutes were approved. Brentin Mosher stated to fix the spelling of NHTSA on the minutes.

IV. Old Business

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Tina will send Venkat and Joellen an email and ask how best to proceed on this location or not to proceed.
2. **Seven Springs Boulevard** – Tina said that that she is working with Pinellas County on a stakeholder meeting for the long-range transportation plan. Tina will get more information on this location after the meeting. Mike Zinn brought up this location. Counts and speeds have been collected and Seven Springs is on the top 12 list. A road diet cannot be done due to existing traffic volumes. There are crashes on the cross streets due to vehicles pulling out and there is poor visibility due to the trees.

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V. New Business

Education

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Isabella Discepolo, of Bayonet Point Hospital Trauma Center, has been active in the community. She is on the bicycle and pedestrian coalition and represents emergency response, as emergency response is one of the safe system approaches. Isabella is working with homeless groups to provide pedestrian safety education. She provides about 30-minute presentations to the homeless

population. Tina would like to connect with Isabella to further the program, as well as maybe Julie from CUTR.

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Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): There are pedestrian issues in downtown Zephyrhills. Tina also discussed the bypass having heavy traffic on SR 54 and downtown Zephyrhills. This is a freight corridor. Also, on Wire Road in Zephyrhills there are no sidewalks. There may be a future midblock crosswalk near the Wawa there.

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Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Last month, CUTR did a SIDNE cart experiment at Anclote High School. SIDNE stands for Simulated Impaired Driving Experience.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): There is a crossing guard program at Creative World (a daycare). The crossing guards are going to Creative World to give safety speeches on what to do when they enter a “big” school including how to cross the street and to listen to the crossing guards’ instructions. Kasey Cursey, of EXP, is going to start to expanding this education program and possibly work with USF as well. Tina also mentioned that Safe Kids had brunch last week at a Tampa Bucs event.

Enforcement

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin said that this is the last month of the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement Program (ELEE). The program officially ends on January 6th and the awards ceremony will be in March, possibly in Spring Hill. The City of Port Richey got a speed feedback trailer. Sgt. Robert Williams, of, City of Port Richey received a mapping system to map/program crashes. Emmeth Duran, of FDOT, suggested inviting CTST chairs and vice chairs to the ELEE Program award ceremony in March.

Engineering

Tina Russo (MPO): Tina discussed current projects. Projects include the SR 52 overpass between the Suncoast Parkway and SR 54, the preferred alignment for the Orange Belt route study, and projects on Old Pasco Road, Ridge Road, US 41, etc.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth discussed the crosswalk issues on SR 52 and Shadow Ridge Boulevard. There is a marked crosswalk with just signage and no actuation. It is a six-lane roadway with high speeds and a speed limit of 50mph. Discussion followed. Venkat said that they make take it out. It is a state road, so FDOT decides. This location is part of a resurfacing project. They need to do a signal warrant study to

decide if they want to update the crosswalk or remove it. There is a church nearby, and some use the crosswalk on Sunday.

Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County): Pasco County is coming up with a prioritization process for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) requests. They will take existing locations and apply prioritization criteria to determine a ranking system. Emmeth suggested using HSIP funds for this.

Crash Statistics

There was a discussion about getting crash reports and the 60-day lag in the data.

Lori Palaio (JMT): She stated from January 1st to October 2, 2023, there have been 67 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1 to August 8 there were 57 fatal crashes. The ten new fatal crashes include one sideswipe, one right angle, two run off the road, one head on, two bicycle, one left turn, and two pedestrian fatal crashes.

For the two bicycle fatal crashes:

- The bicycle fatal crash occurred on July 17, 2023, on US 301 and Mickler Road, not at an intersection, in dark not-lighted, rainy, wet conditions. The vehicle was traveling north on US 301 approaching Mickler Road in the outside lane. The bicyclist was traveling north on US 301 approaching Mickler Road in the outside lane. The vehicle stated that a vehicle directly in front of him made a lane change into the inside lane. The “vehicle” was a bicyclist. The bicyclist had a white forward light that was activated but did not have any light rear facing.
- The bicycle fatal crash occurred on August 31, 2023, on Little Road and Schrader Boulevard at a four-way intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling south on Little Road in the center travel lane approaching Schrader Boulevard. The bicyclist was traveling west across the travel lanes of Little Road at the intersection of Schrader Boulevard. The bicyclist failed to yield to oncoming traffic.

For the two pedestrian fatal crashes:

- The pedestrian fatal crash occurred on September 7, 2023, on SR 54 and Celtic Drive, not at an intersection in dark, not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling east in the center lane of SR 54 approaching the intersection of Celtic Drive. The pedestrian was standing in the center lane of SR 54, west of the intersection, facing north. As the vehicle was approaching the intersection, the driver didn't see the pedestrian who was in the roadway improperly with dark clothing.
- The pedestrian fatal crash occurred on September 30, 2023, on SR 52 and Ridgedale Drive, not at an intersection, in dark, not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling east in the outside lane of SR 52, approaching the intersection. For unknown reasons pedestrian one and two entered the roadway directly into the path of the vehicle.

There are currently 67 fatal crashes through October 2. At the same time last year there were 68 fatal crashes, so we are down by one fatal crash.



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Discussion followed about vehicle miles traveled and its relation to crash statistics.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Eric Henry (FDOT): From December 15 to January 1, is the HVE Drive Sobor Campaign. December 26 to December 31, is the Project Roadblock Media Campaign – Buzz Driving is Drunk Driving.

VII. Fatality Tracking

None.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The HSIP portal is up and running. JMT can help pull crash data for HSIP requests. The HSIP project request is being revitalized to separate equipment requests from project requests.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth asked Venkat about JPA for lighting projects. Venkat said this is still going. Venkat is waiting on the utility company. There is a meeting this Monday on the extension of JPA.

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): There is a new signal cabinet wrap on SR 52 and Little Road.

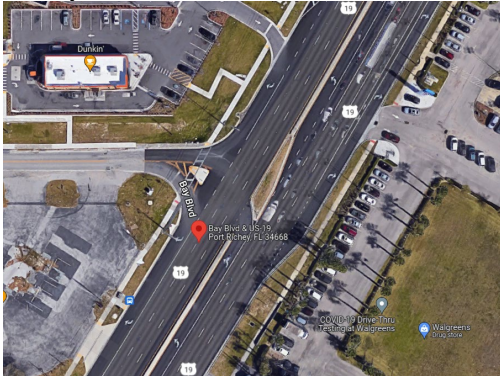
The next CTST meeting will be on January 24, 2024, at 1:30pm and will be virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.


Meeting Attendees: Emmeth Duran (FDOT); Eric Henry (FDOT); Brentin Mosher (CUTR); Lori Palaio (JMT); Tina Russo (MPO); Melissa Shepherd (JMT); Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County); Matt Weaver (Element Engineering Group)

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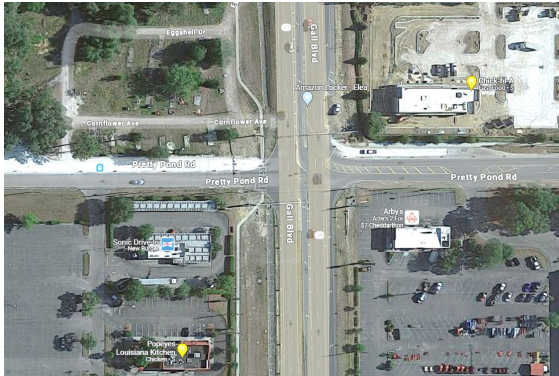
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 19 and Bay Boulevard  https://goo.gl/maps/qgWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A	Aug 2022	At US 19 and Bay Blvd, there are also a lot of left turn crashes. This location has lighting issues; it is unlit.		Venkat V. / Jeffrey M. (PC)
Comments The group mentioned shutting down the left turn lane. Discussion followed about the traffic jam that occurs at this location. The radius of the left turn onto Bay Blvd is the problem. Others brought up possibly changing the configuration of the intersection; they used to have the old type delineators on top of the porkchop and they came in and added the newer ones. The people trying to turn onto Bay Blvd, they are trying to beat the light coming off Ridge Rd. The average age of drivers is in the mid-teens. They are going to see what they can do with the signalization. 26 crashes were aging road users, eight of them were teen drivers, seven lane departures, etc.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Intersection Improvements			
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
Mike mentioned adding guide skips at this area.	9/2022	Mike Zinn spoke to Traffic Ops to add guide skips from the pork chop all the way around to the island.		
Venkat said he would do a field visit.		There is nothing that can be done on the County's side since it's a state road. Venkat asked FDOT if someone from FDOT can meet him in the field to see what can be done.	Pending	
Tina stated she will look at the crash reports.		Since 2018, there have been 73 crashes at this intersection. At the intersection itself, there has been zero fatalities and two severe injuries.	Complete	
Tina will update us on what FDOT is planning to do here.		This is on the list for FDOT to make some modifications.	Complete	
Mike Zinn asked Venkat to send an email to see who is available to meet for the field visit.		A field visit will be set up with FDOT and county staff before the next meeting.	Complete	
[name] from FDOT to coordinate field review that will include County Staff.		FDOT still working on it	Pending	
Tina Russo will send Venkat and Joellen an email and ask how best to proceed on this location or not to proceed.	10/25/23		Pending	
Resolved / Removed				

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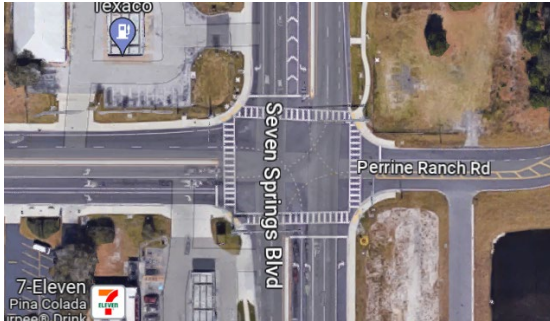
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Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Safety Issues			
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Resolved / Removed				

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Comments There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Pretty Pond Road. The crashes are typically elderly people.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four				
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
Venkat, of Pasco County, will investigate this area.	12/13/23			
Resolved / Removed				

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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
Seven Springs Boulevard  https://goo.gl/maps/2NcLpPi2pxVoqYpJA	Apr 2023	Seven Springs Boulevard may be an area that comes up around next year, along with a couple other intersections that they are looking at within Pasco County. The sidewalk on Perrine Ranch Road to Grand Boulevard is in disarray. Some of the guardrails are not in good shape as well. A possible road diet may help with a lot of the issues on Seven Springs Boulevard.		Tina Russo (MPO) / Mike Zinn
Comments				
There are a couple of schools on Seven Springs Boulevard that are being looked at.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four		Speeding and Aggressive Driving Improvements		
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
[name] Forward request to maintenance to evaluate and repair sidewalk. forward request to maintenance to evaluate guardrail.				
[name] forward request to traffic ops / safety to evaluate for potential road diet.	10/25/23	Mike mentioned there needs to be a road diet. Tina will look at Seven Springs Boulevard from SR 54 to Perrine Ranch Road and go from there.		Closed
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