

University CTST – January 3, 2024

Meeting started at 3:00 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up

1. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** No update. Matthew Belmonte, of the Tampa PD, will have more to report on this next month.
2. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD, said to set this location aside for now until she could get some more information.
3. **Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue:** Katie Godwin, of UT, confirmed from Marty, that the issue is that there are no stormwater inlets on this road. The road floods and it is dangerous vehicularly and dangerous for pedestrians. Right now, there is construction to change the potable water system underneath. After that project is complete, which will go until the end of October of this year, FDOT is going to do some project on the stormwater inlets. This will take another two to three years. This will be resolved internally. *This will be removed from the problem locations sheet after the next meeting.*

III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Matthew Belmonte (Tampa PD): Tampa PD wrapped up their New Year's Eve operation. TPD's DUI squad made 28 arrests on Friday night. They also made 11 other arrests and 120 traffic stops. For the year, TPD finished with 1,457 DUI arrests, which was up 21 percent from the previous year. DUI arrests stemming from crashes were up 22 percent from the previous year. TPD made 10,214 traffic stops, which is a 37 percent increase from the previous year. TPD is also preparing Gasparilla. TPD is preparing several presentations which include The Academy of the Holy Names and MacDill Air Force Base (to the enlisted before they go celebrate at Gasparilla and get in trouble).

Keith Pippin (USF PD): There are no real traffic issues by USF currently. There have been petty thefts related to scooters on the campus. There was a stop on Fowler Avenue recently to pull a couple guns off the street.

Katie Godwin (UT): UT had a non-student group infiltrate their card access bike cage just before the break and the group took some of their bicycles. They are trying to figure out how to fix this issue.



Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): CUTR will be doing some outreach. They will be doing a week of welcome event at HCC Dale Mabry Campus January 8th through January 10th. There is a USF Campus Safety Day in February. Brentin will be attending the Transportation Research Board conference next week to talk about geofencing.

Eric Henry (FDOT): The new edition of the safety newsletter just came out. Through the Bicycle Pedestrian Coalition, FDOT has been developing a tip card related to micromobility.

Katie Godwin (UT): UT is working on getting devices installed, but one of them was planning to go into the cage that was broken into. But now they are trying to figure out that issue first before installing the repair device.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st, 2023, to October 22nd, 2023, there have been 11 fatal crashes. The map shows 13 fatal crashes because two fatal crashes were located inside two campus buffers. At the last CTST from January 1st, 2023, to September 23rd, 2023, there were nine fatal crashes. The two new fatal crashes include one at USF and one at HCC Ybor campus.

The USF fatal crash was an angle fatal crash at East Fowler Avenue and Club Drive on September 25th. It did not occur at an intersection, in day, clear and dry conditions. Vehicle one was exiting a shopping plaza on the south side of East Fowler Avenue, making an improper left turn crossing over the eastbound lanes to enter the westbound lanes violating vehicle two's right of way. Vehicle two was eastbound on East Fowler Avenue in the left inside lane of travel and struck vehicle one on the driver's side of vehicle two as it crossed in front of him. The fatality involved a motorcycle.

The HCC Ybor fatal crash was a pedestrian fatal crash at Nebraska Avenue and the Selmon Expressway on October 2nd. It did not occur at an intersection in dark, not lighted, and clear dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling southbound on Nebraska Avenue just south of Twiggs Street at about 25 mph. As the vehicle passed under the underpass of the Selmon Expressway, the pedestrian entered its path from the left side. There have been 11 fatal crashes through October 22nd, 2023. Same time frame the previous year in 2022 there were 12 fatal crashes, so University CTST is down by one fatal crash.

Discussion followed on the sixty-day lag due to the senate bill.



V. Open Forum | Announcements

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): Jeannine thanked everyone who participated in the MADD Vigil in December. She also thanked law enforcement for the recent saturation on New Year's weekend. Jeannine will be at Tampa Catholic two days before Gasparilla doing presentations with their seniors. The presentation will be about education for underage drinking and impaired driving prevention.

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): Peter Hsu from FDOT asked Melissa to share the FDOT D7 Safety newsletter and their accomplishments. Peter also wanted Melissa to mention the Traffic Safety Sub Grant. The application period is coming due. People have up until the end of February to get concept papers in. Melissa showed the FDOT website grants concept papers website. On the website, it has an overview about concept papers, how to write them, and there are links with some sample concept papers. This is a Sub Grant that traffic safety partners can apply for through NHTSA. Eric Henry, of FDOT, stated that some people call the Sub Grants 402 grants. Also, there is no longer access to CDMS. Due to some of the statute changes and internal discussions, FDOT made the decision to limit access to CDMS to internally within FDOT only. If you previously had access as an outside agency, you no longer would have access. Instead, FDOT is encouraging users to use Signal Four or request an account. Signal Four is going to be the official FDOT crash data source.

Discussion followed about possible locations for the next in-person CTST meeting.


Next Meeting: February 7th, 2024, 3:00 pm – In-Person Meeting Location is TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm

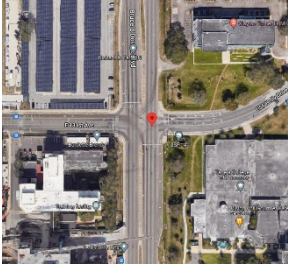
Attendees: Matthew Belmonte (Tampa PD), Anthony Chaumont (JMT), Suchi Daniels (USF), Katie Godwin (UT), Eric Henry (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), David Liller (HCC), Jeannine Laurence (MADD), Nicole Marchesano (USF PD), Brentin Mosher (CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Keith Pippin (USF PD), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Michael Tayler (HC EMS and Trauma)



PROBLEM LOCATIONS - JANUARY 2024

Item	Date Reported	Description	Staff	Last Update	Date Resolved/ Withdrawn	Comments
1	May 2022	Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus  https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36	Joseph Bentrovato / Mike Zinn / Matthew Belmonte	Apr 2023		<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. 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. 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. Mike has not heard back from the City on this item. This is on the City's radar. Kelly Fearon said the Drew Park CRA is studying the whole area, including this crossing. Kelly Fearon, City of Tampa, met with the CRA. The CRA kicked off their streetscape transportation study. There will be an update next month when the CRA gets further into finishing their study. Crosswalk locations will be prioritized. No update. Paige Niehaus, of HCC, said that the CRA did not meet. Internally, things are being redone on campus, including crosswalk improvements, to try and get the students to take a different route.</p> <p>No update. Matthew Belmonte, of the Tampa PD, will have more to report on this next month.</p>



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2	Oct 2022	<p>Lighting issues at Bruce B Downs and Holly Drive</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/7VwSCs3xRYoEbFidA</p>	Nicole M. (USF PD)	Nov 2023		<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. 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. Nicole does not have an update right now. Kathleen Koviak from USF said she will make a note to send a message to Officer Marchesano. She was working on a light work order a couple months ago. Kathleen Koviak, USF, spoke to Officer Marchesano and the request is still pending. There has been no further communication, and the status continues to be checked on. Brentin Mosher, of CUTR, said that the buffered bicycle lanes are complete. The traffic signals are not active yet.</p> <p>Officer Marchesano, of the USF Police Department, said this is still pending. She filled out a space impact form. There is also another form online to bring ideas directly to Facilities Management, so Officer Marchesano sent the request there as well. Someone is currently reviewing it, but there are no current updates.</p> <p>Brentin Mosher, of CUTR, said that the traffic signals are on, and they are operable. The second traffic signal southbound is a U-turn with a flashing yellow arrow. Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD, said that the street lighting is bad.</p> <p>This is still ongoing. George Edmiston, of Benesch, suggested a portable light tower.</p> <p>Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD, asked who in the County oversees the area and who she could speak to about the lighting at the intersection. Officer Marchesano will get information from someone in the County at the Hillsborough County CTST.</p> <p>Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD, said to set this location aside for now until she could get some more information.</p>