



## MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2024

### Pasco CTST – January 24, 2024

Meeting started at 1:31pm

#### I. **Welcome and Introductions were made.**

#### II. **Meeting Dedication**

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina dedicated this CTST meeting to a pedestrian who died on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The fatal crash happened on SR 54 at County Road in Wesley Chapel on the northwest corner of the intersection. The pedestrian was hit crossing the road against a red signal. The crash happened on the northern side of the intersection. A lot of the pedestrian fatalities and bicycle fatalities crossing the road happen on the further side/lane because that is where the speeds are typically higher. The person driving had an alcohol level of 0.35.

#### III. **Minutes Approved**

- December minutes were approved.

#### IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Tina passed this on again to Mike and they are looking at it. She is waiting for FDOT to get back with her on what they can and cannot do.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – The right turn movements are under construction.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Tina reached out to someone on this and will go back through her emails to see what was discussed. Tina will follow up, but this one got pushed forward to the next step to see what can or cannot be done.
4. **Sevin Springs Boulevard** – Tina said that the MPO is looking at several corridors and this one will be added to one of the corridors that they are looking at. It will probably be looked at in their long-range transportation plan.

#### V. **New Business**

##### *Education*

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): CUTR was at Hudson Academy, last Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> and they did helmet fittings. They are continuing to do outreach to the schools. There are no Pasco schools scheduled at this time except Wiregrass drivers' education.

Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital): On January 19<sup>th</sup>, John's Hopkins went to the Hudson Academy and Sheila gave a presentation to 842 students. They gave out 179 helmets. They also received a list of some of the eighth graders that would like helmets as well. There will be a sidewalk at the Academy soon which was requested for a long time. It is hard to navigate in the dark over there in a vehicle, so walking or riding a bicycle is probably even harder to navigate at night. There isn't much lighting in the area.

Kasey Cursey (EXP): The students were really engaged in the helmet fitting. Kids want the helmets. Kasey and Tina handed out the FDOT tip cards to all the parents in the car pickup line as well.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): The Sheriff's Office through the crossing guard school program is doing a program at Creative World, educating kids early on in their life. Discussion followed.

### *Enforcement*

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin said that the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement Program (ELEE) ended on January 6<sup>th</sup>, which focused on details on state roads. At the next meeting, Brentin hopes to have the total numbers for the details. The ceremony is going to be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### *Engineering*

No update.

### *Crash Statistics*

Lori Palaio (JMT): She stated from January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there have been 81 fatal crashes. At the last CTST, from January 1<sup>st</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, there were 67 fatal crashes. The 14 new fatal crashes include one other, one right angle, one rear end, one head on, four run off the road, three left turn, and three pedestrian fatal crashes. Of all the fatal crashes in Pasco County this year, 60 percent occurred at night, 38 percent were intersection related, and 32 percent were lane departure related. Eighty-eight pedestrian fatal crashes occurred at night. Eighty-eight bicycle crashes also occurred at night. There are currently 81 fatal crashes through November 11<sup>th</sup>. Same period in 2022 there were 82 fatal crashes, so Pasco County is down by one fatal crash.

Tina Russo (MPO): At the next CTST meeting, Tina will do a performance safety measures presentation. Tina discussed that the 60-day waiting period for crashes makes it hard to keep up with these safety measures. On US 19, 75 percent or more of the pedestrian fatalities are in the northbound lanes. With all the new lighting on US 19, there must be something correlated with the high percentage of fatalities on the northbound lanes of that roadway. The outer lanes are usually where most of these fatalities happen, probably due to speeding and visibility issues. Pastor Jen Kerouac, of Shady Hills Mission Chapel, the area on US 19 that has a lot of fatal crashes is in the Hudson area.

Tina Russo (MPO): There are two pedestrian mid-blocks getting ready to be constructed, one south of SR 52 on US 19, and one north near Elizabeth Avenue near Walmart. This is two of seven (or more) mid-blocks that are going in on US 19. The mid-blocks are going in where fatalities are happening. The one that is going in just south of SR 52, there were three fatalities at just one crossing location alone. Discussion followed. Shannon Salter, of Quest Corporation of America, said the area where a lot of the pedestrian fatalities are occurring in Hudson is where there is a large homeless population. A lot of times they don't use the crosswalk. There isn't a lot of lighting so far in that area and there are a lot more businesses coming to that area. There are a lot of homeless camps in the area as well.

Tina Russo (MPO): USF has been doing a lot of engagement on US 19. They go out to these problem locations and talk to people. Sunday night is one of the biggest nights for crashes. USF goes out and educates pedestrians and bicyclists.

Jim Reiser (Gresham Smith): There have been great safety improvements on US 19 in the high fatality area as far as lighting goes. When Jim worked for TPD he worked with the homeless population in Tampa. A lot of pedestrians do not want to wait for the signal. They feel more comfortable crossing on their own accord, mid-block, because they think cars get confused at intersections. Jim suggests getting Pasco to get pedestrian money to do more enforcement and outreach, as that seems to make a big difference. Tina stated that Pasco County is working on options for the homeless population, including other housing opportunities. Discussion followed.

### **VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports**

None.

### **VII. Fatality Tracking**

None.

### **VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates**

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The HSIP portal is up and running. Melissa and Lori can pull crash data maps and provide some low-cost countermeasures that could help in assisting with the HSIP application.

### **IX. Open Forum/Announcements**

Tina Russo (MPO): The MPO started working on their agreement with the Safe Streets for All grant. Their agreement will be on the safety action plan. It will take them two years, but it will be an in-depth analysis of their high injury network, such as where the crashes are happening, how they are happening, etc. There are eight components to the safety action plan, including task forces and committees.

Amy Davis (Pasco County): Amy talked about issues with the 60-day lag. It seems like there is a cut out for people involved in the crashes, the legal representatives, insurance and insurers, federal, state, and local government agencies. With being in traffic operations, it is hard not to have a police report for three months. Pasco County doesn't know the details and they are just hearing what is on the news. She doesn't know why they can't use their email address or have them accept that they are a government agency so that they could see the reports earlier. Discussion followed. Peter Hsu, of FDOT, said that they have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between FDOT and DHSMV where you can only use the crash reports for FDOT business only. Discussion followed.

Tina Russo (MPO): The March meeting will be live at Starkey Ranch. She suggested getting some law enforcement partners to come that can be a part of making Pasco County better.

**The next CTST meeting will be on February 28, 2024, at 1:30pm and will be virtual.**

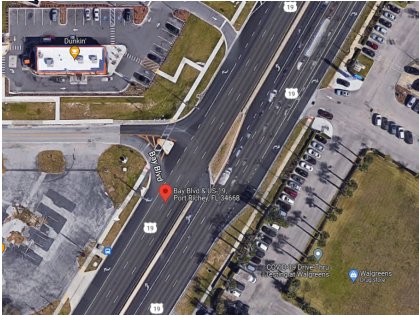
Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.



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**Meeting Attendees:** Rod Coryville (City of Zephyrhills); Kasey Cursey (EXP); Amy Davis (Pasco County); David Hubbard (Wey Engineering); Eric Henry (FDOT); Peter Hsu (FDOT); Tommy Lee Hunt (City of Zephyrhills); Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group); Jen Kerouac (Shady Hills Mission Chapel); Sara Linares (Wey Engineering); Jeff Moncalian (Pasco County); Brentin Mosher (CUTR); Lori Palaio (JMT); Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital); Jim Reiser (Gresham Smith); Tina Russo (MPO); Shannon Salter (Quest Corporation of America); Melissa Shepherd (JMT); Matt Weaver (Element Engineering Group)

## STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 19 and Bay Boulevard  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A">https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A</a>	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)
	<b>Comments</b> 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.			
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>	Intersection Improvements			
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
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	Tina passed this on again to Mike and they are looking at it. She is waiting for FDOT to get back with her on what they can and cannot do.		Pending

# PROBLEM LOCATIONS - JANUARY 2024

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 301 and Chancey Road  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9</a>	Dec 2023	On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues.		Tina Russo (MPO)
<b>Comments</b>				
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills on US 301. On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues. There are a lot of homeless people, as well as construction in the area. Matt Weaver, Element Engineering Group, stated there is a resurfacing project being done around US 301 and Chancey Road. They are channelizing the left turn and doing development, along with other safety countermeasures. Discussion followed. Tina said near US 301 and Chancey Road there is a railroad track nearby. The right-of-way preservation program protects right of way issues during widening.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>	Safety Issues			
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills on US 301.	12/13/23			Pending

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<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p> <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkKkN9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkKkN9</a></p>	Dec 2023	At Daughterly Road and US 301, there are crashes at the signalized intersection. Daughterly Road is between two shopping centers.		Tina Russo (MPO)
<p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughterly Road. The crashes are typically elderly people.</p>				
<p><b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b></p>				
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
Venkat, of Pasco County, will investigate this area.	12/13/23			Pending
Tina reached out to someone on this and will go back through her emails to see what was discussed. Tina will follow up, but this one got pushed forward to the next step to see what can or cannot be done.	1/24/24			Pending

## LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
<p>Seven Springs Boulevard</p> <p><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/2NcLpPi2pxVoqYpJA">https://goo.gl/maps/2NcLpPi2pxVoqYpJA</a></p>	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
<p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>There are a couple of schools on Seven Springs Boulevard that are being looked at.</p>				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>		Speeding and Aggressive Driving Improvements		
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
[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
	12/13/23	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.		Closed
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.	12/13/23			Pending
Tina reached out to someone on this and will go back through her emails to see what was discussed. Tina will follow up, but this one got pushed forward to the next step to see what can or cannot be done.	1/24/24			Pending





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### LOCAL ROADS CONTACTS

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