

University CTST – February 7, 2024

Meeting started at 2:59 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up

1. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** Lori Palaio, of JMT, said that Paige Niehaus sent an email stating that the crosswalk on Lois Avenue connecting the students in Hawks Landing to the campus is still being reviewed by the Drew Park CRA CAC.
2. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** Mike Zinn, of FDOT, told Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD to reach out to Bob Campbell at Hillsborough County. Lori Palaio will verify if Officer Nicole Marchesano is on the mailing list for the Hillsborough CTST meetings.

Marty Sorrentino (UT): Marty said that the water lines are finished on Kennedy Boulevard. He stated that North Boulevard from Kennedy Boulevard to Cass Street is having issues with safety at crosswalks. Marty wants to add this back to the problem locations sheet and find a possible funding source to make it safer. Katie Godwin, of UT, said that this was previously on the problem locations sheet. The students do not use the sidewalk, there are no flashers at crosswalks, etc. Discussion followed. *North Boulevard from Kennedy Boulevard to Cass Street will be added back to the problem locations sheet.*

III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Nicole Marchesano (USF PD): The typical safety issues on the USF campus are during large gatherings. People who are not from the area or are not familiar with the USF campus are not following the speed limit. Other than that, there are still scooter issues. USF PD addresses scooter issues with education/enforcement. Lastly, Nicole mentioned poor lighting on Alumni Drive and Bull Runner Drive. If lights are put up on Fowler Field, there will be a lot of craziness with people wanting to play in the field at night, but at least the area will be well lit.

Discussion followed about the tree canopies blocking the sight distance westbound on Magnolia Drive.

Discussion followed on micromobility issues on the USF campus. A lot of students are still wearing headphones while on e-scooters. Antonio Velez, of USF PD said that micromobility rules are the same as bicycle rules according to the Florida Statue. Jim Reiser, of Gresham Smith discussed the 316.2128 Statute that discusses that micromobility has the same rights and duties as bicyclists. The Statute cross references with 316.2065 on bicycle regulations. Discussion followed.



Matthew Belmonte (Tampa PD): So far there have been 160 DUI arrests this year with 1,800 traffic stops and 57 non-DUI arrests. Matthew discussed that they will be surrounding the Knight Parade in Ybor City this Saturday.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Mike gave the statistics in Hillsborough County in January. There have been 380 charged DUI's in January in the County. USF had one DUI, Temple Terrace had three DUI's, and Hillsborough County had 185 DUI's. Discussion followed on passing DUI information to students on campus.

Discussion followed about giving tip cards to the students on different safety issues.

Nicole Marchesano (USF PD): Scooters are not allowed in the dorms on campus which is causing a lot of issues with parents and students.

Matthe Belmonte (Tampa PD): Officer Belmonte suggested doing QR codes instead of tip cards, which may work better to spread safety information to students. Discussion followed from Mike Zinn about QR codes not allowed for NHTSA grants, but printed papers are allowed for NHTSA grants.

Brian Goercke (USF): Brian discussed the international students' orientation on the USF campus. He discussed that they do visual demonstrations and tell stories to family and friends on campus safety. A lot of international students look right, left, right for example, instead of left, right, left. He said a lot of the fatalities have been with international students, so education to international students is important.

David Liller (HCC): David discussed the Ybor community surrounding the campus. A lot of people use scooters around the campus. Ybor has a big challenge with pedestrian safety. A lot of students also come from schools that have enclosed campuses, so the students are not used to walking/biking in the city. Safety has improved with flashing lights and upgraded crosswalks.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): Mike mentioned that Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) have reduced pedestrian fatalities at intersections. Rakesh Rangaswamy, of Sam Schwartz, stated that he used an LPI downtown and it was only about three seconds long. He said that by the time he noticed it was time to walk, the LPI was already over, making it like an intersection with no LPI. Mike said that LPI length could be from three to seven seconds, depending on the width of the intersection, AADT, number of lanes, etc. Rakesh also discussed that when he was a USF student, he did not feel safe crossing at intersections due to vehicles not paying attention. Discussion followed.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Campus Safety Day was on Monday and 62 students participated. USF CUTR had a booth with FDOT and gave out safety information and prizes. On Friday, March 22nd is Bike with the Temple Terrace Mayor in the morning and then Walk Like MADD is at night.



Brian Goercke (USF): Brian discussed the auto ped bike safety day. USF gave out some sandwiches and they had a wheel made from cardboard to teach students campus safety. He taught students what to do after a collision, along with other educational outreach.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st, 2023, to December 1st, 2023, there have been 14 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to October 22nd, there were 11 fatal crashes. The three new fatal crashes were at USF, HCC Southshore, and HCC Ybor.

- The USF fatal crash was a left turn fatal crash and was motorcycle related on October 29th, 2023, on 139th Avenue and 19th Street. It was not at an intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling eastbound on 139th Avenue making a left turn into a parking space perpendicular to the roadway. Vehicle two was traveling westbound on 139th Avenue. The driver of vehicle one failed to observe vehicle two headed westbound when he turned in front of him, violating vehicle two's right of way. Vehicle two struck the right rear side of vehicle one. The motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.
- The HCC Southshore fatal crash was a pedestrian fatal crash on November 15th, 2023, on 19th Avenue NE and 30th Street NE, not at an intersection, in dusk, clear conditions. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on 19th Avenue NE approaching the intersection of 30th Street NE. The pedestrian was in the roadway for an unknown reason, directly in the path of the vehicle. The crash report read: There are no sidewalks on either side of the street nor any marked or unmarked crosswalks near the location of the crash. At the time of the crash, the sun had set, and the roadway was wet due to rainfall all day.
- The HCC Ybor fatal crash was a bicycle fatal crash on October 24th, 2023, on 21st Avenue and 19th Street at a four-way intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on 21st Avenue approaching the intersection with 19th Street in the travel lane at a high rate of speed. The vehicle struck the bicyclist when the bicyclist failed to stop at the intersection and entered the roadway. The bicyclist was traveling northbound on 19th Street approaching the intersection with 21st Avenue. The bicyclist failed to stop at the posted stop sign and entered the intersection.

There are 14 fatal crashes through December 1st, 2023. At the same period in 2022 there were 13 fatal crashes, so University CTST is down by one fatal crash.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Katie Godwin (UT): There will be an HCC Safety Day on April 22nd from 1:00 am to 2:00 pm. Discussion followed.



Kathleen Koviak (USF): USF is doing a college health assessment survey where they ask about students' behaviors, what services they utilize, if they self-report substance abuse and if they have driven after taking substances.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): There will be helmet fitting training on February 19th. If you want to participate in the helmet fitting email Brentin or Julie.


Next Meeting: March 6th, 2024, 3:00 pm – Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm

Attendees: Matthew Belmonte (Tampa PD), Susan Boda (Benesch), George Edmiston (Benesch), Katie Godwin (UT), Brian Goercke (USF), Alex Iler (USF), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Kathleen Koviak (USF), David Liller (HCC), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), James Reiser (Gresham Smith), Rakesh Rangaswamy (Sam Schwartz), Marty Sorrentino (UT), Antonio Velez (USF PD), Michael Zinn (FDOT)

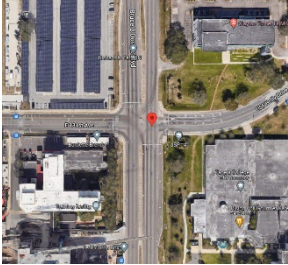


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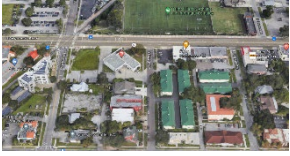
Item	Date Reported	Description	Staff	Last Update	Date Resolved/ Withdrawn	Comments
1	May 2022	<p>Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36</p>	Joseph Bentrovato / Mike Zinn / Matthew Belmonte	Apr 2023		<p>Joseph said that their biggest intersection is near Tampa Bay Blvd and Dale Mabry Hwy; there are lights and crosswalks. The problematic location that students have addressed on campus is on Lois Ave. There are student apartments (Hawk's Landing) across the street from the campus on Lois Ave and students must cross Lois Ave 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. 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 said the Drew Park CRA is studying the whole area, including this crossing. Kelly met with the CRA and 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. Paige 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. Matthew Belmonte, of the Tampa PD, will have more to report on this next month. No update. Paige sent an email stating that the crosswalk on Lois Avenue connecting the students in Hawks Landing to the campus is still being reviewed by the Drew Park CRA CAC.</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. 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. 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. This is still ongoing. George Edmiston, of Benesch, suggested a portable light tower. 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. Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD, said to set this location aside for now until she could get some more information.</p> <p>No. update. Mike Zinn, of FDOT, told Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD to reach out to Bob Campbell at Hillsborough County.</p>



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3	Jan 2023	Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue  https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59	Marty Sorrentino	Jan 2024		<p>There is no storm water inlet on the north side of Kennedy between Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue, where the Tampa General Hospital was built. Every time it rains, the right westbound lane fills with water. The students from the campus encounter the water near the lacrosse field. They are doing a resurfacing project on both sides of Kennedy Blvd. They would like to get at least one storm water inlet added. He is looking to see if anything is going to be addressed about the stormwater issue out there. He has not gotten an answer back from construction yet. Mike Zinn, of FDOT, said that this is out of the limits from where they are going to be doing some rehab construction. FDOT can not do much about it. It is under the radar to see if they can find a fix, but he does not know yet. Mike checked with the design consultants. The consultants are not going to be working on that section of Kennedy Blvd. Marty spoke to the SWFWMD; the project will be driven by the potable water drinking project. Marty said that the city council approved the contract amendment with their contractor who is doing the water line work along the Kennedy Blvd area. They will finish up the water line work on North Blvd and then they will start the water line replacement work on Kennedy Blvd. They will reconvene on their weekly call next Monday on a schedule to finish up the project. Katie Godwin, of UT, received a notice from the City's PR team that they have commissioned a project to replace all the water mains underneath Kennedy Blvd. It will impact westward traffic from the eastern edge of Plant Park towards Westshore Blvd. It will start in the middle of October and will extend through the end of 2024. Katie is not sure how it will impact the traffic around the UT campus. She is not sure if it will include storm drains or stormwater inlets. Kennedy Blvd floods when it rains, and it adds some safety complications for students walking on the sidewalk, along with bicyclists and vehicles. Katie said that the road is currently being torn up. The construction is running from University Dr westward to North Blvd, which is essentially the southern border of the UT campus. This limits access northbound onto campus. This construction has only been going on for about a week so far, so Katie is unsure of the pedestrian and bicycle impacts. Katie said that they are still doing a lot of construction. UT hopes that the traffic will dissipate shortly and as the holiday comes through, and there will be a little bit of reprieve with students not being on campus. Katie is unsure if this project is fixing the concern that Marty initially brought up, which is the stormwater inlets. Marty stated the water lines are finished on Kennedy Blvd. He stated that North Blvd from Kennedy Blvd to Cass Street is having issues with safety at crosswalks. Marty wants to add this back to the problem locations sheet and find a possible funding source to make it safer. The students do not use the sidewalk, there are no flashers at crosswalks, etc.</p>