



University CTST – April 3, 2024

Meeting started at 3:01 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were given by the group. The March meeting minutes were approved with the addition of adding the new problem location on North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard.

Marty Sorrentino (UT): The safety issue Marty wanted to add was the crosswalk on North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard. The one that is listed in the meeting minutes is for the storm water issue on Kennedy Boulevard. The City right now is replacing all the water piping on Kennedy Boulevard close by the area where they are having storm water issues. In the re-pavement permit that he uncovered with SWFMD, it was hard to tell whether it could be done. The storm water safety issues are not going to be handled by the City. The City is under contract with FDOT to do the piping work. Kennedy Boulevard is in FDOT's right-of-way. The stormwater work, if there is anything to be done, is going to be done years down the road.

II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up

1. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** No update.
2. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** No update.
3. **Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue:** Marty suggested removing this from the problem locations sheet until a few years down the road until there is some more activity on the stormwater work along Kennedy Boulevard. Discussion followed.
4. **North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard:** All of the water pipe/waterline work on the UT campus, on North Boulevard, has been replaced already. They are now finishing up on Kennedy Boulevard. The new problem location Marty wants to add are crosswalk safety issues on North Boulevard by West Garage. Cal Hardie at the City gave three options to look at including speed humps before the crosswalk, a raised crosswalk with a flashing beacon, or concrete bulb outs to narrow the lanes, which would require moving the curb. They would need a right-of-way permit as well as a plan in place. This project could be a springboard to get more work done on North Boulevard, including adding sidewalks, etc.



III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

George Edmiston (Benesch): The Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) is complete. They are working on processing a scope to begin ELEE 3 sometime this summer. Agencies walked away with a lot of equipment from ELEE 2 including speed lasers, radars, speed feedback trailers, light towers, etc.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): The Temple Terrace Mayor's Ride for March 22nd was postponed and will now be held this Friday. The University Area Slow Roll event took place a few weeks back, but there was no bike ride portion due to the weather. There were informational tables and a press conference at the Slow Roll event. Yesterday, Jason Jackman was talking with students over at the College of Public Health at their Give Life Day. It is organized by the College of Public Health, where they do bone marrow drives, and is a great opportunity to talk about pedestrian and bicycle safety. CUTR is participating in the World Health Day fair next week. The Walk Like MADD was postponed to Friday, April 19th and CUTR will have a presence there to engage the community.

Katie Godwin (UT): The University of Tampa is organizing their Transportation Safety Day. It is scheduled for April 22nd and is called Walk and Roll. Many campus organizations will be there including CUTR, the Downtown Tampa Partnership, as well as other wellness areas from around the area. It is designed to promote any sort of transportation that is not a gas-powered vehicle (Earth Day).

Jim Reiser (Gresham Smith): Tampa PD is continuing their pedestrian and bicycle safety initiative. Some of the areas that are going to be affected include areas along Kennedy Boulevard, which could directly impact the UT students and the Fowler Avenue corridor near USF. A lot of education is being given out. It is not a focus on citations, but if law enforcement sees something that could be counterproductive to safely passing through the roadway whether they are a pedestrian or bicyclist, they will stop the person and provide education and reasons why they shouldn't do that. This initiative wraps up the second week of May and will start up again near the end of the year if the grant funding gets renewed.

Discussion about Walk Like MADD followed.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): The Kennedy Boulevard project is in design right now. It is going to be repaved from Woodlyne Avenue to Brevard Avenue. It is anticipated to include drainage upgrades all along the corridor and the anticipated construction date is the fall of this year. It is a state repaving construction job. The contact is Kevin Lee and Chris Carson is the media person. Discussion followed.



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IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st, 2023, to December 31st, 2023, there have been 16 fatal crashes. The map shows 19 fatal crashes because three fatal crashes are located inside the two campus buffer zones of the UT and HCC Ybor campuses. At the last CTST, from January 1st, 2023, to December 19th, 2023, there were 15 fatal crashes. The one new fatal crash was a run-off the road motorcycle related fatal crash on the UT and HCC Ybor campus buffer zones. The fatal crash was on December 30th, 2023, at 4:09 am, on I-4 and I-275, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, and clear conditions. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on I-4 from north I-275 in an unknown lane. The driver lost control for unknown reasons and ran off the roadway into the left shoulder of I-4. As a result, the vehicle hit a guardrail. There are 16 fatal crashes for all of 2023 in the University areas. In 2022, there were 14 fatal crashes, so the University CTST is up by two fatal crashes.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Kathleen Koviak (USF): The semester will be ending at the end of this month. Move out starts April 28th and goes through May 3rd. Graduation will be the first week of May.


Katie Godwin (UT): UT follows the same calendar experience as USF. They end May 3rd and graduation is May 4th.

Next Meeting: May 1st, 2024, 3:00PM – In-Person, Location TPD

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm

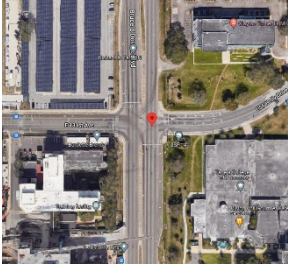
Attendees: Susan Boda (Benesch), George Edmiston (Benesch), Katie Godwin (UT), Eric Henry (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Kathleen Koviak (USF), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), James Reiser (Gresham Smith), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Marty Sorrentino (UT), Mike Zinn (FDOT)



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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. 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. Paige, via email, said that they are continuing to work with the Drew Park CRA CAC. No update.</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. Mike Zinn, of FDOT, told Officer Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD to reach out to Bob Campbell at Hillsborough County.</p> <p>No update.</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	April 2024	<p>There is no storm water inlet on the north side of Kennedy between Willow Ave and Delaware Ave, 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. 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 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. The construction is running from University Dr westward to North Blvd, which is essentially the southern border of the UT 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 St 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. Martin said that he met with the City's Mobility Group. There is an application process that he would have to go through to get it going. Martin will be looking for other possible funding sources as well. Marty suggested removing this from the problem locations sheet until a few years down the road until there is some more activity on the stormwater work along Kennedy Boulevard. Discussion followed.</p>



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4	April 2024	<p>North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard</p>  <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/t83DaQWkyusev4Ee6</p>	Marty Sorrentino	April 2024		<p>The new problem location Martin wants to add are crosswalk safety issues on North Boulevard by West Garage. Cal Hardie, at the City, gave three options to look at including speed humps before the crosswalk, a raised crosswalk with a flashing beacon, or concrete bulb outs to narrow the lanes, which would require moving the curb. They would need a right-of-way permit as well as a plan in place. This project could be a springboard to get more work done on North Boulevard, including adding sidewalks, etc.</p>