



Hillsborough CTST – March 27, 2024

Meeting started at 9:37 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. February 2024 minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): The Walk Like MADD event will be April 19th. The Walk with the Temple Terrace Mayor was postponed to April 5th due to rain. Tomorrow is the Slow Roll event with the TPO at 8 am; if it rains it will be postponed to a later date. The FDOT helmet fitting training is Friday. There will be an event at the Focus Academy in Temple Terrace on April 3rd with safety presentations and helmet fittings for students. Eric Henry, of FDOT, stated that the helmet fitting at FDOT is for safety ambassadors and is an internal training. If there is extra space, it will open externally on a first-come first-serve basis.

Jim Reiser (Gresham Smith): District Seven is coordinating with the Orange County Choppers (OCC) on motorcycle awareness. There has been a rise in motorcycle related fatalities. Jim also mentioned that he is working with TPD to do a public service announcement on motorcycle safety for the SMART class.

Education

None.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Gordon (TPD): For Tampa PD, in February there were 159 DUI arrests.

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori discussed the fatal crash maps. From January 1st to December 31st, 2023, there have been 211 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to December 14th, 2023, there were 196 fatal crashes. There have been 16 new fatal crashes since the last CTST meeting; one fatal crash was removed due to being a non-traffic related fatality. For all of 2023, 62 percent were in dark conditions, 10 percent were in wet conditions, 66 percent were not at an intersection, and seven of the 211 fatal crashes were work zone related. Six of the work zone fatal crashes were on a shoulder or median and one was during intermittent or moving work. Nine percent of the fatal crashes were alcohol related, eight percent included commercial motor vehicles, 39 percent were lane departure related, and 53 percent were on state roads. In 2023 there were 211 fatal crashes. In 2022 there were 220 fatal crashes. Hillsborough county is down by 9 fatal crashes from 2022.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin discussed the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) ceremony that was last Thursday in Spring Hill. Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office received over 200 tint meters.



Peter Hsu (FDOT): Last Tuesday, FDOT met with Chad Chronister and others. They want to participate in ELEE Three. Peter is encouraging USF PD to participate as well. Last year, there were over 22,000 enforcement man-hours conducted on state roads during the ELEE period. Peter discussed that 2021 was the worst year for fatal and severe crashes in the District.

Engineering

Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): Hillsborough County is doing project development for unsignalized intersections for feasibility studies. The County is also working on a lane departure program, as lane departure crashes are the third most dangerous crash type in the County. They are also doing project development for the top ten ranked intersections.

Matt Weaver (Element Engineering): April 15th to April 19th is work zone awareness week. There is also a National Wear Orange Day for work zone awareness week.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): District Seven is doing a geofencing campaign to remind motorists to slow down. He explained that you must be hands free through a work zone. Also, in the month of April, CUTR is doing on-street education to pedestrians and bicyclists walking through work zones.

School Transportation Items

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): On May 8th is Bike to School Day. The sheriffs office will be there to cheer the kids on walking and biking to school.

Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project is with Lennard High School, Thompson Elementary, Mann Middle School, Seffner Elementary School, and Giunta Middle School. The consultant, JMT, is currently working on this project. JMT is processing camera data and identifying where the students are walking and biking to school. The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings will start next month.

Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County): On Friday at 7 am, 78th Street will be installing artwork in the median by Riverview Elementary School. 78th Street is one of the corridors on the High Injury Network (HIN). There will also be phase two midblock crossings on the corridor. The County wants to improve ridership for HART as well.

HSIP Updates

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): The HSIP portal is going well. There has been interest in bright sticks, zipper bike separators, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), and delineators.



Vision Zero Updates

Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): The City of Tampa is doing a resurfacing project on Waters Avenue. There was supposed to be a road diet but there needs to be more coordination and engagement for that change. So, for now, they are just focusing on resurfacing Waters Avenue. Discussion followed.

Peter Hsu (FDOT): He discussed the Safe Streets 4 All grant (SS4A). It will include many corridors including Twiggs Street, Columbus Drive, etc. There will be paving, midblock crossings, etc.

Bob Campbell (Hillsborough County): The County is doing many programs, including run off the road, signalized and unsignalized intersections, etc. The County follows a systematic approach. The County also wants to install green bicycle boxes and Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) at signalized intersections. The County uses engineering measures to solve problems. They are also testing thermal imaging and video testing at signalized intersections to identify people crossing instead of pushing a button.

III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

None.

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): Megan gave a presentation on the Hillsborough County Pedestrian Corridor Safety Program, which is a data driven program. The County is enhancing pedestrian facilities and is improving the safety and mobility for all citizens utilizing on-motorized vehicles. The County identifies high priority roadway segments within the County that potentially need improvements using a GIS data-based tool. They use prioritization screening steps such as: What locations have the most vulnerable user activity? Which locations will create a connected sidewalk network? The scoring criteria measures the level of pedestrian risk. The criteria include measuring the level of pedestrian risk, lighting, proximity to pedestrian crossings, crossing distances, percentage of missing sidewalks, AADT, ped/bike crashes, etc. It measures potential for vulnerable user activity and the ability to create a more complete sidewalk network. Tier one improvements include two-stage crossings, pedestrian signage, pavement markings, bulb-outs and reducing turning radii, signal operations, midblock crosswalks, centerline hardening, gateway treatments, wayfinding, etc. Tier two improvements include pedestrian beacons, raised crosswalks, speed feedback signs, landscaped medians, ADA compliance, sidewalks, protected quadrants, speed reduction, lighting, and shared use paths. Discussion followed.

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) grant is up and running. There were three webinars in March on the grant action plan, etc. The webinars are recorded and up on the website. April 4th is the deadline for the planning and demonstration grant. April 29th is the final cutoff for the entirety of the grant. A discussion followed on available money for the grant. Melissa will send out an e-blast with the dates and additional resources of the grant.



IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Next Meeting: March April 24, 2024, 9:30 am – Virtual

In attendance: Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Ashley Cason (FDOT District 7), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Allison Goebel (Hillsborough County Schools Transportation Department), John Gordon (TPD), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), Peter Hsu (FDOT District 7), Paula Jones (Hillsborough County Schools Transportation Department), Ameer Khawaja (City of Temple Terrace), Sara Linares (Wey Engineering), Nicole Marchesano (USF PD) Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Corey Norris (Hillsborough County Schools Transportation Department), Lori Palaio (JMT), James Reiser (Gresham Smith), Nancy Rodriguez (HCSO Crossing Guard), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Don Skelton (Wey Engineering), Michael Tayler (Hillsborough County Trauma Agency and EMPC), Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County), Matt Weaver (Element Engineering Group)