



University CTST – May 1, 2024

Meeting started at 3:14 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up

1. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** Paige, via email, stated that the Drew Park CRA CAC approved a mobility project earlier in April which would address installation of a crosswalk at Lois Avenue for the Hawks Residence students. There is no additional information regarding a timeframe for when this will be completed.
2. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** The lights are being worked on, but it is being pushed back with other concerns on campus. Melissa Shepherd, of JMT, will send Officer Marchesano Hillsborough County contact information including Abigail Flores and Megan Tetro.
3. **Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue:** Marty Sorrentino, of UT, discussed two projects and the availability of adding inlets on one portion of Kennedy Boulevard. This will be kept on the problem locations sheet.
4. **North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard:** For this project, there needs to be an application with the City's Mobility Group with a scope design. There is traction to get this area financed.

III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Nicole Marchesano (USF PD): Starting tomorrow is graduation and it will run from Thursday to Sunday. There is going to be a lot of traffic around the Yuengling Center.

George Edmiston (Benesch): May is Motorcycle Safety Month. CUTR has a motorcycle education program.

Nicole Marchesano (USF PD): In June or July, USF PD will be getting another crime prevention officer.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): April has been a busy month. There were many events including Bike with the Temple Terrace Mayor and USF Give Life Day.



Katie Godwin (UT): The University of Tampa had their Transportation Safety Day on April 22nd called Walk and Roll. Seventy-four students showed up.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric discussed more on Motorcycle Safety Month. FDOT wants to promote motorcycle safety events. FDOT is handing out tip cards, yard signs saying, "Watch out for motorcycles", etc. If anyone has any motorcycle safety events, let Eric know.

Colin Gardener (FDOT): There is a 600-mile ride this Sunday. Law enforcement officers will meet at a centralized location in Osceola County. It is part of the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition with Ride Smart. There will be 60 to 100 police officers in attendance, and it is not open to the public.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin discussed the digital education campaign. It is a month-long campaign on work zones. There is a quiz on what people know about laws in work zones and other educational questions. CUTR will wrap up their results soon.

Eric Henry (FDOT): The Courtney Cambell trail will be closed for two weeks starting May 6th for maintenance.

Katie Godwin (UT): Discussion followed on new expressways. Katie discussed advanced signage for the Selmon Expressway as well as adding a slip lane westbound.

George Edmiston (LEL): Jim Reiser now works as the law enforcement liaison, and he is no longer in consulting.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to February 19th, 2024, there have been four fatal crashes. Two of the fatal crashes were at USF and included a pedestrian and a sideswipe fatal crash. Two of the fatal crashes were at UT and both were run off the road fatal crashes.

The pedestrian fatal crash near USF was on February 9th, 2024, at 7:43 pm on McKinley Drive and Bougainvillea Avenue. It occurred at a four-way intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling northbound on McKinley Drive in the inside lane at approximately 40 mph. The pedestrian darted into the path of the vehicle against the crosswalk sign and was struck by the front end of vehicle one. The pedestrian had a do not walk sign.

The sideswipe fatal crash near USF was on February 19, 2024, at 8:00 pm on McKinley Drive and Bougainvillea Avenue. It occurred at a four-way intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling eastbound on Bougainvillea Avenue approaching the intersection of McKinley Avenue. Vehicle one attempted to pass the vehicles stopped at the intersection by traveling eastbound in the



westbound travel lane. Vehicle one proceeded to strike the driver side of vehicle two. Vehicle two then proceeded to strike the curb line, exit the roadway, and struck a concrete power pole. Vehicle two was traveling eastbound on Bougainvillea Avenue, approaching the intersection with McKinely Avenue. Vehicle two attempted to make a left turn and was struck by the front end of vehicle one. Driver one and his passenger both were killed. Vehicle one was traveling at 101 mph at the time of the crash.

The run off the road fatal crash near UT was on January 1st, 2024, at 1:05 am. It occurred at 475 West Laurel Street in a parking lot in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling west on West Laurel Street at approximately 40 mph. For unknown reasons, vehicle one crossed over the center line and struck a concrete curb to the raised pedestrian crossing island. The vehicle then struck a concrete light pole. It was a motorcyclist, and the motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.

The run off the road fatal crash near UT was on February 1st, 2024, at 5:13 pm. It occurred on I-275 SB Exit Ramp 42 and North Howard Avenue, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The crash report stated the crash was due to a medical condition, but it is pending a THI investigation.

There are currently four fatal crashes through February 19th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were zero fatal crashes, so University CTST is up by four fatal crashes same period.

Discussion followed on speeders and the McKinely Drive and Bougainvillea Avenue area.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Discussion followed about having a traffic counter on North Boulevard and to contact police officer, Demetrius German about this. Discussion followed about what the annual average daily traffic is on North Boulevard, as well as conducting a possible speed study. Other improvements discussed included raised crosswalks and bulb-outs.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Scott Fox is the new Director of Parking and Transportation Services at USF.


Next Meeting: June 5, 2024, 3:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

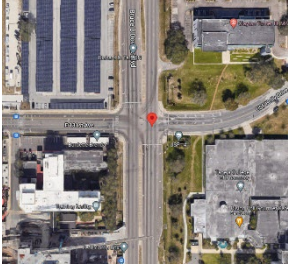
Attendees: Susan Boda (Benesch), George Edmiston (Benesch), Colin Gardner (FDOT District 7), Katie Godwin (UT), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Kathleen Koviak (USF), David Liller (HCC), Nicole Marchesano (USF PD), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Marty Sorrentino (UT)




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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 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 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 multiple times throughout the day. 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. 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. 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. Internally, things are being redone on campus, including crosswalk improvements, to try and get the students to take a different route. Matthew Belmonte 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. Paige, via email, stated that the Drew Park CRA CAC approved a mobility project earlier in April which would address installation of a crosswalk at Lois Avenue for the Hawks Residence students. There is no additional information regarding a timeframe for when this will be completed.</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>The lights are being worked on, but it is being pushed back with other concerns on campus. Melissa Shepherd, of JMT, will send Officer Marchesano Hillsborough County contact information including Abigail Flores and Megan Tetro.</p>



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3	Jan 2023	<p>Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59</p>	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.</p> <p>Marty discussed two projects and the availability of adding inlets on one portion of Kennedy Boulevard. This will be kept on the problem locations sheet.</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> <p>For this project, there needs to be an application with the City's Mobility Group with a scope and design. There is traction to get this area financed.</p>