

Pasco CTST – May 22, 2024

Meeting started at 1:30 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Meeting Dedication

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina dedicated the meeting to a pedestrian fatality. There was a fatality recently due to a pedestrian crossing on SR 52 near Colony Road. The pedestrian walked in front of a motorcycle. It was dark during the time of the fatal crash. Discussion followed.

III. Minutes Approved

- April minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Eric Henry will contact Joellen to see if there has been any progress.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – The issues should be addressed through the construction phase. This will be removed from the problem locations sheet after construction is completed to see if the concerns were addressed.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – George Edmiston, of Benesch, talked to Jim Reiser and he has been in contact with Zephyrhills PD. George and Jim will work together on this.
4. **Seven Springs Boulevard** – Mike Zinn, Tina Russo, and Jeff Moncalian will set up a meeting with Traffic Ops to go over this location and see what could be done.

John Koors (Pasco MPO): There is about a half mile segment on SR 52 from Colony Road going east that one of the MPO CAC members brought up. There are a lot of left turn crashes from people traveling eastbound on SR 52 heading north onto the side roads. There are people from the side roads attempting to turn left to go eastbound on SR 52. The location of the fatal crash that Tina mentioned for the meeting dedication was in the same area. Pasco MPO reached out to their liaison to see if the FDOT safety team was aware of this and if they were looking at it. Eric Henry, of FDOT, believes there is a 3R that is coming through that portion of SR 52, and he believes there will be a signal proposed. He stated they are still deciding where the final location is and whether they have funding to put the signal in. Eric will talk to the project manager to confirm, but he thinks they are looking to do some access management improvements through a few of those intersections in that segment of SR 52. Colony Road, Shadow Ridge Boulevard, and Sugar Creek Boulevard have a lot of crashes and are in the half mile segment. Tina Russo, Pasco MPO, there is no lighting on that section of SR 52. There is a signal at Moon Lake Road, but there is not another signal until you get way further west. The speeds are high along the segment. Discussion followed. Jim Reiser, LEL, stated the speed limit on SR 52 near Colony Road is 50 mph. Jim does not think the speed limit will change because they most likely will not be able to justify a reduction out there. There are some curves through that area. Tina said there is a little bit of elevation change on SR 52 at some of these

locations. On SR 52 and Hicks Road westbound, there was a little bit of elevation change with that left turn, which added to crashes as well.

SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road will be added to the problem location sheet.

V. New Business

Education

Renisa Martinez (Johns Hopkins): Battle of the Belts ended and 11 high schools participated. There were roughly 19,871 students. A few of the schools added vaping to their campaign. Some of the schools did their own in-house surveys where they had students participate and determine how often they wear their seatbelt, do they wear their seatbelt everyday by themselves, do they wear their seatbelt when their friends are around, etc. Renisa will go to each school and give them their awards and compliment them on how well they did this year. Discussion followed.

Sheila Rainey (Johns Hopkins): John's Hopkins wrapped up the bike poster safety contest. Pasco County had seven entries which was more than any other county, and more than Pasco has had in the past. The schools were eSchool, Oakstead Elementary School, Anclote Elementary School, and River Ridge Middle School. They delivered prizes and took pictures. It was also National Bike to School Day on May 8th. Pasco did not have anyone register for Bike to School Day. Sheila will work on increasing engagement next year by getting a list of principals and PE teachers to see who is managing the bike racks in the morning and afternoon and who can sign up.

Kasey Cursey (EXP): Kasey is helping the Pasco MPO do their Public Participation Plan update. It gets completed every three to five years. For part of it, they are using the helmet connection to get into the communities and identify some new areas. She has been to three places in Zephyrhills, including their mobility workshop on April 18th. They spoke about a couple more communities in Zephyrhills. It helps find communities that the Public Participant Plan only looks at every three to five years. It helps re-identify areas for the MPO as well as for traffic issues. Discussion followed.

Sheila Rainey (Johns Hopkins): Yesterday Johns Hopkins had a bike rodeo and helmet fitting training at Johns Hopkins with Jody Walburn. Jody is one of the only people who can train for rodeos in District One. Jody is relocating to Minnesota at the end of August, so the only opportunity to do those trainings is right now. Discussion followed.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tomorrow Pasco MPO will be doing the graduation of Creative World. The Sheriff's Office does this big walk through from the Creative World at Starkey Ranch to the elementary school because they have gone through a program that gets them ready for the big school. The crossing guards from Starkey Elementary come over, along with the principals, etc. to welcome the new kids that will be going to Starkey Ranch Elementary School that were trained on how to cross with their crossing guards.

Enforcement

Jim Reiser (LEL): LEL is working with the agencies around the Tampa Bay area on the Click it or Ticket campaign that started on May 20th and runs through June 2nd. There are some outreach events that some

agencies are scheduling. Some Pasco agencies are participating as well. There will be reporting efforts on that after it closes on June 2nd through the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison site. It then gets reported back to NHTSA through the grants. Operation Southern Slowdown will be July 15th through July 19th. LEL will try to organize a press conference at FDOT D7 with FHP and several agencies and this is a reportable campaign. Wrapping up summer, there is the Drive Sober/Get Pulled Over campaign that will be over the Labor Day holiday. It is another NHTSA sponsored program that will be nationwide and will be reportable at the end of the campaign. The state is getting behind the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer which is a comprehensive program that deals with safety toward the younger generation. There will be a press conference with the Florida Attorney General that is a safety initiative encompassing not only traffic, but other things that will be conducted over the summer months.

George Edmiston (Benesch): FDOT is getting ready to start Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) three. Hopefully the scope and funding will be finished within the next few weeks. There will be three meetings including Hillsborough, Pinellas, and then will combine Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus into one meeting. ELEE will be adding an educational component for the agencies to provide education to different age groups. There will be more encompassing ways for agencies to earn points and earn equipment for their agencies.

Engineering

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): The Turnpike will be having a public meeting considering the PD&E that they are doing at the Suncoast from the Hillsborough County Line to SR 52, which includes the interchange at SR 54 and the interchange at Future Tower/Rangeland Boulevard. The Pasco MPO is working on their long-range transportation plan in Pasco County. There is a needs map on the website where people could plot different things items. They are finishing the needs plan - the roads that need future improvements. They will come up with the top priorities based on their ranking system and figure out what money is left over and how they will do the projects within the next five to ten years.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): She stated from January 1st to March 5th, 2024, there have been 17 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to February 9th, 2024, there were 10 fatal crashes. The seven new fatal crashes include one pedestrian, one off-road, two other, and three left turn fatal crashes. The pedestrian fatal crash occurred on February 20th at 8:15 pm on SR 52 and Paradise Point Way, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. The off road fatal crash occurred on February 8th at 10:40 pm on SR 56 and I-75, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. This fatal crash occurred at the entrance/exit ramp. The first other fatal crash occurred on February 7th at 10:09 pm on Radiant Lane and Gadabout Lane, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. This was a parked motor vehicle. The second other fatal crash occurred on February 16th at 10:20 am on US 301 and Wire Road, at the t-intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. The first left turn fatal crash occurred on February 10th at 3:01 pm on SR 56 and Piazza Avenue, at the intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. This was a motorcycle fatality. The second left turn fatal crash occurred on February 20th at 10:31 pm on Hicks Road and Shady Drive, at the t-intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. This was driveway/alley access

related and was a motorcycle fatality. The third left turn fatal crash was on February 28th at 10:12 am on SR 52 and Shadow Ridge Boulevard at the t-intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. Motorcycle fatalities are the second highest fatal crash mode of travel, representing 35 percent of the fatal crashes. There were 17 fatal crashes through March 5th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were 18 fatal crashes, so Pasco is down by one fatal crash same period. Jim Reiser (LEL): With the press releases from FHP since they handle most of the crashes in Pasco County, there have been about 11 more fatal crashes going to until about March 25th. There have been a fair number of pedestrian and motorcycle fatalities. SR 54 and SR 52 have frequent fatal crashes. Discussion followed.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Pasco MPO is looking back into their CarFit Program with seniors on engagement and education. A lot of crashes involve aging drivers. The CarFit Program gives the MPO an opportunity to talk to seniors and educate them. A couple of the motorcycle fatalities were aging drivers that made a left turn in front of them. Discussion followed.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Eric Henry (FDOT): Next month will be National Safety Month. If anyone has any events that are safety focused, let Eric know so FDOT could participate.

VII. Fatality Tracking

None.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): JMT had a meeting with Pasco County along with the MPO about Geiger Road. That is in the works and is moving forward. Tina Russo, Pasco MPO, spoke to Public Works this morning about the safety edge and hopefully they are working on that. This will be a good first project with the County on resurfacing where they can add a safety edge. They might move forward with the reclamation and resurfacing of Geiger Road. Geiger Road must get with Jeffrey Moncalian on the other components of HSIP for that road. Those things will be done through Traffic Ops. Tina will get with Jeffrey at the Seven Springs meeting.

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The HSIP portal is up and running.

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Eric Henry (FDOT): A citizen reached out about US 19 and Camry Drive in Holiday, Florida. The issue is with the right on the southbound US 19 off Camry Drive. There is a crosswalk going off Camry Drive that leads into a McDonalds and some developments. Their issue is with people not stopping at the stop bar at that intersection and rolling straight on up into the crosswalk. There is a gored-out area there on the other side of the crosswalk and a channelized right turn north of it. The citizen spoke with a Bay News 9 reporter, and they did a story on it. Jeffrey Moncalian, Pasco County, will reach out to Venkat to see what they should do. He stated it should not be a problem to add a stop here for pedestrians sign, so vehicles are not pulling into the crosswalk. Mike Zinn, FDOT, said there is a line-of-sight issue when you are at the stop bar,



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and you cannot see anything. Discussion followed. *US 19 and Camry Drive will be added to the problem location sheet.*

Brian Michaels (MPO BPAC): Brian emailed several people in the group for the stop for pedestrian signage for Pedestrian Safety Month in October. Discussion followed.

October Pedestrian Safety Month will be added to the agenda next month to calendar updates/activity reports.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina will try to schedule next month's meeting to Zephyrhills, but the backup location is Starkey Ranch. For Safe Streets for All, they are in the agreement process. They are on one of the last attachment conversations. They want to get this to their June board meeting, but it must go through the county attorney, so it might be August.

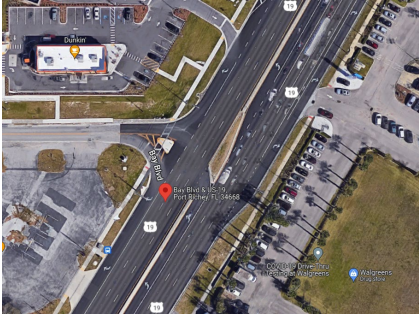
Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The grant season ends August 29th. Grant funds started being released. They will award more funds in August and November, and it should start back up next year.


Next Meeting: June 26, 2024, 1:30 PM – In-Person Meeting, Location is TBD

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Meeting Attendees: Kasey Cursey (EXP); George Edmiston (Benesch); Eric Henry (FDOT); John Koors (MPO); Renisa Martinez (Johns Hopkins); Brian Michaels (MPO BPAC); Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County); Brentin Mosher (CUTR); Lori Palaio (JMT); Sheila Rainey (Johns Hopkins); Jim Reiser (LEL); Tina Russo (MPO); Melissa Shepherd (JMT); Shannon Kennedy-Smith (Alliance for Healthy Communities); Matthew Weaver (Element Engineering Group); Mike Zinn (FDOT)

STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 19 and Bay Boulevard  https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNCvRBzQ9GmPV3A	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)
	Comments 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.			
Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Intersection Improvements			
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
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
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
	2/28/24	This is being followed up by FDOT. On US 19, south of Gulf Drive, delineators were put up to eliminate the left turn phase. If you're going northbound, it's the left turn into Wells Fargo and Publix. There were a lot of crashes there and Port Richey PD mentioned that problem location. After several months they were able to get the left turn closed off.		Pending
Eric Henry will contact Joellen to see if there has been any progress.	5/22/24			Pending

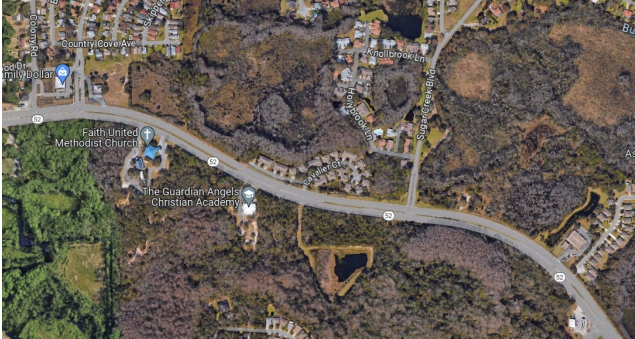
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US 301 and Chancey Road  https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9	Dec 2023	On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues.		Tina Russo (MPO)
Comments				
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills on US 301. On the south 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. The issues should be addressed through the construction phase. This will be removed from the problem locations sheet after construction is completed to see if the concerns were addressed.				
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<p>Comments</p> <p>A citizen reached out about US 19 and Camry Drive in Holiday, Florida. The issue is with the right on the southbound US 19 off Camry Drive. There is a crosswalk going off Camry Drive that leads into a McDonalds and some developments. Their issue is with people not stopping at the stop bar at that intersection and rolling straight on up into the crosswalk. There is a gored-out area there on the other side of the crosswalk and a channelized right turn north of it. The citizen spoke with a Bay News 9 reporter, and they did a story on it. There is a line-of-sight issue when you are at the stop bar, and you cannot see anything.</p>				
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Emphasis Area: Signal Four		Speeding and Aggressive Driving		
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
Eric will touch base with the project manager to see what the status of if a signal is proposed.	5/22/24			Pending

LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
<p>Seven Springs Boulevard</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/2NcLpPi2pxVoqYpJA</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>Comments</p> <p>There are a couple of schools on Seven Springs Boulevard that are being looked at.</p>				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four		Speeding and Aggressive Driving Improvements		
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
[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 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	
Tina Russo, of Pasco MPO, discussed tree issues and possible signal installation.	3/26/24		Pending	
Mike Zinn, Tina Russo and Jeff Moncalian will set up a meeting with traffic ops to go over this location and see what could be done.	5/22/24		Pending	



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