



Hillsborough CTST – June 26, 2024

Meeting started at 9:31 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. May 2024 minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Last month Hillsborough TPO hosted a Future Leaders and Planning event at CUTR. CUTR gave several safety presentations. The kick-off for the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) program is July 1st and will run for nine consecutive months.

Jim Reiser (LEL): The High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) campaign kicked off for law enforcement agencies to conduct on-street education and enforcement. HVE helps with reducing pedestrian fatalities. This grant will run through May 12th, 2025.

Education

Eric Henry (FDOT): Yesterday was the Transportation Research Board (TRB) conference in Orlando. There was a day session for the conference in Auburndale at the Day Track. FDOT is continuing their education. They participated in Walk to Beach Day last month. Banners are available with buckle up safety messages.

Ashely Cason (FDOT): There is a Children's Board in Plant City that meets quarterly. July 16th there will be a helmet fitting and FDOT will be giving backpacks with safety information. July 22nd is the classroom session that holds 25 students and parents. The students and parents attend the classroom and receive a traffic safety lesson for 30 minutes and a helmet fitting for the next 30 minutes.

Michael White (TPD): Tampa Police Department (TPD) is currently doing their DUI unit summer program. TPD is also doing their work zone aggressive driving for summer schools.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Michael White (TPD): In May of 2024, there have been 184 DUI arrests. In May of 2023, there were 133 DUI arrests, so TPD is up in DUI arrests. There have been six fatalities in the month of May, and one was a DUI related fatality. Tampa is up in DUI fatalities 14 to one. Click it or Ticket program statistics were submitted to Jim Reiser.

James Snell (TPD): There have been 32 fatalities for the year which is a 100 percent increase from last year. There have been seven fatalities in June, two of which were alcohol related. Tampa is up in every category for fatal crashes. Discussion followed.



Jim Reiser (LEL): A lot of the recent crashes are due to bad decisions by the driver or pedestrian, including speeding, improper crossing, distracted driving, etc. Generation X has been receiving the highest number of DUI's. Jim discussed Operation Southern Slowdown. If the agency has a speed and aggressive driving grant, it is mandatory participation in the Slowdown. Discussion followed.

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori discussed the fatal crash maps. From January 1st to April 9th, 2024, there have been 37 fatal crashes. Fifty-one percent occurred on state roads, 16 percent occurred in the City of Tampa, and 33 percent occurred on Hillsborough County roads. Pedestrians have the highest number of fatal crashes followed by vehicle operators. At the last CTST from January 1st to March 5th there were 26 fatal crashes. The 12 new fatal crashes (one was removed from last month's data due to being a non-traffic related fatality) include four pedestrians, three run off the roads, two other, one head on, one rear end, and one left turn. Of these 12 new fatal crashes, two were alcohol involved, eight were at night, four were motorcycle involved, and four were lane departure related. For the pedestrian fatal crashes:

- The first pedestrian fatal crash was on North Armenia Avenue/South Armenia Avenue and West Kennedy Boulevard, at the intersection, in dawn, clear, and dry conditions. The pedestrian was crossing at a marked crosswalk.
- The second pedestrian fatal crash was on Florida Avenue and Yukon Street, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. The pedestrian was crossing in the travel lane.
- The third pedestrian fatal crash was on Hillsborough Avenue and George Road, at the intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. The pedestrian was crossing at the marked crosswalk.
- The fourth pedestrian fatal crash was on I-4 and Brach Forbes Road, not at the intersection, in dark not lighted, clear, dry conditions. The pedestrian was crossing in the travel lane.
- There have been 37 fatal crashes through April 9th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were 50 fatal crashes, so Hillsborough CTST is down by 13 fatal crashes.

Engineering

Lama Alfaseeh (Hillsborough County): Hillsborough County is matching crash data from both Signal Four Analytics and Fire Rescue data.

School Transportation Items

Shirley Ready (Hillsborough County School District): There is a public magnet school opening called Kenneth E. Adum K-8 Magnet School. Emily Hinsdale, of Sidewalk Stompers, discussed that when Kenneth Adum K-8 opens, they will have several walking school buses and bike buses. This school used to be a former school property that closed for many years and is now reopening. This is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school.

Corey Norris (Hillsborough County Schools Transportation Department): Summer school is wrapping up. School beings on August 12th and the bus practice routes will be from August 4th to August 5th.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): Several schools have been reaching out about bike rodeos and safety presentations.



HSIP Updates

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): Mahshid has received codes from vendors on the latest HSIP applications. The applications are under review by FDOT.

Vision Zero Updates

None.

III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Demetrius German (TPD): School speed zone cameras are in the works. Verra Mobility will be installing the cameras and is the same company that installs red light cameras. The school speed zone cameras will be installed around the end of the year or so. There has been a study of ten schools to determine which schools should be candidates for the school speed zone cameras. Discussion followed.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): Walk Bike Tampa World Car Free Day will be on September 22nd.

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): We are nearing the official deadline of all the safety action plans and then the implementation grants. The official deadline is August 29th and then it will close for the grant season. We will be sending out information on an informational course about the Safe Streets for All grant and you are eligible to get a PDH (Proof Development) credit.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Discussion followed about nominating and interim chair. Abigail Flores, of Hillsborough County, was nominated. Eric will reach out to Abigail, since she was unable to attend the meeting, to see if she will be the sole candidate. Emily Hinsdale of Sidewalk Stompers will stay the vice chair.

Susan Boda (Benesch): The Fall CTST Mega Meeting will be held on September 12th. More information to follow.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Next Meeting: July 24th, 2024, 9:30 am – Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Lama Alfaseeh (HC), Kevin Amig (City of Plant City), Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Susan Boda (Benesch), Ashley Cason (FDOT), Swara Farheen (Atkins), Demetrius German (TPD), Andrew Gray (JMT), Eric Henry (FDOT), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), Jesse Horn (TPD), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineer Group), Melissa Kincheloe (Crossing Guards for Hillsborough County), Ameer Khawaja (City of Temple Terrace), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Corey Norris (Hillsborough County Schools), Lori Palaio (JMT), Shirley Ready (Hillsborough County School District), Jim Reiser (LEL), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), James Snell (TPD), Justin Stickla (HCSO), Michael White (TPD), Nick Wilsen (TPD), Isabel Zuluaga (FDOT)