

Pasco CTST – June 26, 2024

Meeting started at 1:33 pm

I. **Welcome and Introductions were made.**

II. **Meeting Dedication**

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina dedicated the meeting to a pedestrian fatality. Last month a pedestrian on SR 52 walked in front of a motorcycle and then was hit by a Ford F-150.

III. **Minutes Approved**

- May minutes were approved.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): John Koors will be leaving the MPO.

IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Eric Henry did not hear back from Joellen.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – Improvements are being made. Construction is almost complete. This will stay on the problem locations sheet until construction is finished.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Pasco County can do the timing change if FDOT allows it. Tina Russo will send Eric Henry more information. Eric Henry will get with Traffic Operations. Amy Davis stated that the signal will have to change from a three-section head to a five-section head.
4. **US 19 and Camry Drive** – Tina discussed moving the crosswalk closer as there are sight distance issues. Discussion followed on possible signage options. Tina Russo will look to see different alternatives available.
5. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – Eric Henry stated that they are looking to do access management at this location. FDOT is looking at preferred alternatives to see if they can put a signal somewhere and where the signal would be.
6. **Seven Springs Boulevard** – This location is a Safety Action Plan item. There are a lot of countermeasures for this location that they will need funding for.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina discussed Geiger Road improvements. Public Works is in the process of reclamation. The County will redo the road. They are thinking about installing a safety edge. Next steps will include striping, signage, and RPM improvements. After that, they will look at sidewalk improvements. The County approved a resurfacing contract in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). There are some right-of-way issues, so after everything else is done, a right-of-way survey will be completed.

William (Bill) Poe (City of Zephyrhills): Bill discussed partnering financially to install the sidewalk. Discussion followed.

Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): Geiger Road and Gall Boulevard only have one sign. Jonathan Rose will get with the lieutenant or chief to discuss getting another sign in.

Mayor Melonie Monson discussed getting signs that stated, “No Trucks or you will be Ticketed.” She stated that it has worked in the past, as well as enforcement presence. The mayor discussed adding a midblock as well as having the speed reduced on Geiger Road. Amy Davis, of Pasco County, discussed that Geiger Road could have truck route with arrows. Melissa Shepherd, of JMT, discussed providing feedback to Google Maps so that trucks are sent an alternative route. Discussion followed on an app that trucks use when traveling.

Todd Vandeberg (City of Zephyrhills): Todd discussed the mobility plan west of Zephyr Park at Coral Street. He stated he would send Tina the information.

Randy Stovall (Pasco BPAC): He suggested to the City partner with the County, on Wire Road, to get the improvements going. There is no sidewalk and this is very unsafe for children. Tina Russo stated that Wire Road is on the CIP list to do a multi-use path for fiscal year (FY) 2027. The concern on Wire Road starts from Daughtery Road south and ends at SR 54. About a half a mile of sidewalk is needed. Discussion followed regarding sidewalk gaps. The City is willing to assist with funding. Amy Davis, of Pasco County, said the County is pushing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) in school zones. Bill stated that he is willing to give funds for sidewalk improvements. Bill also suggested possibly adding RPM's. Amy Davis suggested adding traverse lines on the curves. *Wire Road will be added to the Challenging Locations sheet.*

V. New Business

Education

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): There will be a back to school helmet fitting on July 27th at UF in Dade City at One Stop.

Enforcement

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): The Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) will kick off on July 1st. Law enforcement agencies will conduct targeted enforcement on state roads. This is a nine-month enforcement program. Zephyrhills Police Department will be participating for the first time.

Engineering

None.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to April 9th, 2024, there have been 29 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to March 5th there were 17 fatal crashes. The 12 new fatal crashes include four pedestrians, three others, one bicycle, and one head on. Five occurred at night and three were motorcycle related.

For the pedestrian fatal crashes:

- One pedestrian fatal crash was at Otis Allen Road and Sheppard Lane, not at the intersection in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions.
- The second pedestrian fatal crash was at US 301 and Clinton Avenue, not at the intersection in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions.
- The third pedestrian fatal crash was at Green Slope Drive and Oak Run Circle, at the t-intersection in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The fourth fatal crash was the same fatal crash as the one at Green Slope Drive and Oak Run Circle. The same people were involved, but two different officers reported it. So, there were only three new pedestrian fatal crashes, instead of four, since one was double counted.
- There are currently 29 fatal crashes through April 9th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were 30 fatal crashes, so Pasco County is down by one fatal crash.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Jim Reiser explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the difficulties of obtaining 60-day access.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Brian Michaels (Pasco BPAC): Brian gave a presentation on Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians (R10-15a) signs. October is National Pedestrian Safety Month. The goal is to bring awareness to sign changes throughout the tri-county Tampa Bay area at signalized intersections with a target date of October 1st, 2024, which is Pedestrian Safety Month. The goals are to promote the newer R10-15a Stop for Pedestrians through driver education; utilize all-media including radio, television, newspaper, and other media TV channels; utilize electronic message boards with Stop for Pedestrian messages; engage all law enforcement, local, county, and state to issue warnings or tickets; and lastly Florida's Vision Zero initiative to eliminate all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries – FDOT has formally established a target of zero transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries when measuring progress toward their vision. Discussion followed.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Jim Discussed the High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) grant for pedestrian and bicycle enforcement. The HVE grant will run through May. Zephyrhills received the grant.

VII. Fatality Tracking

None.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The City of New Port Richey will present soon for their HSIP application.

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): The SS4A grant season ends August 29th.



MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 2024

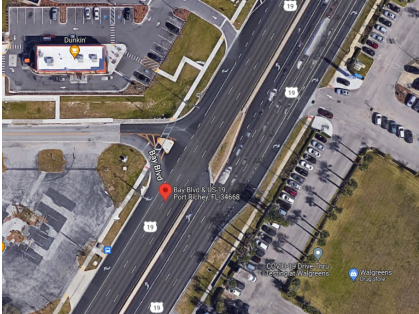
Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Pasco MPO has been awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant for a Safety Action Plan. The MPO is in the process of signing the agreement with FHWA and USDOT to get the plan started. The plan will take two years.


Next Meeting: July 24, 2024, 1:30 PM – Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Meeting Attendees: Ashley Cason (FDOT), Amy Davis (Pasco County), Eric Henry (FDOT), Tommy Lee Hunt (City of Zephyrhills), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Brian Michaels (Pasco BPAC), Melonie Monson (City of Zephyrhills), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Bala Padmanabhan (Bala Consulting Engineers), Lori Palaio (JMT), William (Bill) Poe (City of Zephyrhills), Jim Reiser (LEL), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD), Tina Russo (MPO), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Randy Stovall (Pasco BPAC), Todd Vande Berg (City of Zephyrhills), Isabel Zuluaga (FDOT), Gail and Richard (Citizens)

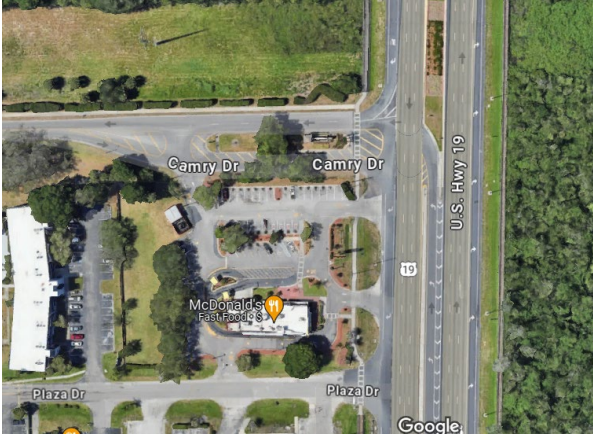
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

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	Eric Henry did not hear back from Joellen.		Pending

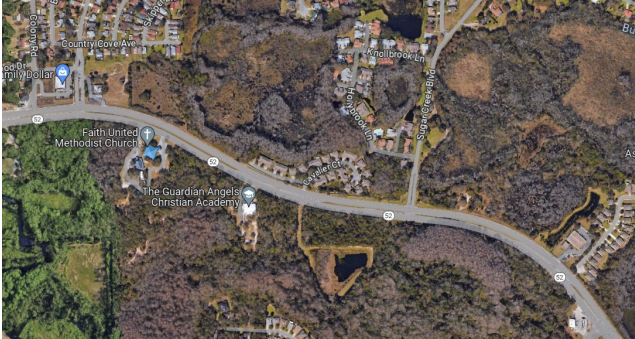
Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 301 and Chancey Road  https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9	Dec 2023	On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues.		Tina Russo (MPO)
Comments				
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills 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. Construction is almost complete. This will stay on the problem locations sheet until construction is finished.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four		Safety Issues		
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills on US 301.	12/13/23			Pending

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkKkN9</p>	Dec 2023	At Daughterly Road and US 301, there are crashes at the signalized intersection. Daughterly Road is between two shopping centers.		Tina Russo (MPO)
Comments				
There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughterly Road. The crashes are typically elderly people.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four				
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
Venkat, of Pasco County, will investigate this area.	12/13/23			Pending
Tina reached out to someone on this and will go back through her emails to see what was discussed. 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 said she must look at this location with Venkat's help.	2/28/24			Pending
George Edmiston, of Benesch, spoke to Jim Reiser and he has been in contact with Zephyrhills. George and Jim will work together on this.	5/22/24			Pending
Pasco County can do the timing change if FDOT allows it. Tina Russo will send Eric Henry more information. Eric Henry will get with traffic operations. Amy Davis stated that the signal will have to change from a three-section head to a five-section head	6/26/24			Pending

CHALLENGING LOCATIONS - JUNE 2024

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 19 and Camry Drive  https://maps.app.goo.gl/nLrPCXtsGa5Kahxv9	May 2024	At US 19 and Camry Drive, vehicles do not stop at the stop bar at the intersection and are encroaching into the crosswalk. There are line-of-sight issues. A possible stop here for pedestrians sign may help.	Eric Henry (FDOT)	Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County)
Comments 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. Tina discussed moving the crosswalk closer as there are sight distance issues. Discussion followed on possible signage options.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Intersections			
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
Jeffrey Moncalian, of 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.	5/22/24		Pending	
Tina Russo will look to see different alternatives available.	6/26/24		Pending	

CHALLENGING LOCATIONS - JUNE 2024

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road  https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXmqS6	May 2024	There is about a half mile segment on SR 52 from Colony Road going east with a lot of left turn crashes.	John Koors (Pasco MPO)	Eric Henry (FDOT)
Comments 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. 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 believes there is a 3R that is coming through that portion of SR 52, and he believes there is a signal proposed. He believes they are still deciding where the final location is and whether they have funding to put the signal in. He is thinking they are looking to do some access management improvements through a few of those intersections in that segment of SR 52. It is Colony Road, Shadow Ridge Boulevard, and Sugar Creek Boulevard. Those three intersections in that half mile segment have a lot of crashes. 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. There is a little bit of elevation change on SR 52 at some of these locations.				
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	Eric Henry stated that they are looking to do access management at this location. FDOT is looking at preferred alternatives to see if they can put a signal somewhere and where the signal would be.	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/2NcLpPi2pxVogYpJA</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. This location is a Safety Action Plan item. There are a lot of countermeasures for this location that they will need funding for.</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	

CHALLENGING LOCATIONS - JUNE 2024

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
Wire Road	June 2024	Wire Road is partnering with the county to have some improvements done. There is no sidewalk.	Randy Stovall (Pasco BPAC)	Tina Russo (MPO)
<p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/FEn2bGA6yX5VUmta6</p>				
Comments				
Tina Russo stated that Wire Road is on the CIP list to do a multi-use path for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. The concern on Wire Road starts from Daughtery Road south and ends at SR 54. About a half a mile of sidewalk is needed. Bill, a Zephyrhills planner, stated that he is willing to give funds for sidewalk improvements.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four		Pedestrians and Bicyclists		
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
Follow up on funding source from Bill and Tina.	6/26/24		Pending	



CHALLENGING LOCATIONS - JUNE 2024

LOCAL ROADS CONTACTS

Michael	Bunk	Pasco County	mbunk@pascocountyfl.net
Dan	Fenstemacher	PCSO	dfenstemacher@pascosheriff.org
Kelly	Funk	MPO	kfunk@pascocountyfl.net
Tonia	Gorman	MPO	tgorman@pascocountyfl.net
John	Koors	MPO	jkoors@pascocountyfl.net
Jeff	McConnell	City of Port Richey	j.mccconnell@cityofportrichey.com
Carl	Mikyska	MPO	cmikyska@pascocountyfl.net
Jeffrey	Moncalian	Pasco County	jmoncalian@pascocountyfl.net
Tina	Russo	MPO	trusso@pascocountyfl.net
Laurie	Schaediger	MPO	lschaediger@pascocountyfl.net
Venkat	Vattikuti	Pasco County	vvattikuti@pascocountyfl.net

STATE HIGHWAYS CONTACTS

Eric	Henry	FDOT District 7	eric.henry@dot.state.fl.us
Ping (Peter)	Hsu	FDOT District 7	ping.hsu@dot.state.fl.us
Lt. Jacquelyn	Rux	FHP	jacquelynru@flhsmv.gov
Daniel	Villano	FHP	danielvillano@flhsmv.gov
Michael	Zinn	FDOT District 7	michael.zinn@dot.state.fl.us