



## University CTST – June 5, 2024

Meeting started at 3:01 pm

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up**

1. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** No update.
2. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** No update.
3. **Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue:** Marty Sorrentino, of UT, stated that he received the plans on two projects on the north side of Kennedy Boulevard. There will be a repavement project on the north side of Kennedy Boulevard from Woodlynn Avenue to Brevard Avenue. The second project will be redoing the railroad crossing on Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Street. It does not appear that there are any stormwater inlets, but Marty will finish his review of those plans and send an email to FDOT regarding the stormwater improvements.
4. **North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard:** No update.

### **III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports**

#### *Law Enforcement Activity*

Jacob Gonzalez (TPD): In May, there were 184 DUI arrests which is up from 133 DUI arrests in 2023. During Memorial Day weekend, there were 40 DUI arrests from Tampa Police Department. There were six fatal crashes in May, and one was DUI related. In June, TPD has DUI education presentations scheduled for Chamberlian High School for their summer school program.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Jim thanked all the agencies that participated in the Click It or Ticket program that ran from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim is working on the statistics of the Click It or Ticket program. Operation Southern Slowdown is coming up in July. Drive Sober Get Pulled Over will be over Labor Day weekend.

#### *Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports*

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): CUTR had a partnership with the Hillsborough Planning Commission. Every year, the Hillsborough Planning Commission brings high school students around to learn about careers in urban planning. The program is called FLIP (Future Leaders In Planning). They came to CUTR and Brentin gave a Walk Bike Drive safety presentation.



Katie Godwin (UT): UT is working on their bicycle friendly application, and they are looking forward to submitting that in August. Cleveland Avenue, south of UT, was redone to take away one of the lanes of traffic heading westbound and replacing it with a bike lane that is protected by parallel parking spots for vehicles. This opens another avenue for students to get to campus with or without a vehicle and it provides ample parking for the area.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Last weekend, FDOT was at Lopez Park across from HCC. There was an event hosted by BAPS Charities, their annual charity walks in the Joy of Others. FDOT did helmet fittings and handed out safety materials. They fitted around 80 helmets. This month is National Safety Month. Click it or Ticket is ending, but FDOT is continuing to push towards seatbelt safety for National Safety Month. FDOT has Buckle Up Florida Banners that they would love to hand out to any community partner.

Jim Reiser (LEL): The Florida pedestrian/bike safety, Alert Today Alive Tomorrow program, with the High Visibility Education Enforcement that ended in May, they are getting ready to ramp up the new program that is going to start at the end of July or beginning of August. This program has law enforcement officers engaging with people on the street when they make a mistake crossing the road or not using a crosswalk.

#### **IV. Fatal Crash Maps**

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, there have been six fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1<sup>st</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, there were four fatal crashes. The two new fatal crashes were at USF and were both pedestrian fatal crashes. The first pedestrian fatal crash was on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 8:56pm on North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and East Fletcher Avenue, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, cloudy, and dry conditions. It was driveway/alley access related. Vehicle one was traveling southbound on North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street turning left into a private driveway at the Flats Apartments. The scooter rider was riding a motorized stand-up scooter northbound in the bicycle lane. The driver of vehicle one made the left turn directly in front of the scooter rider who was traveling through the driveway at the time of collision. The scooter rider was impaired by alcohol. The second pedestrian fatal crash was on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 9:50pm on East Fowler Avenue and 56<sup>th</sup> Street North, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Driver one was traveling eastbound on East Fowler Avenue when the non-motorist attempted to cross the street heading south. The non-motorist managed to avoid the vehicle in the left lane on the eastbound lane causing him to get struck by vehicle one in the middle lane. There are six fatal crashes through March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were three fatal crashes, so University CTST is up by three fatal crashes same period.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Temple Terrace PD made a request through FDOT to evaluate the street lighting on East Fowler Avenue and 56<sup>th</sup> Street North. Emmeth Duran, of FDOT, stated that they upgraded the corridor lighting from 52<sup>nd</sup> Street East to Morris Bridge Road last year. Intersection lighting for Fowler Avenue was



retrofitted to LED. FDOT will double check that all those lights are functional. Discussion followed on impaired scooter riders. Jim Reiser stated that it is a big problem, especially in the downtown Tampa area.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth suggested universities sending out safety announcements, on their campuses, related to impaired driving or impaired scooters. They do these announcements through FDOT, but Emmeth is unsure how many university students are following FDOT on Facebook or social media. Lori Palaio, JMT, suggested placing yard signage in the areas around the universities. Discussion followed about safety messages and promotional materials for/at the universities.

### V. Open Forum | Announcements

Kathleen Koviak (USF): USF just started their orientation sessions for the summer. USF is trying to give students as many educational resources as possible.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): FDOT received a request for green markings for bike lanes. Eric Henry said the request came from Officer Marchesano, of USF, to clarify whether it was possible or not. Brentin Mosher stated that Officer Marchesano is working on getting the green markings for bike lanes at specific locations that have crash conflict points. Emmeth will look at a lower cost material that they could implement and fund through FDOT. But, Emmeth would have to see the approval from facilities before they end up approving that request. Discussion followed.


Discussion followed on drainage improvements on Kennedy Boulevard. Martin Sorrentino would like two stormwater inlets on the north side of Kennedy Boulevard, one close to Delaware Avenue and one close to Willow Avenue. The one on Kennedy Boulevard near the railroad that they are redoing is going to impact Kennedy Boulevard in a big way. He hopes that they get that done before school starts because there will be lane closures.

### Next Meeting: July 9, 2024, 3:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

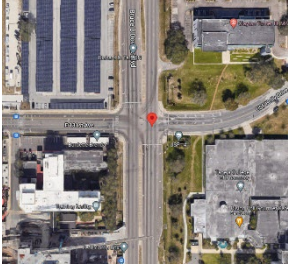
Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

**Attendees:** Emmeth Duran (FDOT), Katie Godwin (UT), Jacob Gonzalez (TPD), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Peter Hsu (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Kathleen Koviak (USF), David Liller (HCC), Danielle McDonald (USF), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Jim Reiser (LEL), 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><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36">https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36</a></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> <p><b>No update.</b></p>




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2	Oct 2022	<p>Lighting issues at Bruce B Downs and Holly Drive</p>  <p><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/7VwSCs3xRYoEbFidA">https://goo.gl/maps/7VwSCs3xRYoEbFidA</a></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. 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> <p><b>No update.</b></p>



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3	Jan 2023	<p>Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue</p>  <p><a href="https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59">https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59</a></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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. <b>Marty stated that he received the plans on two projects on the north side of Kennedy Blvd. There will be a repavement project on the north side of Kennedy Blvd from Woodlynn Ave to Brevard Ave. The second project will be redoing the railroad crossing on Kennedy Blvd at Willow Street. It does not appear that there are any stormwater inlets, but Marty will finish his review of those plans and send an email to FDOT regarding the stormwater improvements.</b></p>



## PROBLEM LOCATIONS - JUNE 2024

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4	April 2024	<p>North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard</p>  <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/t83DaQWkyusev4Ee6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/t83DaQWkyusev4Ee6</a></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. 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> <p><b>No update.</b></p>