



Hillsborough CTST – July 24, 2024

Meeting started at 9:31 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. June 2024 minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Tomorrow, CUTR will be at University of South Florida (USF) World on the USF campus for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Day. USF World is a program for international students to teach the students about US laws and safe behaviors. Near the end of August, CUTR will be at Hillsborough Community College (HCC) Week of Welcome.

Education

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has their ongoing prevention education that goes on in schools and organizations. This includes high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, and some new homecoming and prom focused presentations that they are offering this year. MADD will also be at the HCC Week of Welcome.

Eric Henry (FDOT): FDOT was out last Monday at the Children's Board in Hillsborough County. Ashley Cason and Isabel Zuluaga were there, and they presented to the kids on walking and biking safely. They provided prepacked backpacks with reflective materials. It was in a classroom style setting where Ashley and Isabel had a chance to sit down with the students and do one-on-one education with them. FDOT is hoping to do more of this in the future, including reaching out to some of the other Children's Board locations.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Demetrius German (TPD): TPD participated in the Southern Slowdown this past week. Overall, TPD issued 330+ citations and 860+ warnings during the Southern Slowdown.

Jacob Gonzalez (TPD): In June 2024, there were 138 DUI's compared to 102 DUI's in 2023. TPD made 109 DUI arrests so far in July compared to 134 DUI arrests in 2023. There were nine traffic fatalities in June, of those, one was DUI related and one was a hit and run. There is an upcoming DUI education presentation event for the Chief's Youth Academy on July 31st. August is regular DUI education with the high schools, including Freedom and Jefferson High School.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Jim thanked all the agencies that participated in the Southern Slowdown. The Southern Slowdown started in the middle of the week because that week is one of the heaviest travel times during the summer months and it also coincides with the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer initiatives, specifically related to teen driver safety. Next month is Drive Sober/Get Pulled Over for the Labor Day holiday. Several



agencies are planning multi-jurisdictional operations or operations within their own jurisdiction. There is going to be some pedestrian and bicycle enforcement education that will be going on locally in the Tampa Bay Area for the new High Visibility Enforcement education grant cycle for pedestrians.

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori discussed the fatal crash maps. From January 1st to May 5th, 2024, there have been 51 fatal crashes in Hillsborough County. At the last CTST from January 1st to April 9th, 2024, there were 37 fatal crashes. The 14 new fatal crashes include one unknown, one single vehicle, one bicycle, one right angle, one sideswipe, one rear end, one run off the road, four left turns, and three pedestrian fatal crashes. Of the 51 fatal crashes, pedestrians have the highest percentage of fatal crashes by road user. State roads represent 43 percent of fatal crashes. Hillsborough County roads represent 39 percent of fatal crashes. Approximately 78 percent of fatal crashes occurred in dark conditions. Approximately 29 percent of fatal crashes were alcohol related. Approximately 14 percent of fatal crashes were drug related. Thirty-seven percent of the fatal crashes were intersection related and 25 percent of the fatal crashes were lane departure related. There are 51 fatal crashes through May 5th, 2024. Same period in 2023, there were 72 fatal crashes, so Hillsborough County is down by 21 fatal crashes same period.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin discussed the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) statistics. The statistics are from last Thursday at midnight. These are details on state roads, districtwide. On July 1st, there was Operation Keep Our Streets Safe, which was a multi-jurisdiction detail along Gandy Boulevard and Courtney Campbell Causeway.

Engineering

Abigail Flores (HC): To date, Hillsborough County is working on a Safe Routes to School projects, including Lennard High School, Thompson and Seffner Elementary Schools, and Mann and Giunta Middle Schools. They are currently working on the second Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting. HC has identified pedestrian and bicycle student improvements along the verified walking routes, and they have engaged the PAC, some of which include members from CTST. PAC 2 will start in the next couple of weeks to share the engineering improvements. Next, they will go to community engagement, which is an online website where the County receives community feedback about the SRTS projects. Then they move onto tier one, which includes implementing low-cost improvements that are quickly installed, including paint, delineators, and signage. Next year they will move into the design of more concrete improvements, like flashing beacons and raised crosswalks. HC is working hard to manage speed in those areas, not just in the school zones, but outside of the school zones where students are walking. They are also working on reducing posted speeds and putting speed management out there. Discussion followed.

Demetrius German (TPD): TPD is still in the process of finalizing everything with Verra Mobility contract wise. Hopefully, speed cameras will be installed by the end of 2024.

Fred Baxter (City of Plant City): Plant City is working on a couple pedestrian intersection improvements. One of them will be at the intersection of Collins Street, in the downtown district. The City is looking to add some RRFB's and some other pedestrian features at that location. They have several projects going on right now that include intersection improvements, all way stops, lighting, and pedestrian treatments throughout different areas of the City. They were approved for \$561,000 through the TAPS Grant. They will



be doing some upgrades to some of the traffic signal cabinets along with the completion of the emergency vehicle preemption system, adding connected vehicle platforms via RSU's and other smart technology. The City is continuing with resurfacing. They have about 22 different roads that are up for resurfacing by the end of the budget year, which would be September 30th.

School Transportation Items

Shirley Ready (Hillsborough County School District): The buses will be doing their dry runs on August 8th and 9th. During those two days the buses will be going to their stops and putting out their stop arms. The first day of school is August 12th. Be aware of all the school zones. When the lights are flashing, the speed limits are enforced. The new school buses have stop arm cameras.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): The TPO has school zone reminder yard signs. They can go out around any school. There are ones that say, "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here, this is a School Zone", etc.

HSIP Updates

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): Codes were received for all the applications that were submitted. Now is a good time to submit more applications. There is a requirement to attend the CTST meeting and make a presentation in a CTST meeting.

Vision Zero Updates

Abigail Flores (HC): Hillsborough County is continuing with their Vision Zero corridors, improving them for safety and access for all roadway users. This year, they are working on 78th Street, which the concept plans have been completed. 78th Street is a four-lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane in the middle of the roadway. It is currently posted at 45 mph, and bikes are sharing the road, pedestrians are crossing midblock due to lack of marked crossing opportunities, etc. Hillsborough County will be doing the projects in a tiered approach. The first tier is the quick low-cost implementation including delineators, paint, and signage and they will be dropping the speed limit to 40 mph with those improvements. Then they will come back in the next couple of years after a robust design and will be able to drop it to 35 mph. So those improvements will be on 78th Street between Causeway Boulevard and Palm River Road. The community came out with the school, including an artist that painted the striped median in front of the school. They want to start using it, where appropriate at crosswalks. At Lynn Turner, they are moving into design, and are putting raised crosswalks. This is a two-lane roadway where they will be putting raised crosswalks on the north and south of the corridor, as well as lane narrowing, speed reduction, etc. The County are also working on Gibsonton Drive and Sheldon Road. They are finishing the project development on those and being very aggressive with speed management, speed feedback signs, raised crosswalks, gateway treatments, beacons, etc. Hillsborough County is collaborating with the City of Tampa on the West Shore Vision Zero High Injury Network Corridor that they have for making facilities for bicyclists that are already present, make them more visible, and lower the speeds for their safety and provide midblock crossings there as well. They want to address angle crashes in that corridor.



Gena Torres (TPO): The TPO is spending a lot of time right now organizing their Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit. They are calling it Safe Streets Week because it is in October. There will be speakers and they are dedicating the summit to victims.

Abigail Flores (HC): Abigail presented on the 2023 Hillsborough County Annual Safety and Mobility Report. Hillsborough County wants to improve safety for all roadway users, to achieve complete streets by providing attractive alternatives to driving, to provide high quality transportation assets, to apply innovation towards all transportation initiatives, to enhance community engagements, to provide responsive customer service, and to lead the nation in transportation safety and mobility. Hillsborough County's approach is a context-sensitive design, complete streets for all users, a safe system approach, and collaboration with their partners. She discussed statistics on context classification, multimodal level of service, crash trends, etc. Accomplishments include three Vision Zero High Injury Network corridor project developments, speed selection tool, three lane departure project developments, 16 unsignalized locations, updated transportation design manual, and two signal retiming projects. Other accomplishments include the pedestrian corridor safety methodology update, four bicycle network project developments, five Safe Routes to School improvement studies, three Safe Access to Transit project developments, and 1,118 traffic investigations. Also, their Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants includes 22 projects in implementation and eight areas in planning. Discussion followed.

III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): For local agencies with trails on Florida Greenways and Trails System, the local agency can submit a request for \$200,000 per grant application. They can put in more than one equipment application that they can purchase mowers, blowers, wayfinding signs, information kiosks, bike racks, picnic tables, etc. The application period is open August 1st to August 31st and the Office of Greenways and Trails had a couple of webinars on this. Discussion followed. The CTST Mega Meeting is on September 12th.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): World Car Free Day Tampa is September 22nd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The primary route will extend from Midtown to Downtown to Ybor City. There are satellite routes coming from Seminole Heights, Hyde Park and East Tampa. There will be a mass ride through part of the downtown section for kids. This is being co-sponsored with the City of Tampa and all the details are coming along quickly. The Gulf Coast Safe Summit overlaps with the National Walk to School Day on October 9th.

Eric Henry (FDOT): The Bike/Ped Coalition is meeting right now in Orlando. In August there is going to be two meetings, one for the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition on August 13th and August 14th. At the end of August will be the Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition meeting on August 27th and August 28th.

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): Discussion followed on the final vote for new interim chair of CTST.

Abigail Flores, of Hillsborough County, accepted the nomination of Interim Chair of CTST. The CTST group agreed.



V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next Meeting: August 28th, 2024, 9:30 am – Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Lama Alfaseeh (HC), Basit Ali (Kimley Horn), Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Fred Baxter (City of Plant City), Marcia Bento (HC), Susan Boda (Benesch), Swara Farheen (Atkins), Abigail Flores (HC), Demetrius German (TPD), Jacob Gonzalez (TPD), Eric Henry (FDOT), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), Melissa Kincheloe (Crossing Guards for Hillsborough County), Ameer Khawaja (City of Temple Terrace), Jeannine Laurence (MADD), Dawn Lewis (TGH), Barbara Lopez (AECOM), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Vanessa Navarro (HCSO), Domino Noriega (AECOM), Dave O'Neil (MacDill Airforce Base), Lori Palaio (JMT), Shirley Ready (Hillsborough County School District), Jim Reiser (LEL), Melissa Shepherd (JMT), Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition), Gena Torres (TPO), Matthew Weaver (Element Engineering Group)