

### Pasco CTST – August 28, 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 fatality that occurred on August 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a 75-year-old New Port Richey man who was traveling southbound on Little Road. Vehicle two was driven by a 45-year-old man who was traveling northbound on Little Road at the intersection of Heritage Lakes Boulevard. Vehicle one turned into the path of vehicle two. Driver one and two suffered minor injuries, while the passenger traveling in vehicle one was a 73-year-old New Port Richey woman that was transported to the hospital and later expired from her injuries. Since that crash, there was another fatality at the exact same location and was a similar type of crash. There was a rapid response from traffic operations.

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Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): It is a 55 plus older community that the left turn goes into on Little Road and Heritage Lakes Boulevard. Based on crash studies, aging drivers have a harder time with permissive left turns. But the fatality that occurred a couple days ago was not an older person, it was a 35-year-old person that made that left turn.

#### III. **Minutes Approved**

- July minutes were approved.

#### IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – No update.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – Tina Russo stated that someone asked about the westbound movement at Chancey Road. The left turn lane should be a right turn and straight through lane. Tina will verify what the question was and then pass it on to FDOT and the County.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Discussion occurred on access management. The traffic flows from the Golden Corral to the south, and vehicles cut through the parking lot. The intersection crosswalks are offset as well. Tina Russo will look at the crashes.
4. **US 19 and Camry Drive** – *This can be removed from the problem locations sheet.*
5. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – No update.
6. **Seven Springs Boulevard** – *This can be removed from the problem locations sheet.*
7. **Wire Road** – There is a CIP project for the sidewalk with the County. Tina Russo stated that once the County moves forward with what needs to be done on Wire Road, they will start looking at adding a midblock. Randy Stovall, from Pasco BPAC, stated that Hercules Park near a school is scheduled for reopening in December. They expect that would drive

additional traffic if there were a midblock. There is going to be another apartment complex going in on the corner of Wire Road and Pretty Pond Road. There is also another apartment complex on the opposite corner of Pretty Pond Road and Wire Road. That is another reason why a midblock must be installed. Amy Davis, Pasco County, stated that they put flashers for the school zone area in anticipation that there will be a midblock at Dairy Road. Amy Davis stated that they were asked to reevaluate the school zone at Henry Drive as well, but it is not in their jurisdiction.

The meeting dedication: *Little Road at Heritage Lakes Boulevard will be added to the problem locations sheet.*

### **V. New Business**

#### *Education*

Renisa Martinez (John's Hopkins): Battle of the Belts is a teen safe driving program that they have had for the past 15 years in Pasco County. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Battle of the Belts will be honoring Hudson High, who had the most improved seat belt usage with a \$500 check. There will be a child passenger safety event on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a wonderful event for families or caregivers who need car seats, as they will be for free with installation included. The local Rotary Club will be donating about 20 car seats. It will start at 10:00 am and will be held at Fire Station 13. Recently, John's Hopkins attended the Kids in Motion conference, which is one of the largest conferences on child passenger safety. One thing they took away from the conference is the tribal and native communities here. Renisa received a contact form Mike Zinn and Goerge Edmiston, so she will be reaching out on how she can facilitate and operate events for tribal and native communities.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina thanked Renisa Martinez and Sheila Rainey for providing helmets for Dade City. There has been a shortage of helmets, and both Renisa and Sheila were very helpful. Discussion followed.

Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins): Walk to School Day is coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Sheila is in the process of getting email lists for principals and assistant principals and she will send a flyer to them to encourage them to participate in Walk to School Day.

Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO): October is Pedestrian Safety Month. October 1<sup>st</sup> will be Project Red Light, which includes education and enforcement on the new R10-15a signs which are Stop for Pedestrian signs. Pasco MPO was fortunate to have Pasco County utilities include the information in their newsletter that will go out to every billable customer in Pasco County. There will be an article about stopping for pedestrians. They also have the support from their tax collector's office, which includes all five of their offices. They will do a slideshow presentation that runs throughout the day of these various signs that Brian created for Pedestrian Safety Month. They are also sharing information with Pasco, Hillsborough, the City of Tampa, and the City of St. Petersburg. FDOT is working on updating a PSA that they made in 2019 with the correct signage. They are waiting for FDOT to see what digital materials they will supply. Brian will be at Hillsborough County BPAC tonight to do a presentation.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin discussed the new midblock pedestrian signal at US 19 and Buena Vista Lane or Bartelt Road. CUTR is doing a survey monkey, as well as doing social media promotions and geofencing for the midblock pedestrian signals. CUTR is also doing on street education for the signal and tip card delivery to local businesses. There is a mail plan to have a robust way to reach as many people as possible with information about these crosswalks and how they are slightly different from a regular traffic signal. Discussion followed.

### *Enforcement*

Jim Reiser (LEL): Right now, they are doing Drive Sober Get Pulled Over that runs through Labor Day weekend. Pasco County is getting ready to do a saturation patrol on Saturday night. Port Richey Police Department will have a briefing there. It will include New Port Richey, Port Richey, and possibly Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Pasco County Sheriff's Office is looking for some training materials to get their deputies trained on basic field sobriety exercises. Their goal is to train 80 of their field training officers. The pedestrian and bicycle enforcement grants should be coming online with Port Richey and New Port Richey shortly. Zephyrhills is in the process of getting their grants approved. Operation Southern Slowdown was a success in July. There was a big multi-jurisdictional operation on US 19 and the numbers were successful.

George Edmiston (Benesch): Last Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, was one of the biggest Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) operations so far in three years of the program. They put a US 19 detail together to encompass four counties. They went from the Skyway Bridge all the way up to the Levy County Line. There were 13 agencies involved, and close to 100 officers involved for eight hours on US 19 to address a lot of crashes that have been causing serious bodily injury and death. As a result of the operation, there were 811 traffic stops, 520 citations, 353 warnings, three DUI arrests, 10 drug arrests, 59 move over violations, 242 speeding violations, and 12 drivers license for driving on a suspended or no valid drivers' license. George is planning an operation through Pasco County in the next month or so, which will encompass US 301 from the Manatee Line to Sumter County Line.

### *Engineering*

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Pasco MPO will go to their committees at the end of September and the MPO board on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to sign their agreement with Federal Highways and USDOT for their Safety Action Plan. Tina has been interviewing consultants today and tomorrow about who will do that Safety Action Plan. It will be a good year and a half process along the way.

### *Crash Statistics*

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori Palaio discussed the fatal crash map. From January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, there have been 46 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, there were 31 fatal crashes. The 15 new fatal crashes include one rollover, one bicycle, one rear end, two sideswipe, three right angle, four pedestrian, and three left turn fatal crashes. Seven of the 15 fatal crashes were motorcycle related, eight of the 15 fatal crashes were at an intersection, ten of the 15 fatal crashes were in dark conditions, and one of the 15 were drug related. For the four new pedestrian fatal crashes, they were at SR 54 and Allen Road, Little Road and Villa Entrada, SR 52 and Colony Road, and Wells Road and Boyette



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Road. There have been 46 fatal crashes since June 12<sup>th</sup>. Same period in 2023 there have been 45 fatal crashes. Pasco County is up by one fatal crash same period. Motorcycles represent the highest fatality type by mode of travel.

### VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): October 9<sup>th</sup> is the Gulf Coast Safe Street Summit. It is from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and it is in the Port Tampa Bay Cruise Terminal. The pedestrian and bicycle coalition are meeting the day before this on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lori Palaio (JMT): October is also pedestrian month. Lori asked the group if there are any other events going on for pedestrian month.

### VII. Fatality Tracking

No update.

### VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Lori Palaio (JMT): JMT/FDOT received a request from New Port Richey from Samantha Hamilton, and she gave a great presentation explaining the RRFB she would like installed. The application is currently under review. If anyone needs assistance using the form to request items, please let Lori or Melissa Shepherd from JMT know and they can walk you through how to do it. The funding is limited, so it's on a first come first serve basis.

### IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Lori Palaio (JMT): The CTST Mega Meeting is on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Registration is now open, so please check your email and we would like as much attendance as possible. There will be no Pasco CTST meeting in September, it will only be the CTST Mega Meeting. It will be held at the AAA facility on Henderson Road. In October, we will be hosting an in-person CTST meeting. We do not have a location for that meeting yet, so if anybody has any ideas let myself or Tina know. The last thing to mention, is the November meeting is scheduled the day before Thanksgiving. Lori asked the CTST group if they want to change the date of the meeting in November, or maybe do a combined November December meeting for the holidays and have one meeting instead of two. Tina Russo said that last year we did a combined meeting and will look at that again. Tina Russo will be giving a presentation at the CTST Mega Meeting. She is going to discuss CTST accomplishments, and she will be getting a great presentation together for that. Tina is also on a panel.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): At the CTST Mega Meeting, Tina will be discussing the Safe System Approach with Hillsborough and Pinellas. She will also give a quick update on their Pasco activities. A lot of good things have happened this last year.

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

**September 12, 2024, 9:00 am – Mega CTST Meeting (No Pasco CTST Meeting)**



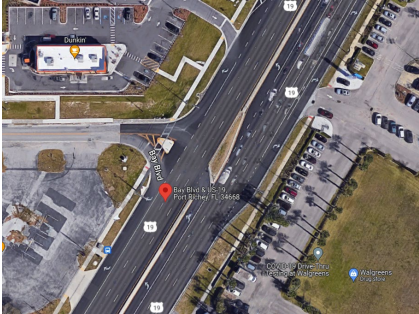
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**October 23, 2024, 1:30 pm – In-Person Meeting (Location is TBD).**

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

**Meeting Attendees:** Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Kasey Cursey (EXP), Amy Davis (Pasco County), George Edmiston (Benesch), Scott Ferry (Pasco MPO), Samantha Hamilton (City of New Port Richey), Eric Katz (Marlin Engineering), Renisa Martinez (John's Hopkins), Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins), Jim Reiser (LEL), Tina Russo (Pasco MPO), Elizabeth Stolz (Marlin Engineering), Randy Stovall (Pasco BPAC), Tammy Vrana (Vrana Consulting)

## STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS


Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 19 and Bay Boulevard  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A">https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A</a>	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)
<b>Comments</b>				
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.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>	Intersection Improvements			
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
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



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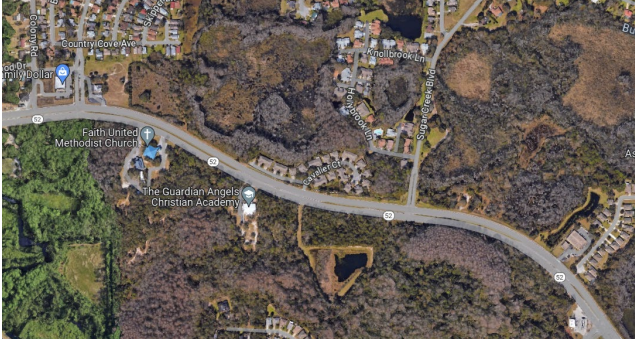
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status
	2/28/24	This is being followed up by FDOT. On US 19, south of Gulf Drive, delineators were put up to eliminate the left turn phase. If you're going northbound, it's the left turn into Wells Fargo and Publix. There were a lot of crashes there and Port Richey 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
Venkat stated that Pasco County was supposed to meet with FDOT. He hopes to schedule a meeting. Eric Henry will try to find out more information on the scheduling for that meeting.	7/24/24		Pending

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US 301 and Chancey Road  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9</a>	Dec 2023	On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues.		Tina Russo (MPO)
<b>Comments</b>				
<p>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. Tina Russo stated that someone asked about the westbound movement at Chancey Road. The left turn lane should be a right turn and straight through lane.</p>				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>		Safety Issues		
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills on US 301.	12/13/23			Pending
Tina will verify what the question was and then pass it on to FDOT and the County.	8/28/24			



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<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p> <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkK9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkK9</a></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)
<p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughterly Road. The crashes are typically elderly people. Discussion occurred on access management. The traffic flows from the Golden Corral to the south, and vehicles cut through the parking lot. The intersection crosswalks are offset as well.</p>				
<p><b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b></p>				
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
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
Tina Russo will look at crashes.	8/28/24			

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SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXmqS6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXmqS6</a>	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)
<b>Comments</b> 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.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>		Speeding and Aggressive Driving		
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>	
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
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><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/FEn2bGA6yX5VUmta6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/FEn2bGA6yX5VUmta6</a></p>				
<b>Comments</b>				
<p>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 Daugherty 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. Tina Russo is coordinating with local agencies and FDOT for sidewalk funding. Tina Russo stated that once the County moves forward with what needs to be done on Wire Road, they will start looking at adding a midblock. Randy Stovall, from Pasco BPAC, stated that Hercules Park near a school is scheduled for reopening in December. They expect that would drive additional traffic if there were a midblock. There is going to be another apartment complex going in on the corner of Wire Road and Pretty Pond Road. There is also another apartment complex on the opposite corner of Pretty Pond Road and Wire Road. That is another reason why a midblock must be installed. Amy Davis stated that they were asked to reevaluate the school zone at Henry Drive as well, but it is not in their jurisdiction.</p>				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>		Pedestrians and Bicyclists		
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>	
Follow up on funding source from Bill and Tina.	6/26/24	There is a CIP project for the sidewalk with the County.	Pending	
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<p>Little Road at Heritage Lakes Boulevard</p> <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/HZAXuNDpq4nwSP2Q6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/HZAXuNDpq4nwSP2Q6</a></p>	August 2024	There were two fatal crashes within 10 days at the intersection of Little Road and Heritage Lakes Boulevard/Cypress Lakes Boulevard. The southbound left turn failed to yield northbound (yellow flashing arrow). Lt. Jacquelyn Rux from FHP requested that the blinking yellow left turn arrow at this intersection be deactivated and changed to a steady red to green light cycle.	Lt. Jacquelyn Rux (FHP) / Bill Riha (FDOT)	Tina Russo (Pasco MPO) / Amy Davis (Pasco County)
<p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>There was a fatality that occurred on August 16th. There was a 75-year-old New Port Richey man who was traveling southbound on Little Road. Vehicle two was driven by a 45-year-old man who was traveling northbound on Little Road at the intersection of Heritage Lakes Boulevard. Vehicle one turned into the path of vehicle two. Driver one and two suffered minor injuries, while the passenger traveling by vehicle one was a 73-year-old New Port Richey woman that was transported to the hospital and later expired from her injuries. Since that crash, there was another fatality at the exact same location and was a similar type of crash. There was a rapid response from traffic operations.</p>				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>		Aging Road Users		
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