



MEETING MINUTES - JULY 2024

Pasco CTST – July 24, 2024

Meeting started at 1:30 pm

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

II. **Meeting Dedication**

None.

III. **Minutes Approved**

- June minutes were approved.

IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Venkat Vattikuti, of Pasco County, 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.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – No update.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – No update.
4. **US 19 and Camry Drive** – Venkat Vattikuti, of Pasco County, stated that they are working on adding some median channelization on Camry Drive.
5. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – No update.
6. **Seven Springs Boulevard** – No update.
7. **Wire Road** – Tina Russo, Pasco MPO, is coordinating with local agencies and FDOT for sidewalk funding.

Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County): Venkat discussed Geiger Road. Pasco County will be working with project management on the sidewalk portion of Geiger Road. Pasco County will be coordinating a meeting with the City of Zephyrhills.

For Pretty Pond Road, for the left turns for east and westbound traffic, the County is looking into it. Hopefully by the next meeting, the County should have some information. They must coordinate with FDOT Signal Operations.

V. **New Business**

Education

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): MADD is continuing to do their underage drinking and impaired driving prevention and education program, as well as tabling events in the community. They have two new programs in addition to their regular power of youth programs, that are specifically prom focused and homecoming focused.

Enforcement

None.

Engineering

Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County): The County will be working with the City of Zephyrhills on Geiger Road.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to May 5th, 2024, there have been 31 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to April 9th, 2024, there were 29 fatal crashes. The two new fatal crashes include one rear end and one other. For the rear end fatal crash, it occurred on April 9th, 2024, at 8:54 pm on SR 54 and Fencepost Drive, at the t-intersection in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. It was motorcycle related and the motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet. Vehicle one was traveling west in the center lane of SR 54 approaching the intersection of Fencepost Drive. Vehicle two was traveling west in the center lane of SR 54 approaching the intersection of Fencepost Drive. Driver two observed a fire truck with its emergency lights and sirens activated attempting to turn left onto northbound Fencepost Drive. Driver two stopped in the center westbound lane to yield to the firetruck. Vehicle one approached the back of vehicle two and never slowed down, causing the front of vehicle one to strike the rear of vehicle two. For the other fatal crash, it occurred on April 24th, 2024, at 5:28 pm on 7th Street and Robinson Avenue at the four-way intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling south on 7th Street in the northbound travel lane, approaching Robinson Avenue. Vehicle two was traveling south on 7th Street in the left turning lane, approaching Robinson Avenue. As vehicle two was making a left turn onto Robinson Avenue, vehicle one was continuing south in the northbound lane of travel, causing the front left of vehicle two to collide with the right side of vehicle one. The driver of vehicle one then lost control of vehicle one causing vehicle one to run off the roadway to the left and collide with a standing building. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt. There are 31 fatal crashes through May 5th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were 33 fatal crashes. Pasco CTST is down by two fatal crashes same period. Motorcycle fatal crashes is the second highest mode of travel fatal crash type, representing 32 percent of fatal crashes.

Renisa Martinez (TGH): Renisa asked the ages of the individuals on motorcycles and in the vehicles for the fatal crashes. Lori Palaio, of JMT, stated that she could look at that on Signal Four Analytics and get back to her on that. Renisa stated that it could help assist John's Hopkins with funding. Tampa General Hospital could get funding from other organizations, and crash data typically needs to be provided. John Rose, of Zephyrhills Police Department stated that the Signal Four Dashboard provides date of birth ranges as well as the time of occurrence. Lori Palaio pulled of the Signal Four Analytics public dashboard to the group.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Eric Henry (FDOT): There are a few coalition meetings coming up. The bike/ped coalition is happening right now in Orlando. In August, there will be the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, which targets aging road users and promotes mobility for people of all ages on August 13th and August 14th in Tallahassee. At the end of August is the Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition on August 27th and August 28th in Orlando. It is back to

school in August, so be aware there is going to be a lot more school buses and a lot more younger people on the road, walking, biking, and driving. It is also National Water Quality Month.

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): MADD is working next week with Pasco County School Bus Transportation. They are doing presentations for all the school bus drivers about impaired driving.

Eric Henry (FDOT): AASHTO just released some training materials specifically for bus drivers related to railroad crossings. If anybody knows a good way to distribute that to school partners to share with the bus drivers, FDOT could provide that. Discussion followed.

Renisa Martinez (LEL): John's Hopkins and Florida Suncoast Safe Kids were provided with a grant by State Farm for each of their counties to facilitate car seats and giveaway car seats for free. Pasco County is one of the counties receiving free car seats. They continue to have car seat classes locally at their outpatient car center on Rowan Road. They offer car seats for \$20 and boosters for \$10, as well as education.

VII. Fatality Tracking

Eric Henry (FDOT): For the Pasco County statistics from January through June of this year compared to the same period in 2023, Pasco County is down 4.8 percent in total crashes, up 12.2 percent in fatal crashes, but down 31.2 percent in severe crashes overall. Discussion followed.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Samantha Hamilton (City of New Port Richey): Samantha from the City of New Port Richey presented on City of New Port Richey HSIP request for two RRFB's at Main Street and Van Buren Street. Main Street is classified as a collector road with a 25-mph speed limit. The intersection is situated between two controlled collector roads, Congress Street and Madison Street. It is lighted by an LED streetlight and there are two speed feedback signs positioned east and west of the Main Street curve. Main Street experiences over 7,000 vehicle trips each day. The two nearest crosswalks are at the controlled intersections of Congress Street and Madison Street, each located a quarter mile away. The 85th percentile is 36 mph with an average speed of 32 mph. Over the course of three consecutive days, more than 20 students cross the intersection daily before and after school, with the majority traveling north after school. The five-year crash data included on pedestrian incident with minor injuries. The City has been proactive in making improvements. In 2020, the City repaved and re-marked Main Street. Earlier this year they replaced all the speed feedback signs throughout the city. The City can install and maintain these devices. Traveling on Van Buren Street is the most direct route for students to travel to the recreation and Aquatic Center. The facility offers a range of after school activities, including basketball, pickleball, skateboarding and swimming. A lot of children are going there from after-school. Discussion followed.

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin posted some Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) statistics in the chat. Enforcement is on state roads and covers the whole district. Also, CUTR is getting ready to launch an intensive campaign for the new midblock pedestrian signal that is at US 19 and Buena Vista



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Lane. That will be up and going by the end of the month, which will include geofencing, mailers, on the street education, business outreach, etc.

Eric Henry (FDOT): The Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced a grant program for the Greenway Trail System called TRAIL GO. It is up to 200,000 dollars for trail maintenance and operation. Applications are opening the 1st of next month and then going through the 31st. Examples include fence installation, buying equipment like mowers and leaf blowers, etc. Also, September 12th will be the CTST Mega Meeting. It will be at Tampa's AAA's Corporate Facility on Henderson Road.

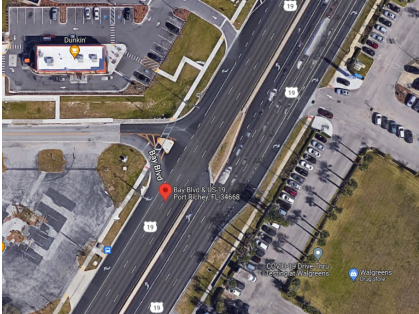
Lori Palaio (JMT): Our next meeting will be on August 28th and will be a virtual meeting, followed by the CTST Mega Meeting on September 12th. There will not be a normal Pasco CTST in September, there will just be the CTST Mega Meeting that month. October there will be an in-person meeting.

Next Meeting: August 28, 2024, 1:30 PM – Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Meeting Attendees: Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Wayne Gaskill (Citizen), Steve Golubeff (City of New Port Richey), Samantha Hamilton (City of New Port Richey), Eric Henry (FDOT), Peter Hsu (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Jeannine Laurence (MADD), Renisa Martinez (John's Hopkins), Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD), Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County),

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



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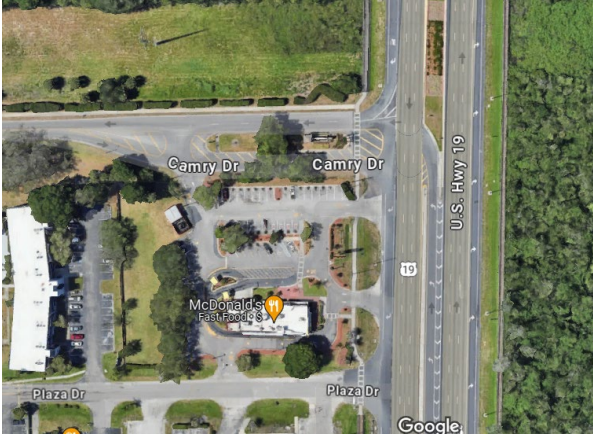
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	2/28/24	This is being followed up by FDOT. On US 19, south of Gulf Drive, delineators were put up to eliminate the left turn phase. If you're going northbound, it's the left turn into Wells Fargo and Publix. There were a lot of crashes there and Port 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
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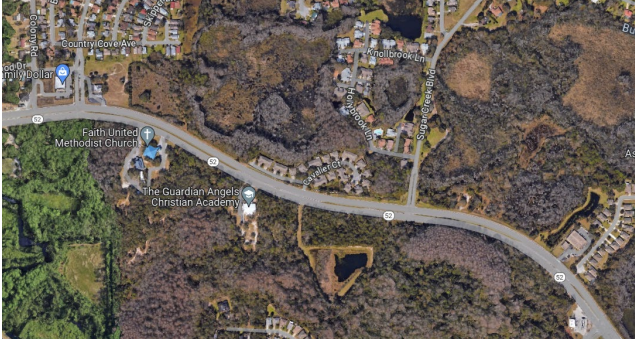
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US 301 and Chancey Road https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9	Dec 2023	On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues.		Tina Russo (MPO)
Comments				
Tina discussed doing engagement on Zephyrhills on US 301. On the south 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.				
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<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)																								
<p>Comments</p> <p>There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughterly Road. The crashes are typically elderly people.</p>																												
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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. Venkat stated that they are working on adding some median channelization on Camry Drive.				
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	

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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	

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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. Tina Russo is coordinating with local agencies and FDOT for sidewalk funding.				
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	



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