

University CTST – October 2, 2024

Meeting started at 3:02pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were given by the group. The August 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 (UT), stated that every time he sees a build-up of water, he will let the drainage department know.
4. **North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard:** Katie Godwin (UT) stated that she was approached by the city's mobility area a couple weeks ago. The city is working on applying for the Unite Boulevard grant, which is supposed to reconnect displaced communities through transportation. Josh Blackman (City of Tampa) stated that the Unite Boulevard grant application was submitted yesterday, and the project limits are from Ross Avenue to Swann Avenue. Discussion followed if Safe Streets for All funding could be applied as well, which will be investigated.

III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith): Tampa Police Department (TPD) received preliminary approval for this year's FDOT grant. Once it goes through, TPD will be up and running with both enforcement and education. TPD also was approved for responsible vendor training. In responsible vendor training, TPD will be able to go into bars and teach employees what their responsibilities are regarding responsible service to customers to try and limit some of the risk that happens once a customer steps out of the establishment and what liabilities they possess from over-serving alcohol or serving underage individuals' alcohol.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Law enforcement, on a regional basis, is getting ready to implement safety grants throughout the Tampa Bay Area that is currently in the process of being awarded by the state. The grants will include impaired driving, speed and aggressive driving, and work zone safety. Tampa is going to start pedestrian safety initiatives. There has been a large media push on pedestrian safety, so there will be more activities, especially along high injury network corridors. Also, the holiday season is fast approaching, which means a lot of the enforcement campaigns, specifically related to impaired driving are going to be kicking off. After the holidays is Gasparilla season, which spans for three months, so it will be a busy time with a lot



of special events. In terms of the Safe Streets for All Grant, there are two different branches – the project demonstration grant and the implementation grant – Jim Reiser will be pulling crash data for that. Jim stated that UT would have to look at the crash data along the North Boulevard corridor (which was discussed in the problem locations list), which could be a tough ask. Jim does not believe Safe Streets for All funding would apply. Discussion followed.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): CUTR participated in the National Night Out in the City of Temple Terrace last night. Temple Terrace PD hosted the event, but USF PD was also there. CUTR was able to talk to a bunch of children and parents about walk and bike safety. CUTR is invited to USF World, and USF World will be having a bicycle pedestrian and auto safety fair towards the end of October. USF World includes international students who might not necessarily be familiar with some of the laws and regulations and safe behaviors in Florida.

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): National Night Out in the City of Temple Terrace was a good event. Since the event includes a lot of families and young people, MADD approached the event by providing education on the safe passenger aspect of driving and a little bit of bicycle pedestrian safety. MADD was part of HCC Week of Welcome Week in August and was able to talk to students about impaired driving prevention. Next month, MADD will be at HCC Traffic Safety Day. Also, USF medical students who are part of a National Traffic Safety Coalition who try to engage and inform teens and young adults about road safety and traffic safety, approached MADD to partner with them on educational materials. The yearly Candlelight Vigil for impaired driving victims and honor and remembrance of them will be held in Temple Terrace at Mission Hill Baptist Church in December.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Next Wednesday is National Walk to School Day. Brentin is volunteering for a local school in his neighborhood to help assist with National Walk to School Day. It is a great opportunity to get the younger generation to think about walking and biking safely.

Katie Godwin (UT): The Downtown Tampa Partnership and Walk Bike Tampa put on their World Car Free Day event on September 22nd. UT is still in the process of their survey collection as part of their Bicycle Friendly University application. The application was submitted back in August and now the organization is doing their follow-up survey to the community that closes in a couple days. UT has made a lot of progress on their final component to their new building, which is an interior bicycle storage as well as space for electric scooters and electric bicycles to charge. UT is wrapping up some of the construction on that building. Now that the students are back on campus, UT is working to put together some repair workshops for students who may have their own bicycle and do not know how to do small repairs.



Eric Henry (FDOT): Mobility Week will be later this month, which promotes all modes of transportation and general mobility. It is also Pedestrian Safety Month, so if anyone has any events coming up or any initiatives that they are running and they need any support, don't hesitate to reach out to Eric.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to July 17th, 2024, there have been 12 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to May 22nd, 2024, there were nine fatal crashes. The three new fatal crashes include a USF pedestrian fatal crash, a UT right angle, motorcycle fatal crash, and an HCC Dale Mabry left turn fatal crash within a one-mile proximity to the college campus.

The USF pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26543043) occurred on June 13th, 2024, at 9:03pm on East Bearss Avenue and Seaford Circle, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, rainy, wet conditions. The pedestrian was pushing a shopping cart not in a marked crosswalk.

The UT right angle motorcycle fatal crash (Report Number 26616028) occurred on June 19th, 2024, at 9:03pm on North Florida Avenue and East John F. Kennedy Boulevard, at the four-way intersection in dark-lighted, clear, dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling northbound on North Florida Avenue in the middle travel lane at a high rate of speed. Vehicle one failed to stop at the red traffic signal, entered the intersection and struck the passenger side of vehicle two. The motorcyclist was wearing a DOT compliant helmet.

The HCC Dale Mabry left turn fatal crash (Report Number 26615274) occurred on June 3rd, 2024, at 10:25am on North Dale Mabry Highway and West South Avenue, at the T-intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle two was traveling at a high rate of speed and was engaged in racing with another unknown vehicle.

There were 12 fatal crashes through July 17th, 2024. Same period in 2023, there were seven fatal crashes, so University CTST is up by five fatal crashes same period within a one-mile proximity to a college campus.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Eric Henry (FDOT): The University CTST Chair, Kathleen Koviak, has stepped down as chair. Therefore, there is an opening for the position of a new interim chair. Lori Palaio (JMT) suggested Marty Sorrentino (UT). Marty Sorrentino stated that he has a new supervisor that just came in, so he will check with him and get back to the group before the next meeting.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024, 3:00pm – Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm




MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 2024

Attendees: Basit Ali (Kimley Horn), Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Josh Blackman (City of Tampa), Katie Godwin (UT), Eric Henry (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Kathleen Koviak (USF), Jeannine Laurence (MADD), David Liller (HCC), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Jim Reiser (LEL), Marty Sorrentino (UT)

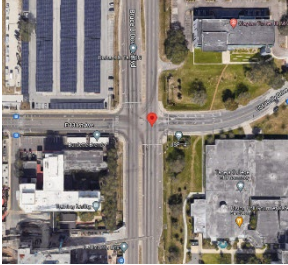


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1	May 2022	Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus  https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36	Joseph Bentrovato / Mike Zinn / Matthew Belmonte	July 2024		<p>Joseph said that their biggest intersection is near Tampa Bay Blvd and Dale Mabry Hwy; there 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. Paige Niehaus stated that the City of Tampa approved the project. The earliest the crosswalk could be in, is in December. No update.</p>




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2	Oct 2022	<p>Lighting issues at Bruce B Downs and Holly Drive</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/7VwSCs3xRYoEbFidA</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. Nicole Marchesano, of USF PD, stated that she will get in contact with Hillsborough County engineers. No update.</p>




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3	Jan 2023	<p>Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59</p>	Marty Sorrentino	July 2024		<p>There is no storm water inlet on the north side of Kennedy between Willow Ave and Delaware Ave, where TGH 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. He is looking to see if anything is going to be addressed about the stormwater issue. 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. Katie said that they are still doing a lot of construction. 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. Marty discussed two projects and the availability of adding inlets on one portion of Kennedy Boulevard. Marty stated that he received 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 St. 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. Marty stated that he received confirmation from FDOT that there are no storm water inlets as part of the two projects. The drainage department at FDOT asked Marty to provide some exhibits on proposed stormwater inlets and Marty provided them back on June 17th. Marty has not heard back yet from the drainage department. Marty stated that the railroad project has finished, and the project could not get the stormwater inlets incorporated. Marty reached out to the stormwater department at FDOT and spoke to Melissa Mulvaney. He provided her with storm water inlet exhibits. Marty hopes to develop a project for the inlets. Marty stated that every time he sees a build-up of water, he will let the drainage department know.</p>



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4	April 2024	<p>North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard</p>  <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/t83DaQWkyusev4Ee6</p>	Marty Sorrentino	October 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. No update, other than just looking for opportunities for further funding. Marty Sorrentino attended grant training. He believes he could obtain funding for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant under the political subdivision of a state. The documents do not show that universities are eligible for the grant, but the training Marty attended stated that state colleges or universities created under state law could apply. There is a planning and demonstration grant and the implementation grant. The planning grant is due August 29th, but there is a lot of funding until 2026. Marty hopes to get a high-level buy-in/support. There is approximately three billion dollars left. Marty stated that for federal funding, FDOT will provide 80 percent funding with a 20 percent match requirement.</p> <p>Katie Godwin (UT) stated that she was approached by the city's mobility area a couple weeks ago. The city is working on applying for the Unite Boulevard grant, which is supposed to reconnect displaced communities through transportation. Josh Blackman (City of Tampa) stated that the Unite Boulevard grant application was submitted yesterday, and the project limits are from Ross Avenue to Swann Avenue. Discussion followed if Safe Streets for All funding could be applied as well, which will be investigated.</p>