

Pasco CTST – October 23, 2024

Meeting started at 1:36 pm

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

II. **Meeting Dedication**

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina Russo, from Pasco MPO, dedicated the meeting to two pedestrian fatalities which recently occurred on SR 52 at Moon Lake Road. SR 52 at Moon Lake Road is part of the Safety Action Plan. Tina stated that this location is near a travel park. There is no lighting at this signalized intersection and the next nearest signal is approximately one mile away. Discussion followed.

III. **Minutes Approved**

- August minutes were approved.

IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Eric Henry, from FDOT, stated that he would follow up with traffic operations regarding this.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – Eric Henry will confirm if the project is completed. Discussion followed.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – No update.
4. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – Eric Henry stated that a signal is proposed but there is not a funding source currently.
5. **Wire Road** – There is a CIP project for the sidewalk with the County. Tina Russo stated that she will look at the approved CIPs and see what is on there. *Wire Road can be removed from the problem locations sheet.*
6. **Little Road at Heritage Lakes Boulevard:** This was resolved. *Little Road at Heritage Lakes Boulevard can be removed from the problem locations sheet.*

V. **New Business**

Education

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): The social media campaign on US 19 and Bartelt Road on the midblock pedestrian signal (MPS) is finished. Brentin discussed that the signage needs to be fixed at this location, including adding right lane must turn right signs, etc. Discussion followed.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): There are two more midblock pedestrian signals (MPS) set for construction within the next year, including an MPS at US 19 and Elizabeth Avenue, and a MPS on US 19 at San Marco Drive. There are plans to have six or seven midblock pedestrian signals installed on US 19.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina discussed the Carfit program and how it helps fit aging drivers into their vehicles properly. Aging road user fatalities have been high. The Carfit program helps with senior mobility, and it allows the conversation to be discussed to be started about roadway safety. Tina stated that there

are challenges to have Carfit participation due to seniors being afraid that their license will be removed from them. It is also difficult for the Carfit program to get into senior programs. There will be a virtual Carfit program option to try to increase participation.

Eric Henry (FDOT): The Carfit program has trained technicians and event coordination. FDOT is trying to plan Carfit training in Pasco County and Hernando County soon.

Enforcement

Jim Reiser (LEL): The pedestrian safety grant is up and running through the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) and the University of North Florida (UNF). Port Richey received the speeding and aggressive driving grant, and they are currently going through the internal approval process. Jim Reiser, from LEL, also discussed field training for officers on sobriety training starting back up in the future.

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): The Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) program is still going on, but the hurricane caused some redirection of law enforcement officers. There have not been as many submissions recently. The ELEE program is giving points to officers who do the Train the Trainer's Impact Teen Driving Program in schools. But the hurricane caused disruption in class schedules.

Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County): The ordinance was finalized for speed enforcement cameras in school zones. Discussion followed.

Engineering

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Pasco MPO will bring their Safety Action Plan to the board in November. They are currently working with a consultant on this. The scope of the work includes a micromobility study with three camera test sites for near miss crashes. These sites include Starkey Road at SR 54, Suncoast Trail at Ridge Road, and US 19 at Sea Ranch Drive. Venkat stated that US 19 at Sea Ranch Drive has video detection which can get pedestrian counts.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori Palaio discussed the fatal crash map. From January 1st to August 3rd, 2024, there were 65 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to June 12th, 2024, there were 46 fatal crashes. The 19 new fatal crashes include one unknown, one rear end, three head on, two off roads, four other, two left turns, and six pedestrian fatal crashes.

For the six new pedestrian fatal crashes:

The first pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26284107) occurred on 9715 Brookdale Drive, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions.

The second pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26360358) occurred on I-75 NB at mile marker 293.7 and Blanton Road, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions.

The third pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26361330) occurred on SR 54 and Highland Loop, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions.

The fourth pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26530701) occurred on US 19 and Gulf Drive, at the four-way intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions.

The fifth pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26388110): occurred on US 19 and SR 52, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions

The sixth pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 2635912) occurred on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard and SR 56, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions.

There are 65 fatal crashes through August 3rd, 2024. During the same period in 2023, there were 55 fatal crashes, so Pasco County is up by 10 fatal crashes in the same period.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Jim discussed that the time change coming up will cause crashes. Discussion followed on education with the time change.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC): Pedestrian Safety Month is in October. He discussed that Pasco County sent out 275 newsletters with “Stop for Pedestrians” messages. The tax collector’s office is also sending out safety messages. Lastly, the FDOT newsletter that came out recently also had a section in the newsletter about pedestrian safety.

Eric Henry (FDOT): A lot of safety events planned for October were canceled due to the storm; however, the holiday season is approaching and there will be impaired driving/DUI campaigns.

Jim Reiser (LEL): There will also be a Halloween Campaign, as well as the campaigns during Christmas, including Drive Sober Get Pulled Over. The MADD Candlelight Vigil will be held in December at Mission Hill Church in Temple Terrace.

VII. Fatality Tracking

No update.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

No update.

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): The next CTST meeting will be a virtual meeting on December 11th at 10:00am. This will be a combined November/December meeting.

Discussion followed about asking if a calendar invite could be created for future meetings.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2024, 10:00 am – Virtual Meeting

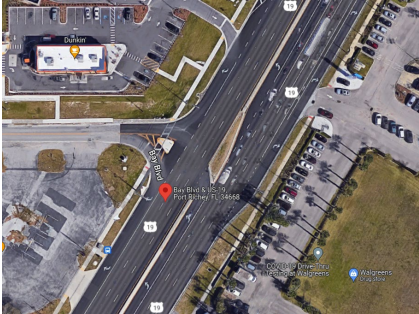
Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.



MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 2024

Meeting Attendees: Rebecca Bogue (Pasco Planning), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), Eric Henry (FDOT) Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), James Reiser (LEL), Tina Russo (MPO), Randy Stovall (Pasco BPAC), 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

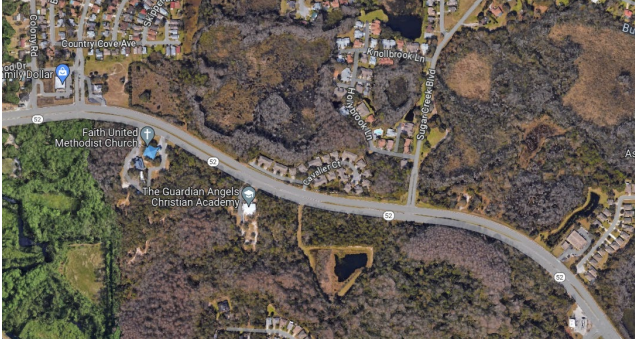


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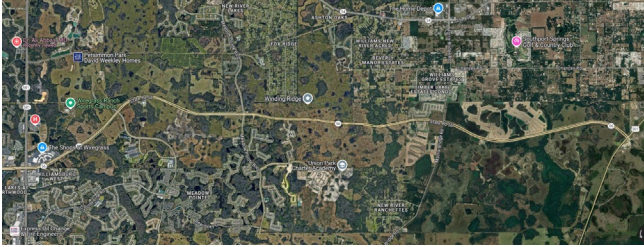
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	2/28/24	This is being followed up by FDOT. On US 19, south of Gulf Drive, delineators were put up to eliminate the left turn phase. If you're going northbound, it's the left turn into Wells Fargo and Publix. There were a lot of crashes there and Port 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
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	Eric Henry, from FDOT, stated that he would follow up with traffic operations regarding this.	Pending

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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				
<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>				
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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	Eric Henry will confirm if the project is completed.		Pending

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<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkK9</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. 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>																																
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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. Eric Henry stated that a signal is proposed but there is not a funding source currently.				
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

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SR 56 from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to US 301  https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8	Nov 2024	Lighting Request	Emmeth Duran (FDOT)	FDOT
Comments FDOT keeps receiving repeated requests related to the need for lighting along State Road 56 from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to US 301. As new developments and new residents are coming in, residents have been asking for some form of corridor or intersection lighting along this section. Unfortunately, the addition of lighting seems to have been a missed opportunity with the recent widening and extension of this road, as well as with the new developments as part of their permit. Due to how new this road and adjacent land use is, correctable crashes are low in comparison, which Safety funds would not be justified at this time. However, FDOT is not expecting these requests to fade away, since there is a proactive need for enhanced visibility, especially with the continuous Shared-Use Path/sidewalk along both sides of SR 56. There have been multiple wrong way driving crashes.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four				
Intersection/Corridor Improvements				
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	



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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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