



Hillsborough CTST – October 23, 2024

Meeting started at 9:44 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. August 2024 minutes were approved.

Abigail Flores (HC): Abigail Flores, from Hillsborough County, discussed the new changes to the Hillsborough CTST agenda.

II. Membership Reports

Enforcement and Crash Statistics

Jim Reiser (LEL): Many of the law enforcement efforts were redirected due to the hurricane. There are currently no safety activities. Law enforcement is still participating in the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) details, and this will continue through March of 2025. Jim Reiser, LEL, discussed the Florida and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) safety grants including DUI, work zones, teen drivers, occupant protection, etc. Activities under these grants will start in December/January. There will also be the mobilization campaign, Drive Sober Get Pulled Over in December/January, as well as DUI enforcement and public outreach/education. The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge will be from January through March and a ceremony will follow.

Michele Harris (AAA): Michele Harris, from AAA, discussed their Tow and Go program. The program is for people who drink, and the program is to not have them go behind the wheel of a car after drinking. The Tow and Go program are free and the program allows the person and their car to get home safely. There is a lot of publicity on this from interviews, radio, and news.

Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition): Ellen discussed a recent wrong way driving near-miss incident, on I-275 near Floribruska Avenue. The wrong way driver was a bartender, who FHP stopped via PIT maneuver. A PIT maneuver, or precision immobilization technique, is a law enforcement technique used to force a fleeing vehicle to stop.

Jim Reiser (LEL): Between September 1st and September 30th, there were 390 arrests, 214 tested for DUI, and 178 refused testing. The average blood alcohol content was 0.151 which is double the legal limit. The average age group of these drivers were between 21 and 34 years of age, and 196 of the 390 were between that age range. There were 69 property damage crashes. DUI crashes are up. Discussion followed.

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to August 3rd, 2024, there were 95 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to June 12th, 2024, there were 71 fatal crashes. The 24 new fatal crashes included two head on, one right angle, four bicycles, two other, one rear end, two left turn, four run off the road, and eight pedestrian fatal crashes. Of the 24 new fatal crashes, 54.2 percent were at night, 70.8 percent were in rural areas, 8.3 percent were alcohol related, 20.8 percent were in wet conditions, 25 percent were lane departure related, and 41.7 percent were intersection related. Of all fatal crashes from January 1st to



August 3rd, 2024, pedestrians represent the highest mode of travel fatal crash type. State roads represent 42 percent of fatal crashes and Hillsborough County roads represent 37 percent of fatal crashes. There were 95 fatal crashes through August 3rd, 2024, and in the same period in 2023 there were 114 fatal crashes. Hillsborough County is down by 19 fatal crashes in the same period.

Abigail Flores (Hillsborough County): Ten of the 24 new fatal crashes were intersection fatal crashes, predominately on state and county roads. Abigail discussed Hillsborough County's intersection program.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth discussed hurricane fatal crashes. He stated that this year, the hurricane fatal crashes almost doubled, compared to previous hurricanes during the same period. Many vehicles were speeding and aggressively driving. Signal treatments during hurricanes were discussed. Emmeth also discussed that there is not enough safety materials transferred to other languages. Emmeth worked on converting some safety materials to Spanish. Emmeth also discussed PSA's on hurricanes, including what to do at traffic signals, as well as POEBs. Discussion followed.

Josh Blackman (City of Tampa): Josh Blackman, from City of Tampa, discussed gas station queuing issues during the hurricane.

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO): Lisa asked the CTST group if at World Day of Remembrance if she could display Signal Four Analytics personal names. Discussion followed about protecting personal identifying information in crash reports. Michele Harris, from AAA, suggested maybe only displaying first name and last initial of the people who died in a fatal crash at World Day of Remembrance.

Engineering/Planning

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): FDOT is currently in recovery mode after the hurricane. He discussed that there was a lot of signal and infrastructure damage, especially in Pinellas County.

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): Mahshid discussed the applications for material requests and codes for vendors for HSIP. Now is a good time to apply for RPMs that are missing from the storm. She stated that when filling out the HSIP application to submit as much information/documentation as possible. A requirement for HSIP funding is to attend CTST meetings and to make a presentation about the request at a CTST meeting.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): There will be a PHB at Busch Boulevard at 18th Street, as well as at Busch Boulevard at 22nd Street. FDOT is also working on a lighting retrofit project in Wimauma, east of I-75. Emmeth discussed possibly presenting at the next CTST meeting on the differences between PHB's and MPS's. He stated that MPS's are currently under experiment. He also stated that roadway segments that have PHB's currently, FDOT is trying to make consistent as to not switch between PHB and MPS on the same corridor, as it could confuse the driver. But roadway segments that do not have a PHB, they could put an MPS, especially in areas with six lanes. Discussion followed.

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO): Lisa stated that the Gulf Street Summit was canceled due to the hurricane. They are trying to reschedule the summit around February 13th, if possible. If not, it may be pushed off to



April. She is waiting to hear back from the port if there is availability. Lisa also discussed a City of Tampa county-owned corridor analysis.

Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): The fiscal year is October 1st and Hillsborough County is working with consultants to come up with a work plan for Fiscal Year 2025. There are approximately 140 projects, and 22 project locations for the Safe Streets for All safety programs, including lane departure, SRTS, intersection projects, etc.

Abigail Flores (Hillsborough County): Abigail discussed that the projects have tier one improvements including low-cost, easily implementable improvements such as delineators, signage and pavement marking, etc. She discussed a school study the County is doing in Ruskin, as well as other school studies. Hillsborough County also is collaborating on a project on Manhattan Avenue. They finished project development for Manhattan Avenue, and they are in the implementation phase and sending the project for design.

Josh Blackman (City of Tampa): The City of Tampa submitted their grant for North Boulevard. He also discussed work on the Neighborhood Greenway, as well as Safe Streets for All grants.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Funding opened for the Sun Trail program and closes December 19th.

Health Agencies/Research

Alexandria Roeder (TGH): Tampa General Hospital is doing multiple Stop the Bleed seminars. TGH is also helping with Battle of the Belts, with pre and post education auditors for seatbelts. Alexandria also discussed that whole blood administration is beneficial, and TGH is trying to make it to the hospitals and is currently working with legislation. She discussed that TGH Aero meds have whole blood. Discussion followed about Alexandria doing Stop the Bleed training after a future CTST meeting.

Lindsey Champlin (AAA): There will be a Holiday Fun Fest on December 7th at AAA's Carrollwood office. It is a free event, and many vendors will be there.

Community Organizations/University

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin went to Lanier High School on September 19th for their bike night/rodeo. October 1st was Temple Terrace's National Night Out. Also, the FDOT District 7 newsletter was just released.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): There were 39 schools that registered for National Walk to School Day, which is a 20 percent increase in participation from last year. Eleven schools rescheduled for the National Walk to School Day, due to the hurricane.

Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition): There will be a Candlelight Vigil on December 5th at Mission Hill Church in Temple Terrace. The vigil is homage to loved ones who died in drunk driving crashes. Discussion followed.



School Operations

Melissa Kincheloe (Crossing Guards for Hillsborough County): Hillsborough County crossing guards are working their best to clear up sidewalks with debris. For example, portions of Clay Avenue had six feet of debris. Melissa is working on putting in work orders for areas with a lot of debris.

Corey Norris (Hillsborough County School District): The school bus camera stop arms have been in operation for a month. Corey does not have violation statistics yet. Discussion followed on cameras in school zones. Also, it is National School Bus week.

III. Presentations

Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition): Ellen Snelling gave a presentation on marijuana legalization, risks and costs. She discussed the current marijuana policy in Florida. The percentage of THC in cannabis samples increased from 3.96 percent in 1995 to 15.34 percent in 2021. She discussed the Amendment 3 ballot summary and what saying yes vs. saying no is to the amendment. Amendment 3 loopholes include: does not prohibit public smoking of recreational marijuana, marijuana businesses granted criminal and civil immunity, only medical marijuana corporations can sell recreational marijuana with no competition from small businesses and no home growing allowed, and that it creates a big marijuana monopoly. She explained to read the entire four-page amendment when deciding to vote, not just the ballot summary. She explained health risks and costs, as well as resources available to educate yourself on Amendment 3.

Megan Tetro (Hillsborough County): Megan gave a presentation on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration Grant. The grant includes supplemental planning activities and demonstration activities. Supplemental planning activities include pre/post construction data collection and evaluation, action plan update, school technical advisory community engagement, online public outreach, TPO committee presentations, and County's "At Your Service" portal for resident related requests. Demonstration activities include pro-active, low-cost, proven safety countermeasures for pedestrians, bicyclists, those accessing transit, and motorists. Demonstration areas include Mann Middle and Seffner Elementary School, Giunta Middle School, Lennard High School, Falkenburg Road, Lakewood Drive, 131st Avenue, and unsignalized intersection locations. Unsignalized intersection improvement includes delineators for access management, RPMs to reduce turning radii, advance intersection and stop signage, and high visibility pavement markings. The expected period of performance for planning and demonstration grant agreements is between 12 months and five years, depending on the scope and extent of the grant activities. The period of performance for planning and demonstration grant and implementation grant agreements may not exceed five years. The grant funded project benefits include improving safety for all roadway users, provides sustainable alternatives to driving, provides infrastructure in underserved communities, and improves walking and bicycling access to schools, transit, and destinations.

IV. Announcements/Discussion Items

Abigail Flores (Hillsborough County): There will not be a November CTST meeting due to the holidays, so the next meeting will be in December.



V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2024, 9:30 am – Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Josh Blackman (City of Tampa), Lindsey Champlin (AAA), Emmeth Duran (FDOT District 7), Abigail Flores (Hillsborough County), Allison Goebel (Hillsborough County Public Schools Transportation), Michelle Harris (AAA), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), Paula Jones (Hillsborough County School District), Melissa Kincheloe (Crossing Guards for Hillsborough County), Barbara Lopez (AECOM), Ziha Mohammadi (Mohsen Design Group), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Corey Norris (Hillsborough County School District), Lori Palaio (JMT), James Reiser (LEL), Alexandria Roeder (TGH), Christina Roulnois (Lochner), Ruby Shannon (Hillsborough County Public School District), Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO), Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition), Michael Tayler (Hillsborough County Trauma Agency and EMPC), Mega Tetro (Hillsborough County), Linda Wu (Burgess and Niple)