

Pasco CTST – December 11, 2024

Meeting started at 10:02am

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

II. **Meeting Dedication**

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina Russo is hoping to have a deeper conversation about motorcycle fatalities later in the meeting, so that will be the meeting dedication. We do not get to see the ones that we save every day.

III. **Minutes Approved**

- October minutes were approved.

IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Eric Henry clarified some of the confusion with traffic operations, whether we were looking at this intersection or the one further south on Gulf Drive. Eric clarified the location was at US 19 and Bay Boulevard.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – Eric Henry stated that construction completed on December 4th. They are still pending some final reviews before everything is submitted on FDOT's side.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – There is a meeting in Zephyrhills this morning. No further update.
4. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – SR 52 is resurfacing and there will be some access management changes. Eric Henry will check back with the project manager to see if there have been any new updates.
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Tina Ruso (Pasco MPO): Tina shared a fatal crash in Pasco County on SR 52. On November 2nd, 2024, at 10:25pm, vehicle one, a Mitsubishi Outlander, driven by a 51-year-old Holiday man, was traveling eastbound on SR 52. Vehicle two, a KTM motorcycle, operated by a 21-year-old New Port Richey man, was traveling westbound on SR 52. At the intersection of Parkwood Street, vehicle one turned left into the path of and was struck by vehicle two. The motorcyclist suffered fatal injuries at the scene of the crash. Driver one suffered minor injuries, as did a 16-year-old male passenger and a 16-year-old female passenger. A 48-year-old female passenger suffered serious injuries. All four were transported to area hospitals for medical care. Discussion followed.

Clinton Wynn (Local Resident): The debris is on the east side of the Tractor Supply between the furniture strip plaza and Tractor Supply. The curve adds onto the line-of-sight issue. Discussion followed. Jim Reiser, LEL, suggested speed feedback signs or other traffic calming measures. Eric believes there was a safety review on SR 52. Eric will go back through the records to find it. Discussion followed. *SR 52, east of Parkwood Street/Tractor Supply will be added to the problem location sheet.*

Tina Ruso (Pasco MPO): Discussion followed about the fatal crash on SR 54 and Grant Boulevard. The fatal crash was a freightliner propane tanker truck vs a pedestrian. Tina reached out to Andrew Gray, JMT, on this. Tina will also reach out to Jim Reiser on this on the law enforcement side of this fatal crash as well.

V. New Business

Education

Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital): Sheila, Tina, and Casey went to Anclote Elementary School to do some bike and pedestrian safety with their kids. They were participants in the bike poster contest last year. They handed out 85 helmets for 3rd and 4th graders. They also did instruction and did a lesson for 165 kids. For Safe Kids, they had their luncheon the other day and Tina received the Pasco County Member of the Year recognition. Discussion followed.

Kasey Cursey (Pasco MPO): Kasey suggested sending out to the CTST group information from Doctor Meghan Martin talking about the top ten things that will land you in the hospital just before the season. Doctor Meghan Martin is a pediatric trauma doctor who works in the ER. Hoverboards, e-bikes, and button batteries were some of the top things that can land someone, especially a child, in the hospital. Discussion followed.

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): Law enforcement has started to do the teen impact safety classes. They have been to a few classes in Pinellas County. There is none currently in Pasco County.

Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital): Battle of the Belts has transitioned over to a statewide program. The state is offering free kits to the high schools to get them started. There is a limited number of kits available. Pasco County has been a leader in doing that program. They are looking at new schools interested in Battle of the Belts. There is a count being done at the beginning without the students knowing as they're rolling into school, counting how many kids are wearing seatbelts. Then the school does a push campaign for students to hear how important seatbelts are. At the end of the week, there are counts

again to see if seat belt usage has changed. It is a fun, safety-oriented program. Discussion followed. After the hurricane, Sheila's team went on a hurricane relief effort. They have given out over 260 car seats in two months. They educate each parent, have the parent install the car seat, and then they check installation. They started this on October 3rd, which was one event prior to the second hurricane. The biggest issues were the flooding of the car seats. Discussion followed.

Enforcement

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): There is going to be a saturation on all of US 19 on December 18th.

Engineering

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Paco County Engineering Services was awarded a Safe Streets grant and there was a lot of crosswalks and RRFB discussions. Pasco MPO just signed their agreement, and they are starting their task order with their safety action plan.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori Palaio discussed the fatal crash map. From January 1st to September 17th, 2024, there have been 74 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to August 3rd, 2024, there were 65 fatal crashes. The nine new fatal crashes include one rollover, two bicycle, one run off road, one head on, one other, and three left turn fatal crashes. For the two new bicycle fatal crashes. The first bicycle fatal crash was on August 26th, 2024, at 10:02am (Report Number 26396193) on Chancey Road and Zephyr Preserve Place, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. Driver one failed to observe that non-motorist one was traveling west in the eastbound lane of Chancey Road as he was approaching other cyclists traveling west in the westbound lanes. The second bicycle fatal crash was on September 2nd, 2024, at 1:50am (Report Number 26410329) on Long Avenue and 15th Street, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling westbound on Long Avenue approaching the intersection of 15th Street. Non-motorist one was traveling in the westbound lanes of Long Avenue just west of 15th Street. As the driver of vehicle one crested the hill he did not observe anyone in front of him in the roadway until last minute. The front passenger side of vehicle one collided with the rear of non-motorist one's tricycle.

There are 74 fatal crashes through September 17th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were 63 fatal crashes. So, Pasco County is up by 11 fatal crashes same period. Note that motorcycle fatal crashes are the highest fatal crash mode of travel in Pasco County. There are currently 26 motorcycle fatal crashes.

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): We have the 60-day lag with Signal 4. She showed the motorcycle fatalities for Pasco County up until October 10th. There have been 30 motorcycle fatal crashes. Two of them were alcohol related and 17 of the fatal crashes occurred at night. Eleven of the motorcycle fatal crashes were left turn fatal crashes. There have been nine fatal crashes since October 10th, so we are around 39 motorcycle fatalities year to date in Pasco County. A lot of aging road users make left turns in front of motorcycles. The Safety Action Plan will do a deep dive into crash data to see if they can figure out what countermeasure options that can be implemented.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Anthony Chaumont (JMT): Anthony presented on the FDOT Highway Safety Matrix. It is a tool that compares all the emphasis areas from the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The emphasis areas are the areas that generally represent the groupings, statistically where there are the most fatal and severe injury crashes. It is a comparative presentation of the 2024 to the new 2025 data that's available. Group one represents populations greater than 200,000. Pasco County's average rank improved, so there were less crashes (average rank from 6.4 to 7.1) between 2024 and 2025. In Pasco County aging road users went from the highest county to number two rank, so there was slight improvement in that category. Distracted driving remained the same as the number two county. Impaired driving improved quite a bit, it was the number four county and now it is ranked as number nine. Occupant protection remained the same at 12. Pedestrian and bicyclists remained the same at number eight. Speeding and aggressive improved by one category. Teen drivers remained the same from the previous year. Work zones got a little worse, as it went from number six ranking to number five ranking. Anthony provided additional statistics and distributions between the different counties. He directed everyone to the highway safety matrices on <https://www.fdot.gov/Safety/grants/highwaysafetymatrices.shtm>

Discussion and questions followed.

Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): There is an increase in Zephyrhills crashes because they have been educating the officers now on proper reporting of crashes, so they are documenting more of the information in the crash reports, which is why it is reflecting that increase now.

Jim Reiser (LEL): They just did training recently for crash reporting to make sure the accurate information is being captured in these reports. The DHSMV is looking to come back year and do some additional training. There was a heavy representation of D7 in that training. Hopefully the data will improve going forward as more officers learn what boxes to properly check when investigating these crashes.

Discussion and questions followed.

VII. Fatality Tracking

No update.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Lori Palaio (JMT): Hernando County applied for a bright stick request. FDOT is reviewing some of the HSIP applications currently. There is some funding available, so if anybody wants to apply, now is the time to do so.

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

Jim Reiser (LEL): Holiday Drive Sober Get Pulled Over starts on Friday and runs through January 1st. He is motivating some law enforcement to get some extra patrol over the holidays. Pasco County Sheriff's Office trained 65 deputies in the basic field sobriety classes. Discussion followed.



MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 2024

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina will be leaving Pasco MPO on December 27th. She is joining FDOT District 7 safety team as the new bike ped specialist. Ginger's old position has been vacant for over a year.

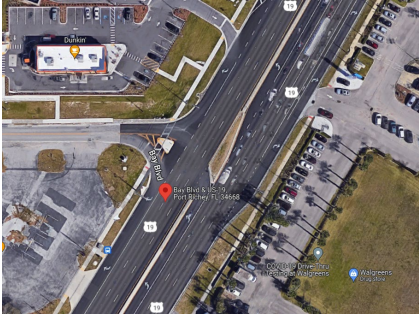
Discussion followed on Rebecca Bogue of Pasco County possibly being the new Pasco CTST chair. She is with planning and development in Pasco County. Nomination will be discussed at the January 2025 meeting.

Next Meeting: January 22nd, 2025, 1:30pm – In-Person Meeting (Zephyrhills City Hall – Council Chambers Room, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL)

Meeting adjourned at 11:34am.

Meeting Attendees: Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Rebecca Bogue (Pasco Planning), Anthony Chaumont (JMT), Kasey Cursey (Pasco MPO), Isabella Discepolo (Bayonet Point), Eric Henry (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Renisa Martinez (Hohn's Hopkins All Children's Hospital), Brian Michaels (Pasco County BPAC), Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital), James Reiser (LEL), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD), Tina Russo (MPO), Clinton Wynn (Local Resident)


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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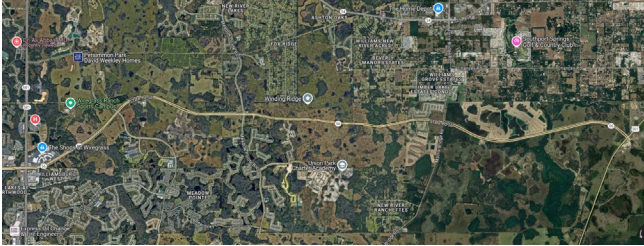
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status
	2/28/24	This is being followed up by FDOT. On US 19, south of Gulf Drive, delineators were put up to eliminate the left turn phase. If you're going northbound, it's the left turn into Wells Fargo and Publix. There were a lot of crashes there and Port Richey 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	Eric Henry, from FDOT, stated that he would follow up with traffic operations regarding this.	Pending
Eric Henry clarified some of the confusion with traffic operations, whether we were looking at this intersection or the one further south on Gulf Drive. Eric clarified the location was at US 19 and Bay Boulevard.	12/11/24		

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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. 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.			
Emphasis Area: Signal Four		Safety Issues		
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
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.	Complete	
Eric Henry stated that construction completed on December 4th. They are still pending some final reviews before everything is submitted on FDOT's side.	12/11/24			

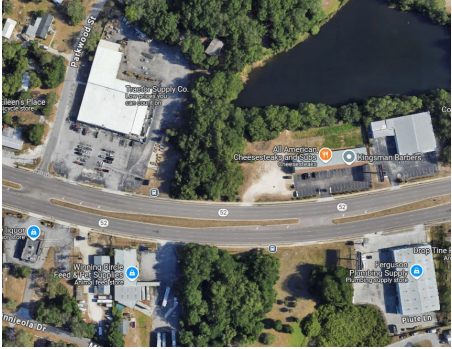
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<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkKkN9</p>	Dec 2023	At Daughterly Road and US 301, there are crashes at the signalized intersection. Daughterly Road is between two shopping centers.		Tina Russo (MPO)
<p>Comments</p> <p>There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughterly Road. The crashes are typically elderly people. 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>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</p>				
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
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		Pending	
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<p>SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXxmgS6</p>	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)
<p>Comments</p> <p>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.</p>				
<p>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</p> <p>Speeding and Aggressive Driving</p>				
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
Eric Henry will check back with the project manager to see if there have been any new updates.		12/11/24		

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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				
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SR 52, east of Parkwood Street/Tractor Supply  https://maps.app.goo.gl/T85epSPtdwyBpbxz8	Dec 2024	Line of Sight Issues	Clinton Wynn (Local Resident)	FDOT
Comments				
<p>The recent fatality that concerned Clinton was in front of Tractor Supply with a motorcyclist. A young man was going westbound, and he ended up dying, 21 years old, coming from Hicks Road and SR 52 towards Tractor Supply towards Chicago Avenue. He wasn't drinking or speeding. There have been a lot of fatalities from motorcycles on SR 52, SR 54, US 301, etc. SR 52 is a bad area, as from the toll road, west, it is dark all the way to Chicago Avenue. Clinton sent a letter to Tina that he provided a letter to the landowner that is just east of the tractor supply, that he would go by there with his tractor and cut the debris back. You cannot see around the corner due to the debris on the north side of SR 52. Clinton states that due to not being able to see, he goes through Parkwood Street to avoid pulling out on SR 52. The debris is too high up and too far out, even though it does not encroach on the sidewalk. The debris is on the east side of the tractor supply between the furniture strip plaza and tractor supply. The curve adds onto the line-of-sight issue. Jim Reiser, LEL, suggested speed feedback signs or other traffic calming measures.</p>				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Motorcyclists and Motor Scooter Riders			
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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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