



University CTST – December 4, 2024

Meeting started at 3:05pm

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and introductions were given by the group. The November meeting minutes were approved. Brian Goercke, from USF, stated that INTO is no longer the name of the program. INTO is now called International Student Support.

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 just north of Kennedy Boulevard, Willow Avenue is blocked off. Construction is moving right along and is causing a lot of traffic issues. Marty will inquire on when construction will be completed.
4. **North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard:** Marty Sorrentino (UT) stated that the Unite Boulevard grant is being worked on and the limits are from Ross Avenue to Swann Avenue.

Josh Blackman, from City of Tampa, gave a presentation called “Transforming Tampa’s Tomorrow.” The City of Tampa applied for the Unite Boulevard grant. The project seeks to reconnect communities that have been segregated through the construction of Interstate 275 and the Selmon Expressway. The project proposes a Complete Street project for Boulevard providing improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, access to transit, and creating safer streets through traffic calming measures. Roberts City once stood where Blake High School, Tampa Prep, and Julian B. Lane Park sit today. A fire hydrant serves as the last remainder of Roberts City today. Transportation needs include Justice 40 – Disadvantaged Area, 23 percent of households within this tract do not own vehicles, and high injury network. The limit of the project is from Swann Avenue to Ross Avenue (1.8 miles), with 11,900 average vehicles per day and a cost of approximately 31 million dollars (50 percent match). Planning integration includes InVision Tampa, West River Redevelopment Plan, Imagine 2040: Tampa Comprehensive Plan, West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), and Tampa MOVES Mobility Plan. Josh discusses the different segments of the project and some of the proposed improvements.



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III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith): For Tampa Police Department (TPD), the subgrant with FDOT was signed yesterday. Education/enforcement efforts will be underway. TPD is working on the nitrous oxide issues with the University of Tampa (UT). The nitrous oxide is sold at a smoke shop across from UT, which is a felony. Ellen Snelling, from Tampa Alcohol Coalition, stated that nitrous oxide is an inhalant and has been heavily seen on Tik Tok.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Hillsborough Community College Dale Mabry campus did their roadway safety day two weeks ago. CUTR talked to students and staff there on walk bike drive safety.

Eric Henry (FDOT): On Saturday, December 7th, AAA will be hosting a AAA Holiday Fun Fest at the Carrollwood Office. FDOT will be there to hand out education materials and bicycle lights. Sunday, December 8th, FDOT will be at the Bucs game with Ride Smart Florida. Ride Smart Florida is motorcycle focused. The MADD Candlelight Vigil is tomorrow, December 5th at Mission Hill Church in Temple Terrace. Emmeth Duran from FDOT will attend the MADD Candlelight Vigil.

Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition): There will be a Tampa Alcohol Coalition on December 17th at Tampa Police Department District Two. Julie Pearson, a chief forensic toxicologist for the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office will talk about drug death statistics and any current trends. Ellen Snelling discussed that opioid fentanyl deaths are down from previous years.

Julie Bond (CUTR): There will be a helmet fitting at John's Hopkins on Bruce B Downs Boulevard on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a couple hundred helmets handed out and over 20 non-profit organizations.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to September 15th, 2024, there have been 16 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to August 21st, 2024, there were 14 fatal crashes. There were two new fatal crashes, one within a one-mile proximity to the USF campus, and one within a one-mile proximity to the HCC Southshore Campus. Both fatal crashes were pedestrian fatal crashes.

The USF pedestrian fatal crash was on September 2nd, 2024, at 2:53pm (Report Number 26931991) on East Fowler Avenue and East 56th Street at the four-way intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. The non-motorist was riding an electric scooter on the east side of the intersection within the crosswalk



attempting to travel northbound on North 56th Street, crossing East Fowler Avenue. The non-motorist did not comply with the solid orange hand.

The HCC Southshore pedestrian fatal crash was on August 18th, 2024, at 12:01am (Report Number 26385561) on East College Avenue and 30th Street SE, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was westbound in the inside lane on East College Avenue approaching 30th Street SE. Non-motorist one was walking across the eastbound lanes from the south shoulder to the center median and then proceeded to cross the westbound travel lanes of East College Avenue. Non-motorist one walked into the direct path of vehicle one.

There were 16 fatal crashes through September 15th, 2024. Same period in 2023, there were eight fatal crashes. University CTST is up by eight fatal crashes same period.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Brian Goercke (USF): There will be a Bicycle, Pedestrian, Auto, Scooter, and Skateboard Safety Workshop coming up soon. Discussion followed.

Tonya Randolph (BayCare Kids/Safe Kids Greater Tampa): Tonya discussed injury prevention through Safe Kids Greater Tampa. She also discussed child passenger safety. They have two grants for car seats for low-income families. Many families need new car seats after the hurricane. They also have many car seat classes at various locations on various days throughout December. They also have a mobile car seat safety class as well that is free. Eric Henry, from FDOT, stated that FDOT has car seat fitting printed materials that they could provide. Discussion followed.

Kathleen Koviak (USF): Kathleen has not heard yet when the next National Campus Day event is. Brentin Mosher stated that this year it was in February but is unsure when it will be held next year. Discussion followed.

Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition): Amendment three failed, which Ellen stated she is happy about. There still needs to be education on this amendment, as in a couple years, the amendment may be back at the next election.

Julie Bond (CUTR): Julie showed the CTST group the plaque on the wall with all the previous bicyclists of the year. She told the group if anyone knows anybody that deserves this award, to nominate them on Survey Monkey. Brentin will send out the survey soon to nominate people. There will be a reception and bike ride around the campus in January or February.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2024, 3:00pm – Virtual Meeting




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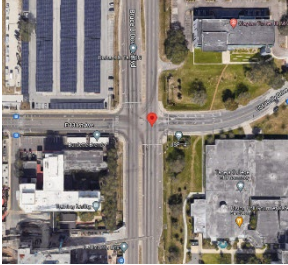
Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm

Attendees: Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Josh Blackman (City of Tampa), Susan Boda (Benesch), Julie Bond (USF CUTR), Brian Goercke (USF), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Kathleen Koviak (USF), Chanyoung Lee (USF), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Tonya Randolph (BayCare Kids/Safe Kids Greater Tampa), Jim Reiser (LEL), Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition), Marty Sorrentino (UT)




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1	May 2022	<p>Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/EuYbxcwQRL4EeCn36</p>	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 Sean Jaquez-Taylor (USF PD) will reach out to Officer Marchesano. No update.</p>



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3	Jan 2023	Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue  https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59	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. 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 Woodlynne 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. Marty stated that just north of Kennedy Boulevard, Willow Avenue is blocked off. Katie Godwin (UT) stated that they are doing utility maintenance and the initial end date for that was October 31st, but it was pushed back. The rerouting of that has come through the UT campus so there is increased vehicle traffic on campus, but that should resolve once the area becomes less construction heavy. Marty will inquire on when construction will be completed.</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. 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. Marty Sorrentino (UT) stated that the Unite Boulevard grant is being worked on. Eric Henry (FDOT) is trying to get Josh Blackman from the City of Tampa to present on the project.</p> <p>Marty Sorrentino (UT) stated that the Unite Boulevard grant is being worked on and the limits are from Ross Avenue to Swann Avenue. Josh Blackman from the City of Tampa gave a presentation on the Unite Boulevard grant.</p>