



## MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2025

### Pasco CTST – January 22, 2025

Meeting started at 1:37pm

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

#### II. **Meeting Dedication**

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): Tina Russo discussed a double fatality (motorcyclist/pedestrian) on Little Road.

#### III. **Minutes Approved**

- December minutes were approved.

#### IV. **Old Business**

1. **US 19 and Bay Boulevard** – Eric Henry looked into this location. In the past (2023), the FDOT looked at doing some signal modifications; a study was completed at this location but decided against it due to the impacts that it would have on the signal at Ridge Road. Tina will look into this once more.
2. **US 301 and Chancey Road** – Tina said this is complete, the improvements have been completed. Others stated there are still crashes there – it's better but still issues. Kasey Cursey (Pasco MPO) stated trucks are still going over the pork chops. She will look at this from a truck perspective. Discussion followed.
3. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Ofc. Rose, of Zephyrhills PD, said they are still having problems. There is no turn signal going east or west which is causing congestion. Eric will discuss this with the traffic group.
4. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – Eric Henry stated he doesn't think there is funding to install a signal at this location. Tina and Eric will look at this location again.
5. **SR 56 from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to US 301** – Tina will look at this today. Pasco County is looking at this and needs a collaboration with Duke Energy.
6. **SR 52, east of Parkwood Street/Tractor Supply** - Tina will look at this location once more. Discussion followed.

#### V. **New Business**

The group discussed new chair options since Tina Russo has now taken a position at FDOT. After some discussion, a chair was not selected yet.

Jim Reiser (LEL): He requested a listing of law enforcement personnel who are on the invitation list. He will start reaching out to folks to bolster attendance. Discussion followed.

### *Education*

Tina Russo (FDOT): She mentioned that her and Kasey Cursey will be participating in the upcoming helmet fitting training in St. Petersburg, on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This event is open to all interested.

Ofc. Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): He asked about getting bike lights for the Crystal Springs encampment. They are being moved and they are trying to get those folks ped/bikes lights or something for visibility during this move and for the future. Tina mentioned she could help him with this request. Discussion followed on motorcycle safety and helmets.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin stated that CUTR has been out on the streets doing education at night along US 19. They may visit a cold weather shelter at Shady Hills Mission Chapel where they will give reflective gear and items. CUTR is evaluating the signal cabinet wraps in Pasco County; he asked Eric to send out the email with the links to take the survey.

Eric Henry (FDOT): He stated that Safe Kids is looking for volunteers for the Battle of Belts program at local high schools, pre- and post-assessment. It would be two days at each location. Izzy discussed her experience doing these in the past. Discussion followed.

### *Enforcement*

Isabella Discepolo (Florida Bayonet Point Hospital): She stated if anyone needs a Stop the Bleed program, she's our go-to person and will come to you and your group.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): He discussed the upcoming ELEE ceremony which will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about how law enforcement receives points and the equipment they can win. Discussion followed.

### *Engineering*

Tina Russo (Pasco MPO): She discussed Bellamy Brothers Boulevard and that this location is on Pasco MPO's list of priority projects and FDOT is looking to help supplement some of the funding.

### *Crash Statistics*

Melissa Shepherd (JMT): From January 1st through October 29th, 2024, there had been 81 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st through September 17th, there were 74 fatal crashes. The seven new fatal crashes include two right angle, one bicycle, one head on, and 3 pedestrian fatal crashes.

The bicycle fatal crash occurred on September 22nd, 2024, at 11:05pm (Report Number 26416888) on State Road 56 and Shops Lane at the t-intersection in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling east on State Road 56, in the right travel lane, approaching the red light at Shops Lane. Non-motorist one was traveling south in a marked crosswalk across State Road 56, near Shops Lane. Vehicle one failed to stop at the steady red traffic signal. As a result, the front right of vehicle one collided with the right side of non-motorist one.

The three pedestrian fatal crashes included: The first pedestrian fatal crash occurred on September 28th, 2024, at 1:45am (Report Number 26410355) on US 19 and Scenic Drive the four-way intersection in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling northbound on US 19 in the center lane, approaching Scenic Drive intersection. Non-motorist one was crossing eastbound on US 19 south of marked pedestrian crosswalk. Non-motorist one suddenly entered the road. As a result, vehicle one collided with non-motorist one. The second pedestrian fatal crash occurred on October 4th, 2024, at 3:59am (Report Number 26396289) on CR-581 (Bruce B Downs Boulevard) and Crescent Lake Drive a four-way intersection in dark-lighted, cloudy, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling southbound in the outside lane on CR-581 (Bruce B Downs Boulevard) approaching the Crescent Lake Road intersection. Non-motorist one entered the road crossing CR-581 westbound within a marked crosswalk at the intersection of CR-581 and Crescent Lake Road. As a result, the front left of vehicle one collided with non-motorist one. The third pedestrian fatal crash occurred on October 19th, 2024, at 7:11am (Report Number 26425755) on State Road 54 and Pecan Drive not at intersection in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling westbound in the outside lane of State Road 54, east of Pecan Drive. Non-motorist one was traveling northbound across the westbound lanes of State Road 54, east of Pecan Drive. Non-motorist one entered the westbound outside lane directly in front of vehicle one. As a result, vehicle one struck non-motorist one.

There are currently 81 fatal crashes through October 29th, 2024. Same period in 2023 there were 77 fatal crashes. Pasco County is up by four fatal crashes in the same period. 35.7% of total fatal crashes are motorcycle crashes, 33% are vehicle crashes, and 25% are pedestrian crashes. The highest fatal crash mode of travel is motorcycle fatal crashes in Pasco County.

### **VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports**

Tina Russo (FDOT): She stated that it is Move Over month.

Eric Katz (Marlin Engineering): Eric gave a presentation on Micromobility Traffic Counts Strategic Plan and Data Collection. Discussion and questions followed.

### **VII. Fatality Tracking**

No update.

### **VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates**

No update.

### **IX. Open Forum/Announcements**

No update.



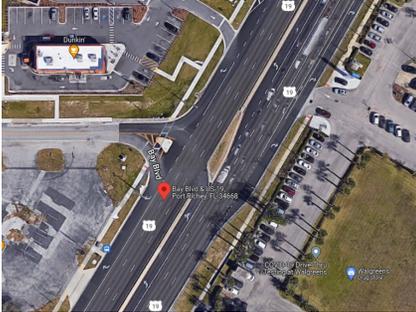
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**Next Meeting: February 26, 2025, 1:30pm – Virtual Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm.

**Meeting Attendees:** Rebecca Bogue (Pasco Planning), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), David Cruz (AARP), Kasey Cursey (Pasco County MPO), Isabella Discepolo (Florida Bayonet Point Hospital), Eric Henry (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Eric Katz (Marlin Engineering), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Jim Reiser (LEL), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD), Tina Russo (FDOT)

## STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
US 19 and Bay Boulevard  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A">https://goo.gl/maps/qqWNcVRBzQ9GmPV3A</a>	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)
<b>Comments</b>				
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.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>	Intersection Improvements			
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>	
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	<b>Eric Henry looked into this location. In the past (2023), the FDOT looked at doing some signal modifications; a study was completed at this location but decided against it due to the impacts that it would have on the signal at Ridge Road. Tina will look into this once more.</b>	Pending

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US 301 and Chancey Road  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/CPJs6mRe1fdyi3Hp9</a>	Dec 2023	On the south side of US 301 near Chancey Road, there are safety issues.		Tina Russo (MPO)
<b>Comments</b>				
<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>				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>				
Safety Issues				
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
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	<b>Tina said this is complete, the improvements have been completed.</b>		Complete
<b>Others stated there are still crashes there – it's better but still issues. Kasey Cursey (Pasco MPO) stated trucks are still going over the pork chops. She will look at this from a truck perspective. Discussion followed.</b>	1/22/25			

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<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p> <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkK9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkK9</a></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><b>Comments</b></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><b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b></p>				
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>	
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 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	
There is a meeting in Zephyrhills this morning. No further update.	12/11/24	<b>Ofc. Rose, of Zephyrhills PD, said they are still having problems. There is no turn signal going east or west which is causing congestion. Eric will discuss this with the traffic group.</b>	Pending	

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<p>SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road</p>  <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXmqS6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXmqS6</a></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><b>Comments</b></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><b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b></p> <p>Speeding and Aggressive Driving</p>				
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	<b>Eric Henry stated he doesn't think there is funding to install a signal at this location. Tina and Eric will look at this location again.</b>	Pending

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SR 56 from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to US 301  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8</a>	Nov 2024	Lighting Request	Emmeth Duran (FDOT)	FDOT
<b>Comments</b> 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.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b> Intersection/Corridor Improvements				
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>		<b>Status</b>
Jeffrey Moncalian of Pasco County stated that they had something they were working on to get street lighting on SR 56 and Bruce B Downs Boulevard. He will check with Venkat to see the status of this, as they were working with both Duke Energy and Withlacoochee Electric because there are boundaries that split SR 56.	12/11/24	<b>Tina will look at this today. Pasco County is looking at this and needs a collaboration with Duke Energy.</b>		Pending

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SR 52, east of Parkwood Street/Tractor Supply  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/T85epSPtdwyBpbxz8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/T85epSPtdwyBpbxz8</a>	Dec 2024	Line of Sight Issues	Clinton Wynn (Local Resident)	FDOT
<b>Comments</b> 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.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>	Motorcyclists and Motor Scooter Riders			
<b>Action Item / Countermeasure</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>	
Eric believes there was a safety review on SR 52. Eric will go back through the records to find it.	12/11/24	<b>Tina will look at this location once more. Discussion followed.</b>	Pending	



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## LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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