

Pasco CTST – March 26, 2025

Meeting started at 1:31pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Meeting Dedication

Discussion followed about who will do the meeting dedication moving forward. Tina Russo and Christina Boulnois will discuss offline.

III. Minutes Approved

- February minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

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Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina has been looking at the top five locations. She will have some suggestions at the next meeting.

V. New Business

Education

Eric Henry (FDOT): Walk Like MADD is this Friday at USF in Tampa. Next week starts Work Zone Awareness Month. Work Zone Awareness Week is the week of April 21st. FDOT is hoping to develop a partner toolkit with some social media posts and materials that other local agencies can use. Work zones has been a problem emphasis area in the district, particularly in Hernando, Pasco, and Citrus County where there has been an unfortunate number of fatalities and serious injuries.

Isabella Discepolo (Florida Bayonet Point Hospital): They are in the middle of Battle of the Belts with the high schools. Prom Promise is going on for the high schools in Pasco.

Kasey Cursey (EXP): Kasey noticed with Battle of the Belts, that there were at least eight cars where the parents weren't wearing seatbelts, but the students were. Discussion followed.

Renisa Martinez (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital): There were about 70 schools that registered for the Battle of the Belts. Safe Kids Day Pasco is coming up. It is going to be at Wesley Chapel District Park in May.

Jeannine Laurence (MADD): MADD attended the Wiregrass Ranch Health and Safety Fair. They did some impaired driving and underage use prevention talks with them. MADD has been working with local schools for outreach and education. They have a new program this year, Promposal. Jeannine will be presenting to their upper division at Academy at the Lakes in two weeks. MADD continues to work with the juvenile court and juvenile sheriff. MADD does an annual law enforcement recognition event statewide. Nominations are open right now – nominations aren't just for law enforcement; it is for anyone who helps with impaired driving.

Tina Russo (FDOT): Tina and Isabella will be doing a modified car fit program at Bayonet on May 14th. They are trying to figure out the best way to do car fit with aging drivers. They will incorporate bike ped walking safety for the seniors at one of the events. Aging drivers is one of the highest fatality rates, as well as one of the highest causing fatality rates, especially for motorcyclists in Pasco County.

Enforcement

Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): On March 19th, in cooperation with FHP and various agencies, along US 301, from Manatee County to the Sumter County Line, they did a saturation patrol for speeding and other violations. There were around 240 citations, 189 warnings, and one convicted felon in possession of a firearm that was arrested during the operation. The operation was from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): The US 301 operation was an Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) operation. The ELEE enforcement period ends next Monday, March 31st. They are in the works of planning the next round of ELEE.

Jim Reiser (LEL): The Law Enforcement Safety Challenge reporting is open. It is where agencies can take their 2024 safety initiatives for traffic safety and report them to the law enforcement liaison program. They get submitted to NTSA to help justify grants, painting funding for roadway improvements, etc. Click it or Ticket is coming up in May through Memorial Day weekend. Operation Southern Slowdown, which is an anti-speeding campaign starts in mid-July. The summer Labor Day Drive Sober Get Pulled Over is coming up. Jim has been working with the Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicles to get some more recent crash information. There have been 19 fatalities in Pasco County from January 1st, 2025, to March 4th, 2025. Discussion followed. Last year same time period there were 20 fatalities, so down by one fatality.

Engineering

Eric Henry (FDOT): A new traffic signal was just installed on US 301 and McIntosh Road. They also added a signal at US 301 and Stacy Road. They are going to be installing an overhead flashing beacon at US 301 and Harney Road.

Discussion followed on flashing yellow arrows.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): We finally have all of 2024 fatal crashes. From January 1st to December 31st, 2024, there were 104 fatal crashes. This is unofficial data, so the data is subject to change. At the last CTST from January 1st to December 16th, there were 98 fatal crashes. So, there have been six new fatal crashes added since the last CTST map. It includes one run off the road, one right angle, two pedestrian, and two left turn fatal crashes. Motorcycle fatal crashes is the second highest fatal crash type in Pasco County, representing 34 percent of fatal crashes. Lori shared the 2024 Safety Facts at a Glance sheet, which provides detailed statistics on various emphasis areas and statistics of all crashes in District Seven. The arrows represent whether there were more crashes or less crashes in 2024 compared to 2023. In all of District Seven, we are down in total crashes, severe injuries, and fatalities. For Pasco County, we are down for total crashes, and severe injuries, but up in fatalities for 2024 compared to 2023. When you break down District Seven 2024 crashes by emphasis area, you can see the different trends. For example, we are up in aggressive and speeding crashes and fatalities, but down in severe injuries. We are improving in some areas and not improving as much in some other areas in District Seven.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): If anyone knows anyone from the schools in the area that are participating in Bike to School Day in May, let Brentin know.

VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Eric Henry (FDOT): There are no updates for Pasco County. They are still accepting applications. Funds are a first come first serve basis.

VIII. Open Forum/Announcements

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori presented on the differences between a midblock pedestrian signal (MPS) and a pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB). Both MPS's and PHB's serve the same purpose but have operational differences. They both enhance pedestrian safety at midblock crossings by stopping traffic when activated. But each use different signal head configurations on the mast arm. There are existing MPS's in Pinellas County on 4th Street. FDOT D7 is developing a PSA for these crossings. MPS's are still under experimentation. Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM) 5.2.3 states that an MPS is a hybrid pedestrian-actuated or bicyclist-actuated traffic control device that alternately directs traffic to stop and flashes a RED indication during the pedestrian clearance interval. This traffic control device is under FHWA's MUTCD request to experiment (RTE) process. The FDOT has a request to experiment (RTE). Local agencies will need to get the request to experiment (RTE) with FHWA if they want to add an MPS on their roads. MPS has a standard red-yellow-green indication. PHB has a cluster signal head with two red indications above a single yellow indication. MPS rests on green until activated by a pedestrian. PHB rests in dark until activated by a pedestrian. MPS, once activated, cycles through steady yellow, steady red, and flashing red indication (pedestrian clearance interval). PHB, once activated, cycles through flashing yellow, steady yellow, steady red, and wig-wag red (pedestrian clearance interval). For state roads, if a corridor has an existing PHB, FDOT will add a new PHBs for corridor uniformity/to not cause confusion. If not, they consider MPS's. Lori discussed data taken from an NCHRP Research Report and an Arizona DOT study and the differences in crash reduction factors between an MPS and PHB. MPS's show a slightly larger crash reduction, but they overall are similar. In FDOT D7 there are existing MPS's along 4th Street and Pinellas Bayway. There are planned MPS locations along Fowler Avenue. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed on possible meeting locations for next months meeting. We will look into reserving Starkey Ranch Library.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2025, 1:30pm – In-Person Meeting, Starkey Ranch Theatre Library Cultural Center, 12118 Lake Blanche Drive, Odessa, FL 33556

Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

Meeting Attendees: Angel Avila (Pasco MPO), Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), Kasey Cursey (EXP), Amy Davis (Pasco County), Isabella Discepolo (Florida Bayonet Point Hospital), Emmeth Duran (FDOT), Jim Hartwell (Element Engineering Group), Eric Henry (FDOT), Jeannine Laurence (MADD), Renisa Martinez (TGH), Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Jim Reiser (LEL), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD), Tina Russo (FDOT), Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County)

STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
<p>Daughtery Road and US 301</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRkKkN9</p>	Dec 2023	At Daughtery Road and US 301, there are crashes at the signalized intersection. Daughtery Road is between two shopping centers.		Tina Russo (MPO)
Comments				
There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughtery 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.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four				
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
Venkat, of Pasco County, will investigate this area.	12/13/23		Complete	
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		Complete	
Tina said she must look at this location with Venkat's help.	2/28/24		Complete	
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		Complete	
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		Complete	

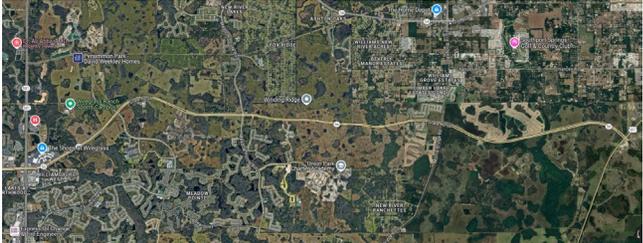


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<p>There is a meeting in Zephyrhills this morning. No further update.</p>	<p>12/11/24</p>	<p>Ofc. Rose, of Zephyrhills PD, said they are still having problems. There is no turn signal going east or west which is causing congestion. Eric will discuss this with the traffic group.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
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<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>																				
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SR 56 from Meadow Point 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
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	Tina will look at this today. Pasco County is looking at this and needs a collaboration with Duke Energy.		Complete



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Tina stated that the segment from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to Meadow Pointe Boulevard meets the criteria for lighting and it is going to be part of the resurfacing project, but it will be for about half of the segment. They are working through the details on the funding and the maintenance. Tina will bring the final details of the project at the next meeting. There is a maintenance issue with Pasco and Withlacoochee that is being worked on.

2/26/25

Venkat finished talking to FDOT. Withlacoochee will do their procurement process. Lighting will go up to Meadow Pointe Boulevard. Phase one is SR 56 from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to Meadow Pointe Boulevard. Phase two will be from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301. The limits will update on SR 56 from Meadow Pointe Boulevard to US 301. That is the section of roadway where there is no lighting improvements planned currently.

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SR 52, east of Parkwood Street/Tractor Supply  https://maps.app.goo.gl/T85epSPtwdyBpbxz8	Dec 2024	Line of Sight Issues	Clinton Wynn (Local Resident)	FDOT
Comments 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.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Motorcyclists and Motor Scooter Riders			
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update		Status
Eric believes there was a safety review on SR 52. Eric will go back through the records to find it.	12/11/24	Tina will look at this location once more. Discussion followed.		Complete
FDOT has been doing safety reviews for this location. The safety office received turning movement counts. There was also a near miss analysis that was done to give a better idea of what the safety concern is. They are in the process of reviewing that and will provide updates once that analysis is complete.	2/26/25	Tina stated they did quite a bit of in-depth studying on turning movements at this location. The complaint was the movement out of Parkwood Street onto SR 52, but the crashes didn't show that was the biggest issue. They are looking at getting the overgrown trees trimmed to improve sight distance. They reached out to the property owner, and they are working with the operation maintenance folks in Brooksville to trim back the growth.		



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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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