

Hillsborough CTST – April 23, 2025

Meeting started at 9:39am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. March 2025 minutes were approved.

II. Membership Reports

Enforcement and Crash Statistics

HCSO: For Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, there have been 604 impaired arrests and three saturations in Hillsborough County this year. Since April 1st, there have been 3,514 stops and 667 citations. They were traffic, drug, firearm, and warrant related.

Jacob Gonzalez (TPD): For Tampa Police Department (TPD), from April 1st to April 22nd, there have been 158 DUI arrests. Same period in 2024, there were 173 DUI arrests. For DUI, TPD will be doing education at the Academy of Holy Names. They also did responsible vendor training at Peabody's, Hyde Park Café, MacDinton's Irish Pub, and others.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric gave an update on behalf of Jim Reiser, LEL. The Click It or Ticket education and enforcement wave is during May over the Memorial Day holiday. There will be a paid NHTSA media blitz May 12th June 1st, 2025. There will be enforcement May 19th through June 1st, 2025. For law enforcement agencies that submitted applications to the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge, their participation is appreciated and agencies that placed for an award will be notified shortly.

James Hartwell (Element Engineering Group): The Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) will be on June 5th. More information to come.

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to February 2nd, 2025, there were 11 fatal crashes. Same period in 2024, there were 16 fatal crashes. We are down five fatal crashes in the same period. These 11 fatal crashes include three pedestrian, three other, one right angle, one run off the road, one rear end, one rollover, and one left turn fatal crash. The first pedestrian fatal crash occurred on January 1st, 2025, at 9:23am (Report Number 26550123) on Williams Road and River International Drive, at the T-intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The driver had a blood alcohol (BAC) of 0.090 g/100mL. The second pedestrian fatal crash occurred on January 3rd, 2025, at 5:04pm (Report Number 26871937) on Gandy Boulevard and Lois Avenue, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The pedestrian walked onto Gandy Boulevard to retrieve a soda in the roadway. The vehicle did not have time to stop. The third pedestrian fatal crash occurred on January 20th, 2025, at 4:34pm (Report Number 26872644) on Hillsborough Avenue and 30th Street, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling eastbound on Hillsborough Avenue in the middle lane. A HART bus was also traveling eastbound in the outside lane. There is a railroad crossing in this block and the HART bus stopped for the crossing. The pedestrian ran in front of the stopped bus, northbound across the travel lanes. At the same



time, vehicle one was passing the bus in the middle lane. The pedestrian darted out in the front of vehicle one, causing vehicle one to collide with the pedestrian.

Health Agencies/Safety Groups

Michele Harris (AAA): On May 3rd is the AAA Theft Prevention Event in Clearwater. There will be demonstrations on catalytic converter theft prevention. They will be handing out free theft prevention kits. Catalytic converters are part of a car's exhaust system. They contain precious metals. People steal the precious metals and then scrap the remainder. Discussion followed.

Alexandria Roeder (Tampa General Hospital): There will be a mass casualty exercise tomorrow. There will be helicopters, trauma units, student volunteers pretending to be patients, etc. Tomorrow, 50 EMS students will learn Stop the Bleed. Alex is part of the pedestrian safety coalition in Orlando. Tampa General Hospital put an EMS group together and they are collaborating with the top three counties that have high fatal and serious injury crashes. TGH is working with the trauma centers in these top three counties.

School Operations

Jacob Gonzalez (TPD): TPD will be giving a teen driver presentation at Freedom High School on Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Rick Adams (Nations Traffic Safety School): Rick received the five-year report on school data from the DHSMV. He discussed the effectiveness of different courses. The 12-hour course for new drivers is 93% effective. The substance disorder course is not effective for new drivers. The state is looking to change the program for teen drivers getting their license for the first time. Discussion followed on driver education programs at schools and the lack of teachers/student participation. Discussion followed on teen driver crashes. Many crashes statewide are drivers between the ages of 16 and 18.

Engineering/Planning

Eric Henry (FDOT): It is Work Zone Awareness Week this week. The CTST Mega Meeting is coming up on May 8th. An RSVP link was sent out to register for the Mega Meeting.

Josh Blackman (City of Tampa): Josh Blackman discussed some new staff at the City of Tampa. They are adding a new transportation engineering manager as well as a new chief mobility planner.

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): This past month, Mahshid held many meetings for new applications for HSIP and SRTS. There are some bright sticks and RRFB requests. Mahshid is working on the point of contact lists for cities and counties.

Community Organizations/University

Eric Henry (FDOT): CUTR is working on geofencing campaigns.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): National Bike and Roll to School Day is May 7th. They also do bike rodeos with the schools. The World Car Free Day is coming up. May 22nd is a Walk Bike Tampa Bike Month Event in Downtown Tampa.



III. Follow-Up Items

Eric stated that FDOT did a high-level crash analysis on US 92 from County Line Road to east of Wiggins Road. They are looking into this further to see if there are any safety studies or lighting studies planned for.

Eric is looking to see if there can be a presentation at a future CTST meeting on the recently passed lane repurposing statute. He is hoping someone can give a presentation in the next few months.

IV. Presentations

Tim Horst (City of Tampa): Tim Horst gave a presentation on the Bike Routes Applications. The City of Tampa updated the city's map of bike routes around stress level. They developed new categories and styles, made an interactive mobile friendly application, and mapped low stress routes citywide as well as difficult intersections. They want to enhance accessibility of active transportation. Recommended action items include integrating the planning and implementation function for City trails and greenways into the City's Transportation and Stormwater Services Department. Update the citywide greenways and trails maps as a component of the Citywide Mobility Plan. Ensure that the planning of greenways and trails is performed with an eye to provide a viable transportation option, not simply a recreational function, and is consistent with the guiding principles of the Citywide Mobility Plan. Develop specific performance goals for trails and greenways planning and implementation. Next steps include reprioritizing Google maps bicycle routing software, having countywide coordination, and building the network with goal tracking for miles of new bikeways and the expansion of neighborhood greenway network.

V. Announcements

Lori Palaio (JMT): If you want your picture included in the CTST Mega Meeting Presentation that Abigail is presenting on, please email your headshot to Lori Palaio. Abigail will be presenting what Hillsborough County CTST is all about and the goals and accomplishments of the group.

VI. Action Items (procedural items for committee vote)

None.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Next Meeting: May 8 2025, CTST Mega Meeting – In-Person, Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W Citrus Springs Blvd, Citrus Springs, FL 34434 (8:30am – 3:00pm)

In attendance: Rick Adams (Nations Traffic Safety School), Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Josh Blackman (City of Tampa), Susan Boda (Benesch), Matt Carter (Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office), Caroline Fraser (Kimley Horn), Jacob Gonzalez (City of Tampa PD), Hugh Gross (Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office), Michele Harris (AAA), James Hartwell (Element Engineering Group), Eric Henry (FDOT), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), Paula Jones (Hillsborough County School District), Melissa Kincheloe (Crossing Guards for Hillsborough County), Barbara Lopez (AECOM), Lori



Palaio (JMT), Soufiane Rharad (AtkinsRealis), Donnie Rizer (Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office),
Alexandria Roeder (Tampa General Hospital), Ruby Shannon (Hillsborough County School District)