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Pasco CTST - June 25, 2025

Meeting started at 1:32pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Meeting Dedication

None. Christina Boulnois, Lochner, will follow up with FDOT on future meeting dedications.

III. Minutes Approved

April minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

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V. New Business

Education

Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital): There will be a helmet fitter training class scheduled in Pinellas County on July 9th at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office North District Station in Dunedin. Anybody is welcome to join. There are currently none in Pasco County right now.

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Eric Henry (FDOT): We are currently in the 100th Deadliest Days for teen drivers, which is a Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition led campaign that runs during the summer, which is historically the deadliest time for teenagers who drive. There are a lot of fatalities for teen drivers within the 100-day range nationwide. Eric attended the Teen Safe Driving Coalition in Orlando yesterday and today. FDOT will put together a report out information sharing presentation that can be delivered to the group so CTST can hear everything that was talked about at that coalition.

Kasey Cursey (EXP): Kasey is certified to do car seat installation. She did a class in late April, and she had the chance to go and do a City of Tampa and Safe Kids event. Kasey learned how to look at the long form to understand how that is marked up with the crash data of car seat installation.

Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital): There will be another certification training in Pinellas, possibly in the Palm River area in November. Discussion followed on car seat training.

Enforcement

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): The Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) Ceremony was on June 5th. They distributed the equipment that people have earned during that program. June 1st started the next round of ELEE and will run for nine months through the end of February 2026. They will conduct details for a certain number of hours on state roads and then they get points and redeem those points for equipment. There was a multi-jurisdiction saturation on US 19 on June 18th. The Pasco law enforcement agencies participated, and it was a very successful event. It went all the way from South Pinellas all the way up to the Levy County Line.

Jim Reiser (LEL): For the US 19 multi-jurisdiction saturation, it didn't only include Pasco, but it included multiple counties. Many people pass form Hernando through Pasco to work in Pinellas every day. That roadway has been an issue in Pasco County for years. There were 579 total citations, 365 of those were speeding during that operation, 9 arrests, 19 seatbelt citations, 33 with no license that were arrested, 295 warnings, 800 traffic stops, and recovered one stolen vehicle. This is along the whole roadway from Citrus County all the way to Pinellas. ELEE enabled bringing these agencies together for saturation patrols, looking holistically at the whole roadway. They are looking to do one multi-jurisdiction saturation once a month. Discussion followed.

Engineering

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): There is a new midblock crossing on SR 54, just east of Starkey Boulevard. It is fully activated now.

Venkat Vattikuti (Pasco County): Pasco County received a draft agreement from the SS4A grant regarding unsignalized crosswalk study locations. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks they will be finalizing the agreement with FHWA so they can start the grant, which is 6.5 million dollars.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st through April 15th, 2025, there have been 24 fatal crashes. These include eight left turns, four head-on, two rollovers, two bicycle, two pedestrian, two off road, one rear end,

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one sideswipe, one other, and one right angle fatal crash. Same period in 2024, there were 32 fatal crashes, so we are currently down by 8 fatal crashes same period.

For the pedestrian fatal crashes: The first pedestrian fatal crash occurred on January 19th, 2025, at 12:15am on Little Road and Embassy Boulevard (Report Number 26465941) at the four-way intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling south in the center lane of Little Road approaching the intersection of Embassy Boulevard. A pedestrian was improperly crossing eastbound across the southbound lanes, not within a crosswalk. The vehicle struck the pedestrian. The vehicle overturned, slid southeast, struck a curb, and hit a bush before coming to rest in the Walgreens parking lot. This crash resulted in a double fatality. The second pedestrian fatal crash occurred on February 12th, 2025, at 9:54pm on Ridge Road and Congress Street (Report Number 26468240), not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The pedestrian was traveling south, across Ridge Road, just east of Congress Street. The pedestrian failed to yield to traffic when crossing the roadway causing the front of the vehicle to collide with the pedestrian.

For the bicycle fatal crashes: The first bicycle fatal crash occurred on February 8th, 2025, at 8:00pm on US 19 and Fivay Road (Report Number 26945962), not at the intersection, in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was northbound on US 19, just north of Fivay Road in the center lane. The bicyclist was eastbound going across the northbound lanes of US 19, just north of Fivay Road. The bicyclist entered the direct path of travel of the vehicle. The second bicycle fatal cash occurred on February 13th, 2025, at 6:15am on Eiland Boulevard and Handcart Road (Report Number 26949044), not at the intersection, in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling westbound on Eiland Blvd, east of Handcart Road. The bicyclist was traveling westbound on the bicycle lane of Eiland Boulevard, east of Handcart Road. For unknown reasons, the bicyclist turned left entering the westbound lane of Eiland Blvd and into the path of the vehicle. Of all the 24 fatal crashes so far in 2025 for Pasco County, 63% occurred at night.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

None.

VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Eric Henry (FDOT): FDOT is working on an application from New Port Richey for an RRFB. The office is waiting on some coordination with New Port Richey on the concept and where exactly they are looking to put it. That is the only active one in Pasco County at the moment. If anybody has any low-cost safety projects that they are looking to do, HSIP is a great way to fund those.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): There recently was a challenge for one of the equipment requests that they were procuring in another county. They were looking for traffic separators for bicycle lanes. Separated bicycle lanes have a safety benefit, crash modification factor, etc., so they are eligible for safety funding. The only challenge FDOT has is that the product that is going to be procured needs to be Build America Buy America compliant. The product that the city was requesting, even though it was under the FDOT approved

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products list, it was not Build America Buy America Compliant. Therefore, the federal funding cannot be used for those types of products. LTAP is doing a webinar in a few weeks on Build America Buy America.

VIII. Open Forum/Announcements

Angel Avila, Pasco MPO and Kathrin Tellez, Fehr and Peers presented on the Pasco County Safety Action Plan. Kathrin Tellez discussed the importance of pivoting and adapting to new developments in vehicle design and distracted driving. She emphasized the need to view safety through a different lens, noting that strategies effective 20 years ago may not work today. She presented data showing that fatalities outpaced population growth from 2009 to 2021 but have recently started to decrease statewide. However, 2024 data is not yet final, and trends may vary. Kathrin Tellez highlighted the human aspect of traffic fatalities, advocating for the use of terms like "crash" or "collision" instead of "accident." She noted that training on word choice has been effective in news reports. In Pasco County, 2024 saw a slight increase in crashes, but 2025 data suggest a downward trend. She compared Pasco's fatality rates to state and national averages, noting higher motorcycle fatalities in the region. The discussion also covered the Safe Systems Approach, which aims to eliminate deaths and serious injuries by accommodating human mistakes and implementing countermeasures to slow vehicles. Kathrin Tellez outlined the five safe system elements: safe road users, safe vehicles, safe speeds, safe road strategies, and post-crash care. She stressed the importance of low-cost, quick-build safety measures alongside long-term improvements. Kathrin Tellez mentioned that public feedback is being sought for the safety plan, with a draft expected in mid-July and public workshops planned for August. The data used to inform the plan will be available for public viewing, with filters to explore different crash scenarios. Crowdsourcing will be used to gather feedback and ideas from residents. In response to the questions, Kathrin Tellez confirmed that the data will be accessible to the public and that flyers and QR codes will be distributed to facilitate feedback. The session concluded with positive feedback and a commitment to continue coordinating efforts to improve road safety.

Jim Hartwell (Element Engineering Gorup): There is going to be an upcoming meeting for a median improvement on US 19 just north of Marine Parkway. He asked if there is any information on what the improvements are going to be. Venkat stated that it is a medium closure.

Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC): Earlier this month there was the BPAC tri-county meeting with Pinellas and Hillsborough County. Pasco MPO BPAC presented on Project Red Light, which is something that was launched about this time last year from CTST. The program focuses on pedestrian safety at signalized intersections and includes driver education and awareness of the new R10-15a signs, which instruct drivers to stop for pedestrians. Brian mentioned that although Hillsborough and Pinellas counties joined the program late last year, they have now received input to implement it effectively. Additionally, Hernando and Citrus counties have been invited to participate. He also highlighted the first bicycle pedestrian message displayed on six DMS message boards within the county at the end of last month for National Bicycle Safety Month, indicating good progress in their efforts.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth added information in the chat on some senate house bills that will become effective on July 1st. Some of them are hazardous working conditions, one on electric bicycle



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regulations, another one on dangerous excessive speeding and some teen driver education in adults and some expansions on that, etc.

Bill	Effective	Summary	Safety Focus
HB 85 (Hazardous Walking Conditions)	7/1/2025	Expands criteria for identifying and addressing hazardous walking zones near schools (e.g., sidewalks adjacent to limited-access roadways) (flsenate.gov)	Pedestrian safety
SB 462 / HB 567 (E-Bike Regulations)	7/1/2025	Empowers local governments to set minimum age, require ID, and mandate safety training for e-bike riders	Bicycle/e-bike safety
HB 351 (Dangerous Excessive Speeding)		Creates a criminal offense for exceeding the speed limit by 50 mph+ or driving 100 mph+, with jail time, hefty fines, and license revocation	Traffic safety (speed enforcement)
TLSAE Revisions (Adult & Teen Driver Education)	7/1/2025	- Requires all adult (18+) applicants to complete Traffic Law & Substance Abuse Education course- Requires teens (learner's permit holders) to complete an approved classroom driver education course	Road user/driver safety
HB 687 (Trenton's Law – DUI/BUI Homicides)	7/1/2025	Elevates penalties to felony for repeat DUI/BUI homicides and refusal of chemical testing	Traffic safety (impaired driving fatalities)
HB 961 (FLHSMV Reforms)	7/1/2025	Introduces lifetime disabled parking permit and designates "Move Over Awareness Week" in April	Traffic safety awareness (move-over laws, parking accessibility)

Lori Palaio (JMT): The October meeting will be rescheduled due to the pedestrian bicycle coalition. We will be sending out a survey with two different date options in October for the rescheduled meeting. It will be a virtual meeting.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2025 - Virtual Meeting, 1:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.

Meeting Attendees: Angel Avila (Pasco MPO), Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), Kasey Cursey (EXP), Isabella Discepolo (Bayonet Point Hospital Trauma Center), Emmeth



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STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency		
Daughtery Road and US 301	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)		
Staroucks (Commen					
aughtery Rd Bay Area Medical Clinic-Dr Lokie Indar Clinic-Dr Lokie	typically e	s a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughtery Road. The crashes are elderly people. Discussion occurred on access management. The traffic flows from the Golden Corral to the ind 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	Tina reached out to someone on this and will go back through her was discussed. Tina will follow up, but this one got pushed forward see what can or cannot be done.		Complete		
Tina said she must look at this location with Venkat's help.	2/28/24	George Edmiston spoke to Jim Reiser and he has been in contact George and Jim will work together on this.	with Zephyrhills.	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	There is a meeting in Zephyrhills this morning. No further update.		Complete		
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.	12/11/24	FDOT is coordinating with traffic operations to see what can be do group's complaints about this location. Traffic operations will do a look at crash data. They will do a safety analysis of the intersection be done in the future.	left turn study and	Complete		



Eric Henry, FDOT, stated that this problem location is	4/23/25	Eric Henry, FDOT, stated that FDOT Traffic Ops are conducting some studies of	
still in process. FDOT did a collision diagram		this intersection. They had to push their coordination meeting with them back.	
internally and saw left turn crashes on the side		Eric will follow up with them.	
streets, as well as pedestrian and bicycle crashes.			
They are in the process of completing a study.			



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SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road 2		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 MPC)	Eric Henry		
https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXxmqS6	There is about a half mile segment on SR 52 from Colony Road going east that one of the MPO CAC member brought up. There are a lot of left turn crashes from people traveling eastbound on SR 52 heading north onto side roads. There are people from the side roads attempting to turn left to go eastbound on SR 52. Pasco MF reached out to their liaison to see if the FDOT safety team was aware of this and if they were looking at it. Er 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 signal in. He is thinking they are looking to do some access management improvements through a few of the 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 t section of SR 52. There is a signal at Moon Lake Road, but there is not another signal until you get way furth west. The speeds are high along the segment. There is a little bit of elevation change on SR 52 at some of the locations. Eric Henry stated that a signal is proposed but there is not a funding source currently.				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four		and Aggressive Driving			
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status ion. Complete		
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.			
Eric Henry will check back with the project manager to see if there have been any new updates.	12/11/24	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.	Complete		
This will be looked at in a future project, trying to get it funded on its own. It is not going to be coming as part of the resurfacing project. The crash data will be reviewed one more time and see if there is anything else that can be done.	2/26/25	Emmeth stated that there is a resurfacing project, and they are making some access modifications there to eliminate some of the open medians. Emmeth get the phase two plan sheet. There was also a signal warrant study that was done, and it showed that neither a pedestrian or a full signal was justified, so are going to directionalize the median. There are plans, east of the segment signal there at Sugar Creek. Emmeth will get the phase two plans for the nex meeting.	they or a		
There is no funding. Angel Avila, Pasco MPO, will try to get plan development information. The Sugar Creek signal is currently not warranted.	4/23/25	Emmeth Duran, FDOT, stated that traffic operations is conducting an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) for Colony Road. It will be a few weeks until the ICE evaluation is finalized. Eric will follow up on this.			



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SR 52, east of Parkwood Street/Tractor Supply	Dec 2024	Line of Sight Issues	Clinton Wynn (Local Resident)	FDOT
Smallt Story Co.	Commen	ts		
https://maps.app.goo.gl/T85epSPtwdyBpbxz8	westbound Chicago A 301, etc. So that he pro- cut the de not being out, even furniture so	d, and he er wenue. He was 52 is a bovided a lett bris back. Y able to see, though it do trip plaza ar	nded up dying, 21 years old, coming frowasn't drinking or speeding. There have ad area, as from the toll road, west, it er to the landowner that is just east of ou cannot see around the corner due he goes through Parkwood Street to a es not encroach on the sidewalk. The	actor Supply with a motorcyclist. A young man was going om Hicks Road and SR 52 towards Tractor Supply towards we been a lot of fatalities from motorcycles on SR 52, SR 54, US is dark all the way to Chicago Avenue. Clinton sent a letter to Tina the tractor supply, that he would go by there with his tractor and to the debris on the north side of SR 52. Clinton states that due to avoid pulling out on SR 52. The debris is too high up and too far debris is on the east side of the tractor supply between the othe line-of-sight issue. Jim Reiser, LEL, suggested speed
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 lo Discussior	ook at this location once more. n 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	studying o location. T of Parkwo crashes di issue. The overgrown distance. To owner, and	d they did quite a bit of in-depth in turning movements at this The complaint was the movement out od Street onto SR 52, but the don't show that was the biggest by are looking at getting the a trees trimmed to improve sight. They reached out to the property d they are working with the operation ace folks in Brooksville to trim back in.	Complete



Maintenance will trim the trees within the next 90 days to improve the sight distance. It will be trimmed approximately five to ten feet.	4/23/25	Jim Hartwell, Element Engineering Group, went to this location a couple weeks ago and took photos and submitted the photos of the tree trimming. There are still sight issues with vehicles parking by the sidewalk to get out of the entrances, especially Tractor Supply being larger trucks and sometimes being there. It is a structural issue with the way the roadway curves. But tree trimming should help some. Jim suggested making the east entrance an entrance only and the exits on	
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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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LONG TERM LIST

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency		
SR 56 from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301	Nov 2024	Lighting Request	Emmeth Duran (FDOT)	FDOT		
https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8	Downs Bo asking for seems to the new d crashes a expecting the contin driving cra		ents are coming in, residents have been ection. Unfortunately, the addition of lighting and extension of this road, as well as with road and adjacent land use is, correctable stifled at this time. However, FDOT is not eed for enhanced visibility, especially with 6. There have been multiple wrong way			
Emphasis Area: Signal Four	Intersection	on/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 collaboration with Duke Energy.	needs a	Complete		
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 process. Lighting will go up to Meadow Pointe Boulevard. Phas from Bruce B Downs Boulevard to Meadow Pointe Boulevard. from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301. The limits will update Meadow Pointe Boulevard to US 301. That is the section of roathere is no lighting improvements planned currently.	se one is SR 56 Phase two will be e on SR 56 from	Complete		
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