

University CTST – June 4, 2025

Meeting started at 3:02pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were given by the group. The April 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates – Problem Identification/Follow Up

1. **Lois Avenue Crossing to get to the HCC Campus:** Marty Sorrentino emailed Cedric McCray who is with the City of Tampa and is the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director. Marty is waiting to hear back from Cedric on updates from the project.
2. **Lighting Issue at BBD and Holly Drive:** Bob Campbell from Hillsborough County mentioned that Mike Flick with Hillsborough County leads the program for that intersection and corridor lighting. He is working with TECO. Marty knows the supervisor of business development for street lighting at TECO, so Marty talked with TECO, and he pulled up a list of ongoing projects from TECO. He didn't find a project on that, so he asked Marty to get more details. Marty will wait for Mike Flick to respond with further information.
3. **Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue:** The city is finishing up on the last water line with the water project on campus. They are using a different contractor called Dallas.
4. **North Boulevard between Cass Street and Kennedy Boulevard:** Marty is talking to TECO about incorporating solar lighting in the crosswalk. TECO is looking to try some pilot studies. Eric stated that he has seen the treatment before, but he does not believe there are any on state roads. Discussion followed.

III. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Law Enforcement Activity

Michael White (TPD): For the DUI unit, TPD did a big campaign, targeting underage fake IDs for the college students towards the end of the year. It netted dozens of arrests between Ybor City and Soho. They did this three weekends in a row, which slowed down underage drinking at bars. Students are home now from school, so they will continue this when school comes back in session. There were 132 DUI arrests last month. They are doing a lot of education in the high schools, so before the high school students go to college, they are well rounded and knowledgeable on drinking and driving prevention/consequences. For crashes, there was a total of four fatal crashes last month, but not all four are within a one-mile radius to a college campus. There was one on Busch Boulevard and Armenia Avenue which was vehicular homicide and DUI manslaughter. The other one was at Kennedy Boulevard and Lois Avenue, which was a pedestrian walking in the crosswalk, but walking against a traffic light. The next one was at Nebraska



Avenue and Robson Street, which was DUI related. The last one was on 50th Street and 23rd Avenue, who was a homeless person with mental health issues that walked into the middle of the road and was struck by a vehicle.

Jim Reiser (LEL): In May countywide, there were 391 DUI arrests, which is up from 313 in April. The highest percentage is 21 to 34 years of age, who represent 187 of those 391 arrests. The 18 to 20 age group had 11 of the 391, which is a very low percentage, but they had the highest average blood alcohol content (BAC) at a 0.172. The average BAC last month was 0.138. Tampa has been doing a fantastic job with outreach to the vendors. The day of the week with the most DUI activity in May was on Saturday, with Sunday in the early AM hours running a close second. For statewide initiatives, the Click it or Ticket Program was active over Memorial Day weekend, and they are working on reporting for that now. Just about every agency within District Seven participated, with heavy participation by Tampa PD and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. They are looking at a speed enforcement initiative in mid-July that is going to target speeding, primarily along limited access facilities, but the cities and counties also use it on their roads.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Reports

Eric Henry (FDOT): Tomorrow, FDOT will be going to be at the University of Florida's IFAS extension in Pasco County. It will be held in Dade City and is a Community Resource event with a bunch of different organizations coming to provide resources for housing, healthcare, substance abuse, etc. FDOT will be out there handing out traffic safety material. We are in the 100th Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers, which is a national focus campaign targeting our teen drivers during the 100 days where they're most likely to be involved in a fatal or severe crash.

Jim Reiser (LEL): The Institute of Police Technology and Management through the University of North Florida manages a law enforcement grant that puts extra officers on the street for pedestrian and bicycle safety. The program for this fiscal year wrapped up in May. However, the kickoff meetings with the new corridors that are going to be addressed are being disseminated now and there will be kick-off round tables to those agencies. They will find out what funding level is allocated. Locally, there will be activity for pedestrian and bicycle safety with extra patrol sometime around the end of July or beginning of August. The city takes a little bit longer because it must get approved by City Council, because it's a fairly large contract. Discussion followed.

IV. Fatal Crash Maps

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st to March 20th, 2025, there have been two fatal crashes within a one-mile proximity to a college campus in Hillsborough County. Same period in 2024 there were six fatal crashes, so we are down by four same period, so there is improvement. There was a USF left turn vehicular fatal crash and an HCC Brandon Campus pedestrian fatal crash.



For the USF left turn fatal crash (Report Number 26871935), it occurred on January 3, 2025, at 9:44am on Bougainvillea Avenue and McKinley Drive, at the four-way intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle-one was traveling southbound on McKinley Drive approaching Bougainvillea Avenue, in the outside lane. Vehicle-four was traveling southbound on McKinley Dr approaching E Bougainvillea Avenue, in the outside lane ahead of vehicle-one. Vehicle-two was traveling northbound on McKinley Drive approaching Bougainvillea Ave, in the left turn lane. Vehicle-three was traveling northbound on McKinley Drive approaching Bougainvillea Avenue, in the left turn lane, behind Vehicle-two. Vehicle-two attempted to make a left-hand turn onto eastbound Bougainvillea Avenue, failing to yield to southbound traffic. Drivers of vehicle-one and vehicle-four advised they had the green light, but several witnesses advised the light cycle was in the process of changing from N/S to E/W. As a result, Vehicle-four swerved to avoid the collision. Vehicle-four lost control driving off the roadway to the right, causing the left side of the vehicle to strike a utility pole. Subsequently, the front of vehicle-one struck the right side of vehicle-two. Vehicle-two rolled over multiple times after impact coming to final rest southeast of the area of collision off the roadway. The spare tire of Vehicle-two was dislodged, as result the spare tire struck the hood of vehicle-three. Vehicle-three remained stopped in traffic northbound on McKinley Drive approaching Bougainvillea Avenue, in the left turn lane. Vehicle-one continued in motion southwest crossing over the center median and coming to final rest in the northbound lanes. The driver of Vehicle-two succumbed to their injuries.

For the HCC Brandon Campus pedestrian fatal crash (Report Number 26550123), it occurred on January 1st, 2025, at 9:23am on Williams Road and River International Drive, at the T-intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling south on Williams Road, north of River International Drive. The pedestrian was either walking on the west sidewalk along Williams Road or on the roadway on the edge of Williams Road. There was evidence that the vehicle left the roadway at River International Drive and traveled south on the sidewalk. The vehicle's front right panel contacted the pedestrian. The driver was under the influence of alcohol with a BAC of 0.090.

V. Open Forum | Announcements

Amy Elmore, EXP and Alex Burns, EXP presented on FDOT D7 Crash Data Analysis and Campaign Recommendations. They discussed the Target Zero Local Approach – its mission and vision is to commit to fostering a culture of safety and reducing preventable crashes as well as promoting behavior changes through education and outreach. The presentation focused on traffic safety data and campaign strategies for Hillsborough County. Amy Elmore introduced the campaign, and Alex Burns presented detailed data showing that serious injuries and fatalities are concentrated in major population centers like Central Tampa and along major roadways such as I-4, I-75, and US 301. Over the past five years, serious injuries have slightly decreased, fatalities have remained flat, and total crashes have increased. Key areas causing serious injuries include intersections, lane departures, aging road users, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists, while fatalities are more associated with impaired driving, speeding, and aggressive driving. The data also highlighted that serious injuries peak in the mid to late afternoon, while fatalities are more



common in the evening, with January, March, and October being notable months for serious injuries. The campaign will target distracted driving, aligning with the "Drive Time is You Time" and "Ride with Do Not Disturb" initiatives, focusing on aging road users and those aged 25-34. Planned activities include event presence, social media campaigns, community signage, and collaborations with partners like AARP, gas stations, and tourism boards. Amy invited feedback and suggestions for additional campaigns or qualitative data that could enhance the campaign. During the Q&A session, Jim Reiser, District 7 LEL, raised a concern about the lack of enhancement for the distracted driving law and the indefinite postponement of the hands-free law. Jim Hartwell, a retired law enforcement officer, questioned whether the data targeted at-fault drivers and their age groups, emphasizing the need to focus on repeat offenders rather than victims. Amy Elmore acknowledged the importance of targeting messages to offenders and asked Alex Burns if the data could identify repeat offenders. Alex explained that the current data system does not identify individuals or at-fault drivers but only the characteristics of crashes. Lori Palaio suggested looking at columns indicating "no contributing action" to infer fault. Amy and Alex agreed to explore this approach further. Discussion followed.


Marty Sorrentino (UT): Marty received an email from Lee Isham with TECO regarding a presentation on street lighting at crosswalks. He just emailed Marty the presentation for lighting at crosswalks. Marty will review the presentation that was sent to him, and maybe he can present it at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2025, In-Person Meeting, 3:00pm, USF CUTR Room 202
3808 USF Alumni Drive, Tampa, FL 33620

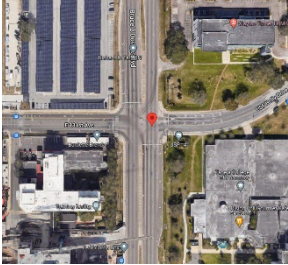
Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm

Attendees: Julie Bond (USF CUTR), Alex Burns (EXP), Amy Elmore (EXP), Denise Evans (Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance), Jim Hartwell (Element Engineering Group), Eric Henry (FDOT District 7), Madison Koplak (Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance), Sara Linares (Wey Engineering), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Jim Reiser (LEL), Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition), Marty Sorrentino (UT), Michael White (TPD)




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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. 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. 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. Marty Sorrentino stated that Paige Niehaus sent an update that the city approved the Drew Park CRA project which will address this crosswalk issue. There is no date as to when it will be started and/or completed at this time. Marty Sorrentino emailed Cedric McCray who is with the City of Tampa and is the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director. Marty is waiting to hear back from Cedric on updates from the project.</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 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. 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. 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. 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. Marty attended a solar lighting showcase yesterday on commercial grade solar lighting. Bob Campbell from Hillsborough County mentioned that Mike Flick with Hillsborough County leads the program for that intersection and corridor lighting. He is working with TECO. Marty knows the supervisor of business development for street lighting at TECO, so Marty talked with TECO, and he pulled up a list of ongoing projects from TECO. He didn't find a project on that, so he asked Marty to get more details. Marty will wait for Mike Flick to respond with further information.</p>



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3	Jan 2023	<p>Kennedy Boulevard at Willow Avenue and Delaware Avenue</p>  <p>https://goo.gl/maps/tVevDzDBaGbTnFz59</p>	Marty Sorrentino	January 2025		<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. 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 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. 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 Woodlyne Ave to Brevard Ave. The second project will be redoing the railroad crossing on Kennedy Blvd at Willow St. 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 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 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 Sorrentino stated that he reached out to the city contractor, and the 3utreachh company is sending updates when they do road closures on Kennedy Boulevard. They are anticipating that the Kennedy Boulevard water line work will be finished in late spring, around April. Marty stated that the contractor is finishing up on the Kennedy Boulevard piping. This week the construction is affecting UT in a small way, with construction south of Kennedy Boulevard on Hyde Park Drive. ***Continue on next page***</p>



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						<p>The City has the conceptual design complete. They submitted locations where they want extra stormwater inlets. No contractor has been selected yet. Marty hopes it goes into design. Once the water line work is finished, the stormwater work will come soon after. Marty will keep an eye out when this will get approved. The city is finishing up on the last water line with the water project on campus. They are using a different contractor called Dallas.</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	January 2025		<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. 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. Josh Blackman, from the City of Tampa, stated that the grant was not awarded to the City of Tampa. Marty suggested focusing on one crosswalk on North Boulevard by Pepin Stadium and West Garage. Marty will talk to campus safety to keep an eye on the crosswalk and if any ideas float around on this. Marty is talking to TECO about incorporating solar lighting in the crosswalk. TECO is looking to try some pilot studies. Eric stated that he has seen the treatment before, but he does not believe there are any on state roads</p>