

Pasco CTST – July 23, 2025

Meeting started at 1:32pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Meeting Dedication

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina discussed the focus on speeding for the month, highlighting the collaboration between FHP, FDOT, NHTSA, and FLHSMV. The aim is to keep attention on preventing fatalities and serious injury crashes. Two specific incidents were highlighted:

Little Road and San Miguel Drive (February 5th, 2025): A vehicle crash resulted in a double fatality. The southbound vehicle, traveling over 100 mph, struck a left-turning vehicle, causing it to overturn, roll over, and catch fire. The driver and passenger of the turning vehicle were pronounced dead at the scene, while the speeding driver was severely wounded.

Wesley Chapel Boulevard North of Progress Parkway (May 1st, 2025): A motorcycle crash resulted in a fatality. The motorcyclist, speeding northbound, lost control, hit the curb, collided with a street sign and light pole, and was found on the shoulder and sidewalk. The crash occurred under dry conditions, with no environmental factors contributing.

Christina emphasized that these incidents were preventable and stressed the importance of focusing on safety to avoid such tragedies.

III. Minutes Approved

- June minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

1. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Eric Henry, FDOT, stated that a left turn study was conducted but did not meet the warrants for a left turn phase. Further feedback and potential alternative approaches are being considered.
2. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – Eric stated that an ICE study is ongoing, and findings will be shared once completed.
3. **SR 56 from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301** – The lighting issue is still under review, with a coordination meeting planned between the County and FDOT.

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina provided an update on the Innovate Pasco 2050 study, focusing on safety analysis and identifying high injury network hotspots throughout the county. The study highlighted various hotspots across the county, particularly focusing on major roadways such as US 19, State Road 54, and State Road 56. Between 2019 and 2023, there were over 1,500 bicycle and pedestrian crashes and 472 fatalities. Christina emphasized the importance of evaluating high injury network corridors and intersections. The top 10 high injury network corridors were identified using data from Signal 4 Analytics. One of the highlighted corridors was Little Road from State Road 52 to Fivay Road, which had 158 crashes,

two fatalities, and six serious injuries. The safety score for this intersection was calculated based on the highest level of injury sustained in each crash and the travel mode of victims. Specific intersections discussed included:

State Road 52 at Little Road: This busy intersection had 158 crashes, two fatalities, and 61 injury crashes over a five-year period.

Ridge Road at Little Road: Another significant intersection with 329 crashes, one fatality, and several serious injuries.

Christina proposed conducting mini Roadway Safety Audits (RSA) to evaluate these intersections and corridors. The goal is to incorporate safety measures based on crash volumes, types, and severity. She emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach, involving engineering, education, EMS, and law enforcement to gain different perspectives and address safety issues effectively. Jim Hartwell, Element Engineering Group, inquired about the data collection process for intersections and the specifics of fatal crashes. Christina explained that the data was pulled to the end of the turn lanes for the influence area, typically around 250 feet, and that the fatality data was accurately shown on Signal 4. This comprehensive approach aims to improve road safety by identifying high-risk areas and implementing targeted safety measures through collaborative efforts.

Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County): Jeffrey provided an update on the ongoing route study and safety analysis for Little Road and Ridge Road. The analysis includes evaluating access points into businesses, timing and movements at intersections, and conducting signal warrants at specific locations. Jeffrey mentioned that the goal is to improve intersection operations and safety within this area. The study will involve collecting traffic counts, crash data analysis, and near-miss analysis to develop a comprehensive safety plan. Christina acknowledged the efforts and suggested modifying the evaluation list to avoid duplicating efforts. Jeffrey also highlighted specific issues at Little Road and Fivay Road, where flashing yellow restrictions have been implemented to reduce crashes. Additionally, the main issue from Fivay Road to State Road 52 involves the first median opening near ALDI, which they plan to channelize to reduce incidents. Christina proposed pulling crash data to identify other areas of concentration and suggested focusing efforts on the intersections not currently under assessment. The group agreed to participate in reviewing the crash data for future meetings, with a collaborative approach involving education and enforcement.

V. New Business

Education

Eric Henry (FDOT): On August 1st, FDOT will be at the One Stop Shop in Dade City for a back-to-school event, where they will distribute reflective vests, workbooks, bike lights, and other materials. Additionally, they will be filming a PSA at Pasco Safety Town with the Tampa Bay Rays mascots to promote stopping for school buses and children crossing in the crosswalk.

Izzy Discepolo (Bayonet Point Hospital Trauma Center): Izzy mentioned picking up back-to-school safety bike and pedestrian information from Tina at Safety Town for hospital donations. Izzy plans to distribute these materials to various hospitals, including Oak Hill, to include them in their donation piles. Eric encouraged spreading the materials to any interested parties and mentioned having a large supply of workbooks targeted at younger kids for safe walking and biking.

Renisa Martinez (John's Hopkins): They recently distributed safety materials to 450 elementary school teachers, including car seat safety, bike and pedestrian safety, and pool safety brochures. These materials also included a QR code linking to a YouTube video. Renisa mentioned an upcoming event on August 9th, a back-to-school bash at Wesley Chapel District Park. The event will feature food trucks, bounce houses, and various vendors. She expressed interest in collaborating with Eric Henry to obtain additional safety materials for distribution at the event. Additionally, Renisa highlighted a change at the Bike Ped Resource Center, where each person is now limited to ordering 100 helmets per fiscal year. This change is not limited per agency, so multiple certified individuals from the same agency can each order 100 helmets. She suggested that this might encourage more people to get certified and mentioned plans to create a flyer to update all partners about this change.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin shared an update on an upcoming educational initiative. They are working on a proposal for Eric Henry to conduct educational outreach at the new midblock pedestrian crosswalks on US 19, specifically at San Marco Drive and between Elizabeth Avenue and Edna Avenue. The plan involves on-the-street education, distributing backpacks and bike lights, and possibly using mailers or geofencing, depending on what is appropriate for the corridor. When asked about the timing, Brentin mentioned that they would be working on it within the next month, although the details have not been finalized yet.

Enforcement

Bruce Wiener (Pasco County Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard Unit): Bruce Wiener provided an update on the Pasco County Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard Program. A new K-8 school, Skybrooke, is opening, and the program is prepared to support it. The program won the Program of the Year award from FDOT, recognizing it as the best in the state of Florida. The program currently has 138 school crossing guards serving 31 schools with 117 posts. They receive numerous applications weekly. The crossing guards' range in age from 27 to 94 years. Due to a shortage of deputies, the program handles speeding issues independently. They use safety cones to slow down traffic and direct traffic themselves. If necessary, they report troublemakers to law enforcement. Training sessions are scheduled for the first week of August at Safety Town. The training includes de-escalation techniques and is open to other police departments. The program uses lawn signs for recruitment, which has been highly effective, with 96 percent of interviewees mentioning they saw the sign. Bruce and his team provided training to the Florida State Guard on traffic control and command at gas stations after hurricanes. Bruce emphasized the program's high standards and commitment to safety, highlighting their proactive approach to managing traffic and ensuring the safety of children. Wayne Gaskill raised concern about the issue of speeding and inquired if there were any plans to hire more patrol officers to address the problem. Bruce Wiener responded by explaining that the days of a dedicated traffic unit are largely over due to the high volume of

calls that deputies handle daily, including serious crimes. Deputies are trained in traffic enforcement, but they often lack the time to focus on it due to other pressing duties. Bruce mentioned that deputies are instructed to make traffic stops when they have a moment, such as while typing reports at a stop sign or traffic light. However, he acknowledged that this is not a comprehensive solution and that the situation is unlikely to improve soon without additional manpower and funding. Wayne expressed his concern about the high death toll from traffic incidents in Pasco County, noting that there were 450 fatalities in the last four years. Bruce agreed that the issue requires more resources and emphasized that the problem extends beyond the committee's scope, requiring higher-level intervention and funding. Eric Henry then asked about the yard signs used for recruiting school crossing guards, which had been highly effective. Bruce explained that the signs were introduced after a change in school times led to a shortage of crossing guards. The signs have been successful in attracting applicants, with 96 percent of interviewees mentioning they saw the sign.



Engineering

None.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st through May 2nd, 2025, there were 27 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st through April 15th, 2025, there were 24 fatal crashes. The three new fatal crashes were all run off the road fatal crashes.

Report Number 26970273: This run off the road fatal crash occurred on April 13th, 2025, at approximately 1:50am, on I-75 and SR 52, not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling southbound in the center lane of I-75, just south of SR 52. The vehicle was approaching another vehicle. The driver swerved to the left to avoid a collision with another vehicle.

Report Number 26971056: This run off the road fatal crash occurred on April 13th, 2025, at approximately 9:10am, on Pasco Road and SR 52, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. This was a fatal motorcycle crash. The motorcyclist was traveling north on Pasco Road, north of SR 52. The motorcyclist failed to negotiate a left curve and as a result collided with the curb.

Report Number 26981798: This run off the road fatal crash occurred on May 1st, 2025, at approximately 12:25 pm, on Wesley Chapel Boulevard and Progress Parkway, not at the intersection, in day, cloudy, and dry conditions. This was a fatal motorcycle crash. The motorcyclist was traveling north in the outside lane of Wesley Chapel Boulevard at a high rate of speed, approaching Progress Parkway. The motorcyclist lost control, causing the motorcycle to veer onto the right shoulder.

There are currently 27 fatal crashes through May 2nd, 2025. Same period in 2024 there were 34 fatal crashes. So, we are down by seven fatal crashes in the same period. Approximately 59.3 percent of the fatal crashes in Pasco are occurring at night.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

None.

VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric Henry provided an update on a pending request from the city of New Port Richey in Pasco County. The request involves the installation of two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on Main Street and Van Buren Street. The team is currently reviewing this request and working on getting the RRFBs purchased. Eric also encouraged attendees to reach out to him or Lori Palaio if they have any other projects in mind or if they are considering applications for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). He offered to discuss potential projects and provide guidance, even if attendees are unsure about their ideas.

VIII. Open Forum/Announcements

Amy Elmore (EXP): Amy Elmore mentioned that she had a presentation ready and sought input from Eric Henry on whether to proceed with it or move it to the next meeting due to time constraints. Eric suggested postponing the presentation to the next meeting to allow for a more thorough discussion.


Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC): Brian Michaels also had a presentation planned for Pedestrian Safety Month in October, highlighting best practices and exciting news from last year. He noted that the program's cost was zero, utilizing digital media and message board signage. Eric agreed that both presentations should be scheduled for the August meeting to ensure ample time for discussion.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2025 – In-Person Meeting, 1:30 PM, Starkey Ranch Theatre Library Cultural Center, 12118 Lake Blanche Drive, Odessa, FL 33556

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Meeting Attendees: Rebecca Bogue (Pasco County), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), Alex Burns (EXP), Anthony Chaumont (JMT), Isabella Discepolo (Bayonet Point Hospital Trauma Center), Amy Elmore (EXP), Wayne Gaskill (Citizen), Jeff Gray (Pasco County Sheriff's Office), James Hartwell (Element Engineering Group), Eric Henry (FDOT), Jen Kerouac (Shady Hills Mission Chapel), Renisa Martinez (John's Hopkins), Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC), Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County), Brentin Mosher (CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Randy Stovall (Pasco CAC), Bruce Wiener (Pasco County Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard Unit)

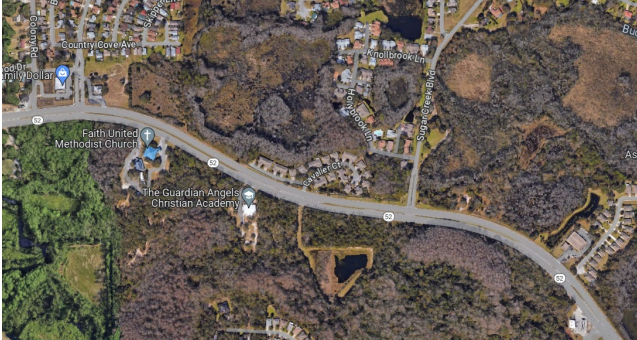
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
<p>Daughtery Road and US 301</p>  <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRKkN9</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)
<p>Comments</p> <p>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.</p>				
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 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.	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 with Zephyrhills. George and Jim will work together on this.	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 done based on the group's complaints about this location. Traffic operations will do a left turn study and look at crash data. They will do a safety analysis of the intersection to see what can be done in the future.	Complete	

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Eric Henry, FDOT, stated that this problem location is still in process. FDOT did a collision diagram internally and saw left turn crashes on the side streets, as well as pedestrian and bicycle crashes. They are in the process of completing a study.	4/23/25	Eric Henry, FDOT, stated that FDOT Traffic Ops are conducting some studies of this intersection. They had to push their coordination meeting with them back. Eric will follow up with them.	Complete
Eric Henry, FDOT, stated that a left turn study was conducted but did not meet the warrants for a left turn phase. Further feedback and potential alternative approaches are being considered.	7/23/25		

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<p>SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road</p>  <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/ysiYzAqRH1qXxmgS6</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)
Comments				
<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>				
Emphasis Area: Signal Four				
Speeding and Aggressive Driving				
Action Item / Countermeasure	Date	Update	Status	
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.	Complete	
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 can 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 they are going to directionalize the median. There are plans, east of the segment for a signal there at Sugar Creek. Emmeth will get the phase two plans for the next meeting.	In-Progress	
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.	In-Progress	



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Eric stated that an ICE study is ongoing, and findings will be shared once completed.	7/23/25		
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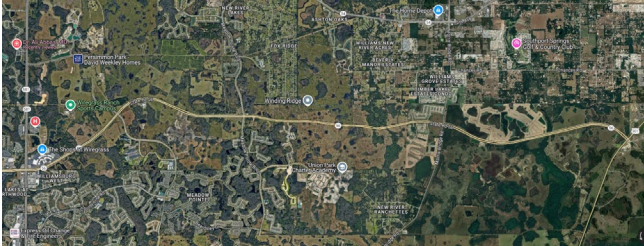


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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency

LONG TERM LIST

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
SR 56 from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301  https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8	Nov 2024	Lighting Request	Emmeth Duran (FDOT)	FDOT
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	
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.	Complete	
This is in the procurement process. Once this is done, it will be shared with FDOT and the county. This will be added to a new long-term list.	4/23/25	Venkat Vattikuti, Pasco County, sent Emmeth the Withlacoochee request for costs. It needs a contribution CIC cost of about one million dollars. Venkat met with the maintenance team about the costs. He will schedule a meeting with Emmeth on this request.	In-Progress	

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The lighting issue is still under review, with a coordination meeting planned between the County and FDOT.

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