

Pasco CTST – August 27, 2025

Meeting started at 1:34pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Meeting Dedication

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina presented the meeting dedication for this month's meeting. This month is child safety awareness month. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, along with FDOT, FHP, and several other safety partners, are working together to educate and raise awareness of how everyone can help children have a safe start this school year. That includes school bus and school zone safety, crosswalk safety, seat belt and child restraint safety, etc. The meeting was dedicated to a fatal crash on December 12th, 2024. The fatal crash was a vehicle crash which resulted in a teen driver fatality along US 41 at a private road, 100 feet north of Little Lake Road. The driver was 17 years old and did not wear a seatbelt. The vehicle was traveling southbound on US 41, a two-lane road, away from the intersection of Little Lake Road. A northbound car crossed the dashed centerline, attempting to overtake traffic. Vehicle one swerved into the ditch to avoid a head-on collision and struck a concrete culvert. Christina discussed that the ELEE program has included Pasco County in initiatives to improve road safety through increased law enforcement presence and public awareness campaigns, focusing on high-crash corridors like US 19 and areas with specific safety issues such as speeding, aggressive, and distracted driving. Recent ELEE efforts in June 2025 involved numerous law enforcement agencies, including those from Pasco County, on US 19 and have resulted in traffic stops, citations, and the recovery of a stolen vehicle demonstrating the program's impact. The program also includes educational outreach to schools, with first responders and public educations from Pasco County involved in initiatives like "Prom Promise" and "Back to School" to promote safe driving among youth.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin discussed what ELEE is. Law enforcement offers conduct traffic enforcement on state roadways. The man-hours turn into points for equipment and can receive speed trailers, vests, stylus, cones, variable message signs, etc.

Isabella Discepolo (HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital): Isabella discussed Battle of the Belts with Safe Kids. Anclote had the most amount of seatbelt uses in 2025. Discussion followed.

David Cruz (AARP): David Cruz discussed the issues with not having hands free driving. He stated that in his courses he teaches he explains "two seconds too close," meaning, if you are within two seconds from a vehicle, you are at risk of being in a car crash.

III. Minutes Approved

- July minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

1. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Eric Henry, FDOT, will follow up on this. Jonathan Rose from Zephyrhills PD, stated that this road is an ongoing issue. The left turn has a solid green head and is not protected. Christina discussed possibly pulling the crash data. Jonathan Rose stated that we can pull the crash data when it is snowbird peak season, around January or February.
2. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – The CTST group was unsure if there was a median modification project from Hicks Road to Moon Lake Road. Lori Palaio, JMT, will reach out to Eric.
3. **SR 56 from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301** – Jeffrey Moncalian, Pasco County, will follow up on this location.

V. New Business

Education

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): There will be education on the midblock crosswalks on US 19 at San Marco Drive, and US 19 at Elizabeth Avenue. There will be geofencing, as well as a mailer, as well as other educational efforts. Brentin explained to the group with a midblock pedestrian signal is.

Isabella Discepolo (Bayonet Point Hospital Trauma Center): Isabella mentioned that on August 9th, there will be an Always Stop on Red event. Tina is talking to hospitals on moving around safely.

Enforcement

None.

Engineering

David Cruz (AARP): David discussed his concern on Stone Road between Regency Park Boulevard and US 19. There is a senior citizen community, and it is a blind intersection. There is a fire hydrant on the southwest corner and the grass is typically long. David wants a stop sign at this location. He has forwarded this request to the county, previously, and there has been no progress. David is hoping for assistance on this.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st through June 4th, 2025, there were 36 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to May 2nd, 2025, there were 27 fatal crashes. There were nine new fatal crashes, which included two run off the road, two rollover, one sideswipe, one head on, one left turn, one rear end, and one pedestrian fatal crash (coded as a bicycle fatal crash on the fatal crash map). For the new pedestrian fatal crash, it occurred on May 15th, 2025, at 5:02 AM (Report Number 26987302) on State Road 54 and Collier Parkway, not at the intersection in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The pedestrian was running along the roadway and entered the direct path of vehicle one. Left turn fatal crashes were the highest fatal crash type with 25.0%, followed by off road fatal crashes with 19.4%, and head on fatal crashes with 13.9%. There are currently 36 fatal crashes through June 4th, 2025. Same period in 2024 there were 48

fatal crashes. Pasco County is down by 12 fatal crashes in the same period. Lori discussed that there have been a lot of motorcycle fatal crashes in Pasco County.

Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): Jonathan Rose mentioned that there were two motorcycle fatalities in July. He also discussed that Zephyrhills PD is doing DUI saturations. There was a drug DUI last night. Jonathan is waiting for the statistics from the saturation.

VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori discussed the Showcase Your Impact, Get Recognized by ITE opportunity. October is Community Planning Month and Pedestrian Safety Month. Submit Your Projects to ITE by August 29th for a chance to be featured across platforms and publications. ITE is calling on public agency members to share standout projects that demonstrate the power of transportation planning and innovative efforts to enhance pedestrian safety. Eligible projects must have been completed within the past five years. You should include a short project description (150 words or fewer), photos or visuals, and names of team members or partners involved. This is due this Friday, so if anybody has any project ideas that represent the power of transportation planning to enhance pedestrian safety, please apply.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR) provided details about a press conference, noting that a mother from USF whose son was involved in an e-scooter crash will be present.

VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori discussed that HSIP funding is available and to apply for low-cost safety materials on local roadways. FDOT will purchase the materials, but the local agency must install and maintain it.

VIII. Open Forum/Announcements

Discussion followed on Florida Impact Teen Driver, which is an organization intended to help teens reduce their risk of being involved in auto collisions, particularly those caused by everyday distractions and inexperienced decision making.

David Cruz (AARP): David Cruz discussed that there is an app called PulsePoint. The PulsePoint app is a mobile application suite, primarily known for PulsePoint Respond, which alerts CPR-trained individuals to nearby cardiac emergencies in public places, simultaneously providing nearby Automated External Defibrillator (AED) locations to help increase survival rates. The foundation also offers PulsePoint AED, a tool for citizens to identify and add AED locations to a community registry, which dispatchers can then access during a cardiac event. David mentions that notifications are sent within 300 feet of a cardiac event.

Angel Avila (Pasco MPO): There will be a safety action plan meeting on October 9th at Starkey Ranch. There will be a task force meeting on September 23rd at the City Council in Zephyrhills, where they will discuss project prioritization.

Ariana Roman (MADD): Ariana introduced herself from MADD to the CTST group. She works with Jeannine Laurence. Ariana will be presenting at Wiregrass High School and then future schools.



MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025


Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC): Brian presented the project red light update. Stop law 316.130 was changed on August 1st, 2008, which requires all motor vehicles to stop and remain stopped at all signalized intersections. The purpose of the update was to bring driver awareness to sign changes throughout FDOT District 7 and the tri county Tampa Bay area at signalized intersections with a target date of October 1st, 2025, during pedestrian safety month. Goals include promoting the newer R10-15a Stop for Pedestrians through driver education, utilizing all-media, utilizing electronic message boards with stop for pedestrian message, engaging all law enforcement local county and state to issue warnings or tickets, etc. In 2024, Pasco County Utilities sent out 275,000 newsletters, Pasco County tax collectors had five offices paying safety slides that reached over 60,000 people, in 2024 Pasco County estimated that over 350,000 people saw the message to stop for pedestrians, etc. For 2025, Pasco Health Department will play safety slides, there will be DMS message boards for stop for pedestrians, etc. Discussion followed.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2025 – Virtual Meeting, 1:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.

Meeting Attendees: Angel Avila (Pasco MPO), Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), David Cruz (AARP), Kasey Cursey (EXP), Isabella Discepolo (HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital), James Hartwell (Element Engineering Group), Brian Michaels (Pasco MPO BPAC), Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Ariana Roman (MADD), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD)

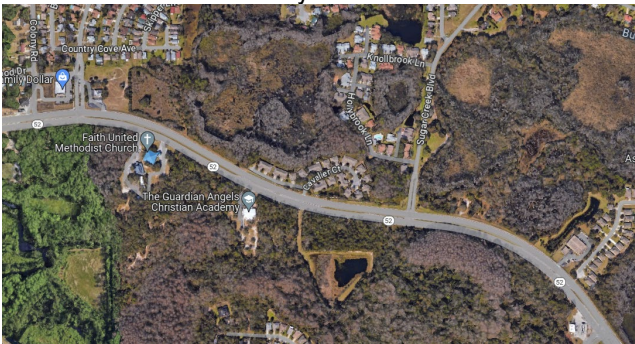
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

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>				
<p>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</p>				
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	Eric Henry, FDOT, will follow up on this. Jonathan Rose from Zephyrhills PD, stated that this road is an ongoing issue. The left turn has a solid green head and is not protected. Christina discussed possibly pulling the crash data. Jonathan Rose stated that we can pull the crash data when it is snowbird peak season, around January or February.	

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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 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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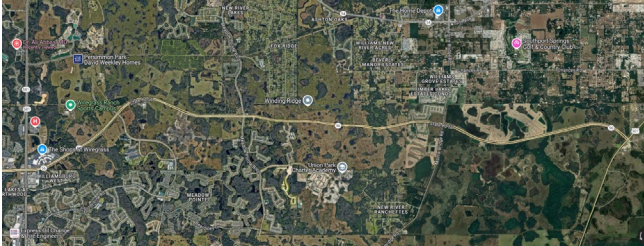


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LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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

LONG TERM LIST

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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
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.

7/23/25

Jeffrey Moncalian, Pasco County, will follow up on this location.

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