

### Pasco CTST – October 29, 2025

Meeting started at 1:34pm

#### I. **Welcome and Introductions were made.**

#### II. **Meeting Dedication**

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina highlighted Pedestrian Safety Month and shared details of a recent fatal crash that occurred on August 6, 2025, at 10:17 PM on S.R. 56 near Shops Lane. The fatal crash involved a 41-year-old driver and a 35-year-old pedestrian. The crash happened in an unlit area when the driver swerved into a right-turn lane to avoid a disabled vehicle, striking the pedestrian who had exited that disabled car and attempted to cross the lane. Christina emphasized that the fatality was likely avoidable if the pedestrian had remained inside the vehicle until authorities arrived. She noted that while roadway safety measures exist, unexpected situations in dark conditions pose challenges. The key takeaway was the importance of staying in the vehicle after a crash to prevent further harm.

#### III. **Minutes Approved**

- September minutes were approved.

#### IV. **Old Business**

1. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – Eric Henry noted that traffic operations reviewed the location to see if a protected left turn could be added, but it did not meet warrant requirements. He suggested monitoring the site and considering alternative improvements if conditions change. Christina Boulnois proposed reviewing recent crash data for patterns and asked if a site evaluation had been conducted. Eric confirmed that turning movement counts were collected but no safety concerns were reported. He offered to follow up with the team to check if any observations were made during the field visit.
2. **SR 52 from east of Colony Road to Moon Lake Road** – *This will be removed from the problem locations sheet.*
3. **SR 56 from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301** – Jeffrey reported that progress on lighting improvements along S.R. 56 has slowed due to time constraints with FDOT and the joint participation agreements. Originally, three segments were planned: Bruce B. Downs Boulevard from S.R. 54 to S.R. 56, S.R. 56 from I-75 to Meadow Pointe Boulevard, and S.R. 56 from I-75 to Shops at Wiregrass. However, only one segment, likely I-75 to Shops at Wiregrass, will be completed within the current timeframe, while the other two agreements may need to be dissolved. Jeffrey emphasized that efforts would continue with FDOT to eventually light the entire S.R. 56 corridor.

### V. New Business

#### *Education*

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric shared that earlier this month the team participated in the Gardening 365 Festival in Wesley Chapel, a new event for them that was very well attended and provided an opportunity to distribute safety materials to a diverse audience. He also highlighted progress on pedestrian safety initiatives championed by Brian Michaels, Pasco BPAC chair, specifically updating signage from “Yield to Pedestrian” to “Stop for Pedestrian.” This year, they successfully collaborated with FDOT District 6 to revise a PSA to include the correct signage in both English and Spanish. Additionally, they produced a social media video demonstrating the replacement of old signs with the updated version to raise public awareness of the change. Eric noted this was a significant step forward after years of advocacy and thanked the team for supporting these efforts.

Isabella Discepolo (Bayonet Point Hospital Trauma Center): Izzy explained that efforts to display pedestrian safety information on hospital TV monitors were delayed due to waiting for a new community engagement director, and by the time coordination was possible, it was too late for this cycle. She did share the information with other trauma centers but hasn’t received confirmation if they used it. Izzy then praised the Tampa Bay Community Safety Academy sessions hosted by FDOT, calling them excellent and very informative. Eric Henry agreed, noting he has been listening to the recordings and finds the content valuable. Izzy expressed excitement that they are already on the fifth session, and the group shared positive remarks about the program’s impact.

Ariana Roman (MADD): Ariana shared recent outreach efforts for MADD, including attending the Halloween Town Resource Fair hosted by the Alliance for Healthy Communities, which had strong turnout and allowed her to build partnerships, particularly with BayCare, to help gain access to Pasco schools. She also participated in a Pasco Fire event earlier this month, which featured family-friendly activities and provided an opportunity to distribute resources and raise awareness about the organization.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin announced that CUTR and USF are hosting a virtual 5K called Sprint for Safety as part of Pedestrian Safety Month, offering certificates for one-mile walks and medals or shirts for completing a 5K. Christina expressed enthusiasm for the initiative and encouraged promoting it internally to inspire participation. Brentin also shared that FDOT recently released a PSA emphasizing the importance of staying in your vehicle when it is disabled, featuring Trooper Steve Turner and retired Largo PD officer George Edmiston.

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina emphasized the importance of educating drivers and passengers about staying inside their vehicles after a breakdown, sharing a personal story about witnessing a fatal crash involving someone fixing a disabled car on the shoulder. She noted that lighting helps but distractions remain a major risk.

#### *Enforcement*

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina then asked for enforcement updates and confirmed that Jim Hartwell, formerly with Element Engineering Group, is the new Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) replacing

Jim Reiser. She requested Jim's contact information to coordinate efforts to engage Pasco County law enforcement through a point-based participation system. Eric provided Jim's details in the chat and agreed to support outreach. Christina expressed hope for more engagement from enforcement at future meetings.

### *Engineering*

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina emphasized the need to engage more in Pasco County safety efforts and requested updates on which CTST consultant is involved in local projects so she can coordinate. She suggested scheduling a Road Safety Audit (RSA) early next year, possibly January, and proposed a mini-RSA training session beforehand using existing materials from previous trainings. Eric confirmed he can obtain the slide deck from recent law enforcement-focused RSA training and will identify Pasco attendees for follow-up.

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): Brentin added that he has attendance sheets and explained the training helps officers consider roadway factors alongside driver behavior when analyzing crashes.

### *Crash Statistics*

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1<sup>st</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there were 50 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1<sup>st</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there were 47 fatal crashes. There have been three new fatal crashes since the last CTST meeting. They include one bicycle, one head on and one rollover fatal crash. The bicycle fatal crash occurred on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at approximately 8:55pm (Report Number 27019162) on Massachusetts Avenue and Cedarcrest Road, not at the intersection, in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling east in the outside lane of Massachusetts Avenue away from the intersection of Cedarcrest Road. The bicyclist was traveling east in the outside lane of Massachusetts Avenue away from the intersection of Cedarcrest Road, in front of the vehicle. The bicyclist was in the direct middle of the travel lane and had no functional lights to the rear of his electric bicycle. He only had a flashlight that he had taped to the handlebars, illuminating the front of him. The head on fatal crash occurred on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at approximately 7:58pm (Report Number 26093590) on County Road 54 and Dairy Road, at the t-intersection, in dusk, clear, and dry conditions. It was motorcycle related. The rollover fatal crash occurred on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at approximately 2:55am (Report Number 27013355) on Geiger Road and Eiland Boulevard, not at the intersection, in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. It was motorcycle related. There are currently 50 fatal crashes through August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Same period in 2024 there were 65 fatal crashes. We are down by 15 fatal crashes in the same period.

### **VI. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports**

None.

### **VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates**

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric noted that there are currently no pending safety improvement requests in Pasco County, though a previous request from the City of New Port Richey for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) has been completed. He confirmed that applications for new projects are open year-

round, with no set deadline. Funding is allocated on a rolling basis each fiscal year, and requests are processed in the order received and based on need.

### **VIII. Open Forum/Announcements**

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): The upcoming holiday meeting is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pasco County Utilities Building in Land O' Lakes. It will be a potluck-style gathering, and attendees are encouraged to bring snacks or holiday-themed dishes, though any food is welcome. The goal is to foster networking and team bonding in a relaxed setting. There was also discussion about arranging a future tour of the Traffic Management Center (TMC) to learn more about Pasco's traffic operations. Christina emphasized the value of sharing professional insights to improve safety and collaboration.


Randy Stovall (Citizen): Randy shared positive news about the county's traffic safety plan and noted that the lead consultant will present to the Economic Development group in Zephyrhills in December, with details to follow.

**Next Meeting: December 9, 2025 – In-Person Meeting, 1:30 PM, Pasco County Utilities Building (PCUAB) Training Room Cotee - 19420 Central Blvd., Land O' Lakes, FL 34637**

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.

**Meeting Attendees:** Christina Boulnois (Lochner), Isabella Discepolo (HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital), Wayne Gaskill (Citizen), Eric Henry (FDOT), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Jeffrey Moncalian (Pasco County), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Sheila Rainey (John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital), Ariana Roman (MADD), Randy Stovall (Pasco CAC)

### STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Location	Date	Original Request	Who Initiated Request?	Responsible Staff or Agency
<p>Daughtery Road and US 301</p>  <p><a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRKkN9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRKkN9</a></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><b>Comments</b></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>				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>				
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.	Complete
Eric Henry shared that Traffic Operations completed an analysis to determine whether a protected left turn was warranted at the intersection, but the crash data and traffic volumes did not meet the necessary thresholds. As a result, implementing a protected left turn is not currently feasible, and alternative treatments may need to be considered. Christina asked whether this was something the FDOT would handle or if the group could take action. Eric responded that while FDOT is still reviewing it, any recommendations from the group could help expedite a solution. Eric noted that many of the crashes involved left turns from Daughtery Road and mentioned that elevation might also be contributing to the issue. Christina and Eric agreed it should stay on the list while the team works on identifying potential solutions.	9/24/25	<b>Eric Henry noted that traffic operations reviewed the location to see if a protected left turn could be added, but it did not meet warrant requirements. He suggested monitoring the site and considering alternative improvements if conditions change. Christina Boulnois proposed reviewing recent crash data for patterns and asked if a site evaluation had been conducted. Eric confirmed that turning movement counts were collected but no safety concerns were reported. He offered to follow up with the team to check if any observations were made during the field visit.</b>	

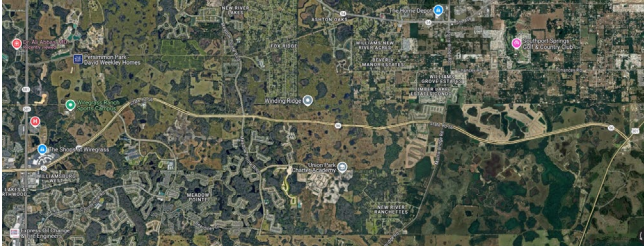


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## LOCAL ROADS PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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  <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/vNnUAuPvDk1UsAwn8</a>	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.				
<b>Emphasis Area: Signal Four</b>	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.	Complete	



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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.	Complete
Jeffrey Moncalian stated that work is ongoing, noting that progress had slowed following Venkat's departure. He explained that coordination is underway with FDOT and Withlacoochee to determine which sections can still be lit before the end of the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) and to assess the associated costs. A meeting is scheduled for next Monday to finalize the lighting sections and plan next steps.	9/24/25	<b>Jeffrey reported that progress on lighting improvements along S.R. 56 has slowed due to time constraints with FDOT and the joint participation agreements. Originally, three segments were planned: Bruce B. Downs Boulevard from S.R. 54 to S.R. 56, S.R. 56 from I-75 to Meadow Pointe Boulevard, and S.R. 56 from I-75 to Shops at Wiregrass. However, only one segment, likely I-75 to Shops at Wiregrass, will be completed within the current timeframe, while the other two agreements may need to be dissolved. Jeffrey emphasized that efforts would continue with FDOT to eventually light the entire S.R. 56 corridor.</b>	

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