

Pasco CTST – December 9, 2025

Meeting started at 1:48pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.

II. Meeting Dedication

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina dedicated the meeting to a fatal crash that occurred on August 15th, 2025, at approximately 1:26 am on S.R. 471 and C.R. 788, not at the intersection, in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was traveling southbound on S.R. 471 approaching C.R. 788. Vehicle two was towing a trailer and traveling northbound on S.R. 471, approaching C.R. 788. Driver one was traveling southbound in the northbound lane of travel as she approached vehicle two. Driver two attempted to make an evasive maneuver to avoid the collision. As a result, the front of vehicle one struck the front of vehicle two. The passenger of vehicle two (the not at fault vehicle) passed away. Christina highlighted lane departure crash issues.

III. Minutes Approved

- October minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

Christina Boulnois (Lochner): Christina suggested that starting in 2026, Pasco CTST could begin implementing mini-Roadway Safety Audits (RSAs) to address high-priority problem areas. The group could start with one intersection and one roadway segment as an initial pilot.

1. **Daughtery Road and US 301** – A new traffic signal is planned for installation at Wire Road to help create safer gaps for vehicles. Currently, heavy traffic at the stop sign is causing drivers to accelerate aggressively. Jonathan Rose from Zephyrhills PD noted that law enforcement is working to encourage drivers to slow down. The intersection presents additional challenges due to its offset alignment and elevation changes. Eric will confirm the timeline for the signal installation, and this improvement can be added to the *long-term problem locations list*. Christina also recommended reviewing the crash history for this location.
2. **SR 56 from Meadow Point Boulevard to US 301** – No updates were provided. The group discussed that this location had been raised during a recent county commissioner meeting. Further discussion followed.

V. New Business

Education

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric noted that the Battle of the Belts campaign is currently underway, with the reporting period beginning next week. He also shared that the Teen Safe Driving Coalition will kick off tomorrow. Further discussion followed.

Tina Russo (FDOT): Tina highlighted Pasco Safety Town's Share the Road PSA featuring Koda the Fluff and the K-9 unit. The Share the Road program promotes driver and bicyclist safety through education and awareness. Back in August there was a Stop it Like It's Hot PSA with Koda the Fluff. In 2026, FDOT D7 will receive Targe Zero funding.

Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): Jonathan discussed the upcoming parade in Zephyrhills and the opportunity to engage attendees with safety education initiatives. Discussion followed.

Amy Davis (Pasco County): Amy raised concerns about traffic issues related to choice schools. These schools allow students to apply and attend without being zoned, which eliminates the need for school buses and results in increased vehicle traffic. Few students walk to choice schools, further contributing to congestion. The county is constructing lanes for vehicles to queue for up to 15 minutes a couple times a day, which Amy noted is an inefficient use of funds. She emphasized that choice schools are overlooking the need for bus transportation. Amy shared an example where Safe Routes to School funds were used to install sidewalks, but once the school transitioned to a choice school, the sidewalks were largely unused. She stressed the need for stronger leadership to address these issues, recommended that the school board include engineers, and highlighted the importance of conducting traffic impact studies. School areas remain a significant safety and traffic concern in Pasco County.

Enforcement

Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith): For Tampa PD, they are doing First Response Tactical (FST) training in March.

Engineering

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric shared that organizational changes are underway at FDOT, with the engineering group being split and transitioning to traffic operations. He noted that any delays in email responses may be due to this transition. In the meantime, questions can be sent to Eric, who will forward them to Emmeth.

Crash Statistics

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st through September 14th, 2025, there were 58 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st through August 14th, 2025, there were 50 fatal crashes. There have been eight new fatal crashes since the last CTST meeting. They include four pedestrians, two rear ends, one bicycle, and one run-off-road fatal crash. The first pedestrian fatal crash occurred on May 17th, 2025, at approximately 10:02 PM (Report Number 26968221) on Plathe Road and Acropolis Lane, not at the intersection, in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling east on Plathe Road, just east of Acropolis

Lane. The pedestrian was traveling west on Plathe Road, in the eastbound travel lane, just east of Acropolis Lane. The pedestrian failed to yield to traffic causing the front right of the vehicle to collide with the pedestrian. The second pedestrian fatal crash occurred on August 6th, 2025, at approximately 10:17 PM (Report Number 27016192) on S.R. 56 and Shops Lane, not at the intersection, in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling westbound in the outside lane of S.R. 56, approaching Shops Lane. Ahead, a disabled vehicle was parked in the same lane due to a prior collision. The pedestrian exited the driver's side of the disabled vehicle. To avoid a collision, the approaching vehicle swerved to the right. Meanwhile, the pedestrian moved around the front of the disabled vehicle and began running northbound across the westbound lanes. As the vehicle entered the outside right-turn lane of S.R. 56, its front end struck the pedestrian. The third pedestrian fatal crash occurred on September 3rd, 2025, at approximately 8:28 PM (Report Number 27044247) on Ridge Road and Journet Boulevard, at the four-way intersection, in dark not-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling in the outside lane eastbound on Ridge Road, approaching Journet Boulevard. The pedestrian was crossing the eastbound lanes of Ridge Road, moving southbound toward Journet Boulevard. As the pedestrian entered the outside eastbound lane, the front left side of the vehicle struck the pedestrian. The fourth pedestrian fatal crash occurred on September 9th, 2025, at approximately 9:03 PM (Report Number 27032599) on Eiland Boulevard and Massey Road, not at the intersection, in dark not-lighted, cloudy, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on Eiland Boulevard, negotiating a right-hand curve as it approached Massey Road. The pedestrian was on the south paved shoulder, west of Massey Road. The pedestrian entered the eastbound lane directly in front of the vehicle. The driver attempted to avoid the pedestrian by steering left; however, the front end of the vehicle struck the pedestrian. The bicycle fatal crash occurred on August 20th, 2025, at approximately 10:56 AM (Report Number 27040999) on Gulf Trace Boulevard and Edgewood Drive, not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The contributing factor in this crash was the bicyclist's failure to safely negotiate a right-hand curve and maintain control of the e-bike, resulting in an inability to avoid a collision. There are currently 58 fatal crashes through September 14th, 2025. Same period in 2024 there were 75 fatal crashes. We are down by 17 fatal crashes in the same period.

The group discussed the recent fatal crash on Eiland Boulevard. Although the location falls within city limits, it is a county road, which has led to ongoing coordination challenges.

Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Brentin Mosher (CUTR): There is a midblock pedestrian signal (MPS) going to be installed on U.S. 19, north of S.R. 54. It is not active yet.

VI. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Updates

No updates.

VII. Open Forum/Announcements

Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD): Jonathan Rose highlighted two high-risk locations:

- U.S. 301 and Fort King Road: This intersection experiences frequent crashes, particularly when vehicles on U.S. 301 attempt left turns onto Fort King Road.
- U.S. 301 and Pretty Pond Road: This location, previously identified as a problem area, has experienced an increase in fatalities, including multiple pedestrian crashes. Beyond the intersection, the absence of lighting to the north creates additional safety hazards, and a recent fatal crash involved a semi-truck striking a pedestrian near the Chick-fil-A. Jonathan noted that north of Pretty Pond Road, near Walmart, a new apartment complex does not have a midblock crosswalk. Tina will review FDOT's Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM) for guidance, as a midblock crossing study was previously conducted at this site. She also reported that a sidewalk project is underway to address a gap on the east side of U.S. 301, north of the 7-Eleven. The project will be costly due to ditches and elevation changes. Tina will provide an update at the next meeting. The group agreed to keep this location on its radar and consider adding it to the problem locations sheet if no quick resolution is identified.

Amy Davis (Pasco County): Amy raised concerns about intersections in zones with speeds of 45 mph or higher, noting that flashing yellow arrows have not been effective in Pasco County. As a result, Pasco plans to transition to protected left-turn signals in these areas.

Tina Russo (FDOT): Tina shared that FDOT District 7 is moving into the design phase for a sidewalk project along S.R. 54 from U.S. 301 to the Suncoast Parkway, a long-pursued initiative. While construction funding has not yet been secured, initial design work is underway for sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. Tina recently walked the segment with a consultant and noted significant drainage challenges on the north side, as well as issues on the south side. She expressed enthusiasm about this next step.

Next Meeting: January 28, 2026 – Virtual Meeting, 1:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

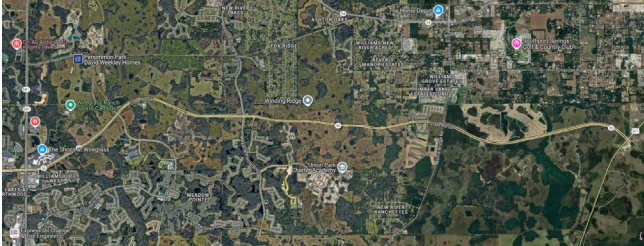
Meeting Attendees: Angel Avila (Pasco MPO), Matthew Belmonte (Gresham Smith), Christina Boulnois (Lochner), Amy Davis (Pasco County), James Hartwell (LEL), Eric Henry (FDOT), Sean Hoffman (Pasco MPO), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Ariana Roman (MADD), Jonathan Rose (Zephyrhills PD), Tina Russo (FDOT), Andrea Sauvageot (Benesch)



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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			
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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	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.	
No updates were provided. The group discussed that this location had been raised during a recent county commissioner meeting. Further discussion followed.	12/9/25		

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<p>Daughterly Road and US 301</p>  <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/zAzDSbTWJofgRKkN9</p>	Dec 2023	At Daughterly Road and US 301, there are crashes at the signalized intersection. Daughterly Road is between two shopping centers.		Tina Russo (FDOT)
<p>There is a hill and overall poor visibility. The issues are westbound, coming off Daughterly 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>				
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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	
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	

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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	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.	
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