



Hillsborough CTST – May 27, 2026

Meeting started at 9:31am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. April 2026 minutes were approved.

II. Membership Reports

Crash Statistics and Enforcement

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st through March 16th, 2026, there were 20 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to February 5th, 2026, there were seven fatal crashes. There were 13 new fatal crashes, which included four pedestrians, one bicycle, two rear ends, one sideswipe, one off-road, and four other fatal crashes. The first pedestrian fatal crash occurred on February 10th, 2026, at 2:52 PM on Big Bend Road, approximately 254 feet east of Wyandotte Road (Report Number 27720018), not at the intersection, in day, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on Big Bend Road approaching the intersection of Wyandotte Road. The pedestrian was standing on the paved shoulder of the eastbound lane of Big Bend Road between the white lane line and the cab of another vehicle, which was parked on the grass shoulder. The vehicle failed to keep in the proper lane and struck the pedestrian. The second pedestrian fatal crash occurred on February 15th, 2026, at 8:27 PM on N Nebraska Avenue, approximately 35 feet north of E Juneau Street (Report Number 27921678), not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and wet conditions. The vehicle was traveling southbound on N Nebraska Avenue approaching the intersection of E Juneau Street. The pedestrian was walking west across N Nebraska Avenue without using a crosswalk and collided with the vehicle. The third pedestrian fatal crash occurred on February 21st, 2026, at 9:53 PM on Dale Mabry Highway, approximately 125 feet north of Idlewild Avenue (Report Number 27103248), not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling northbound on Dale Mabry Highway approaching Idlewild Avenue in the inside lane. The pedestrian was standing on the median. The pedestrian stepped/fell from the median as the vehicle was approaching and caused the collision. The fourth pedestrian fatal crash occurred on March 11th, 2026, at 8:44 PM on W Fletcher Avenue, approximately 262 west of N Florida Avenue (Report Number 27721185), not at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling westbound on W Fletcher Avenue just west of N Florida Avenue in the inside lane. The pedestrian was crossing north on W Fletcher Avenue, not using a crosswalk. The pedestrian was then struck by the vehicle. The fifth pedestrian crash originally classified as “other” on Signal 4 Analytics, occurred on March 15th, 2026, at 12:57 AM on Baker Street and Charlie Taylor Road (Report Number 27116943), at the t-intersection, in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling westbound on Baker Street just east of Charlie Taylor Road. The pedestrian was on the south shoulder of Baker Street. The pedestrian started walking in the northbound direction across Baker Street in the direct path of the vehicle and caused the collision. The first bicycle crash occurred on February 10th, 2026, at 8:08 PM on Lithia



Pinecrest Road, approximately 447 feet north of Adelaide Avenue (Report Number 27720037), not at the intersection, in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling southeast on Lithia Pinecrest Road. The bicyclist was riding northwest on the western shoulder of Lithia Pinecrest Road attempting to avoid trash cans. The bicyclist simultaneously crossed the solid white line and entered the path of vehicle one, causing the collision. The bicyclist was under the influence of drugs. The second bicycle crash originally classified as "other" on Signal 4 Analytics, occurred on February 15th, 2026, at 7:35 PM on 9th Street and North Street (Report Number 27720208), at the intersection, in dark-not lighted, cloudy, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on North Street approaching the intersection of 9th Street. The bicyclist on a minibike was riding north on 9th Street. The vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection leading to the vehicle entering the intersection and colliding with the bicyclist. The driver of vehicle one was under the influence of alcohol with a 0.07 BAC. The third bicycle crash originally classified as "other" on Signal 4 Analytics, occurred on March 8th, 2026, at 8:26 PM on E 7th Avenue and North 21st Street (Report Number 27922942), at the intersection, in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling southbound on 21st Street approaching the intersection of E 7th Avenue. The bicyclist was riding north on 21st Street against the flow of traffic. The vehicle made a lawful right turn onto E 7th Avenue and the bicyclist collided with the driver's side door. The bicyclist was under the influence of both drugs and alcohol with a BAC of 0.018. Pedestrian crashes were the highest fatal crash type (25%), followed by other fatal crashes (20%), and off-road fatal crashes (15%). There are currently 20 fatal crashes through March 16th, 2026. Same period in 2025 there were 36 fatal crashes. Hillsborough County is down by 16 fatal crashes in the same period.

Jacob Gonzalez (Tampa PD): Jacob reported that in April 2026, the agency made 113 DUI arrests, a decrease from 132 in April 2025. Over the recent holiday weekend, enforcement activity was high, including over 1,000 warnings, 700 citations, 70 criminal UTCs, 21 DUI arrests, and 106 misdemeanor arrests, along with several felony arrests. The department also conducted underage drinking operations in Soho and Ybor: on Friday in Soho, officers checked multiple bars and made 12 arrests at Hyde Park Café, while on Saturday in Ybor, rainy weather led to lower attendance, resulting in only one arrest at Showbar. Additionally, the department continues its education outreach, having recently presented at the State Attorney's Office and planning another session next month in coordination with the Buccaneers' minicamp.

James Herbert (HCSO): James reported on both Memorial Day weekend enforcement activity and April 2026 statistics. During the multi-agency Memorial Day DUI operation, there were 56 DUI arrests, 531 traffic stops, 443 warnings, and 89 citations. For April 2026, HCSO recorded 198 DUI arrests, an increase from 146 in April 2025. Traffic crash reports also rose to 669 compared to 592 the previous year, while traffic stops increased to 951 from 654. Additionally, there were 15 arrests related to traffic crash investigations in April, up from five during the same period last year.

Jim Reiser (Tampa PD): Jim commended Jacob Gonzalez for his strong commitment to DUI enforcement, traffic safety, and public education, noting that his recent promotion to sergeant is well deserved and recognizing his passion as a leader in traffic safety. Jim also provided an update on Tampa PD data, stating that the department has recorded eight fatalities year-to-date compared to 18 at the same time last



year, representing a 56% decrease. He expressed optimism about maintaining this positive trend. Additionally, he noted ongoing challenges related to e-bikes, mentioning that guidance from the state is still pending following recently passed legislation, particularly regarding how such incidents should be reported.

Jim Hartwell (LEL): Jim reminded law enforcement participants that the Click It or Ticket campaign is in its final week, ending Sunday, with reporting for enforcement efforts beginning June 1st and continuing through the end of the month. He also echoed earlier remarks congratulating Jacob Gonzalez on his recent promotion to sergeant, noting that the recognition is well deserved and highlighting his strong capabilities.

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): Brentin shared that the program's closing ceremony is scheduled for next week, which will serve as the major closeout event. He noted that the State Secretary is expected to deliver a keynote address. Brentin also mentioned that all equipment distribution should be completed and expressed anticipation for the start of the next phase, identified as ELEE 5, which is expected to begin in about a month. He added that a draft contract has recently been received from FDOT and that their team will begin working through it.

Health Agencies/Safety Groups

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric provided an update on upcoming statewide coalition activities, noting that the Teen Safe Driving Coalition will be meeting later that week on Thursday and Friday, which he plans to attend. He also mentioned that the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, focused on aging road users, will meet the following week. Eric indicated that he will share any relevant updates or takeaways from both meetings at the next CTST meeting.

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): Brentin Mosher noted that the Impaired Driving Coalition is scheduled to meet the following week, though he was unsure if any attendees from the group participated.

Anne Rollison (DUI Counterattack): Anne clarified that she and Jacob Gonzalez are members of the Florida Impaired Driving Coalition (FIDC) and confirmed that the meeting will take place the next Wednesday and Thursday.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric encouraged attendees of that meeting to capture and share any relevant updates at the next CTST meeting, emphasizing the importance of relying on members who attend various coalitions to relay key information back to the group. He provided an update on a teen driver safety initiative currently in development. He explained that the team is working on a pilot program in Plant City that will engage high school drivers through an app-based system designed to monitor driving behaviors such as harsh braking and acceleration. The program aims to encourage safer driving by offering rewards for improved behavior. He noted that the project is still in the development stage but is expected to launch at a few high schools in Hillsborough County soon, with the goal of expanding to a broader audience in the coming months if successful.

Alexandria Roeder (TGH): Alexandria shared updates on Tampa General's efforts during Trauma Awareness Month, highlighting several successful outreach and training initiatives. She noted that Tampa General is preparing to train all Hillsborough County Public School nurses, approximately 200 to 300



attendees, next week through the Stop the Bleed program. She also announced the launch of the Survive the Ride training in partnership with the Tampa Police Department, which includes instruction on safe motorcycle helmet removal and the jaw-thrust maneuver to assist with breathing. Additional outreach included participation in National Bike to Work Day, where 47 helmets were fitted or replaced, and Motorcycle Awareness Month efforts, during which 26-yard signs were placed at high-risk intersections identified using Signal Four data. She also expressed interest in coordinating with the Teen Safe Driving Coalition, noting a gap in participation for the Battle of the Belts program across Hillsborough County high schools and offering support to help expand engagement.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric confirmed that he would help connect Alexandria Roeder with the appropriate contact for the Teen Safe Driving Coalition, noting that discrepancies in Battle of the Belts participation counts are common due to differences between locally run programs and those formally tracked by the statewide coalition.

Alexandria Roeder (TGH): Alexandria shared that AAA has partnered with Tampa General Hospital to launch an E-Ride Safety campaign focused on micromobility devices such as e-bikes. The campaign, expected to launch in early June, will include a parent-focused handbook outlining considerations for allowing children to use these devices, along with safety recommendations such as proper helmet use. She offered to share the materials with the group once they become available.

University/Community Organizations

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): Brentin shared that there are currently no major events planned but noted that his team is working on a couple of public service announcements. This includes an e-bike safety PSA in collaboration with Safe Kids in St. Petersburg, as well as a USS-specific PSA that they hope to complete over the summer. He indicated that aside from these ongoing efforts, there are no additional significant updates at this time.

Jeannine South (MADD): Jeannine provided an update on ongoing prevention efforts, noting that her team is wrapping up school-year programming focused on impaired driving and underage substance use prevention across Hillsborough County. She highlighted expanded outreach, including new partnerships with organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as completion of spring semester driver education programs and continued engagement through elementary-level Power of Me initiatives. The team is also working closely with the juvenile diversion program, supporting youth who have had interactions with law enforcement by reinforcing prevention and education efforts. Looking ahead, several summer programs are already scheduled, while the team takes some time to regroup after a busy school year. Jeannine also mentioned she will be attending the upcoming Teen Safe Driving Coalition meeting and is currently organizing the Golf Like MADD tournament in Tarpon Springs this October, encouraging participation and sponsorship opportunities.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): Emily shared that they recently wrapped up the school year by recognizing top-performing schools in the annual National Walk to School Day competition. The top five schools in the county were awarded, each achieving strong participation rates ranging from 30% to 70%, which reflects higher engagement compared to the previous year both in terms of the number of schools



involved and overall student participation. She also highlighted that Walk Bike Tampa hosted a National Walk and Bike Month event in early May at the Tampa History Center, where speakers discussed ways to improve walking and biking conditions in the area. Emily noted that planning is underway for World Car-Free Day on September 19th and encouraged organizations to get involved, as well as to participate in the upcoming National Walk to School Day in the next school year.

Engineering/Planning

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric shared a brief update from the FDOT side, noting that the department is involved in a local micromobility task force in partnership with Johns Hopkins and other agencies. As part of this effort, the group is developing two public service announcements focused on micromobility and is currently seeking feedback on initial concepts. A short survey, estimated to take five to 10 minutes, has been distributed and will also be shared via email, with Eric encouraging members to participate to help ensure the PSAs address the needs of partner agencies and committees. He added that aside from this initiative, there were no additional updates to report.

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): Mahshid provided an update on ongoing coordination efforts, noting that the group continues to meet monthly to review applications and product codes while working with cities, counties, and FDOT to advance project funding and implementation. Current efforts include coordination with the City of Plant City on delineators, collaboration with the City of Tampa on R1-6a signs, and work on safety edge treatments for pavements. She emphasized that their next meeting is scheduled for July and encouraged members to reach out if assistance is needed. Mahshid also reiterated the importance of using FDOT-approved products, explaining that items not on the approved list are limited to \$35,000 and require additional review steps. She stressed the need for detailed and precise application submissions, including specifications such as dimensions and mounting conditions, and encouraged agencies to carefully review product codes provided before final approval to ensure compatibility with local standards.

James Hutchinson (City of Plant City): James noted that an engineering study for school zones has been completed to identify needed improvements for compliance. He also mentioned a downtown initiative that includes adding artistic wraps to 10 traffic signal cabinets. In addition, efforts to enhance pedestrian safety are planned, including the installation of two all-way stop intersections and a flashing pedestrian crosswalk in the downtown area to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO): Lisa shared that her team is wrapping up several corridor studies and preparing to launch a new set of planning studies, with a finalized list of candidate projects expected soon. She noted that stakeholders may be contacted as these studies move forward. Silva also highlighted a potential new initiative, a traffic garden or safety village, which is becoming more likely, and she plans to coordinate with partners and research successful examples in other locations such as Pasco County, Georgia, and Orlando. Additionally, she mentioned a recently completed safety countermeasures effectiveness report and offered to present an overview of its findings and recommended next steps to the group if there is interest.



School Operations

Melissa Kincheloe (HCSO Crossing Guard Unit): Melissa shared that the school year is nearly complete, with just two days remaining, expressing excitement about its conclusion. She noted that her team is now transitioning into summer mode and preparing for upcoming seasonal activities.

III. Follow-Up Items

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric Henry confirmed that the Fowler and 52nd Street corridor education campaign has been completed, including all associated efforts such as surveys and mailers, and noted that it can be removed from the action items list. He added that similar campaigns are expected to follow soon.

IV. Presentations

None.

V. Announcements

None.

VI. Action Items (procedural items for committee vote)

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric stated that the group is currently seeking a new CTST chair following the previous chair's resignation. He explained that a potential candidate from the county is being considered but encouraged others to express interest as well.

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO): Lisa noted that the Safe Streets for All federal coordinator is scheduled to be in town locally on June 24th, the same day as the next CTST meeting. She pointed out that this could present either a potential opportunity for coordination or a scheduling conflict for staff, particularly since some Hillsborough County staff may already be involved in supporting that visit. Eric acknowledged the update and indicated that he would look into it further.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:12am.

Next Meeting: June 24th – In-Person Meeting, 9:30am, FDOT District 7, 11201 McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL

In attendance: Rick Adams (Nations Traffic Safety School), Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Alexandra Arvelaiz (HCSO Grants), Michael Campani (Tampa PD), Caroline Fraser (Kimley Horn), Jacob Gonzalez (Tampa PD), Jim Hartwell (LEL), Eric Henry (FDOT), James Herbert (HCSO), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), James Hutchinson (City of Plant City), Nicholas Inniss (Element Engineering Group), Melissa Kincheloe (HCSO Crossing Guard Unit), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Jim Reiser (Tampa PD), Alexandria Roeder (Tampa General Hospital), Anne Rollison (DUI Counterattack), Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO), Ellen Snelling (Tampa Alcohol Coalition), Jeannine South



(MADD), Andrew Stastny (Kimley Horn), Antonio Velez (USF PD), Gregory Vickers (USF PD), Katherine Walde (Tampa General Hospital)