



Hillsborough CTST – June 24, 2026

Meeting started at 9:31 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were given. May 2026 minutes were approved.

II. Membership Reports

Crash Statistics and Enforcement

Lori Palaio (JMT): From January 1st through April 9th, 2026, there were 29 fatal crashes. At the last CTST from January 1st to March 16th, 2026, there were 20 fatal crashes. There were nine new fatal crashes, which included two pedestrians, two left turns, one off road, one angle, one sideswipe, one rollover, one other fatal crashes. The first pedestrian fatal crash occurred on March 27th, 2026, at 9:35 PM (Report Number 27721129) on C.R. 39, approximately 700 feet south of Tipton Road, not at the intersection in dark-not lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The vehicle was traveling southbound on C.R. 39 when two pedestrians suddenly entered the travel lane of the vehicle. The pedestrians were not visible, and the driver did not have enough time to move and collided with both pedestrians. The second pedestrian fatal crash occurred on March 29th, 2026, at 9:49 PM (Report Number 27923724) on North Florida Avenue, approximately 25 feet south of East Ohio Avenue, not at the intersection in dark-lighted, clear, and dry conditions. The driver was traveling northbound on N Florida Avenue when two pedestrians suddenly entered the travel lane. The pedestrians were improperly crossing N Florida Avenue from the east curb line to the west curb line, not using a crosswalk, and directly into the vehicle's path. The one fatal crash coded as other on Signal Four Analytics, was dirtbike related. The fatal crash occurred on March 21st, 2026, at 7:00 PM (Report Number 27923349) on East Bird Street and North Elmer Street, at the intersection in day, clear, and dry conditions. Vehicle one was parked in the shoulder of the road along N Elmer Street when vehicle two (the dirtbike) was carelessly driving on North Elmer Street and struck the bumper of vehicle one. Pedestrian fatal crashes were the highest fatal crash type with 24.2%. Pedestrian fatal crashes are more prominent on Hillsborough County roadways. Approximately 20.7% of all fatal crashes were related to intoxication. Approximately 70.0% of all fatal crashes occurred during nighttime conditions. Approximately 41.0% of the fatal crashes occurred on state roadways. There are currently 29 fatal crashes through April 9th, 2026. Same period in 2025 there were 54 fatal crashes. Hillsborough County is down by 25 fatal crashes in the same period.

A discussion followed regarding the potential to collect school-related crash data.

Kelly Farabee (FDOT): Kelly indicated that she would investigate school-related crashes further.

Lori Palaio (JMT): Lori noted that school-related crashes could be analyzed by reviewing crashes within a defined radius of schools, as well as by age group and time of day.



Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): Brentin reported that the Enhanced Law Enforcement Engagement (ELEE) 4 program has concluded, with a ceremony held in June during which equipment was distributed. Secretary Perdue and Secretary Hall were in attendance. He also noted that work is underway on the ELEE 5 contract, which is anticipated to begin in July.

Louie Cornelio (USF PD): Louie reported that both hit-and-run crashes and total crashes from January 1st through the end of May have decreased. He noted that approximately 41 percent of crashes resulted in no injuries. Louie also mentioned a recent fatal crash at Fletcher Avenue and Genshaft Drive involving two vehicles.

Jacob Gonzalez (Tampa PD): Jacob mentioned that Tampa PD is participating in Click it or Ticket. Recently, Tampa PD made 687 seatbelt contacts. They will be participating in a car seat event at John's Hopkin's on July 11th. Jacob reported that in May 2026, the agency made 105 DUI arrests. This month so far they made 75 DUI arrests. Jacob discussed working the July 4th operation with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. There have been ten fatalities year to date, with three in May and one in June.

Jim Hartwell (LEL): Click it or Ticket reporting ends soon. July 13th starts Operation Southern Slowdown. There will be a press event at 10:00 AM for the slowdown. The law enforcement challenge award ceremony will take place the end of July.

Health Agencies/Safety Groups

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric shared that AAA is advancing micromobility initiatives. He also noted that the Teen Safe Driving Coalition recognized "Gibson High School" (presumably East Bay High School) as the statewide winner of the Battle of the Belts program.

Jim Hartwell (LEL): Jim discussed the recently proposed e-bike statute, which requires e-bike speeds to be 10 mph or less when within 50 feet of a pedestrian. He noted that law enforcement agencies will need to determine how to report and track this information.

University/Community Organizations

Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR): Brentin reported that they are developing a public service announcement (PSA) in coordination with USF Police Department and Rocky the Bull. The initiative will support a peer-to-peer micromobility safety program at the start of the upcoming school year.

Ariana Roman (MADD): Ariana shared that MADD is currently conducting summer driver education programs. Recent efforts included visits to Wharton High School and Plant City High School.

Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers): Emily from Sidewalk Stompers reported that, during the summer months, they are meeting with new partner schools to establish walking school buses and "park and walk" programs aimed at reducing vehicle queues and encouraging group walking.

Emily also noted ongoing efforts to advocate for school zone speed cameras, including the allocation of a portion of city-generated funds toward infrastructure improvements near schools. Additionally, partners are

preparing for World Car Free Day in September, with events planned in Ybor City and other participating locations.

Engineering/Planning

Jason Jackman (City of Tampa): Jason provided an update on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant, noting that the City of Tampa is working to bring the project back on track. He reported that progress is being made on the required paperwork for approximately \$25 million in funding, which will support quick-build improvements across 22 roadway segments.

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric shared that a micromobility PSA is in development, which will focus on educating parents who are purchasing e-bikes. He also noted that an additional PSA is being developed to address safety for aging roadway users.

Kelly Farbee (FDOT): FDOT is prioritizing a tool to better prioritize midblock crosswalk locations, looking at all contexts, besides just pedestrian volumes and crashes. FDOT is also working on horizontal curve initiatives, lighting prioritization, and lane departure tools.

Dibakar Saha (Hillsborough County): Dibakar stated that they are also updating their methodologies for lane departure, transit, etc. Hillsborough County is developing a midblock crosswalk manual, similar to the Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM). Lastly, Hillsborough County is on track for the 2023 demonstration grant, and it was submitted yesterday, as well as the implementation grant.

Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants): Mahshid reported that her team is currently reviewing applications and project codes and is responsible for approving requests and distributing equipment to cities and counties. Applicable equipment includes bright sticks, R1-a signs, and similar items. She noted that she is awaiting an application from Hillsborough County for a safety edge tool. She also emphasized that HSIP-funded equipment must be included on the Approved Product List (APL). A discussion followed regarding a potential future presentation to clarify eligible equipment, as new items have been added to the APL.

James Hutchinson (City of Plant City): Four new signals are in design, including Park Road. James discussed an engineering study for school zones.

Ron Patel (City of Temple Terrace): The City of Temple Terrace is striping 15 crosswalk locations. He mentioned additional funds for sidewalk striping.

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO): Lisa reported touring the Children's Safety Village and noted that the FHWA Safe Streets for All coordinator is in town. She also provided an update on the TPO's kickoff of the arterial signal timing and speed management grant in partnership with UCF, as well as collaboration with USF CUTR on a motorcycle safety grant. Lisa additionally highlighted the Future Leaders and Planning Jr. Summer Program and provided an update on the Collins Street Complete Streets project.

School Operations

Selece Rivera (HCSO Crossing Guard Unit): Summer school is until July 16th. There are close to 100 schools open this summer. There is an annual training for crossing guards to ensure that crossing guards skills are up to par before the beginning of the school year on August 10th. They are trying to fill crossing guard vacancies and there are 24 open spots.

III. Follow-Up Items

Discussion followed on the 50th Avenue RSA status. The report is complete, but FDOT is waiting to figure out next steps. There will be an update at the next meeting.

IV. Presentations

There was discussion about potential future presentations. Ideas include:

Kelly Farabee (FDOT) – Presentation on crash data trends over the past five years

Emmeth Duran (FDOT) – Overview of incident management and how it operates

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO) – Manhattan Avenue and Henderson Boulevard project, including coordination across multiple jurisdictions and Vision Zero efforts

Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO) – Safety countermeasure effectiveness analysis (through ITE), incorporating land value/economic considerations

Lori and Eric will coordinate putting these presentations on the CTST schedule.

V. Announcements

Eric Henry (FDOT): Eric stated that the group is currently seeking a new CTST chair following the previous chair's resignation. He mentioned to reach out to him or Lori if they are interested in being a chair.

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth discussed a wrong way driving crash, where the driver was impaired on I-275 between Busch Boulevard and Sligh Avenue. Discussion followed about camera detection. Emmeth stated that FDOT added wrong way detection on all ramps and that they are looking at arterial locations for wrong way detection.

Jacob Gonzalez (Tampa PD): Jacob introduced the concept of installing audible warning devices at locations with a history of wrong-way driving crashes to increase driver awareness. Emmeth noted an existing partnership with Waze that could be explored as part of this effort. A discussion followed regarding the feasibility of this approach, including challenges with using navigation applications to accurately determine lane position for wrong-way detection and targeted alerts.



VI. Action Items (procedural items for committee vote)

Emmeth Duran (FDOT): Emmeth discussed possibly having our next in-person CTST meeting at the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) FHP Dispatch building and doing a quick tour.

A discussion followed regarding rescheduling the July virtual meeting to the following week due to a conflict with the ped/bike coalition.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM

Next Meeting: July 29th – Virtual Meeting, 9:30 AM

In attendance: Mahshid Arasteh (American Quality Consultants), Keith Brown (Tampa PD), Louie Cornelio (USF PD), Emmeth Duran (FDOT), Kelly Farabee (FDOT), Mike Fusco (USF PD), Jacob Gonzalez (Tampa PD), Jim Hartwell (LEL), Eric Henry (FDOT), Emily Hinsdale (Sidewalk Stompers), James Hutchinson (City of Plant City), Jason Jackman (City of Tampa), Selece Rivera (HCSO Crossing Guard Unit), Sebastian Meyer (Tampa PD), Brentin Mosher (USF CUTR), Lori Palaio (JMT), Ron Patel (City of Temple Terrace), Jim Reiser (Tampa PD), Ariana Roman (MADD), Dibakar Saha (Hillsborough County), Lisa Silva (Hillsborough TPO), Don Skelton (Merrick), Andrew Stastny (Kimley Horn), Michael Tayler (Hillsborough County Trauma Agency and EMPC), Katherine Walde (Tampa General Hospital)