



Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Summary – March 23, 2016

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Rhonda Grice announced that William Porth, CTST Chair, would not be attending the meeting today. Ms. Grice called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

The February minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Pedestrian Safety Subcommittee

Ms. Grice reported that Stephen Benson and other CTST members were at a meeting being held at the same time as the CTST meeting across the street at FDOT District 7. Stephen may join later and provide an update.

Gena Torres shared that the crossing of E. Hillsborough Avenue at Meridian Point apartments is up and running. She added that the MPO is looking to do an event on 4/29 at that new signal to highlight the efforts by a number of agencies working to improve pedestrian safety on that corridor.

Lucy Gonzalez-Barr talked about the extensive outreach WalkWise is conducting along E. Hillsborough Avenue to educate on using the new crossings. Middleton students and residents in the area were very pleased with the efforts made by Walkwise and that the on-the-street education outreach was most effective.

Impaired Driver Subcommittee

Matt Weaver briefed members on the 4 main action items for impaired driver's subcommittee. 1. Updating the Tampa Bay Safety Website and maps to show location of arrests. 2. Developing a map with FAQ. 3. Working on issuing a DBPB to do minor signing and marking enhancements at interchanges across the District. 4. Changing out traffic signal lights from balls to straight ahead arrows.

Ellen Snelling added that there are legislative gaps to be addressed. She also said more needed to be done about irresponsible vending, that bars were continuing to serve to intoxicated patrons. Ms. Snelling shared the DUI numbers for the year.

James Riser with the City of Tampa Police Department talked about additional squads that TPD is arresting a lot of people too.



In lieu of equipment technical issues, the presentation on Vision Zero will be shown at the April CTST meeting, Ms. Torres gave a brief update on the MPO-sponsored student video contest in which 31 entries were received. The videos clearly got the message across to their peers on the hazards of not being careful when walking or cycling.

HSIP SAFETY PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Weaver announced that four HSIP applications from Hillsborough County have been submitted. The deadline for receiving funds in 2018 is March 1, 2016.

Ms. Torres asked about the types of projects applied for and learned that all different types can qualify. Mahshid Arasteh read the titles of the four Hillsborough applications.

Mr. Weaver shared that applications from St. Petersburg included requests for Rapid Red Flashing Beacons, enhanced crosswalks, complete streets, bulb-outs, etc.

Safe Routes to School funds are also available and applications being requested. These use a different funding source than the HSIP.

Lucy relayed that Hillsborough County Schools will have a SRTS application submitted for around Mort Elementary.

NEW BUSINESS

Education

Julie Bond and Ms. Gonzales-Barr gave an update that CUTR's Walkwise staff are continuing to reach out making presentations and via on street education, as mentioned earlier regarding East Hillsborough Avenue. Recently, they presented the WalkWise program to homeless shelters in St Petersburg, among other groups.

A successful event was conducted fitting helmets at the University Community Development Center. Pictures can be seen on Facebook.

25 attended middle school education over 2 DAYS, reaching 300 teens.

More Health reported over 10,000 kids in grades 1-4 have received their training.

I-Heart Radio has been broadcasting at high schools about not texting/drinking and driving.

Enforcement

James Riser shared that the Tampa Police Department has been focusing on cracking down on street racing on Courtney Campbell Causeway. They are also continuing to



enforce motorists not adhering to pedestrians in the crosswalk by the School Board building downtown on Jackson Street.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's office announced that DUI arrests are up over 140 this month, with February being the worst month for DUIs. Also discussed was the tragic wrong way driving incident in which a HCSO deputy was killed by an impaired driver with a .22 blood alcohol level.

Engineering

Mr. Weaver reiterated the engineering solutions being installed to address wrong way drivers. He also explained the Design-Build Push Button contracts that reduce the time it takes to implement safety improvement compared to larger cost and complex projects. These DBPB projects are quick fix tasks using contractors must be under \$1 million.

DBPB projects in District 7 include correcting a hazardous situation where run off the road concerns have been identified at Gibsonton Road and I-75. Also qualifying are warning sign at curve warnings and some work to improve the lighting at the Busch Blvd. and 12th Street crosswalk.

Ms. Torres acknowledged the thoroughness of FDOT's four access management studies recently completed and the solutions being recommended at median opens should go a long way in reducing crashes. Mr. Weaver talked about David Wynn's the FDOT District 7 new access management engineer who is focused on ways to improve safety.

Ms. Bond asked Matt about the Fowler buffered bike lanes which he confirmed are buffered bike lanes from Bruce B. Downs to I275. The allowance now for 11' travel lanes will allow for more space for some buffer between the travel lanes and bicycle lanes.

Ms. Torres shared that the MPO is close to completing a study looking at redesign of Florida Ave and Tampa Street one-way pair from downtown to Hillsborough Avenue.

CALENDAR UPDATES

Susan Reported the statewide CTST meeting will be held in Tampa on Wednesday, June 8, at the SKANSKA offices across from International Plaza.

Julie talked about the League Certified Instructor training on June 17-19. There is a prerequisite course, Traffic Skills 101, being held April 30th then an online 4-5 hour course.



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The Bike with the Mayor of Temple Terrace event was announced as a success and everyone was encouraged to come out next year.

Ginger with Mothers Against Drunk Driving announced the Walk Like Madd event on April 1st at USF from 5pm-9pm.

OPEN FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Hillsborough CTST is planning for April 27, 2016.

ATTENDEES

Mahshid Arasteh, ACQ
Julie Bond, CUTR
Lucy Gonzalez-Barr, CUTR
Ashton Grimsley, FHP
Alex Henry, FDOT
Matt Nance, FDOT
David O'Neil, 6 AMW/SEG
Shirley Ready, Hillsborough Schools
Ed Reyes, WVEA
Gena Torres, Hillsborough MPO
Cindy Grant, Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance

Susan Boda, TOA
Ginger Brengle, MADD
Rhonda Grice, FDOT
Mauri Arnold, More Health, Inc.
Dawn Lewis, Tampa General
J Napoli, HCSO
Chad Polk, CH2M HILL
James Reiser, TPD
Ellen Snelling, TAC
Matt Weaver, FDOT