



## Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Summary – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

William Porth, CTST Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.  
The April minutes approved unanimously

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Pedestrian Safety Subcommittee

Mr. Porth shared that the Hillsborough Avenue signal in front of Meridian Apartments is operational now and there seems to be compliance from residents to use the crossing. He did add that the family of one of the victims is suing apartment complex for negligence.

We learned that the School Board still offers bus service to Middleton, but no longer via a shuttle bus. There is a regular school bus as part of a route down Henry Avenue that stops for students near Meridian Apartments.

Mr. Porth added that a safety initiative at Oak Grove Elementary School on Hanna and Armenia will be a joint effort between Hillsborough County and City of Tampa. The school is in the city but on a county road. Requests are often made for crossings and William will continue to coordinate with Mike Flick from the County Public Works Department which has funds for flashing school zone lights.

#### Impaired Drive Subcommittee Report

Larry Morell with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) announced that DUI's have increase from last year. He stated that they are working on adding staff to the DUI squad. Deputy Morell reported that most are 21-34 years-old and more than half had an average blood alcohol content of 0.135, but also 40% refuse to take the BAC test.

Ellen Snelling, HCSO, reported there were 1,898 DUI arrests, 463 more than last year. Ms. Snelling added that she went to a check point in Ybor City with City of Tampa Police, it was a great learning experience to observe 3 DUI arrests on a Saturday night.

William Porth added that several roadways will have directional arrows painted on the pavement in Ybor City to address wrong way driving.

### **HSIP SAFETY PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

Mashid Arasteh announced that applications were received from Hillsborough County, the City of Tampa, from Plant City. She suggested submitting pre-application, not



receiving many yet and Ms. Arasteh offered to assist in filling those out. She added that a presentation to the CTST is a requirement.

Mr. Porth appreciated the rolling submittal process change, which makes it easier to apply when there isn't a time crunch to get them all in once a year.

Regarding Safe Routs to School funds, Rhonda Grice announced that Matt Weaver, the District Traffic Safety Engineer, is assessing area schools and noting those with sidewalk and crosswalk issues. He is making a presentation to the MPO's School Transportation Working Group on those and other District 7 safety initiatives.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Education

St. Joseph's Hospital representative reported that on the National Bike to School Day they held an event. Although there was bad weather, they still held educational outreach at drop-off point with parents at Pride Elementary School. She added that Stewart Middle School requested a presentation on walk/bike safety. They presented to 6<sup>th</sup> graders and are returning for another class this Wednesday.

Mr. Porth announced his participation in becoming a certified bike safety trainer, he will be the first trainer at the City of Tampa. He suggested our CTST could host a safety event much like the Pinellas CTST which holds road or intersection safety audits.

Mashid added that Pinellas CTST will hold meetings in different locations for more hands on learning such as at the traffic monitoring center and even meet at an actual intersection to identify solutions for improving safety.

Danille Joyce reported that the May 5th Temple Terrace Cyclovia was a success. All 140 helmets were fitted to children. Temple Terrace police provided bike safety training, and there was a lot of involvement from local Temple Terrace schools.

Lucy Gonzalez added that CUTR was involved in an event at Mort Elementary tomorrow. She talked about a group ride and a rodeo at University Area Community Center. Ms. Gonzalez reported on similar events - Chiles Elementary had 75 students ride with CUTR and McFarland Park had 150 students learn bike safety last week with helmets being raffled. Tampa Palms also had an event.

### Enforcement

HCSO Deputy Cherpock reported that Fletcher Avenue is getting better with pedestrians crossing properly at the new midblock crossings. He added that citing pedestrians for violations is tough when they have no license, but thankfully, motorists seem to be slowing more.



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Deputy Cherpoock added that the intersection of Waters Avenue and Sheldon Road continues to have issues, so District 4 is focusing efforts there. There is a Click it or Ticket event planned for Memorial Day weekend in South County on US 301 and US 41. DUI enforcement will be focusing on water and land.

Tony Rodriguez from MacDill AFB announced that a new type of aircraft will be housed at MacDill bringing 300+ new active duty personnel. The base is working with FDOT on traffic congestion on Dale Mabry which backs us when security is scanning ID's at the gate.

Mr. Porth added that FDOT has developed an Access Management Plan to make medians safer on south Dale Mabry.

Ms. Torres asked if they are using the mobile application she heard a presentation on that routes traffic specifically for MacDill employees.

#### Reports

Ms. Torres reported on Vision Zero efforts and elevating traffic safety.

#### **CALENDAR UPDATES**

Susan Boda announced that in two weeks on June 8, the Statewide CTST will be held. There are many confirmed attendees and a full day of speakers and networking. Ms. Grice emphasized that CTST attendance is encouraged since Hillsborough County is hosting the event.

The Statewide CTST meeting will be held at Skanska International on Boy Scout Rd.

#### **OPEN FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Hillsborough CTST is planning for June 22, 2016.



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**ATTENDEES**

Nahid Arasteh, AQC

Romona Burke, FDOT

Cpl Steve Cherpock, HCSO

Rhonda Grice, FDOT

Dawn Lewis, Tampa General Hospital

Lawrence Morrell, HCSO

Todd O'Hehir, HCSO

Kristina Quenneville, FHP

Ed Reyes, WVEA

Michael Sullivan, HCSO

Amber Wheeler, HCSD

Weerasuriya Anu, RS&H

Ashton Grimsley, FHP

Susan Boda, TOA

Sgt. Leif Cardwell, FHP

Lucy Gonzalez- Barr, CUTR

Danielle Joyce, Greenman-Pederson, Inc.

Cathie McKenzie, FDOT

Kristi Nalls, St. Joe's Hospital

William Porth, City of Tampa

Shirley Ready, HCSD

Tony Rodriguez, MacDill AFB

Gena Torres, Hillsborough MPO

Gregory Wynn, HCSO

Jennifer Gonzalez, HCPS