



Minutes - February 25, 2015

Vice Chairman Gary Tait called the meeting to order at 9:94 AM. Gary reminded the committee that his last meeting as Interim Chairman Person will be April 1. He will be nominating select individuals at the next meeting to take his place as Chair.

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Bob Campbell, seconded by William Porth.

Stephen Benson distributed the list of the Top 10 Pedestrian Crash Intersections and Top 10 Pedestrian Crash segments in District Seven. The list was compiled by FDOT Central Office and utilized data from 2008-2012. Over half of the twenty locations are within Hillsborough County. It was discussed that many of the locations (for example Fletcher Avenue) were already being addressed or were recently targeted with engineering, education and enforcement activities and preliminary observations indicate that progress is being made and safety appears to be improving. In the coming years we expect to see many of these locations fall off the Top Crash lists.

Corporal Thatcher mentioned that the Impaired Driving Subcommittee met last month to participate in a conference call with the California Safety Office to learn more about their Designated Driver VIP smart phone application. The app has been successful at engaging businesses and tech-savvy residents of California in participating in the DD VIP program to combat impaired driving. The app allows bars and restaurants to post specials and discounts for designated drivers and ties into car-sharing services like Uber and Lyft to ensure that even for those individuals who choose to consume alcohol getting a safe ride home is just a click away.

Call for officer nominations. Elections will be taking place at the March meeting. Positions available are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Gena Torres asked what was entailed in serving as an officer and Gary explained that it was very easy and that Rhonda gives a lot of support and keeps the team running smoothly. Susan Joel chimed in to comment that her time serving as a CTST officer was very gratifying and she hopes others will consider stepping up.

There were no local safety project presentations at this meeting. William Porth mentioned that the City of Tampa will not submit any project during this cycle since their two complete streets projects last year were approved for design and construction funding is still needed. Bob Campbell said that Hillsborough County will present a safety project presentation at the March meeting.

Kristi Nalls reported on Safe Routes/St. Joseph's activities over the last month. Julie Bond discussed Florida Bike Month activities including the Ride with the Mayor of Temple Terrace on Friday March 20th at 7:30 AM. Meet at 6610 Whiteway Drive and bring your bike, plus a light and helmet! Coffee and donuts will be provided. A limited number of T-shirts will be available too. The Temple Terrace Bike Month proclamation will be presented on March 3 at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

Stephen Benson discussed the HAWKs on Hillsborough Avenue and answered questions about legal/statutory implications.



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Dawn Lewis reported on Battle of the Belts. The winners were Steinbrenner High School (1st), Riverview High School (2nd), and Durant High School (3rd).

Amber Wheeler discussed her conversation with peer school district planners about their involvement in CTST. She was happy to see that many districts are intimately involved in their local CTSTs and added that she will be working to secure grant opportunities to support more school safety efforts and provide additional staff time dedicated to school safety.

Gary Tait announced that he was able to make major progress in reaching out to Hernando County Schools about the Teen Driver Safety education program, thanks to the help of Amber. Hillsborough County resource officers are using the PowerPoint developed by Gary to train their resource officers who will be giving the presentations at their schools throughout Hillsborough County.

Andrea Helainian-Williams asked about bike-ped education to elementary and middle schools. Kristi talked about her work in schools.

Gary talked about his work last August when he met with school resource officers.

DHSMV is including more questions on bike/ped laws and rules in the driver exams and trainings.

City of Tampa PD is working on High Visibility Enforcement for Bike-Ped safety. They are focusing on Fowler Ave at 15th Street which is particularly problematic with pedestrians crossing outside of the crosswalks.

USFPD is also working on HVE. They are focusing on Fletcher Ave near 42nd Street. Their main issue is speeding so they are focusing on driver speed to keep the speeds down for the students crossing Fletcher to get to USF campus.

HCSO is focusing on DUI.

FHP is working on tractor/trailer safety.

William Porth reported on the Bike-Ped Transit RSA he attended at MLK @ Armenia. He invited some CTST members to attend a planned RSA for Armenia @ Tampa Bay Blvd – to be scheduled soon.

Bob Campbell reported on new projects that will be going to construction soon – 42nd Street mid-block crosswalks, 56th Street between Fletcher and Fowler, Bruce B Downs between Fletcher and Bearss.

Plant City (???)

Susan Boda announced that the Statewide CTST Coalition will be hosted in Tampa at TPepin Hospitality Center on March 30th at 10 am to 2 pm. Susan is still looking for a distracted driving presenter so please contact her if you are interested or can recommend anyone. Everyone should plan on attending the Coalition meeting – it will be a great networking opportunity to hear about all the great safety efforts going on across the state!

Next meeting is March 25.