



Community Traffic Safety Team
of Hillsborough County

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION JOINT LIVABLE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE/CTST MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2015 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lisa Montelione and William Porth CTST Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The meeting was held at the Florida Department of Transportation Auditorium.

Members present: Councilwoman Lisa Montelione; Lea DelTosto; Chris Weber; Karen Kress; Charles White; Roger Menendez; Raymond Mensah, David Hey; Cathy Coyle; Justin Begley and Jason Jackman (proxy for Barbara Donerly).

Member excused: Nina Mabileau; Mark Hudson; Mike Williams; Pierre Valles; Laurie Potier-Brown; and Arizona Jenkins.

Others present: Lisa Silva, MPO staff; Peter Hsu, Rhonda Grice, Stephen Benson, FDOT; David Bottomley, MetroPlan Orlando; Pei-Sung Lin, Julie Bond, CUTR; David Thatcher; Linda Saul-Sena; Donald Rainard, City of Plant City; Susan Boda, Jennifer Bartlett, Tindale Oliver; Amber Wheeler, Hillsborough County School Board; Lena Young Green, Green Artery; William Porth; Bob Campbell, Hillsborough County; Ben Coddington, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department; Ginger Brengle, MADD; Susan Joel, Cardno Consulting; Amanda Correia, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Mahshid; Arasteh, American Quality Consulting; Greg Weekes, City of Tampa; Jim Reiser, Tampa Police Department; Shirley Ready, School District Hillsborough County; Ellen Snelling, Icon Consulting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Linda Saul-Sena expressed concerns about livability impacts to communities along interstate expansion. She said that Tampa's heart was impacted and that the MPO expects the LRC to speak for the community. She encouraged the LRC to following Tampa City Council's lead and remove the TBX from the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 20, 2015 LRC / May 12, 2015 CTST)

This item was deferred until August meeting for LRC, July Meeting for CTST.



STATUS REPORTS

A. Tampa-Hillsborough Greenways and Trails Update

Ms. Jennifer Bartlett stated that this project will update the County's Greenways Master Plan (2000) and identify connections to the regional trail network. It will also update the County's Greenways Master Plan by integrating the various recent pedestrian, bicycle, and multi-use trail projects and planning efforts into the Plan. The update will also identify trail and facility connection opportunities to further enhance the city and county trail network and identify connections to the regional trail network. The next steps include:

- Plans review Technical Memorandum
- Fine tune working maps
- Committee presentations in June/July
- Develop prioritization criteria
- Fieldwork
- Greenways and Trails workshop to identify additional opportunities and priorities
- Workshop to identify possible connections
- Working group meetings

Mr. Chris Weber stated that the issue at the Cypress Street crossing at Dale Mabry now ends at Church Street.

Ms. Saul-Sena asked if there were any protections for trail shade structures. She was told that they are focusing on connections at this time and amenities will come later.

Ms. Kress asked if there were submission issues once the trail is complete. Mr. Stephen Benson, FDOT said that perhaps they could be submitted through the US Bike Routes program. Chairman Montelione stated that bike trails were rated at the bottom by the public during the GoHillsborough process. She asked if there was a plan to elevate the process. She was told that the priority process will identify the tiers. She asked that this project be brought back after priorities were developed.

B. Advanced Lighting Measurement System

Dr. Pei-Sung Lin of the Center for Urban Transportation Research at USF stated that the background for the Advanced Lighting Measurement System found that 60% of total traffic fatalities and 70% of pedestrian nighttime fatalities were over-represented. Roadway illumination is a vital component of safety and the knowledge of how the lighting illumination levels affect night time crashes is important. The study found that using a handheld light meter to collect data manually presented enormous challenges. Dr. Lin showed various comparisons of different street lighting technologies and corridor lighting levels to FDOT's roadway lighting requirements. Chairman Montelione said that she has noticed street lights that flicker on and off and some that are completely off. TECO will fix the problem if you call and give them the



pole number that is located on the pole. Dr. Lin said that stop signs have sensors which can alert the proper agency they are down or have fallen. It would be ideal if light standards had a similar option. Mr. Peter Hsu is working with the City of Tampa to check lighting levels for older roads.

CTST – Submitted HSIP Projects

Plant City has submitted for reflective plates and the City of Tampa for green lanes. Temple Terrace and Hillsborough County have not submitted for HSIP Projects. The CTST is in the process of mailing out letters to begin next year's cycle of submissions. A website map has been created as a resource tool. This will be discussed at Safety Summit to be held January 20, 2016.

CTST Impaired Driving Subcommittee

It was reported that overall, DUI have decreased 17.6%, but crashes continue to increase. They continue to educate vendors to help bar owners about patrons drinking too much and driving. They are focusing on the bars with a survey of which establishment drivers are leaving from. The Sheriff's office is tracking wrong way driving and crashes on roadways since the beginning of the year. It appears the crashes have moved off the interstate and onto arterials. The results should be available within the next month or so. District 1 is taking the lead on this because Tallahassee does not have the resources. WTSP Chanel 10 has started a "Sober Driver" Campaign.

Transportation Resiliency (Video) – Video was shown

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

A. Smart Safe Street Summit Update

The Smart Safe Street Summit subcommittee meeting on July 3 at 3:30 PM at County Center, 18th floor was announced.

B. Next Meeting: July 15, 2015 – New Location, 22nd Floor County Center Building

C. CTST - Review of problem locations

- I-275/Fowler Avenue - 2 lanes signed incorrectly
- Lakeshore by church southbound
- Lake St. Charles @ US 301 – crosswalks

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.