



Minutes March 25, 2015

Interim Chairman Gary Tait called the meeting to order. Gary reminded the committee that his last meeting as Person will be April 1. Welcome and introductions were made, explanation and apology for the tight quarters as the room was smaller than the usual meeting location. A motion to approve the February minutes was made and the minutes were approved with the correction of attendees.

Lux Solar gave a presentation on roadway in pavement lighting systems; stating that safety is everyone's responsibility. District 3 is allowing a trial of these lights on 4 interstate ramps, 2 urban and 2 rural to address wrong way driving. These lights are only seen from the wrong way approach; red, white and blue lighting provides the illusion of a Law Enforcement scene, which theoretically will cause intoxicated drivers to avoid the ramp. The lights themselves are pretty flat, which bicyclists appreciate and have been designed to withstand snow plows.

An item regarding an email from a citizen Ms. James was mentioned, but the email had not been included. The email will be distributed to the team via the email list. This will document the citizen's concerns and suggestions as per the citizen's request.

Wrong Way / Intoxicated driving is still a problem. Ellen shared ideas to combat this such as tougher legislation on establishments serving intoxicated persons. Law enforcement discussed the SHARE program.

Joel reported that installation of pavement markings on various interstate ramps to correct left turn arrows that appear prior to Interstate overpasses to avoid confusion.

Radar detection will be coordinated with the ITS system to alert LEO of WWD. Joel will report back on this topic with additional information.

Ellen reported about Uber and Lyft. She said there is legislation to address commercial insurance and background checks for drivers.

Peter offered thanks to LEOs for help with WWD. Peter discussed LEOs involvement with SAFE programs.

More Health reported to have been doing a lot of outreach such as fairs and campaigns such as "Say X to the text!" as an anti-texting and driving awareness effort.

Jason Jackman reported that the SRTS walk and bike activities were in progress; Walking School buses, preparations for Bike to School Day are underway and that March was Florida's Bike Month. Bike to School is the 1st Wednesday of May. WalkWise is working on 50th Ave N. There was also some outreach to students crossing in the area. Bike with the Mayor in Temple Terrace was successful with approximately 60 participants.

Alert Today / Alive Tomorrow will be at a Tampa Bay Lightning game.

FDOT will be at a Tampa Bay Rays game providing safety information.



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Information regarding the incident involving a student at Leto High School being struck in a crosswalk found that both the student and the driver had been using their phones at the time of the crash.

Andrea from the Too Cool Traffic School reported that they are developing an interactive course that will help drivers retain the actual information.

60 officers from the Tampa Police Department will be testing out body cameras.

Click it or Ticket wave occurred around the 1st part of the month, numbers not back in yet.

There is concern about the speeding on 50th. (35-43 mph)

Bob Campbell followed up about doing crossings on 50th much like crossing on Fletcher; this will drop the speed limit to 35.

Julie Bond gave a presentation on HAWKS. She indicated that there signs on the mast arms will state No Go on Red.

Ellen asked about flashing yellow and cars that don't yield.

MPO has completed a study about 2 way streets and 1 way streets.

Statewide CTST meeting is March 30th in Tampa. Susan Boda provided some up-to-date information on lunch arrangements and schedule. The meeting is from 10 – 2, with bagels and coffee being offered at 9:30.

The meeting was concluded.

The next Hillsborough CTST meeting will be at the usual FHP location on April 22nd with new officers to take over. William Porth from City of Tampa as the Chair. Don Rainard from Plant City as Vice Chair and Gena Torres from the MPO as Secretary.