

Hillsborough CTST – January 27, 2021

Meeting started at 9:31 am

I. Welcome and Introductions were made

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

Ginger (FDOT D7): Rolling out the new signal cabinet wraps very soon in our area (and throughout the D7 area). They will be up along Dale Mabry Highway, Kennedy Boulevard, and Busch Boulevard. Also, the new pedestrian hybrid beacon PSAs are out and from both points of view (motorist and pedestrian).

Porth (COT): Mentioned the unveiling of the HAWK along Busch Boulevard. The City is getting a lot of requests for HAWKs to which he is pushing back with RRFBs. The City has an outstanding list of locations that they plan to upgrade in the future.

Porth (COT): Stated that TPD recently had their SMART motorcycle course.

Education

Julie (CUTR): The high school education is still moving along. George Edminston is able to be in some of the high schools and provide in-person presentations. For those schools who aren't interested in in-person, George provides a virtual presentation. Also, they are conducting on the street education focusing on the pedestrian hybrid beacons at Busch Boulevard. She mentioned that they launched the PSAs and they are receiving a lot of good feedback. They are also trying to reach out to the trucking industry, that travel these roadways, regarding the PSAs/education of the pedestrian hybrid beacons. They are continuing to provide virtual classes for bike/ped safety. BWTB will be hosting some specific webinars. They kicked off the "women taking on 2021 by bicycle" and have had some really good reviews. They are looking to provide another league cycling instructor (LCI) course this year and hopefully will get a lot of women involved. CUTR receives a lot of requests for teaching children and adults how to ride bikes. Currently, she only has one person who provides these classes. The League is doing a combined virtual/in-person format to become an instructor and Julie is scheduling the classes if anyone is interested. Tampa is currently in the #1 position for the Bicycle Friendliest Businesses and St. Petersburg is ranked #3. They excited to see the new cabinet wraps which should be in place prior to the Superbowl.

Porth (COT): Gave a shout out about what a great tool the Signal4 is for crash data. Michele has sent out information about scheduling training for this software.

Jeannine (MADD): MADD continues to provide their virtual presentations with the Juvenile Diversion with the Court System and drivers education courses within the schools. They love partnering with Alert Today Florida. New mocktail videos coming out this spring. Please let her know if anyone needs her to come and do presentations at your organizations.



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Dawn (TGH): They will be attempting to resume their “Stop the Bleed” public classes in March. It will begin with one class a month and the class will be limited to around 10 people. The class will be held at the TGH Community Health Education Center on Lois Avenue.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Sgt. Kenney (HCSO): COVID had a bit of an effect on them last year but they still had a large number of DUIs processed through central breath-testing. Final numbers for 2020 DUIs processed through central breath-testing were 2,948. Refusal rate was higher this past year at 41.01%, with an average BAC at 0.136. Countywide for the DUI squad, they are experiencing pre-COVID numbers. During a recent Saturation weekend, they had 24 arrests, with BAC numbers ranging from 0.072 to a 0.33. Crashes are up; there have been 11 fatalities since Christmas countywide. Sgt. Kenney had a meeting today, with their grant staff, to begin working on next year’s grant. HCSO will be doing a full court press for the Superbowl. They will be asking former DUI staff to assist them.

Mike Zinn (FDOT): For January 2021, there have been 9 fatalities within Hillsborough County; 4 pedestrian fatalities, 0 bicycle fatalities, and 2 motorcycle fatalities.

Engineering

Porth (COT): Recently, the City received a letter from a 3rd grader asking for the City to lower speed limits on several roads, one being Independence Parkway, from George Road and Memorial Highway. Both roads are on the City’s citywide map to be reviewed. They are trying to find ways to re-engineer the roadway through complete streets or lane dieting to reduce to the speed limit by at least 5 MPH. They are making headway within their RRFB program. They are about to construct an important RRFB on Brorein Street/Parker Street near a retirement home with lots of pedestrians trying to make their way over to Publix on Bayshore Boulevard and Platt Street. They will be constructing concrete bulb-outs, adding in several RRFBs, and reworking the intersection. The City will also be adding some RRFBs in the Soho area of South Tampa. They are working with FDOT on getting new signals put in on the one-way locations of Cleveland Street and Platt Street. Also, the City will be moving out into the community and doing some operational improvements. Discussion followed.

Diana (HC): Gave a School Route Safety update. Two major tasks that occurred in December were: #1 - Community Engagement Virtual (December 4-18th) and they received about 20+ questions which they are trying to respond to. #2 – Applications for SRTS grants. HNTB was in charge of the grant, with support of AECOM. HC was very grateful for everyone’s help with this effort. They are now waiting to see if they will receive the grant. The grant was for Lido High, Pierce Middle, and Alexander Elementary schools. HC was given the OK to start presenting at the MPO about Project Prioritization Methodology and Project Development. One is for SRTS and the other is for corridors for complete streets. Presentations for the MPO will be for SRTS. HC is trying to implement the methodologies for this process; they worked on about 19 miles around the 3 schools and identified different countermeasures to implement 10% plans into 3 categories (Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3). Tier 1 – low complexity, can implement quickly – going to try and implement within the fiscal year; Tier 2 – medium complexity, require design – trying to search for funding for these and these could take up to two years; Tier 3 – high complexity, require more designs and



coordination and could take several years to complete. Currently, they have funds allocated for the Tier 1 improvements. After this, they would like to repeat the process for the next bundle of schools.

School Transportation Items

Lisa (MPO): Thanked HC. Several HC folks will be presenting the HC School Specific Project and Methodologies to several groups in February and March. Amber Dickinson, School District, will be presenting the HC School Siting Issues. The upcoming virtual meetings include:

- February 10th @ 830am – MPO Policy on School Transportation Issues
- February 17th @ 9am – Liveable Roadways
- March 3rd @ 9am – Citizens Advisory Committee of the MPO

Matt (HCSB): The SB met with the County regarding Buchanan Middle School's congestion issues around the school. He asked Diana to attend the meeting and share any public engagement they received from Lido High, Pierce Middle, and Alexander Elementary schools.

Porth (COT): The City completed the new crosswalk on Lois Avenue at Comanche Avenue in front of Alexander Middle School. They just need to make a couple adjustments. Additionally, they received a media complaint about speeding adjacent to Tampa Heights Elementary School. The City will go out and conduct a spot speed study and collect other data.

Porth (COT): The City is coming up on FDOT D7's timeline for upgrading static reduce speed school zones to active flashers. He and his staff are working hard to get these locations updated by collecting data on the existing signage, performing due diligence, etc. Deadline could be extended due to funding.

Shirly (HCSB): Stated per the chat box, she will go out and observe Buchanan at dismissal tomorrow and see what improvements can be made. She said that buses are having issues with parking down Morgan and Amelia. William stated they did install some parking restrictions signs. Discussion followed. William stated possibly having a site meeting at Plant High School to discuss the drop-off/pick-up circulation plan. Discussion followed.

HSIP Updates

William (COT): He's working with others at the City to attend these meetings. Also setting up a meeting with FDOT and Mahshid with City staff to see what's open for request, how that works, etc.

Mahshid (American Quality Consultants): Per her email to Mike Zinn. New meetings are being set up between FDOT District 7s Safety Team and City of Tampa to discuss HSIP and CTST requirements. As always, she is working with Bill Riha and JMT on material requests from Cities and Counties. FDOT is reviewing SRTS applications. Just a note, when submitting HSIP or SRTS applications it is very important to make sure all portions of the applications are complete and that the requirements are met.

Vison Zero Updates

Alana Brasier (COT): She stated via chat: She apologized but had to join another meeting and wanted to share an update from the City of Tampa's Vision Zero effort. They are kicking off the development of the



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City's first Vision Zero Action Plan next month. She plans to join these CTST meetings each month going forward and will keep the group posted on our VZ efforts.

Gena (MPO): Very excited that the City has a VZ coordinator. Alana may be reaching out to folks within CTST to join the new VZ committees (policy, data, outreach). The MPO just wrapped up the 8 corridor studies. They are coming up with planning level type cost estimates to give to the County as an idea as they prepare for their CIP and what it would cost to start working on those corridors. Other efforts they may start working on include speed zones around parks and connecting USF with downtown via a trail. More updates to come.

Lisa (MPO): Stated she could do a presentation about the corridors they just completed. Gena also stated she could as well but wanted to know the interest of the group. William stated it would be great. He will be heading to the office to conduct a drive-through with Alana. Discussion followed.

Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Ginger (FDOT): Stated via chat.

- Move Over Florida Month
- National Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- Blood Donor Month
- Poverty in America Awareness Month

III. Open Forum/Announcements

Michele (Signal4): Gave website link in the chat and stated that they launched NexGen Signal 4 in December. She has sent out training announcements for February 9th and 14th. The old version, legacy, will be retired within about 4 months. NexGen currently has data from 2018-2021. She is available if anyone has questions. Her email is: msnow@dcp.ufl.edu Discussion followed. Website address for NexGen: <https://signal4analytics.com> She will send Mike Zinn info on the training sessions. She is also going to create a resource library on NexGen.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31am

In attendance: Susan Boda, Julie Bond, Alana Brasier, Emily Hindsdale, Nicholas Inniss, Benjamin Kenny, Melissa Kinchloe, Burak Konuk, Jeannine Lawrence, Dawn Lewis, Lori Palaio, Matthew Pleasant, William Porth, Diana Ramirez, Shirley Ready, Jessica Rohr, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Lisa Silva, Michele Snow, Steve Tindale, Gena Torres, Matt Weaver, Mike Zinn