



Manatee/Sarasota Community Traffic Safety Team

Jim Davis, Chair & Kim Clayback, Vice Chair

Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021

Chair Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members

Tom Arsenault, FDOT
Tim Bales, City of Sarasota PD
Andy Beymer, FDLE
Jacob Blurholm, Bradenton Police Department
Mayor John Chappie, City of Bradenton Beach
Theresa Chestnut, FDOT
Kim Clayback, City of Bradenton, Vice Chair
Alvimarie Corales, MPO
Slade Downs, MPO
Mike Ebersole, FDOT
Nanette Eubanks, MPO
Nelson Galeano, Manatee County
Rich Garrett, Citizen
Amjid Hussain, Sarasota County
David Hutchinson, MPO
Mike Lynch, Manatee County
Dan Middleton, Florida Highway Patrol
Daniel Ohrenstein, City of Sarasota
Md Haswibur Rahman, Sarasota County
Lt. D. Roberts
Francisco Walle, FDOT
Phillip Waller, Bradenton PD
Mary Webber, FDOT-PSG

Approval of September 21, 2021

Ms. Theresa Chestnut noted a correction regarding Project 09/2021: Manatee County 6th Avenue and 9th Street West where it stated "...FDOT is looking into the request to remove the light pole" FDOT is not looking into this; it is not an FDOT issue. Ms. Mary Weber made a motion to approve the minutes with noted correction. Mr. Rich Garrett second the motion with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public.

FDOT Report

a. Action Item List

Ms. Theresa Chestnut, FDOT, Ms. Mary Weber, FDOT-PSG, reported on the following:

- Project 09/2017: Manatee County, Palma Sola Causeway, Ms. Kim Clayback has been working with Mr. Jesten Abraham, FDOT Liaison. Who provided some guidance, but Ms. Clayback may still be waiting on a response from Manatee County.
- Project 01/2015: City of Palmetto, US Business 41 and 23rd Street West, status quo.
- Project 02/2019: City of Palmetto, US 41/SR55 at 7th Street West last information provided was FDOT's Traffic Signal Maintenance and Operations Engineer was waiting on confirmation from the City of Palmetto, i.e., the City will install if FDOT provides the material.



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- Project 03/2019: City of Bradenton, SR 64, 14th Street West at Jess Jewelers. The City of Bradenton agreed to install, and the equipment was ordered is the last status; once it is determined this has been done this item can be closed.
- Project 04/2019: Manatee County, SR 70, was brought forward by FHP, 66th Street East, Fairway Gardens Drive, a public meeting is required prior to access modifications; Ms. Chestnut asked if FDOT could do a temporary modification, which would still require a public meeting. FDOT's Safety Work Program Supervisor advised that most of the modifications will happen with a future overlapping project. Also, the Supervisor stated a permit to do this work would speed up the process if the locals are willing to entertain that; FDOT does try to approach improvements when they can get local support. Ms. Theresa Chest asked if FDOT can provide the quick curve would that be something Manatee County could do. There was no response from Manatee County.
- Project 05/2019: Manatee County, US 41 Lantern Inn, and Pearl Avenue, at last month's meeting it was announced a public hearing was going to take place in December of this year or in January. 2022. FDOT followed up with the Project Manager and the Project Management Team has a meeting with the Public Information Office on November 23rd and they do not have a date for a public hearing but expect to determine the date at their meeting.
- Project 09/2021: Town of Longboat Key, SR 789, regarding the Longboat Key Trail, FDOT is reviewing internally in trying to determine on how to fund it due to it being a sizeable repair, approximately eight miles long.
- Project 09/2021: Manatee County SR 64, Westbound at 9th Street and 15th Street East, Lieutenant Waller provided all the data on local crashes and Ms. Mary Weber combined that data with the crash records from Signal 4 and Car, which were a considerable number of crashes. Mostly were minor and not a lot with serious injuries. However, it is a high crash area and there was a traffic ops project in that area therefore Ms. Weber reached out to the Project Manager at FDOT and provided him with Lieutenant Waller's contact information. Not sure what can be done because it is in the next year work program. Conversation ensued regarding speeding issues at 2nd Street, and it was determined the information in this item (starting at 10/19/2021) should be pulled and stand alone.
- Project 09/2021: Manatee County, 15th Street East and 13th Avenue East, Bus Stop Safety, FDOT has an improvement project scheduled for the Manatee Elementary school zones on SR 64 and a work order is going to be sent in the upcoming weeks to FDOT's contractor. The project scope was going to include replacing all the school signage on SR 64 with the fluorescent yellow greens signs and upgrading the existing crosswalks at SR 63 and 17th Street East to high emphasis. However, the need for the rectangular, rapid flashing beacon, or a crosswalk at 15th Street East and 13th Avenue must be discovered by study and then if approved FDOT can develop the plans and send the work order to FDOT's contractor.

FDOT conducted and RSA on November 2, 2021 that was brought up by the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, who were present, US 41 SR 684 from 9th Street West to 5th Street West. Ms. Chestnut will share the report recommendations once it comes back.

b. Crash Reports Update

Ms. Mary Webber, PSG, provided an overview of the crash statistics and fatalities for Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

Reports

a. Enforcement

Mr. Tim Bales stated regarding the high visibility enforcement contract, one of their corridors is US 301 from 16th Street all the way to Myrtle Avenue. Either FHP or the FDOT had extra LED lights which were



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changed out with the streetlights along the corridor which has helped tremendously with being able to see the pedestrians cross the roads, which could be a solution for the area in Venice.

Within that same corridor we are getting a lot of pedestrians and vehicles that are trying to cross US 301 at 21st Street. Mr. Bales asked if something could be done to shorten the gap between the two medians and keep traffic going straight across? Some of the videos from the crashes are showing 5 to 6 cars trying to make a left-hand turn either northbound or southbound with 2-4 cars trying to stop in that lane to go straight across. It is one of the biggest ones we have on a major thoroughfare. Ms. Theresa Chestnut stated FDOT will look at it in more depth and will make a field review and make this a new action item.

Mr. Andy Beymer announced the Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign will be December 15th to January 1st and will email more information as time gets closer. During the Labor Day campaign there was participation from 33 of the 52 Law Enforcement agencies in District One.

b. MPO Report

Mr. David Hutchinson announced former MPO Staff, Ms. Corrine Tucker and Ms. Alvimarie Corales are now working for the City of Sarasota.

Once Around the Table

- Mr. Dan Ohrenstein announced the City of Sarasota Commission passed the Union Trail.
- Ms. Mary Weber thanked everyone for their contributions to the monthly newsletter.

Election of 2022 Chair and Vice Chair

This item will be revisited at the January 18, 2022 meeting.

Adjournment

The next CTST meeting will be held on February 15, 2022. The CTST meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.