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## Virtual Workshop

### THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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**Next Meeting: February 3, 2021**

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**SUMMARY**

**A. Motorists Passing Stopped School Buses**

In 2019, the committee addressed the problem of motorists passing buses that have stopped to pick up or drop off students. School Transportation staff will provide an update on this issue at the meeting.

**B. Health and Safety Protections Implemented in Response to COVID-19**

Pinellas County Schools have taken extensive measures to reduce the exposure of its students, faculty and staff to COVID-19. This item is intended to provide an opportunity for a School Board representative to speak to the committee about these measures and related issues.

**C. Hazardous Walking Conditions Update**

Rule 6A-3.0171, Florida Administration Code (F.A.C.), requires local school districts to ensure that county and city officials are advised of hazards involving students walking to and from school. Through its Hazardous Walk Review Team, School Transportation staff surveys and inspects the surrounding areas of the county's public schools and produces an annual report on walking conditions.

Students residing within two miles of their assigned schools are required to walk there unless a hazardous condition on their route is identified. In such cases the affected students must be bused to school.

School Transportation staff will update the committee on activities related to the hazardous walk review.

**ATTACHMENT:** Hazardous Walk Review Worksheet

Sch #	School Name	Haz Type	Committee Review Date	Hazard Street	Hazard From	Hazard To	Traffic Count (Per/Hr)	FDOT Station
						<b>SOUTH COUNTY</b>		
011	Azalea ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	66th St N	Tyrone Blvd N	5th Ave N	3920	15 5114 2019
011	Azalea ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	Treasure Island Cswy	Paradise Ln	Sunset Dr	AADT 20500	15 9189 2018
016	Bay Point ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	34th St S	38th Ave S	7rd Ave S	2650	15 5078 2019
023	Bay Vista Fund	NA	6/24/2020					
027	Bear Creek ES	NA	6/24/2020					
048	Campbell Park ES	NA	6/24/2020					
182	Douglas Jamerson ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	34th St N	13th Ave N	39th Ave S	3950	15 5082 2019
121	Fairmount Park ES	NA	6/24/2020					
169	Gulfport ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	34th St S	13th Ave S	30th Ave S	2650	15 5078 2019
202	Lakewood ES	NA	6/24/2020					
142	Lynch ES	Prep.	6/24/2020	34th St N	67th Ave N	58th Ave N	4013	15 5144 2/21/2018
228	Maximo ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	34th St S	22nd Ave S	Paradise Pointe Cir S	2650	15 5078 2019
237	Melrose ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	34th St S	4th Ave S	24th Ave S	2412	15 5078 02/21/2018
238	Midtown Academy	NA	6/24/2020					
253	Mount Vernon ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	34th St N	30th Ave N	1st Ave N	3324	15 5085 03/21/2018
459	New Heights ES	Prep.	6/24/2020	34th St N	68th Ave N	11th Ave N	4013	15 5144 2/21/2018
269	North Shore ES	NA	6/24/2020					
015	Bauder ES	NA	6/24/2020				26500	15 5078 2019
039	Blanton ES	NA	6/24/2020					
631	Gulf Beaches	NA	6/24/2020					
214	Lealman ES	Prep.	6/24/2020	US Hwy 19 N	80th Ave N	32nd Ave N	4013	15 5144 2/21/2018
279	Northwest ES	NA	6/24/2020					
302	Orange Grove ES	NA	6/24/2020					



**MID COUNTY**

005	Anona ES	Paral.	7/15/2020	Indian Rocks RD	Wilcox Rd	Honeysuckle Rd	AADT 15000	15 9208 2018
005	Anona ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	Bridge	Indian Reks Cswy			
013	Bardmoor ES	Paral.	7/15/2020	Starkey Rd	Largo Lakes Blvd	94th Ave N	AADT 30000	15 9195 2016
032	Belcher ES	Unfunded	7/21/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Cove Cay Dr	Nursery Rd		
032	Belcher ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	SR686/East Bay Dr	US Hwy 19	Plumosa Dr	4900	15 5304 2019
081	Cross Bayou ES	Unfunded	7/21/2020	Bryan Dairy Rd	Belcher Rd	62nd St N		
136	Fuguitt ES	Unfunded	7/21/2020	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	Railroad Ave	Lake Ave SE	AADT41000	15 5069 6/21/2016
136	Fuguitt ES	Unfunded	7/21/2020	119th St N	W of Pinellas Trl	S of Ulmerton		
136	Fuguitt ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	Coral Way	113th St	4600	15 3032 05/22/2017
459	New Heights ES	Prep.	7/15/2020	34th St N	68th Ave N	11th Ave N	4213	15 5144 4213
243	Mildred Helms ES	NA	7/15/2020					
336	Pinellas Central ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Gateway Blvd	Ulmerton Rd		
339	Pinellas Park ES	Perp.	7/21/2020	US Hwy 19 N	66th Ave N	49th St N	5539	15 5029 03/20/2019
346	Ponce De Leon ES							
435	Rawlings ES	NA	6/24/2020					
417	Skyview ES	Unfunded	6/24/2020	66th St N	Park Blvd	Regent Blvd		
417	Skyview ES	Perp.	7/21/2020	US Hwy 19 N	106th Ave N	Mainlands Blvd	5539	15 5029 03/20/2019
417	Skyview ES	Perp.	7/21/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Gateway Blvd	82nd Ave	5539	15 5029 03/20/2019
417	Skyview ES	Perp.	7/21/2020	SR694/Park Blvd N	71st St n	44th St N	4246	15 5033 06/11/2018
625	Southern Oak ES	Paral/Perp	7/15/2020	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	101st St SE	Wild Acres Rd	4724	15 3032 2019
433	Starkey ES	Unfunded	7/21/2020	SR694/Park Blvd N	Marathon Dr	79th St N	AADT 51500	15 5731 2016
433	Starkey ES	Paral.	7/15/2020	Starkey Rd	Largo Lakes Blvd	94th Ave N	AADT 30000	15 9195 2016
470	Walsingham ES	Paral/Perp	7/15/2020	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	10th St SE	Coral Way	4724	15 3032 6/27/2018
014	Largo MS	Unfunded		Donegan Rd	North of Donegan	Lake Ave SE	AADT 5500	15 9112 2018

225 & 226	Mad Beach Fund	NA	7/21/2020					
128	Morgan Fitz	NA	7/21/2020					
304	Osceola MS	NA	7/21/2020					
341	Pinellas Park MS	NA	7/21/2020					
208	Largo HS	NA	7/21/2020					
303	Osceola HS	NA	7/21/2020					
342	Pinellas Park HS	NA	7/21/2020					
709 & 282	Pinellas Sec	NA	7/21/2020					
						NORTH COUNTY		
037	Belleair ES	Unfunded	7/21/2020	Court St	Memorial Cswy	S Keystone Dr	2769	15 5175 06/13/2018
313	Curtis Fund	NA	7/21/2020					
107	Dunedin ES		7/21/2020					
113	Eisenhower ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	McMullen Booth Rd	Gulf to Bay Blvd	Oak Ridge Rd	4407	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018
113	Eisenhower ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Harn Blvd	South Dr		US19service rd
113	Eisenhower ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	SR60/Gulf to Bay Blvd	US Hwy 19	Damasquis Rd	3934	15 0074 05/23/2018
318	Elisa Nelson ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19	Highlands Blvd	Bligore Grv Blvd	8450	15 5503
134	Frontier ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	Roosevelt Blvd	US 19 N	Bay Vista Dr	3994	15 0007 5/23/16
134	Frontier ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	SR686/East Bay Dr	Keene Rd	US Hwy 19 N	5500	15 5304 2019
134	Frontier ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	US 19	SR686/Roosevelt Blvd	SR688/Ulmerton Rd		US19flyover
148	Garrison Jones ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Winding Creek Blvd	Evans Rd	7315	15 0044 02/28/2018
181	High Point ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	SR686/Roosevelt Blvd	49th St N	140th Ave N	AADT43700	15 0035 2018
181	High Point ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	SR686/Roosevelt Blvd	49th St N	Sawmill Ave	4368-3994	15 5304 06/13/2018 15 0007 5/23/16
181	High Point ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	49th St N	Rogers Ave	3863	15 0105 06/12/2018
181	High Point ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Ulmerton Rd	East Bay Dr		US19flyover
636	Kings Highway	NA	7/15/2020					
099	Leila Davis ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Main St	Republic Dr		

099	Leila Davis ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	McMullen Booth Rd	Los Prados Dr	Mil Ray Dr	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018
230	McMullen Booth ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	CW 1st St	Stag Run Blvd		
230	McMullen Booth ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	McMullen Booth Rd	SR 580	Thomas Rd	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018
292	Oakhurst ES	NA						
343	Plumb ES							
351	Ridgecrest ES	NA						
373	Safety Harbor ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	McMullen Booth Rd	Booth Blvd	Kapok Terr.	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018
385	San Jose ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	SR580/Skinner Blvd	Victoria Dr	Keene Rd	1412	15 5070 06/12/2018
387	Sandy Lane ES	NA	7/15/2020					
412	Skycrest ES	NA	7/15/2020					
073	Clearwater Fund MS	NA	7/15/2020					
334	Clearwater Intermediate	NA	7/15/2020					
109	Dunedin MS	NA	7/15/2020					
286	Oak Grove MS	Unfunded	7/15/2020	east of US 19				
286	Oak Grove MS	Unfunded	7/15/2020	north of Gulf to Bay Blvd				
374	Safety Harbor MS	NA	7/15/2020					
108	Dunedin HS	NA	7/15/2020					
044	Brooker Creek ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	East Lake Rd	Arbor Oaks Dr	Crescent Oaks Blvd	3571	MPOstn1006 5/8/18
044	Brooker Creek ES	Paral.	7/15/2020	Keystone Rd	north side	East of Buffalo Run	1572	MPOstnMP03 3/6/18
244	Chi Chi Rodriguez Acsd.	Perp.	7/15/2020	McMullen Booth Rd	Oakhaven Dr	Lake Cypress Dr	4153	MPOstnSC09 6/26/18
85	Curlew Creek ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Frontier Trl	297th Ave N	5744	15 0045 2/20/2018
085	Curlew Creek ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	McMullen Booth Rd	SR 580	Boot Ranch Blvd S	4443	MPOstnSC09 6/26/18
626	Cypress Woods ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	East Lake Rd	Kensington Trace	Sandy Point Rd	5421	MPOstnMP17 10/2/18
133	Forest Lakes ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	Tampa Rd	E Lk Club Dr	Race Track Rd	6105	15 0063 3/20/2019
178	Highland Lakes ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Beacon Grove Blvd	SC	6677	15 5503 3/19/19
178	Highland Lakes ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Pine Ridge Way S	Nebraska Ave	6677	15 5503 3/19/19



178	Highland Lakes ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	West Lake Rd	Tampa Rd	6677	15 5503 3/19/19
628	Lake St George ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Highlands Blvd	Boy Scout Rd	5942	15 0045 2/21/2019
296	Oldsmar ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	Tampa Rd	Sunflower Dr	Race Track Rd	5555	15 0063 02/26/2018
307	Ozona ES	Unfunded	7/15/2020	SR595/Alt 19 N	Wexford Leas Blvd	Trade Winds Dr		
438	Sunset Hills ES	NA	7/15/2020					
627	Sutherland ES	Perp.	7/15/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Klosterman Rd	Coral Landings Blvd	6475	15 5503 2/26/18
449	Tarpon ES	Unfunded	7/7/2020	US Hwy 19 N	Sawgrass Dr	Sun Valley Blvd		
449	Tarpon ES	Paral.	7/7/2020	SR595/Alt 19 N	TS Plaza Dr	Dodecanese Blvd	1227	15 3002 02/20/2018
449	Tarpon ES	Unfunded	7/7/2020	N of Anclote River	W of US 19	E of Dixie Hwy		
053	Carwise MS	NA	7/15/2020					
639	East Lake MS		7/15/2020			TEST		
319	PalmHarbor MS	Unfunded	7/15/2020	US19				
458	Tarpon Srpings MS	NA	7/15/2020					
075	Countryside HS	NA	7/15/2020					
108	Dunedin HS	NA	7/15/2020					
618	East Lake HS	NA	7/15/2020					
468	Palm Harbor Univ HS	NA	7/15/2020					
452	Tarpon Springs HS	NA	7/15/2020					
	<b>TOTAL</b>							
Red								
Yellow	Unfunded							
Green	Declared/Funded							
Blue	NO HAZARD - Just review							
Position Statements								

School Name	Haz Type	Hazard Street	Hazard From	Hazard To	Traffic Count (Per/Hr)	Stn/Date	funded	Comments
Anona ES	Paral.	Indian Rocks RD	Wilcox Rd	Honeysuckle Rd	AADT 15000	15 9208 2018	32	Deep Ditches - Impaired walkpath - 35mph
Bardmoor ES	Paral.	Starkey Rd	Largo Lakes Blvd	94th Ave N	AADT 30000	15 9195 2016	0	Ditches - Impaired walkpath - 45mph
Belcher ES	Perp.	SR686/East Bay Dr	US Hwy 19	Plumosa Dr	4368	15 5304 06/13/2018	3	south side of east bay
Brooker Creek ES	Paral.	Keystone Rd	north side	East of Buffalo Run	1542	MPOstnMP03 3/6/18	3	Ditches - 45mph-NS east of Buffalo Run
Chi Chi Rodriguez Acsd.	Perp.	McMullen Booth Rd	Oakhaven Dr	Lake Cypress Dr	4153	MPOstn SC09 6/26/18	0	ES McMullen Booth
Curlew Creek ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Frontier Trl	297th Ave N	5744	15 0045 2/20/2018	1	WS US 19 at Curlew Rd
Curlew Creek ES	Perp.	McMullen Booth Rd	SR 580	Boot Ranch Blvd S	4443	MPOstnSC09 6/26/18	48	ES of McMullen Booth
Cypress Woods ES	Perp.	East Lake Rd	Kensington Trace	Sandy Point Rd	5738	MPOstnMP17 10/2/18	158	WS of East Lake Rd
Eisenhower ES	Perp.	McMullen Booth Rd	Gulf to Bay Blvd	Oak Ridge Rd	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018	0	ES os McMullen Booth OOZ
Elisa Nelson ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19	Highlands Blvd	Bligore Grv Blvd	6475	15 5503	1	WS of US 19 Highland Lakes to Bilgore Grv Blvd
Forest Lakes ES	Perp.	Tampa Rd	E Lk Club Dr	Race Track Rd	5555	15 0063 02/26/2018	18	SS of Tampa Rd. OOZ
Frontier ES	Perp.	Roosevelt Blvd	US 19 N	Bay Vista Dr	3994	15 0007 5/23/16	120	Re-designated to Roosevelt Blvd from US 19 - 2017 Review
Frontier ES	Perp.	SR686/East Bay Dr	Keene Rd	US Hwy 19 N	4368	15 5304 06/13/2018	19	NS East bay, west of US 19
Fuguitt ES	Perp.	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	Coral Way	113th St	4724	15 3032 06/27/2018	1	construction completed, full sidewalks, change to Perp.
Garrison Jones ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Winding Creek Blvd	Evans Rd	7315	15 0044 02/28/2018	0	ES of US 19 by Republic dr. OOZ
High Point ES	Perp.	SR686/Roosevelt Blvd	49th St N	Sawmill Ave	4368-3994	15 5304 06/13/2018 15 0007 5/23/16	7	Declare 2017 - Car counts
Highland Lakes ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Beacon Grove Blvd	Alderman Rd	6475	15 5503 02/26/2018	0	WS of US 19 OOZ commercial area
Highland Lakes ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Pine Ridge Way S	Nebraska Ave	6475	15 5503 02/26/2018	0	WS of US 19 OOZ Highland Blvd
Highland Lakes ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	West Lake Rd	Tampa Rd	6475	15 5503 02/27/2018	0	WS of US 19 OOZ commercita area
Lake St George ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Highlands Blvd	Boy Scout Rd	5744	15 0045 2/20/2018	145	Ws of US 19
Lealman ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	80th Ave N	32nd Ave N	4213	15 5144 02/20/2018	0	62nd Ave N is north attend boundary - meets car counts for funding
Leila Davis ES	Perp.	McMullen Booth Rd	Los Prados Dr	Mil Ray Dr	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018	118	east side McMullen Booth
Lynch ES	Perp.	34th St N	67th Ave N	58th Ave N	4213	15 5144 02/202018	0	ES of 34th Street
McMullen Booth ES	Perp.	McMullen Booth Rd	SR 580	Thomas Rd	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/2018	6	ES of McMullen Booth OOZ
New Heights ES	Prep.	34th St N	68th Ave N	11th Ave N	4213	15 5144 4213	301	34th Street
Oldsmar ES	Perp.	Tampa Rd	Sunflower Dr	Race Track Rd	5555	15 0063 02/26/2018	2	NS Tampa Rd. OOZ

Pinellas Park ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	66th Ave N	49th St N	5327	15 5029 03/06/2018	35	Park Blvd flies over US19, ped crossing at US19 level
Safety Harbor ES	Perp.	McMullen Booth Rd	Booth Blvd	Kapok Terr.	4680	MPOstn1029 10/30/0218	3	WS of McMullen Booth OOZ
Sexton ES	Unfunded	34th St N	72nd Ave N	40th Ave N	4213	15 5144 2/20/2018	0	Now meets car counts for funded
Skyview ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	106th Ave N	Mainlands Blvd	5327	15 5029 03/06/2018	0	East side of US 19 N
Skyview ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Gateway Blvd	82nd Ave	5327	15 5029 03/06/2018	0	East side of US 19 N
Skyview ES	Perp.	SR694/Park Blvd N	71st St n	44th St N	4246	15 5033 06/11/2018	6	Sout side of Park Blvd
Southern Oak ES	Para/Perp	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	101st St SE	Wild Acres Rd	4724	15 3032 06/27/2018	21	no sdwlks,Starkey N of 122nd Ave, ditches
Starkey ES	Paral.	Starkey Rd	Largo Lakes Blvd	94th Ave N	AADT 30000	15 9195 2016	23	Ditches - Impaired walkpath - 45mph
Sutherland ES	Perp.	US Hwy 19 N	Klosterman Rd	Coral Landings Blvd	6475	15 5503 2/26/18	7	East side of US 19 N
Tarpon ES	Paral.	SR595/Alt 19 N	TS Plaza Dr	Dodecanese Blvd	1227	15 3002 02/20/2018	37	imparied walk-deep ditches 45 mph
Walsingham ES	Para/Perp	SR688/Ulmerton Rd	10th St SE	Coral Way	4724	15 3032 6/27/2018	4	no sdwlks,Starkey N of 122nd Ave, Ulmerton ditches
Total students bused						Total	1116	

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**SUMMARY**

Earlier this year, Forward Pinellas launched a vision zero effort called Safe Streets Pinellas. Vision Zero is a transportation safety strategy employed by communities across the world based on the principle that loss of life is not an acceptable price to pay for mobility. Vision Zero exists to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries in the transportation system with a proactive, preventative approach. The 16-member Safe Streets Pinellas Task Force is guiding the Forward Pinellas' effort and includes members from Pinellas County Schools, the public health community, law enforcement, emergency management, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and other agencies, public officials and citizens invested in the cause of transportation safety. As part of Safe Streets Pinellas, Forward Pinellas and the Safe Streets Pinellas Task Force are analyzing collision data, developing engineering and non-engineering countermeasures, conducting demonstration projects and ultimately developing an Action Plan with the goal of getting to zero crashes in Pinellas County. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview on Safe Streets Pinellas.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None Required, Informational Item Only

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**SUMMARY**

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) are pedestrian activated traffic control devices typically installed at mid-block crosswalk locations that help people safely cross the street. Florida Law requires motorists to stop for a pedestrian who enters a crosswalk. An RRFB helps to protect the pedestrian using a crosswalk by alerting oncoming motorists of their presence with flashing lights.

There are currently over 400 RRFBs in Pinellas County, most of them within the City of St. Petersburg. There are many RRFBs directly around public school facilities used by students on their way to and from school.

The RRFBs have proven to be highly effective in Pinellas County and around the country. A 2016 Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) RRFB study showed a motorist yielding rate as high as 98% under certain roadway design conditions. The rate of motorists yielding for pedestrians at mid-block crossings in the City of St. Petersburg increased from 2% to 90% over a three-year period after the RRFBs were installed.

Despite the proven effectiveness of the RRFBs, Senate Bill 1000 and House Bill 1371 were filed during the 2020 Florida Legislative Session. The bills would have effectively disallowed RRFBs in the State. Although neither of the bills were passed, it is anticipated that similar versions will be proposed in the 2021 legislature. Forward Pinellas, other MPOs in the state, local governments and other organizations voiced their opposition regarding these bills to Florida legislators last year. Given the likelihood that there will be another push to remove RRFBs in the state, Forward Pinellas will again be engaging its committees and partners to support the continued use of RRFBs and to help educate the public about their purpose and importance.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of RRFBs and previous legislative efforts to remove them.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None, Information only

**5. COVID-19 Impacts to the Transportation System**

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**SUMMARY**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on the way people get around the county. This has been reflected in recent trends of local trail usage, vehicular traffic volumes on major roadways, the number of transit riders, and even on the number and severity of crashes countywide. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the recently observed impacts to the county's transportation system.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.

**ACTION:** None, Information only.

**6. PSTA Program Updates**

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**SUMMARY**

PSTA staff will provide an update and also discuss operational and program changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.

**ACTION:** None, information only.

## **7. A-F Other Business**

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### **A. Crash Data Analysis**

The Crash Data Management System (CDMS) is a database maintained by Forward Pinellas that includes information on all reported crashes in Pinellas County including their location. This information is available in a format that can be sorted by a variety of factors, including type of crash (pedestrian, bicyclist, distraction, etc.), time of day, and age of the driver. Forward Pinellas makes this database available to its local government partners for their use and also provides the analysis of that data to other interested parties upon request. Staff will share information related to questions asked at the previous meeting regarding crash stats on driver distraction and impairment.

### **B. Transportation Inventory Data Update**

The Transportation Data Management System (TDMS) is a database maintained by Forward Pinellas that includes a variety of data related to the roadway network. The TDMS currently includes information on most major roadway segments, including average daily traffic and traffic congestion levels. While currently limited to roadways, there are plans to expand this database to include information on other modes of travel in the future. Staff will discuss what this additional information will include.

### **C. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update**

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the status of activities related to the three SPOTlight emphasis areas.

### **D. STEPS Program – Minutes**

The School Transportation and Enhanced Pedestrian Safety (STEPS) Committee is facilitated by the Pinellas County School Board and was created as a forum to discuss and address traffic safety issues around Pinellas County Schools. The STEPS committee consists of technical planning/engineering staff from the local governments and agencies throughout the County. Attached are meeting summaries and agendas from their meetings since the last STSC, as well as a copy of their meeting schedule.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- STEPS August 2020 Minutes
- STEPS September 2020 Minutes



**E. Safe Routes to School**

Florida's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program works to improve the safety of children walking or bicycling to and from school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement activity, and safety education. Below are links to recent information regarding SRTS initiatives and activities.

<https://www.bikewalktampabay.org/category/safe-routes-to-school/>

<https://www.fdot.gov/safety/2a-programs/safe-routes.shtm>

<http://floridasrts.com/>

<http://www.tampabaytrafficsafety.com/srts/SitePages/Home.aspx>

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- SRTS – FDOT Bike-Walk Tampa Bay
- SRTS free-webinar-using-pop

**F. Request for Future Agenda Topics**

The STSC members may discuss any suggestions for future agenda topics. Listed below are topics anticipated for STSC agendas in 2021.

- Pinellas County School Concurrency
- Forward Pinellas Trends and Conditions Report
- Pinellas County Public Works Safety Activity Book

**STEPS Minutes for August 12, 2020**  
**School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Committee**  
**Minutes for August 12, 2020 10:30a.m. – 11: 30a.m**  
**Microsoft Teams**

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE**  
The meeting began at 10:44a.m.  
**In attendance:** Norm Runkles, Mahshid Arasteh, Sandra Knoebel, Dawn Pecora, Jeff Wasilewski, Jerry Reynolds, Marvin Jefferson, Susan Sams, Marshall Touchton, Joe Camera, Joan Rice, Casey Morse.
- II. **APPROVAL OF March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
March minutes approved
- III. **NEW GENERAL BUSINESS**
- a. **Let's Talk** – New program from Pinellas County Schools. The communities will use this platform to ask questions and state concerns.
  - b. **Staggered Dismissal** – Regarding the discussion about staggered dismissals as a possibility. Municipalities were made aware that schools may be staggering their dismissal by 1-3 minutes.
  - c. **Blanton Elementary** – Chief Williams sent an email explaining the issue with Kenneth City/Blanton Elementary. The City wants to remove the crossing guard at 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. PSCO crossing guard will remain at the cross walk directly in front of the school. As a committee, we unanimously agree we do not support the city's decision to remove this guard at this time.
  - d. **Review of current TTSS spreadsheet:**
    - Palm Harbor University HS** – Busy main road – CLOSED
    - Bay Vista Elementary** – Crossing Guard – CLOSED
- IV. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES**
- a. Contact Information – please check the contact list to confirm your information is correct.
- V. **OLD GENERAL BUSINESS**
- a. Crash Data – see attached documentation
- VI. **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNED**

\*\*\* October 21, 2020 via Microsoft Teams at 10:30a.m.\*\*\*

All STEPS meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**STEPS Minutes for September 16, 2020**  
**School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Committee**  
**Minutes for September 16, 2020 10:30a.m. – 11: 30a.m**  
**Microsoft Teams**

I. **INTRODUCTIONS-ATTENDANCE**

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

**In attendance:** Cynthia Hayes, Michael Zinn, Amy Hayes, Russell, Melissa Mehling, Anthony Boone, Benn Lofton, Scott Galley, Mahshid Arasteh, Sandra Knoebel, Dawn Pecora, Jeff Wasilewski, Jerry Reynolds, Brejesh Prayman, Marvin Jefferson, Joe Camera, Joan Rice, Casey Morse & Kathleen Atwater for Susie Sams.

II. **APPROVAL OF August 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

August minutes approved

III. **NEW GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. **Organizational Statement reviewed** – Committee collectively decided to review the current document, add or modify with changes which supports today’s STEPS process.
- b. **Electronic Voting** – Terry asked the committee to consider a means of electronic voting utilizing Microsoft Outlook Vote via email. Due to the large membership and time constraints, this can be done via Primary / Secondary voters. This will be discussed later.
- c. **Starkey ES Car Circle** – Casey and Jeff both did a site visit dismissal to determine if there were any traffic issues. Traffic was flowing with only 2 to 3 minutes of waiting, the principal request that all parents do not pick up their students until school has been dismissed. This TTSS was closed.
- d. **Skycrest Crossing Guard** – Norm Runkles was unavailable to speak on the issue. Terry will contact Norm, conduct a site visit with Jeff and determine if there is a need for a guard in that area .(Terry spoke with Norm there is a crossing guard in place. TTSS can be closed)
- e. **Let’s Talk** – Was introduced at the August meeting and it was noted to be a means of submitting or discussing complaints. However, some concerns were redirected to the TTSS form when reviewed. The committee is requesting a notation for redirection if it’s not concerning a “Let’s Talk” item.
- f. **Blanton Elementary/ Kenneth City** – The committee reviewed and discussed the letter from our Operations Superintendent to the Town Manager of Kenneth City regarding a crossing guard removal. Terry Huberty & Jerry Reynolds conducted a site visit, determined that for the present a guard may not be needed but could easily change over time. However, there is an officer when available monitoring the area when school is open / closed for dismissal.

IV. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS/UPDATES**

- a. Joe Camera / Terry Huberty agreed a request to change the bus stop will not occur. This TTSS is closed.

V. **OLD GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Crash Data – see attached documentation

VI. **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNED**

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## Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Virtual Summit brings local supporters together; highlights regional transportation projects & achievements



More than 200 people attended the Bike/Walk Tampa Bay (BWTB) Virtual Summit, held on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Rob Zimprich, BWTB chair, and Julie Bond, BWTB director, co-hosted the first virtual event. The Summit featured an array of speakers, including BWTB's newest board member, Mercy Muga, Florida Department of Transportation District Seven Secretary, David Gwynn, and keynote speaker Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. The recording of the Summit is now available for [on-demand viewing](#).

## Bike/Walk Tampa Bay to host virtual "working groups" to tackle challenges and opportunities in the region

Bike/Walk Tampa Bay virtual working groups are led by experienced industry leaders who will facilitate discussions on key topics to improve walking and bicycling in the region. The working groups are divided into five focus areas: **Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering,** and **Equity**. Everyone is encouraged to join a group and provide input!

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP FOR A GROUP](#)



*Photos from National Bike Challenge participants around Tampa Bay. (L to R: Submitted by Disco Mike, Susie Cooke, Imre Berty).*

## Cycle September Challenge provides Tampa Bay residents with additional reasons to ride bicycles

Bike/Walk Tampa Bay is hosting Cycle September, a global competition to encourage more people to ride bicycles. Cycle September will run the entire month of September and is the final month of the larger Love to Ride National Bike Challenge, a summer-long competition. Anyone can participate by logging rides on the [Love to Ride Tampa Bay](#) site or by joining one of the other local challenges, like [Cycle September Temple Terrace](#) or [Cycle September Hillsborough County](#). *Continue reading...*

**Love to Ride Tampa Bay  
BWTB Regional Challenge Winners!  
May - August 2020**

# LOVE TO RIDE TAMPA BAY – ALL TIME STATS

(As of 9/10/2020)



**109**  
Organizations



**1,271**  
Riders



**227**  
New Riders



**1,256,194**  
Miles



**65,887** Rides

Bike/Walk Tampa Bay hosted the Love to Ride Tampa Bay Challenge from May 1 to August 23, 2020. [Love to Ride Tampa Bay](#) is a fun competition encouraging residents of Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties to ride bicycles this summer. Congratulations to the top winners of our bike Challenge!



**David Pollitzer**

**TOP RIDER**  
(All categories)

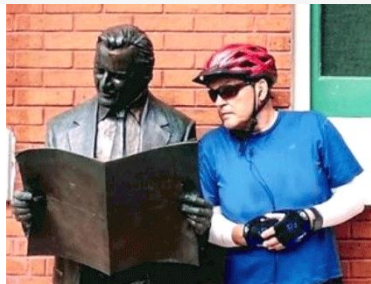
**& TOP MALE RIDER**

Total miles = 4,985



**Lloyd Pierce**  
**TOP COMMUTER**

Total miles = 1,119



**Imre Berty**  
**TOP RIDER (Most trips)**

Total trips = 187



**Danielle Greer**  
**TOP FEMALE RIDER**

Total miles = 4,427



**Joyce Pierce**  
**TOP NEW RIDER**  
 (Female)  
 Total miles = 447



**Michael Childs**  
**TOP NEW RIDER (Male)**  
 Total miles = 299



**Keith Curington**  
**MOST RIDES**  
**WITH KIDS**  
 Total miles w/kids = 41



**Our Strava Club Page**

Join fellow Tampa Bay riders in logging your bicycle trips and sharing your experiences riding in the bay area!

Connect with us



Bike/Walk Tampa Bay is a coalition of citizens, advocates, professionals, and allied organizations created to make walking and bicycling in the Tampa Bay region safe and enjoyable. [Click here](#) to visit our website today.





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Our Website

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## Celebrate Walk to School Day on October 7 at School OR at Home!



Back-to-school season is in full swing, and whether your students are attending in person, doing distance learning, or a hybrid of both, we are all adapting to a new and different learning environment. But one thing has remained constant: schools across the country are still committed to participating in Walk to School Day this October—and the reasons for participation remain the same, with physical activity, safety, and social connectedness rising to the top.

No matter what your learning environment looks like this fall, families, neighborhoods, and schools are all invited to register their participation this year. Walk to School Day activities might happen at home, around the neighborhood, or at school—there's room for everyone! [Register today!](#)

Here are three actions you can take between now and October 7 to make the case for walking to school throughout the year.

- Get inspired and get creative with [20 ideas to celebrate Walk to School Day in 2020](#).
- Check out our extensive recommendations for how to implement Safe Routes to School in different scenarios for [back to school during the pandemic](#)—whether it be in-person, online only, or a hybrid option.
- Share this [short video introducing Safe Routes to School](#) with school and district officials, in parent newsletters, and on social media. (Note: the video has been updated to reflect the new 6 E's of Safe Routes to School)

**Register for Walk to School Day**

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## Portland Metro Ballot Measure Would Boost Active Transportation and Transit

We have been working with the Getting There Together coalition for the past two years to push for a transportation ballot measure in Portland that prioritizes walking, biking, transit, and safety in the communities most in need. The Metro Council has [just approved referring the Get Moving 2020 regional transportation investment measure to the voters](#), who will decide in November 2020 whether to proceed. If approved, it would invest \$7 billion over the next 20 years in the greater Portland region, including funding Safe Routes to School at \$4.5 million per year, free youth transit passes, and significant investments in safety, transit, and active transportation.

[Read More](#)

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## Transportation Bill Heads to Extension

Unfortunately, the gains for active transportation and safety for people walking and biking that we won in the House and Senate transportation bills are at risk. Congress has not been able to get a final bill over the finish line, and with less than a month till the FAST Act expires, an extension of current law is most likely. Read our [federal policy blog](#) for more details.

[Federal Policy Blog](#)

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## Call for Communities to Participate in Routes of Health: A Community-Based Legal & Policy Framework for Prioritizing Health in Traffic Routing Systems

Drivers are using navigation apps (Waze, Google Maps, etc.) because they are looking for a logical way to avoid sitting in traffic, but the result is a shift in the usage of our streets. In many communities, altered traffic patterns are undermining active transportation progress in neighborhoods and near schools, parks, senior centers, community centers, and other community hubs.

The Safe Routes Partnership is looking to work with five communities across the country to understand the effects that navigation apps are having on walkability, bikeability, and overall livability. Learnings from the five communities and parallel data and policy analyses will be compiled in a framework and report with recommendations for the local communities and other communities around the country to use in addressing these challenges.

If your community has faced these challenges and would like to be considered for the project, please email Michelle Lieberman at [michelle@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:michelle@saferoutespartnership.org).

**Let Us Know You're Interested**

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## **Fact Sheet: Influencing Complete Streets at the Regional Level**

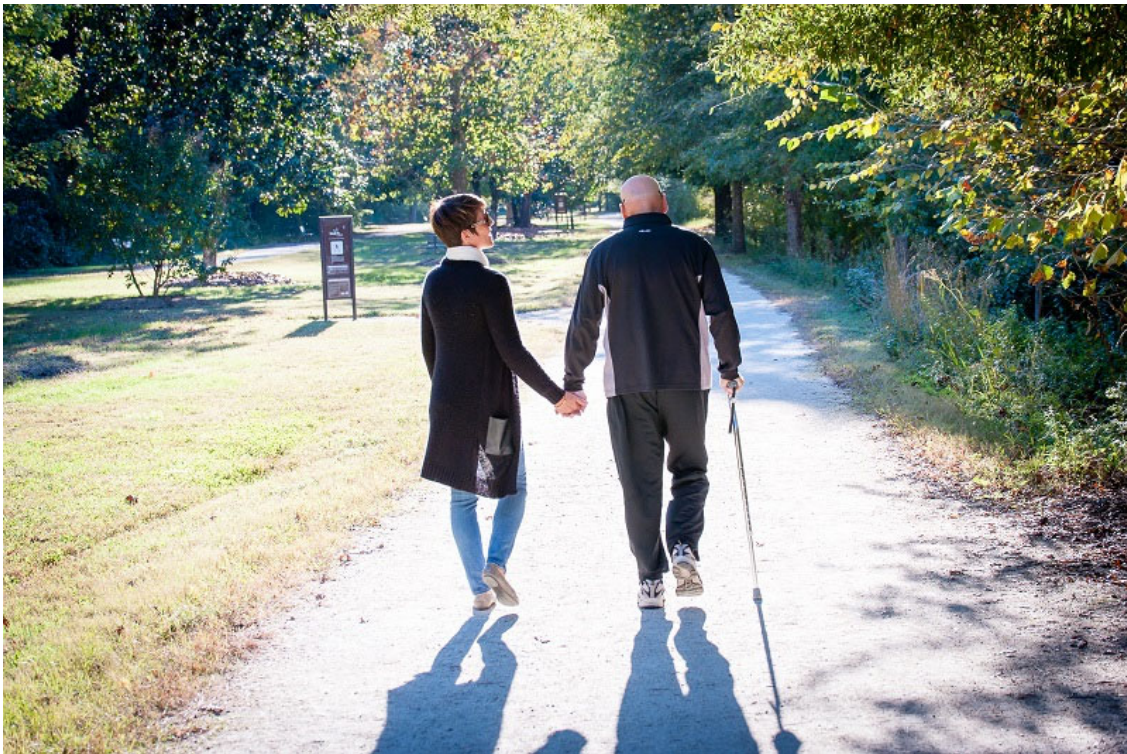


Regional policies have a profound impact on the safety, convenience, and ability of children to be able to walk and bicycle to schools and be more physically active in daily life. Complete Streets policies are one of the most effective policy mechanisms that regions can adopt to make sure roads are designed for everyone who uses them – people walking, bicycling, driving, or taking public transportation. A new fact sheet, [\*Influencing Complete Streets Policies at the Regional Level\*](#), draws on the Safe Routes Partnership’s experience through our Regional Network Project to lay out success stories, best practices, and resources for anyone looking to plan, fund, and build safer, more convenient streets for biking and walking.

**Get the Fact Sheet**

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**Join Us for a Webinar on 9/30: Safe Routes for Older Adults**



Mobility options that include walking, cycling, and transit are essential, especially for older adults who rely on these to get to critical destinations in their daily lives. [Join our webinar](#) on September 30 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Pacific to learn about the growing need for mobility options, creating inclusive and accessible environments, and how we can support community members through their lives.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Carol Kachadoorian**, Transportation Planner & Founding Collaborator, dbiTilde Collaborative
- **Bandana Shrestha**, Director of Community Engagement, AARP Oregon
- **Katie M. White**, Director of Age-Friendly Communities, Columbus and Franklin County, The Ohio State University College of Social Work

**Register for the Webinar**

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## **Harnessing Data to Advance Safe Routes to Parks**



Data can seem boring, hard to work with, and even intimidating. But if we know what to do with it, data can be the power booster that Safe Routes to Parks efforts need to make changes for safer, more equitable park access. Collecting and using data is an essential part of Safe Routes to Parks because it gives information about what is really happening in communities, which can spark ideas for solutions and inform how to move toward them. Data can help you identify community priorities, advocate for change, and measure success. [This fact sheet](#) provides ideas for ways to access and collect data as well as ways to effectively share the information to improve safe, equitable access to parks and green space.

[Learn More](#)

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## Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Call to Action on Walking

This Wednesday marked the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities! How has your state made progress on supporting walking and walkable communities in the last five years? Our [2020 State Report Cards](#) provide a snapshot of each state's policy across 28 indicators of

support for walking, bicycling, and active kids and communities.

For a deeper understanding of how your state's score in 2020 compares to previous years, you can access the [2018](#) and [2016](#) report cards on our website.

## 2020 State Report Cards

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