



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
(TCC) MEETING AGENDA  
December 6, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.  
310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conf. Room  
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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**SUMMARY**

The meeting summary for the October 25, 2023, meeting is attached for review and approval.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** TCC Meeting Summary – October 25, 2023

**ACTION:** Provide recommendation regarding meeting summary.

**SUMMARY OF THE  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2023**

The following is a summary of Forward Pinellas Technical Coordinating Committee meeting held on October 25, 2023, at 310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL.

**Members Present**

Joan Rice, Chair	Pinellas County Public Works Traffic
David Chase	City of Pinellas Park – Storm Water/Transport
Brent Hall	Pinellas County Public Works Engineering
Jacob Labutka	PSTA
Caroline Lanford	City of Tarpon Springs
Cory Martens	City of Clearwater Traffic
Jesus Sanchez	City of Oldsmar
Cheryl Stacks	City of St. Petersburg–Transport and Parking
Cecilia Chen	City of Safety Harbor
Barry Westmark	City of Largo Engineering
Tom Whalen	City of St. Petersburg Planning and Eco. Dev.

**Members Absent**

Sue Bartlett – Zoom	City of Dunedin Engineering
Evan Birk	City of St. Petersburg-Engineer & Capital Improv
Brian Ellis	TBRPC
Mark Griffin	City of Gulfport
Alaina Grundy	City of St. Pete Beach
Taylor Hague	City of Largo Planning
Hetty Harmon	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Frances Leong-Sharp – Zoom	City of Dunedin Planning
Jayme Lopko	City of Clearwater
Derek Reeves - Zoom	City of Pinellas Park
Sheila Schneider	Pinellas County Air Quality
Scott Swearingen	Pinellas County Planning
Autumn Westerman	Pinellas County Public Schools
Wesley Wright	City of Seminole
Katheryn Younkin	City of Treasure Island

**Others Present**

Jensen Hackett	FDOT
Kelsey Olinger	FDOT
Corey Gray	Pinellas County Planning
Vickie Pless	City of Treasure Island
Rebecca Moistner - Zoom	City of St. Petersburg Planning and Eco. Dev.
Rob Feigel	Forward Pinellas
Ariane Martins	Forward Pinellas
Chelsea Favero	Forward Pinellas
Kyle Simpson	Forward Pinellas
Maria Kelly	Forward Pinellas

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

TCC Chair, Joan Rice called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**2. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY**

The summary of the September 27, 2023, committee meetings were approved with no corrections.

**3. FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**

Ariane Martins, Forward Pinellas staff, shared information on the TIP Amendment. This TIP amendment is to add design funds for a project on the I-275 corridor that will add four toll lanes (two in each direction) from N of 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N to Gandy Blvd, and two toll lanes (one in each direction) from Gandy Blvd to N of 4<sup>th</sup> St. Construction will begin in the summer of 2025. This project will tie into the Gateway Expressway and the Howard Frankland Bridge projects and was a part of the 'Moving Florida Forward' transportation funding announcement made in September of this year. This amendment will not affect any other projects in the TIP. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Cheryl Stacks made a motion to request approval by the Forward Pinellas Board. Jacob Labutka seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

**4. FALL UPDATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Ms. Martins shared a presentation on the Fall Update of the TIP. In July 2023, the FY2023/24 – FY 2027/28 TIP was adopted, making the transportation projects contained within eligible to receive state and federal funding. The Fall Update includes the transportation sections of the local governments municipal work programs, PSTA work programs and grants, various local airport work programs, and the Pinellas County Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Ms. Martins reviewed the summary tables and maps identifying the Capital Improvement projects for Pinellas County and indicated that the County maintains an interactive map online that highlights all of their projects, in addition to the maps and tables included in the agenda packet. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Brent Hall made a motion for the committee to recommend approval of the Fall Update on the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 by the Forward Pinellas Board. This was seconded by Barry Westmark and passed with a unanimous vote.

**5. COUNTYWIDE TRENDS AND CONDITIONS REPORT**

Mr. Rob Feigel, Forward Pinellas staff, shared information with the committee on the Countywide Trends and Conditions Report. The Trends and Conditions Report provides an annual snapshot of the county's transportation system, including roads, trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit services. In addition, the report provides data on economic and land use activity, waterborne transportation, and emerging technologies. The report serves as a tool to evaluate progress toward achieving the objectives of the Long Range Transportation Plan, identify areas needing improvement to address safety concerns and possible congestion problems, inform transportation safety studies and transportation project design, and target law enforcement activities related to safety. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

## **6. DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Jensen Hackett, FDOT staff, shared that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 is developing the Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2028/29. The Work Program outlines the federal- and state-funded transportation projects for the next five years that include the new projects introduced in the new fifth year (2028/29). Development of the Tentative Work Program considers the project priorities adopted annually by Forward Pinellas and becomes a major part of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program. Projects include public transit, seaport, airport and rail projects as well as transportation planning, intelligent transportation, highway design, right of way acquisition and construction activities. Mr. Hackett reviewed the projects with the members showing new projects added, newly funded project phases, deferred projects and projects of interest. Mr. Hackett shared that a public website is available to receive public comments on the Draft Tentative Work Program, with comments due by November 13, 2023. Furthermore, an Open House will also be held on October 26th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the FDOT District 7 office. More information on the Draft Tentative Work Program can be found at [www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7](http://www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7). Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

## **7. COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Kyle Simpson, Forward Pinellas staff, gave a presentation on the Complete Streets Project applications received through the agency's Complete Streets Grant Program. Now in its 8th year, the Complete Streets Grant Program provides annual allocations for concept planning and construction projects. This year up to \$150,000 is available for concept planning projects and up to \$1.5 million is available for construction projects. Forward Pinellas released a Call for Projects in the summer of 2023 and the submittal deadline for the grant program was October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Forward Pinellas received two applications for concept planning funding and one application for construction funding. The applications received are:

- Pinellas County request for \$95,000 for the Downtown Palm Harbor, West Florida Avenue Corridor Enhancement and Parking Project
- City of St. Petersburg request for \$100,000 for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study
- City of St. Petersburg request for \$1,500,000 to construct Curb Extensions in the Grand Central District

A subcommittee will be established with Forward Pinellas staff and agency stakeholders to review the applications and develop recommendations for funding. Following review and ranking of the applications by the subcommittee, recommended awards will be brought to the board for approval in early 2024. TCC subcommittee volunteers include David Chase, Jacob Labutka and Caroline Lanford. Additional volunteers will be requested of the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC). Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

## **8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas update.**

Chelsea Favero shared updates on the SPOTLight Emphasis areas. Regarding US 19,

in the Draft Tentative Work Program, a couple of the projects along US 19 have been deferred. The Curlew Road interchanges are under construction. As soon as these have been completed, the Tampa/Nebraska Road interchange construction will begin. Because the other areas are not ready for construction, they have been deferred out of the Five-Year Work Program. Staff is meeting with FDOT next month to discuss the future of the interchanges north of Nebraska Road. Regarding Waterborne Transportation, PSTA has been awarded a Service Development Grant from the state to help pay for the operation of waterborne ferry services. A competitive procurement must be conducted first. The City of Clearwater received a grant from the Legislature to purchase a new ferry vessel to serve the area, however a competitive procurement must be done here as well. With operational and capital funding, work will begin with agency partners at PSTA to retain a local match and work to get service started.

**B.** Board Action Sheets – the October 11, 2023 meeting summary is attached.

**C.** Traffic Fatalities Map attached. It was noted that there are ongoing issues with crash coming from the state. Staff is working quickly to correct the numbers and ensure future data integrity.

**D.** Tentative Future Agenda Topics:

Staff has been working with the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) on the Regional Needs Assessment, in hopes of identifying the highest priority regional corridors for mobility treatments. Each MPO will put together a list of projects to incorporate into their LRTP at the next SCTPA meeting on December 1, 2023. Also at that meeting, the SCTPA will discuss the report to be transmitted to the legislature regarding the feasibility, costs, benefits, and process of forming a regional MPO. Forward Pinellas has just kicked off the Advantage Pinellas Transit System Plan, looking at all the major corridors identified through Advantage Pinellas and the Countywide Land Use Plan. Finally, work has begun on developing the 2050 financial projections of revenues for transportation projects which will include both County revenues for County projects and state and federal revenues.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT 3:02 pm**

**Technical Coordinating Committee – December 6, 2023**

**3. Proposed Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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**SUMMARY**

There are no proposed TIP amendments scheduled for this meeting. However, if the need for a TIP amendment(s) arises following the mailing of the agenda packet, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will present the proposed amendment(s) under this agenda item.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** (Any proposed TIP amendment forms will be provided at the meeting)

**ACTION:** Provide a recommendation to the Board for TIP amendments (if any)



## **Technical Coordinating Committee – December 6, 2023**

### **4. Transportation Alternatives Program Applications**

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program uses federal funds to construct pedestrian and bicycle projects, as well as infrastructure to improve non-driver access to transit. This application process includes scoring and ranking criteria for projects being considered for TA Program funding. Each local government may submit up to three project applications, for projects that cost between \$300,000 and \$3,000,000. Projects selected through this competitive process will be advanced to FDOT in priority order for funding consideration in the summer of 2024.

This year Forward Pinellas received the following three applications from the City of St. Petersburg:

1. 9<sup>TH</sup> Ave N. Sidewalk Gaps project from Country Club Rd to S.R. 595/Tyrone Blvd
2. Lakewood Trail along Fairway Ave. S. from 35<sup>th</sup> Terrace S to Alcazar Way
3. Warehouse Arts District Plan Sidewalk segments on 24<sup>th</sup> St, Emerson Ave, 25<sup>th</sup> St, and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S from 28<sup>th</sup> St S. to 22<sup>nd</sup> St S.

Applications will be reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff, who will make award recommendations to the Forward Pinellas Board. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the TA applications received this cycle with additional information about each of the projects.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Transportation Alternatives Program Scoring Criteria

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only



## 2023/2024 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) PROGRAM APPLICATION ADDENDUM

For your reference the scoring criteria that will be utilized by the subcommittee to review applications is included below.

Criteria	Points
Project provides direct access to a Multimodal Corridor, as designated on the Countywide Land Use Map	10
Project is located within, or directly connects to, an Activity Center, as identified on the Countywide Land Use Map	10
Project is identified in the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan or directly connects to a facility identified in the Plan	5
Project connects 2 or more existing facilities (fills a gap)	10
For projects that construct bicycle facilities (sidewalks are not considered bicycle facilities for the purposes of these criteria), the level of traffic stress along the project corridor after improvement:	
1 - All Ages and Abilities	15
2 - Interested But Concerned	10
3 - Enthused and Confident	5
4 - Strong and Fearless	0
Project provides direct access to a priority transit route or one with headways of:	
30 minutes or better	10
45-60 minutes	5
Project is included within, or provides direct access to, and <b>Environmental Justice Area Equity Emphasis Area</b> , as identified by Forward Pinellas	15
If the project includes sidewalk construction, the final corridor includes:	
Sidewalk on one side of the roadway	5
Sidewalks on both sides of the roadway	10
A separated pedestrian corridor with a minimum of a 2' buffer from the roadway	15

## Technical Coordinating Committee – December 6, 2023

### 5. Complete Streets Funding Recommendations

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#### **SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas provides funding to its local government partners through a variety of competitive grant programs. Now in its eighth year, the Complete Streets Grant Program provides annual allocations for concept planning and construction projects. This year, up to \$150,000 is available for concept planning projects and up to \$1.5 million is available for construction projects. Forward Pinellas released a Call for Projects in the summer of 2023 and the submittal deadline for the grant program was October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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The applications for the projects listed above have been posted to the Forward Pinellas website and are available here: <https://forwardpinellas.org/programs/complete-streets-program/>. A subcommittee has been established with Forward Pinellas staff and agency stakeholders from the Planners Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee to review the applications and develop recommendations for funding. Following review, the subcommittee recommended that both of the City of St. Petersburg applications receive the full amount of funding requested. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the applications received and results of the subcommittee discussion and seek a recommendation from the committee to the Forward Pinellas board.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Subcommittee Report

**ACTION:** Recommend approval of the Complete Streets Grant Funding Awards

## **Complete Streets Subcommittee Review Meeting Summary**

**Date: November 13, 2023**

**Time: 10:00AM**

**Location: Virtual**

### **Subcommittee Members:**

- **Caroline Lanford, City of Tarpon Springs**
- **Kyle Brotherton, City of Clearwater**
- **David Chase, City of Pinellas Park**
- **Jacob Labutka, PSTA**
- **Matt Jackson, City of Oldsmar**

### **Recorder: Kyle Simpson, Active Transportation Planner, Forward Pinellas**

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the subcommittee meeting held on November 13, 2023, for the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Program. A total of three (3) grant applications were received in response to the Complete Streets Call for Projects. This call for projects was issued in July 2023 and distributed to all members of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Planners Advisory Committee (PAC), advertised on the Forward Pinellas website, distributed via agency social media accounts, and was discussed at various public meetings with the board and other local government officials. A copy of each grant application received was posted to the Forward Pinellas website and provided to each subcommittee member in advance of the meeting.

The grant program is divided into two separate programs with up to \$150,000 available for concept planning applications and \$1.5 million available for construction projects. Two (2) applications were submitted for the concept planning grant and one (1) application was submitted for the construction grant.

With the understanding that complete streets are contextually sensitive and may include varying elements due to a variety of factors, the application criteria for both programs was developed to be intentionally broad. Applicants were asked to provide data points in their applications to help committee members quantify some of the redevelopment potential and low income and minority populations served by the proposed projects. This allows for each project to be evaluated based on its ability to serve as a catalyst for transformational land use change, and not just on its ability to provide a variety of specific accommodations for various modes.

The concept planning application included two required items for an application to be eligible.

- The application must include a letter or resolution from the applicant's elected board, documenting community support for the project.
- The application must demonstrate how the project will be a catalyst for transformative change.

Each applicant was asked to provide a variety of information about the project, including an evaluation of existing conditions, how the project would improve conditions for multiple modes, the presence of any

underserved communities and how the jurisdiction planned to move the concept plan forward for construction/implementation in the future. The most significant requirement for these applications was that each demonstrate how the project would help to transform the surrounding area, including the percentages of each land use category along the project corridor, percentages of vacant land and descriptions of how the parcels along the corridor are underdeveloped and underutilized and how they would benefit from the treatments.

For the construction applications, the following requirements applied:

1. The application must include a letter or resolution from the applicant's elected board, documenting community support for the project.
2. Project must provide/improve accommodations for multiple modes of travel.
3. Application must demonstrate how the project will be a catalyst for transformative change.
4. Application is Local Agency Program (LAP) certified or provides documentation of an agreement with a LAP certified agency to complete construction. If the applicant is not currently LAP certified, the applicant must agree to make continued progress towards receiving that certification, or to develop an agreement with a LAP certified agency, immediately following notice of award from this program. The agency must have LAP certification in place at least one year prior to receipt of construction funding.
5. Documentation that 100% of right-of-way has been acquired, or that an agreement is in place with applicable property owners to utilize their property for a portion of the project.

Construction applicants were also asked to provide similar information in their applications for concept planning projects, including an assessment of existing conditions, a description of the proposed improvements, a detailed cost estimate and the identification of any underserved communities along the corridor. The most significant requirement for these applications was that each demonstrate how the project would help to transform the surrounding area, including the percentages of each land use category along the project corridor, percentages of vacant land and descriptions of how the parcels along the corridor are underdeveloped and underutilized and how they would benefit from the treatments.

#### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS – CONCEPT PLANNING PROJECTS:**

##### ***The City of St. Petersburg – 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study***

The City of St. Petersburg applied for a concept planning award of \$100,000 to conduct a concept planning project to assist in community engagement and development of concepts and preliminary design for modifications of a 4.33-mile segment of 31<sup>st</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to Pinellas Point Drive. The 31<sup>st</sup> Street corridor is part of a larger north-south bicycle route that spans St. Petersburg, with a combination of trails, bike lanes, and marked bicycle routes. There are three distinct districts, all of which have corresponding master plans, within the corridor: the Skyway Marina District (southern portion of the corridor), Grand Central District (northern portion of the corridor), and Union Central Districts (northern portion of the corridor). The corridor also travels through the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

The concept planning study will also address crossings and other safety enhancements needed to improve connectivity and reduce excessive speeding within the study area. The envisioned bikeways would connect with several existing popular bicycling facilities, including the existing Bayway Trail that

runs along 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue South out to Fort De Soto and the Gulf Beaches, Maximo Park, the trail over the Dick Misner Bridge along I-275 down to the Skyway rest area, the buffered bike lanes along Pinellas Point Drive to the east, and the “South Loop” route popular with hundreds of recreational cyclists every day.

The scope of work for the concept planning project includes the following elements: alternatives development and screening, technical analysis performed through an equity lens, a public dialogue to guide the design choices, and the selection and advancement of the safest and most comfortable design configurations sufficient to prioritize safety and the most economical use of public space, which could include lane reallocation.

The subcommittee recognized that the application aligned with and supported the goals and objectives of multiple area plans and served the South St. Petersburg CRA. The subcommittee appreciated the application’s focus on addressing documented traffic safety issues, with a strong focus on moderating excessive speeding and providing safe and comfortable crossings and facilities for people walking and bicycling in and through the corridor. Members also highlighted the focus on increasing access to healthy food options and recreational sites such as Maximo Park.

***Pinellas County – Downtown Palm Harbor, West Florida Avenue Corridor Enhancement and Parking Project***

Pinellas County applied for a concept planning award of \$95,000 to build on the recommendations from the recently adopted Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan. That plan identified the potential to add 60-65 angled parking spaces in the existing median on the 0.16-mile segment of Florida Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Alt. US 19. The primary objective of the proposed project is to continue the public dialogue regarding the parking improvements along Florida Avenue. The intent of the project is to: Conduct geo-technical analysis; Develop concepts for parking; Assess feasibility for accommodating green infrastructure and possibly multimodal improvements within proposed concepts; And through outreach, identify preferred concepts for improvement. It is envisioned that the project would strengthen multimodal connections between the east and west side of downtown Palm Harbor and serve as a trailhead for the Pinellas Trail which touches the east end of the corridor.

After receiving the application, Forward Pinellas staff met with Pinellas County staff to seek clarification on the application and determine if all components were eligible uses of planning funds. Based on that discussion Pinellas County submitted a clarification letter to Forward Pinellas on November 3, 2023, which provided additional details on the desired outcome of the project and removed the request for geo-technical analysis, which was not an eligible expense for the planning grant. The letter was provided to the subcommittee for review and consideration prior to their November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The subcommittee appreciated the application’s connection to the Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan, as well as the potential to create a trailhead for the Pinellas Trail. The subcommittee discussed the application’s focus on the parking component of the project and raised concerns about the lack of commitment to other specific goals beyond adding parking. Subcommittee members noted the lack of a documented existing safety issue and were concerned that adding new angled parking would introduce new conflict points for people walking and bicycling in the corridor.

**Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendation:**

Based on the intent of the program to fund projects that demonstrate a strong potential to serve as a catalyst for improved safety and economic development, **the subcommittee recommends awarding \$100,000 to the City of St. Petersburg for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study**. The subcommittee recognized the importance of creating a safer environment for all users along 31<sup>st</sup> Street and appreciated the strong connections to existing area plans in the Union Central, Grand Central, and Skyway Marina Districts, as well as the South St. Petersburg CRA. While the subcommittee believes the Downtown Palm Harbor, West Florida Avenue Corridor Enhancement and Parking Project is a worthy project on its own, they did not believe the scope of the project aligned with the intent of the Complete Streets program.

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS - CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:**

***The City of St. Petersburg Grand Central District Curb Extensions***

The City of St. Petersburg submitted a construction application requesting \$1,500,000 for construction of curb extensions on Central Avenue at the unsignalized intersections of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and 27<sup>th</sup> Street, consistent with the recommendations of the Grand Central District Master Plan. St. Petersburg previously constructed bulb outs at 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Street, and 26<sup>th</sup> Street along Central Avenue. Completing this project would enable the completion of all the raised curb extensions within Subarea Two of the Grand Central District Master Plan. As an interim improvement, the city has programmed painted bulb outs at certain intersections along Central Avenue within the Grand Central District in a phased approach due to funding constraints. The City's goal, based upon recommendations from the Complete Streets Implementation Plan and Grand Central District Master Plan, is to construct permanent bulb outs to further both economic development and roadway safety. The project is located within an Environmental Justice (EJ) area, the South St. Petersburg CRA, and the Intown Activity Center.

The subcommittee appreciated that the application built upon an existing district plan and would create a consistent streetscape for the subarea. Subcommittee members noted that Central Avenue is on St. Petersburg's High Injury Network, and that the curb extensions would improve pedestrian safety by increasing pedestrian visibility to motorists, reduce the crossing distance at unsignalized intersections, and help moderate excessive vehicular speeds during less busy times. Members also appreciated the documented community support for the project and its connection to continued economic development.

***Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendation:***

**The subcommittee recommends awarding \$1,500,000 to the City of St. Petersburg for the Grand Central District Curb Extensions project.** The subcommittee found that the application provided a strong rationale for improving mobility, safety, and comfort of all users in the corridor because of the project. The subcommittee noted the project furthers implementation of the Grand Central District Master Plan and serves an EJ community.

## Technical Coordinating Committee – December 6, 2023

### 6. Trail Crossing

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Pinellas Trail is the premier trail facility in Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region. With millions of annual users, the safety and comfort of trail users has always been a primary consideration. Throughout the history of the Pinellas Trail User Survey, roadway crossings have always ranked as a primary topic of concern. In March 2023, the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) requested that Forward Pinellas work with Pinellas County and local governments to reevaluate roadway crossing treatments along the Pinellas Trail.

In 2023 Pinellas County began transitioning pavement markings, signage, and bollards on the Pinellas Trail to reinforce the “stay right except to pass” rule. As part of this effort, Pinellas County is refreshing all intersection markings and can implement low-cost right-of-way control changes if desired by the applicable local government (I.E., changing from 4-way to 2-way stop control). In 2021 the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) released the “Coast to Coast Trail Crossings Traffic Control Assessment” which evaluated most Pinellas Trail crossings and recommended potential improvements. Recommendations in this report considered and incorporated recommendations from past reports on Pinellas Trail crossings completed in 2010 and 2014 and incorporate current best practices. Pinellas County has indicated that right-of-way changes identified in the assessment can be implemented at the request of and support from local agencies.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the general recommendations from the FDOT assessment, provide context on why the recommendations were made, and identify how changes can be incorporated into the County’s ongoing work if desired by local governments.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** [Coast to Coast Trail Crossings Traffic Control Assessment](#)

**ACTION:** None required, informational item only.



## Technical Coordinating Committee – December 6, 2023

### 7. Complete Streets Before/After Studies

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#### **SUMMARY**

In 2017, Forward Pinellas developed the Complete Streets Grant Program to provide funding to local government partners for the planning and implementation of Complete Streets projects. In order to gauge the effectiveness of the agency's investments in the Complete Streets Program, Forward Pinellas is conducting an analysis of the 'before' conditions for the corridors listed below. The projects have been advancing through the FDOT Work Program and are planned to go under construction in early 2024. Each City was awarded \$1 million to provide complete streets treatments along the following corridors:

- Rosery Road (Largo, FL) - from Missouri Avenue to Eagle Lake Park (awarded in 2018)
- Skinner Blvd (Dunedin, FL) - from Alternate 19 to Bass Blvd to Main Street (awarded in 2019)
- St. Petersburg Drive (Oldsmar, FL) - from Bayview Blvd to Dartmouth Ave (awarded in 2018)

Metrics will include four-day video data collection at multiple intersections within each of the selected corridors, vehicular speed data, transit travel time (where applicable), and land use and economic data. Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the ongoing studies and provide context on the metrics to be analyzed.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.

**ACTION:** None required, informational item only.

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**SUMMARY**

The TCC bylaws provide for the annual election of officers in December. At this time, the TCC should elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- TCC Membership List
- TCC Bylaws

**ACTION:** TCC to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2024

# TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

## **Pinellas County Public Works (Traffic)**

Joan Rice (Chair)  
Alternates: Tom Washburn & Gina Harvey

## **Pinellas County Planning**

Scott Swearengen  
Alternate: Corey Gray

## **Pinellas County School Board**

Autumn Westermann  
Alternate: Joseph Camera

## **Department of Environmental Protection**

Vacant  
Alternate: Vacant

## **Clearwater Planning Department**

Jayne Lopko  
Alternate: Dylan Prins

## **Clearwater Traffic Operations**

Cory Martens  
Alternate: Vacant

## **Dunedin Traffic Engineering**

Mary Sheets  
Alternate: Sue Bartlett

## **Indian Rocks Beach**

Hetty Harmon  
Alternate: Vacant

## **Largo Community Development –Engineering**

Barry Westmark  
Alternate: Rafal Cieslak/Megan Dion, PE

## **Pinellas Park Planning Department**

Erica Lindquist  
Alternate: Derek Reeves

## **Safety Harbor**

Cecilia Chen  
Alternate: Marcie Stenmark

## **Pinellas County Public Works (Eng.)**

Brent Hall  
Alternate: Ann Venables/Mona Gabriel

## **Pinellas County Environmental Mgmt.**

Sheila Schneider  
Alternate: Vacant

## **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**

Jacob Labutka  
Alternate: Nicole Dufva

## **Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**

Brian Ellis  
Alternate: Vacant

## **Beach Communities**

Vacant

## **Clearwater Engineering**

Vacant  
Alternate: Vacant

## **Dunedin Planning**

Frances Leong Sharp  
Alternate: Kathy Gademer and George Kinney

## **Gulfport**

Mark Griffin  
Alternate: Mike Taylor

## **Largo Community Development**

Taylor Hague  
Alternate: Alicia Parinello

## **Oldsmar**

Jesus Sanchez  
Alternate: Tatiana Childress

## **Pinellas Pk. Storm Water & Transportation**

Dan Hubbard  
Alternate: David Chase

## **St. Petersburg/Clearwater Int'l Airport**

Vacant

**St. Petersburg Engineer & Capital Improve Dept.**

Evan Birk  
Alternate: Kevin Jackson

**St. Petersburg Transport. & Parking Mgmt. Dept.**

Cheryl Stacks  
Alternate: Elisabeth Staten

**Seminole**

Wesley Wright  
Alternate: Vacant

**Treasure Island**

Vickie Pless  
Alternate: Katheryn Younkin

**St. Petersburg Plan & Econo. Develop. Dept.**

Tom Whalen  
Alternate: Rebecca Moistner

**St. Pete Beach**

Alaina Grundy  
Alternate:

**Tarpon Springs Planning**

Caroline Lanford  
Alternate: Pat McNeese

**FDOT (technical support)**

Kelsey Olinger  
Jensen Hackett

# **BYLAWS**

## **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

### **PINELLAS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**Adopted:**

**April 20, 1983**

**Amended:**

**October 19, 1988**

**February 25, 1998**

**January 26, 2011**

**January 25, 2012**

**June 25, 2014**

**January 28, 2015**

**December 6, 2017**

## **SECTION I: NAME**

The name of this Committee shall be the Technical Coordinating Committee, effective April 20, 1983.

## **SECTION II: PURPOSE**

The Committee shall serve Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in an advisory capacity on technical matters.

- A. The functions of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. To promote communication among members and the identification and resolution of common problems.
  2. To develop transportation work programs.
  3. To promote the coordination of transportation planning and programming.
  4. To review and advise Forward Pinellas of the technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of studies; plans; programs; or public information documents.
  5. To make priority recommendations to the Forward Pinellas Board and/or other agencies responsible for transportation plan and program implementation based upon the needs as determined by technical status, and the results of the Congestion Management System Process.
  6. To present, when appropriate, technical responses to recommendations on requests made through the citizen's input mechanism.
  7. To serve as a transportation Technical Advisory Committee to any and all duly constituted areawide transportation authorities and/or boards, as well as areawide planning boards or councils for physical development, health/social or comprehensive planning upon direct request for such boards or councils.

## **SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS**

- A. Membership shall include, but not be limited to, agencies with responsibility for the planning, operations, development, or improvement of transportation within the study area. Each member agency shall be represented by at least one technically qualified representative of that agency, who shall be duly

appointed by that agency. Each representative shall serve at the pleasure of the member agency. The Committee shall be notified in writing of the appointment, reappointment, or replacement of a member agency's representative.

- B. Agencies, representatives and alternates recommended for membership on the Committee shall be confirmed by the Forward Pinellas Board.
- C. The Technical Coordinating Committee shall be composed of Regular and Advisory members. Regular members shall be voting members. Advisory members shall be nonvoting members, recommended for membership as the Committee deems necessary. Advisory members may include representatives of the Federal Highway or Federal Transit Administrations, state, regional and local agencies that are not able to participate as regular members, and Forward Pinellas and other technical support personnel as deemed necessary by the Committee.
- D. Alternates may be designated to act on behalf of Regular and Advisory members with all the privileges accorded thereto, provided the Alternate is another employee of the member agency.
- E. If the representative of a member agency has three or more consecutive absences, the Executive Director of Forward Pinellas will be advised for the purpose of sending a letter to the municipality advising of the situation and to request if membership on the Committee is still desired.

#### **SECTION IV: OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

- A. A Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee shall be elected at the last regularly-scheduled meeting of each calendar year and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
- B. Any regular member may nominate or be nominated as an Officer. All elections shall be by the majority vote of Regular Members present.
- C. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible for the conduct of all meetings. The Chair shall be responsible for the approval of pertinent Committee correspondence and information releases.

Forward Pinellas staff shall coordinate the preparation of the Committee Agendas with the Chair. The Chair shall also serve as a liaison between the Technical Committee and the Forward Pinellas Board whenever the need arises. Subcommittees and their Chair may be appointed by the Chair, with the approval of the Committee.

- D. The Vice Chair shall, during the absence of the Chair, have and exercise all the duties and powers of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, his/her alternate may sit as a regular Committee member.
- E. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent from a meeting, a temporary Chair shall be provided by majority vote of the members present. Any vacancy in office created by resignation or replacement of the Officer by the appointing Agency shall be filled by a majority vote of members present at the next regular meeting. The Officer so elected shall fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office.
- F. If, at any time, the Committee feels that an Officer is not performing his duties in accordance with Section IV., Subsection C, that Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that an item to that effect has been placed on the Agenda and has been distributed in accordance with Section V. Subsection C. of these Bylaws.

#### **SECTION V: MEETINGS**

- A. The Committee shall meet monthly, on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 2:00 p.m., in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor "Planning" Conference Room, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida. The date or time may be changed with reasonable notice provided to the Members.
- B. The Chair may call Special Meetings when deemed necessary or when two or more Member Agencies request a meeting.
- C. A seven (7) day notice shall be given for regular meetings. Emergency or Special Meetings may be called with a minimum of three (3) days notice, indicating the reason for the meeting. Agendas shall be prepared prior to all meetings. Agendas should be electronically distributed, with minutes of the previous meeting, approximately five (5) days prior to any regular meeting and at least three (3) days prior to any



Emergency or Special Meeting. Members may place items on the agenda with approval of the Chair. Any item requiring Committee action may be brought before the Committee by any member, even though it is not on the Agenda. The Committee shall decide if action is to be taken at that meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

- D. Whenever reports are to be provided, copies will be distributed electronically along with the Agenda if available, separately in electronic form prior to the meeting, or as a hard copy at the time of the meeting.
- E. Each member agency shall have an equal vote, which shall be one vote for each representative.
- F. A quorum shall consist of at least ten (10) of the voting membership or their alternates and shall be required for conduct of all official business. A majority of the quorum shall be necessary to decide an issue before the Committee.
- G. All meetings will be open to the public. Public participation shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

#### **SECTION VI: MPO CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

##### A. Conflicts of Interest

###### 1. Voting Conflicts

If a member of the TCC declares a voting conflict pursuant to Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes on a matter before Forward Pinellas or its advisory committees, that member may no longer participate in that matter before Forward Pinellas and local government board that has a member of Forward Pinellas on it, or any other committee of the Forward Pinellas organization. For the purposes of this subsection, the term “participate” means any attempt to influence the decision by oral or written communication, whether made by the member of Forward Pinellas or its advisory committee or at the member’s direction.

In the event a member has a conflict of interest, he/she is required to complete Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers and turn it into the Forward Pinellas staff for insertion in the minutes of the meeting where said conflict existed, in compliance with Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

## 2. Lobbying Policy

Lobbying of evaluation committee members, the Forward Pinellas staff, or elected officials regarding Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, bids, or contracts during the pendency of bid protest by the bidder/proposer/ protestor, or any member of the bidder's/proposer's/protestor's staff, an agent of the bidder/proposer/protestor, or any person employed by the legal entity affiliated with or representing an organization that is responding to the Requests for Proposal, Requests for Qualification, bid or contract, or has a pending bid protest is strictly prohibited either upon advertisement or on a date established by Forward Pinellas and shall be prohibited until either an award is final or the protest is finally resolved by the Forward Pinellas Board or Executive Director, provided, however, nothing herein shall prohibit a prospective bidder/proposer from contacting the Forward Pinellas staff to address situations such as clarification and/or questions related to the procurement process. For purposes of this provision, lobbying activities shall include but not be limited to influencing or attempting to influence action or non-action in connection with any Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, bid or contract through direct or indirect oral or written communication or an attempt to obtain goodwill of persons and/or entities specified in this provision. Such action may cause any Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, bid, or contract to be rejected.

**A. SPOTLight Emphasis Area Update**

Staff will provide an update of the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas.

**B. Forward Pinellas Board Executive Summary – November 8, 2023**

**ATTACHMENT:** Forward Pinellas Newsletter/Executive Summary – November 8, 2023

**C. Committee Meeting 2024 Calendar**

Calendar for Forward Pinellas Committee Meeting 2024

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Committee Meeting 2024 Calendar
- Forward Pinellas 2024 Board Meeting Calendar

**D. Traffic Fatalities Map**

As previously indicated, staff will provide the updated Traffic Fatalities Map each month.

**ATTACHMENT:** Traffic Fatalities Map thru October 12, 2023

**E. Tentative Future Agenda Topics**

The following topics are tentatively scheduled to appear as items on future TCC agendas:

- Regional Needs Assessment
- Advantage Pinellas Transit System Plan
- Gulf Blvd Safety Studies
- 2050 Financial Projections



## Board Meeting Summary & Action Sheet

November 8, 2023

*Please note that this summary has not been approved as the official minutes of the board.*

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

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The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on November 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building.

**The board welcomed the new board member, Commissioner Eric Gerard, from the City of Largo.**

**The board unanimously approved sending a comment letter regarding the draft Tentative Work Program, including a request for the department to fully fund existing priority projects before adding new projects to the work program.**

Florida Department of Transportation staff, Brian Hunter, presented highlights from the Draft Tentative Work Program. A public website is available to receive public comments on the Draft Tentative Work Program, with comments due by November 13, 2023. Furthermore, an Open House was held on October 26th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the FDOT District 7 office. More information on the Draft Tentative Work Program can be found at [www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7](http://www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7).

#### Discussion:

- Whit Blanton shared the resurfacing projects have yielded a lot of safety benefits and expressed concern over the rising cost of asphalt leading the department to reduce the scope of projects, such as incorporating safety components. He furthermore noted the desire to coordinate more with FDOT, at monthly coordination meetings, to communicate with local communities regarding these projects and benefits.
- Commissioner Eggers inquired if the department has determined a cause of the early breakdown of road surfaces. Justin Hall clarified that this issue is widespread throughout the state and is due to a polymer breaking down prematurely. The department has since switched materials, particularly in higher traffic zones such as intersections.
- Considering price increases, Councilmember Richie Floyd inquired about the status of a couple projects in St. Petersburg - the 28<sup>th</sup> Street North bicycle improvements and 2022 Complete Streets Program project. Whit said the letter can be modified to ask the department to complete projects that are identified as high priority prior to moving on to funding new projects.

**The board unanimously approved an amendment to the FY 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Forward Pinellas staff, Ariane Martins, presented the following amendment to the FY 2023/24-2027/28 TIP:

- Amendment FPN 449109-1, I-275 (SR 93) from North of 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to North of 4<sup>th</sup> Street North. This amendment is adding design funds for the I-275 corridor project that will add two new tolled express lanes from 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to Gandy Boulevard and add one tolled express lane from Gandy Boulevard to 4<sup>th</sup> Street North. This will provide two continuous tolled express lanes along I-275 from 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North up to, and across, the Howard Frankland bridge. This project is part of the 'Moving Florida Forward' transportation funding announcement made in September of this year.

Discussion:

- Tristen Brockwell provided a public comment to express his concern over this project eliminating the future ability to construct light rail in the I-275 right-of-way.
- Sharon Calvert provided a public comment to express her support of the project.
- Forward Pinellas staff, Rob Feigel, shared that the motion was passed in support at the Citizens Advisory Committee by a 15-6 margin.
- Councilmember Richie Floyd inquired if the bridge will be hardened to support a future light rail. FDOT staff, Justin Hall, clarified that the express lanes being built now are where the light rail would be in the future, should it come to fruition. The rail would sit where the express lane currently sits, and the 1990 bridge would then need to be widened to accommodate the express lanes. More noise walls will also be installed along neighborhoods.
- Commissioner Scott requested more detail on the widening of the 1990 bridge. Justin Hall said it can be widened in place and the bridge is not due to be replaced until around 2050.

**The board unanimously approved the Fall Update of the FY2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).**

Every fall, Forward Pinellas updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the most recent transportation work programs of the various local governments in the county. Forward Pinellas staff, Ariane Martins, presented the Fall Update document to the board. The Fall Update document includes work program tables of the various local governments, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program allocations, and the Pinellas County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and budget.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Eric Gerard inquired if a sidewalk construction project on Indian Rocks Road is locked in. Mona Gabriel from Pinellas County Public Works answered that it is in final stages of

design and will start construction in 2024. He also inquired if the Highland Avenue improvement project design, from Belleair Road to East Bay Drive, is solidified or if input for alterations can still be provided. Mona noted she will follow up with the City of Largo.

- Commissioner Eggers inquired if the East Lake Road PD&E will still allow for alternatives to be brought forward. Mona confirmed this is correct. He then asked where the funding for the Dunedin Causeway is coming from. Mona noted they are submitting applications for federal funds.
- Commissioner Eggers also inquired about SR 580 eastbound at US19, particularly if there is a way to dedicate right lane in certain hours to be turn only, such as during rush hours, as traffic backs all the way up to Belcher Road. Justin Hall with FDOT said he can investigate this option. Whit Blanton noted the SR 580 corridor study results could help provide a direction and will be available shortly.

**The board recommended approval of the following amendment to the Countywide Plan Map.**

- Case DA 23-01 – A request from the City of St. Petersburg to amend 17.91 acres of property located at the northwest corner of Gandy Boulevard and I-275 from Activity Center to Activity Center designation. Under the existing Development Agreement, the multifamily residential units cannot be occupied until the third of three industrial buildings is complete, which has been delayed and is now currently estimated to be late 2024 to early 2025. The proposed amendment to the Development Agreement will allow for the vast majority of the originally anticipated industrial uses and the multifamily residential units to be occupied shortly after the late 2023 anticipated completion date.

**The board appointed the following board members to the TMA Leadership Group, SCTPA, and MPOAC Committees.**

- TMA Leadership Group: Commissioner Janet Long, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Councilmember Gina Driscoll
- SCTPA: Councilmember Driscoll
- MPOAC: Commissioner Eggers (primary), Councilmember Jarrod Buchman (alternate), and Councilor Chris Burke (alternate)

Whit Blanton noted there is a provision in place which allows for any board member to provide a vote if the elected members are unable to attend the TMA Leadership Group meetings.

**Forward Pinellas staff presented the Countywide Trends and Conditions Report.**

Rob Feigel presented Forward Pinellas' Countywide Trends and Conditions Report which provides a high-level, annual snapshot of the county's transportation system. The report serves as a tool to evaluate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan.

## **Forward Pinellas staff provided an update on the Housing Action Plan.**

The board approved the Housing Action Plan in July 2023. Beginning this month, the board will receive bimonthly briefings about projects that implement the plan's goals, as well as reports from our partner communities and input from stakeholders in the community. Linda Fisher provided this month's briefing, which included a review of implementation priorities within the next 1-2 years, including the creation of a coordinated media strategy, mapping and analysis tools, and a regulatory toolkit.

### **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Eggers requested guidance on how to control and monitor accessory dwellings from becoming Airbnb units, such as implementing longer term leases. Mayor Julie Bujalski seconded this is an issue in Dunedin.
- Commissioner Scott requested a look into the inventory of previously approved affordable housing, such as from 20 years ago, to ensure they remain affordable.
- Commissioner Gerard requested attention be paid to senior housing security.
- Councilor Chris Burke noted he would like a periodic snapshot of data including figures such as housing units available, projected unit growth, and vacancy rates.
- Richie Floyd added he would also like to see construction information in the data snapshots.

**The board recognized Ron Wolfson as the outgoing Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Chair following his retirement from the St. Petersburg Police Department.**

### **SPOTlight Update**

- Executive Director Whit Blanton provided the following updates:
  - Forward Pinellas received notification from FDOT that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) will be receiving an award totaling \$655,000, to be spent within a three-year timeframe. The grant will cover waterborne transportation operational costs and requires a 50/50 match. The source of the local match needs to be determined. Funds will be available for FY25, starting July 1st of 2024.
  - Next spring, Forward Pinellas and FDOT will be conducting outreach with the communities of Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs regarding the future of US 19 North. The Palm Harbor business community has previously expressed concerns over loss of visibility due to planned modifications to interchanges. Forward Pinellas will be planning one-on-one meetings with elected officials, commissions, and neighborhoods and local business meetings to discuss options.

### **Other Items**

- Reminder: There is no December Board meeting. The next Board meeting is January 2024.
- PSTA Report
  - PSTA was named the Most Outstanding Agency of the Year by both the American and Florida Public Transportation Associations.
  - A presentation on Transit Oriented Development around the SunRunner noted more than 75 development projects have been tracked in the corridor with a development value estimated at \$7.5 billion.
- Regional Activities Report: Executive Director Whit Blanton shared that the regional MPO report is under final review and will be submitted to the Legislature by the end of the year. It contains much of the same content as the memorandum of understanding (MOU) as well as prospective funding options.
- Legislative Update
  - A proposed change to Senate Bill 250 would take Pinellas County out of group of counties within 100 miles of landfall of Hurricane Ian who could not propose any burdensome regulations. This would allow multiple planning initiatives under development to go forward.
  - Senator Hooper has filed Senate Bill 266 which would place a cap on percentage of state transportation trust funds that go to public transit projects. To not be subject to the cap, counties would need a super-majority vote from the county commission. Whit will prepare a letter, for the board's review, to be sent expressing concern over the cap.
- Executive Director Whit Blanton took a Brightline Tour, travelling with the Tampa Bay Partnership, including a look at the Miami-Dade station and transit-oriented development in West Palm Beach. The train reaches 125 miles per hour and is privately run.
- Public Comment:
  - David Ballard Geddis Jr. expressed his concerns over water supply and regulation codes.
  - Sharon Calvert expressed her concerns over points of ingress/egress at the Tierra Verde Cycle Track and questioned the vetting process of the 34<sup>th</sup> Street lane elimination project. Whit Blanton provided an overview of the various public input opportunities conducted for both projects (i.e., each public meeting contains a public comment section).
  - Mike Eisner from Tarpon Springs requested more money be budgeted towards ensuring the safety of children going to and from school, such as increased lighting and motion detecting flashing lights at intersections.



**Action Sheet**  
**November 8, 2023**

At its November meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0)  
Approved to include the following:
  - A. Approval of Minutes of the October 11, 2023 Meeting
  - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
  - C. Approval of 2024 Board and Committees Meeting Schedules
  - D. Acceptance of Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) Roster for 2024
  - E. Countywide Plan Map Annual Update – Official Acceptance
  - F. Acceptance of Quarter Four Financial Report and Budget Amendment(s)
  - G. Approval of Scope and Fee for Advantage Pinellas Financial Resources Projections
  - H. Approval of Scope and Fee for the Gateway Commute Options Assessment and Employee/Employer Survey
  
- **Proposed Amendment(s) to the FY 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
Following an explanation of the amendment(s) by Ariane Martins, Forward Pinellas staff, and a public hearing, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the amendment(s) to the TIP. (roll call vote: 11-0)
  
- **Fall Update of the FY 2023/24-2027/28 TIP**  
Following a presentation by Ariane Martins, Forward Pinellas staff, and a public hearing, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the Fall Update of the TIP. (roll call vote: 11-0)
  
- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**  
Following a presentation by Emma Wennick, Forward Pinellas staff, and public hearing, one case was recommended for approval:
  - 1. DA 23-01 – City of St. Petersburg (vote: 11-0)
  
- **Draft Tentative Work Program**  
Following a presentation by Brian Hunter, FDOT, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved a letter of comments to be sent to FDOT on the Draft Tentative Work Program. (vote: 11-0)
  
- **TMA Leadership Group, SCTPA and MPOAC Committee Appointments**  
The board made committee appointments for 2024:

The TMA Leadership Group representatives will remain the same to include Commissioner

Eggers, Commissioner Long and Councilmember Gina Driscoll.  
The SCTPA representative will continue to be Councilmember Gina Driscoll.  
Any board member may serve as an alternate as needed. (vote: 11-0)

The MPOAC representative will continue to be Commissioner Eggers with Councilmember  
Buchman and Councilor Burke as alternates. (vote: 11-0)

# COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

PAC (Planners Advisory Committee) 1:30 pm	CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) 7:00 pm	TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee) 2:00 pm	BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) 8:30 am	LCB (Local Coordinating Board) 9:15 am	STSC (School Transportation Safety Committee) 9:00 am	PTSTF (Pinellas Trail Security Task Force) at the Pinellas County Public Safety Services Office - 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Rm 130) 9:00 am
01/02/2024 - Tuesday	01/25/2024	01/24/2024	<b>(4<sup>th</sup> Mon)</b> 01/22/2024	-----	-----	01/09/2024 Meeting Room 130
02/05/2024	02/22/2024	02/28/2024	<b>(4<sup>th</sup> Mon)</b> 02/26/2024	02/20/2024	-----	-----
03/04/2024	03/28/2024	03/27/2024	03/18/2024	-----	02/28/2024	-----
04/01/2024	04/25/2024	<b>(4<sup>th</sup> Tues)</b> 04/23/2024	04/15/2024	-----	-----	04/09/2024 Meeting Room 130
04/29/2024	05/23/2024	05/22/2024	05/20/2024	05/21/2024	-----	-----
06/03/2024	*06/27/2024	06/26/2024	06/17/2024	-----	06/05/2024	-----
07/01/2024	*07/25/2024	*07/24/2024	*07/15/2024	-----	-----	07/09/2024 Meeting Room 130
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09/30/2024	10/24/2024	10/23/2024	10/21/2024	-----	10/02/2024	10/08/2024 Meeting Room 130
11/04/2024	Nov/Dec Combined	Nov/Dec Combined	11/18/2024	11/19/2024	-----	-----
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(These dates are subject to change)

\*Meeting Subject to Cancellation

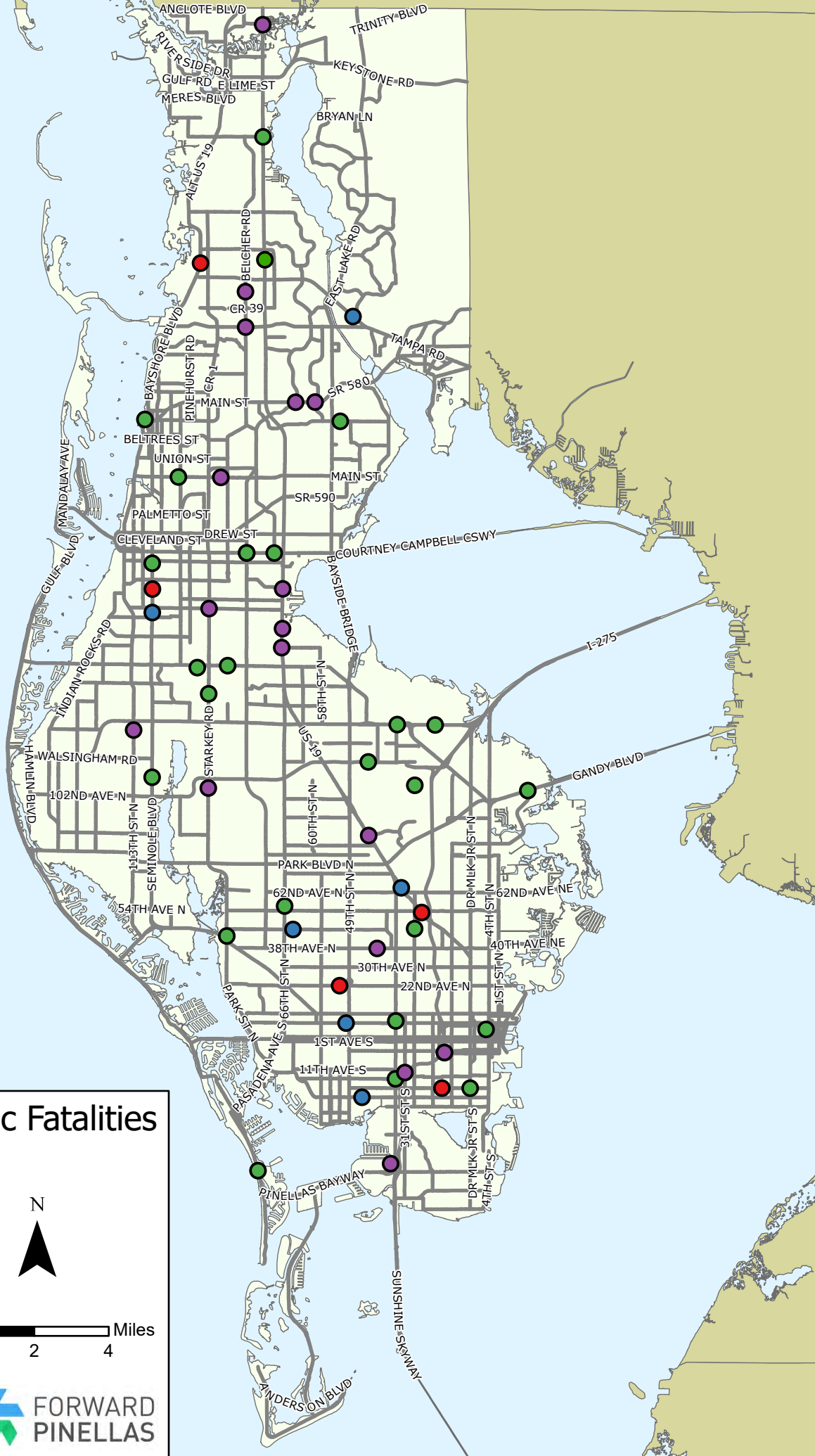
**FORWARD PINELLAS MEETING CALENDAR – 2024**

**Schedule of Meeting Dates for the Forward Pinellas Public Hearings and  
Corresponding Meeting/Public Hearing Dates for the  
Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) and Countywide Planning Authority (CPA)**

<b>Deadline for Submittal of PPC Items Requiring Public Hearing</b>	<b>PAC Meeting Date</b>	<b>Forward Pinellas Hearing Date</b>	<b>Board of County Commissioners acting as the CPA Hearing Date</b>
December 13, 2023	January 2, 2024 - <b>Tuesday</b>	January 10, 2024	February 20, 2024
January 10, 2024	February 5, 2024	February 14, 2024	March 5, 2024
February 14, 2024	March 4, 2024	March 13, 2024	April 9, 2024
March 13, 2024	April 1, 2024	April 10, 2024	May 7, 2024
April 10, 2024	April 29, 2024	May 8, 2024	June 11, 2024
May 8, 2024	June 3, 2024	June 10, 2024 - <b>Monday</b>	July 16, 2024
June 12, 2024	July 1, 2024	July 10, 2024	August 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.
July 10, 2024	* August 5, 2024	* August 14, 2024	October 15, 2024
August 14, 2024	September 3, 2024 - <b>Tuesday</b>	September 11, 2024	October 15, 2024
September 11, 2024	September 30, 2024	October 9, 2024	November 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.
October 9, 2024	November 4, 2024	November 13, 2024	December 17, 2024 6:00 p.m.
November 13, 2024	* December 2, 2024	* December 11, 2024	January 2025 TBD

**\* Subject to Cancellation**

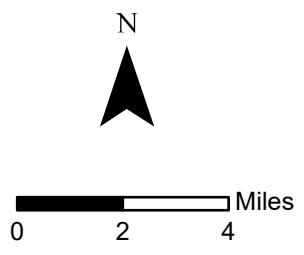
**Unless otherwise noted, the PAC, FP and CPA meetings are held in the Pinellas County Communications Building, Palm Room  
333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater**



# 2023 Reported Traffic Fatalities (as of October 12)

## Crash Type

- Bicycle
- Motorcycle
- Pedestrian
- Vehicle



Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2023.  
Map Produced: October 12, 2023.



Crash Number	Fatalities	Date	Time	Type	On Street	Intersecting Street	Jurisdiction	Driver Age	Driver Sex
89363225	2	1/3/2023	6:13 PM	Pedestrian	Gulf Blvd	45th Ave	St. Pete Beach	51	Female
89363249	1	1/7/2023	6:49 PM	Pedestrian	Edgewater Dr	Main St	Dunedin	52	Female
25121505	1	1/10/2023	3:09 PM	Vehicle	S 50th Ave	None	St. Petersburg	67	Female
25121683	1	1/16/2023	7:26 PM	Vehicle	38th Ave N	40th St N	St. Petersburg	62	Male
25433239	1	1/19/2023	4:25 PM	Bicycle	S Missouri Ave	Bayview Dr	Clearwater	27	Female
25493525	1	1/19/2023	6:21 PM	Motorcycle	S Missouri Ave	Kingsley St	Largo	74	Female
25045864	1	1/23/2023	4:49 PM	Vehicle	Haines Rd N SB	53rd Ave N	Unincorporated	35	Female
25121999	1	1/29/2023	12:34 AM	Pedestrian	28th St N	109th Ave N	St. Petersburg	20	Male
25433330	1	1/30/2023	8:20 AM	Vehicle	Sunset Point Rd	Barrington Dr W	Clearwater	26	Male
25122000	1	1/30/2023	6:32 PM	Bicycle	22nd Ave N	52nd St N	St. Petersburg	47	Female
25122007	1	2/1/2023	7:15 AM	Pedestrian	9th St S	18th Ave S	St. Petersburg	33	Male
25493627	1	2/4/2023	6:19 PM	Pedestrian	Starkey Rd	12th Ave SE	Largo	81	Female
25433438	1	2/7/2023	9:17 PM	Pedestrian	Gulf To Bay Blvd	S Belcher Rd	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
25062604	1	2/11/2023	9:43 PM	Pedestrian	SR 686 (Ulmerton Rd)	34th St N	Unincorporated	52	Male
89600474	1	2/13/2023	7:50 PM	Pedestrian	SR 688 (Ulmerton Rd)	Feather Sound Dr	Clearwater	29	Male
25073441	2	2/16/2023	3:14 AM	Vehicle	I-175 WB Off Ramp	I-275 (SR 93)	St. Petersburg	35	Male
25433558	1	2/17/2023	7:22 AM	Pedestrian	Gulf To Bay Blvd	Coachman Rd S	Clearwater	35	Male
25122714	1	2/28/2023	7:03 PM	Bicycle	18th Ave S	19th St S	Largo	26	Male
89617269	1	3/6/2023	1:11 PM	Pedestrian	US Hwy 19	Publix Parking Lot	Unincorporated	33	Female
25185044	1	3/6/2023	4:56 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Beckett Way	Tarpon Springs	44	Male
89619181	1	3/9/2023	10:47 AM	Bicycle	US Alt 19 (Palm Harbor Blvd)	Ohio Ave	Unincorporated	33	Female
25493899	1	3/9/2023	5:36 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Whitney Rd	Largo	86	Male
89363823	1	3/9/2023	9:09 PM	Pedestrian	Enterprise Rd E	Fernery Ln	Safety Harbor	41	Male
24907580	1	3/12/2023	8:26 PM	Vehicle	I-275 NB Off Ramp	31st St S	Unincorporated	22	Female
25493937	1	3/14/2023	8:26 AM	Pedestrian	Judy Lee Dr	Lake Judy Lee Dr	Largo	38	Male
25067318	1	3/16/2023	10:09 PM	Pedestrian	CR 296 (118th Ave N)	43rd St N	Unincorporated	77	Male
89385756	1	3/20/2023	8:17 AM	Pedestrian	Mirror Lake Dr N	5th St N	St. Petersburg	33	Female
25433861	1	3/22/2023	6:30 PM	Motorcycle	Gulf To Bay Blvd	Belcher Rd S	Clearwater	50	Female
25738741	2	3/26/2023	7:39 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Gateway Centre Blvd N	Pinellas Park	25	Male
25904342	1	3/28/2023	4:55 AM	Pedestrian	US Hwy 19	E Klosterman Rd	Tarpon Springs	Unknown	Unknown
25433981	1	3/28/2023	5:00 AM	Pedestrian	Sunset Point Rd	Flora Rd	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
89627505	1	3/29/2023	5:47 AM	Vehicle	I-275	I-175	Unincorporated	57	Male
89581705	1	3/29/2023	6:35 AM	Pedestrian	SR 693 (66th St N)	56th Ave N	Unincorporated	20	Male
25016315	1	4/4/2023	2:48 AM	Motorcycle	46th Ave N	Villas Of Willow Lake	Kenneth City	57	Male
89615424	1	4/4/2023	9:01 PM	Pedestrian	CR 681 (28th St N)	46th Ter N	Unincorporated	54	Male
89363825	1	4/5/2023	10:46 PM	Vehicle	Belcher Rd	Curlew Rd	Dunedin	18	Male
25434090	1	4/8/2023	3:59 PM	Vehicle	SR 580	Countryside Blvd	Clearwater	67	Male
89363874	1	4/11/2023	11:03 PM	Motorcycle	SR 595 SB	50th Ave N	Seminole	57	Male
89615433	1	4/12/2023	8:06 PM	Motorcycle	SR 689 (Haines Rd N)	64th Ave N	Unincorporated	65	Male
89364067	1	4/13/2023	9:19 PM	Vehicle	Old Oak Cir	Belcher Rd	Unincorporated	51	Male
25494289	1	4/29/2023	12:34 AM	Pedestrian	East Bay Dr	None	Largo	26	Female
25955237	1	5/6/2023	2:15 AM	Pedestrian	34th St S	15th Ave S	St. Petersburg	38	Female
25434374	1	5/8/2023	12:15 PM	Vehicle	SR 580	Landmark Dr	Clearwater	81	Female
25954723	1	5/13/2023	3:32 PM	Motorcycle	22nd Ave S	45th St S	St. Petersburg	20	Male
25955236	1	5/15/2023	8:39 PM	Pedestrian	34th St N	6th Ave N	St. Petersburg	39	Female
89364060	1	5/16/2023	7:49 AM	Motorcycle	CR 752	East Lake Woodlands Pkwy	Oldsmar	19	Male
25434552	1	5/18/2023	11:22 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	None	Clearwater	46	Male
25969486	1	5/27/2023	8:41 PM	Vehicle	Keene Rd	Belleair Rd	Largo	38	Female

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89660153	1	6/20/2023	9:57 PM	Vehicle	Starkey Rd	Bryan Dairy Rd	Unincorporated	26	Male
89655559	1	7/1/2023	5:57 PM	Pedestrian	CR 1 (Park St)	CR 16	Unincorporated	65	Male
25969749	1	7/4/2023	8:43 AM	Vehicle	113th St N	130th Ave N	Largo	88	Male
89660161	1	7/4/2023	9:04 PM	Pedestrian	US 92 (Gandy Blvd)	San Martin Blvd NE	Unincorporated	48	Female
89664543	1	7/7/2023	3:19 PM	Pedestrian	US Alt 19 (Seminole Blvd)	110th Ave N	Unincorporated	45	Male
25969817	1	7/17/2023	10:23 PM	Vehicle	Frontage Rd	Haines Bayshore Rd	Largo	40	Female
25435139	1	7/18/2023	12:38 AM	Pedestrian	S Missouri Ave	Jasmine Way	Clearwater	22	Male
Unknown	1	7/29/2023	3:04 AM	Bicycle	66th St N	Unknown	Pinellas Park	26	Female
Unknown	1	7/30/2023	2:35 AM	Pedestrian	US 19 N/34th St	46th Ave N	St. Petersburg	56	Male
Unknown	1	7/30/2023	8:53 PM	Motorcycle	Ulmerton Rd	Wilcox Rd/130th Ave N	Unincorporated	22	Female
Unknown	1	7/30/2023	5:00 PM	Vehicle	4th St	Unknown	St. Petersburg	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	1	8/8/2023	4:45 AM	Pedestrian	Ulmerton Rd/SR 688	34th St N	St. Petersburg	71	Male
Unknown	1	8/18/2023	9:52 AM	Pedestrian	49th St N	140th Ave N	Clearwater	76	Male
Unknown	1	8/22/2023	2:22 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Anderson Park	Tarpon Springs	79	Male
Unknown	1	9/1/2023	12:30 PM	Vehicle	126th Ave N	113th St N	Largo	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	1	9/4/2023	8:30 PM	Pedestrian	18th Ave S	25th St	St. Petersburg	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	1	9/6/2023	11:00 AM	Vehicle	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St N	58th Ave N	St. Petersburg	65	Male
Unknown	1	9/7/2023	4:10 AM	Motorcycle	4th St N	I-275 NB On Ramp	St. Petersburg	22	Male
Unknown	1	9/16/2023	4:30 AM	Vehicle	I-275 SB Off Ramp	54th Ave N	St. Peterburg	36	Female
25957391	1	9/21/2023	11:42 PM	Vehicle	37th Ave S	6th St S	St. Peterburg	55	Male
25957390	1	9/21/2023	8:21 PM	Motorcycle	34th Ave N	34th St N	St. Petersburg	34	Male
25957433	1	9/23/2023	7:01 PM	Motorcycle	9th Ave N	49th St N	St. Petersburg	25	Female
Unknown	1	9/29/2023	11:52 PM	Pedestrian	Tampa Rd	Burbank Rd	Oldsmar	68	Female
Unknown	1	10/3/2023	10:24 PM	Pedestrian	49th St N	95th Ave	Pinellas Park	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	2	10/8/2023	3:05 PM	Motorcycle	Courtney Campbell Cswy	None	Clearwater	Unknown	Female

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