



Minutes for West Central CTST, April 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order, introductions were made. The minutes were approved with corrections. Team building- please bring friends.

Old Business

It was again reported that there is an issue on Wiscon at 50 for school buses.

There are skip lines on Montgomery and SR 44. Request for additional signage to: "Keep Right".

Comments about Joe's; News and Radio report that there was no problem and nothing will be done. Long term considerations are still being discussed.

Hospice asked about resurfacing Gem- this is a local residential road.

There was a call for counts on "New Problem #1"

The Loops on 41 and 44- seems to be issues about the timing at that signal.

SR 44 and 486 are aligned properly (with the signal heads?)

To address the school congestion issues and parking lot safety it was suggested that pedestrian education at the schools could possibly take place.

Ms. Howard gave a presentation on the Sidewalks for Safety program.

There was a call for New Problems

New Business

Mr. van den Burg complained about traffic signals at Independence and 41. He said that the pedestrian crossings are 17 feet apart. He has emailed the project director with no response. Joel replied that it will be temporary but now it is being said that perhaps it is going to be permanent. Mr. van den Burg stated he would have preferred it stay at the 90 degree angle because of safety. He spoke to Sandra Gonzalez about that. He is not exactly sure which way would be better, but they are both worse than what it started with when he had first approached the FDOT to address what he felt was an issue.

Ms. Howard also spoke about new legislation in regards to the 3 Feet Law. The City of Brooksville reported that enforcement is going to help and education is important. Tom Banks said that the State is working towards pedestrian bicycle safety.



Mr. van den Burg asked about crash reports with bicycles and motorists. Tom reported that every county is different and that some municipalities don't work crashes, that they use the FHP to do it. Tom Banks explained the HVE program and assured everyone that LEOs are aware of the bicycle and pedestrian safety issues.

Gore areas painted on roads are ILLEGAL to cross or pass over.

Need a pavement marking, signage and realignment video of SR 50 and US 19 NB.

March was Click it or Ticket campaign. Very successful compared to last year. Fatalities are down in the North Counties.

Mr. van den Burg would like to follow up with Mr. O'Dell.

Mr. Banks reported that the LEL Quarterly Newsletter has gone national, recognized FDOT 100 years and described challenge contests.

May is also having a Click It or Ticket Campaign, May 18th especially there will be heavy enforcement. Hands across the States activity. The Blueberry Festival in Brooksville will also generate greater than normal transportation / traffic issues, so please be very safe.

Safety project applications are due by May 15th. Projects must be presented to the CTST to qualify.

Attendees:

Rhonda Grice, FDOT
Thomas Banks, LEL
David Carr, FDOT
Walt Eastmond, Citrus County
Bill Geiger, City of Brooksville
Beverly Howard, Sidewalks for Safety
Patrick McLeod, Citrus Traffic Control
Heba Nasralla, Hernando County
Harry van den Berg, Citizen
Tyler Matthews, FDOT