



## Minutes for West Central CTST, February 11, 2015

Gerald O'Dell called the meeting to order, introductions were made. The minutes were approved. Team building- please bring friends.

Mr. Harry van den Berg gave a presentation about the Withlacoochee State Trail. He has concerns about a single lane boat crossing. The signage associated with this crossing has blemished the trail. The MUTCD standards do not support having all of these signs. These signs are: Too big, too tall, there is a total disregard for MUTCD standards. He also commented about AASHTO saying that there shouldn't be a crossing at all. Gerald offered to re-present the information to the County. This project was not done "in-house" but Gerald will discuss the issue. DEP says they are not subject to MUTCD; which appears to be inaccurate. According to Mr. van den Berg, where ever the public invited, the MUTCD is supposed to be followed according to CFR 23. Mr. van den Berg continued to voice issues with other signs.

Ms. Howard gave a presentation about sidewalks on US 19 and moving them up on the priority list, She spoke eloquently about the tragic crash on December 30<sup>th</sup> that claimed the life of one of her former students. She is asking for all of the people that have to use their bicycles as transportation due to socio-economic or other factors. She has started a Facebook page and it is growing. She listed the many things the group has done so far. She states there are many people who walk along the roadway. These are the traditionally underserved population. Ms. Howard made a motion to advance the project, the motion passed.

Dave Carr reported an issue on Wiscon at 50 for school buses. Gerald reported that there is a repaving, marking, signing project occurring at that location.

Dave also gave out a brochure about Guidelines for the Use of Florida Transportation Rights of Way. He is concerned about advertising and vendors on the FDOT roadways. He then discussed the issue of bus benches and shelters and advertising.

Harry asked about the ADA of the benches and shelters. There was great concern and question about who at FDOT had approved these structures. Questions about the Independence Trail Crossing correction.

March is Florida Bike Month.

Pat from Citrus asked about Montgomery and 44- looking for skip lines. Paving appears to be close to complete. Dave will check on skip lines install. (Skip lines WILL be installed.)

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



Community Traffic Safety Team  
of West Central Florida

**Attendees:**

Rhonda Grice, FDOT  
Patrick McLeod, Citrus Traffic Control  
Gerald O'Dell, Hernando Public Works  
Heba Nasralla, Hernando County  
Harry van den Berg, Citizen  
Keith Crawford, Consultant  
Bala Padmanable, Bala Consulting Services  
Beverly Howard, Sidewalks for Safety