



## Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Steve Diez, Citrus/Hernando MPO. The introductions were made and the minutes approved.

### OLD PROBLEM LOCATIONS REVIEWED

1. Wiscon at SR.50 –Remarking, repainting, restriping will be done soon.
2. Montgomery and Hwy 44---Skip lines are not completed.

### NEW PROBLEM LOCATIONS

1. Walt E. said Dave Sullivan, a local resident, asked about a rt. Turn N. bound on Hwy 41 at Citrus Spring Blvd.
  2. Resident sent email requesting 45 mph. on both sides of south bound lane at Hwy 19 and 98 industrial park area. He stated that there was a yellow sign requiring 45mph at the congested area, but trucks ignore that warning.
  3. HPH Hospice asked if Gem St. off Hwy 19 could be resurfaced as nurses have difficulty on rutted road to Assisted Living Facility. Walt said that the pavement assessment for resurfacing is online with a map showing the roadway evaluation scores.
  4. Sheriff's office received request for turn lane at Dollar General in Floral City. Claim of weekly crashes since cars don't see vehicles slowing to turn into DG. The curve before DG prevents clear view of driveway. Store is not new, but has been there about 10 years.
  5. Hwy 488 and 495—Request for turn arrow. At this time there is only a green light, but amount of traffic does not warrant added arrow signal.
  6. Hwy 44 / 41 at Joe's Deli--- West bound vehicles that want to turn into Joe's cross double yellow line and then sit in the turn lane for opposing traffic waiting to turn. Dave Carr checked this location years ago and no solution was found. Flex posts or barriers cannot be erected without other business entrances being affected. Since Griff's bar is going to be demolished and a Mattress One store built on that location, a solution would be to make a shared or joint rear - access drive with the new business and Joe's. Deputy Michele Tewell and Assistant City Manager will assess the area this week. She will take this recommendation to the City of Inverness. Joel P. will also contact the City Manager.
  7. Signals at 41 and 44---need to be sequenced after construction.
  8. Hwy 486 and 44--- resident report westbound signal lights are not directly over the lanes. They are located properly and also have a lens to have view of correct signal.
  9. Hwy 491 (Lecanto School complex) --- Traffic backing up on 491. Parking and drop off congested with kids crossing though parking lot.
  10. Sidewalks for Safety—Support letter created from CTST. Also letter of support from Citrus School district for accessible sidewalk / multiple use lane for residents to walk and ride bikes on Hwy 19 in the Homosassa area near Wal-Mart. Beverly Howard will take letters of support to Tallahassee for legislative day.
- Resident shared concern that a shared use trail would become a golf cart path for residents of Sugarmill Woods. Steve D. stated that no motorized vehicles can be operated on state sponsored paths. Trucks from landscapers have been blocking the path in the area of 486 in Hernando near Chicken King, and they cannot park there.



## EVENTS FROM FEBRUARY

Sue reported that since the new child restraint law went into effect, and all children must ride in an appropriate child restraint until age 6, there have been MANY parents and caregivers requesting a High back harnessed booster for their 4 and 5 year olds. Many of these kids have been transported only using a seat belt, although children are not tall enough for just a seat belt until they are 57 inches. For the counties served by the Early Learning Coalition, and Hernando County, there were 87 safety seats provided in Feb. In Citrus County alone, Michele Tewell and Sue Littnan provided 38 car seats for low income families.

## NEW BUSINESS

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. There are several events planned including April 10—Friday Night Done Right Event for middle and high school students at the Crystal River Mall. Family Fun Day in Crystal River at Little Springs Park near the Health Department. There will be a literacy theme, with many books available free to children, along with food, games and music. It runs from 9-1. April 17<sup>th</sup> is an evening program at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness. It is from 5:30 – 7:30 featuring a magician and music.

Michele Tewell from the Sheriff's office mentioned the Sheriff's summer safety event on Sat. April 25 at the Auditorium in Inverness. It is from 10 – 1:00, and includes free interactive demonstrations for fire safety, water safety, bike safety and car seat and booster use. March is also Bike Month and the City of Inverness has issued a proclamation to that effect, and is hosting the Clean Air Ride.

Steve Diez will be providing free bike light give away events on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Brooksville Health Dept. from 10-12, and again at the Spring Hill Health Dept. from 4-6. Also on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 -12 at the Family Resource Center in Hernando and at the Chassahowitzka Community Center from 4-6. April 11<sup>th</sup> will be the City to City Bike ride between Crystal River and Inverness.

Joel Provenzano reported on a motorcycle study grant by Cutter to provide information on behaviors of motorcycle riders. It will have a 15 month timeline and include roads in Citrus County such as Gobbler and Ozello Trail which are heavily used by motorcycle riders.

Statewide CTST meeting is March 30 from 10-2 at Pepin Hospitality Center in Tampa.

Tom Banks, our Law Enforcement Liaison was happy to announce that the Sumter County Sheriff won a laser at the last event. They participated in the Click it or Ticket effort, and will be involved in upcoming programs.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is in Hernando County at the DOT office in Brooksville, Wednesday, April 8, 2015.