



## August 12, 2015 West- Central CTST Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Diez at approximately 1:08, and introductions were made.
- II. Minutes were approved with the caveat that Mr. Van den Berg would like to see corrected minutes from the May and June meetings as well as one minor correction from July.
- III. Old Business: Mr. Diez mentioned to the team that Ms. Grice is attempting to reach out to existing members of the CTST (based on her list) to attend our meetings. No old problem locations were discussed other than the WST and Independence Hwy intersection and stated that this issue will be reviewed at tomorrow's meeting with the Bike/Ped Sub-committee members and FDOT staff. Mr. Van den Berg asked if this committee would disband after the WST/IH issue had been resolved (as best as it can) and Mr. Diez said no, that it could be brought back as needed to address other problematic issues.
- IV. There were no reports of events or activities in July other than RAIN.
- V. New Business: Mr. Diez mentioned again that the Bike/Ped Sub-committee would meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the various options for the WST/IH intersection and that Rhonda and others had submitted ideas for discussion. Under new business also, the US 98/Citrus Way intersection was discussed in light of the crash with multiple fatalities that occurred two weeks ago. While very unfortunate that lives were lost, most agreed that not much more could be done to that intersection from a safety perspective. FDOT and Hernando County are working together to review some options such as:
  - install rumble strips (with room at the edge for cyclists to pass)
  - reconfigure the striping to reduce the sight angle
  - remove or thin out trees along the edge of ROW to provide better sight distance when approaching intersection

Also under new business, Mr. Van den Berg inquired about the 4-way stop on the WST and the boat ramp in Nobleton and if it could be removed. He also requested a follow-up to an earlier request as to the treatment of the Good Neighbor Trail (GNT) at the Jasmine Rd. and Mondon Hill Rd. intersections. Such as a need for new signage and possible pavement markings across the roads.



Walt Eastmond mentioned that the Sugarmill Woods community is now in agreement with the proposed locations of the bike lanes along its streets and the application will move forward through the TA process.

Danielle Barth brought up the new version of “Gabby’s Law” that was passed by the Legislature earlier this year. It requires School Boards to address “hazardous walking conditions” around schools along with a review committee made up of MPO, law enforcement, and engineering staff.

Ann-Gayl Ellis questioned whether the Deltona Blvd. sidewalk project was included in the MPO’s TA list, as she had been talking to a wheelchair-bound individual that lived in the neighborhood. Mr. Diez confirmed later that it was and sent her an email.

Joel Provenzano stated the first-ever signalized U-turn in District 7 would be installed at the SR50/Mariner Blvd intersection in Hernando County later this month. Walt reminded him that it would be the second-ever U-turn in D7 as Citrus County has had one for about a year at the SR 44 and CR 490 Intersection. Joel then showed the SR 50 plans that depicted the U-turn lane and signal.

VI. Open Forum: Mr. Diez mentioned that the Suncoast Trail Advisory Group (STAG) would be having a meeting on 8/20 to review some changes to the group. A possible name change to better reflect the mission of the group, the need to include Citrus County residents with the addition Suncoast II, and overall new vision. It was also mentioned that the Hernando County School Board may be adding a Bike Education Program to its Adult Education curriculum in the fall, to be taught initially by Mr. Diez. This would be geared to adults who have not ridden a bike in years, or for those who may want to brush up on their skills.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50.