



Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Steve Diez. The introductions were made and the minutes approved with clarification by Walt E. about the Sugarmill Woods proposed locations for the bike lanes. Currently, there is still disagreement among the residents.

OLD BUSINESS / PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Mr. van den Berg discussed the cross traffic on the Good Neighbor Trail in Hernando County. Pedestrian crossing signals not applicable to bicycle riders. State statute has no definition to comply with signage, only the shape of the sign must conform. The statute is only advisory. Other States have regulations. He also mentioned the issue of stop signs on trail crossings. Engineering firm hired by Hernando County. DEP said the signs were approved.

EVENTS of AUGUST

The Nature Coast EMS partnered with the Child Passenger Safety Program to offer a safety day at the Village Cadillac / Toyota dealership on Aug. 1st. Although it was pouring rain on and off, many families came to see the fire truck and rescue vehicle, along with car seat inspections. The technicians assisted 12 families with installation “fixes” and provided a new seat for a two year old who was riding unsafely in a backless booster.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Withlacoochee Trail and Independence intersection. There was one crash between a vehicle and bicyclist at this intersection. There was a traffic study done in 2008. There will be no traffic calming measures added. DOT applied to DEP for easement. Construction to begin in approx. 8 months. The electrical box will be moved to improve visibility, and volunteers may assist to keep grass mowed. The trail crossing will be aligned closer to the intersection for better line of sight, and 90 degree turns will be removed

The intersections on Hwy 486 at Essex, Citrus Hills Blvd also have control boxes that block the view.

NEW BUSINESS

Walt E. discussed the bike lanes in Sugarmill Woods. The proposed locations are still not settled. Bev Howard said those opposed to the bike lanes claim that the vote was taken when the snowbirds were gone. However, all residents were given the opportunity to vote, including mailed ballots to snowbirds. Many did not vote and 80% of those who did vote are in favor of the lanes. The lanes would be on the right of way and not on resident property.

FDOT has bike lights available. Email Rhonda. Rhonda.Grice@dot.state.fl.us



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Danielle Barth from the Safe Routes to School program in Hernando County said that Oct. 7th is “Walk to School Day,” and there will be a walking event at Explorer K-8 School. Danielle is available to offer assistance if Citrus County wants to initiate a Walk to School event.

Steve D. is holding bike classes for adults focusing on drills, laws, clothing. There will be a 3 hour class on Oct. 3, Nov.14 and Dec. 5. The cost is \$10. Contact Steve for sign up.

StevenD@co.hernando.fl.us

There will be a regional multiple use trail meeting on 09-22-15 regarding the Coast to Coast trail. Contact Steve Diez for more information.

The Suncoast Trail will be expanded to 67 miles with the addition of 25 miles up to Hwy 44. Bev Howard asked about extending the trail from the Suncoast to Hwy 19 and connect with Hwy 98

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue L mentioned that Seven Rivers Regional Medical center sponsors a yearly 5K run at Kings Bay with the proceeds going to a local not for profit / charity. The Child Passenger Safety Program for Citrus County will be the recipient of the donations this year. The run is at daybreak (early) on Sat. Nov. 7. To donate / help sponsor the event, contact Amy Kingery at Seven Rivers. Amy.kingery@sevenriversregional.com or Sue Littnan at slittnan@elc-naturecoast.org

Mr. van den Berg asked about a ½ to ¾ mile section of the Rails to Trails south of the bridge off Hwy 50 that is used by motor vehicles. David Carr explained that when and if the Withlacoochee River overflows, Cyril Road floods, and people who live on Cyril have no other means of getting out of the development. Traffic is diverted to the trail to get in and out and it is only used during emergencies. After flooding has subsided, the trail goes back to regular use. Joel said a 12 ft. wide road can be used for two way traffic and that trail is designed for emergency vehicles. David also said that Cyril Road is being elevated to eliminate the flooding.

Those attending the meeting:

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| Joel Provenzano | FDOT | Jim McLean | Hernando / Citrus BPAC |
| Walt Eastmond | Citrus County | Patrick McLeod | Citrus County Traffic |
| Beverly Howard | Sidewalks for Safety | Danielle Barth | SRTS Hernando County |
| Harry van den Berg | Citizen | David Carr | FDOT |
| Steve Diez | Hernando County | Michele Tewell | Citrus County Sheriff |
| Sue Littnan | Early Learning Coalition –child passenger safety | | |

The next meeting will be at the FDOT office in Brooksville-Hernando County, Wednesday, October 14, 2015