



January 2016

Minutes, Brooksville FDOT Office

Steve welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Minutes approval was tabled until February.

Old business:

Safe Routes taught over 2000 kids in 3 schools and provided 300 helmets in the first semester of school.

A request was made to get Safe Routes back into Citrus County Schools. Kudos were given for the great work with All Children's and Safe Routes are doing.

Educational outreach items were discussed.

Neighborhood walkability surveys are being conducted. Discussion was had on hazardous conditions and additional aspects of neighborhood assessment. Could be utilized by local governments to use to identify areas and help transportation issues, such as sidewalks and bike lanes. Citrus County has completed a GIS survey of their areas.

Discussion was had on assessment of walking before sidewalks were installed and after. A national database appears to be unhelpful.

Chocachatti Elementary along the Suncoast Trail needs a sidewalk.

MLK Parade going on in Brooksville Monday.

Review of problem location; there are phone calls about speeding in Floral City being reported.

Harry discussed the Dollar General on Hwy 41. He reported skid marks and squealing tires in this location.

Barbara (Beverly?) talked about another person injured in the Sugarmill area. Questions were asked about rumble strips on approaching roads to 98. Seems to be an issue with people just not being aware and driving into the through traffic of 98.

Discussion was had about the approach to 98 from 491. Concerns about cross traffic, request for an additional study.

Beverly talked about a little girl and her Tropicana Speech about Sidewalks. – I want a copy of this speech.

Harry is again concerned with the accuracy of bicycle counts for the removal of stop signs on the Withalacoochee trail and a boat ramp.

Harry said Hernando County said they will remove if the DEP requests. Harry said the DEP told him they agree with him and that the signs can be removed. DEP does not appear to be talking to Hernando County. As such, the signs are currently still in place. Harry said the MUTCD says the signs are in error.



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Harry also reported that the signage on the Good Nature Trail is still an issue.

Route 41 / Broad Street / Cloverleaf Development has officially requested a traffic study, signal warrant.

Brooksville Elementary, this was a school zone? Flashing lights?

Health Department staff has reported the Powell and Culbreath fatality as a limited visibility issue. Additional information is being requested.

Harry is also concerned with a road in the Silver Lake Campground. Croom Riddle Road / I 75 and the Withaloochoochee trail. Croom Riddle Road has a hill under the interstate. Harry reports that DEP has closed an access point, which creates a hazard. 9 ft lane, 55 mph. Skirmish ongoing between the local users. Request for a meeting between the County, Campground, and DEP. FDOT nor CTST have any input to provide.

Harry also reported a close encounter with a horse. Possible correction for Job the Mule and suspected McCoy and Hatfield situation with a woman and a pick-up truck...

Bike to School is May 4th.

Bike Bells for the Hernando School District.

Safety Summit is January 20th.

MPO / Turnpike meeting on the 19th about a Trail issue.

January 21st is the Coast to Coast meeting.

Attendees:

Danielle Barth, All Childrens
David Carr, FDOT
Walt Eastmond, Citrus County DPW
Bill Geiger, City of Brooksville
Beverly Howard, Sidewalks for Safety
Bala Padmanabhan, BCS

J. Lisle Bozeman, Hernando County Schools
Steven Diez, Hernando/ Citrus MPO
Ann-Gayl Ellis, Hernando County Health Dept
Rhonda Grice, FDOT
Patrick McLeod, Citrus County Traffic Control
Harry van den Berg, Citizen