



## West Central CTST – January 13, 2021

Meeting started 1:30pm

### I. Welcome and Introductions were made

### II. Minutes Approved by group

### III. Old Business – Review of Problem Location Spreadsheet

**1. US 41/US 98/SR 45/SR 700/SR 50A - E. Jefferson St. @ N. Brooksville Ave. and N. Broad St. @ S. Magnolia Ave.:** No update.

**2. US 19 and Hexam Road:** Mike - This will be on the next Push Button contract will be let in the next couple of days.

**3. County Line Road at Waterfall Drive:** No update.

**4. Powell Road at Silver Ridge Boulevard:** Ernie – They are still reviewing the traffic studies and weighing their options. To date, the consultant only sent the preliminary report.

**5. Forest Oaks Boulevard at Deltona Boulevard:** No update.

**6. US 41 and CR 491:** Walt received a complaint from an irate citizen regarding the left turning movement. Walt said he will call them back to let them know we are tracking this location. Once we go back to the old normal, Walt stated DOT will perform traffic counts.

**7. SR 44/ Crystal Street (Crystal River):** Mike - No update.

**8. WB SR 44, Left Turning Lane, West of Lowe's:** Mike - No update.

**9. SR 44 / NE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Mike - No update.

**10. Coronado Drive around J.D. Floyd in Spring Hill:** Ernie stated he spoke with the consultant and they were going to start on the traffic study soon.

**11. Silver Lake Campground at Croom Rital Road:** No update.

**12. Spring Hill Drive & Bentley Avenue:** Ernie and David G. looked at this intersection and did not see an issue. Discussion followed. Walt felt this was an enforcement issue.

**13. SR 44 and Forest Drive/Pleasant Grove:** Walt stated Iteris, the FDOT consultant, was going to look at this intersection. Mike stated he would follow up with the signal folks to see where this is at.

**14. 44 @ Stoneway Intersection:** Mike stated that he will follow up on this.



#### IV. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Jim stated they will be starting the trail rehab project and the north-end to the Dunnellon trail is under construction. Discussion followed. They are starting first on the section north of David Street and going to 486.

Ginger stated they recently completed two new PSAs for the pedestrian hybrid beacons: for both perspectives, from the pedestrian and then the driver. Discussion followed.

Ginger gave the January campaigns:

- Move Over Florida Month
- National Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- Blood Donor Month
- Poverty in America Awareness Month

George gave an update on scheduling high schools in the northern counties for the driver's education course. They offer a teen driver presentation currently in three ways: in-person class, pre-recorded presentation, and a zoom meeting where George interacts with the students and teachers.

Jeannine stated they are still doing their programs virtually in schools and offering all of their services virtually. They are working on mocktail educational videos with Alert Today Alive Tomorrow. This spring and summer, they will have themed videos coming out via youtube.

Heather G gave an update from FHP. They had 207 cases, however overall enforcement went up and crashes went down.

#### V. SRTS Update

Walt gave an update on the Pleasant Grove sidewalk which is about 50-60% complete. They are looking forward to the other projects getting underway.

#### VI. New Business

Harry stated a couple of years ago he brought up about asking Citrus County to reassign priority at the crossing of Withlacoochee State Trail and New Hope Court. Walt said that the County has weighed in on this matter and they are not going to alter the signage that was established. Discussion followed.

#### VII. Open Forum

Mike gave statistics for fatalities:

- End of the year (2020) statistics
  - Citrus fatalities: 2 bicyclists / 3 motorcycles / 5 pedestrians | total for the County: 38
  - Hernando fatalities: 3 bicyclists / 9 motorcycles / 4 pedestrians | total for the County: 43



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- January 2021 statistics
  - Citrus fatalities: 0 bicyclist / 1 motorcycles / 0 pedestrian | total for the County: 1
  - Hernando fatalities: 0 bicyclist / 0 motorcycles / 0 pedestrian | total for the County: 1

Steve D. said all the other counties within the district, in crashes, went down; Citrus and Hernando went up. FDOT asked folks to put on their safety hats to try and come with some solutions, other than enforcement. Speed is the issue. Discussion followed. Not sure what the engineering solution is to correct this issue.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm**

**Attendees:** Julie Bond, Cayce Dagenhart, Steve Diaz, Walt Eastmond, George Edminston, Heather Glenny, David Gordinier, Beverly Howard, Ernie Lane, Jeannine Lawrence, Jim McLean, John Novy, Lori Palaio, Ginger Regalado, Andrea Sauvageot, Melissa Shepherd, Harry van den Berg, Mike Zinn.



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### Problem Locations –January 2021

Item	Date Reported	Description	Staff	Last Update	Date Resolved/ Withdrawn	Comments
1	January 2019	US 41/US 98/SR 45/SR 700/SR 50A  E. Jefferson St. @ N. Brooksville Ave. and N. Broad St. @ S. Magnolia Ave.9	Ginger/ Peter	Oct. 2020		Currently this is in design by JMT. No design schedule yet. 1st priority is the crosswalk at Jefferson and Brooksville Avenue; 2nd priority is North Broad Street at Magnolia Avenue; 3rd priority is North Broad Street at Brooksville Avenue. Mike Zinn reported that the City approved the conceptual plans and the plans are back with the engineer. <b>No update.</b>
2	March 2019	US 19 and Hexam Rd.	Ginger/ Emmeth	Dec. 2020		The signal was approved. “The US 19 intersection at Hexam Road has met signal warrants and a project is planned within the next 18 months. In the interim, we would like to propose supplying the county with a solar-powered yellow flashing beacons sign assembly to retrofit the existing (W3-1) Stop Ahead sign assembly. The design build contract should be advertised by 11/2020, with contract execution by early 2021. Mike Zinn reported this is still in design. <b>This will be on the next Push Button contract will be let in the next couple of days.</b>
3	March 2019	County Line Road at Waterfall Drive	Ernie	Oct. 2020		Steve D. with Hernando County Schools wanted to know if a signal could be installed at this location. Hernando County will be meeting with Pasco County to go over the requirements for the signal and required equipment and what County agency will install and implement it. Consultant is on board to design and build project. Ernie - This is in Pasco County’s hands. Ernie stated that the County has sent funds to Pasco County for design of this project. Going to speak to Venkat at the Pasco County CTST to add this project/info to their CTST notes. Ernie is awaiting a returned call. Ernie stated that this was in Pasco County’s arena. He received the plans for the intersection improvements and they under review. <b>No update.</b>



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4	March 2019	Powell Road at Silver Ridge Blvd.	Ernie	Jan. 2021		<p>Steve D. vehicles have been observed traveling the wrong way in the directionalized left turn median opening. Ernie will work with Carlene for update.</p> <p>Hernando County is designing delineator alternatives. The County is working with their consultant (ICON) to get the contract completed. Performing safety audits for this project. Will be following up with consultant on status of completion. Ernie is trying to make contact to transfer the files over to them.</p> <p>Ernie spoke with the consultant and they went to the location and noticed the problem. He has not received anything back from the consultant yet with recommendations for a solution. <b>They are still reviewing the traffic studies and weighing their options. To date, the consultant only sent the preliminary report.</b></p>
5	March 2019	Forest Oaks Blvd. at Deltona Blvd.	Ernie	Aug. 2020		<p>Steve D. a raised concrete traffic separator has been installed at this location, making it difficult for buses to make the turns. Ernie – they shaved the median back 8ft, this should help. Ped signal should be up soon. Studying the area. Ernie stated this project is still on hold. This may be released at the end of the month and Ernie will get with the County Engineer to see how he wants to proceed. <b>No update.</b></p>
6	Sept 2018 & Sept 2019	US 41 and CR 491	Peter/ Edith	Jan. 2021		<p>Northbound left turn has no left turn signal phase; but there is a left turn lane. Due to heavy SB traffic, no gaps are created for vehicles turning left. They need to wait for multiple cycles or take risk turning in front of oncoming traffic. Citizens are requesting evaluation of timing and phasing, possibly add left turn phase. Drivers are cutting through Smith Terrace to avoid signal at intersection. <b>On hold – waiting for things to return to the old normal. Walt received a complaint from an irate citizen regarding the left turning</b></p>



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						<b>movement. Walt said he will call them back to let them know we are tracking this location. Once we go back to the old normal, Walt stated DOT will perform traffic counts. No update.</b>
7	Feb. 2020	Crystal Street NE @ 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (split lane- Huddle House)  <i>(On the southside it lines up with NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue)</i>	Cpt. Novy Peter, Edith	Oct. 2020		<p>Many near miss crashes at this location, per the business owners. Peter stated he will work with Crystal River on this issue. FDOT is going to reach out to the City to look at possible improvements. FDOT is looking at crash data for the past 5 years. Peter stated FDOT is looking for a win-win solution with all the businesses within that area. FDOT is looking at short-term solutions since the area will be revitalized.</p> <p>Mike Zinn stated that FDOT is waiting to hear back from the City of Crystal River. Mike Zinn stated the two-way turn lane is still in design. <b>No update.</b></p>
8	Feb. 2020	WB SR 44, left turning lane, west of Lowe's	Jim/Peter/ Walt/ Kevin	July 2020		<p>This location needs a "left turn to u-turn." This is near the Walmart that was recently corrected. Peter stated he speak to Walt about this location. Edith stated she would look into this location. A turn lane analysis is warranted. Group discussion followed. Edith stated that a project was created for push-button contract (late this year/early next year), this project will provide a turn lane for WB traffic exiting Lowes. A concept was completed and placed within the contract. Kevin stated they will install a WB u-turn lane, back-to-back with the existing EB LT channelized lane. Walt asked for Kevin to send him an aerial concept. Discussion followed. Peter stated that FDOT has a national expert looking at the u-turn. For this area, they will have 2 choices to exit and go to the eastside. Kevin is looking at turn lane issues and has a concept developed. They are trying to find the best way to make it happen. Jim asked Walt what he thought about it? Walt said it was fine by them. Peter stated they are looking at concepts and costs. It is still on the drawing board. <b>On hold. No update.</b></p>



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9	Feb. 2020	SR 44/NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Sherry/ Peter/ Edith/ Kevin	Oct. 2020		<p>A sign or some other indication is needed at this location to inform motorists that they are in a school zone. Currently, there is not a school zone sign.</p> <p>Kevin stated he will work with the City to get them the equipment. (Had previously sent the info to the County.) Walt has seen emails going around between Kevin Dunn and Dave Robertson, County's Traffic Control, about wanting to put up signage on the side roads. The County has no objection, but DOT needs to coordinate with the City as the roads are city owned and maintained. <b>On hold.</b></p> <p>Captain Novy stated that the City has gotten with FDOT and this intersection is included in the redesign and is being discussed. A charrette was conducted, and this area will be part of a bigger redevelopment, just not sure of when this will happen. Funding issues did come up. <b>No update.</b></p>
10	Feb. 2020	Coronado Drive around J.D. Floyd in Spring Hill	Cayce/ Peter/ Ernie	Jan. 2021		<p>Complained that there is a speeding issue at this location and people are passing in a no-passing zone. A speed limit flashing light/camera was also requested at this location. Sidewalks are also needed at J.D. Floyd Elementary School. Ernie said this is a school principal issue. This has been an issue for the past 5 years (traffic backs up into surrounding roadways). Cayce: Scott, a HC engineer, is performing a study at JD Floyd. Both Hernando County and Hernando County School Board are conducting studies. Sgt. Brown stated it was the parents that queue along neighborhood streets that is causing the problem. Ernie – currently with the consultant. Ernie hasn't received the traffic study yet. <b>Ernie stated he spoke with the consultant and they were going to start on the traffic study soon.</b></p>



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11	Feb. 2020	Silver Lake Campground at Croom Rital Road	Ernie	Sept. 2020		<p>This was originally brought up back in 2016. Harry originally asked for a crosswalk to be installed. The crosswalk was postponed due to construction. Ernie stated that they are restarting on crosswalks on Croom Rital Road. Ernie will be taking a field visit Friday to see where things are at with the project. Harry asked that all three parties are involved with this effort.</p> <p>Ernie stated there were some issues with this project. All the players that were involved with this project have left the County. Harry stated there is a crest in the road to the north; difficulty seeing oncoming traffic. Ernie said he'd open a service request up and do some investigating.</p> <p><b>On hold.</b> Ernie needs to complete a sight distance study of the location and needs to measure how long the sidewalk will be required. He will try and get this completed by the next meeting. Ernie spoke with the new Assistant County Engineer and he will be looking into this. <b>No update.</b></p>
12	May 2020	Spring Hill Drive & Bentley Avenue	Sgt. Brown / Ernie	Jan. 2021		<p>Speeding issue at Spring Hill Drive and Bentley Avenue. Several recent crashes have hit houses due to excessive speed. Complaint is asking for something to be done. Sgt. Brown did a speed spy for three days and over half the cars they collected data on were more than over 51 MPH. The highest speed collected was 83 MPH. Ernie pulled the crash reports and he is currently analyzing them. They will put out traffic counters towards the end of the month. Ernie stated the analysis of the crash reports are ongoing. <b>Ernie and David G. looked at this intersection and did not see an issue. Discussion followed. Walt felt this was an enforcement issue.</b></p>





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13	May 2020	SR 44 and Forest Drive/Pleasant Grove	Jim / Ginger	Jan. 2021		<p>Complaint was SB on Forest Drive at SR 44, trying to a make a left to go EB on SR 44, stated the signal would only let a couple out. Can the signal timing be looked at? Kevin stated that Ginger can forward that info onto Joe Bugel and Julie Scanlon. Walt gave an update on the project. FDOT is working with a consultant on the signal timing of this location. Dave Robertson sent the signal timing issue to the consultant to be evaluated. Ginger sent this request to the signals timing group. Awaiting response.</p> <p><b>Mike will follow up on this. Walt recalled that FDOT was going to have their consultant check on signal timings along 44 in several areas.</b></p> <p><b>Walt stated Iteris, the FDOT consultant, was going to look at this intersection. Mike stated he would follow up with the signal folks to see where this is at.</b></p>
14	Oct. 2020	SR 44 @ Stoneway Intersection	Mike	Jan. 2021		<p>Mike Zinn - FDOT received information back from their consultants with recommendations for that location. The short term solution is to add advance warning signage about the traffic signal approaching Croft and to evaluate the Croft Avenue signalized intersection. Mid-term solution is to install advance warning signage with flashers. No long-term recommendations were given. <b>Mike stated that he is looking for Tracey to add these signs. Mike stated that he will follow up on this.</b></p>