



West Central CTST – March 10, 2021

Meeting started 1:31pm

I. Welcome and Introductions were made

II. Minutes were Approved with below mentioned amendments.

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.:** Mike stated he had a meeting scheduled the meeting and some folks did not show up. He will try and reschedule the meeting one last time to get resolved. Discussion followed.
- 2. US 19 and Hexam Road:** Mike stated no update on this for the next few months.
- 3. County Line Road at Waterfall Drive:** David G. stated there is no update on this. Mike Zinn will follow up with Venkat V.
- 4. Powell Road at Silver Ridge Boulevard:** Ernie stated this is still in the consultant's hands. The consultant had to redo some counts which put them about a month behind.
- 5. Forest Oaks Boulevard at Deltona Boulevard:** No update. Discussion followed with David G. and Steve about setting up a meeting offline.
- 6. US 41 and CR 491:** Walt stated it was still on hold until we get back to normal.
- 7. SR 44/ Crystal Street (Crystal River):** Walt stated this project will be removed next month.
- 8. WB SR 44, Left Turning Lane, West of Lowe's:** Mike said he would get a status update on this project.
- 9. SR 44 / NE 8th Avenue:** Walt stated this project will be removed next month.
- 10. Coronado Drive around J.D. Floyd in Spring Hill:** David G. stated this is still with the consultant.
- 11. Silver Lake Campground at Croom Rital Road:** David G. – on hold. Discussion followed with Harry and David G. regarding the original requests Harry made and where things are at currently. David G. stated they could discuss this further when they meet in the coming weeks.
- 12. Spring Hill Drive & Bentley Avenue:** Sgt. Anstead stated this is a seasonal issue; if there are no sports, then there is not an issue. When the sporting events are happening, it is a minimal backup. Mike stated during normal life, everything is up and running fine. Discussion followed. This will be removed from the problem locations sheet.
- 13. 44 @ Stoneway Intersection:** Mike stated the signs requested are not in compliance with MUTCD. Discussion followed. This will be removed from the problem locations sheet.
- 14. Good Neighbor Trail- Stop Signs:** David G. said that he has an upcoming meeting with the original EOR for this project, folks at the County, and Harry to discuss what can be completed holistically.



15. Withlacoochee State Trail and Independence Highway Crossing: Jim McLean stated he did go and investigate this area. Depending on when you push the button to cross, there could be a wait to cross Independence. He did not find it to be a problem. FDOT did relocate the sign out towards the intersection; it's very visible now. The County would have to get involved to move the sign onto the mast arm. Harry mentioned that he sent Mike an email with items he was requesting at this location (items are in the problem location sheet). Mike sent those items, back in February, to Signals at Traffic Ops. Discussion followed. Mike will follow up on this.

IV. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Mike gave the February campaigns:

- March is Bicycle Month
- Never Drive Impaired Month
- Alert Today Operation Vision Zero Month
- Women History Month
- Click It or Ticket campaign (March 1st - 14th)
- Daytona Bike Week (March 5th – 14th)
- Buzzed Driving/Drunk Driving campaign (March 17th)
- Alert Today, One Foolish Act (paid media campaign) (March 20th – April 20th)

V. SRTS Update

Walt stated the CR 581/Pleasant Grove is complete. The County did a ribbon cutting to celebrate.

Walt stated that they are moving forward with another SRTS project, Forest Ridge Boulevard, from 486 to Lake Beverly.

VI. New Business

Harry spoke about the Good Neighbor Trail. There are four (4) locations where the Good Neighbor Trail crosses a side street, where the side street is stop controlled. Mike/Melissa displayed photos and a video for the group to see. The locations are Spirit Woods Trail, Critter Lane, Rock Bay Road, and Shaver Drive. His request would be to have the stop signs at these 4 locations be removed. David G. mentioned that Hernando County's view on this is that Right-of-Way has been established at these intersections prior to these observations. In order to make a change, a traffic engineering study/investigation would have to be completed at each location. David G. mentioned they would discuss this further with Harry at their upcoming meeting. Discussion followed.

Cpt. Novy, for Crystal River, requested a couple more signs by the Day's Inn. Mike Zinn stated it is on his list for the next fiscal year and will be adding more signage/markings.

Sherry brought up signal timing on 491 at Beverly Hills. The complainant is saying the lights at 491 do not trigger sometimes. Walt asked Sherry to call Road Maintenance regarding this issue.

Mike gave statistics for fatalities:



- March 2021 statistics
 - Citrus fatalities: 0 bicyclist / 2 motorcycles / 0 pedestrian | total for the County: 9 (Zinn gave the count of 6; per Glenn, FHP said there were 9 – discussion followed)
 - Hernando fatalities: 0 bicyclist / 0 motorcycles / 0 pedestrian | total for the County: 2

Mike brought up Signal 4 and if anyone has questions to let him know. Walt stated he has been in touch with Michele Snow (with Signal 4). Discussion followed.

Casey mentioned that Smart Growth America released their Dangerous by Design 2021. Within the report, Florida is the #1 worst place for pedestrians in the country. The Tampa Bay area is the 8th worst place in the nation. The link to this document is: <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=3f5fdc74-d4e7-41ed-8be2-2206124aa2ec> Discussion followed.

Jeannine with MADD FL stated in the chat box: "I'm sorry I have to leave for another meeting. Here are my announcements from MADD. I am continuing to offer virtual impaired driving and underage drinking and drug use prevention education. We are also continuing to offer virtual Victim Services. We are creating more mocktail videos for St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Memorial Day. You can find them on MADD FL YouTube page for videos and mocktails:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW7IBPU-nrJT9N6B7X9KPGQ/videos>

Also find them on our Facebook pages. We have our upcoming MADD Virtual Walk/Run, please register! <https://www.walklikemadd.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1191> "

VII. Open Forum

Harry discussed two items: #1 - the resolved date column with the Problem Location sheet. He requested that the date be put in the box and stays on for the following month, so the items are not lost, for tracking purposes. #2 – Pedestrian crossing signal. He is looking for the law/statute that states what to do when looking at a pedestrian crossing signal. Also, the Florida statute requires that any special pedestrian crossing has to carry a word legend. He would greatly appreciate if someone could get him this information by the next meeting. Discussion followed. Mike asked everyone to try and find this information.

Walt mentioned that they just finished resurfacing Partridge Boulevard. Asked law enforcement to pay a little more attention to this roadway. They are gearing up to mill and pave County Road 491 in front of the Lecanto Government Center; they are going to try and time this while school is out of session.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm

Attendees: Laura Anstead, Julie Bond, David Carr, Sherry Cook, Steve Cook, Cayce Dagenhart, Steve Daniels, Walt Eastmond, George Edminston, Justin Ferrara, Ryan Glaze, Heather Glenn, David Gordinier, Scott Herring, 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 – March 2021

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| 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/ Mike Z | March 2021 | | <p>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. The consultant is working on possibly putting in a full-blown pedestrian signal rather than RRFBs. The full signal is a federal pilot program; trying to see if this will qualify.</p> <p>Mike stated he had a meeting scheduled the meeting and some folks didn't show up. He will try and reschedule the meeting one last time to get resolved. Discussion followed.</p> |
| 2 | March 2019 | US 19 and Hexam Rd. | Ginger/ Emmeth/ Mike Z | Feb. 2021 | | <p>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. This Push Button contract was awarded, and this project could take place towards the end of the year. Mike – no update for the next few months.</p> |
| 3 | March 2019 | County Line Road at Waterfall Drive | Ernie | Feb. 2021 | | <p>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</p> |



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| | | | | | | <p>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. Mike spoke with Venkat at the last CTST, in Pasco County, he would be getting with Hernando County on this project. Cayce stated that HC MPO is putting the widening of County Line Road on their priorities list. Currently this project is unfunded. Melissa read to the group the Pasco County CTST notes for this location, which are: "Venkat stated he thought the Engineer Project Manager was working through the plans. Will send us an update for the meeting from his side. Project designs are going through the review process. Zinn stated we would let Ernie Lane know that Venkat is in the design process."</p> <p>David G. stated there is no update on this. Mike Zinn will follow up with Venkat V.</p> |
| 4 | March 2019 | Powell Road at Silver Ridge Blvd. | Ernie | March 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. They are still</p> |



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| | | | | | | <p>reviewing the traffic studies and weighing their options. To date, the consultant only sent the preliminary report. Steve Daniels states the location is still a mess. Ernie was not in attendance to give an update.</p> <p>Ernie stated this is still in the consultants hands. The consultant had to redo some counts which put them about a month behind.</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. No update. No update. Discussion followed with David G. and Steve about setting up a meeting offline.</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. On hold – waiting for things to return to the old normal. 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. No update.</p> |
| 7 | Feb. 2020 | Crystal Street NE @ 12 th Avenue (split lane- | Cpt. Novy Peter, | Feb. 2021 | March 2021 | <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</p> |



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| | | Huddle House) <i>(On the southside it lines up with NE 12th Avenue)</i> | Edith | | | 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. 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. These two items (#7 and #9) will be evaluated and addressed as part of the FDOT SR 44 3R project. Items #7 & #9 will be removed from CTST tracking. Walt stated this project will be removed next month. |
| 8 | Feb. 2020 | WB SR 44, left turning lane, west of Lowe's | Jim/Peter/ Walt/ Kevin | Feb. 2021 | | 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. On hold. Mike Zinn stated they are close to wrapping up this design. Mike to get a status update on this project. |



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| 9 | Feb. 2020 | SR 44/NE 8 th Avenue | Sherry/ Peter/ Edith/ Kevin | Oct. 2020 | March 2021 | <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. 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.</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. These two items (#7 and #9) will be evaluated and addressed as part of the FDOT SR 44 3R project. Walt stated this project will be removed next month.</p> |
| 10 | Feb. 2020 | Coronado Drive around J.D. Floyd in Spring Hill | Cayce/ Peter/ Ernie | Feb. 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. Ernie stated he spoke with the consultant and they were going to start on the traffic study soon. David G. stated this is still with the consultant.</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>On hold. 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. No update. Discussion followed with Harry and David G. regarding the original requests Harry made and where things are at currently. David G. stated they could discuss this further when they meet in the coming weeks.</p> |



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| 12 | Feb. 2020 | Good Neighbor Trail- Stop Signs | Ernie/ David G. | Dec. 2020 | | <p>Harry stated that the stop signs along the trail are around 9 feet high and bicyclists always disregard stop signs. Harry wanted to know why there are stop signs along the trail. Ernie stated the Forestry Division asked for the stop signs. There are 19 yield signs within a 2-mile area and 3 to 4 stop signs. He asked why is the priority placed to the driveways rather than the trails? Ernie has reached out to FWC and is awaiting their call back to discuss. Ernie spoke with FWC they do not have an issue with changing over the stop signs. Ernie is trying to get in touch with the EOR to get their permission to relocate the stop signs.</p> <p>Harry stated he will send an email directly to Ernie to get an update. The fire road stop signs that are facing the trail users should face the fire road users. Ernie stated this is under review by EOR and Engineering. Ernie is waiting on the EOR to provide him the plans to allow changing of the signs. The other part, regarding the yield signs is being evaluated by the County Engineer. Discussion followed.</p> <p>David G. thought that they had received permission from the Forestry Service to remove the stop sign, but they unsure of who should be handling the removal (Hernando County or the Forestry Service). This item will be solved with the understanding that if there is a forest fire, bicyclists should not proceed in front of emergency vehicles. Discussion followed if it was one stop sign or five of them. David G. thought it was just one stop sign. Discussion followed.</p> <p>David G. said that he has an upcoming meeting with the original EOR for this project, folks at the County, and Harry to discuss what can be completed holistically.</p> |



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| 13 | Feb. 2021 | Withlacoochee State Trail and Independence Highway Crossing | Harry | Feb. 2021 | | <p>Withlacoochee State Trail and Independence Highway Crossing. At this location, he has had folks stop him with issues with signal timing and several close calls. What the folks described to Harry was not what the FDOT promised him, in writing, they would implement at this location. Harry went to the location and noted several observations: 1) FDOT has implemented a permissive, protected left turn for NB 41 traffic turning on to Independence across the Trail. FDOT promised him a protected let turn only. 2) The protected left turn phase for the NB traffic was activated with no vehicles in the turnlane, which caused a delay. 3) When the trail users push the button and receives the green signal to cross Independence, the green signal is only lit between 4-5 seconds. This is very short. 4) The “no right turn” blank out signal for SB 41 traffic, trying to cross the trail, is only illuminated during the 4-5 seconds the trail is green. Turning traffic is being released even though trail users are in the crosswalk, or allowed in the crosswalk. 5) After Harry pushed the button, he had to wait about 85 seconds before he received a green signal. 6) Trail is closed one block north of the crossing. There was very low traffic and they still had to wait or they just went for it, looking both ways. Harry again stated the signal timing issues and that this was not what FDOT promised him when they were working on this intersection. He asked who he could talk to someone about this intersection. Mike Zinn stated he would get with his Signal folks within the Traffic Ops Department. Mike thought when you hit the call/push button, the average call was up to 3 minutes. Walt agreed with the wait times. JoEllyn Gutherie was the director who was directly involved with this signal installation and that all items were contemplated and incorporated. Jim McLean agreed that the signal is not operating properly; timing needs to be adjusted. Discussion followed. Cayce mentioned maybe adding instructions to assist with the push button/call. Discussion followed. Mike Z to follow up with DOT Signal Office.</p> |



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