



## West Central CTST – February 9, 2022

Meeting started 1:36pm

### I. Welcome and Introductions were made

### II. Minutes were approved for January 2021

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

1. **Forest Oaks Boulevard at Deltona Boulevard:** *This item will be removed at the next meeting.*
2. **US 41 and CR 491:** Left Turn phases on CR491 to be evaluated/added during DOT District wide signal study.
3. **Coronado Drive around J.D. Floyd in Spring Hill:** No update. Ernie hasn't received any information from the consultant. This issue has been moved over to the HCSB to address. *This item will be removed at the next meeting.*
4. **Good Neighbor Trail- Stop Signs:** No update.
5. **Withlacoochee State Trail and Independence Highway Crossing:** Jim checked on this and there is a sign on the south side of Independence, and he thinks they need the same sign on the northbound side. Laura mentioned the VMS boards are currently being used at the geofenced area. She may be receiving two new boards soon. She will get the boards at this location ASAP. They have seen a significant improvement, but another sign would be beneficial. Mike Zinn said he would get the request for an additional sign (R9-5) turned in. Harry asked about the controllers. Per the chat, Peter stated the computer was ordered.
6. **Good Neighbor Trail - Preston Road & Weatherly Road:** No update. Ernie will be looking at this on Friday.
7. **Construction on SR 50, I-75 to US 301:** David Carr said the wall has been demolished and looks like they are re-grading the medians so the water will go into the catch basins. This may be removed at the next meeting.
8. **US 19 / Cardinal Street:** Mike stated that law enforcement is working state details, as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety at this location. This location is currently being geofenced and Mike stated he has been keeping law enforcement updated with motorists' comments (from the campaign surveys). Laura stated she did receive the comments and said that she has put up the VMS boards up. They worked their 8-hour traffic detail which was very successful. She commented that there were a lot of infractions. She also stated that they will be giving this geofencing campaign small break, and then during the second quarter of the year, they'll do another geofencing campaign in the same location. Mike said that Lt. Dolan, FHP, committed to assisting when he and others are available.
9. **SR 50 Widening, east end of the County:** Mike Zinn and David Carr completed a site investigation. All



sidewalks are in ADA compliance. They also looked at the guardrail, and it is also in compliance. *This item will be removed at the next meeting.*

**10. Mariner Boulevard and Northcliff Boulevard:** David Carr stated there are no guide skips at the dual left turns. Ernie said he will look into this and let us know at the next meeting.

#### IV. Calendar Updates/Activity Reports

Brentin discussed the Love to Ride March Challenge will be occurring districtwide. March is Florida Bicycle Month. This challenge runs from March 1-31<sup>st</sup>.

#### V. SRTS Update

Walt stated the Turkey Oak is close to wrapping up. Forest Ridge is underway. Discussion followed.

#### VI. New Business

Harry discussed (and displayed) the December meeting minutes statement about the need for a RRFB at the Crosstown Trail at US 19. He requested the map of this location be displayed. Harry stated he spoke with Kevin at the City and he stated the City is working on completing a non-motorized corridor. Most of the trail is already in place but they are looking for funding for the remaining section. He then had a photo of a stop sign that the SB trail user approaches. The sign is telling them to use a sidewalk to cross. He asked the CTST to discuss his options and make a recommendation. His suggested options were construct a shared use path along US 19 and redesign the crossing at the signalized intersection or to install a crosswalk with RRFBs or hybrid beacons. Peter Hsu said the DOT TEM discusses criteria for flashing beacons. RRFBs can't be used along US 19. DOT with Hernando/Citrus MPO started a \$250k study for the City involving downtown US 19/44. These things are being looked at holistically and a study is being undertaken. Peter said the MPO has hired a consultant to suggest lots of improvement ideas. Cayce mentioned the consultant will be working on the Turkey Oak Bypass study to determine how traffic can be routed around the city. Walt also stated the City did charrettes about a year. Discussion followed.

Sgt. Anstead brought up the Hwy 44 and Main Street in downtown Inverness (where four roads intersect). This intersection is crash heavy. She stated what continues to be an issue with this intersection is, if you were on 41 South, travelling north, there is a turn lane that goes to Highland Avenue. Drivers are confused by the traffic lights on US 41. The light is not an arrow; it's a solid green and all the lights turn green at the same time. The population is elderly in this location. They are looking for a left turn only arrow in this location. Mike said it shouldn't be a problem getting a warrant at the location. Peter stated the D7 Safety Office is conducting a districtwide signalized intersection study to use protected only left turn signals. They can place this intersection in a higher priority. Discussion followed. Walt said feel free to have Mark get in touch with David in Traffic Control. Walt mentioned



creating a left turn phase at 491 to northbound 41 and if they would be looking at that intersection as well? It's been on our CTST list for a while. Peter said to remind Mark.

Jim brought up a left turn on 44 west of the Lowes/Walmart. FDOT is working on that project. Peter is working with the County Administrator to donate money for this project. No money has been received yet. Peter will remind JoEllyn G. about this. They have concepts, money is the issue now. Discussion followed.

George mentioned that the Law Enforcement Engagement Meeting is being held tomorrow at 1:30pm in the FDOT Brooksville Field Office. Discussion followed.

Walt brought up that he will be meeting, this evening, with the Pine Ridge Equestrian community on speeding along Pineridge and Mustang. Is there anyway to get the VMS boards at several crossings to alert that this is a horse crossing? Sgt. Anstead started this process a couple months ago on CR491. They are working to give it the attention they can. One of the next locations for the VMS board will be at the stables. Discussion followed. Lt. Ball said that Cpt. Novy had a meeting with the HOA a month ago; they wanted a VMS board out there permanently (they loved them). That is not a possibility. Walt will bring their concerns back to the office/meeting to discuss.

Mike gave the February fatality report. Discussion followed.

- CC – total 5 | 2 pedestrians | 1 bicycle | 0 motorcycle
- HC – total 7 | 0 pedestrians | 0 bicycle | 1 motorcycle

## VII. Open Forum

Mike discussed the Spring Mega CTST Meeting, which will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Pasco County. At the meeting, each team will share what's been working for them and what hasn't been working for them. Discussion followed.

Walt mentioned the next meeting will be in-person at the FDOT Brooksville Office.

## Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

**Attendees:** Craig Allred, Sgt. Laura Anstead, Lt. Chris Ball, David Carr, Karen Cobb, Cayce Dagenhart, Nicholas Dolan, Emmeth Duran, Walt Eastmond, George Edmiston, Bob Esposito, Beverly Howard, Peter Hsu, Ernie Lane, Jim McLean, Brentin Mosher, Cpt. John Novy, Bala Padmanabhan, Lori Palaio, Melissa Shepherd, Harry van den Berg, Mike Zinn



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### Problem Locations – February 2022

Item	Date Reported	Description	Staff	Last Update	Date Resolved/ Withdrawn	Comments
1	March 2019	Forest Oaks Boulevard at Deltona Boulevard	Ernie/ Todd	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	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. 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. Discussion followed with David G. and Steve about setting up a meeting offline. Ernie stated the County has requested some data from the Hernando County Transportation Office to let them know what damages have been done to their buses (tires, etc.). Todd said the intersection is being monitored. <b><i>This item will be removed at the next meeting.</i></b>
2	Sept 2018 & Sept 2019	US 41 and CR 491  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/xAozhrsBziQC8T5r5">https://goo.gl/maps/xAozhrsBziQC8T5r5</a>	Peter/ Walt	Oct. 2021		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. Walt has received numerous complaints from the residents who live along Smith Street about speeding in the neighborhood. People are using Smith Street as a bypass. Walt asked the CCSO to look at this area. Waiting for Walt to perform traffic counts when things resume to normal traffic; maybe fall. <b>Left Turn phases on CR491 to be evaluated/added during DOT District wide signal study.</b>



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3	Feb. 2020	Coronado Drive around J.D. Floyd in Spring Hill	Ernie/ Todd	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	<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 stated he spoke with the consultant, and they were going to start on the traffic study soon. Todd stated that they are waiting on the consultant to send, Hernando County, the traffic study.</p> <p><b>No update. Ernie hasn't received any information from the consultant. This issue has been moved over to the HCSB to address. <i>This item will be removed at the next meeting.</i></b></p>



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4	Feb. 2020	Good Neighbor Trail- Stop Signs	Ernie/ Todd	July 2021		<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. 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. 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 (HC) 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. 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. David G. has reached out to the original designer (HDR), and they have a couple indications on what they think should be done in this area. Scott Herring has reached out to Harry to set up a meeting over the next couple of weeks. Harry agreed to meet. They will discuss the options amongst each at that time. HCPW is discussing solutions to the issue. Harry stated there will be an upcoming meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss this. Harry stated HC requested a postponement of the meeting. No date has been set. Ernie checked with the County Engineer Admin. to see when this meeting would be rescheduled, but due to the hurricane coming through last week, he's been quite busy. No date has been set yet. <b>No update.</b></p>



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5	Feb. 2021	Withlacoochee State Trail and Independence Highway Crossing   <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/3XtmBnXFHkQQ51S76">https://goo.gl/maps/3XtmBnXFHkQQ51S76</a>	Harry / Mike Zinn / Ginger/ Peter	Feb. 2022		<p>* notes were consolidated/condensed by Jim McLean November 2021. The other left-over information was removed January 2022, only to leave the status update. * Jim discussed shifting the signs to Independence. Jim was asked to get with CCSO after the holidays about this. Walt asked Jim to get with Chris Raby and bring him up to speed on switching locations. Julie mentioned several thoughts/ways to educate the public on the trails. She said she would get with Jim and others about materials, etc. to hand out. Jim discussed his findings after using the push button/trail crossing with the group. Jim stated Laura, CCSO, will have more boards at the trail in the near future. Jim thought we need to add a permanent sign at the SB trail users (there is already one for the NB users). Discussion followed. Harry brought up and discussed past discussions about separating trail users from the motorists (protected green crossing). Harry asked about status on the new controller. Discussion followed. Mike will ask Tyler to look into the controller whereabouts, and he will check with Peter also. This could be part of the world chip shortage. Harry brought up how are we going to educate folks on how and why to use the new controller “push the button” and the one we currently have. Walt mentioned taking one thing at a time; getting the controller first and then tackling how to educate the trail users. Harry agreed.</p> <p><b>Jim checked on this and there is a sign on the south side of Independence, and he thinks they need the same sign on the northbound side. Laura mentioned the VMS boards are currently being used at the geofenced area. She may be receiving two new boards soon. She will get the boards at this location ASAP. They have seen a significant improvement, but another sign would be beneficial. Mike Zinn said he would get the request for an additional sign (R9-5) turned in. Harry asked about the controllers. Per the chat, Peter stated the computer was ordered.</b></p>

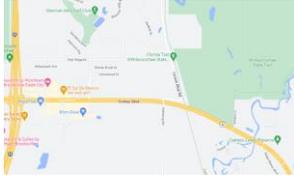


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6	Apr. 2021	Good Neighbor Trail – Preston Road & Weatherly Road  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/gb6K4d1P9zpR4B41A">https://goo.gl/maps/gb6K4d1P9zpR4B41A</a>	Ernie/ Todd / Harry	Oct. 2021		<p>Harry stated that on the Good Neighbor Trail, where it crosses Preston Road, the sight distances to the north are severely restricted. In the NW corner, there are a lot of trees; if they could be trimmed back that would help significantly. Crosswalk warnings are currently facing the motorists; these signs are in odd locations. Mike added that the ADA mats are crumbling and peeling up. Ernie stated he will look into this location. On Weatherly Road, the warning signs at this location are positioned in strange locations as well. Ernie stated he will be clearing some of the right-of-way at Preston at Richbarn, on the northbound side. They will also be changing some of the signs and adding new signage. Some of the ADA mats will be replaced. Ernie said he will take another look at the Weatherly intersection. Harry brought up that a fence on Preston is blocking views of trail users and motorists. Ernie stated he would look at this next year (they would have to survey all of Preston Road, and it is not in the budget this year). The above-mentioned items could be updated/corrected as early as next week. Ernie stated the service request has been entered to clean a site distance area. There is no completion date yet due to previous storms.</p> <p>Ernie stated he did site visits/studies on both locations, and he put in a service request to have the right-of-way cleaned up, which will improve the site distance. Discussion followed. <b>No update. Ernie will be looking at this on Friday.</b></p>



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7	July 2021	Construction on SR 50, I-75 to US 301  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/GVCavUQ14WjaTqoaA">https://goo.gl/maps/GVCavUQ14WjaTqoaA</a>	David Carr / Mike / Ernie / Todd	Feb. 2022		<p>David Carr brought up the construction on SR 50, I-75 to US 301, and asked if they would they be placing any safety signals by the fire department. Mike Zinn said he would look into this. The specific location is at Paul R. Steckle Road and SR 50. Mike said the Fire Department is going back out for review with the retaining wall. The Fire Chief has no issues with pulling out; the issue is when he returns. FDOT will do another warrant study at Sherman Hills to see what's going on there in the future. Mike stated the design team will be interviewing the Fire Chief regarding the retaining wall. Mike mentioned that FDOT had a meeting with everyone involved; they are addressing the retaining wall whether to remove it or not. Mike mentioned this issue is still being addressed and is under review. Todd will follow up on this at our next meeting.</p> <p><b>David Carr said the wall has been demolished and looks like they are re-grading the medians so the water will go into the catch basins. This may be removed at the next meeting.</b></p>



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8	Dec. 2021	US 19 / Cardinal Street  <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/UHGygmQ3gm75GogK6">https://goo.gl/maps/UHGygmQ3gm75GogK6</a>	Mike/ Julie/ CCSO	Feb. 2022		<p>Mike/Julie said they would coordinate with CCSO regarding utilizing their message boards for this location. Geofencing could be in the future. Laura, CCSO, stated the message boards have been tied up. They are on her list to get them at this location. Mike stated he spoke to Lt. Ball with the Traffic Unit, and they are ready to assist with the geofencing.</p> <p><b>Mike stated that law enforcement is working state details, as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety at this location. This location is currently being geofenced and Mike stated he has been keeping law enforcement updated with motorists' comments (from the campaign surveys). Laura stated she did receive the comments and said that she has put up the VMS boards up. They worked their 8-hour traffic detail which was very successful. She commented that there were a lot of infractions. She also stated that they will be giving this geofencing campaign small break, and then during the second quarter of the year, they'll do another geofencing campaign in the same location. Mike said that Lt. Dolan, FHP, committed to assisting when he and others are available.</b></p>
9	Jan. 2022	SR 50 Widening, east end of the County	Mike/ Todd	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	<p>The newly poured bridge deck, heading EB, is extremely rough. (Pepper is the construction company.) At US 98 runoffs/ Withlacoochee Bridge, there are visual rise overruns. Mike and David will meet next week to discuss this.</p> <p><b>Mike Zinn and David Carr completed a site investigation. All sidewalks are in ADA compliance. They also looked at the guardrail, and it is also in compliance. This item will be removed at the next meeting.</b></p>



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