

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2006

Chairperson Steve Diez welcomed the CTST members present to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. One correction was noted for the minutes –Under Problem Locations #6 – should say Ft. Dade (not Ft. Date). The minutes were approved with this correction.

Steve presented Gerald O'Dell's (Hernando Co Traffic Engineering Coordinator) response to our CTST problem locations as follows:

- Yield signs are scheduled for removal from the signalized intersection of Spring Hill Drive and Mariner Blvd.
- The yield sign is to remain at southbound California Str at Spring Hill Dr. Although this is a signalized intersection, there is a southbound right turn painted island, which segregates this movement from the signal and requires the yield sign.
- A U-Turn prohibition sign was previously at the intersection of Cortez Blvd at Mariner Blvd for westbound movements. The County is working with FDOT Maintenance to have the sign reinstalled.
- We are not sure of the concern regarding the timing for westbound left turns at Cortez Blvd at Deltona; however, we plan to observe the timings for several different time frames to be sure the times are optimized.
- Coronado Dr at Dumont Dr provides direct access to JD Floyd Elementary. Traffic volumes will be high during peak school periods. The congestion generally causes reduced speeds. The remaining hours of the day present much lower volumes and the ability to speed. We will do some data collection to determine the extent of the concern. This may take 60-90 days. Note that the School Board is in design for left turn lanes and flashing school beacons (15 mph) for this intersection.
- Traffic Operations is examining the request for speed limit signs on Sunridge Dr.
- There is no eastbound protected left turn phase for the signal at Cortez Blvd at Deltona Blvd because there is no roadway to turn into. Only a minimal amount of U-turns are present for this movement. A protected EB left would adversely impact the timings for all other movements and create unnecessary delays.
- Speed studies are underway for Mariner between Augustine and Elgin, and should be completed within 60 days. This section of Mariner was recently reconstructed from a 2 lane to a 5 lane.
- Traffic Ops will address the vegetation blocking the signs on Spring Hill Dr between Deltona Blvd and Waterfall Dr. They will also upgrade the signs as appropriate.
- Regarding Main Str at MLK Blvd, we are trying to determine jurisdiction (City or County) of this property and intersection to take appropriate action.

Lt. Matt Lillibridge brought up the location of Spring Hill Dr at the Suncoast Parkway. The speed limit is 45 mph on Spring Hill Dr going east. It is supposed to drop to 40 mph

according to a sign posted which says reduced speed ahead. But the sign is missing and has been for over a year. The next sign posted indicates a 50 mph speed limit.

Jeanette had a letter from a Church in Inverness about a concern. It was deferred until the next meeting as no Citrus representatives were present.

George expressed his concern about no one observing stops signs and coming to a complete stop. Paulette reported a lot of red light running on westbound SR 50 at the junction of Deltona.

The school board asked for a right turn lane on CR491 turning into Educational Path. This request should go to Citrus County engineering.

There was some discussion that the large amount of press coverage and television ads on Click it or Ticket have cut down on complaints about seat belt enforcement. The St. Pete Times had an interesting letter to the Editor on seat belt enforcement.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office reported they gave 376 safety belt citations, 3 child restraint, 456 speeding, 131 uninsured motorists, 77 suspended licenses, 6 reckless driving, 7 felony arrests, 16 DUIs, 11 recovered stolen vehicles, 5 drug arrests and 6 fugitives apprehended all during the period of May 14th through June 4th.

Sue sent a report on the following activities: Kim Herrmann of the Florida Traffic Safety Resource Center and Sue completed the 4 day Child Passenger Safety technician training class on June 9. There were 5 participants, all from Citrus County, which brings the total number of techs in the county to 13. Childhood Development Services had 3 staff members participate, Early Learning Coalition sent one representative, and Kid Central had one of their staff attend the training.

New Business:

Steve reported on the signing and marking of bike lanes on US 41, the FDOT said it was not warranted in a letter from the District Design Engineer.

Steve also announced the Sunset Ride on the Trail on June 30th will start at SR 50 and ride north.

There will be a DUI checkpoint on the weekend before the 4th of July and saturated enforcement after by the Hernando Sheriff's Office.

Members Present:

David Carr	FDOT, Brooksville	352-797-5700
Steven Diez	Hernando Co Planning	352-754-4057
George Drobina	VFW 10209	352-666-0019
Mary Ann Drobina	School System	352-666-0019

Bill Geiger	City of Brooksville	352-544-5430
Matt Lillibridge	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-279-9933
Paulette Murrin	Hernando Co Health Dept	352-540-6800
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813-975-6256
Donna Young	Citrus Co School Board	352-726-1931

Next Meeting Date is July 12, 2006

Location: Citrus County – Room 166 of the Government Building on the main floor.