

STREET TALK



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2020

Greetings

We hope you are enjoying the recent spate of cooler weather which reminds us that fall is upon us and winter will soon be here. As many of you know, we typically start our annual food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of the Big Bend in October, which culminates at our December meeting with the collection of the food items. We are in the process of determining how we can proceed with the food drive while continuing to navigate through the pandemic. We know that there is a great need in Leon County and the entire Big Bend area for food assistance. Therefore, we are moving forward with kicking off the food drive even as we grapple with how to collect the items in the event we cannot meet in person in December. Look for a future email with the flyer detailing the food drive and our plan for collecting the donations.

Monthly Meetings

Our September meeting included several speakers from the Florida Department of Transportation presenting about new guidelines and standards for improved pedestrian and cyclist safety. Led by Gevin McDainel, the trio including Gevin, Mary O'Brian, and DeWayne Carver, spoke about topics ranging from raised crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands to shared use paths adjacent to the roadway rather than the travel lane. In addition, the correlation between vehicular speed and pedestrian deaths was discussed along with ways to reduce the number of accidents involving pedestrians and cyclist including speed management pilot projects that are currently underway across the State.

We are taking a break and will not meet in October. We will meet again on November 5th, when Raymond Lee with Dewberry, will give a presentation on a continuous flow intersection project. Look for an announcement to



come, in the near future, with more information.

When logging into the meeting, please include your first and last name so that we can credit you with attending the meeting. All names will be entered into a drawing. After the meeting concludes, we will draw names for the winners of three gift card “door” prizes. The winners will be notified by email and will receive their prizes via USPS the week after the meeting.

Events

It's with sadness that we have decided that we are not able to move forward with the **2020 Road-EO**. We had been hopeful that we could hold the event this fall. Unfortunately, the COVID19 pandemic is still in control of 2020, and for the safety and well-being of our members and the public, we've decided to focus our attention on the upcoming events of 2021.

That being said, planning is underway for the **2021 Awards Banquet**. Again, keeping everyone's safety and wellbeing in the forefront of our plans, we are being creative in our efforts and incorporating different options for our event this year. We will keep the membership updated as we get closer to March, 2021.

For more information on these events, please visit our **Big Bend Branch website!** (link at the bottom).

APWA Statewide

Florida Chapter, District II Representative, Jon Yarbrough, attends the Florida Chapter meetings. The next State Executive Meeting will be a Zoom meeting. It's scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you have any questions that you would like answered on the State level, please let Jon know before the meeting and he will make sure your questions are answered. Please call Jon at 850-891-5319 (office) or 850-570-1279 (cell).



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Closing

I hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and safe! We will see you on November 5th, for our Zoom meeting with Raymond Lee.

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING via ZOOM

DATE: November 5th, 2020
TIME: 12:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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