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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

FCB Board Resolution 1501

Roundabout Design

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has indicated that they will be actively promoting the building of roundabouts in local communities because this approach saves gas and lessens accidents; and

WHEREAS, roundabouts have the potential, if improperly designed, to create serious safety hazards and problems for travelers who are blind or have low vision; and

WHEREAS, national studies have developed approaches that will create blind-friendly roundabouts; and

WHEREAS, specific efforts have been made in some counties to utilize such designs; and

WHEREAS, many of the counties have no idea that roundabouts are an issue for individuals with disabilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Florida Council of the Blind assembled at the Lexington Hotel and Conference Center in Jacksonville Florida on this the 24th day of October, 2015 that the Board of Directors hereby asks the Access Committee to develop and distribute a position paper that specifically outlines what makes a roundabout useable and accessible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each chapter is hereby requested to appoint a member who will be expected to work with county officials to be sure that they understand appropriate roundabout design and why it is needed.

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TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

FROM ELLEN HILLSTROM, PRESIDENT

VENICE CHAPTER, FLORIDA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

THE VENICE CHAPTER, FCB, SINCERELY THANKS THE CITY OF VENICE IN ITS INSTALLATION OF ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS SIGNALS FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PUBLIC ON TWO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS:

HARBOR DRIVE AND WEST VENICE AVENUE

VENICE SHOPPING CENTER AT BUSINESS 41 AND PALERMO STREET.

AND MINOR CROSSWALKS WITHIN THE CITY.


OUR CHAPTER HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL AN APPROPRIATE ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SIGNAL WITHIN THE AREAS BEING UPGRADED AT THE VENICE BYPASS.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE CITY OF VENICE SUPPORT SUCH AN INSTALLATION AND ASSURE IT IS IN THE DESIGN AND

CONSTRUCTION AT THE VENICE BYBYPASS NOW THAT IT IS
BEING DONE.

OBEDI THE WHITE CANE SAFETY LAW!

A white cane with a red tip is carried by a pedestrian who is visually impaired or blind. It is unlawful for others to carry such a cane.

- When a pedestrian carrying a white cane, or has a guide dog, is attempting to cross a public street or highway, all traffic approaching the intersection must  before entering the crosswalk. A person who violates this law is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail or a fine.
- Remember, a person with a white cane or guide dog always has the right-of-way.
- Don't beep at anyone with a white cane or guide dog.
- Always be courteous.

Florida Statute 316.1301



National White Cane Safety Day in October celebrates the occasion with a stroll through downtown Venice and a banquet.



Lighthouse of Manasota teaches applied skills.



Picnics at Shamrock Park for fun.



Membership meetings often include speakers.



SCAT PLUS buses are key transportation services.



Government officials join co-sponsors at downtown Gazebo.



Venice Lion Club awards grants to Venice Chapter.

ARE YOU VISUALLY IMPAIRED?

Do you know of a family member or friend who may benefit from the following information?

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN THE VENICE CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND.

Our mission is to strive for the betterment of the visually impaired and blind citizens in the greater South Sarasota County area through:

- monthly meetings with programs of education and understanding
- support group luncheons for entertainment and friendship
- advocate for legislation that support opportunities in the workplace
- lobby for more pedestrian crosswalks in our area.
- celebrate White Cane Safety Day in October
- network information and resources to the public
- increase membership to include sighted friends and neighbors

The Venice Chapter membership meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Venice Lions Community Room, Venice Health Park, 1279 Jacaranda Boulevard, 12:30 social, 1:00 business and speakers.

Contact us at (941)-468-7526.

For added information, contact

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The White Cane Law

in Florida states:

“Whenever a pedestrian is crossing, or attempting to cross, a public street or highway, guided by a dog guide or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection or place where the pedestrian is attempting to cross shall bring his or her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing and, before proceeding, shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian.”

Statute No. 316.1301