

Florida Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition Meeting Report

January 25-26, 2022

FDOT Central Office, Tallahassee, FL



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Attendees

Coalition Members:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Afonso	Becky	Florida Bicycle Association
Alluri	Priyanka	Florida International University
Amundson	Hailey	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Askins	Jon	Florida LEL Program
Asmus	Ryan	FDOT District Two
Bacot	Lisa	Florida Public Transportation Association
Batchelor	Elise	DHSMV
Benson	Stephen	City of Tampa
Bhattacharya	Poorna	ASHA Planning Consultancy
Bowman	Jenna	FDOT Central Office
Brasier	Alana	City of Tampa
Bryant	Curtis	Creative Fuel, LLC
Caper	Sarah	Hillsborough County
Carver	DeWayne	FDOT Central Office
Chesna	Deborah	FDOT District One
Combs	April	FDOT Central Office
Crosby	Dana	FDOT Central Office
Davis	Sally	Leon County EMS
Day	Amanda	Day Communications
El-Urfali	Alan	FDOT Central Office
Frank	Jason	Sarasota Police Department
Gehrke	Tiffany	FDOT District Six
Giroux	Rupert	FDOT State Safety Office
Gruener	Leilani	FLHSMV
Hardwicke	Laura	City of Orlando
Hollingsworth	Lora Bailey	FDOT State Safety Office
Katz	Eric	FDOT Central Office
Lewis	Michael	FDOT District Three
Mai	Alan	Florida Department of Health
Manspeaker	Robert	Department of Education
McDaniel	Gevin	FDOT Roadway Design Office
McPherson	Trenda	FDOT State Safety Office
Morrow	Megan	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Moss	Stephanie	FDOT District Five
Murchison	Sharon	Institute of Police Technology and Management
Nandam	L.K.	FDOT District One
Railey	Brett	Institute of Police Technology and Management
Ramos	Emerito	University of Florida
Raulerson	Mary	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

Reiser	James Sgt.	Tampa Police Department
Rickoff	Matt	Jacksonville Jaguars
Severyn	Josette	Broward County Florida
Simpson	Paul	University of Florida – Florida PedBike SRC
Smith	Kim	Space Coast TPO
Soria	Irene S.	Miami-Dade DTPW (Transportation/Public Works)
Taylor	Sarita	FDOT State Safety Office
Tillander	Trey	FDOT Central Office
Wandall	Melissa	National Coalition for Safer Roads

Virtual Breakout Session Attendees:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Anderson	Libertad Acosta	FDOT District Five
Buchwald	Peter	St. Lucie TPO
Cantwell	Laura	AARP Florida
Coggins	Larry	MADD West Central Florida
Eun	Peter	FHWA
Goughnour	Elissa	VHB
Kristiansen	Angela	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Martinez	Janice	Florida LEL Program
Petrucci	David	FHWA
Plass	Mark	FDOT District Four
Regalado	Ginger	FDOT District Seven
Sinclair	Keith	FHWA
Wiglesworth	Chris	FDOT Transit Office

Coalition Guests:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Allen	Kristen	MADD – West Central Florida
Angerbrandt	Blake	Forward Pinellas
Connor	Chloe	FSCGTP Intern
Duran	Emmeth	FDOT District Seven
Gray	Ray	Department of Education
Griendling	Bob	St. Petersburg Bike Club
Hope	Nick	FDOT District Two
Hsu	Peter	FDOT District Seven
Nguyen	Khoa	FHWA
Prescott	Spencer	FDOT District Three
Silva	Lisa	Hillsborough TPO
Thronsen	Amanda	Department of Health

Tuesday, January 25th, 2022

Call To Order – Secretary L.K. Nandam

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Secretary Nandam. The Secretary thanked members for their dedication to the Coalition. He emphasized the need to focus on tasks that move the needle toward the agency's Target Zero goal. He asked groups to use this time to finalize their Implementation Plans.

Welcome –Secretary Kevin Thibault

Secretary Thibault welcomed members and guests. He emphasized thinking about safety as the foundation for everything the Coalition does. He encouraged proactive thinking and focusing on innovative tools and concepts to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. He highlighted the recent addition of funding for safety projects. Secretary L.K. Nandam thanked the Secretary for his role.

Public Meeting Announcement – Mary Raulerson

Mary Raulerson welcomed any visitors and announced the public comment period for the meeting.

Meeting Dedication in Honor of Brad Deanda

Special dedication in honor of Brad Deanda. His story was shared in a slideshow prepared by his brother-in-law, Gevin McDaniel (See Appendix B). Representatives from the Tallahassee Fire Department joined the Coalition for a group photo.

Coalition Announcements – Mary Raulerson

Mary Raulerson welcomed the new members of the Coalition and guests attending the meeting. Mary congratulated Sharon Murchison on her recent promotion to IPTM Assistant Director. Dana Crosby announced Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, celebrated annually on the first Friday of February. Mary highlighted the success and effort of the Intersection Lighting Retrofit Program.

Target Zero Presentation

This presentation was postponed because the presenter was not able to attend the meeting.

Rapid Roundtable – Local Safety Campaigns – Jon Askins

Jon sought input from the Coalition for a breakout session on local safety campaigns that will be held at the Region Four Conference in February. Jon distributed a discussion worksheet to record notes from coalition members. As inspiration, he shared a new campaign for Teen Driver Safety called [“Ground Your Parents”](#) and coalition members shared examples of local safety campaigns. Matt Rickoff shared information about the bicycle valet parking at the Jacksonville Jaguar's stadium. Josette Severyn spoke about a safety campaign related to the Brightline Rail Line in which children spend time with local police and fire fighters to learn about train safety.

Public Comment Period

A representative from the St. Petersburg Bicycle Club shared his experience as a cyclist and offered his help to the coalition. He was recently a victim of a crash in which he sustained serious injuries. He expressed that there is not a clear line of communication between cyclists and the Coalition and offered help promoting the Coalition's work.

Implementation Plan Process & Status – Nathan Kautz, Megan Morrow

Nathan shared the updated implementation progress icon and reviewed the schedule for the year ahead. He shared the goals of the Implementation Plan breakout session and urged emphasis area teams to finalize their Implementation Plans by drafting at least one strategy and task per objective, assigning task leaders, and setting priority levels. Megan explained the hybrid meeting plan.

Emphasis Area Breakout Sessions

Each emphasis area worked together to draft a complete Implementation Plan. They identified task leaders, priority levels, and partner emphasis areas. Coalition members who were not able to attend in person were invited to join via Teams meeting. Each team documented their progress and monitored the Teams chat for input from virtual participants.

Recap: Questions for Other Emphasis Area Teams

Each emphasis area wrapped up the session by compiling a list of questions and needs from other emphasis areas, to be used as part of the next day's breakout session.

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022

Call to Order and Welcome – Secretary L.K. Nandam

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Secretary Nandam.

Presentations - *See Appendix B for Presentation Slides*

Legislative Update for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety – April Combs

Discussion: Leveraging Coalition in Legislative Change – Mary Raulerson

Mary invited coalition members to share examples of how the Coalition could be leveraged to encourage legislative change. Alana Brasier shared an example of leveraging a network of advocates to support the automated school bus enforcement legislation. Trenda McPherson recommended leveraging the Coalition to educate public officials on the importance of safety issues, safety statistics, and the current status of safety initiatives. Becky Afonso recommended utilizing the Alert Today tip cards and viewing the speaker schedule when legislation meets so information can be spread to multiple legislators at once. Amanda Day reflected on her time working for an advocacy organization, during which she would track MPO meetings and the priorities of each region. A representative of the St. Petersburg Bicycle Club expressed that bicycle clubs and cyclists can advocate for bills on behalf of the Coalition, but only if they are aware of the bills the Coalition is interested in tracking. He recommended that the Communication team include bicycle clubs and committees in their database. Melissa Wandall suggested that coalition members proactively engage legislators and their aids when they are not in session, so that ideas are planted by the time session begins. She recommended inviting legislators to be involved with safety campaigns so they can learn about safety topics firsthand. Dana Crosby recommended leveraging existing contacts across the Coalition. Kristin Allen, who works with MADD, spoke about utilizing survivors and their stories to advocate for change.

Breakout: Emphasis Areas Collaboration & Partnerships – Mary Raulerson

The Emphasis Area teams participated in a rapid rotation exercise, where members of each team visited every other team for five minutes each. The goal was to use this time to make partnership connections

and establish relationships to execute the tasks in the implementation plan. The “home team” stayed at the emphasis area table and listened to visiting team’s requests for assistance, while the “visiting team” traveled to other tables to express their needs from other teams. In this way, each emphasis area was able to both request and offer assistance. Each emphasis area team recorded their partnership requests for use in finalizing the Implementation Plan.

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Introduction to Microsoft Teams – Megan Morrow

Public Comment Period

No comments were received.

District Hot Topics

Each FDOT District Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Champion was invited to answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the biggest ped/bike safety challenge your district is currently facing?
- 2) What is the best thing that has happened with ped/bike safety since our last Coalition meeting?

- **District 1 – L.K. Nandam (in place of Deborah Chesna)**

- Planning office is working to create a safe environment for all users by integrating transportation and land use through corridor region plans, collaboration with modal development, and incorporation of safety and technology improvements into plans.
- The resurfacing program is aligning with high-crash corridors to incorporate safety into resurfacing projects.
- D1 is working to improve mobility and safety through construction zones by identifying the ideal treatments for construction projects.
- The Maintenance group is targeting maintenance activities on high-crash corridors.
- Vision Zero workshops are educating staff on the safe systems approach so they can play an active role in implementing related strategies.

- **District 3 – Michael Lewis**

- There has been a big spike in fatal crashes in the district. After seeing a decrease in 2020, crashes are now back up to 2019 levels with fatal crashes having increase by 15%.
- The district is pursuing a lighting initiative in Escambia County to reduce crashes at night.
- There is also a tech memo being released outlining two crosswalks which will be updated with new lighting and a median refuge.

- **District 5 – Stephanie Moss**

- District Five held a successful mobility week in October. One of the highlights was a “bike man” design contest held for local students. The winning designs are now being installed in bike lanes.
- The district also participated in a Cyclovia event and helmet fitting events.
- The district is working with the Space Coast TPO on a safe system symposium.
- A strategic plan for SR A1A is underway. The plan is a collaborative effort among three counties and focuses on implementation.

- Existing RRFBs are being retrofitted with additional lighting.
- The biggest challenge the district is facing is being able to build more, faster. The district is doing a design analysis review of every project in the district to make sure they are doing everything they can for ped/bike safety.
- **District 7 – Peter Hsu, Emmeth Duran (in place of Ginger Regalado)** (see slides in Appendix B)
 - District 7 highlighted several districtwide safety initiatives, including:
 - Implementing leading pedestrian interval (LPI) at 556 signalized intersections
 - Creating a sidewalk gap funding program, based on the completed D7 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Plan
 - Providing quarterly Highway Safety Manual Training to D7 Design Office
 - Organizing a traffic safety law enforcement challenge
 - Developing a “Move Over Florida” PSA
 - Continuing lighting retrofit projects on on-system corridors
 - Piloting high friction surface treatment at multiple locations
 - Evaluating bike lane markings on paved shoulders
 - Performing work zone road safety audits (RSA)
 - Starting a monthly MOT challenge
 - **District 2 – Nick Hope (in place of Cody Ko)**
 - The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTSD) has been spotlighting special videos on the D2 traffic safety website.
 - The district has been distributing safety materials to public libraries.
 - Representatives from maintenance, design, traffic operations, and safety have been conducting collaborative field reviews and talking to citizens about their experiences in the field
 - The district is working with a vendor to develop and design a dual blank-out sign
 - The district is working with a new vendor to develop an audible pedestrian detector button that has a count-down timer notifying them how long until the pedestrian signal begins (as opposed to how long until the pedestrian signal ends)
 - The district is reviewing pedestrian and bicycle crashes at proposed crossings or mid-block crossings
 - One of the biggest challenges the district is facing is funding, especially with current inflation.
 - **District 6 – Tiffany Gherke (in place of Ken Jeffries)**
 - One of the challenges the district is facing is related to the implementation of leading pedestrian intervals (LPI). Often, the implementation of LPIs comes down to needing a structural analysis of traffic signals to ensure they can accommodate blank-out signs restricting right-turning movements. The district is looking to streamline this analysis.
 - The district is also reflecting on a lack of consistency and uniformity when it comes to pedestrian crossings and communication.
 - Funding is also a challenge the district is facing.
 - The district has implemented two STEP projects (Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian) and has others planned.

- The district has implemented a full scramble intersection (exclusive pedestrian phase) with blue-tooth enabled accessible pedestrian signals (APS).

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FDOT Design Manual – Tips and Tricks – DeWayne Carver

Upcoming Safety Events, FL Bike Month – Trenda McPherson, Becky Afonso

Trenda McPherson thanked Becky Afonso for helping the Coalition pursue legislation and educate legislators. Becky distributed copies of the Florida Bicycle Association Winter 2022 “Messenger”. She shared that nominations are open for the 2021 awards until January 31st. Becky also shared information about a bicycle safety quiz for Florida Bicycle Month and explained the history of the safety baton. Trenda shared that February is Hit and Run Awareness Month, during which FDOT will be promoting “Stay at the Scene”. February 4th is Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. In March, Safe Mobility for Life will be distributing information about trainings for bicycle safety and the “Love to Ride Florida” challenge will kick-off. Trenda distributed notepads to each emphasis area and asked for information about what coalition members are doing to celebrate Florida Bicycle Month.

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Federal Infrastructure Funding & Legislation Overview: Highlights of the New Highway Bill – Khoa Nguyen, FHWA

Safety Moment – Hailey Amundson

Hailey shared a video from Alert Today Florida.

Closing Remarks – Mary Raulerson

Mary thanked the Coalition for its hard work and shared the next steps for the Implementation Plan. Goal leaders were asked to provide their updated plan information to the Kittelson team by Friday, February 4.

Next Meeting Announcement:

The next quarterly Coalition Meeting will be held:

April 18, 2022, 1:00 – 5:00PM

April 19, 2022, 8:00AM – 12:00PM

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