

Florida Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition Meeting Report

October 11-12, 2023

Embassy Suites USF, Tampa, FL



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Attendees

Coalition Members & Program Management Support:

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Attendance
Acosta- Anderson	Libertad	FDOT District Five	✓
Alluri	Priyanka	Florida International University	✓
Amicarelli	Mariano	FDOT Central Office	✓
Andrews	Maura	FDOT Central Office	✓
Askins	Jon	Florida LEL Program	✓
Avola-Brown	Michelle	Naples Pathway Coalition	✓
Babcock	Gina	National Coalition for Safer Roads	✓
Bhattacharya	Poorna	ASHA Planning Consultancy	✓
Bobo	Loreen	FDOT District Five	✓
Borms	Jotan	FDOT – TDA	✓
Bowman	Jenna	FDOT Central Office	✓
Bryant	Curtis	Creative Fuel, LLC	✓
Buchwald	Peter	St. Lucie TPO	✓
Burgess	Kevin	FHWA Florida Division	☐
Caper	Sarah	Hillsborough County	✓
Carver	DeWayne	FDOT Central Office	☐
Cordle	Abigail	St. Augustine Police Department	☐
Corkery	Terrence	FDOT Central Office	✓
Craig	Chris	FDOT Central Office	✓
Crosby	Dana	FDOT Central Office	✓
de los Santos	Claudette	FDOT District Four	☐
Discepolo	Isabella	HCA Bayonet Point Hospital-Trauma Center	✓
Duran	Emmeth	FDOT District Seven	✓
Echols	Megan	FDOT District Six	✓
Facuse	Valentina	Palm Beach TPA	☐
Fall	Matthew	City of Jacksonville	✓
Frank	Jason	Sarasota Police Department	☐
Gehrke	Tiffany	FDOT Central Office	✓
Giroux	Rupert	FDOT Central Office	✓
Gruener	Leilani	FLHSMV	✓
Hackett	Jensen	FDOT District Seven	✓
Hanna	Emily	Bike/Walk Central FL	☐
Hardwicke	Laura	City of Orlando	✓
Hawk	David	FHWA – Florida Division	✓
Henry	Alex	City of Tampa	✓
Hsu	Peter	FDOT District Seven	✓
Karron	Annely	FDOT District Two	✓
Katz	Eric	FDOT Central Office	✓
Kehres	Katherine	FDOT District Four	✓
Kristiansen	Angela	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.	✓
Lewis	Michael	FDOT District Three	✓

Machado	Claudia	MADD – West Central Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marquez	Kevin	FDOT District Five	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martinez	Janice	Florida LEL Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
McDaniel	Gevin	HNTB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Merkle	Tanya	FDOT District One	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mello	Megan	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Miller	Chris	FL Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morphy	Kelly	Florida Bicycle Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moss	Alison	Alachua County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moss	Stephanie	FDOT District Five	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Murchison	Sharon	IPTM	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nandam	L.K.	FDOT District One	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Naselius	Ben	FDOT – Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Perry	Delton	FLHSMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quenneville	Kristina	FL Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Railey	Brett	IPTM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Raulerson	Mary	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reinhardt	Ken	FDOT District 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reiser	James	Tampa Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ritcher	Cory	Indian River Fire Rescue, Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robbins	Keith	FDOT District One	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robinson	Mandy	Health First	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rodrigues-Silva	Karla	Dept. of Transportation/City of Gainesville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Russo	Tina	Pasco MPO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Severyn	Josette	Broward County Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheppard	Derwood	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silva	Lisa	Hillsborough County MPO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Simpson	Kyle	Forward Pinellas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Simpson	Paul	University of Florida –PedBike SRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Smith	Kim	Space Coast TPO, Retired	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Suguri	Vitor	FDOT District One	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summers	David	Health Care District Palm Beach County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taylor	Sarita	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teague	Michael	Florida Police Chiefs Assoc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Torres	Lauren	National Safety Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Villatoro	Shelby	Space Coast TPO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walford	Kevin	Miami-Dade TPO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wall	Kathy	Safe Kids Palm Beach County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wandall	Melissa	National Coalition for Safer Roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wiglesworth	Chris	FDOT Transit Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Williams	Angel	IPTM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zenoni	Scott	Health First	<input type="checkbox"/>

Coalition Guests:

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Attendance
Acosta	Christine	Pedal Power Promoters, LLC	✓
Bond	Julie	CUTR/USF	✓
Boulnois	Christina	Lochner	✓
Brookens	Valerie	Forward Pinellas	✓
Byrne	Neil	Manatee County	✓
Cursey	Kasey	EXP	✓
Fellerhoff	Chris	Hillsborough County	✓
Francis	Lewis	FDOT District Seven	✓
Garrett	Rich	Florida Bicycle Association	✓
Gray	Andrew	Johnson, Mirmiran, & Thompson	✓
Jimenez	Ivan	EXP	✓
McCabe	Gerald	FDOT District Seven	✓
Patel	Agasteena	Manatee County	✓
Tyrell	Stacey	FDOT District Seven	✓
Zinn	Mike	FDOT District Seven	✓

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Call To Order – L.K. Nandam, District 1 Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by L.K. Nandam. L.K. thanked the Coalition for their commitment to safety for vulnerable road users and he welcomed new members.

Welcome – Francis Lewis, District 7 Director of Transportation Options

Francis Lewis welcomed the Coalition to Tampa. He highlighted several initiatives in District 7 that have contributed to crash reductions: [leading pedestrian intervals](#), [flashing yellow arrows](#), the innovative signal cabinet program, pedestrian detection on moveable bridges, the Tampa Bay Teen Traffic Safety Education program, and education around marked crosswalks.

Meeting Dedication in Honor of Willie Span – Angela Kristiansen, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. (*see Appendix B for slides*)

The meeting was dedicated to Willie Span, who lost his life in a crash while walking in 2014. He was a Vietnam War era veteran, a lover of music, and someone who was always paying it forward to others.

Coalition Meeting Announcements

Angela shared some general housekeeping information and a public meeting announcement.

Introductions – Coalition Members

Coalition members briefly introduced themselves to the group by sharing their organization, role, and emphasis area.

Micromobility Model Legislation – Alison Moss, Alachua County (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Alison recapped the micromobility-related work done by the Coalition in the past year and explained how other coalitions put forward model legislation. Alison walked through the micromobility model legislation draft and shared the rationale behind the recommended changes.

The draft definition presented to the coalition for discussion was as follows:

(41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE. – An individual-use, motorized lightweight vehicle (commonly 20” to 36” wide and 50 pounds or less, but up to 121 pounds), typically operating at speeds below 15 miles per hour, and no greater than 28 miles per hour. Micromobility devices include, but are not limited to, bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes or electric pedal assisted (pedelec) bicycles), electric scooters, and electric skateboards, and may be owned by an individual or be part of a shared fleet.

The following themes were discussed:

- “Motorized vehicle” may conflict with bicycles. Determine how to express that micromobility represents a combination of human and electric power.
 - o Alternatively, is it necessary to define human and/or non-human-powered or could that be limiting?
- “Device” is a more consistent term than “vehicle”
- Consider defining as a “transportation” or “transport” device.
- “Motorized scooters” may be more suitable than “electric scooters” for consistency with existing statute.

- Is it better to be silent on gas vs. electric power or to specify?
- Inclusion of “individual-use” helps exclude golf carts and limits definition from including vehicles with multiple riders
- The definition should not get into usage (age of riders, helmets, applicable facilities). Addressing those topics occurs in other sections of statute.
- Do the weight and width ranges help provide general limits or are they too specific for the statute?
- Laura Hardwicke noted that it could be helpful to develop future model legislation language for an updated adaptive vehicle definition.

The draft definition was updated as a result of this discussion as follows:

(41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.— An individual-use, lightweight device (commonly 20” to 36” wide and 50 pounds or less), typically operating at speeds below 15 miles per hour, and no greater than 28 miles per hour. Micromobility devices include both human-powered and/or non-human-powered devices such as bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, or other devices that may be owned by an individual or be part of a shared fleet.

[Florida Crash Report Updates – Leilana Gruener, FLHSMV \(see Appendix B for slides\)](#)

Leilani provided an overview of the recommended updates to the [Florida Crash Report Form](#). Two changes have been proposed by the Policy & Programs and Law Enforcement teams to the Collision Non-Fixed Object and Non-Motorist Description.

The following themes were discussed:

- “Other-powered” could be replaced by micromobility when the definition has been updated. (Non-Motorist Description in Person Section of report)
- Micromobility crashes not involving vehicles are not covered by this form and could also benefit from better tracking.

There were no objections to the recommended changes.

[High Visibility Enforcement Update – Poorna Bhattacharya, ASHA Planning Consultancy; Angel Williams, IPTM; Chief Brett Railey, IPTM \(see Appendix B for slides\)](#)

Chief Railey provided a high-level introduction to the problem of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries in Florida. Angel then shared details of how the HVE grant program is funded and administered and how corridors are prioritized for HVE activities. Poorna presented an overview of the updated data analysis.

[Inventory Items – Chris Craig, FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator \(see Appendix B for slides\)](#)

Chris shared an inventory of existing pedestrian and bicycle safety materials available for use by Coalition members. These include arm bands, stickers, Digi Clean, signs, fans, and other materials.

[Breakout: Emphasis Areas Implementation Plan Working Session](#)

Emphasis area teams met and discussed updates and priorities related to their focus area.

[Task Collaboration Needs](#)

Emphasis Area teams identified the following collaboration needs for Thursday’s breakout session:

Vision Zero:

- Connect with Law Enforcement to discuss how communities are working on ordinances for automated enforcement
- Connect with Communications to discuss laws and regulations governing school volunteers and crossing guards.

Communications:

- Connect with Planning, Design, and Operations to discuss the expansion of the mobility week context and Tip Card updates based on the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).
- Connect with Vision Zero to discuss Tip Card review.
- Connect with Law Enforcement about the creation of a general Tip Card.

Automated Enforcement Working Group:

- Assemble a working group similar to what was created for Micromobility.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were received.

Day 1 Wrap Up

Members and guests were provided with reminders about travel and the optional group dinner.

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Call to Order – Chris Craig, FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chris Craig. He recapped the presentation topics from Wednesday and previewed Thursday's topics. Chris reshared the micromobility definition workshopped the previous day and explained that it would now be elevated to leadership for inclusion in the upcoming legislative session. Chris shared a public meeting announcement and some general housekeeping information.

FDOT District Spotlight – District 3 and 5 (*see Appendix B for slides*)

District 3 (Michael Lewis):

- Events and Outreach Highlights
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements on W Cervantes St (US 90) from R St to A St
 - o Michael discussed the issues along this corridor and recent improvements
 - o No traffic fatalities have occurred on the corridor since installing improvements
 - o Michael noted how the community's push for safety allowed for the installation of new signals.

District 5 (Stephanie Moss):

- Midblock Pedestrian Signals
 - o Stephanie discussed how the district submitted a request for experiment (RTE) for mid-block pedestrian signals (MPS) that used flashing red lights and different warranting volumes. These were installed in Dunnellon and Cocoa Beach.
 - o Outreach was conducted for these projects to educate and inform residents.
 - o Discussion focused on the following topics:
 - Chosen angle of the crosswalks
 - Cost of the project (\$1.1M)
 - D5 will study compliance by both vehicles and pedestrians
 - Signal timing
 - Chosen crosswalk markings (high-visibility vs. standard markings)
 - Bicycle volumes

Data Dashboard Demo – Rupert Giroux, FDOT State Safety Office (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Rupert shared how to access the Signal 4 Analytics [Florida Traffic Safety Dashboard](#), which can show fatal and serious injury crashes in Florida by emphasis area, county, and law enforcement agency. Rupert also shared the [Safety Engineering](#) webpage, which includes links to many relevant dashboards. Discussion focused on the legislation that protects personal identifying information which affects the availability of recent crash data.

Vision Zero Toolkit Overview – Sarah Caper, Hillsborough County; Mary Raulerson, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Sarah and Mary shared a brief overview of a toolkit under development. Sarah shared the inspiration behind developing a [Vision Zero Toolkit](#) and the intended audience. Mary clicked through the website to give attendees an idea of what information will be available.

Upcoming Events – Megan Mello, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. (see Appendix B for slides)

Megan shared a summary of upcoming bicycle and pedestrian related events in the next quarter. Representatives of these events were asked to stand and offer more information as needed. Melissa Wandall shared a summary of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Breakout Rotations: Collaboration & Partnerships

Megan recommended that emphasis area teams use the breakout time to look at how to approach tackling tasks in the next quarter. Emphasis Area teams tracked progress in their Implementation Plans and sent representatives to other partner EAs to collaborate on specific tasks.

Emphasis Area Status Updates – Goal Leaders

- **Planning, Design, and Operation (Jenna Bowman):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):
 - Annual Manual Updates
 - Speed Management Training (600+ attendees)
 - Innovative practices in work zones for pedestrian safety for elimination of detours
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - Developing list of intersections with preemption
 - Continuing work on on-going efforts
- **Policy and Planning (Peter Buchwald):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):
 - Micromobility Model Legislation to be submitted for consideration as part of FDOT legislative package
 - Crash form update to include micromobility submitted to FLHSMV
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - Legislative interests: Hands-Free Florida (distracted driving) would need a bill sponsor, Move Over for People is pending FBA endorsement
 - Use of hospital/health (DRG) data
 - Propose research program to determine benefit over crash data
 - Look into use of side skirts for commercial trucks from Vision Zero Group
- **Vision Zero (Laura Hardwicke):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):
 - Publishing Toolkit by end of year
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - Case Study template for Implementation plan and Toolkit
 - Automated Enforcement (School Zone Speeding, School Bus) templates and inventory
- **Communication (Stephanie Moss):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):
 - Continuing Tip Card Review
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - Tip Card Review
- **Enforcement (Sargeant James Reiser):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):

- Leveraging FDOT District Office Safety Office programs to collaborate on Ped/Bike Safety. (On-going)
 - Encourage LE to participate in roadway audits and reviews. (On-going)
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - HVE Agency of the Year criteria
 - Finalize criteria for the HVE survey for distribution to law enforcement agencies (Participating and non-participating agencies)
- **EMS (Kathy Wall):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):
 - EMSTAR Reporting - Not every department reports to EMSTAR
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - Understand gap in Ped Bike Injuries (outside crash report data)
 - Investigate where injury info is reported and How to access?
 - Focus on Top 25 Counties
 - Understand who is reporting to EMSTAR
 - Who is using preemption technology?
- **Data (Priyanka Alluri):**
 - Closing Out (July - October):
 - Finalizing performance metrics guidance document and share with the Coalition
 - Measures of Effectiveness for bike ped safety
 - Data Dictionary: Requested Coalition members send key terms they would like to include in the Data Dictionary
 - Coming Up (October - January):
 - Developing the Data Dictionary specific to anticipated Coalition needs
 - Compilation of FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure implementation by District
 - Identifying existing data gaps related to bike ped evaluation/monitoring

Safety Message –Kittelson & IPTM (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Angela shared Halloween safety tips with the group and encouraged attendees to perform acts of kindness in honor of Willie Span.

Public Comment Period

Christine Acosta from Pedal Power Promoters, LLC shared some thoughts on pedestrian and bicycle safety, including the founding of Vision Zero, crash statistics within Florida, and the impacts of high speeds. She suggested that more information about the context of the crashes affecting the meeting dedication recipients be provided in the future.

Valerie Brookens from Forward Pinellas shared that Suncoast Safe Kids had many helmets and booster seats available.

Closing Remarks – Chris Craig, FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator

Chris closed the meeting and asked everyone about their experiences in Tampa. Most folks liked the hotel and would be happy to attend another Coalition meeting there in the future.

Next Meeting Announcement:

The next Coalition Meeting will be held:

January 30, 2024, 1:00 – 5:00PM

January 31, 2024, 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Orlando City Hall
400 S Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801