

Florida Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition Meeting Report

July 19-20, 2023

The Terrace Hotel, Lakeland, FL



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Attendees

Coalition Members & Program Management Support:

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Attendance
Acosta- Anderson	Libertad	FDOT District Five	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alluri	Priyanka	Florida International University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amicarelli	Mariano	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amundson	Hailey	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrews	Maura	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Askins	Jon	Florida LEL Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beaty	Allison	FDEP – Office of Greenways & Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bhattacharya	Poorna	ASHA Planning Consultancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blais	Jasmine	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bobo	Loreen	FDOT District Five	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borms	Jotan	FDOT – TDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bowman	Jenna	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bryant	Curtis	Creative Fuel, LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Buchwald	Peter	St. Lucie TPO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Burgess	Kevin	FHWA Florida Division	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caper	Sarah	Hillsborough County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carver	DeWayne	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cordle	Abigail	St. Augustine Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Craig	Chris	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crosby	Dana	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
De los Santos	Claudette	FDOT District Four	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Duran	Emmeth	FDOT District Seven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Echols	Megan	FDOT District Six	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Facuse	Valentina	Palm Beach TPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fall	Matthew	City of Jacksonville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fearon	Kelly	City of Tampa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank	Jason	Sarasota Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gehrke	Tiffany	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Giroux	Rupert	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gray	Ray	Florida Department of Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gruener	Leilani	FLHSMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hackett	Jensen	FDOT District Seven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hanna	Emily	Bike/Walk Central FL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hardwicke	Laura	City of Orlando	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hawk	David	FHWA – Florida Division	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry	Alex	City of Tampa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jimenez	Ivan	Miami-Dade DTPW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karron	Annely	FDOT District Two	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Katz	Eric	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kehres	Katherine	FDOT District Four	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kautz	Nathan	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	✓
Kristiansen	Angela	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	✓
Lewis	Michael	FDOT District Three	✓
Machado	Claudia	MADD – West Central Florida	☐
Marquez	Kevin	FDOT District Five	✓
Martinez	Janice	Florida LEL Program	✓
McDaniel	Gevin	HNTB	✓
Merkle	Tanya	FDOT District One	✓
Mello	Megan	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	✓
Miller	Chris	FL Highway Patrol	✓
Morphy	Kelly	Florida Bicycle Association	☐
Moss	Alison	Alachua County	✓
Moss	Stephanie	FDOT District Five	✓
Murchison	Sharon	IPTM	☐
Nandam	L.K.	FDOT District One	☐
Naselius	Ben	FDOT – Central Office	✓
Perry	Delton	FLHSMV	☐
Quenneville	Kristina	FL Highway Patrol	✓
Railey	Brett	IPTM	✓
Raulerson	Mary	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	✓
Reinhardt	Ken	FDOT District 7	✓
Reiser	James	Tampa Police Department	✓
Ritcher	Cory	Indian River Fire Rescue, Retired	☐
Robbins	Keith	FDOT District One	✓
Russo	Tinas	Pasco MPO	✓
Severyn	Josette	Broward County Florida	☐
Sheppard	Derwood	FDOT Central Office	☐
Silva	Lisa	Hillsborough County MPO	✓
Simpson	Kyle	Forward Pinellas	✓
Simpson	Paul	University of Florida –PedBike SRC	✓
Smith	Kim	Space Coast TPO, Retired	✓
Suguri	Vitor	FDOT District One	✓
Summers	David	Health Care District Palm Beach County	☐
Taylor	Sarita	FDOT Central Office	✓
Teague	Michael	Florida Police Chiefs Assoc.	✓
Villatoro	Shelby	Space Coast TPO	✓
Walford	Kevin	Miami-Dade TPO	✓
Wall	Kathy	Safe Kids Palm Beach County	☐
Wandall	Melissa	National Coalition for Safer Roads	✓
Wiglesworth	Chris	FDOT Transit Office	☐

Coalition Guests:

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Attendance
Almasabi	Mohammed	USF	✓
Babcock	Gina	National Coalition for Safer Roads	✓
Clasen	Kristieanna	Polk TPO	✓
Cui	Can	USF	✓
Gray	Andrew	JMT	✓
Mumbauer	Chad	Lakeland Police Department	✓
Paelma	Natalie	Polk TPO	✓
Ricciardi	Isabella	Polk TPO	✓
Rupinta	Kelly	IPTM	✓
Schwartz	Tess	City of Lakeland	✓
Williams	Angel	IPTM	✓

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Call To Order – Chris Craig, Traffic Safety Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chris Craig.

Welcome – Deputy Chief Hans Lehman, City of Lakeland

Deputy Chief Hans Lehman welcomed the Coalition to Lakeland. He highlighted the number of crashes and fatalities that have occurred in recent years and the importance of supporting the vision zero efforts.

Meeting Dedication in Honor of Stuart Borie – Angela Kristiansen

The meeting was dedicated to Stuart Borie, who was severely injured in a crash while biking in October 2022. He was an avid triathlete and diver who is making a remarkable recovery. The presentation is located in Appendix B – Presentation Slides.

Coalition Meeting Announcements – Kittelson

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 and role.

Driving Down Heartache – Melissa Wandall, M3 Motivational Concepts

Melissa introduced drivingdownheartache.org, a website intended to provide the story behind each person represented by a roadside marker. She shared that her husband was lost to a crash in 2003, and her brother who was a passenger in the same crash is still affected to this day. She shared a testimonial video and announced a new focus on crash survivor stories. Melissa asked each district to share two stories for the website.

Announcement: August 6-12 is Stop On Red Week. Contact Melissa to get involved or plan an event.

Legislative Update – Chief Brett Railey (*see Appendix B for slides*)

On behalf of the partnership between the LEL program, law enforcement and FDOT, Chief Railey presented the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison’s Guardian of Life Award to Melissa Wandall. The award is given in recognition of traffic safety partners and community members who take a proactive approach to promoting a safer driving experience on our roadways.



Chief Railey then highlighted 2023 legislative updates:

- The “Move Over” law has been updated to include disabled vehicles.
- Automated Enforcement of school zone speed limits.
 - o There was some discussion about how a 10 mph was selected as a threshold for fines.
- Enforcement of school bus passing infractions.
- Golf Cart Operation Requirements.

FDOT District Spotlight – District 4 and 6 (*see Appendix B for slides*)

District 6 (Megan Echols):

- Roundabout project: SR 972 / Coral Way connects Brickell to Coral Gables.
 - o Overview of the before and after and benefits of the project since installation
 - o There was some discussion about the location of pedestrian crossings on one approach

District 4 (Claudette de los Santos):

- Diverging Diamond Interchange at SR-808/Glades Road and I-95
 - o First of its kind in Palm Beach County. Projected to have a significant crash reduction
 - o Design features new bicycle and pedestrian facilities and other safety improvements
 - o Last year D4 held a walk/bike audit
 - o Currently in construction phase

Teams Platform Tips – Implementation Plan – Kittelson (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Megan introduced some tips on how to navigate the Teams channel. She ran through examples of tagging folks in different groups and clarifying that documents can be accessed easily through the app or browser.

Breakout: Emphasis Areas Implementation Plan Working Session

Emphasis area team areas 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:

Planning, Design, and Operations Team:

- Connect with Communications team to promote positive pedestrian behaviors with PedPass app.
- Connect with Ben Naselius of Policy team to discuss how the coalition could include the development industry in promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Policy and Programs Team:

- Connect with the Data team about severe and fatal crashes related to permissive left turns.
- Connect with Law Enforcement anecdotally about what they are witnessing on the road.

Vision Zero Team:

- Connect Kim Smith to the EMS and Law Enforcement groups about post-crash care.
- Connect Emmeth with the Planning, Design, and Operations team about best practices for countermeasures.

Law Enforcement Team:

- Connect with the Communications team to improve the relationship between Law Enforcement and FDOT partners and finalize the survey.
- Connect with the Policy team to discuss the micromobility legislative definition.

Data, Analysis, and Evaluation Team:

- Connect with Emmeth about D7 pilot study locations for countermeasure evaluations and short-term studies.

Communications Team:

- Connect with the Data team on reviewing the tip cards and terminology.
- Connect with the Law Enforcement to finalize the survey, figure out what is useful to them, and discuss info missing from the tip cards.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were received.

Day 1 Wrap Up

Members and guests were provided with reminders about travel, optional group dinner, and logistics for the Walkshop Thursday morning.

Thursday, July 20, 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. Angela shared a public meeting announcement and some general housekeeping information.

Roundtable Discussion: Micromobility – Coalition Members (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Megan kicked off the discussion by introducing the topic and how the micromobility task force was created. Alison Moss and John Askins explained why micromobility is important and how it relates to safety. Reliable micromobility crash data has been challenging to attain. Alison shared the existing and proposed micromobility definitions and how to distinguish micromobility devices from other personal devices or golf carts. The proposed draft definition of micromobility applies to “a range of individual-use, lightweight vehicles (typically 20” to 36” wide and 50 lbs or less, but up to 121 lbs), typically operating at speeds below 15 mph, and no greater than 28 mph. Micromobility devices include, but are not limited to, bicycles, e-bikes, electric scooters, electric skateboards, shared bicycle fleets, and electric pedal assisted (pedelec) bicycles, and exclude devices with internal combustion engines.”

There was some discussion about the phrase excluding combustion engines from the micromobility definition.

- Mariano asked about the implications of motorized vs electric capabilities
- Emily Hannah noted that Bike/Walk Central FL uses the term “small things with wheels.” We should consider how we connect rural communities and how internal combustion devices fit in. Many people in rural communities use dirt bikes (for example) and they will want to use these devices. This mode should be considered for sustainability, but should it be its own category?
- John Askins stated that education and communication are key, especially from a law enforcement standpoint. Improving communication lines between FDOT and the officers can improve enforcement of micromobility policies on the ground. Are there other considerations that should be included in the crash reports to better document what device was involved in a crash?
- Tiffany reminded the team that we need to be certain about the definition before implementing it, because the definition will influence planning at all levels, from state to local.
- Gevin suggested defining facilities first to specify what is allowed and not allowed on the facilities. In response, the micromobility industry will adjust their designs based on what is allowed on the facilities.

There was general group discussion on how mopeds fit into micromobility.

- Generally, there is an issue with mixing higher speed devices with lower speed modes of micromobility in the same space/path.
- We should think about land use as it relates to micromobility and how behaviors change depending on the context classification.

Peter reminded the group about the urgency to act, as most policy changes occur in the fall.

Next steps:

- Remove internal combustion in the description as suggested by the Vision Zero group.
- Finalize micromobility definition and move to the next step of adoption.

Cycle Track Use Discussion – Emmeth Duran, FDOT D7 (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Emmeth defined a cycle track as it relates to other infrastructure on our roadways. He provided background on a newly implemented cycle track in Pinellas County and community feedback. A citizen had shared their concern about the cycle track causing cyclists to technically ride against traffic. Clarifications were provided to support the benefits of the cycle track.

Lakeland Walkshop – Led by Tess Schwartz, City of Lakeland (*see Appendix C for map*)

Tess led the workshop around downtown Lakeland and highlighted the ped/bike safety improvements that have recently been implemented, including the conversion of traffic signals to all way stop controlled intersections.

Coalition Membership – Chris Craig, FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Chris discussed coalition membership, emphasis area teams, and the number of members in each. The overall team has grown considerably, affecting the room size needed for quarterly meetings. The coalition team should stay a reasonable size to promote involvement and avoid impacting the grant budget.

The coalition would benefit from more support in the EMS emphasis area. Several members shared that they have contacts who they could recommend. It was suggested that the coalition could benefit from having a developer on the Policy team.

Breakout Rotations: Collaboration & Partnerships

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

Emphasis Area Status Updates – Goal Leaders (4 Minutes Each)

- **Planning, Design, and Operation (Michael Lewis):**
 - Closing Out (April-July):
 - Speed Management:
 - Incorporated into FDOT Traffic Ops Quality Assessment Reviews (QARs)
 - Compiled list of FDOT projects with speed management techniques
 - Coming Up (July-October):
 - Evaluation of speed management projects – crashes, operating speeds
 - PedPass – incentives for positive pedestrian behavior
 - Identify RSA process in TEM updates.
- **Policy and Planning (Peter Buchwald):**
 - Closing Out (April-July):
 - Micromobility draft definition
 - Automated Speed Enforcement in school zones
 - Coming Up (July-October):
 - Specifying max speed for E-bikes on sidewalks & paths
 - Legislative Priorities: Move Over for People

- **Vision Zero (Laura Hardwicke):**
 - Closing Out (April-July):
 - Case Studies/Best Practices: strategies for getting to Safe Speeds (Objective 3, Strategy 2, Task 1-2) - some additional case studies being wrapped up
 - Safety countermeasures
 - Input for Micromobility: recommend striking combustion engines.
 - Coming Up (July-October):
 - VZ Toolkit of Best Practices (multiple tasks)
 - D7 testing social marketing on Tampa's HIN
 - Automated Enforcement in School Zones – Brevard, Eustis advancing; other agencies awaiting draft FDOT guidance (ask Eustis for more info).
 - SS4A – gathering and sharing Safety Action Plan scopes and/or RFPs
- **Communication (Emily Hannah):**
 - Closing Out (April-July):
 - Final tweaks to E-bike resources
 - Coming up (July-October):
 - Tip card review
 - Revisiting partner database
 - Develop survey of community partners to understand education needs.
- **Enforcement (Jason Frank):**
 - Closing Out (April-July):
 - Awarding Agency and Individual of the year awards – IPTM
 - Digital Reference completed and shared – Rules of the Road to Live by
 - Survey created to solicit input on bike/ped issues from agencies statewide
 - Worked with NHTSA on online training, waiting on NHTSA to release
 - Coming Up (July-October):
 - Coordinating with Communication to finalize HVE agency survey
 - Working on outreach to agencies regarding potential involvement in Target Zero
 - Working with FDOT on notifying law enforcement of new traffic changes
- **EMS:**
 - N/A (no representative available)
- **Data (Rupert Giroux):**
 - Closing Out (April-July):
 - Public access to Safety Data Integration Space will be announced soon
 - Dashboard demo at next coalition meeting
 - Coming Up (July-October):
 - Checking in with FDOT Districts 5 and 7 on a repository for implemented bike/ped countermeasures
 - One-page summary on performance metrics for bike/ped safety
 - Preliminary draft of data dictionary

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

Megan shared closing safety messages to the group, including Stop on Red Week and National Cell Phone Courtesy Month (video).

Public Comment Period

No comments were received.

Closing Remarks – Chris Craig, FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator

Chris closed the meeting and asked everyone about their experiences in Lakeland. Most folks liked Lakeland as a location to keep for future coalition meetings. It was suggested we might host the coalition at the Lakeland Police Department to allow for more meeting space. Attendees shared that the flow of the meeting felt better this time around, and they felt like they had enough time to collaborate.

Next Meeting Announcement:

The next Coalition Meeting will be held:

October 11, 2023, 1:00 – 5:00PM

October 12, 2023, 8:00AM – 12:00PM

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