

Florida Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition Meeting Report

January 25-26, 2023

Orlando City Hall, Orlando, 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 type="checkbox"/>
Amicarelli	Mariano	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amundson	Hailey	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrews	Maura	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Askins	Jon	Florida LEL Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Asmus	Ryan	FDOT District Two	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Baez	Paola	Miami-Dade DTPW	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaty	Allison	FL Department of Environmental Protection – Office of Greenways & Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bhattacharya	Poorna	ASHA Planning Consultancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blais	Jasmine	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bobo	Loreen	FDOT Central Office	<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"/>
Cantwell	Laura	AARP Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caper	Sarah	Hillsborough County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carson	Kristen	FDOT District Seven	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carver	DeWayne	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combs	April	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig	Chris	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crosby	Dana	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Amanda	Day Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facuse	Valentina	Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fearon	Kelly	City of Tampa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frank	Jason	Sarasota Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gehrke	Tiffany	FDOT Central Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Giroux	Rupert	FDOT State Safety Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gray	Ray	Florida Department of Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gruener	Leilani	FLHSMV	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hsu	Peter	FDOT District Seven	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karron	Annely	FDOT District Two	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katz	Eric	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kehres	Katherine	FDOT District Four	✓
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
McDaniel	Gevin	FDOT Roadway Design Office	✓
Mello	Megan	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	✓
Miller	Chris	FL Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minehart	Francesca	Orange Park Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morphy	Kelly	Florida Bicycle Association	✓
Moss	Alison	Alachua County	✓
Moss	Stephanie	FDOT District Five	✓
Murchison	Sharon	Institute of Police Technology and Management	✓
Nandom	L.K.	FDOT District One	✓
Perry	Delton	FLHSMV	✓
Crescenzi	Tara	FL Highway Patrol	✓
Railey	Brett	IPTM	✓
Raulerson	Mary	Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.	✓
Regalado	Ginger	FDOT District Seven	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reiser	James	Tampa Police Department	✓
Ritcher	Cory	Indian River Fire Rescue	✓
Rickoff	Matt	Jacksonville Jaguars	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robbins	Keith	FDOT District One	✓
Severyn	Josette	Broward County Florida	✓
Silva	Lisa	Hillsborough County MPO	✓
Simpson	Kyle	Forward Pinellas	✓
Simpson	Paul	University of Florida – PedBike SRC	✓
Smith	Kim	Space Coast TPO	✓
Stettner	Alison	FDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suguri	Vitor	FDOT District One	✓
Summers	David	Health Care District Palm Beach County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taylor	Sarita	FDOT State Safety Office	✓
Turner	Patty	University of Florida – Florida PedBike SRC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Villatoro	Shelby	Space Coast TPO	✓
Wall	Kathy	Safe Kids Palm Beach County	✓
Wandall	Melissa	National Coalition for Safer Roads	✓
Wiglesworth	Chris	FDOT Transit Office	<input type="checkbox"/>

Coalition Guests:

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Attendance
Babcock	Gina		✓
Bartell	Elizabeth	FDOT District Five	✓
Barton	Caleb	FL Highway Patrol	✓
Duran	Emmeth	FDOT District Seven	✓
Gray	Andrew	FDOT District Seven	✓
Hackett	Jensen	FDOT District Seven	✓
Herschelman	Yameli	City of Orlando	✓
Moore	Miriam		✓
Reynolds	Courtney	Florida Bicycle Association	✓
Tejera	Maria	City of Orlando	✓

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023

Call To Order – Chris Craig, FDOT Traffic Safety Administrator

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

Welcome – Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, with Introduction by Tanya Wilder, Director, Transportation Department

Tanya remarked on how pedestrian and bicycle facilities are a major priority in Orlando. She shared some statistics on how countermeasures improve safety for people walking and biking.

Mayor Dyer shared key milestones for the City, including a city resolution for Vision Zero in 2017 and a Federal RAISE grant in 2021. Mayor Dyer is excited for the group to walk the walkshop, see the pedestrian enhancements along the north corridor, and experience transit.

Meeting Dedication in Honor of Mary Kathryn Otto-Mennicke – Angela Kristiansen

The meeting was dedicated to the memory of Mary Kathryn Otto-Mennicke, who lost her life while walking in 2020. She was a classically trained pianist, was active in her church, and loved animals and butterflies. Mary Kathryn Otto-Mennicke’s daughter, Miriam, thanked everyone for honoring her mother and acknowledged that her daughter also lost her life in a traffic crash.

The meeting incorporated a theme of butterflies based on Mary Kathryn’s love for them. Angela shared an analogy about transformation. Butterflies spend almost a third of their life transforming from a caterpillar. We can think about this as we are transforming our roadways to safer, more walkable and bikeable networks. Similar to butterflies, this transformation does not happen overnight.

Coalition Meeting Announcements – Kittelson

Angela shared some general housekeeping information and a public meeting announcement. A notice about Crossing Guard Appreciation Day was shared on behalf of Dana Crosby.

Megan announced that Delton and Leilani of FLHSMV are seeking feedback on Florida Driver’s Handbook. Megan showed members how to contribute feedback before the end of legislative session.

Introductions – Coalition Members

Attendees each introduced themselves, their role, and their time on the coalition team.

District Spotlight – Update to Hot Topics – Districts 1, 3, and 5

District 5 – Stephanie Moss, D5 Ped Bike Safety Coordinator (*see Appendix B for slides*)

- Stephanie presented updates to 1-mile of Orange Blossom Trail (OBT), a high crash corridor.
- The project adds three Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs) for a total of six on the corridor and reduces the speed limit to 30 mph. Construction will be completed in July 2023.
- Stephanie highlighted the extensive community outreach on this project.
- Following Stephanie’s presentation, attendees engaged in conversation about setting speed limits and the shifting FDOT approach to incorporate context classification into speed zoning.
 - The speed limit on OBT was 40mph prior to the installation of PHBs.
 - This was a standalone project with state funding.
 - LK requested outreach materials.
 - Emily Hanna highlighted the importance of considering future context classification.

District 3 – Michael Lewis, D3 Safety Engineer (*see Appendix B for slides*)

- Michael showed a rural project in Century, Florida. A fatal crash occurred in 2021 along a two-way left turn lane where pedestrians stage while waiting to cross the road. Cameras were used to collect pedestrian activities. An RRFB and raised median island were installed.
- Michael noted the need for pedestrian and bicycle safety projects in rural areas.
- There was some discussion about why drivers follow the speed limit on this corridor. Some factors include the presence of enforcement and proximity to a town.
- Michael noted traffic safety challenges involving people experiencing homelessness. Poorna shared that an FHWA study about homelessness and crashes should be out next year.

District 1 – Vitor Suguri, D1 Ped Bike Champion (*see Appendix B for slides*)

- District 1 Safety has been focused on a top 20 high crash corridor list in their district.
- District 1 relies on context classification to see how the corridor will look in the future.
- Challenges: Vitor noted that challenges include high speed suburban and rural contexts. Rural C2 SIS facilities have a minimum design speed of 65 mph.
 - Pedestrian crossings in rural areas are a challenge because they do not always meet the minimum ADT and pedestrian volumes.
 - Pedestrian crossings at SR 66, US 98, US 27/98, are an issue in District 1. All these roadways are SIS facilities.
- Opportunities:
 - Coordinating with locals is key.
 - Land use and zoning; Local ordinances
 - Site requirements and design standards
- Following Vitor’s presentation, there was an interactive discussion about the differences between the two rural two-lane facilities presented. Peter Buchwald asked why ped improvements could be added in one rural area and not in another. Speed limit, intersection spacing, and future land use are factors that differentiate the two examples.

Florida Bicycle Association Spotlight – Kelly Morphy, FBA Executive Director *(see Appendix B for slides)*

Kelly Morphy highlighted programs in education, technical assistance, and advocacy. She showcased FBA's bicycle safety quiz, which can be tailored with modules for agency use. She also described the ride marshal training program, which trains those who wish to lead large group rides.

Breakout Session: Implementation Plan Update

Emphasis area teams were encouraged to focus on 1-2 specific tasks, especially first year priorities. Emphasis areas teams can change strategies and tasks in the Implementation Plan to ensure they align with the team's objectives and goal. Megan encouraged all EAs to pick an item they want to work on.

Regroup: Collaboration Needs

Emphasis area teams identified coalition partners who they planned to connect with Thursday.

Urban Mobility Tips, Walkshop Prep

Laura Hardwicke shared some Orlando-specific micromobility tips. Laura also covered some logistics for the walkshop Thursday morning in terms of where to meet and what to expect.

Public Comment Period

Cory Richter described some challenges related to the texture of thermoplastic bike lane markings in Pam Beach Shores, where cyclists were observed traveling in the through lane to avoid markings. He requested that FDOT consider this when designing for cyclists.

Emily Hanna from BikeWalk Central Florida recommended that attendees check out some complete streets projects in Casselberry.

Day 1 Wrap Up

Members and guests were provided with final reminders about travel forms, parking, the optional group dinner, and logistics for the walkshop Thursday morning.

Thursday, January 26th, 2023

Walkshop – Led by Laura Hardwicke & Jenn Rhodes, City of Orlando

Attendees met at the hotel lobby and were led on a one mile walk in northern downtown Orlando, showcasing several pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The walk concluded at Lynx Central station, from where many took a free bus back to City Hall.

Call to Order at City Hall – Chris Craig, Traffic Safety Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chris Craig. He commented on the productive ongoing discussions. He encouraged groups to continue working on their implementation plan and reminded goal leaders to be prepared to share their progress.

Walkshop Recap – Roundtable Discussion of Experiences, Photos

The group shared photos and discussed their experiences on the walkshop. Members of the group shared how they enjoyed using the exclusive pedestrian phase, diagonal crosswalks, and urban trails. While most members took the free Lymmo bus, others took micromobility and shared their experiences taking a scooter to City Hall.

Breakout Session: Collaboration & Partnerships – Megan Mello, Kittelson

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 (Jenna Bowman):
 - Working on a joint presentation from FDOT Planning, Roadway Design, and Traffic Engineering for the April coalition meeting.
 - Many of tasks in the implementation plan could take five years to complete based on various timelines.
- Policy and Planning (Leilani Gruener):
 - Legislative priorities:
 - Definitions for micromobility, e-bikes, scooters
 - Automated enforcement
- Vision Zero (Josette Severyn):
 - Team tried to maximize time with Engineering to discuss the FDOT Green Book, safe speeds, and speed management.
 - Creating a toolkit to assist new cities, counties, and municipalities to start their own VZ effort. The toolkit will compile best practices to allow other municipalities to implement VZ campaigns. Toolkit will highlight importance of establishing consistencies such as high injury network and equity concerns. District Safety Administrators (DSAs) have been invited participate in toolkit creation as well.
- Communication (Claudia Machado):
 - Reviewing all materials to determine needs for updates and new content
 - Working with Enforcement on request for a survey
- Enforcement (Jason Frank):
 - Organizing contact info for 351 active law enforcement agencies across the state.

- Working with Communications team to build a survey for agencies that participate in the HVE program, as well as agencies that do not.
- Fact sheet update: Poorna created a fact sheet that describes the cost of enforcement for each community. It's helpful tool to talk about what is happening versus what they think is happening. Considering expanding to include the same metrics for all counties and districts so the data is comparable across geographies, rural and urban.
- EMS (Kathy Wall):
 - EMS signal priority was a collaborative effort with Engineering, to find where preemption is implemented and if there are improvements to response times.
 - Collaborating with Data team to see if existing crash data has emergency medical vehicle presence.
- Data (Rupert Giroux):
 - Objective 1 – Maintaining access to timely and relevant data within the Safety Data Integration Space (SDIS). That is accessible behind the scenes for FDOT. The next step is a public version, with an FAQ for the public. Most of this info is in the SDIS Details page.
 - Objective 9 – Executive-level quality decision making. FIU is taking an assessment of what other municipalities are doing as well.
 - How to evaluate countermeasures is a hot topic. FDOT is setting up dashboards and evaluating performances.

Public Comment Period – Hailey Amundson, Kittelson

Hailey Amundson introduced the public comment period. Emily Hannah question to EMS about infrastructure they are comfortable with for improving safety while enabling good response times. They are not sure currently, there are a lot of factors to consider.

Safety Message – Hailey Amundson, Kittelson

Hailey reminded everyone to stay alert and safe on and around micromobility.

Upcoming Events – Hailey Amundson, Kittelson

- Bike Walk Central Florida is operating best foot forward from Jan 30-Feb 10.
- MADD is promoting Ride Like Madd, a virtual cycling challenge during the month of May. This is a fundraiser and a prevention effort, with options to track miles through Strava.

Next Steps – Kittelson and IPTM (*see Appendix B for slides*)

Hailey noted the location and dates of the next quarterly coalition meeting in April. Sharon Murchison requested attendees submit travel vouchers/direct deposit forms. Sharon also shared that light up arm bands are available for outreach events.

Closing Remarks – L.K. Nandam, Interim Assistant Secretary for Strategic Development

L.K. closed the meeting by highlighting micromobility, both the observations of attendees and those who became new users as a part of this meeting. L.K. also noted the interest in best practices such as speed management, context classification, target speed, and future context classification over the two-day meeting. He noted that there will be a presentation regarding best practices and updates at the next quarterly coalition meeting. L.K. recommended that everyone take the best practices back to their districts and municipalities and encouraged the team to keep up the good work.

Next Meeting Announcement:

The next Coalition Meeting will be held:

April 26, 2023, 1:00 – 5:00PM

April 27, 2023, 8:00AM – 12:00PM

District Seven Headquarters

11201 N. Malcolm McKinley Drive

Tampa, FL 33612

In person quarterly meetings are scheduled for the following 2023 dates:

- July 19-20, 2023, FDOT D1 in Bartow
- October 11-12, 2023, FDOT D7 in Tampa