

FDOT District 2

Community Traffic Safety Program

Let's Talk About Engineering Concerns

Districtwide Discussion with Andrea Atran

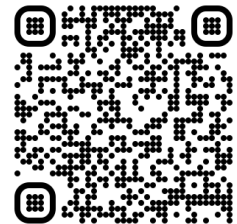
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AGENDA:

- Welcome Introduction
- Program History
- District Two CTSTs
- Roadway Concerns
- Open Forum
- Adjournment

Submit a
Roadway
Concern:



Welcome!



In his AASHTO speech on Oct 28, 2022, Secretary Perdue stated, “Communities are our number one priority. Our theme (FDOT) must be community-centric as we are working towards the future.” The Community Traffic Safety Program plays a critical role in the Department’s future and connection to our local communities and our commitment to safety and Target Zero.

National Program History

The Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) is a national initiative established by the partnership of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 1993 to address and work to prevent traffic fatalities and injuries in local communities. The CTSP built upon the strengths and resources of the two agencies' efforts by expanding the role of engineering and bringing in new partners like the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Officials, and highway safety educators. The goal is to promote cooperation and trust and develop cost-effective activities, including new skills, technologies, and ideas to focus on crash-related problems. (NHTSA Corridor/ Community Traffic Safety Programs Student Manual, Transportation Safety Institute 1994).



Florida Program History

“The 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act mandated a state safety management system (SMS). The SMS integrated vehicles, drivers, and roadway elements into a comprehensive approach to solving highway safety problems. The focus of the SMS was to ensure that safety became an integral part of highway planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of all public roads. The Florida Department of Transportation used the Community Traffic Safety Program and local Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) to address the SMS requirements.” (Safety Sentinel, March 1998).

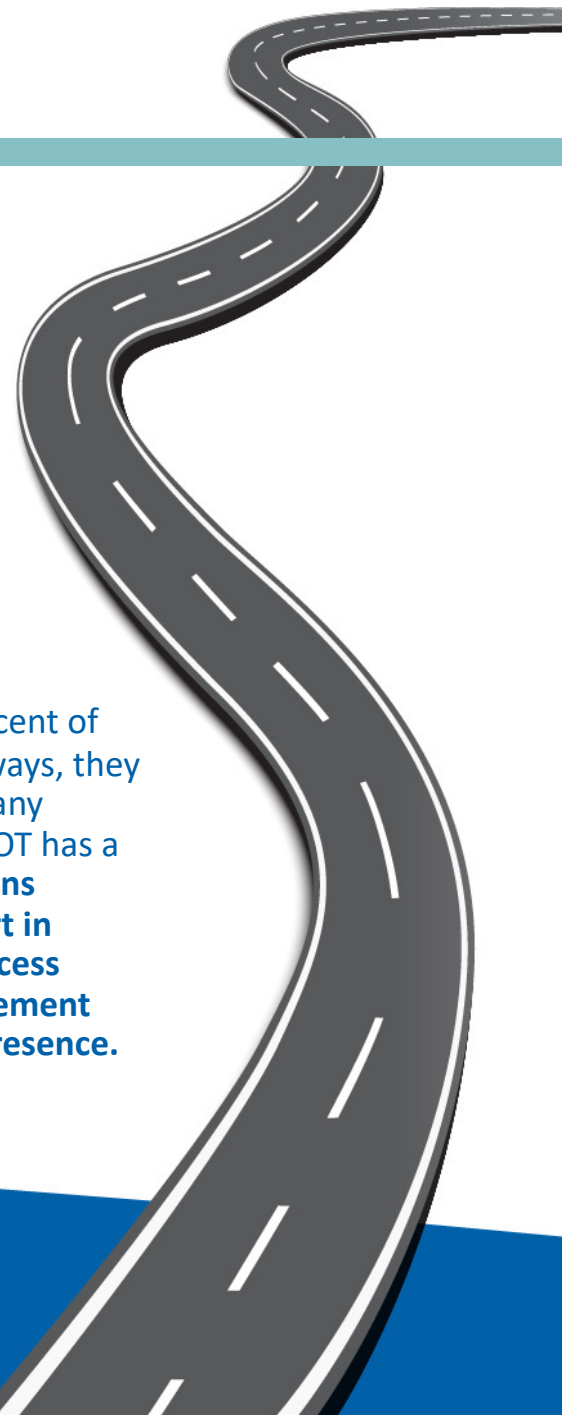
The agency decided that the best way to address safety on all public roads was a multi-disciplinary (4 “E”) approach (the basis of SMS), with the intent to expand the CTST concept throughout the state. This would address safety problems on facilities (non-state roads) for which the FDOT had limited or no available data and would provide forums for the various disciplines at the state and local levels to work together to solve the issues.



District Two CTSTs

One of the most crucial functions of a Community Traffic Safety Team is identifying and reporting problems on our local roadways. Through our monthly work addressing local roadway concerns, we bring together the 4E's of safety: Engineering, Education, Emergency Medical Services, and Enforcement. Our team members are the "eyes" of our roadways.

We know from FHWA (website) that local agencies own approximately 75 percent of rural roads. Unfortunately, while local roads are less traveled than State highways, they have a much higher rate of fatal and serious injury crashes. By bringing the many community partners together to address identified issues in a community, FDOT has a connection to issues and data on local roads. **Examples of some of the concerns addressed each month include requests for studies and maintenance support in areas such as school crossings, roadway hazards, road surface conditions, access problems, pedestrian and bicycle issues, micro-mobility issues, signage, pavement markings, signals, and areas that may need an increased law enforcement presence.**



Roadway Concerns



While many things have changed in the past few years, handling engineering concerns has continued throughout the pandemic and the transition to online Traffic Safety Team meetings. The District Two Community Traffic Safety Program's website, www.trafficsafetyteam.org, has an Engineering Concerns page that allows team partners to submit their concerns in any of the 18 counties in District Two. The online intake form walks the team member through the requested information, including location details, issue descriptions, photos, and an area map.

When a concern is received, it is immediately placed on the next team meeting's agenda. Often the concerns submitted require support from multiple members of the 4's E's (Engineering, Enforcement, EMS, and Education). Over the course of a year, most concerns submitted are evenly divided among state, city, county, and enforcement as the responsible agency. Often, issues require the partnership of more than one identified lead agency.

Roadway Concerns

Many of the issues raised in a CTST can be handled quickly and at a low cost. By working together, our team members can often address concerns promptly and collaboratively and, in the process, cut through red tape.

We have seen supply and equipment delays in the past few years. Most studies take ninety days to evaluate and write up, not including the time to reach a decision that may be required. Updates are provided regularly. Some issues may take many months to resolve.



Join us at a Team Meeting!



2023 CTST MEETING SCHEDULE

March

7	Putnam	10:30 AM
14	St. Johns	1:30 PM
15	Duval	10:00 AM
15	Clay	2:00 PM
16	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	
21	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
28	Nassau	10:30 AM

May

9	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
16	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
17	Duval	10:00 AM
17	Clay	2:00 PM
18	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	
23	Nassau	10:30 AM

July

11	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
18	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
19	Duval	10:00 AM
19	Clay	2:00 PM
20	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	
25	Nassau	10:30 AM

September

12	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
19	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
20	Duval	10:00 AM
20	Clay	2:00 PM
21	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	
26	Nassau	10:30 AM

November

14	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
15	Duval	10:00 AM
15	Clay	2:00 PM
16	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	
21	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
28	Nassau	10:30 AM

April

6	Bradford / Baker / Union	11:00 AM
11	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
18	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
19	Duval	10:00 AM
19	Clay	2:00 PM
20	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	

June

1	Bradford / Baker / Union	11:00 AM
13	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
15	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
	Gilchrist / Levy	
20	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
21	Duval	10:00 AM
21	Clay	2:00 PM

August

3	Bradford / Baker / Union	11:00 AM
8	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
15	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
16	Duval	10:00 AM
16	Clay	2:00 PM
17	Alachua / Dixie	10:00 AM
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October

5	Bradford / Baker / Union	11:00 AM
10	St. Johns / Putnam	1:30 PM
17	Columbia / Hamilton	10:30 AM
	Lafayette / Suwannee	
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December

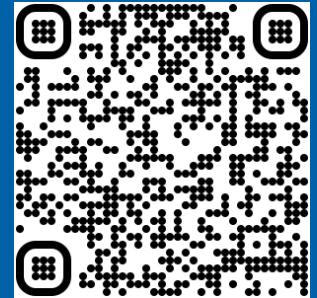
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Other Teams will not meet this month.

Happy Holidays!!

- Open Forum
- Adjournment

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**YOUR TRAFFIC
SAFETY TEAM**

Bringing you home safely.

TrafficSafetyTeam.org

email: TrafficSafetyTeam@dot.state.fl.us

TEAM MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

<https://trafficsafetyteam.org/team-meetings-and-events/>