

St. Johns / Putnam Traffic Safety Team

Meeting #7 • July 14, 2026 • 1:30 pm

Call In 1-850-739-5589 – Conference ID 674 116 67#



AGENDA

- Meeting Call to Order / Attendees' Introductions
 - **OFFICERS: Andrea Atran**, *Community Traffic Safety Team Program Manager*
- CTST Engineering Roadway Concerns
- Public Information and Construction Updates
- CTST Program Resources and Crash Data Reports
- Upcoming Events and Traffic Safety Campaigns
 - **July**
 - National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month
 - 4 – Fourth of July Enforcement Impaired Driving Campaign
 - 12 – 18 – Operation Safe Driver Week
 - 13 – 18 – Operation Southern Slow Down
 - **August**
 - Back to School Safety Month
 - Child Safety Awareness Month
 - 2 - 8 – National Stop on Red Week
 - 6 – National Bike to School Day
 - 10 – 16 – National Police Week
 - 11 – 31 – Click It or Ticket Mobilization (Enforcement)
 - 19 – 9/7 – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization
 - **September**
 - National Preparedness Month (Disasters/Emergencies)
 - 1 – 7 – Florida Drowsy Driving Prevention Week
 - 20 - 26 – Child Passenger Safety Week
 - 26 – National Seat Check Saturday
- Agency Reports and Open Forum
- Adjournment

First Day of School
St. Johns – 08/11/2026
Putnam – 08/10/2026

**Submit a Traffic
Safety Concern:**



Upcoming Meetings:

- **August 11**
- **September 8**

<https://trafficsafetyteam.org/roadway-concerns/>



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St. Johns / Putnam

Meeting #6 • June 9, 2026 • 1:30 pm

Previous Meeting Summary



- Meeting Call to Order
- Attendees

• Andrea Atran	• Christine Aronow	• George Frady
• Holly Walker	• Jacob Pickering	• Jim Hannigan
• Joanne Conrad	• Karen Favorite	• Mark Sekelsky
• Michael Thrush	• Mike Likley	• Paul “Chip” Carey
• Rick Hanes	• Vera Smith	• Vince Dyer
• Wendy Krehbiel	•	•

- Engineering Roadway Concerns

Issue	New	Open	Closed
2990: Reid St (US 17) & N. 2nd St, N. 3rd St, N. 4th St: Requesting a traffic signal study at these 3 locations			X
3008: SB I-95 onramp at CR 210: Asphalt is deteriorating.		X	
3009: US 1 & Malaga St: Pavement markings in front of Fire Department.		X	
3014: S. Ponce De Leon & SR 207: Requesting traffic signal timing review.		X	
3021: SR 207 & Vermont Blvd: Intersection study.			X
3023: US 1 & US 312: Requesting pavement markings for turn lanes. Also, a sign to show which lane is which.		X	

- Public Information and Construction Updates
 - See [NFLRoads.com](https://www.nflroads.com)
- CTST Coordinator’s Report
 - Material Order Information
 - Speeding & Aggressive Data Fact Sheets
 - Safe Streets for All and Grant Recipients
- Meeting Adjourned

FDOT District Two Engineering Concerns

Access ID	3027	CTST TEAM	St. Johns
Notified Date	Tuesday, June 23, 2026	District 2 County	St Johns
Your Name	Lori Stanton	Road Name	near 1160 Ponte Vedra Blvd
Agency / Organization	Citizen		
E-Category	Enforcement		
Primary Concern Type	Information / Status Only		
Statuses (check all that apply)	New		

Issue Description

I am writing to express concern about a recurring traffic safety issue along A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Vehicles are frequently parked along the roadway, often blocking the designated bicycle lane and creating significant sight-distance problems for residents attempting to exit their driveways. Because parked vehicles obstruct views of approaching traffic, residents must pull much farther into the roadway before they can safely determine whether traffic is clear. Given the 55 MPH speed limit on A1A, this creates a substantial risk of a serious collision.

This issue occurred again on the evening of June 22, 2026 around 6:00 p.m., when a large real estate event resulted in multiple vehicles being parked along A1A. Several neighbors contacted the Sheriff's Office due to concerns about visibility and safety. While the responding deputy listened to residents' concerns, the underlying hazard remained.

I have video documentation from that evening showing the extent of the illegal parking along A1A and the resulting sight-distance obstruction for residents attempting to enter the roadway. I would be happy to provide this documentation if it would assist in evaluating the situation.

This is not an isolated incident but a recurring problem. I respectfully request you to review this situation and consider appropriate enforcement or other measures to prevent parking that obstructs bicycle lanes and limits visibility for motorists exiting

private driveways.

I am concerned that without corrective action, it is only a matter of time before a serious injury or fatality occurs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call.

D2 Admin Notes

06/23/2026 - Email from St. John's County Sheriff Hardwick - I'm including Staff from our Patrol and Traffic Divisions in this response, they will be in touch and handle accordingly.

06/23/2026 - Email from Lt. Toby Erwin with St. John's County Sheriff's Office - Good afternoon. I spoke with Ms Stanton about the concerns she has with the parking along A1A/Ponte Vedra Blvd. We had a productive conversation and came up with an agreeable action plan. I encouraged her to call whenever she observes something that produces a dangerous situation and request a supervisor if she believes the response from the deputy is not enough.

If there is anything else I can assist with please contact me directly.

FDOT District Two Engineering Concerns

Access ID	3025	CTST TEAM	St. Johns
Notified Date	Monday, June 15, 2026	District 2 County	St Johns
Your Name	Keith Hennek	Road Name	US-1
Agency / Organization	Madeira Neighborhood Association and Tennis Village Condos Association	Intersecting Roadway	Ponce Island Drive
E-Category	Engineering	Location Description	"The specific segment of concern spans the U.S. 1 corridor from Ponce Island Drive north to the intersection of Maralinda Drive and Lewis Speedway (SR 16A). The focus is the downstream impact of the proposed Ponce Island RCUT layout on the Maralinda Drive residential gate and the Lewis Speedway public safety corridor."
Primary Concern Type	Crash Analysis / Safety Study		
Statuses (check all that apply)	New		

Issue Description

"This active safety concern formally submits the June 15, 2026 Community Safety Hazard Report for engineering review. Our review identifies a critical data integrity failure: the proposed Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) layout on U.S. 1 relies on an obsolete 2018 baseline study of 24,000 cars per day. Active field telemetry shows corridor volume has exploded by nearly 50% to over 32,500 active vehicles per day. An intersection modeled for 24,000 cars cannot process the physical queuing generated by today's 32,500 daily vehicles. This layout eliminates direct left turns, forcing hundreds of residential vehicles into an unprotected U-turn maneuver at Maralinda Drive. Peak-hour volume will instantly overwhelm the median storage capacity, forcing vehicle queues to spill back into the high-speed active travel lanes of U.S. 1. This violates FDOT Topic No. 625-010-021 by forcing a high-volume U-turn node directly inside an adjacent intersection's queuing area. This design triggers a dangerous domino effect that blocks local emergency response paths (F.S. 316.126) and forces severe, un-modeled gridlock onto the adjacent network up to Lewis Speedway (SR 16A), heavily compounded by the nearing completion of the 170,000 square foot Madeira Commercial development. We request an immediate project pause on all physical implementation until a comprehensive Corridor Traffic Operational Analysis is completed using active 2026 field volumes."

D2 Admin Notes

06/15/2026 - This concern has been forwarded to Jeff Scott with FDOT Studies.
06/16/2026 - Comment from Jeff - We are aware of Mr. Hennek's concerns. He has sent them to numerous people at FDOT.

FDOT District Two Engineering Concerns

Access ID	3023	CTST TEAM	St. Johns
Notified Date	Thursday, June 4, 2026	District 2 County	St Johns
Your Name	Amy Reed	Road Name	US-1
Agency / Organization	Resident	Intersecting Roadway	312
E-Category	Education	Location Description	When exiting the parking lot of Hobby Lobby that crosses US-1 going into the parking lot of Marshall's/Aldi, it is NOT MARKED as to which of the two lanes are turn lanes vs going straight across US-1. Please paint the lanes and put up a sign at the light indicating which lanes are which at that crossing.
Primary Concern Type	Signing / Pavement Markings		
Statuses (check all that apply)	Ongoing		

Issue Description

Thank you for your attention to this intersection. I do not have a phot of it, Just go to the light at US-1 from Hobby Lobby and you will see what the problem is.

D2 Admin Notes

06/05/2026 - This concern has been forwarded to Pattie Yakaboski with FDOT St. Augustine Maintenance.

06/09/2026 - Comments from the meeting - Mike Likley said this area is outside of FDOT Right of Way. He reached out to the property owner regarding the pavement markings. They are getting quotes for the pavement markings.

Leave this open until the next meeting to see if FDOT St. Augustine Maintenance will install a sign with lane assignments.

07/07/2026 - Sent email to Corey Buchanan to see if St. Augustine Maintenance is considering installing a sign.

FDOT District Two Engineering Concerns

Access ID	3014	CTST TEAM	St. Johns
Notified Date	Thursday, May 21, 2026	District 2 County	St Johns
Your Name	John Rohan	Road Name	S. Ponce
Agency / Organization	Resident	Intersecting Roadway	SR 207
E-Category	Engineering	Location Description	The traffic signal at S. Ponce /US 1 and SR 207
Primary Concern Type	Traffic Signal Issues		
Statuses (check all that apply)	Ongoing		

Issue Description

The traffic signal needs to be timed. Only two to three cars are allowed to exit Dianes Market, It takes 10 minutes to get through. Traffic gets backed up in all directions in the parking lot. Making it unsafe, especially if Police or Fire were trying to get in.

D2 Admin Notes

05/29/2026 - This concern has been forwarded to Glenn English with FDOT.
06/09/2026 - Comments from the meeting - Wait for a response from Glenn English.
06/24/2026 - Requested an update from Glenn English.
07/07/2026 - Sent an email to Glenn English for an update.
07/10/2026 - Response from Glenn - This issue has been assigned to my consultant for review. Once my consultant has completed their review and determined what, if any, timing adjustments are to be implemented, I will let you know.

FDOT District Two Engineering Concerns

Access ID	3009	CTST TEAM	St. Johns
Notified Date	Tuesday, April 14, 2026	District 2 County	St Johns
Your Name	Todd Clark	Road Name	US 1
Agency / Organization	St. Augustine Mobility	Intersecting Roadway	Malaga Street
E-Category	Engineering		
Primary Concern Type	Maintenance / Construction Issues		
Statuses (check all that apply)	Ongoing		

Issue Description

The concern is simply that the Emergency Vehicles can potentially become unable to exit promptly currently because cars are constantly blocking the intersection. Folks think that the Emergency Signal should be “connected” to our temporary signal at Malaga & turn red as our temporary signal turns red so that drivers do not block the intersection at all and know to stay behind the stop bar. I reiterated that the Fire Station has access to triggering this emergency stoplight and they usually trigger it as soon as the alert comes prior to gearing up and leaving so that it activates upon dismissal; and that perhaps a solution involves the Fire Station adjust their timing so that the Emergency Signal activates quicker than usual during this period.

D2 Admin Notes

04/14/2026 - Jacob Pickering reached out to Matt Kuhn with the Construction Project.

04/14/2026 - Response from Mr. Kuhn - I just spoke with Carlos Aviles (SAFD Fire Chief) and Don Fullerton (ETM traffic specialist) regarding these concerns. We are reviewing the option of placing pavement markings on US 1 at the Fire Station Emergency Exit Signal, which would state Do Not Block for the intersection and install post-mounted signs as well. Both would help with the concern and would be continually evaluated to ensure they are working. Please note, there is currently no communication between the two signals (Fire and Malaga) and there may be complications with using that approach. Hope this helps!

04/14/2026 - Email from Jacob to Matt Kuhn - Thank you, Matt, for the update and

for coordinating with Carlos and Don. I agree with the team's assessment; upgrading the pavement markings and installing new post-mounted signage will provide additional clarity for motorists and help to keep the intersection clear.

Looking forward to the results. Should the intersection continue to be blocked by motorists following the additional warnings, the next step would involve coordinating with law enforcement for stricter monitoring.

05/12/2026 - Comments from the meeting - Wait for the report.

06/04/2026 - Requested an update from Jacob Pickering.

06/04/2026 - Response from Matthew Kuhn - Project Manager - COSA is working to purchase the pavement markings/signage to help provide additional clarity for the motorists and to help keep the intersection clear. From my understanding, they are also exploring other options (delineators) as well.

06/09/2026 - Comments from the meeting - Wait for the review to see what options will be done.

07/07/2026 - Requested an update from Jacob Pickering and Matthew Kuhn.

07/07/2026 - Matthew Kuhn sent an email to Marcus Pinson and Todd Clark for an update.

FDOT District Two Engineering Concerns

Access ID	3008	CTST TEAM	St. Johns
Notified Date	Thursday, April 30, 2026	District 2 County	St Johns
Your Name	Mike Likley Al Pantano	Road Name	SB I-95 onramp at CR 210
Agency / Organization	St. Johns County Engineering / School Transportation		
E-Category	Engineering		
Primary Concern Type	Maintenance / Construction Issues		
Statuses (check all that apply)	Review Complete		

Issue Description

The St. Johns County School Board has brought to our attention that the asphalt on the I-95 southbound on-ramp at CR 210 is deteriorating and creating issues for merging vehicles.

Could your team please look into this matter and follow up with Al Pantano regarding FDOT’s findings and response?

D2 Admin Notes

- 05/05/2026 - This concern has been forwarded to Dr. Richard Bame and Preston Franklin with FDOT Maintenance.
- 06/01/2026 - Requested an update from Dr. Richard Bame & Preston Franklin.
- 06/09/2026 - Comments from the meeting - Wait for a response from FDOT Maintenance.
- 07/07/2026 - Requested an update from Dr. Bame & Preston Franklin.

Resolution

07/14/2026 - Response from Dr. Richard Bame - We are fixing the worst areas with a contract, the rest will be addressed with the upcoming project in 2028. We shall also continue to monitor

District Two Public Information

<https://nflroads.com>



St. Johns Roadway Construction Updates

County Road 16A west of Timberwolf Trail - Daytime lane closures weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nighttime lane closures 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for roadwork.

I-95 from Redhook Bay Drive to one mile east of Redhook Bay Drive - Daytime southbound shoulder closures Saturday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for roadside work.

King Street from North Ponce de Leon Boulevard (U.S. 1) to Malaga Street - Road closed to traffic for approximately seven months (late 2026) for bridge rehabilitation. Follow detour.

St. Johns Parkway (County Road 2209) from Waterford Drive to Silverleaf Village Drive - Daytime and nighttime lane closures weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning for road work.

State Road A1A from Cuna Street to Gerado Street (to include the Bridge of Lions bridge #780074) - Daytime road closure Saturday from 5 to 11 a.m. for a permitted event. Law enforcement will assist with traffic management.

State Road 16 from Race Track Road to Circle Drive East - Nighttime lane closures Sunday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for road work.

U.S. 1 at Durbin Creek (Bridge #780121) - Daytime southbound lane closure Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for routine bridge inspection.

Putnam Roadway Construction Updates

State Road 15 at Overlook Point - Daytime southbound lane closures Monday through July 31 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for road work.



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DRIVING TIPS FOR TEENS

Posted on 07/09/2024 by Traffic Safety Team

FDOT District Two Community Traffic Safety Program developed these short videos with driving tips for teens. A series of brief educational and informative traffic safety messages are available to share during National Teen Driver Safety Week, the *100 Deadliest Days* for Teen Drivers during the summer, and all year long.

These driving tips and reminders are excellent for drivers of all ages, significantly younger, inexperienced motorists. Knowing the road rules and having good driving behaviors will reduce crashes and eliminate fatalities and severe injuries on our roadways.

Read Florida Teen Safety Driving Coalition's [2024 Florida Teen Driver Fact Sheet](#) – a resource for understanding teen driving behaviors, crash statistics, and the challenges on Florida's roads. This guide provides data and insights to help teens, parents, and educators make informed decisions about roadway safety. Learn more here: [Florida Teen Driver Fact Sheet](#) webpage.

Road Rules Videos Include:

- Flashing Yellow Turn Signal
- Hit & Run
- Speeding
- Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Occupant Protection
- Florida's Move Over Law
- Pedestrian RRFBS
- Bicycle Safety
- E-Bike Safety
- Lane Departure
- Intersections
- Stop for School Buses
- Railroad Crossing
- Motorcycle Safety

Driving Tips for Teens - Traffic Safety Team

100 Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers

The "100 Deadliest Days" is the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when fatal teen crashes increase dramatically. Nationwide over 7,000 people died in teen-related crashes from 2010–2019 during this summer period.

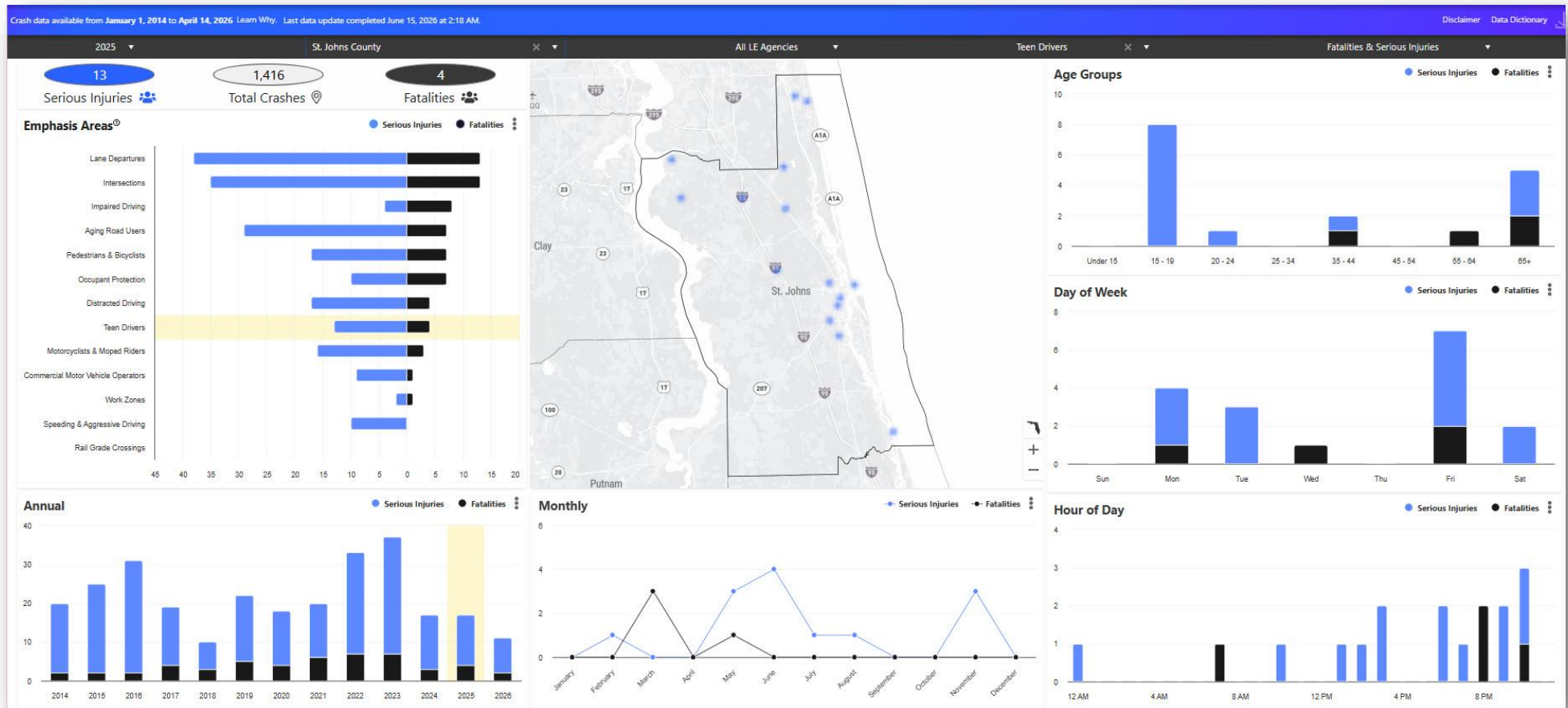
Teens drivers have a higher rate of fatal crashes, due to immaturity, lack of skills, and lack of experience. Teenagers speed, they make mistakes, they wear their safety belts less often, and they get distracted easily – especially if their friends are in the car.

For more information on FDOT Teen Driver Safety and related programs and grants, visit the [Safety Office Teen Driver Safety page](#). Visit the Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalitions' [100 Deadliest Days for Teen Driver's Page](#) for more.

Other Important Reminders for Teen Drivers:

- Reduce the number of passengers
- Lower music volume
- Use turn signals
- Limit driving at dark
- Obey the speed limit
- Stop at stop signs and traffic lights
- Share the road

St. Johns Crash Data – Teen Driving



Putnam Crash Data – Teen Driving



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Planning Today for Safer Roads Tomorrow

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SS4A funding supports communities at different stages of safety readiness through four primary grant phases:



- **Action Plan** – Development of a comprehensive Safety Action Plan that identifies high-injury networks, analyzes crash trends, and prioritizes safety strategies.



- **Planning & Demonstration** – Detailed analysis and quick-build or pilot projects to test safety countermeasures before permanent installation.



- **Implementation** – Design and construction of proven safety improvements identified in an adopted Action Plan.



- **Supplemental** – Development or updates of Action Plans to advance readiness for future implementation.

SS4A Awardees of FDOT District Two

Action Plan Grants:

- City of Palatka

Planning & Demonstration Grants:

- St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Learn More: <https://trafficsafetyteam.org/safe-streets-for-all/>



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CITY OF PALATKA SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Summer 2026

The City of Palatka is committed to making its streets safe for all people, whether you walk, bike, or drive, with the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2033. As a proud recipient of a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the City is developing a “**Safety Action Plan**” to guide future policies, projects, and strategies to reach this goal.

ENGAGE WITH US!

The City of Palatka invites you to the
Safety Action Plan Public Workshop
to discuss the safety analysis, draft policies,
and project selection.

Date: June 3, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Community Center
1990 Napoleon Street, Palatka, FL 32177

WHY SAFETY NOW?

The true cost of a crash goes far beyond the moment of impact. According to the Florida Department of Transportation’s State Safety Office Bulletin (February 23, 2022), **a single fatal crash costs society \$10,890,000**, accounting for lost lives, medical care, emergency response, and long-term economic loss.

Road safety is not just a transportation issue, it is also a community health and economic concern. That is why the City of Palatka is committed to reaching zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2033, and why **your PARTICIPATION in this plan MATTERS!**

Our Streets Are For Everyone!



CITY OF PALATKA SAFETY ACTION PLAN

WHAT IS THE WORKSHOP ABOUT?

From 2020 to 2024, there were 111 fatal or serious injury crashes on Palatka’s streets. The City has analyzed the data, identified the High Injury Network (HIN), and is developing a “Safety Action Plan” to reduce crashes. Now we need your voice to shape what comes next.

Join us at the workshop to:

- **Explore the Safety Analysis** - See where and how many crashes are happening across Palatka, including the streets that make up our HIN
- **Review Draft Policies & Strategies** - Learn about proposed solutions designed to reduce crashes and protect our most vulnerable road users
- **Shape the Project List** - Tell us which safety improvements matter most to you and help prioritize where investments should go

HOW YOUR INPUT WILL SHAPE THE PLAN?

Attend & Engage

Prioritize Projects

Feedback is weighed
alongside Crash Data

Draft Plan & Second
Workshop

PROJECT TIMELINE

Winter 2025

- Project Kickoff
- Safety Analysis
- Community Awareness

Spring 2026

- Draft Policies
- Strategy & Project Selection

Summer 2026

- Public Workshop 1 (June 3, 2026)
- Draft Safety Action Plan
- Public Workshop 2

Fall 2026

- Final Safety Action Plan Adoption

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

You can attend the Spring 2026 Public Workshop on **June 3, 2026**, at the **Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Community Center** from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**, visit the project website, or scan the QR code to share feedback online. Your participation ensures the plan reflects real experiences, real concerns, and real needs from across the community and helps achieve the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2033. **JOIN US ON JUNE 3!**

Follow us to learn more about the
Safety Action Plan and give your input



<https://palatka-fl.gov/609/City-of-Palatka-Safety-Action-Plan>

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