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Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Crosswalk Enforcement

In February, Bike/Walk Central Florida partnered with the Volusia County Sheriff's Department, Holly Hill Police Department, New Smyrna Beach Police Department, Ormond Beach Police Department, and the Daytona Beach Shores Police Department to conduct quarterly high-visibility crosswalk enforcement operations. These crosswalk enforcements are part of a more comprehensive effort to educate drivers about Florida's right-of-way laws and curb the pattern of aggressive behavior towards pedestrians. During the operation, plainclothes officers cross the street at marked crosswalks, giving drivers enough time to yield as <u>Florida law requires</u>. Uniformed officers are monitoring driver behavior and drivers who fail to stop are pulled over and may be issued a warning or a citation of at least \$164 and three points on their license. The five Volusia County crosswalk enforcement operation locations included:

- S. Atlantic Ave. & Ocean Ave in New Smyrna Beach
- S. Atlantic Ave. & Bellemead Dr. in Daytona Beach Shores
- Ocean Shore Blvd. & Tom Renick Park in Ormond Beach
- Walker St. & Center Ave. in Holly Hill
- Dirksen Dr. & Mansion Blvd. in DeBary

In total, for the five high-visibility enforcement operations, 24 warnings were given to drivers and 94 citations were issued.

For more information on the Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program <u>click here</u>.

CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO OF A PLAINCLOTHES OFFICER CROSSING AT THE DIRKSEN DR. & MANSION BLVD. CROSSWALK IN DEBARY





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Families & Communities Together (FACT) Fair

On Thursday, February 15, the TPO attended the Volusia County Schools FACT Fair at Heritage Middle School in Deltona. The TPO encouraged attendees to be safe while riding their bikes and walking. as well as providing instructions for drivers to enable the do not disturb function on their phones.



Junior League Child Health Fair

On Saturday, February 24, the TPO attended the Junior League Child Health Fair at Buddy Taylor Middle School in Palm Coast. The TPO discussed safety for children and adults while riding their bikes and walking.

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Ongoing Projects, Studies, & Activities

February 2024

- Implement Regional Resiliency Action Plan
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Implementation
- Call for Projects Process Subcommittees ranking project & study applications
- Best Foot Forward for Ped Safety Program
- FY 2024/25 and 20 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 development

NSB Health & Wellness Fair

On Saturday, February 17, the TPO participated in the New Smyrna Beach Health & Wellness Fair at the Babe James Community Center. The TPO promoted distraction-free bicycle/pedestrian and driver safety. This well-attended event showcased more than 50 vendors.

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