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COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES AT OAK HILL'S FIRST ANNUAL BIKE SAFETY DAY

The Volusia-Flagler TPO was excited to team up with the City of Oak Hill to put family safety in the spotlight during the first annual Bike Safety Day at Nancy Cummings Park. The event brought together neighbors, local organizations, and volunteers for a fun-filled morning centered around staying safe on two wheels.

TPO staff fitted more than 20 children and adults for bicycle helmets, ensuring riders of all ages had the protection they need for their riding. The event didn't stop there—thanks to the generosity of local residents and businesses, the community hosted a bicycle giveaway featuring 18 brand-new bikes in various sizes. The smiles said it all as lucky winners rolled away with their new rides.

Adding to the community atmosphere, First Baptist Church of Oak Hill generously provided a barbecue lunch for event-goers and participating agencies. Their hospitality helped make the day even more memorable.

With strong community support and families eager to learn and participate, the inaugural Bike Safety Day was a resounding success. The TPO looks forward to continuing this partnership for many years to come!





Oak Hill Bike Safety Day Raffle

Pedals, PE, and Plenty of Smiles at Family Fitness Day!

On Saturday, March 28, the Volusia-Flagler TPO teamed up with McInnis Elementary School and fit children and teens with properly sized bicycle helmets during Family Fitness Day in DeLeon Springs. Families rotated through five fun activity stations—including a bicycle safety stop—where each child and teen received a free, fitted helmet and lots of safety information and gear provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The day wrapped up with a lively parents-vs-students kickball game followed by lunch. In total, more than 50 helmets were fitted and given out, supporting safer riding practices throughout the community.

Did You Know? Among teenagers who wear helmets, 54% acknowledge safety as their primary reason, 31% are influenced by their parents, 8% by legal requirements, and 7% by the desire to avoid fines. [\(source\)](#)



Special thanks to Taylor High School volunteers, Esperanza, who took the photos and Yuriana, the all-around helmet helper.

Ongoing Activities

- Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program Implementation in Flagler County
- Traffic Operations/Safety and Bicycle/ Pedestrian Feasibility Studies Implementation
- Vision Zero Action Plan Implementation
- Annual Call for Projects Priority Process: Priority Project Applications Review and Scoring
- Volusia-Flagler TPO Website Update
- FY 2026/27 and 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- TPO Budget Development
- Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update
- FY 2026/27 to 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

Public comments are now being accepted for the draft FY 2026/27 and 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
More information: www.vftpo.org

Upcoming Events

April 18 - Ponce Preserves the Planet Event

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet

April 25 - Celebrate Trails Day

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Waterfront Park

150 Waterfront Park Road, Palm Coast

May 9 - New Smyrna Beach Library Helmet Fitting

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

New Smyrna Beach Library

1001 S. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach

