



## Florida SRTS Updates

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### Florida Updates: State

**Partnerships with the Florida Department of Health:** The SRTS program has developed several partnerships with Florida Department of Health, which are mutually beneficial. These are described below:

- **Office of Injury Prevention:**

- I have been a member of the Safe Kids Advisory Council for a number of years, and many of Florida's SRTS programs are being implemented by local Safe Kids Chapters and Coalitions. This is a natural partnership which we hope to continue for the long run.
- They have helped our office with the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and our office has helped them with their Injury Prevention Plan. They have now established an online Injury Prevention Calendar, viewable at: <http://calendar.doh.state.fl.us/main.php?calendar=InjuryPrevention>. As you can see, this week is *Drive Alert and Arrive Alive - Drowsy Driving Prevention Week*, and there will be a *Bicycle Helmet Fitting and Safety Training* here in Tallahassee on Thursday morning, November 19. If you want to publicize your community SRTS events like bicycle rodeos or safety fairs, or other bicycle and pedestrian events, you have two choices. You can either send them to me and I will post them on this calendar, or you can contact Leilani Gruener ([Leilani.Gruener@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Leilani.Gruener@doh.state.fl.us) or 850.245.4440 ext. 2466) or to request an account so you can post your own events. Let's use this new calendar to publicize all the good public SRTS programs which are being planned around the state.

- **Healthy Communities, Healthy People:** I was recently invited to present a webinar on Florida's Safe Routes to School Program, to the Healthy Communities, Healthy People program. This is a program led by the Florida Department of Health and implemented by an employee in each county health department. About half of the counties participated in the October 21 webinar, which I presented from their office. The webinar created a lot of interest, both in the Healthy Communities, Healthy People program, and among other employees of the Department of Health. We are now beginning to work with them on a new partnership which will help with the implementation of SRTS in many communities around Florida. We are excited about this new partnership, and more details will be forthcoming as the ideas become a little firmer.

**Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program (FTBSEP) Press Release:** The University of Florida, which oversees the FTBSEP, issued a press release recently to let more people know about the program which is funded by Florida Department of Transportation. The release says, in part:

*The mission of the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program is to reduce injuries and fatalities by teaching children the lifelong skills needed to be competent, as well as predictable, cyclists and pedestrians.*

State trainer Dan Connaughton is quoted as saying:

*Besides saving lives, this program has a tremendous impact on the state's economy...By cutting down on the number of cars on the road, we reduce traffic congestion as well as our dependence on fuel and the environmental costs associated with it. And with the rise in obesity, getting young people to be more active eliminates a substantial number of health problems and the costs that go with them.*

The press release also explains that the program works with Safe Routes to School programs throughout Florida to encourage more children to walk or bike safely to school and ties in with the goals of the Florida Department of Transportation's Pedestrian/Bicycle Program. With so many states struggling to create a pedestrian and bicycle curriculum which can be used for SRTS, Florida is very fortunate to have this long-running, successful program as a resource.

The connection between the two programs was featured last month at the annual Florida Association of Health,

Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sports (FAHPERDS) Conference last month in Orlando. Since I wasn't able to travel, Dan gave my both my presentation and his. The presentations explained how SRTS and FTBSEP meet many of the goals of physical education teachers, and generated a lot of interest. Read the press release at: <http://news.ufl.edu/2009/10/28/bicycle-safety/>, and for more information, see the program website at: <http://www.hhp.ufl.edu/safety/index.html>.

## Florida Updates: Local

**Atlantic Beach Story on Walk to School Day:** Students at Atlantic Beach Elementary School spent a few days learning about walking and bicycling safety from Safe Kids, the Atlantic Beach Police Department and others, before participating in Walk to School Day. Many children in Atlantic Beach already walk or bike to school, so this was an opportunity to learn how to do so more safely. Read the story at: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/21252952/detail.html#>.

### News from St. Petersburg:

- **St. Petersburg Wins 2009 National Roadway Safety Award:** St. Petersburg was awarded the 2009 National Roadway Safety Award for its pioneering use of a pedestrian activated, LED crosswalk beacon called the Enhancer. The Enhancer flashes solar-powered, rectangular rapid flashing amber LEDs to alert motorists when a pedestrian is preparing to use the crosswalk. Research showed the 33 Enhancers which have been installed have increased driver yielding to pedestrians from less than 2% to more than 82%, and that there has been a 17% drop in pedestrian crashes citywide in the last two years. Tests of the Enhancer in other parts of Florida, New Mexico, Illinois and Washington D.C. have shown similar results. Only the standard traffic light and High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk, both of which are significantly larger and use a solid red indication have produced better results in FHWA tests.

The National Roadway Safety Award is given biennially by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Roadway Safety Foundation for making verifiable and significant strides towards improving safety on the nation's highways. It recognizes St. Petersburg as being "the best of the best" in effectiveness, innovation and efficiently using resources towards this goal.

- **Interview with St. Petersburg's Mayor:** The September/October issue of *Safe Routes Matters* features an interview with Rick Baker, Mayor of St. Petersburg, on the topic of his "Play 'n' Close" to Home" initiative which seeks to make a playground available to every child, within a half mile of his or her residence. During the past seven years, the number of youth living within a half mile radius of a playground has increased from 49 to 75 percent, and 25 new playgrounds have been added, including 11 on school properties. These playgrounds have been created through innovative joint use agreements with Pinellas County Schools whereby the city could use school property to build playgrounds that are open to the school when in session, and to the public after hours and on weekends.

The NCSRTS interviewed Mayor Baker at the National League of Cities' National Summit on Children and Families in Boston. Here is an excerpt from the interview:

**Q: What advice could you provide to individuals working to create an environment and infrastructure that makes it safer for kids to walk and bicycle to school?**

*A: I'm of the belief that most of what we do is to make it a good place for kids to grow up. That includes all sorts of things — before school, after school — and includes lots of things to increase the quality of life for kids and make it safer for kids to walk on the sidewalk.*

*As I'm sure you can appreciate this is a multi-component effort with various needs, including pedestrian safety education, enforcement and physical improvements to ensure safety. The biggest thing that happens to kids when they are using sidewalks is broken arms because of broken sidewalks, but we don't have that problem anymore. We've built over 100 miles of additional sidewalks in St. Pete and reduced sidewalk repair time from a 28-month response time to less than one month.*

Mayor Baker has long been a supporter of bicycling and walking issues, and can be proud of the national recognition he and his programs have received. Read more of this interview at:

[http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/news\\_room/newsletter/09-september-october.cfm](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/news_room/newsletter/09-september-october.cfm).

**District Seven Pedestrian Safety Action Plans:** Florida DOT District Seven has been working with both Hillsborough

and Pinellas Counties to develop comprehensive Pedestrian Safety Action Plans (PSAP's), following the format developed by Federal Highway Administration. Recent feedback from FHWA staff indicates that District 7's PSAPs are the most advanced efforts in the country and are being used as examples for other jurisdictions. We congratulate District 7 on all their hard work in this area. Read the Pinellas PSAP at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/mpo/docs/Pinellas%20PSAP%20Final%20Report%20083109.pdf>.

## News from Other States and Countries

**New York City Celebrates International Walk to School Day:** During the Walk 21 Conference in New York City, the National Center for SRTS co-hosted a Walk to School Day event with Livable Streets Education. Check out this cool [two-minute video highlighting the celebration](#).

**News from New Hampshire:** Two recent articles on SRTS were published at fosters.com:

- **Portsmouth kids go to school the old-fashioned way — on foot:** four elementary and one middle school took part in International Walk to School Day, accompanied by adults and two friendly neighborhood dogs. Organizer Rebecca Emerson said:

*I really enjoy my time in the morning spent with my husband and son...Being a gardener and a 'nature geek, I love watching how the landscape has changed from summer to fall. When you slow down and walk, you can notice the cosmos still blooming and the leaves of the Ginkgo trees still hanging on.*

Read more at: [http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091030/GJCOMMUNITY\\_01/710309925/-1/foscommunity](http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091030/GJCOMMUNITY_01/710309925/-1/foscommunity).

- **Safe Routes to School: State funds help Rochester students to adopt healthier ways:** this article describes a mile long planned walk to school and future SRTS plans. Assistant Principal Kat Crosby said:

*... the school plans to use the school's Wildcat symbol on signs and on the sidewalk itself along the route. She added they are in the process of creating the signs.*

Although it rained a bit, the walk was a rousing success. Even the school cooks got involved in preparing snacks for the walkers, though they would have preferred walking with the children. Read more at: [http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091029/GJNEWS\\_01/710299714](http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091029/GJNEWS_01/710299714).

**Portland, Oregon Police Training Video:** This video was developed to train law enforcement officers in Portland, Oregon on bicycle laws and laws for motorists interacting with bicyclists. Although the laws may be slightly different in Florida, the principles are the same, and the video is worth watching. See it at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/police/index.cfm?a=266259&c=50412>.

Other good parts of the Portland law enforcement program are:

- The Share the Road Safety Class for first-time offenders (3,000 taught so far): <http://www.legacyhealth.org/bdy.cfm?id=981>
- There are new Education Missions that occur when new engineering devices are installed or to emphasize desired travel behavior at locations with safety concern. See: <http://bikeportland.org/2008/03/25/police-begin-enforcement-of-new-bike-box/> and <http://bikeportland.org/2008/10/01/police-bureau-continues-with-traffic-safety-education-missions-at-broadwayflint/>

**Missoula, Montana:** Read the inspiring story of how 9-year old Elli Giammona learned about the petition process. She requested and will get a sidewalk so she can ride to school and other destinations: [http://www.missoulian.com/news/local/article\\_82ce5f98-ab21-11de-80db-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.missoulian.com/news/local/article_82ce5f98-ab21-11de-80db-001cc4c03286.html).

**UK Cyclist Awareness Tests:** Some of you may have already seen this. This is a great way to test how observant you are: <http://tinyurl.com/6zx77t>

## National News

**Monday's Pedestrian Safety Focus States/Cities Web Conference includes FDOT Presenters:** As you may already know, Florida is one of the Pedestrian Safety Focus States, because of our pedestrian crash challenges. As such, Florida has been participating in a series of webinars and training courses coordinated by the Federal Highway Administration. The next web conference will focus on crosswalk guidelines and their implementation. If you want to see this web conference and are near a District FDOT or County office, see if they can host it, to cut down on the number of lines used.

The web conference will take place on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 Eastern Time. The call in information is below:

- LINK TO JOIN THE WEB CONFERENCE
  - <http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/pedfocus/>
  - Select “enter as guest,” type your name in the space provided, then click on “enter room”
- TELECONFERENCE NUMBER TO ACCESS AUDIO PORTION
  - Phone: 800-988-0375
  - Passcode: 6810859

This web conference will feature three presentations/discussions on the somewhat controversial crosswalk guidelines issued by the Federal Highway Administration several years ago in the document *Safety Effects of Marked Versus Unmarked Crosswalks at Uncontrolled Locations*. Presentations are:

- Charlie Zegeer (Ped/Bike Information Center) will discuss the crosswalk guidelines and how to apply the study recommendations.
- Pete Lagerwey (Toole Design Group) will discuss how the City of Seattle, Washington used the guidelines to improve and upgrade all crosswalks at uncontrolled locations to meet the recommendations of the study.
- Mary Anne Koos (Florida Department of Transportation) and Chester Henson (FDOT) will discuss how FDOT used the guidelines to develop a statewide crosswalk policy, and how they continue to use the guidelines today and research on crosswalk markings.

**ITE Journal Features Article on Florida SRTS Data Collection:** This article, entitled *Analyze Factors Affecting Students' Travel Modes Using Multi-Perspectives Diagnosis Approach*, was written based on data collection which two University of South Florida professors conducted as part of Florida's SRTS program, under the direction of District 7's Safety Engineer, Peter Hsu. Using the forms produced by the National Center for SRTS, they collected both student in-class travel tallies and parents' surveys at 16 elementary and 2 middle schools in Pinellas County. The Conclusions and Future Work section states, in part:

*...distance is the most significant factor and largest barrier for the long distance interval group. For short distance interval, safety issues such as crime prevent children from walking/biking to school. Subjective factors (school attitudes, allowable grade, and student's attitudes in particular), are also significant factors in general. For different individual schools, however, the significant factors variates were due to unique situations around each school. Besides distance, we discovered that walking/biking rate increases as residential density around the school increase. Improvement of sidewalk conditions and an increase of the accessibility of the road also results in increasing the walking/biking rate in general. The results give us guidelines on the direction of how to improve walking/biking rate...*

Read more of this interesting research at: [http://www.transportchicago.org/images/PS-Analyze\\_Factors\\_Affecting\\_Students\\_Travel\\_Modes\\_Using\\_Multi-Perspectives Dignosis Approach.pdf](http://www.transportchicago.org/images/PS-Analyze_Factors_Affecting_Students_Travel_Modes_Using_Multi-Perspectives_Dignosis_Approach.pdf)

**Walk to School Day Reaches New Record:** 3,369 Walk to School Day events were registered through the web site <http://www.walktoschool.org/>, an increase of 481 events (17 percent) over last year! It is likely that many more events occurred but didn't register. These local events received great media coverage around the country. Over 24,000 stories cover walking to school in general, and 375 stories on Walk to School Day have been published since the beginning of October. International Walk to School Day continues to be an excellent opportunity to publicize SRTS and show how much fun it can be to walk to school.

**NCSRTS Seeks SRTS Programs Measuring Health or Environmental Benefits:** According to the September/October issue of Safe Routes Matters:

*The National Center for Safe Routes to School is developing a report for the Federal Highway Administration and for local practitioners that describes how SRTS programs are measuring changes in health or the environment as part of their program. Measures may include looking at physical activity amounts, counting the numbers of cars arriving at the school campus in order to estimate reductions in pollution, assessing changes in air quality or other ways to look for potential improvements related to physical or environmental health.*

*If you are involved in a program that includes attempts to measure changes to health or the environment, we'd welcome a chance to speak with you about what is being measured, how it's being measured and what results, if any, have been collected. Even if you are in the development stages and don't yet have any results, we'd like to hear about your plans. Please contact Megan Cornog at [cornog@hsrnc.unc.edu](mailto:cornog@hsrnc.unc.edu) or (919) 962-7411.*

Please contact Megan if your SRTS program meets the criteria described.

**2009 James L. Oberstar SRTS Award Announced:** The National Center for SRTS recently announced that the winner of the 2009 James L. Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award is Ben W. Murch Elementary School in Washington, DC. They hope to use many of the other application in developing future case studies. An event was held in Washington, D. C. at the school on October 26, and the award was presented by Chairman Oberstar to the principal and members of the Safety Patrol.

Murch Elementary School was selected because of its successful Safe Routes to School program efforts, which include:

- Reversing school policy that prohibited students from bicycling to school without special permission
- Building community support for walking and bicycling to school, including neighborhood support for new sidewalk construction, and reducing other barriers to walking in the Murch neighborhood
- Implementing a 17-member student Safety Patrol program to enforce safe driving and parking behavior around the school

Chairman Oberstar said:

*Murch Elementary School has made incredible progress improving the school's safe walking and bicycling culture and infrastructure...I am pleased to help recognize the tremendous efforts made here in Washington, DC and hope Murch will inspire similar programs at other schools across the country. Together, we are changing the transportation habits of an entire generation of young people, and shaping a healthier, safer, less energy-dependent nation.*

**Second Extension of SAFETEA-LU: Highway Program Extended to December 18:** The November 4, 2009 e-newsletter of the Floridians for Better Transportation reports:

*With the October 30th deadline having arrived on the first thirty day extension of SAFETEA-LU authorization and no action on separate extension legislation, the House and the Senate included language in the Continuing Resolution needed to fund most of the Federal government to continue highway and transit program spending authorization until December 18, 2009.*

*The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee bipartisan leadership had hoped to enact a six month extension of the program and to address in that bill the \$8.7 billion rescission of contract authority that went into effect on September 30. However, objections from two republican Senators prevented the bill from coming to the Senate floor. The House has already passed a three month extension also with the intent of continuing to work on the long term bill.*

We will continue to report updates as we receive them.

**The Real Cost of School Siting:** America Walks and the National Center for Safe Routes to School, will host a free webinar on Tues., Nov. 17, 2009, at 2 pm EST, discussing the real cost of school siting. Matthew Dalbey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Smart Growth, and Renee Kuhlman, National Trust for Historic Preservation, will provide insight into the history of school siting and lead discussion on the topic. Please consider inviting your county's school siting personnel to join you in viewing this webinar. To reserve your webinar seat, go to the [America Walks registration page](#).

**The League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Announces Fall Bicycle Friendly Awards:** LAB recently announced fifteen new Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC) and three renewing BFCs. This year's list included many more

awardees from the Midwest to the East coast, disproving the myth that the best cycling cities are only in the West. Included in this list are two Florida cities. Boca Raton renewed its Bronze status, and Tallahassee received a new Bronze status. Bicycle Friendly Awards need to be renewed periodically, so these two cities join Gainesville (Silver), Orlando (Bronze) and St. Petersburg (Bronze) as Florida's five Bicycle Friendly Communities. Read more at: <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/communities/index.php>.

**Funding Available for Health Impact Projects:** The Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts, is a national initiative designed to promote the use of health impact assessments (HIAs) as a decision-making tool for policymakers. HIAs are a flexible, data-driven approach that identifies the health consequences of new policies, and develops practical strategies to enhance their health benefits and minimize adverse effects.

The project is now accepting applications on a rolling basis to fund up to 15 HIA demonstrations at the local, state or tribal level. Grants will range from between \$25,000 and \$150,000 each. For more information, see: [www.healthimpactproject.org](http://www.healthimpactproject.org). A conference call on this topic which took place recently should be archived on this site soon.

### **Safe Routes to School National Partnership (SRTSNP) News:**

- **The SRTSNP is Hiring:** If you are interested in working on SRTS issues on a national basis, below is a job announcement related to their State Network program. The announcement says the application period is open until the position is filled, but they hope the person can start on November 23, 2009:

#### **State Network Associate**

*We're seeking a temporary, 30 hour/week organized professional with proven success in non-profit administrative, organization, and communications work to assist the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) National Partnership's state network director in launching a new two-year phase of the Safe Routes to School State Network Project. **Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the position and how to apply, [click here](#).*

- **The SRTSNP Continues to Educate Congress:** The SRTSNP has continued to educate Congress about the need for more support for SRTS, and about the various bills which have been introduced to continue and expand the program. The "Dear Congress" letter writing campaign yielded more than 800 letters from local constituents on the benefits of SRTS; these letters are now being shared with the appropriate Congressmen. The Partnership reports:

*Congressman Blumenauer (D-OR) will soon be introducing legislation to expand Safe Routes to School to high schools; we will circulate additional information and a call to action as soon as that happens.*

- **The SRTSNP Recently Issued Two New Position Papers, both focused on Non-Infrastructure SRTS Programs:**

- *Safe Routes to School National Partnership Final Position Paper on Students with Disabilities:* This paper explores the federal requirement that SRTS programs include students with various disabilities, and makes recommendations for steps to achieve greater compliance with this requirement. The Conclusion says:

*It is clear that Congress intended for the federal Safe Routes to School program to serve students with disabilities, but thus far few resources have been created to serve this important need. The Safe Routes to School National Partnership looks forward to working with the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Council on Disability, relevant programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Center for Safe Routes to School to advance these Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure recommendations as soon as possible. We also look forward to working with State agencies, local agencies, and local schools participating in the proposed pilot programs to serve the needs of students with disabilities within Safe Routes to School programs.*

Read the paper here: [Serving Students with Disabilities Through Safe Routes to School Programs](#).

- *Making the Most of Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School Funds:* This paper explores some of the

successful strategies which state and local SRTS programs are using to implement Non-Infrastructure programs. Five of Florida programs are highlighted under *Education in Schools*. The paper's Conclusion says, in part:

*Non-infrastructure elements of SRTS programs are cost-effective and important for achieving the goals of the program. There is a great need to have states and practitioners share more information about successful SRTS non-infrastructure strategies that are already in place.*

Read the paper here: [Making the Most of Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School Funds](#).

- **SRTSNP Seeks Input for Two New SRTS Resource Guides:** The SRTSNP is looking for volunteers to participate in brainstorming sessions in early December on what these guides should include. There will be two different resource guides and brainstorming sessions, focused on:
  - Best practices for implementing SRTS in low-income, urban, rural, and/or minority communities
  - Materials for school leaders tying SRTS to efforts to build lifelong skills into PE and increase minutes of physical activity

During the two-hour conference calls, they are asking for participants to discuss what should be included in the guides, challenges they are facing, and good examples and practices which could be featured in the guides. If you are interested in participating in one or both sessions, e-mail Margo Pedroso no later than November 20: [margo@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:margo@saferoutespartnership.org).

## Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

❖ Indicates new items                      Items repeated until events are held                      All times are Eastern unless noted

### November-December, 2009:

- ❖ **November 12, 2:00-3:00 pm, free webinar *The Power of 25: Advocacy Strategies for Creating Livable Communities*:** This webinar is sponsored by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) as part of its Livable Communities Webinar Series. The presenter will be Pete Lagerway, Senior Transportation Planner, Toole Design Group, and the webinar will articulate useful strategies for establishing and running an effective advocacy group in an effort to achieve safer streets and livable communities. The presentation will address the challenges of developing a clear message, creating a work plan, and building and sustaining relationships among diverse community stakeholders. To register, please visit <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/277980042>.
- ❖ **November 17, 2:00-3:30 pm, free webinar: *The Real Cost of School Siting*:** This webinar will be presented by the National Center for Safe Routes to School and America Walks. Presenters will be Matthew Dalbey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Smart Growth, and Renee Kuhlman, National Trust for Historic Preservation. They will provide insight into the history of school siting and lead discussion on the topic. To reserve your webinar seat, go to the [America Walks registration page](#).
- **November 17, 2:00-3:30 pm, Webinar *Maintenance Practices for Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity*:** Join the Signing and Marking Materials Committee (AHD55) of the Transportation Research Board to hear and discuss four different maintenance practices for traffic sign retroreflectivity. Free for FDOT employees, FHWA employees and other TRB sponsors listed at: <http://www.trb.org/Finance/Public/Sponsors.aspx>. The fee for others is \$99. Space is limited. More info and register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/776378744>.
- **November 18, APBP webinar, 3:00-4:00 pm on *How to Build Political Will for Strong Bike/Walk Programs Using the 3-Legged Stool Model*,** with presenters Ian Thomas, PedNet Coalition (Advocate); Stacia Reilly, Columbia/Boone County Dept. of Public Health (Staff); Mayor Darwin Hindman, City of Columbia, MO (Elected). Cost is \$50/site for APBP members, \$60/site for non-members. Register at: <http://www.apbp.org/?page=Webinars&hhSearchTerms=webinars>.
- **December 1, 2009: Deadline for the Call For Papers for Probike/Prowalk Florida 2010:** This conference will be held in Lakeland from May 11-13, 2010. The conference theme is "The Dollars and Sense of Bicycling and Walking".

- **December 4, 1:00-2:30, Creating Sustainable Communities:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: [http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar\\_details.asp?EventID=678](http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=678).
- **December 16, APBP webinar, 3:00-4:00 pm on *Connecting with Public Health Professionals on Bike/Ped Issues (includes Health Impact Assessments)*,** with presenters Karen Nikolai, Hennepin County; Brian Fellows, Arizona SRTS. Cost is \$50/site for APBP members, \$60/site for non-members. Register at: <http://www.apbp.org/?page=Webinars&hhSearchTerms=webinars>.

#### 2010:

- ❖ **February 4-6: 9th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Seattle, WA.** Info: <http://tinyurl.com/yh3fg7d>
- **February 7-10, 10th American Academy of Health Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting, Clearwater Beach, FL.** The theme of the conference is *Implementation Science: Translating Evidence-Based Health Behavior Research to Practice*. The Call for Abstracts ends September 25, 2009. More Info: <http://www.aahb-temp.net/index.php>.
- **February 24, ITE/NCSRTS webinar *Site Transportation at Schools*:** The emphasis will be on traffic planning that will make it easier and safer for walkers and bicyclists. More information will be forthcoming.
- **April 8, Florida Bike Summit:** Capitol Courtyard, Tallahassee. This will be the second Florida Bike Summit, an opportunity to gather and discuss with legislators, the issues which are important to bicyclists. More details will be shared as they develop.
- **May 11-13, ProBike/ProWalk Florida Conference:** Lakeland Center/Hyatt Place Lakeland Center. Save the date and plan to attend this excellent conference on all things relating to bicycling and walking in Florida, including SRTS. More details will be shared as they develop.
- **May 30-June 2, International Conference on Safety and Mobility of Vulnerable Road Users:** This international conference will be held in Jerusalem, Israel, and will focus on the safety and mobility of pedestrians, motorcyclists, and bicyclists. Info: <http://tinyurl.com/ny4j7c>
- ❖ **June 13-18, Built Environment Assessment Training (BEAT) Institute, Philadelphia, PA:** Info: <http://tinyurl.com/yf5chyl>
- **September 13-17, Pro Walk/Pro Bike®:** the Sixteenth International Symposium on Walking and Bicycling, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Watch this website for information: <http://www.bikewalk.org/2010conference/index.html>.

#### Ongoing:

- **Context Sensitive Solutions Webinars:** Past webinars which are archived on the CSS website at <http://www.contextsensitivesolutions.org/content/webinar/> and may be of interest to SRTS advocates include:
  - A Guide to Building CSS Knowledge and Skills for Successful Project Delivery
  - Using Design Flexibility to Achieve Context Sensitive Solutions
  - Complete Streets and Context Sensitive Solutions
- **America Walks/NCSRTS Webinar series:** If you missed any of these webinars, please go to [http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can\\_webinars.cfm](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can_webinars.cfm) to download and view the webinar.
- **New Partners for Smart Growth 2009 Powerpoints:** More than 230 PowerPoint presentations from the 2009 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference are now available on Smart Growth Online, courtesy of the Local Government Commission (LGC). The 2009 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, hosted attendance of more than 1000 people from across the country for three full days of presentations, discussions, and information sharing. Browse the complete list of presentations at: <http://www.smartgrowth.org/newpartners/NPSG2009.asp>

- **Canadian Operation Lifesaver Website for Children:** in English or French, featuring a variety of train safety activities for children at: <http://www.olkids.ca/>. Several of the activities show children who have to cross train tracks while walking to school.
- **Pedestrian Focus States Webinar on Pedestrian/Bicycle Law Enforcement:** This December 17, 2008 webinar can be viewed at: <http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/pedfocus/>. Sign in as a guest (first name and last name). In the bottom right hand corner, click on the *Enforcement Workshop for Webinar* files and select "Save to My Computer".
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## Florida SRTS Updates

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**SafeRoutes**  
Florida Safe Routes to School



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### Florida Updates: State

**The Deadline for Papers for Pro-Bike/Pro-Walk Florida Conference is December 1:** This is a reminder that the Florida Bicycle Association (FBA) is looking for proposals for the 5th Pro-Bike/Pro-Walk Florida Conference, which will be held in Lakeland, Florida from May 11-13, 2010. The theme for next year's conference is *The Dollars and Sense of Bicycling and Walking*. This theme could be approached by answering a number of different questions, for instance:

- How do you assign dollar values to the benefits of creating communities that are bicycle and pedestrian friendly?
- What are the costs associated with not having that kind of environment? (Both individual and societal health costs, for instance)
- How much money is brought into Florida as a result of bike-related tourism? Why do people choose to vacation in places where they can park their cars and walk?
- What are the environmental impacts (including financial impacts) of encouraging more bicycling and walking?
- How much money could be saved if more people walked or biked?
- What other aspects of cycling and walking impacts our economy?

Each of these questions could be answered in terms of SRTS projects and programs. Please think about the economic impacts of your SRTS projects and programs, and how they are improving Florida's economy. Then submit a paper for consideration as a presentation at next year's conference, by December 1. We would love to have SRTS presentations from all over Florida.

FBA is also looking for sessions which are appropriate for professional development credits for planners, landscape architects, transportation engineers, and other professionals.

Please direct your questions and submit session summaries with the following information to Dan Moser, FBA Program Manager, at [dan@floridabicycle.org](mailto:dan@floridabicycle.org):

- Contact Information
- Session Topic
- Topic Significance to Conference
- Outline of Presentation/Session
- Other Proposed Speakers to Compliment Topic
- Date Submitted

This conference is always excellent; let's make the 5<sup>th</sup> conference the best one yet!

### Florida Updates: Local

**Assessing Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements in St. Petersburg:** An article with this title in the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center's fall '09 *Directions* e-newsletter summarized several evaluations done by UNC for the City of St. Petersburg, Florida. The article concludes, in part:

*In each of the cases studied for the City of St. Petersburg, research indicated increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, and the potential for gains in mode shift, that is people choosing to walk and bike rather than drive...*

Read the article and the rest of *Directions* at <http://www.hsrrc.unc.edu/directions/2009/fall/pedbikesafety.htm>.

**Pinellas County Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Featured as a Success Story on PBIC's website:** The Pedestrian

and Bicycle Information Center's website is <http://www.walkinginfo.org/training/pbic/success.cfm>. Among the success stories on creation of Pedestrian Safety Action Plans, is this write-up on Pinellas County:

*Over the past five years, the number of per capita pedestrian crash fatalities in Florida has been higher than every other state except New Mexico. Over the past five years, on average, 28 people per year have died in Pinellas County pedestrian crashes and nearly 100 people per year have sustained incapacitating injury. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) published its [Pinellas County Pedestrian Safety Action Plan](#) in hopes of reducing these numbers. Approved by the MPO at its meeting on September 9, 2009, the Plan provides local government agencies in the County with engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency medical service (EMS) strategies and supporting information to help local practitioners understand the tools and organizational changes necessary to implement these strategies.*

Congratulations, District Seven and Pinellas County, on this progressive step and national recognition!

**Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility:** FHWA will be presenting a free web-based course with this title, for Florida on December 7-10. It will begin and end with web conferences from 1:00-3:00 pm on December 7 and 10. In between these dates, participants will need to set aside 4-6 hours to complete web-based modules. If you have questions, contact David Page at the Florida LTAP Center ([dkpage@UFL.EDU](mailto:dkpage@UFL.EDU) or 352-273-1685). Registration is limited. You can sign up for this course at: [http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/ildpfa/event/event\\_info.html](http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/ildpfa/event/event_info.html).

## News from Other States and Countries

**Feet First Report:** *Feet First* is a very active walking advocacy group based in Seattle, Washington. Their November, 2009 *Footprints* electronic newsletter contains several interesting reports:

- *Feet First* participated in several Walk to School Day events. A *Green Feet* program had four Walk to School events, partnering with the local transit agency. One of the Walking School Buses was accompanied by the transit mascot *Zapgridlock*. A partnership with Safe Kids provided film equipment for a school journalism class. This equipment will be used by the students to create videos and PSA's on walking and biking to school, which will be shown to students throughout the year. Also:

*In October, Feet First partnered with Safe Kids Seattle a program of Harborview Medical Hospital on a month long project at Concord Elementary School. The pedestrian safety activities took place throughout the month of October starting with International Walk to School Day and ending on Halloween. A group of families and students also met at nearby Marra Farm to walk together as part of a "walking school bus" for both events. The project impacted over 300 students, parents and teachers and contributed to increased pedestrian safety.*

- *Feet First* worked with youth from one area of Seattle to combine the art of storytelling with a web based tool called *Yodio*. They encouraged youth from the neighborhood to take pictures of the pedestrian and cycling environment in the central district of Seattle. These will be shared at an upcoming meeting, and the top three entries will receive a digital camera. For more information on this tool, see <http://www.yodio.com/>.
- Here are the Ten Commandments of Super Foot, the Robert Moses of Sidewalks (written by *Feet First* Board Member Jack Whisner):
  - *One: Thou shalt have no other modes before the pedestrian.*
  - *Two: Thou shalt build sidewalks on arterials that lack them and provide safe pedestrian crossings.*
  - *Three: Thou shalt maintain sidewalks and stairways well.*
  - *Four: Thou shalt teach your children to walk, bike, and take transit safely so you do not have to spend your days as a chauffeur.*
  - *Five: Thou shalt provide safe walk ways for children and seniors.*
  - *Six: Thou shalt not encroach into crosswalks with your vehicle.*
  - *Seven: Thou shalt provide good wayfinding for pedestrians.*
  - *Eight: Thou shalt provide frequent, fast, and reliable transit service in urban areas to extend the range of pedestrians.*
  - *Nine: Thou shalt consolidate driveways and manage access on major arterials to improve traffic safety.*
  - *Ten: Thou shalt not covet your neighbor's SUV; thou shalt not covet your neighbor's tight buns from walking; thou shalt not covet your neighbor's Jimmy Choos.*

**Fairfax County, Virginia Weighing School Bus Cuts and Encouragement of Walking:** An article this week in the Washington Post entitled *Students May Face an Uphill Climb* explores possible cuts in busing to save money and

encourage more active student transportation. Here are some interesting excerpts:

*Hard times have a way of making old ideas seem new. With nothing but grim budgets ahead, some members of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors want the county's schools to save money on buses by encouraging more kids to walk to school, perhaps by moving back the boundaries for bus-riding eligibility... It also doesn't hurt that the campaign -- especially the "Walking School Bus" that encourages parents to coordinate neighborhood routes, wear safety vests and share escort duty -- fits with the baby boomer habit of reviving childhood practices. An oft-quoted study found that in 1969, 41 percent of students walked or bicycled to school. By 2001, that figure had dropped to 13 percent.*

Here is an especially interesting quote:

*The cost of putting a school bus on the street is approximately equal to keeping a teacher on staff, said Linda P. Farby, director of transportation for Fairfax public schools.*

Read the entire article at: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/17/AR2009111701665\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/17/AR2009111701665_pf.html).

**Addressing the Obesity Crisis:** Check out these two adjacent billboards, featuring the same model, and ask yourself: *Are we really ready to address the obesity crisis?* [http://www.adrants.com/images/mcd\\_obesity.jpg](http://www.adrants.com/images/mcd_obesity.jpg).

## National News

**SRTS Funding Extended Through December 18, 2009:** Congress recently extended funding for all federal programs under SAFETEA-LU, through December 18, 2009. Since little progress has been made on the new Transportation Bill, further extensions are expected, perhaps a six-month extension. We will continue to keep you posted as things develop. The partial funding for this year may slow down SRTS projects in some of Florida DOT's Districts, so if you are expecting a project or program to start soon, contact your District SRTS contact for more information.

**Proposal to Expand Safe Routes to School to High Schools:** On November 13, Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced H.R. 4021, the Safe Routes to High Schools Act, to make high schools eligible for federal Safe Routes to School funding. It should be noted that neither the Surface Transportation Authorization Act nor the Blumenauer bill discuss funding levels, only policy and program eligibility. If passed, this bill would add high school to the current grades K-8 as the target for SRTS projects and programs.

There has been some discussion on SRTS list serves about whether it is a good idea to add high schools to the current SRTS program. Pros include that high school students need more physical activity, need to learn more about healthy and green transportation habits, and the traffic safety lessons learned as they walk or bike will help them to become better drivers as well. Cons include that adding high schools might dilute the SRTS efforts which are just beginning to be implemented around the U.S. in grades K-8, and that high school aged children are a hard audience to reach.

If you have ideas on what SRTS activities would appeal to high school students, please send your suggestions to me. If you want to and can support this bill, you can find your representative's e-mail address at: <https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>.

**Leadership in Action: Policymakers Addressing Childhood Obesity through Collaboration and Policy Change:** the SRTS National Partnership recently announced a two webinar with this title:

*On December 1st at 2:00pm EST, join national experts and local policymakers for an in-depth discussion of key strategies state and local policymakers, including school boards and administrators, can use to address childhood obesity, hosted by the National School Boards Association.*

Although policymakers are the audience, others are also welcome. Please encourage your community's education and city/county policymakers to consider joining. The webinar will focus on two strategies from the Leadership for Healthy Communities Action Strategies Toolkit that help local school leaders collaborate with other policymakers: "Safe Routes to School programs" and "joint-use agreements." The toolkit is a resource for state and local policymakers to collaborate in creating healthier schools and communities through policy change, and can be found at: <http://www.leadershipforhealthycommunities.org/content/view/352/154/>. Register at: <http://secure.nsba.org/register/webcast/index.cfm>.

**Dangerous By Design:** Although I don't usually dwell on negative news in my Updates, probably by now most of you are aware that Florida was again given the dubious title of having the four most dangerous urban areas for pedestrians, as reported in the recently released report: *Dangerous By Design: Solving The Epidemic Of Preventable*

*Pedestrian Deaths (And Making Great Neighborhoods)*. This report, the successor to the *Mean Streets* reports, lists these four Florida areas as the most dangerous urban areas in the U.S for pedestrians:

- Orlando-Kissimmee, FL
- Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL
- Miami-Fort Lauderdale- Pompano Beach, FL
- Jacksonville, FL

The report derives the rankings using a “Pedestrian Danger Index”, which divides pedestrian fatalities by the number of people who walk to work in each area. They use walking to work as the denominator since it’s the only consistent national data on walking. But since much of Florida was not built with a compact urban form, the number of people who walk to work is low, although many more people walk for exercise or in conjunction with entertainment. Pedestrian fatalities involving tourists are also included, which further exaggerates the pedestrian dangers we do have in Florida.

This report describes conditions which increase danger to pedestrians, but also lists actions which states and localities can take to improve pedestrian safety. Different parts of Florida are using the methods listed to improve pedestrian safety. We are all aware that we have much more to do to make Florida safer for pedestrians, but we are also taking many steps to address the problems. Here are just a few of the approaches Florida is taking to solve pedestrian safety problems:

- The Strategic Highway Safety Plan includes Vulnerable Users (pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists) as one of its four Emphasis Areas. This section of the Plan begins on page 8-9 (29 of 49) of the Plan, which can be viewed at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/Safety/posted%20documents/Florida%20Comp%20SHSP%20for%20print.pdf>. Also, note that solutions in the other three Emphasis Areas (Aggressive Driving, Intersection Crashes and Lane Departure Crashes) would also improve Florida’s pedestrian safety record. We encourage everyone who is working on solutions to any of the four Emphasis Areas to use the Tracking Tool (<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/safetyprogramtracking/>) to record your safety projects and programs.
- The Department of Transportation is building sidewalks in conjunction with new and reconfigured roadway projects, as well using SRTS, safety and other funds to build new sidewalks.
- Many local SRTS pedestrian education programs are training Florida’s youth on the safe ways to walk and cross streets.
- Many cities and counties are directing resources to solve pedestrian safety problems. Here are a few:
  - Tampa Bay and FDOT District 7 are working on a number of pedestrian initiatives. Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties have recently developed Pedestrian Safety Action Plans. Tampa Bay has recently launched a pedestrian safety campaign which involves media and many educational opportunities through the appearance of Ped Man. FDOT District 7 recently received funding from NHTSA to do more pedestrian education and enforcement programs. And St. Petersburg was recognized as a Pedestrian Safety Success in the *Dangerous by Design* report, thanks to the implementation of their CityTrails program which has constructed 13 miles of new sidewalks, cut sidewalk repair time from 30 months to one month, improved education and enforcement efforts and assisted with the development of the Enhancer crosswalk device. Anne Canby, Executive Director of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership called St. Petersburg *one of the best safety turnaround stories in America*.
  - Orange County has budgeted \$2.5 million for sidewalk improvements, \$1.25 million for other pedestrian / school improvements, and focuses on pedestrian crash “hot spots” to determine if specific pedestrian improvements can be made.

The conclusion recommends that SRTS be funded at a higher level under the next Transportation Bill, and that it be expanded to include high schools. Read the report at: [http://t4america.org/docs/dangerouslybydesign/dangerous\\_by\\_design.pdf](http://t4america.org/docs/dangerouslybydesign/dangerous_by_design.pdf), and listen to the NPR story at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/player/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=120266854&m=120266995>.

**Now for Something Educational and Fun:** Watch this video of an experiment in Sweden which tested whether people would use the stairs instead of the escalator if the stairs were more fun. Video footage showed that 66% more people than usual took the stairs when this experiment made it too much fun to pass up. See for yourself at: <http://www.americawalks.org/2009/11/piano-stairs/>

If your Walk to School activities are getting to be old hat, perhaps incorporating something like a treasure hunt would help keep that sense of fun alive. If you have other suggestions for keeping SRTS events fresh, please share them.

## Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

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- **December 4, 1:00-2:30, free webinar *Creating Sustainable Communities:*** This is part of a series of monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: [http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar\\_details.asp?EventID=678](http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=678).
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- ❖ **December 9, 2:00-3:00 pm, free webinar: *Getting There Together: Supporting Accessible Sustainable Transportation in Your Community:*** This webinar is part of Easter Seals *Project Action's* Promising Practices and Solutions in Accessible Transportation Series, co-presented by PBIC. Presenters: Penny Everline, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist for Easter Seals Project ACTION, and Charlie Zegeer, Director, PBIC, and Associate Director of Engineering and Planning, UNC Highway Safety Research Center. [Register for the 12/9/2009 Webinar](#); [View the \*Getting There Together\* curriculum](#)
- **December 16, APBP webinar, 3:00-4:00 pm on *Connecting with Public Health Professionals on Bike/Ped Issues (includes Health Impact Assessments),*** with presenters Karen Nikolai, Hennepin County; Brian Fellows, Arizona SRTS. Cost is \$50/site for APBP members, \$60/site for non-members. Register at: <http://www.apbp.org/?page=Webinars&hhSearchTerms=webinars>.

## 2010:

- ❖ **Thursday, January 21, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Free webinar: *Selection of Pedestrian Treatments at Unsignalized Crossings:*** Presenter: Charlie Zegeer, Director, PBIC, and Associate Director of Engineering and Planning, UNC Highway Safety Research Center. [Register for the 1/21/2010 Webinar](#).
- **February 4-6: 9th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Seattle, WA.** Info: <http://tinyurl.com/yh3fg7d>
- **February 7-10, 10th American Academy of Health Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting, Clearwater Beach, FL.** The theme of the conference is *Implementation Science: Translating Evidence-Based Health Behavior Research to Practice*. More Info: <http://www.aahb-temp.net/index.php>.
- **February 24, ITE/NCSRTS webinar *Site Transportation at Schools:*** The emphasis will be on traffic planning that will make it easier and safer for walkers and bicyclists. More information will be forthcoming.
- **April 8, Florida Bike Summit:** Capitol Courtyard, Tallahassee. This will be the second Florida Bike Summit, an opportunity to gather and discuss with legislators, the issues which are important to bicyclists. More details will be shared as they develop, at <http://www.floridabicycle.org/joinus/eventsignup.html>.
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- **June 13-18, Built Environment Assessment Training (BEAT) Institute, Philadelphia, PA:** Info:

<http://tinyurl.com/yf5chyl>

- **September 13-17, Pro Walk/Pro Bike®:** the Sixteenth International Symposium on Walking and Bicycling, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Watch this website for information: <http://www.bikewalk.org/2010conference/index.html>.

#### Ongoing:

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