Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2026

Date: April 3, 2026

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: Sumter County Public Safety Center
7361 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Committee Members in attendance – Loreen Bobo, Nicole Wilson, Craig Curry, Charlotte Gillis, Kenna Henry, Tammy Reque, Noel Cooper, Cait Ward and Alex Memering for Cade Braun, Brett Blackadar, Christopher Thibodeau, Mimi Hanley, Don Willis, Joe Elliott, TJ Fish

Committee Members not in attendance – Matt Reinhart, John Rogers

Others in attendance – Gary Huttmann, Georganna Gillette, Mighk Wilson, Anna Strasshofer, Kim Sadowski, Todd Davis, Mohit Garg, Janey Walls, Em Wingard, Dan Gallagher, John Patrick

PowerPoint Presentation

At the meeting, Loreen Bobo (FDOT District 5 Safety Administrator), welcomed the Committee and discussed the importance of the work the Committee is undertaking as the region strives to "get to zero". Loreen Bobo shared end of the year fatality data that showed a significant reduction in Central Florida transportation-related fatalities in 2024 and 2025, as compared to previous years. Key highlights from the Steering Committee meeting included:

- **Sumter County Traffic Safety** - As part of the meeting, Lieutenant Christopher Thibodeau of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office presented key emphasis areas and safety efforts from the Traffic Division. Lieutenant Thibodeau emphasized enforcement, education, engineering, and evaluation as being the pillars to their approach. Lt. Thibodeau detailed how the Traffic Division uses traffic data software (Urban SDK) to address emerging safety challenges proactively in Sumter County. The software allows his team to proactively identify speeding on roadways, target enforcement, review historical before and after speed data, and effectively allocate enforcement resources.
    - Cait Ward asked if Sumter County found that AADT information was accurate on AADT information. Lt. Thibodeau noted that it is on larger/higher volume roadways and less accurate on lower volume roadways. He also noted it has been very useful for tracking special events data from prior yeas so they can better prepare for those events in subsequent years**.**

- **Community Traffic Safety Team Summit** - Loreen Bobo presented on the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) 2nd Annual Summit which was held in February 2026. Loreen also discussed the Central Florida TEAMS Program which will enable Central Florida law

enforcement agencies to accrue points to receive safety equipment that advance Target Zero goals.

- **2026 Safety Summit Update –** Loreen provided an update on the May 8th Safety Summit and the planning efforts around the Summit. Loreen noted some of the key ideas that are emerging and shared the "Starfish Story" video that has been prepared for the Summit. Loreen reminded attendees about their challenge coins and explained how one was for them to keep and one is to give away to someone who is making a difference with regards to safety.

- **Focus Group Updates** - The Committee then focused on the work that individual Focus Group teams are advancing. Dan Gallagher introduced the topic and reminded the group about the 21 Action Steps and how there are Focus Groups that have been working to advance the Action Steps. Members of the Focus Groups then provided updates on each of the Action Steps they are working on.
    - IC-24-3 - Mighk Wilson of MetroPlan Orlando presented on coordination occurring between CTSTs and local agencies regarding the High Injury Network and Road Safety Audits.
    - IC-24-5 - Anna Strasshofer of Bike/Walk Central Florida and Kim Sadwosksi of DRMP presented on safety efforts occurring in schools and a summary of teen driver education opportunities available in Central Florida.
    - TBI-24-6 - Todd Davis of Protean presented early results from school speed zone cameras, AI near miss technology and how this Focus Group will be exploring super speeder emerging results in Central Florida.
        - Lt. Thibodeau asked if the vendors also report out on similar information using the school bus cameras and if asked if those have been as effective as the school speed zone cameras. The team was not aware of a similar reporting mechanism for the school bus cameras but would research it further.
        - Commissioner Wilson wanted to better understand protective permissive signals and why 4-section heads are better. The team noted that 4-section heads allow you to consider time of day for protective permissive.
        - Georganna Gillette noted that Titusville just went live with their school zone cameras at five schools
        - Cait Ward asked if there is a list of vendors that provide school speed zone cameras. The team noted there are several vendors that they are aware of but are not sure that a full list of vendors has been created.
        - Brett Blackadar noted that the reduction in the Notice of Violations in Leesburg and Eustis is significant and wondered if there comes a point where the vendors are no longer making a profit after the school speed zone cameras are in place. The TBI 24-6 team will investigate this.
        - TJ Fish noted that he is excited to hear about the school speed zone results.
    - TBI-24-8 - Mohit Garg of CDM Smith and Dan Gallagher of Burgess & Niple presented on this Focus Group's work regarding good driver insurance discount

programs and the emerging use of AI in improving driver behavior in company fleet vehicles in Central Florida.

- Lt. Thibodeau noted that the data collected is often tied to a phone and not the car, and some of the programs he is aware of track the car and not the phone device.
- Kim Sadwoski and others noted the value on vendors like Life360.
- Brett Blackadar, Cait Ward, and Noel Cooper noted that each of their communities use a certain level of fleet monitoring.
- Commissioner Wilson noted that she sees a benefit with fleet monitoring from a constituent perspective as the County now has data to understand what happens when there is an incident with a County vehicle and it helps to provide an increased understanding of an incident or a complaint.
- Commissioner Wilson noted that she would like to learn more about the AI near-miss tools that are emerging to help us better understand and be proactive in areas where crashes might occur in the future.
- Brett Blackadar noted their new modular roundabout will be constructed right after school is out and is expected to be completed in approximately 3 weeks. Brett explained what a modular roundabout is and what the benefits are and that it will be the first one constructed in this region. The Committee expressed interest in this project and wanted to learn more about it in the future. Dan Gallagher noted that this would make a good Safety Central newsletter article (and possible field trip) and he would coordinate with Orange County to receive more information.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled for September 2026.