Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2026

Date: September 25, 2026

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM (with optional modular roundabout tour at 9:15AM)

Location: Meadow Woods Recreation Center
1751 Rhode Island Woods Circle
Orlando, FL 32824

Committee Members in attendance – Loreen Bobo, Mimi Hanley, Don Willis, Craig Curry, Nicole Wilson, Christina Colón, Charlotte Gillis, Noel Cooper, Laura Hardwicke for Cade Braud, Brett Blackadar, Andy Dance, Christopher Thibodeau

Committee Members not in attendance – TJ Fish, Kenna Henry

Others in attendance – Pamela Blankenship, Adriana Rodriguez, Humberto Castillero, Kelly Nowell, Eric Grimmer, Yougens Pierre, Jerald Marks Jr., Ian Phyars, Jessica Portela, Darrell Moody, Brian Sanders, Chad Rohde, Dan Gallagher, Janey Walls, Em Wingard, Ryan Williamson

Modular Roundabout Tour (9:15AM-9:45AM)

- Orange County staff and their consultant team hosted an optional walking tour of the new modular roundabout located at Wyndham Lakes Boulevard and Rodrick Circle. Attendees learned about the modular roundabout, how it was implemented, and the cost and time savings of the modular roundabout design.

Steering Committee Meeting (10:00AM-Noon)

- Loreen Bobo welcomed the Steering Committee members to the meeting.
- Dan Gallagher provided a brief recap of the 2026 Central Florida Safety Summit and shared a video of the event, the feedback received about the Summit, and key takeaways as planning for the 2027 Summit begins.
- Loreen Bobo then provided an update on the Achieving Target Zero policy and key information that was presented at the FDOT Executive Team Workshop on 8/17/26. Information included key trends and progress towards Zero, and current programs that focus on providing warning, are conspicuous, manage conflicts, change angles of collisions, and provide cushion. Loreen also presented information from the FDOT dashboard regarding countermeasures, benefit cost ratios by countermeasure, Target Zero criteria to be considered on all projects beginning in January 2027, a renewed focus on human and socio-behavioral factors, and recommended statewide safety initiatives for future years.
- Nicole Wilson then provided an introduction to the safety work that Orange County is doing and how the County is prioritizing safety over convenience in their Vision Zero efforts.

- Brett Blackadar and the Orange County team that included Humberto Castillero, Kelly Nowell, Eric Grimmer (TransMAC Chair), Yougens Pierre, Jerald Marks Jr. and Ian Phyars presented information that focused on how Orange County has transitioned their work "From Safety Improvements to a Safety Culture". Topic areas included:
    - Where we Started – Brett Blackadar
    - Vision Zero – Humberto Castillero
    - Accelerated Transportation Safety Program (ATSP) – Kelly Nowell
    - Transportation Mobility Advisory Commission (TransMAC) – Eric Grimmer
    - Project Prioritization – Brett Blackadar
    - Integrating Roadway Resurfacing with Safety Improvements – Brett Blackadar
    - Modular Roundabout – Yougens Pierre
    - Traffic Calming Program – Jerald Marks Jr.
    - Red Light Running Program – Jerald Marks Jr.
    - Hiawassee Road Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety Study – Ian Phyars
- Steering Committee members asked several follow up questions including:
    - Commissioner Andy Dance asked if Orange County has a CTST and wondered if there is overlap between what TransMAC does and what the CTST does. Brett Blackadar noted there is an Orange County CTST but that TransMAC serves a different purpose and has different roles and responsibilities than the CTST.
    - Council Member Mimi Hanley asked a series of questions regarding the Hiawassee Road project and how they addressed left-turns into and out of businesses. Mimi noted that they have a similar project in her community in an industrial area and there were concerns by business owners. Brett Blackadar noted that it is a balance between safety and access management and they do work directly with the adjacent property owners to work through and address concerns about changing access patterns. Commissioner Wilson noted that they work to ensure that they hear from a variety of perspectives as they advance safety projects.
    - Laura Hardwicke asked how Orange County's street resurfacing program is aligned with their safety programs and if they are prioritizing HIN corridors as part of their resurfacing program. Brett Blackadar noted that they look out 3-5 years in advance to identify opportunities that include both resurfacing and safety improvements so efforts can be coordinated across programs.
    - Lt. Christopher Thibodeau asked about crash data at the roundabout. Brett Blackadar noted there was one fatality and six serious injury crashes prior to the roundabout being put in place. They will continue to monitor it in the after condition. Lt. Thibodeau suggested also looking at non KSI crashes too and also wanted to know if they had 85th percentile speeds for Hiawassee Road and if they are working with law enforcement to impact speeds. Brett Blackadar noted they are looking at raised crosswalks on Hiawassee as well as school speed zone cameras on this corridor (near Oak Hill Elementary School).
- Loreen Bobo then presented an update on the Orange Blossom Trail safety improvements which resulted in a significant reduction in speeds, a substantial increase in pedestrian traffic, and reduced pedestrian and bicycle crashes. Loreen showcased before and after speed data for 2022, 2024, and 2026 that was gathered using StreetLight data and thanked

MetroPlan Orlando for enabling FDOT to use their data on both the Orange Blossom Trail project as well as Orange County's modular roundabout project.

- Loreen Bobo then asked Steering Committee members for community report outs:
    - Laura Hardwicke noted that the City of Orlando is working on speed management on arterials and collectors as part of their SS4A grant. In addition they are updating their bike plan this winter and their facilities plan in March. As part of their SS4A grant, they are looking at left-turn calming at intersections to slow left-turning vehicles at both signalized and unsignalized intersection. In addition, they will be deploying school speed zone cameras at 30 locations in about 2 weeks. The City is looking forward to FDOT work being advanced at a few locations including along Robinson and at SR50/Maguire Road.
    - Commissioner Wilson noted that the County will be looking at micromobility and ways to improve safety and conduct enforcement. Commissioner Wilson also noted they are looking at the 2050 Plan and continued ways to align safety planning with that plan.
    - Noel Cooper noted that the City of Ocala submitted for a SS4A study and implementation grant and were just awarded a Safe Routes to School grant.
    - Commissioner Dance, who has been the CTST chairperson for a number of years, noted that they are looking to improve pedestrian crossings on Moody Boulevard and A1A with support from FDOT.
- Loreen Bobo highlighted the Safety Central Newsletter and asked Steering Committee members to let her know if there is anything in their communities they would like to see highlighted in a future newsletter.
- Due to time constraints, Loreen noted that we would not be able to walk through the status of the 21 action steps from the Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan. She noted that many of the individual action steps have advanced and/or are completed. She requested Steering Committee members to give thought to what action steps should be added in the future and noted that the FDOT team will poll the group so we can give guidance to our Focus Groups. One action step Loreen noted she would like the group to consider is identifying simple ways to update community codes to help advance safety. She noted that the City of Orlando and Orange County have both done work in this area and she would like to learn more about their experiences and lessons learned that might be transferable to other communities across Central Florida.