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STRIDES 2 Zero Program Implementation and Challenges

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Outline

- STRIDES 2 Zero (S2Z) program objectives and strategies
- Network Screening process
 - What, why, and how we do
 - Focus on Signalized Intersection



- District 4's approach to S2Z implementation and challenges
- Systemic Safety approach

What is STRIDES 2 Zero?

- An initiative managed by FDOT Traffic Engineering and Operations Office in collaboration with Safety Office toward the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways
- Enhance highway safety management practices in Florida through data-driven process
- Provide engineering-based safety solutions for different transportation facilities and modes



<u>State Traffic Roadway and Intersection</u> <u>Data Evaluation System Toward Zero</u> Fatalities and Serious Injuries



STRIDES 2 Zero Program Strategies

- Leverage a variety of data sources
- Apply state-of-the-art analysis tools
- Diagnose and identify engineering countermeasures
- Prioritize projects for safety implementation
- Monitor and evaluate safety and operational performance of countermeasures



Focus Areas



- All focus area efforts concentrated on arterial roads along State Highway System
- Started with Signalized Intersection focus area

Evaluate Safety Performance

• Nominal vs. Substantive Safety



Nominal Safety: a design feature or roadway either meets minimum criteria or it does not.

Substantive Safety: actual or expected long-term safety performance of a roadway.



Concern #1: Natural Variability in Crash Frequency

- Crashes are random events
 - What is the probability of a crash occurring at a site on a particular day and time?
- Observed average crash frequency over short periods
 - Is it high, average, or low?



Concern #2: Regression-to-the-mean (RTM) Bias

- A period of high crash frequency is likely to be followed by a period of low crash frequency or vice versa.
- Had the treatment not been applied for, what would have been the safety performance of the site for which treatment is selected based on short-term observed average crash frequency?





Concern #3: Variation in Roadway Characteristics

- Some roadway characteristics are subject to change over time.
- Some characteristics change on a continual basis.
- Use of a longer period of data may not capture the changes in site conditions that occurred within the period to understand their association with crashes



Concern #4: Conflict between Crash Frequency Variability and Changing Site Conditions





Highway Safety Manual (HSM) Predictive Method

- Basis of predictive method is Safety Performance Function (SPF)
- SPF: A regression equation to estimate predicted average crash frequency as a function of exposure and roadway features.

SPFs for two-way, three-leg signalized intersections: $N_{p,R,2w} = exp[-7.6005 + 0.6500 \times log(AADT_{major}) + 0.3881 \times I_{CRCOR}$ $-0.4237 \times I_{CR} - 0.8506 \times I_{CRCN}]$ with k = 0.535

SPFs for three-leg signalized intersections where at least one of the legs is a one-way road:

 $N_{\mu,3LTw} = exp[-6.2950 + 0.5248 \times \log (AADT_{major}) - 0.7455 \times I_{CSO}]$ with k = 0.186

SPFs for two-way, four-leg signalized intersections:

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\begin{split} N_{p,dL2w} &= exp[-7.5677 + 0.5101 \times \log(AADT_{maps}) + 0.1941 \times \log(AADT_{maps}) \\ &- 0.6025 \times I_{C2T} - 0.1995 \times I_{C3C} - 0.3857 \times I_{C30} - 0.2604 \times I_{C4} \\ &- 0.4570 \times I_{C30}] \\ &\text{ with } k = 0.390 \end{split}
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Expected Crash Frequency

- Predicted: an average of crash predictions over similar sites
 - A good prediction depends on model reliability
 - Prediction alone does not account for RTM bias
- Expected: a weighted average of observed and predicted crashes

 $N_e = w \times N_p + (1 - w) \times N_o]$

• Excess Expected: difference between expected and predicted crashes and can be used as a threshold to determine potential for safety improvement



Our Process

- Since 2020, annual network screening of signalized intersections
- Annual SPFs using the latest three years of K+A crash data as a function of
 - AADT of major and minor approaches
 - Number of approaches
 - Context class
 - Approach road type (1-way, 2-way)
 - Ramp type

Candidate Signalized Intersections

• Candidate intersections selected based on the highest excess expected crash frequency

Sister Intersection – Unique Concept by FDOT

• What is a sister intersection?

An intersection with similar characteristics and traffic volumes compared to a candidate intersection but experienced only a few KA crashes (0 or 1) during the study period

- How is recognizing sister intersections useful? Identify existing safety features at better performing sister intersections, which may not be present at the candidate intersection
- A set of five (5) sister intersections for each candidate intersection

Overrepresented/Disproportionate Crash Type

- Type of crashes where their proportion at an intersection exceeds the threshold proportion from the similar group
- Overrepresentation (OVR) determined by the probability of the excess crash proportion of a type occurring at random
- Assess the contributing factors associated with the OVR crash type and select specific countermeasures that may help reduce the occurrence of such crashes

Angle: A crash where the impact type is coded in the crash report as "Angle."

Head-on: A crash where the impact type is coded in the crash report as "Front to Front."

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Rear-end: A crash where the impact type is coded in the crash report as "Front to Rear."

Sideswipe: A crash where the impact type is coded in the crash report as either "Sideswipe, Same Direction" or "Sideswipe, Opposite Direction."

Other Multi-vehicle: A multi-vehicle involved crash where the crash type does not fall into any of the aforementioned categories, including Angle, Head-on, Rear-end, and Sideswipe.

Pedestrian/Bicyclist (Ped/Bike): A crash where at least one pedestrian or bicyclist is involved in the collision with a vehicle.

Single-Vehicle: A crash where only one vehicle is involved in the collision, but a pedestrian or a bicyclist is not involved.

Mapping Locations with Existing Safety Priority Lists

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Monitor and Tracking of Implementations

Excel-based Form in Central SharePoint Site

CANDIDATE_INTERSECTION_STATUS	COMMENTS						
	-						
Intersection not selected for further conside							
No action yet							
Scoping TWO for study							
Study ongoing							
Field Visit complete							
Study complete/report under review							
Countermeasures selected							

Overall Status of Candidate Intersection

	COUNTERMEASURE_#1 (CM1)					COUNTERMEASURE_#2 (CM2)				
CM1_NAME	CM1_PROGRESS	CM1_CONSTR UCTION_START _DATE	CM1_CONSTR UCTION_COM PLETION_DATE	CM1_COMMENT	CM2_NAME	CM2_PROGRESS	CM2_CONSTR UCTION_START _DATE	CM2_CONSTR UCTION_COM PLETION_DATE	CM2_COMMENT	
Lighting	Prorgammed - In Design	8/15/2028	1/1/2031	FM 440575.5 The project will widen the intersection	One signal Head per Lane	Prorgammed - In Design	8/15/2028	1/1/2031	FM 440575.5 The project will widen the intersection	
Lighting	Prorgammed - In Design	12/18/2030	4/1/2031	FM 448107 This project will install mast arms at the intersection	Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians'	Programmed - Construction Complete	9/7/2023	10/17/2023	Work document #: PB-AUM-23-78-Y V	
Lighting	Prorgammed - In Design	3/18/2024	8/10/2024	FM 447001.1	Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians' signs	Programmed - Construction Complete			Work document #: PB-AUM-23-78-Y V	

Countermeasure Implementation Status

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District 4 STRIDES 2 Zero Program Implementation

- District 4's Approach to S2Z implementation
- Traffic Operations Office and Safety Tag Team

- Traffic Operations Office (comprised of Traffic Services/TSM&O)
- Traffic Services assists with improving safety through implementation of short-term improvements

District 4 Team

Traffic Services Role:

- Implement the short-term improvements **—** Not requiring additional analysis/feasibility studies
- Coordinate improvements through upcoming programmed projects
- Coordinate improvements through local maintaining agencies

Traffic Services Resources:

- Push Button Contracts
 - Pavement Markings and Signing Contracts (PMS)
 - Roadway & Signalization Contracts
- Maintenance
 - Operation Centers Maintenance Units
 - Asset Maintenance Contracts

Supplementary Data/ Resources:

- FDOT Work Program (Recently completed projects/Upcoming projects)
- Traffic Operations/Safety Studies Database

District 4 Approach

- Obtain List of Candidate Intersections from CO
 - 34 Intersections for year 2023
- Prepare checklist of Intersection Features at Sister Intersections
- Compare Study Intersection features against Sister Intersections
- Review Work Program and Studies Database
- Identify short-term improvements that can be implemented using Traffic Services Resources
- Determine potential improvements for coordination through upcoming projects and/or Local Maintenance Agencies

Intersection Features	Yes/No	Comment
High Emphasis Crosswalks		
Backplates		
Signage		
Yellow Retroreflective Tape		
High Visibility Pavement		
Markings		
Skip guidelines markings		
Pedestrian Signals		
Lighting		
One Signal Head per Lane		
Exclusive Left Turn Lanes		
Exclusive Right Turn Lanes		
Bike Lanes		
Other		

Example 1: N Jog Rd & SR 704/Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL

6	SR 704 / Okeechobee Blvd 93280000 (3.02) 亿 N Jog Rd	Palm Beach	C4	4	6	2.52	4.49	1.97	HEAD-ON ANGLE	D4 - 93851000 (1.98) D4 - 86080550 (1.53) D4 - 86100000 (23.88)	2 2 2
	N Jog Rd 93000220 (1.16)								PED / BIKE	D2 - 71130000 (2.78) D6 - 87072000 (6.67)	C C

Intersection Features	Yes/No	Comment
High Emphasis Crosswalks	1 - E	
Backplates	•	
Signage	1.1	
Yellow Retroreflective Tape	•	
High Visibility Pavement Markings		
Skip guidelines markings	\checkmark	
Pedestrian Signals	\checkmark	
Lighting	\checkmark	Determine the need
One Signal Head per Lane	\checkmark	
Exclusive Left Turn Lanes	\checkmark	
Exclusive Right Turn Lanes	\checkmark	Channelized SB RT Lane
Bike Lanes	•	
Other		

Sister Intersections

Sister Intersections Features

	Study Intersection Jog Road at Okeechobee Blvd	Sister Intersections					
Intersection Features		1: SR 706/ Indiantown Rd & Central Blvd	2: SR 84 & University Dr	3: Hillsboro Blvd at SR 7	4: Hwy 17 & Kingsley Ave	5: SR 968/Flagler St at SW 107th Ave	Comment
High Emphasis Crosswalks		×	•	✓	✓	✓	
Backplates		 ✓ 	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓	1, 2, 3, 4: EB/WB
Signage		~	~		~		 1, 2: Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrian 1: U-Turn Yield to Right Turn on mast arms 4: No U-Turn, Do Not Block Intersection
Yellow Retroreflective Tape		~		~		✓	1: EB/WB 3: WB
High Visibility Pavement Markings		~	\checkmark	~	~	✓	
Skip guidelines markings	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	
Pedestrian Signals	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	
Lighting	√1	✓	•	✓	✓	✓	
One Signal Head per Lane	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	•	
Exclusive Left Turn Lanes	✓	 ✓ 	N/A	✓	✓	✓	4: NB, SB, EB
Exclusive Right Turn Lanes	√ ²	~	N/A	~	~		1, 4: EB 4: SB
Bike Lanes		✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		•	
Other			One Way (WB)		Channelized Turn Lanes		

¹ Determine the need

² Channelize SB RT Lane

N Jog Rd & Okeechobee Blvd - Planned Work Program Improvements & Potential Improvements Via Push Button

Planned Work Program Projects:

FM 449279.1 - SHSP Emphasis Area (S) – Intersection & Vulnerable Road Crashes - **Add Lighting** Production Date: 3/3/2025

Quick Potential Improvements Implemented Via Push Button:

- Addition of High Emphasis Crosswalks Work Document prepared
- Installation of Backplates with Yellow Retroreflective Tape: Programmed for June 2024 in the Push Button Program
- Installation of "One Way" signs and "Do Not Enter" signs at median openings Work Document Prepared
- Incorporation of Pedestrian Signage Work Document Prepared

Coordination with FDOT Maintenance Office and Palm Beach County:

- Refurbishment of Pavement Markings
- Verification of Pedestrian Clearance Times

Intersection Features	Yes/No	Comment
High Emphasis Crosswalks	· · · ·	
Backplates		
Signage	· · · ·	
Yellow Retroreflective Tape	•	
High Visibility Pavement		
Markings		
Skip guidelines markings	\checkmark	
Pedestrian Signals	\checkmark	
Lighting	\checkmark	Determine the need
One Signal Head per Lane	\checkmark	
Exclusive Left Turn Lanes	\checkmark	
Exclusive Right Turn Lanes	\checkmark	Channelized SB RT Lane
Bike Lanes	•	
Other	•	

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Improvements Implemented at N Jog Rd & Okeechobee Blvd

Pedestrian Signage

Head-On Crashes Prevention Treatment

High Emphasis Crosswalks

Example 2: SR 845/Powerline Rd & SR 870/Commercial Blvd

Intersection Features	Yes/No	Comment
High Emphasis Crosswalks	•	Only on south leg
Backplates	\checkmark	EB/WB
Signage	\checkmark	Next Signal Intersection signs
Yellow Retroreflective Tape	100 A.	
High Visibility Pavement Markings	\checkmark	
Skip guidelines markings	\checkmark	
Pedestrian Signals	\checkmark	
Lighting	\checkmark	Determine the need
One Signal Head per Lane	\checkmark	
Exclusive Left Turn Lanes	\checkmark	
Exclusive Right Turn Lanes	\checkmark	
Bike Lanes		
Other	1.1	

Sister Intersections

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Sister Intersections Features

		Sister Intersections					
Intersection Features	Study Intersection Powerline Rd & Comercial Blvd	1: SR 706/ Indiantown Rd & Central Blvd	2: Lyons Rd & SR 834/ Sample Rd	3: SW 107th Ave & SW 88th Street/Kendall Dr	4: SR 968/Flagler St at SW 107th Ave	5: SR 84 & University Dr	Comment
High Emphasis Crosswalks	1	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓		
Backplates	√2	✓	~	~	✓	\checkmark	1: EB/WB
Signage	√3	~	~	~		~	 1, 3: Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrian 1: U-Turn Yield to Right Turn on mast arms 2: Next Signal Intersection signs, 2: No U-Turn Sign (EB) 3: Next Signal Intersection signs 3: School Crossing Signs
Yellow Retroreflective Tape	•	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓		1, 3: EB/WB
High Visibility Pavement Markings	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	
Skip guidelines markings	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	
Pedestrian Signals	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lighting	✓4	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓		
One Signal Head per Lane	+	✓	✓	✓	•	\checkmark	
Exclusive Left Turn Lanes	✓	 ✓ 	✓	✓	✓	N/A	
Exclusive Right Turn Lanes	✓	✓	✓	•	•	N/A	1: EB
Bike Lanes	•	✓	✓	•	•	\checkmark	
Other			Green Colored Bike lanes NB/SB			One Way (WB)	

¹ Only on south leg

² EB/WB

³ Next Signal Signs

⁴ Determine the need

Powerline Rd & Commercial Blvd - Planned Work Program Improvements & Potential Improvements Via Push Button

Safety Study Proposed Improvements:

Extend all left-turn and right-turn storage lanes, Provide high emphasis crosswalks, Signal improvements (backplates, yellow reflective borders); Pedestrian Signage, Head-On crashes prevention signage (driveways).

Planned Work Program Projects:

• FM 446196.1: Lighting Retrofit, Pedestrian Signalization Upgrades, Replacement of detection Loops. This project will incorporate some elements from the safety study: Pedestrian Signage, high emphasis crosswalks, Head-on crashes prevention signage (driveways)

Estimated Work Begin Date: 12/04/24

• FM 441944.1 & 441944.2: Install & Deploy Adaptive Traffic Controllers & Vehicle Detection Estimated Work Begin Date: 12/04/24

• FM 448408.1: The resurfacing project along Commercial Blvd excludes this intersection for now. However, its boundaries may expand pending safety funding to extend all left-turn and right-turn storage lanes as recommended in the safety report.

Estimated Work Begin Date: 10/14/25

Powerline Rd & Commercial Blvd - Planned Work Program Improvements

FM 446196.1

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Implementation Advantages/ Challenges

Advantages

- Safety benefit achieved through quick implementation of short-term improvements
- Consistent application of potential countermeasures (less deviation from driver expectancy)
- Collaboration shared responsibility for Safety

Challenges

- ROW and Budget limitations
- Improvements through programmed projects may take longer
- Need for additional analysis/feasibility studies

Other Activities: Extension to Roadway Segments

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Systemic Safety Analysis

- Identify sites with similar characteristics based on their crash potential, rather than only focusing on observed crashes
- Proactive approach, supporting the Safe System principles

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FDOT Systemic Safety Analysis of Signalized Intersections

What Lies Ahad?

- Unsignalized Intersections
- Pedestrian and bicyclist corridor safety
- Midblock pedestrian crossing screening
- Evaluate pedestrian and bicyclist SPFs for Florida per NCHRP Report 1064
- Continue improving process for safety analysis of signalized intersection and roadway segment
- Develop Florida-specific CMFs based on countermeasure implemented

Safety Message

TRAFFIC IS NO ONE'S JAM: SHARE THE ROAD AND ALLOW EVERYONE TO TRAVEL SAFELY TOGETHER.

FLHSMV.GOV/ShareTheRoad

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