



# NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



Recent continuous counter installation along Jackson St. Cycle track in downtown Tampa (Photo courtesy Stephanie Moss)

## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

This is the second official newsletter for the Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring (NMTM) Program. The intent of this newsletter is to keep the state of Florida up to date on the progress of the program. The newsletter is organized by the program's four pillars: Outreach; Continuous Counts; Short-term Counts, and Data Repository.



The state of Florida, and the world, is currently experiencing the impacts of COVID-19. As the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) adjusts to the impacts of COVID-19, the FDOT Transportation Data and Analytics (TDA) Office is constantly monitoring the situation to keep operations moving. As always, the safety and health of our staff and statewide partners is our top priority.

## OUTREACH

- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **Statewide Meeting #2 is being postponed** to a future to-be-determined date. **Instead of a May in-person meeting, we will be converting all content into a webinar (#3).** The Webinar #3 flyer will be shared soon.
- From February 26-28, the NMTM Program staff attended and presented at FDOT's first joint Model Task Force and Transportation Data and Analytics three-day Workshop in Orlando. More than 200 people were in attendance representing all seven FDOT districts, Florida's Turnpike, and numerous other metropolitan planning organizations, counties and city staff. There were several high-level discussions regarding how non-motorized data will impact and enhance transportation infrastructure decisions in the near future.





Steve Bentz, P.E., Program Manager presenting on the program's progress in Orlando, FL

- The NMTM website is the best place to find the latest updates regarding the NMTM program. Information and resources have been made available to assist in modifying/developing your local count program. To learn more, please visit:

<https://www.fdot.gov/statistics/trafficdata/florida-non-motorized-traffic-monitoring>

## CONTINUOUS COUNTS

FDOT TDA is proud to announce the first round of statewide continuous counter installations is currently underway. Below are three examples of counters that have been installed and counting is already underway:



Program partners visiting count station in downtown Tampa

**West Central Florida (DISTRICT 7):** A non-motorized continuous counter was installed in downtown Tampa's Jackson Street Cycle Track. This is the first fully separated bicycle facility built on an FDOT managed roadway. We look forward to gaining important data insights from the traffic utilizing the facility. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded the purchase and installation of the counter through our recently obtained State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) grant. Special thanks to FDOT's District 7, Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, and Tampa's Downtown Partnership for assisting with identifying the site and facilitating the installation.



Recent continuous count station installation along Atlantic Greenway Trail in Miami Beach

**South Florida (DISTRICT 6):** Two non-motorized counters were installed in Miami-Dade County. The first counter was installed along Miami Beach's recently constructed Atlantic Greenway Trail extension. Miami Beach's continuous counter was donated by a vendor, however installation funds for the counter were not included. FDOT TDA ultimately partnered with City of Miami Beach to provide installation support.

The second District 6 counter was installed on the west side of the county along State Road 997. The state road was recently reconstructed to include a shared use path, now referred to as the Krome Path. The counter was purchased by West Kendall Baptist Hospital's Healthy West Kendall community coalition, and FDOT facilitated the counter's installation. Many thanks to Healthy West Kendall for their partnership and on-going interest in non-motorized data to support public health studies.



Recent continuous count station installation along Krome Path in West Kendall community / unincorporated Miami-Dade County

Many thanks to District 6, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, City of Miami Beach, and Healthy West Kendall for their ongoing partnership.



## SHORT-TERM COUNTS

Short-term counts help FDOT identify where continuous count investments should be made. FDOT TDA, in collaboration with FDOT's Systems Implementation Office, Traffic Operations Office, Safety Office, FDOT Districts, and local partners have been deploying short-term counts across the state. The current log of short-term counts includes the following areas:

- Leon County
- Wakulla County
- Hernando County
- Miami-Dade County
- Broward County
- Palm Beach County
- Orange County
- Volusia County
- Brevard County
- Seminole County
- Duval County
- Indian River County

Many thanks to all the partners involved. We look forward to analyzing the data and providing updates about the data collection efforts during our next statewide outreach.

## DATA REPOSITORY

The new Transportation Data Management System (TDMS) is ongoing. The TDMS will be public-facing and house all motorized and non-motorized counts that are validated and approved for publishing. Please stay tuned as we continue to develop the data management system.

Please contact [Eric.Katz@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Eric.Katz@dot.state.fl.us) if you have any questions, comments, or non-motorized data collection stories you would like to share.



Short-term count installation in Seminole County



Infrared counter adjacent to Hollywood Tri-Rail station



Potential count site evaluations in the City of Gainesville

Have a safe and healthy Spring season and we hope to hear from you at our next webinar!



Sincerely,  
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& Analytics Office