FDOT NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

This is our first official newsletter for the NMTM Program. The intent of this newsletter is to keep our hundreds of stakeholders up to date on the progress of the program. The newsletter is organized to inform the reader on the progress of our 4 program pillars: Outreach & Partnerships, Non-Motorized Data Repository, Short-term Count Program, and Continuous Count Program.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter's content, or if you have detailed questions regarding data sharing and/or partnerships, please contact **Eric.Katz@dot.state.fl.us**.



Greetings fellow non-motorized data collectors,

We hope everyone is enjoying the Fall season. Since the June 2019 Statewide Meeting, the FDOT Transportation Data and Analytics (TDA) Office has been hard at work developing the Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring (NMTM) Program. Below are some of the highlights of the program's recent activities.

Continuous Counter Stress Test | Tallahassee Test-Site

OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

The NMTM website has been updated with more program information and convenient access to numerous resources. <u>https://www.fdot.</u> gov/statistics/trafficdata/florida-non-motorized-traffic-monitoring/

The NMTM Program has released its <u>2nd Recommendations Report</u>. The report highlights program activities from January 2019 to September 2019. Refer to this document for more detailed information regarding the growth and direction of the program.

Statewide Webinar #2 is scheduled for January 23, 2020. A flyer with registration information will be provided soon.



NON-MOTORIZED DATA REPOSITORY

Is your agency or organization currently collecting nonmotorized volume count data? Would you like to have your data included in the Statewide Non-Motorized Data Repository? All data included in the repository will be public-facing, to assist in local, state, and national planning efforts.

FDOT TDA is currently working with its vendor to migrate all traffic data (motorized and non-motorized) to a new Transportation Data Management System (TDMS). All motorized and non-motorized traffic data will soon be available through this public-facing portal. The anticipated release of this new TDMS system is early 2020.

SHORT-TERM COUNTS

The FDOT TDA Office is proud to be partnering with the FDOT Transit Office for a Study that will involve bicycle and pedestrian volume counting at 25 transit stations across the state. The short-term counts will install equipment for 2 weeks at locations that are within 100' of a transit station. The data collected from this study will be processed and shared onto the Statewide Data Repository at the conclusion of the study.

FDOT TDA continues to offer its non-motorized shortterm counting equipment, on loan, to agencies and organizations across the state. The data collected from the from the loaner program will benefit the local partnering agency, and FDOT TDA as it continues to develop its Statewide Non-Motorized Data Repository. For any agency or organization interested in signing up for the equipment loaner program, a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is required. The MOA contains details of how the partnership works. The NMTM webpage has a link to the Memorandum of Agreement template for easy download.

CONTINUOUS COUNTS

FDOT TDA is proud to announce that the NMTM Program recently received a FHWA State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Grant. The funds will be dedicated towards the procurement and installation of 1 continuous counter, per FDOT District (8 counters total), with locations that are selected based on safety data. FDOT TDA will be working closely with the Safety Office and District Offices to identify the sites.

Continuous Counters differ from Short-term Counters in that they count 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Continuous Counters generally cost more than shortterm counters, and once they are installed, they cannot be easily moved.

TIP: Before your agency/organization makes an investment in a continuous counter, make sure the technology selected fits with the facility you intend to count! FDOT can provide the documented methodology that helps agencies with these critical investment choices such as the non-motorized count station site selection process. Ask FDOT for help and communicate your and agency/organization's intentions for installing equipment and collecting data.

Have a great and safe holiday season, and we hope to hear from you all at our next webinar!

Sincerely, Transportation Data & Analytics Office