



# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM DISTRICT SIX!

Thank you for your commitment to transportation safety.

We look forward to continuing our progress in 2025!

## SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

### WRONG WAY DRIVING

#### DRIVING UPDATE

As wrong way driving continues to be considered as one of the most serious types of crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injury crashes. The department has been hard at work implementing this new safety system at various different locations within our state roadway system.

If any vehicle is detected to be driving the wrong way triggers the system which immediately flashes alert signals and sends notifications alerts to authorities. Drivers are expected to react to flashing alerts and may self-correct if paying attention. If the driver does indeed continue past the alert signals, a predetermined message is displayed on dynamic overhead message boards on the highway being entered to warn right-of-way drivers while authorities pursue the vehicle.

A list of Off Ramps in which the wrong way driving detection system have already been installed are below:

| Roadway | Direction | Off Ramp  | WWD Events | %Continued Mainline | %Self-Corrected |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| I-75    | SB        | NW 138 ST | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| I-95    | NB        | NW 151 ST | 8          | 0%                  | 100%            |
| I-95    | SB        | NW 135 ST | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| I-95    | SB        | NW 69 ST  | 1          | 0%                  | 100%            |
| I-95    | SB        | NW 81 ST  | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| SR 826  | NB        | Flagler   | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| SR 826  | NB        | NW 25 ST  | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| SR 826  | NB        | NW 36 ST  | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| SR 826  | NB        | NW 72 AV  | 0          | 0%                  | 0%              |
| SR 826  | NB        | SW 8 ST   | 4          | 25%                 | 75%             |

As shown in the chart above:

**At I-95 – Northbound at NW 151 Street Off Ramp**

There has been a total of eight wrong way driving occurrences, but all of the drivers have self-corrected.

**At I-95 - Southbound at NW 69 Street Off Ramp**

There has been a total of one wrong way driving event and the driver was able to self-correct prior to triggering the system and alerting the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP)

**Finally at SR 826 – Northbound at SW 8 Street Off Ramp**

With a total of four wrong way driving events, three of the four cars have been able to self-correct before FHP were alerted and sent to the scene.

### HOW WRONG-WAY VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM WORKS

- 1. Detects Vehicle**  
Sights located on the exit ramps use system to detect vehicle traveling the wrong way.
- 2. Triggers lights**  
Flashing lights are turned on along sign border to alert the driver he/she is traveling in the wrong direction.
- 3. Notifies officials**  
Detection system sends alert immediately to operators at an FDOT Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) and law enforcement officials.
- 4. Alerts other drivers**  
RTMC system broadcasts a wrong-way driver alert on message boards along the freeway.

## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Do you know the difference between electric bicycles and electric scooters?

Distinguishing between electric bicycles and scooters can be challenging, as their designs and functionalities often overlap. With advancements in technology and the constant introduction of new devices to the public market, the need for updated rules and regulations has grown. As these devices become more widespread, it's crucial for individuals to familiarize themselves with the unique characteristics of each, as well as their limitations. Understanding statewide and local laws governing their use helps ensure safety and compliance for everyone sharing the road or pathway. Stay informed and know the rules—it's a key step in adapting to the evolving landscape of personal transportation.

### KNOW THE DIFFERENCE: ELECTRIC BICYCLES & MORE

| Category                          | Segway/Hoverboard                                                                                      | Motorized Scooter*                                                                    | Class 1** E-Bike                                                                                   | Class 2** E-Bike                                                                              | Class 3** E-Bike                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Photo                             |                                                                                                        |                                                                                       |                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |                                                                                                    |
| Description:                      | Designed for one person. Self-balancing, two non-tandem wheels.                                        | Designed for one person. With or without a seat or saddle; no more than three wheels. | Bike with electric motor that only engages while the rider is pedaling. (pedal-assist or pedelec). | Bike with electric motor that can be engaged at any time, with or without the rider pedaling. | Bike with electric motor that only engages while the rider is pedaling. (pedal-assist or pedelec). |
| What is the max assisted speed?   | 19 MPH                                                                                                 | 20 MPH                                                                                | 20 MPH                                                                                             | 20 MPH                                                                                        | 28 MPH                                                                                             |
| Do I need a license?              | NO                                                                                                     | NO                                                                                    | NO                                                                                                 | NO                                                                                            | NO                                                                                                 |
| Do I need to register my vehicle? | NO                                                                                                     | NO                                                                                    | NO                                                                                                 | NO                                                                                            | NO                                                                                                 |
| Where can I ride?***              | Trails, multi-use paths, and sidewalks; may only operate on roads with a speed limit of 25 mph or less | Roadways, bike lanes, trails, multi-use paths, and sidewalks                          | Roadways, bike lanes, trails, multi-use paths, and sidewalks                                       | Roadways, bike lanes, trails, multi-use paths, and sidewalks                                  | Roadways, bike lanes, trails, multi-use paths, and sidewalks                                       |
| Do I need to wear a helmet?       | Required for riders under 16; recommended for all                                                      | Required for riders under 16; recommended for all                                     | Required for riders under 16; recommended for all                                                  | Required for riders under 16; recommended for all                                             | Required for riders under 16; recommended for all                                                  |

\*Additional local regulations may apply to shared fleets.  
\*\*All classes of e-bikes can be visually similar. The difference is in their max assisted speed and how the user can engage the motor.  
\*\*\*Unless prohibited by local municipal code. Refer to local government regulations for more information and additional local e-bike restrictions.

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## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program aims to increase the number of children walking and biking to school by addressing barriers like unsafe infrastructure and promoting safer, healthier commutes.

In Florida, the program helps students, including those with disabilities, by improving safety, reducing traffic, enhancing air quality, and encouraging physical activity.

If you're planning to apply for our next cycle and would like more information about the program, visit:  
<https://www.fdot.gov/Safety/programs/safe-routes.shtm>

## CITIZEN REQUESTS

The FDOT District Six Traffic Operations Office continues to investigate requests for new or enhanced pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, and school zone signage submitted by citizens, elected officials, and local municipalities in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. This is achieved through the Correspondence Tracking Program (CTP), a system that manages and documents requests from citizens who recommend improvements to the state's roads. The CTP system documents field observations, crash history data, pedestrian counts, and road conditions to generate reports and data used to identify potential safety and operational improvements.

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**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**  
*Inquiries included concerns regarding uncontrolled crosswalks with minimal treatments at offset intersections on a multi-lane road.*

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**SCHOOL ZONE**  
*Inquiries included concern about traffic congestion and safety during drop-off and pick-up times.*

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**CROSSING FEATURES**  
*Inquiries included concern regarding collisions involving pedestrians and bicycles when they entered a roadway outside of a marked crosswalk.*

If you have pedestrian or bicycle safety concerns, contact **Eduardo Hernandez**, Bike & Pedestrian Traffic Specialist, at [eduardo.hernandez@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:eduardo.hernandez@dot.state.fl.us) or at 305-470-5467. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

## HERE'S THE LATEST...

## CAMPAIGN SNAPSHOTS

**Drive Safe Mini Public Service Announcement (PSA)**

Check out our Mini PSA – Dream Big, Choose Wisely, Drive Safe: Don't let a bad decision ruin your future!

One choice can change everything. Protect your dreams and Drive Safe. Your dreams are worth the journey. Don't let one bad decision behind the wheel, like speeding or driving recklessly, derail your future.

### REMEMBER:

STAY FOCUSED  
Distractions can wait

SLOW DOWN  
Speeding only increases risks

STAY CALM  
Aggression has no place on the road

WATCH THE PSA

## City of Opa-Locka Red Light Cameras

The City of Opa-Locka's eight red light running cameras enhance traffic safety by reducing the instances of red light right and taxpayer costs while aiding crime investigations. Aligned with Florida Statute 316.0083, the program ensures compliance with state and county rules.

## EVENTS

### SUSAN G. KOMEN MORE THAN PINK WALK

On October 19, 2024, the Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk united thousands in Miami to support breast cancer research and advocacy. FDOT proudly participated, wearing pink t-shirts to show our support.

We engaged with over 6,000 community members, promoting safe driving through educational materials, giveaways, and a popular photo booth. FDOT was honored with a certificate of appreciation for our partnership and commitment to the community.

### NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY CELEBRATION

On October 2, 2024, we celebrated National Walk to School Day at West Homestead K-8 Center with the City of Homestead. This annual event, promoting healthy habits and physical activity, marks our 18th year, starting with Earlington Heights Elementary in 2007. The event featured a complimentary breakfast, a presentation with guest speakers, and a parade, bringing together students, parents, and staff to emphasize pedestrian safety and the need for safer routes to school.

### MIAMI BEACH MULTIAGENCY ENFORCEMENT EVENT

On December 4, 2024, we partnered with the City of Miami Beach Police Department for a multi-agency enforcement event. Police officers distributed Drive Safe tip cards to educate the community on safe driving and issued citations for violations. These enforcement events play a crucial role in promoting safe driving behaviors and are key to the success of our safety campaigns.

### MOBILITY WEEK

During Mobility Week 2024, from October 28 to November 3, FDOT participated in raising awareness about alternative transportation options and road safety.

The event focused on promoting walking, biking, and public transit for safer, more sustainable mobility. FDOT's involvement emphasized the need for improved infrastructure and safer, more accessible transportation for all Floridians.

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