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AGENDA

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – District Six Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST)

University of Miami Community Traffic Safety Team
February 11, 2026, 11 a.m.

Maria Camacho, FDOT Consultant ISC Group
Lorena Urgelles, Crime Prevention Specialist UMPD, bike and scooter program
Satya Allu, FDOT Traffic Engineer (Suresh)
Capt. Bill Gerlach, UMPD
Kurt Kaminer, Walk Safe Program at UM Medical Campus
Jarol Leyva, Parking and Transportation Supervisor UM

- I. Greeting/New Member Introductions
- II. CTST Report
 - A. Put it Down – Began in January through April
 - B. Target Zero Statewide Campaign



C. CTST resources/tools:
www.fdotsafetyresources.com

III. Member Reports

Members from each entity/organization will have an opportunity to provide an update on their activities or status of the organization.

- FDOT Updates – Ms. Camacho provided the following updates:
 - Put it Down (Distracted Driving) – January through March
 - Virtual Partner Kick-off held January 21
 - Guest Speaker: Melissa Hamrick - Kiefer Foundation
 - Simulation goggles
 - Please continue to share our message
 - Evergreen PSAs can be found at the districts YouTube Channel - @myFDOTMiami [Florida DOT - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmyFDOTMiami)
 - NEW! CTST Newsletter – Available at www.fdotsafetyresources.com
 - House Bill 243 – revised recently. Classification of e-bikes anything over 28 mph electric motorcycle – require DL.
 - i. Enforcement removed from bill.
 - ii. Micromobility task force – by October. Report to Governor and then legislation.
 - iii. Ticketing – focused on e-bikes
 - iv. 28 – was also stricken



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- o <https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=82769&>
- FLHSMV Announces Driver License Exams to Be Administered in English Only
 - o <https://www.flhsmv.gov/2026/01/30/flhsmv-announces-driver-license-exams-to-be-administered-in-english-only/>
 - o Miami-Dade clarifies Florida's English-only driver's license exam rule
 - o Miami-Dade Tax Collector Darriel Fernandez said the new rule will apply for any appointment made on or after Friday but said there will be a transition period for those who made appointments before Friday. (FEB 6)
 - o The transition period will run through March 31 and applies to those who wish to take the test in Spanish, Fernandez said.
 - o <https://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/florida-english-only-drivers-license-exam-miami-dade/3761169/> House Bill 243 – revised recently. Classification of e-bikes anything over 28 mph electric motorcycle – require DL. Enforcement removed from bill. Micromobility task force – by October. Report to Governor and then legislation. Ticketing – focused on e-bikes
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- UM Updates – Ms. Urgelles provided the following update:
 - o She mentioned improved parking enforcement (scooters not being locked, parking in designated racks)
 - o Ms. Leyva also said the students were responding well to the enforcement and that bike racks are now being used. She also said they gave out 279 citations, mostly for unauthorized parking.
 - o The team discussed Smaller U-Locks for scooters (stand-on scooters) and bigger U-locks for bikes and bottom bracket lock – used as a secondary lock to prevent thefts. Captain Gerlach discouraged using the bottom lock only and recommended locking to something sturdy.
 - o Ms. Urgellas also mentioned the March 4 Annual Safety Fair that is held to inform students of safety resources available. She said Key Biscayne PD is planning to participate by doing a demo.
 - o Mr. Kaminer brought up additional Bike Training Trailer that was available and may be located in Key Largo beginning in March. He explained that the bike rodeos are used to provide safety training by using a small route near the school. He mentioned the use of “balance bikes” that help students (scooter with a saddle) who do not know how to ride a bike. In contrast with training wheels, peddle first/balance second. Learning to balance should be first. More info is available at <https://ibikesafe.org/>. He also mentioned an article coming out soon about the organization at community news.
He also discussed school travel tallies and how he created a fully functional data site – for any school in Florida. Teachers can submit existing travel tallies and import historical data from previous years. MDCPS surveys – parent surveys will most likely end up on site. As soon as the program is online and reviewed, it will be shared with CTST.



- Project Status/Traffic Safety Issues

IV. Old/New Business

V. Adjournment

2026 CTST Meetings – **Next Meeting March 11, 2026 @ 11 a.m.**

The UM CTST plans to meet monthly on the second Wednesdays, at 11 am (virtually).

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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