

AGENDA

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

Florida International University Community Traffic Safety Team
March 19, 2026
10 a.m.

- I. Greeting/New Member Introductions
Shieda Castillo, Traffic Operations Safety Coordinator, FDOT
Maria Camacho, Consultant, FDOT
James Mesidor, Major FIU Police Dept.
Jorge H. Gomez, Assistant Chief FIU Police Dept.

II. CTST Report

- A. Current campaign: Put it Down (Distracted Driving)
- 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. Castillo provided the following updates.
 - Put it Down (Distracted Driving) Campaign – January to March
 - April is Distracted Driving Prevention Month
 - Next Campaign! Ride Smart Campaign (motorcycle safety awareness)
 - Kick-off planned for **May 6 Save the Date!**
 - Please continue to share our message
 - Evergreen PSAs
 - CTST Newsletter available www.fdotsafetyresources.com
 - Printed copies available
 - Meeting minutes are available – also on site (above)
- She mentioned that the Ped/Bike analysis for the past five years is slated to be presented at next month's meeting.
- She also mentioned an upcoming event/partnership with AAA – hosted at District Six.
 - **Save the Date. Friday, May 8.**
 - Encourages members to attend.



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- She said the UM Safety Fair held recently was a success and proposed a similar safety fair at FIU which could include a bike/ped safe program.
 - Assistant Chief Gomez mentioned Panther Night Out as an opportunity and that they would like MADD to be included.
- Ms. Castillo also mentioned Sunday's Calle Ocho Event – 242 surveys were completed despite downpour!
- She said the impairment goggles were a success and that she would look into providing FIU police with a pair of impairment goggles for outreach and education. They can also go to the Kiefer Foundation to apply to receive a VR headset when grant applications open up again.
- Ms. Castillo mentioned the Target Zero (305) budget changes – items to be purchased – goggles.
- Ms. Camacho mentioned the Micromobility task force – by October. Report to Governor and then legislation.
 - House Bill 243 (2026) - The Florida Senate Section 1 – sub section 10 appears to begin July 2026
 - Classification of e-bikes anything over 28 mph electric motorcycle – require DL. Speed limit for e-bikes on sidewalks - 10mph
 - Florida House votes to let highway speed limits hit 80 mph, axes registration stickers too <https://share.google/TIWF2U4RXy0hWnWRN>
- **Senate Bill 498 has passed. School zones need to have additional safety devices.**
- Major Mesidor agreed that the devices have caused issues. He mentioned a Sweetwater Elementary – crash and homicide near school. July 2025. He also mentioned a school bus accident in Sweetwater – former student – down street of school

FIU PD Update:

- Major Mesidor provided an update on the ongoing initiative called “Operation Saving Soles” and said there was an installation at Tamiami Trail and 109 Avenue. He mentioned that there are thousands of students crossing the intersection partly due to the construction of the new ped bridge / FDOT.
- The event targeted the increased habit of violation of right of ways by both cars and pedestrians, causing hazards to ped. It included phase 3 enforcement, with discretion/warnings.
- Partnered with Sweetwater PD – including spotters. Pedestrian violated right of way. He became uncooperative and did not provide info. Refused. Arrested. Notice to appear – refused. He will forward statistics.
- Data includes 10 failures to yield, 41 warnings, 21 traffic citations (more info coming soon). Ms. Castillo said she would love to give them a shout out.
- He also talked about a grant to target distracted driving and aggressive speeding. Included Sweetwater and the county. Includes North Miami campus. Contact Chris Craig. Alicia Galaway, works for Craig. Grant is needed – one of the busiest pedestrians in the county. Alonso Mourning – wife.



IV. Project Status/Traffic Safety Issues

V. Old/New Business

VI. Adjournment

2026 CTST Meetings – **Next Meeting April 19, 2026 @ 10 a.m.**

The FIU CTST plans to meet monthly on the third Thursdays at 10 am (virtually).

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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