AUGUST 9, 2017. A WEDNESDAY. AS I WAS BLOGGING ABOUT GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL AND BACK TO WORK WHILE ATTENDING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPLEX SUMMIT, A FLORIDA SENATOR MADE GOOD ON HIS WORD AND FILED A GENERAL BILL, SB 116 - OPERATION OF VEHICLES.

I DID NOT DISCOVER THIS BILL FILING UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 11. AND WHEN I SAW THE BILL AND READ THE LANGUAGE, I FELT A SENSE OF JOY, A SENSE OF HOPE AND AN OVERWHELMING SENSE OF SATISFACTION - WE HAVE IN PLAY FOR THE 2018 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION A BILL TO INCLUDE VULNERABLE ROAD USERS IN THE CURRENT MOVE OVER LAW [F.S. 316.126(b)].

This bill did not happen by happenstance. In 2015, Billy Hattaway, then working as Florida Department of Transportation's District One Secretary and "Champion" of FDOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition (Alert Today Alive Tomorrow), had FDOT staff analyze the move-over idea to include in proposed legislative changes from FDOT. As Hattaway stated in a March 31, 2015, NewsPress.com Share the Road series article discussing the issues law enforcement has with enforcing the bicycle 3-foot passing law [F.S. 316.083(1)],

"I'm trying to eliminate laws that aren't enforceable. Certainly, if you have a move-over law for emergency vehicles and vehicles with flashing lights and bicyclists, you're sending a consistent message."

For whatever reasons, the measure was not part of FDOT legislative changes. However, in the Association's capacity of serving on the FDOT safety coalition, I knew of the proposed changes. In the spirit of the Alert Today Alive Tomorrow safety baton, the measure was picked up by Florida Bicycle Association after a membership survey to develop a legislative platform. "Move Over for People" became FBA's top priority.

FBA membership has been encouraged over the last year to reach out to legislators to make this simple ask. At the end of the 2017 Florida legislative session, we had no bill or bill sponsor, but we continued to reach out to law makers. Through the efforts of the FBA legislative committee, a meeting with Senator Dennis Baxley of District 12 yielded a promise to give the measure consideration. We are happy to report, Senate Bill 116 was filed on August 9, 2017.

WE HAVE A SENATE BILL!

A SPECIAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Here are lines 1 - 11:

**Florida Senate – 2018 SB 116 By Senator Baxley**

A bill to be entitled - An act relating to operation of vehicles; amending s. 316.126, F.S.; requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements; deleting requirements of drivers approaching certain authorized emergency vehicles, sanitation vehicles, utility service vehicles, and wreckers; providing an effective date.

93 lines in total. 93 lines mapping out FBA's legislative platform top priority - Move Over for People.

YES! WE DID IT!

I'm still in awe. I am truly grateful for the efforts of our FBA legislative committee, our FBA members and our regional advocacy partners, primarily American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE). We worked the process and found a Senator to call our champion, Senator Dennis Baxley of District 12.

We are walking the walk and talking the talk; taking those baby steps of our "Educate Your Delegate" initiative to go from steps one and two to step four. Of course, this is just the beginning. We need to keep working the process to find our champion in the House, then work the committees and committee members to ensure this bill passes. It's a lot of work, I kid you not. Nothing, however, can take away the victory we have right now. We have a Senate bill! We did it!

We learned just before going to print that Representative Charlie Stone, District 22 filed HB 117, the House companion bill for our Move Over for People initiative. Game on!
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• To encourage more people to bicycle more often

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Education First – Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club (SMBC) members make a presentation of free bicycles to Devan and Yamileth, two graduates of the SMBC Youth Bicycle Safety Program at the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota County. SMBC provides classroom instruction on bicycle safety in addition to having the students practice bicycle-handling drills outside on a specially designed course.

PHOTO: Participating in teaching from left to right are Bud Gaunce, Tom Miller, Tom Leonhardt, Judy Lee and Lisa Indivino.
FBA launches Ride Leader / Ride Marshal Training Program by Mary Beth Garcia, Bicycle Safety Consultant

Safety is key in Florida and for all cyclists who want to enjoy the sport. We come to cycling for many reasons: health, sport, to support a local or national charity and fundraiser, to commute here and there, advance our skills and speed and most of all to have fun, meet new friends and include cycling as a part of our social life. Ride safety is a priority in Florida, especially since we are ranked one of the lowest states in the nation for bike safety and the highest for pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities. Florida has the highest rate of bicycling deaths of any state in the nation — 0.57 per 100,000 people, more than double the nationwide rate of 0.23 per 100,000.

Bicyclists die on U.S. roads at a rate double that of vehicle occupants, even though bicycle travel accounts for only about 1 percent of trips across all modes of transportation. The League of American Bicyclists, a Washington, D.C., based nonprofit that advocates for cycling, has commended Florida for a bike safety emphasis in its strategic highway plan and in its safe passing law, which requires drivers to give cyclists three feet of space or more. The League and Florida Bicycle Association (FBA) suggest the state adopt a mobile phone ban for motorists and adopt specific, data-driven performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.

"Florida’s making great advances, but like every other state there’s room to grow," stated Liz Murphy from the League of American Bicyclists.

Florida’s need for more ride safety programs is a key reason the FBA board decided to make the creation of a Ride Leader / Ride Marshal certification program a strategic priority in 2017. Safety in numbers, right? We all want to feelsafe when we ride in groups and having strong and skillful ride leaders to teach and train us is a comfort that helps all of us truly enjoy the sport.

Not only do the statistics make the business case, our members, Florida bike clubs and larger venue charity ride directors shared with Becky Alonso, Executive Director of FBA, that a Ride Leader / Ride Marshal program was indeed a need in the Florida cycling community. In March of 2017 FBA hired me to create the training program. Gathering feedback from Becky, FBA Members and cycling stakeholders — local Florida Bike Clubs, large charity organizations like National Multiple Sclerosis Society chapters (Bike MS charity bike rides across the state), Bike Safe, the Dolphin Cycling Challenge and several other local teams and organizations — was the first step.

We sent a survey out in July and received feedback that has helped us finalize the Ride Leader / Ride Marshal program starting this fall. [Visit www.floridabicycle.org to access the full survey.]

We were excited to learn that 57% of our members, clubs and organizations surveyed are interested in our Ride Leader to Ride Marshal program and 35% wanted to learn more.

Moving forward, we are excited to launch a pilot program before the year’s end. One of the big take-aways is the desire to customize the learning approach pending whether you are leading a community ride, a club ride or a major charity event over multiple days. So, we are designing the training and certification program to be modular in approach to allow a Florida bike club and FBA member to choose the modules that are most relevant for their needs and ride leader development. Our modules will be designed to fit into the 2-4 hour timeframe our survey respondents expressed was ideal time they could invest in the Ride Leader / Ride Marshal Certification program.

Below are the current modules we have developed:

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We are eager to schedule 3-5 Ride Leader / Ride Marshal training sessions this fall. Fees are membership in FBA for your group or organization and individual FBA Membership for each ride leader we certify. Visit floridabicycle.org for more information, including a form to request the program. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

FBA Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 21, 1-4PM, St. Petersburg Main Library
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You won’t want to miss this special FBA membership meeting. We’ll take a look back on our 20-year history and plan together for FBA’s future. Snacks and special 20th Anniversary giveaways provided, along with information and idea sharing from you, our members!

Biking the New Extension of the Pinellas Trail by Jim Dodson, FBA Board Secretary

Florida is developing a world class multi-use trail system which is envisioned to include over 2000 miles of trails when completed. One of the earliest and most recognized is the Pinellas Trail which, until recently, extended from St. Petersburg to East Lake Road just east of Tarpon Springs. In July, Pinellas County had the grand opening of a new section of the Pinellas Trail. This new section is just over five miles long and extends the Pinellas Trail from Tarpon Springs to Pasco County.

The Pinellas Trail is one of the first sections of the Coast-to-Coast Connector Trail partially funded through the twenty-five million dollars of recurring funding by the legislature to the Florida Department of Transportation for multi-use, non-motorized trail construction. The construction of the next section, beginning in Pasco County, is underway and will provide the link to the Suncoast Trail which follows the Veterans Expressway/Suncoast Parkway all the way to Brooksville. It is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

The extension received rave reviews by early users. Anxious to see for ourselves, my wife and I checked it out on a Friday morning ride the first week of August. Beginning East Lake Road, the extension follows Keystone Road east along its south side about three miles before crossing to the north. A short distance later the trail makes a sharp left turn. You quickly leave the traffic corridor behind you and enter a world of pastures and woodlands for the next two miles. It is tranquil and beautiful and is a delightful taste of what we can expect to experience when the next much longer section opens. The scenery reminded me of the Florida I fondly remember as a boy growing up in Sanford. We enjoyed the last two miles so much we rode it several times to extend our experience.

There are several parking options if you want to begin close to the new section. You may consider parking in Brooker Creek Preserve, located just off Keystone Road about two miles from East Lake Road. The parking area in the preserve is about a mile from its entrance along a little used access road. Brooker Creek is beautiful and offers plenty of parking as well as water and clean rest rooms. Other parking options which would extend your ride include various business plazas along Keystone west of East Lake. These afford access to the existing Pinellas Trail which loops south to Keystone about a half mile west of East Lake Road. Of course, you can extend your ride by simply following the Pinellas Trail through Tarpon Springs to meet the new extension. The ride through Tarpon Springs is unique and worth experiencing. A great place to stop for breakfast or lunch is The Trailside Cafe. It is Trip Advisor rated and situated on the trail just south of Tarpon Avenue in Tarpon Springs. We have tried it twice recently and have enjoyed both meals. It’s a great place to refuel after your ride.

Jim Dodson is an experienced bike accident lawyer, cyclist and bicycle safety advocate who has been representing accident victims for over twenty-five years. He represents injury victims throughout Florida. He is the author of the Florida Bicycle Accident Handbook, relied upon by hundreds of cyclists across the state. If you have a question about a cycling accident, contact Jim at www.jimdodsonlaw.com. There is never any charge to discuss your case.
Alert Today Alive Tomorrow Coalition Corner
by Trenda McPherson, State Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program Manager, FDOT Traffic Safety Office

Florida’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition is a diverse group of federal, state, and local partners, non-profit organizations, and public stakeholders. It is not our goal to market or advertise any specific products or services, but it is our pleasure to showcase our partners, and how we are working together to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in Florida. AAA–The Auto Club Group, for example, has been a dedicated safety partner since 2015.

As many of us move towards more active lifestyles, we choose to use “Active Transportation” (walking and cycling) for our commute to work or school, for short trips, or for exercise or recreation. And let’s face it, no matter how we use the road, driving, walking, or cycling, it’s still our method of transportation.

Our partners at AAA understand that all modes of transportation occasionally break down, so they’ve extended their services by adding roadside assistance for cyclists. Service applies to all disabled bicycles and tandems, including rental bicycles and trailers being pulled by bicycles.

For more information about this innovative new service, visit: www.AAA.com/Bicycle. For information on Florida’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition or for general safety tips and information, please visit: www.AlertTodayFlorida.com.

The Florida Bicycle Association is proud to be a partner of Florida’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition. See page 12 for more Alert Today Alive Tomorrow Coalition Corner initiatives.

FBA Fall Events
Cycling enthusiasts have many opportunities to attend these important Florida Bicycle Association events:

Florida Bicycle Best Practices Workshop, Saturday, Sept. 2, 2:30–4:30PM, Sebring
Held in conjunction with the Highland Pedalers Tour of Sebring, this FREE workshop is open to anyone who wishes to learn or share ideas with other bicycle enthusiasts to be part of the solution for Florida bicycling concerns. Sebring Civic Center, 335 West Center Ave & Lakeview Dr, Sebring 33870

Florida Bicycle Best Practices Workshop, Thursday, Sept. 14, 5–8PM, Tallahassee
Join us for a unique evening with members of the Capital City Cyclists and Joyride Tallahassee to discuss past, present and future bicycle legislative initiatives. This FREE workshop is open to anyone who wishes to learn or share ideas with other bicycle enthusiasts to be part of the solution for Florida bicycling concerns. Grasslands Brewing Company, 603 W Gaines St., #7; Tallahassee 32304

FBA Pop-Up Talks, Saturday, Sept. 16, All day, Flagler Beach
Florida Bicycle Association will be at the CAAM Flagler Fondo weekend. Throughout Saturday, FBA will hold the mike on stage for Pop-Up Talks. This is your opportunity to speak directly with Executive Director Becky Afonso to learn more about the state of bicycling in Florida. Central Park at Town Center, 975 Central Ave, Flagler Beach 32136

Welcome FBA’s new Membership Director Elijah Rodgers
Elijah is an Oldsmar resident who has lived in the Tampa Bay area for the majority of his life. He actively volunteers for several programs, both in his city and within the bay area. Elijah’s bicycle training wheels came off at the tender age of four and by five he was cruising the block with no hands and not a care in the world, learning stunts for years to follow. He thought for sure he was going to be a professional stunt double, but then life happened and the bicycle no longer played a major role.

A short year ago, he was given a bicycle as a gift and traveled over 30 miles on it the first day he had it. He was instantly re-hooked. Much wiser than he was in his elementary school years, Elijah realizes that living on the edge isn’t the best idea in the world. He now embraces the importance of conservation and sustainability. As a result of this epiphany, paired with his love for cycling, he now commutes regularly on his bike, traveling as far as 70-200 miles per week. In his travels he loves educating the people he encounters about bicycle safety and the amazing stretches of trails available for them to explore. His ultimate goal, aside from becoming an ER surgeon, is to shift as many of the populations’ focus as he can, from the gas pedal to the bicycle pedal.

Favorite Quote: “Without action, you aren’t going anywhere.” Mahatma Gandhi

New FDOT Bicycle/Ped. Coordinator Team
by Mary O’Brien, AICP, CPH, State Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has two new additions to our Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator team; Michael Ziarnek in District 5 (DeLand) and Elizabeth Stacey in District 6 (Miami).

Mike comes to the Deland District Five office from Denver, Colorado. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Urban and Regional Planning. He has worked with traffic engineering at the city, county and regional government level.

Elizabeth comes to the Miami District Six office from Eugene, Oregon. She has worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation for 17 years. She brings a broad spectrum of experience in project design, program management and partnering with local communities.

Please join in welcoming them and let them know how they can help. Mike can be reached at Michael.Ziarnek@dot.state.fl.us and Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Stacey@dot.state.fl.us.
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Kathleen Passidomo. “So we need to create a common sense approach to the problem of motor vehicles crashing into cyclists.”

Cyclists, serves as their advocacy chair and continues to be involved in events and meetings as well as City of Tallahassee Bike to Work Week activities. Kathleen knows there can be no compromise on safety issues, especially those related to cyclists.

Kathleen believes that by increasing the awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and how safe driving practices can save lives, so many fewer could be spared. Kathleen is a member of the Capital City Cyclists, serves as their advocacy chair and has been very active in promoting safe cycling practices and legislation.

Special Recognition: Kurt Eichen (Posthumously)

On July 4th of 2016, we lost a friend of ours, Kurt Eichen. A lover of adventure, Kurt fully appreciated the well-formed stories, the view from the mountain top, the sun over water, and the thrill of getting there on a bike.

Kurt was a Transportation Planner for the Florida Department of Transportation and subsequently served as a Legislative Analyst and Staff Director for the Florida Department of Transportation. He was passionate about cycling and was a driving force behind many of Florida’s bicycle and pedestrian safety initiatives. He was a champion for cycling, alternative modes of transportation, safer streets and was active in the Florida Bicycle Association and other cycling advocacy groups.

Kurt’s advocacy for cycling was not limited to the state of Florida. He was a member of the Florida Bicycle Association and was one of the original leaders of the Florida Bicycle Association’s legislative work. He was also a member of the Florida Bicycle Association’s Advocacy Committee and was active in promoting cycling safety and awareness.

After coming to Tallahassee in 1998, Hans did some recreational riding, and eventually became an avid cyclist. He also became involved in community service and events, often taking on leadership roles and organizing events.

Hans believes that cycling is a way to stay healthy and to reduce stress. He regularly attends the Capital City Cyclists meetings and serves on the Board of Directors. Hans has helped and continues to fight for the good fight for bicyclists.

Elated Official Champion: Senator Kathleen Passidomo, District 28

As a State Legislator, Kathleen Passidomo relies on her experience as a South Florida resident of over 30 years to address the most important issues within her community. She is a strong advocate for cycling safety and awareness and has been active in promoting cycling initiatives and legislation.

Hans van Tol accepts the Volunteer award joined by Maggie Artito, RBX committee member / FDOT Road Design Office and Rep Maggie Artito and RBX awarded its first bike in 2009 and has distributed hundreds of “bike to bikes.” For those that know and work with Hans, he is a dedicated, helpful facilitator and a champion.

Citizen Bike Advocate: Brian Miller, Executive Director, Florida Bicycle Association

Brian Miller is a long-time advocate for cycling and has been involved in many cycling advocacy efforts. He is also a Governor’s appointee to the Florida Greenways & Trails Council serving as the current chairman and as a Vice President of the Florida Bicycle Advocates. He is also the founding director of the Florida Bicycle Advocates. He is a board member of the Florida Bicycle Association and is active in many cycling initiatives.

Brian regularly attends the Capital City Cyclists meetings and serves as an honorary board member. This recognition was a reflection of the important role he played in creating what is now known as the Sunlife Transportation Summit.

Florida Bicycle Association from the Share the Road Safety Committee and has been a vocal advocate for cyclists. He has been active in promoting cycling safety and awareness and has been involved in many cycling initiatives and events.

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FBA Anniversary History Highlight

Part three of four-part series

Editor’s note: As we continue this walk-through FBA history, I recently received a package from an original founder, secretary and past president, Joanna Hoyt. Joanna provided materials from the 1987 Bicycling Magazine Grape Nuts Bicycle Festival, sponsored by Florida Bicycle Association, in addition to original copies of FBA newsletters dating back to 1988. Although I haven’t had time to thoroughly go through the materials, headlines from some of the 1988 newsletters validate the Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr quote, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” It becomes clear that fighting the good fight for Florida cycling is its own never-ending story. To that point, this installment of the 20th Anniversary celebration of Florida Bicycle Association features that which has and continues to stand the test of time, the Florida Bicycle and Pedestrian Law Enforcement Guide and Florida Bicycling Street Smarts–Riding Confidentially, Legally and Safely.

As Florida Bicycle Association and Bike Florida ended the 1990’s by obtaining the signatures, funding and legislation necessary for the Share the Road specialty license tag, FBA readied itself to launch a publication prior to the start of the new millennium. This major accomplishment in 2000 was the Law Enforcement Guide intended for distribution to law enforcement officers across the state. The booklet contained information on the “hows” and “whys” of enforcing laws for bicycle safety, including a summary of all the relevant Florida statutes.

FBA President Tina Russo provided early research that helped kick off the project. Paul Hardy and Mighk Wilson led the efforts to finalized the booklet based on input from many sources including Pat Pieratte, Theo Petritsch and Dwight Kingsbury in the FDOT Safety Office, Dr. Linda Crider, and Paul Casazza, a police officer on FBA’s advisory board. Randall Williams, a FBA Board Director and professional editor, readied the booklet for final printing. Within one year, the publication became known and titled as the Florida Bicycle Law Enforcement Guide. By 2002, it was estimated that 26,500 copies of the Florida Bicycle Law Enforcement Guide were in circulation.

In 2003, FBA distributed an additional bicycling education publication, Florida Bicycling Street Smarts–Riding Confidently, Legally and Safely. Originally published between 1988 and 2000 by Rodale Inc. as Street Smarts by John S. Allen, Bicycling Street Smarts became an updated and revised edition. This publication is described as “the nuts and bolts of safe and legal on-road cycling including lane-positioning, navigating intersections, expert control of brakes and steering, emergency maneuvers, and dealing with difficult situations. By learning correct on-road riding techniques and mastering control of the bicycle, any cyclist from beginner to expert will enjoy increased confidence and safety while riding any road.”

Florida Bicycling Street Smarts version includes additional information pertaining to Florida statutes. 10,000 copies were made available through funding from the Florida “Share the Road” specialty license plate proceeds and the State Safety Office of the Florida Department of Transportation. By 2006, the Florida Bicycle Law Enforcement Guide publication added pedestrian laws, which were separated to create a dual-covered guide and is now referred to as the Florida Bicycle & Pedestrian Law Enforcement Guide. Throughout the years, re-prints and revisions to both the Florida Bicycle & Pedestrian Law Enforcement Guide and Florida Bicycling Street Smarts were made to keep up with current statutes and to maintain inventory.

By 2009, FBA collaborated with the Florida Pedestrian and Bicycling Safety Resource Center to print and distribute safety education materials including the Florida Bicycle & Pedestrian Law Enforcement Guide and Florida Bicycling Street Smarts. The partnership continues today. Many thousands of these publications have been distributed across Florida and thousands more will continue to be made available. FBA has understood the importance of these publications for nearly 20 years and intends to keep the tradition going. Plus les choses changent, plus elles restent les mêmes.

Editor’s note: The 2017 revised Florida Bicycling Street Smarts and the current edition of Florida Bicycle & Pedestrian Law Enforcement Guide are now available. Order your copy by visiting the FBA website/Publications or for bulk orders, visit the Florida Pedestrian and Bicycling Safety Resource Center.

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BIG CYPRESS to SHARK VALLEY Cycle Tour

by Christopher G. Burns, Esq. – an attorney who has specialized in enforcing the rights of injured cyclists for more than 30 years. He is the Chairman for the Jacksonville (Fla.) Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Consultations are free of charge. You may reach him at 904-632-2424, chris@floridacyclinglaw.com, or www.FloridaCyclingLaw.com.

OASIS VISITOR CENTER

The Big Cypress Oasis Center has a history that is worth mentioning. Many people driving along the Tamiami Trail remember the airplane mounted to the top of the building that was completed in the 1960s and served a private airport with a hangar and restaurant. Before it was a visitor center, it was a service station, complete with a Lockheed Constellation on top. Eventually, it was purchased by the National Park Service in the 1980s and today the building serves as the Big Cypress Oasis Visitor Center. Inside, there are exhibits related to the natural and cultural history of the preserve, educational materials, sales items, and an introductory film. The NPS staff is available to assist visitors with information about available activities in the area. The Oasis Visitor Center is 21 miles east of Everglades City and 36 miles from Krome Avenue in Miami-Dade.

To begin this cycle tour park at the Oasis Visitor Center, head east towards Miami. Bike along the shoulders of the Tamiami Trail (US41) and be very cautious of the traffic, especially when approaching the narrow bridges. Just under a mile on the right you will reach Clyde Butcher’s Big Cypress Gallery, a definite “must see” for any lover of the Everglades. Clyde is considered to be the Ansel Adams of the Everglades. His large black-and-white photographs portray Florida’s turbulent cloud structures, its beautiful cypress forests and infinite prairies. Other photographers are exhibited in the gallery and gift shop. For more information, visit https://clydebutcher.com/.

Back on the Tamiami Trail you’ll pass Midway Campground in two miles, then the Collier / Dade County Line an additional eight miles. There are limited amenities along this section so be prepared to bring water. In 1928 the Tamiami Trail was completed connecting the two counties.

In another four miles you’ll come upon the east terminus of Loop Road (another FROGG Cycle Tour) at a bend in the road. Then Tippy’s Outpost Convenience Store will be just another 1 1/2 miles on the left. You will be entering the Miccosukee Tribe Reservation with several interesting sites, including their Indian Village which is open to the public. The history of the Miccosukee Tribe is provided by native guides as well as narrated in their museum. You will learn how the Miccosukee Indian Tribe survived and still exists in the Everglades. Alligator wrestling is also demonstrated and airboat rides are available for visitors. For more information, visit website: http://www.miccosukee.com/indian-village/.

As you leave the Village, cycle east over the bridge where there is a general store, a visitor center and the Miccosukee Restaurant serving catfish, frog legs and fry bread as well as a wide selection of salads and sandwiches.

SHARK VALLEY in EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

The entrance to Shark Valley is located across the street and just a block east of the Miccosukee Restaurant. The history of this area goes back to 1946 when Humble Oil Company constructed the loop road to drill for oil. In 1947 the Everglades National Park was established and in 1952 a steel frame fire tower was installed. This was replaced by the concrete observation tower which was designed by the prominent South Florida architect Edward M. Ghezzi. Shark Valley was opened to the public in 1966 with tram service in 1972. Cyclists from all over the world come to experience the Everglades on this paved road. Every month when there is a full moon, a group of cyclists will ride around the 15-mile loop in the evening light. During the day a guided tram tour is available if you decide not to cycle this loop. More about Shark Valley at: https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/upload/SVBike-2.pdf.

If you decide to stay in Everglades City, it is only a half hour drive from East Naples or Marco Island with a wide range of accommodations and restaurants. Visit local newspaper website www.evergladesmulletrapper.com. Today, over one million people explore Big Cypress National Preserve. Cycling the Everglades is the best way to truly enjoy the beauty, the wildlife, and the serenity of this area – both on and off road. For more information about hiking and cycling in the Everglades, visit the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway website and download a list of facilities and map at https://evergladesrogg.org/tamiami-trail/.

Patty Huff has lived in the Everglades for over 20 years and is a board member of the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway as well as the Florida Bicycle Association.

Wheels of Justice – Ask the Attorney

Leaving the Scene

Question: Are Cyclists Legally Entitled To Pass Cars On The Right? What if I am sharing a lane with a car? Can I pass it on the right? What if cars are stopped in rush-hour traffic? Do I have to wait?

Answer: The answer is not clear. Existing law is ambiguous. But the best interpretation of the law would say cyclists may pass on the right when doing so safely.

In analyzing whether it is legal for a cyclist to pass motor vehicles on the right, a preliminary question is whether Florida Statute Section 316.084 applies to bicyclists. FS 316.084 defines when the driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another on the right. It is allowed under the following limited situations:

1. When a vehicle being overtaken is about to make a left turn, or
2. When the road is wide enough to accommodate two lanes of traffic going the same direction, or
3. On a one-way street, where there is sufficient room for two lanes to go in the same direction, and

Under all of the above circumstances, only when conditions permit the passing maneuver "in safety".

If FS 316.084 applies, then for the cyclist to legally pass on the right, there would have to be two vehicle lanes present, with a cyclist in the right lane passing a motorist in the left lane. There is no exception contained in the statute for one vehicle passing another in the same lane. There is no mention of bicycles or bike lanes, and whether a bike lane constitutes "sufficient width for two or more lines of moving traffic in each direction", as the statute states.

At least one lower level Florida Court firmly believes that FS 316.84 does NOT apply to the situation of bicycles passing cars. This Court held that FS 316.84 does not prescribe the only circumstances when bikes may pass cars on the right. In the case of Wilkerson v. State of Florida, a cyclist in Key West was given a traffic ticket for passing a motor vehicle on the right. The cyclist and motorist were both traveling in the same lane, on Duval Street. The cyclist was to the edge of the lane, to the motorist’s right. The motorist was slowed by traffic. The cyclist could go faster. The cyclist was fined $150 and assessed $30 in court costs. The cyclist appealed the ticket. The Circuit Court threw out the ticket. The Court stated:“Reason dictates that the regulation against passing on the right obviously and necessarily refers to motorized vehicles passing other motorized vehicles. Applying the regulation to bicycles would lead to absurd and/or tragic results. One has only to imagine a bicyclist approaching a car moving slowly in the traffic lane. If the bicyclist literally were obliged to pass on the left-apparently regardless of the opportunity to pass safely on the right-he or she would be required to swing out into traffic between the slow-moving car and the vehicle behind it. Then the cyclist would then have to ride down the centerline until the slow-moving vehicle was passed. Finally, to get back to the right side of the rode where the law ordinarily requires the bicyclist to ride, he or she would have to swing back in front of the passed car that may not be cooperative, whether by reason of changing speeds, making a turn, or sheer ignorance of the bike rider’s presence. This Court does not believe that the Legislature intended to require bicyclists to perform such acts of bravery or foolhardiness.”

The Court went on to hold that Florida cyclists should ride with the flow of traffic as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, “exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.”

What if the cyclist is in the bike lane and passing on the right? Again, there is no Florida statute of case decision that addresses the legality of passing on the right. It is my belief that passing on the right by a cyclist should be perfectly legal. If FS 316.084 does not apply, the pass would be legal. Even if Florida Statute Section 316.084 applies, the bike lane and vehicle lane should constitute two lanes in the same direction for travel, as described in the statute as an exception. There is the lane for motor vehicles. But there is also the separate lane for bikes. Since the road in this location is wide enough to accommodate two lanes of traffic going the same direction, it should be legal for the bicyclist to pass on the right.

When there is no bike lane but a paved shoulder, and the cyclist uses the shoulder to pass the car, this should be perfectly legal – even if the above statute applies. Once again, the road is then wide enough for two lanes of traffic going in the same direction.

Certainly, the law SHOULD BE that cyclists can pass on the right. Being able to avoid the backups at rush hour with motorists is one of the great reasons to commute by bike. The cyclist must be allowed to continue moving straight in a bike lane or edge of the road or shoulder, while motorists are moving in traffic to the right of the cyclist. Can you imagine the absurdity of cyclists standing in traffic, not moving, with both feet firmly in place on the asphalt, because to their left sit numerous cars not moving in rush hour? We must continue to advocate about the benefits of bicycles as environmentally friendly, inexpensive, and safe modes of transportation.
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Biking with a Badge Program

Kenneth City Police Department is taking big steps to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. They are living proof that you don’t have to be big, you just need to have a big heart. Police Chief Kevin Riley is passionate about the safety and security of the community. While the agency embraces traditional policing programs, they are consistently working to identify new ways to foster relationships with the people they serve.

A perfect example of this is the “Biking With A Badge” program. “Biking With A Badge” is an innovative strategy to bring the community together to discuss bicycle safety, learn more about bicycle laws, and take a ride through the city with local officers. The program ends by awarding one lucky boy and girl brand new bicycles. This program not only improves relationships, it teaches safe cycling.

But that’s not all Chief Riley is up to these days. As the newest member of Florida’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition, Chief Riley participates in High Visibility Enforcement and Positive Reinforcement to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, has been trained to fit bicycle helmets, distributes safety materials and information at events, and has engaged other agencies around the area in helmet fitting training.

Bike Valet Program

As Downtown Jacksonville and surrounding areas (San Marco, Riverside, Springfield, etc.) have begun a transformation in recent years to provide new residential options for those looking to live in or near Jacksonville’s urban core, the Jaguars have seen an increase in fans riding bicycles to EverBank Field for games.

To meet this growing demand and provide a safe, convenient option for bicycle-riding fans, the Jaguars partnered with “Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow” on a first-of-its kind, on-site bicycle valet program.

Operated by ZenCog Bicycle Company, fans can have their bikes valeted on a complimentary basis and enjoy the game with peace of mind knowing that their bike will be secure and monitored until they leave the game and pick their bike up to ride home.

During the 2016 season, and due in large part to the promotional efforts behind this unique amenity (not offered by any other stadium / arena / venue in Florida) this unique amenity (not offered by any large part to the promotional efforts behind this unique amenity (not offered by any other stadium / arena / venue in Florida) this unique amenity (not offered by any other stadium / arena / venue in Florida), the Jaguars have seen an increase in fans riding bicycles, the Jaguars partnered with “Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow” on a first-of-its kind, on-site bicycle valet program.

Furthermore, Jaguars General Manager Dave Caldwell, an avid cyclist himself, became the spokesperson for this platform and voiced a customized radio spot that airs throughout the season during Jaguars weekly radio programming to drive awareness and users for the bike valet program. Additional promotional support for the EverBank Field bike valet presented by “Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow” includes:

- Digital media on Jaguars.com
- Social media exposure through Jaguars social media platforms
- Inclusion in the Jaguars Gameday e-Program sent to season seat members during the week of each Jaguars home game
- “Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow” hangtags are placed on valeted bicycles, and “Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow” also has the opportunity to conduct bicycle safety demonstrations, helmet fittings, etc. in order to enhance bicycle safety efforts in Jacksonville.

Giving to FBA

Did you know?...

Florida Bicycle Association was founded by people like you who want to make Florida a better place to ride a bicycle. Our projects and programs that benefit bicyclists are made possible primarily through membership and sponsorship to our organization. Simply put, without membership, sponsorship and donations, FBA would not exist. Keep bicycle enjoyment alive in Florida and help us in the fight against bicycle fatalities. Join FBA!

Your membership donation to FBA is tax-deductible? Florida Bicycle Association, Inc. was incorporated in 1997 for educational and charitable purposes and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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Joining is easy. Just visit www.floridabicycle.org. Click the “Join Us” link at the top of the page, use the online or download a brochure option, or you can request an application to be mailed to you by contacting Becky Afonso at 813-748-1513 or becky@floridabicycle.org.

Bicycling is one of life’s simple pleasures to enjoy, not fear. Join or donate to the Florida Bicycle Association and let’s ride together for Florida bicycling excellence.

Questions about the laws related to bicycling?

Ask Geo @ FlBikeLaw.org*

by George Martin

As part of the Bicycle Law Enforcement Program, FBA maintains FlBikeLaw.org to provide a place to ask questions about the laws. Questions come direct to FBA via the “Contact FBA” form on flbicycle.org as well as other sources. Herein is a very limited sample of questions and answers found on the site. Go online for more.

Electric Motorcycle

Q Mike asked: Am I allowed to be riding a Zero brand electric motorcycle?

A An electric motorcycle may be operated on the road if it is registered and the operator has an appropriate driver’s license.

s. 316.003 – Definitions

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, every owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven on the roads of this state shall register the vehicle in this state.

s. 322.03 – Drivers Must be Licensed; Penalties

(1) Except as otherwise authorized in this chapter, a person may not drive any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person has a valid driver license issued under this chapter.

(4) A person may not operate a motorcycle unless he or she holds a driver license that authorizes such operation, subject to the appropriate restrictions and endorsements.

Officer Must Witness Incident

Q Joe asked: I ride my bicycle to work and back each day. Most of the commute is on rural roads with a wide shoulder but not technically a marked bike lane. This morning, while I was riding on the shoulder a vehicle pulled along beside me, slowed, and made a right turn which forced me into the ditch to avoid being run over. She stopped and said she thought I was further back and I should have seen her turning. The ride immediately preceding the incident was pretty rough so I can’t say whether or not she actually hit me. When the deputy sheriff arrived he said that since it wasn’t a crash he couldn’t do anything since he didn’t witness the incident. Does this sound right to you?

A This is the applicable statute:

Is. 316.083 – Overtaking and Passing a Vehicle

The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions, and special rules hereinafter stated:

(1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall give an appropriate signal as provided for in s. 156. shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle must pass the bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet between the vehicle and the bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle.

Since violation of the statute above is a non-criminal violation, what the officer stated is essentially correct. Normally an officer must witness the incident to properly evaluate the facts. If a crash occurs, an investigation can be initiated and witness statements are taken and other evidence is collected.

If you were not satisfied with the outcome, you could have asked for a superior officer to follow up on scene, or you could file a report after the fact with the sheriff’s office asking that they investigate.

eBike Lights

Q Wayne asked: None of my lights are working on my e-bike. Can I still operate it?

A Lights and reflectors are required on bicycles during nighttime and inclement weather. During good daylight weather, they are not required. If your ebike meets the statutory definition of a bicycle, it is a bicycle and the same laws apply.

s. 316.003 – Definitions

(2) Bicycle – Every vehicle propelled solely by human power, and every motorized bicycle propelled by a combination of human power and an electric helper motor capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on level ground upon which a person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include such a vehicle with a seat height of no more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its highest position or a scooter or similar device.

s. 316.2065 – Bicycle Regulations

(7) Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear.

s. 316.217 – When Lighted Lamps are Required

(1) Every vehicle operated upon a highway within this state shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices .... under the following conditions;

(b) During any rain, smoke, or fog...
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### SEPTEMBER

**September 16 (Sat)**  **Bartow**
Tour de Tow 2017 - Scenic Road Tour
Family Fun Ride 16 miles $20, 37 Mile $35, and 65 Mile $40. TANDEM RIDERS welcome, add $20. Trish at 863-640-1024 or http://www.bartowcyclingevents.com

**September 16-17 (Sat-Sun)**  **Palm Coast**
Flagler Fondo
Starts 7am at Central Park in Town Center, 975 Central Ave, Flagler Beach 32136. 5 to 100 miles options. https://raceroster.com/events/2017/9069/flagler-fondo

**September 23 (Sat)**  **Key Largo**
ReMARCarble Tour de Keys
Starts 7am at Holiday Inn Key Largo, 99701 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo FL 33070 100 miles solo or as a relay team https://raceroster.com/events/2017/12715/the-remarcable-tour-de-keys

**September 30 (Sat)**  **Seminole**
Warrior Memorial Cyclist Poker Run
Starts 8am at American Legion Post 252, 11433 Park Blvd. N, 33772. 20 & 40 miles options. https://pokerride.racehawk.com

### OCTOBER

**October 1 (Sun)**  **DeLand**
CF Cycle for Life – Central Florida
Starts 8am at Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Ave, DeLand, FL 32724. 26, 65 & 102 miles options. http://flightcf.org/site/TRRftId=9092&pg=entry

**October 1 (Sun)**  **Inverness**
Inverness Rails to Trails Bike Ride
Starts 7am at Rails To Trails-Whitslacochee 315 N Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450. 15 to 100 miles options http://www.railstotrailsonline.com/annual-registration-form.php

**October 6-8**  **Mount Dora**
43rd Annual Mount Dora Bicycle Festival
14 routes (road), 100 mile B2B option, concert Sat night, Festival jersey included. http://mountdorabicyclefestival.com

**October 7 (Sat)**  **Tallahassee FL**
34th Annual Spaghetti 100
35 & 65 miles paved, 40, 65 & 100 miles dirt. http://www.ccyclists.org/spaghettis100/

**October 7 (Sat)**  **Winter Garden**
WGWW “Think Pink” Breast Cancer Ride
Starts 8am at Winter Garden Wheel Works, 101 W Plant St 34787. 10, 30 & 65 miles options. active.com/winter-garden-fl/cycling/wgww-think-pink-breast-cancer-ride-2017

**October 8 (Sun)**  **Lake Mary**
CAAM 200k

**October 13-14 (Fri-Sat)**  **Orlando**
Warrior Grind
250 miles (Orlando to Ft. Pierce to Orlando) over 2 days. http://warriorgrind.weebly.com/register.html

**October 14-15 (Sat-Sun)**  **Ponte Vedra Beach**
Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore
Starts 7:30 a.m. at TPC Sawgrass 5430 Palm Valley Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32020 or Marineland Dolphin Adventure 9680 N Ocean Shore Blvd, St. Augustine FL 32080 16 mile to 160 mile one or two-day race routes. http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/FL/NBikeEventfiles?&event_id=29045

**October 15 (Sun)**  **Orlando**
Ride-4-Ronald
Starts 7:30 a.m. at Lake Nona Town Center Office 6900 Tavistock Lakes Blvd, Orlando, FL 32827. 10, 30 & 60 mile options https://raceroster.com/events/2017/12666/ride-4-ronald-2017

**October 21 (Sat)**  **Milton**
Fenner Ride
Starts 7:30 a.m. at Guy Thompson Community Center 5629 Byrom St Milton, FL 32570. 42, 62 & 100 mile options. https://secure.getmereregistered.com/register.php?event_id=125991&c=&start_over=yes

**October 21 (Sat)**  **Gainesville**
Gainesville Cycling Festival includes Santa Fe Century
Starts 8:30 a.m. at Northwest Boys & Girls Club, 2700 NW 51st St, Gainesville, FL 32605. 32, 55, 68 & 103 mile options http://gcfgfla.org/gcf/

**October 22 (Sun)**  **Flemington**
Horse Farm Tours

**October 22 (Sun)**  **Homestead**
EBC Freedom Ride
Starts 7:30 a.m. at Homestead-Miami Speedway 1 Speedway Blvd, Homestead, FL 33035. 12-100 mile options. http://www.evelgadesbc.com/Freedom2017

**October 22 (Sun)**  **Sunrise**
Ride for Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention
Starts 7:30 a.m. at Markham Park & Target Range 16001 W State Rd 84, Sunrise, FL 33326. 31 & 62 mile options. https://www.facebook.com/RideForBreastCancer/

**October 27-29**  **Tampa**
Fall Team 2C2 Cross Florida Bike Ride
Ride literally from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. Fully supported, group ride, not a race. www.team2c2.org or email kevin@2c2bikereids.com

**October 29 (Sun)**  **Sunrise**
Cyclefest
Starts 8am at Markham Park & Target Range, 6001 W State Rd 84, Sunrise, FL 33326. 31 & 62 mile options. https://tickets.veloportevents.com/event/Cyclefest

**October 29 (Sun)**  **Cocoa**
Intracoastal Waterway Century
Starts 8am at City of Cocoa Civic Center 430 Delannoy Ave, Cocoa, FL 29222 14, 28, 65 & 103 options. https://raceroster.com/events/2017/12302/29th-annual-intracoastal-waterway-century

### NOVEMBER

**Nov 2-3 (Fri-Sat)**  **Port Myers**
Fall Team 2C2 Cross Florida Bike Ride
Starts 8am at Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore St, North Port, FL 34289 15, 35 & 65 mile options. http://www.peopelfortrees.com/ride-4-ronald-2017

**Nov 4-9**  **Gainesville**
72 Hours To Key West
Starts 7am at 2080 Main Street Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. 280 miles https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-72-hours-to-key-west-280-mile-charity-bike-ride-tickets-33680208410

**Nov 4-9**  **Gainesville**
Ends Cycling - Emerald Coast Bike Ride
Pray, Pedal, Repeat! http://EndsCycling.com/tours

**Nov 4 (Sat)**  **Gainesville**
Pink Pumpkin Pedal-Off
Starts 8:30 a.m. at Clinical and Translational Science Institute 2004 Mowry Rd, Gainesville, FL 32610. 22, 40 & 62 mile options. http://gcfgfla.org/pppo/

**Nov 5 (Sun)**  **Sarasota**
44th Annual Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club Gulf Coast Cyclefest
Supported routes 100, 62, 35, or 20 miles. For cyclists of all abilities. www.smbc.us/ events/spoonbills-sprockets-cycling-tour

### DECEMBER

**December 9 (Sat)**  **Indian Rocks Beach**
Ride, Run, Roll to Defeat ALS
Starts 8:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Clearwater Beach S-Harbourside 401 2nd Street Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785. 25 & 62 mile options. http://www.alsa.org/site/TR?fr_id=12650&pg=entry

**December 10 (Sun)**  **Fort Lauderdale**
VeloSport Gran Fondo
Starts 8am at DC Alexander Park 501 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. 20, 31 & 66 miles options. https://tickets.veloportevents.com/event/VeloSport-Gran-Fondo
FDOT Districts

**District 1**
Cities: Bradenton, Fort Myers, Naples, Sarasota
 Counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, Sarasota
 FDOT Bike/Ped coordinator: David Agacinski, 239-225-1959; Bike/Ped Safety Specialist: John Kubicki, 863-519-2447; SUN Trail Coordinator: David Agacinski, 239-225-1959
 FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Bonita Bay Bicycle Club, Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club, Peace River Riders Bicycle Club, Polk Area Bicycling Association, Sanibel Bicycle Club, Sarasota-Manatee Bicycle Club, Naples Velo Community
 FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Acme Bicycle Shop, Bicycle Center of Port Charlotte, Bike Route (Fort Myers), Naples Cycler, The Bike Route (Naples), Billy's Bike Shop, Fort Myers Schwinn Cycler, Ringling Bicycles, Pedelec SQB LLC Electric Bicycles, Island Bike Shop, Bicycles International, Bent's Cycling & Fitness, Road & Trail Bicycles

**District 2**
Cities: Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lake City, St. Augustine
 FDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator: Derek Dixon, 904-360-5653; FDOT Bike/Ped Safety Specialist: Jennifer Graham, 904-360-5636; FDOT SUN Trail Coordinator: Barney Bennette, 386-961-7878
 FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Gainesville Cycling Club, North Florida Bicycle Club, Suwannee Bicycle Association
 FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Champion Cyclery, Emerald Coast Cyclists

**District 3**
Cities: Destin, Panama City, Pensacola, Tallahassee
 Counties: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington
 FDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator: Olen Pettis, 850-330-1543; FDOT Bike/Ped Safety Specialist: Andrew White, 850-330-1653; FDOT SUN Trail Coordinator: Olen Pettis, 850-330-1543
 FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Capital City Cyclists, Emerald Coast Cyclists
 FBA Member Bicycle Shops: The Great Bicycle Shop, Cycle Sports of Pensacola

**District 4**
Cities: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Stuart, Vero Beach
 Counties: Broward, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie
 FDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator: Alexander Barr, 954-777-4284; FDOT Bike/Ped Safety Specialist: Tom Miller, 954-777-4073; FDOT SUN Trail Coordinator: Lisa Maack, 954-717-2253
 FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Boca Raton Bicycle Club, Vero Cycling Club, South Broward Wheelers
 FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Bike America (8 locations), Lauderdale Cycler, Tri Bike Run, Wheels of Wellington, Orchard Island Bikes and Kayaks, Bike Tech

**District 5**
Cities: Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach, Kissimmee, Melbourne, Ocala, Orlando
 Counties: Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia
 FDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator: Michael Ziarnik, 386-943-5251; FDOT Bike/Ped Safety Specialist: Chad Lingenfelter, 386-943-5336; FDOT SUN Trail Coordinator: Heather Garcia, 386-943-5077
 FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Florida Free-wheelers, Sumter Landing Bicycle Club, Orlando Runners & Riders

**Member Resources**
Did you know members have access to a variety of materials through the membership website at www.fbamembership.org? Some materials are available to the public, but members also have access to the following:

- **FDOT 5-year Business Plan**
- **2017-2021 Legislative Plan**
- **Board meeting minutes and agendas**

To gain access, go to www.fbamembership.org, log into your account, click on Documents in the left column, and then select the documents of your choice.
DISCOVER outdoor recreation and wild nature experiences — on foot, by kayak, on a fishing expedition, and now more than ever, on our cycling trails.

Within the City of Titusville, explore existing cycling trails at Sand Point Park, Marina Park, Draa Park and paths meandering through picturesque Chain of Lakes. End up in historic downtown at the new Welcome Center, or start there — for the best information on launching your local adventure and for bike rentals and repairs.

RIDE THE TRAILS

Converging Trails: • The Coast-to-Coast Trail (heading over the new Garden Street bridge and running north along U.S. 1) is part of a 250-mile trail that will link Titusville with St. Petersburg. Titusville is the southern tip of the 260-mile • St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop. This merges with the • East Coast Greenway that is one-third complete along its 2,900-mile route between Maine and Florida.

Pick Up Your Cycle Trails Foldup Map At The WELCOME CENTER!

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