

Bicycle Pedestrian Partnership Council

Florida Department of Education
*Programs Related to Bicycle
and Pedestrian Planning*

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Overview

- School siting
- School transportation
- Curriculum and instruction
- School safety
- State role vs. district school board role



Authority/Responsibility

■ School Siting

- s. 163.3177, F.S.-- school siting in land use plans
- s. 1013.33 , F.S. – coordination with local govt.
- s. 1013.36 , F.S. -- site selection and coordination
 - paragraph (4) -- traffic control
 - paragraph (5) – sidewalks/hazardous conditions
- S. 1013.51 , F.S. – expenditures for infrastructure
- Rule 6A-2.0010, F.A.C. – SREF
 - incorporates AASHTO and FDOT manuals by reference
- Section 423, Florida Building Code – site design



Authority/Responsibility

■ School Transportation

- ss. 1006.21-.27, F.S.-- school transportation requirements, especially school buses and operations
- s. 1012.45, F.S.- School bus driver requirements
- Chapter 6A-3, F.A.C. – Student Transportation
 - School bus vehicle requirements
 - School bus operator training, licensure, and qualifications
 - Student eligibility for service and state funding
 - Safety instruction for parents and students.
Example: “Are We There Yet?” flyer



Authority/Responsibility

■ School Transportation

□ Number of Districts Providing Significant* Courtesy** Busing

- 2007-08: 52 districts
- 2008-09: 50 districts
- 2009-10: 47 districts

* Significant = 5% or more of all transported students

** Courtesy = bus transport not state required; live within
2 miles



Authority/Responsibility

■ Curriculum and instruction

- s. 1003.41, F.S. – “Next Generation”
Sunshine State Standards for Physical
Education
 - Benchmarks adopted 2009
 - pedestrian safety for grades K-2
 - bicycle safety for grades 3-5
- General education and outreach for
parents and students
- Florida School Bus Operator Curriculum



Authority/Responsibility

■ School safety

- s.1006.147, F.S., prohibits bullying and harassment of any student or employee:
 - School educational program or activity;
 - any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity;
 - school bus; or
 - school computer system



Role/Current Practice

■ School siting

- Local decisions
- Some state oversight, plans review, technical support

■ School transportation

- Mostly local decisions (e.g., school bus routes, stops)
- FDOE provides training and technical assistance for bus driver trainers, technicians, and managers; certification of local school bus inspectors

■ Education programs and standards; school safety

- state standards, technical support
- local implementation and performance accountability



Partners

■ FDOE

- District School Boards
- Department of Community Affairs
- Florida Building Commission
- Professional associations for school district personnel
- School Crossing Guards Program

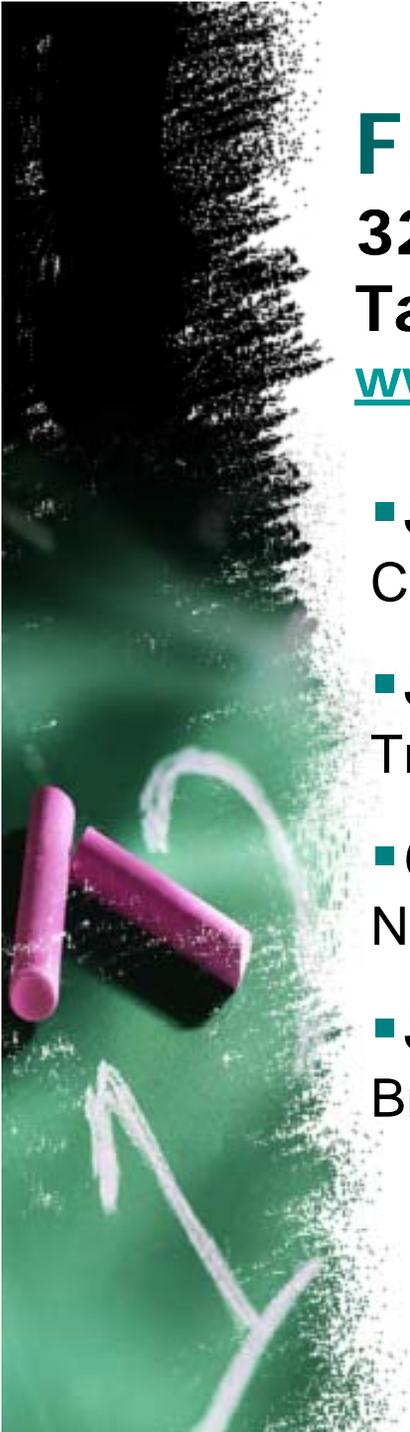
■ District School Boards

- Parent Organizations
- FDOE
- Counties and municipalities
- State and federal permitting authorities
- Community Traffic Safety Teams
- Safe Routes to Schools Projects/Partnerships
- School Crossing Guards Program



Opportunities

- Consider adding representation from a district school board to the council
- Work with CTSTs to encourage district school board representation
- Use the capital improvements elements of the local government comprehensive plans as an organizing tool
- Promote view of student transportation safety as multimodal (school buses, public transit, walking, biking, parent and student-driven vehicles)



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Discussion

