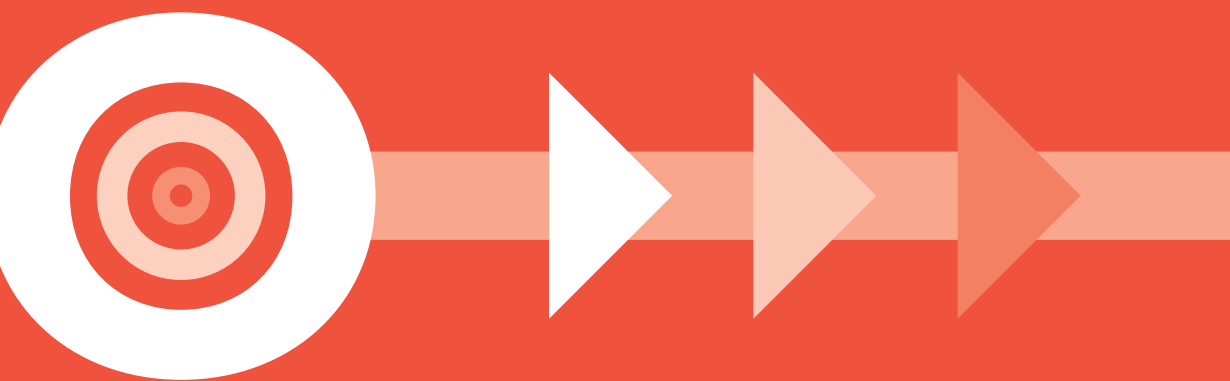


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City of Gainesville

VISION ZERO



Information &
Project Updates

VISION ZERO WORKGROUP

The City Commission adopted a Vision Zero Resolution to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in the City of Gainesville by 2040. A multidisciplinary Vision Zero Workgroup was formed to help lead and consolidate the Vision Zero efforts. The **VZ Workgroup** is comprised of diverse disciplines including transportation planners, traffic engineers, emergency response personnel from police, fire rescue, and public health and communications experts.

Multiple agencies collaborate in this effort including the:

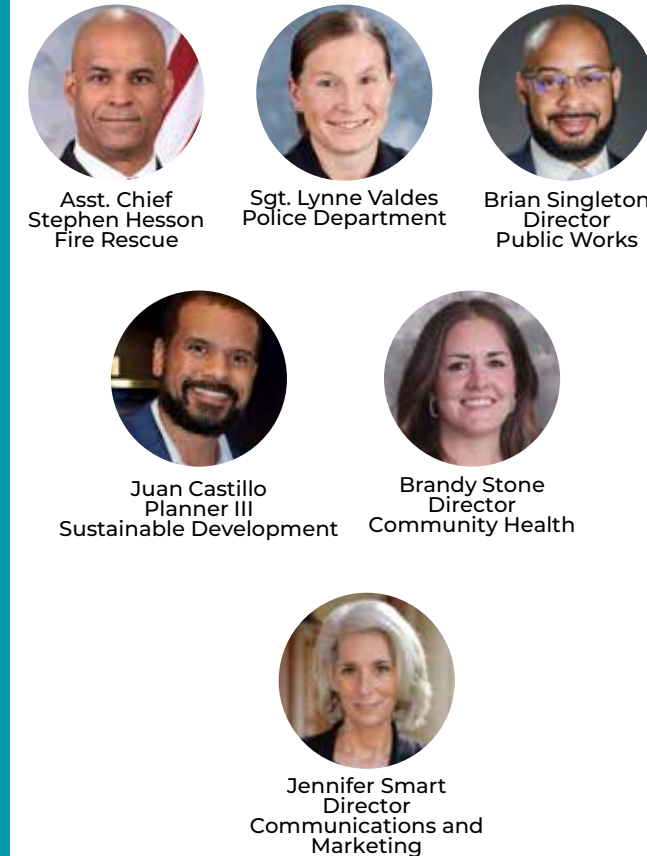
- **City of Gainesville**
- **Alachua County**
- **Florida Dept of Transportation**
- **University of Florida**
- **Santa Fe College**
- **Gainesville Police Department**

The collaborative focus seeks to advance a common goal and interest in enhancing the safety of the transportation system and all of its users.

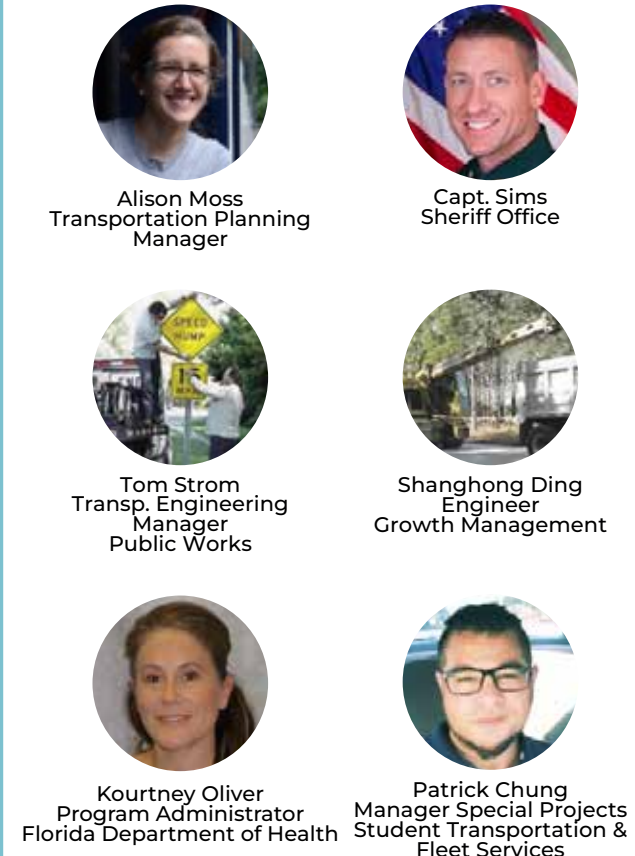
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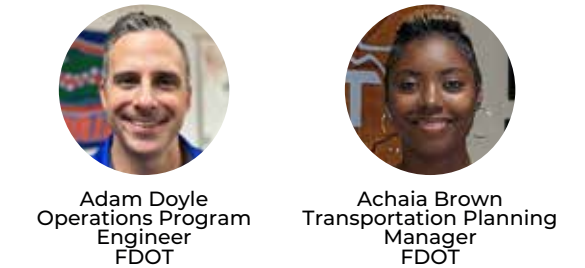
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ALACHUA COUNTY PARTNERS



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BRANDY STONE

COMMUNITY HEALTH DIRECTOR, GAINESVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Brandy Stone is the Community Health Director with Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) in the City of Gainesville. Brandy oversees the City's public health efforts - including the Community Resource Paramedicine Program, Gun Violence, Substance Use, and the city's Community Health Improvement Plan.

As part of the Community Health Director role and based on a community survey facilitated by GFR in December 2021, four priority areas are the focus of the health needs of Gainesville neighbors - mental well-being, safe mobility for all, healthy lifestyle behaviors, and chronic disease management. Safe mobility for all encompasses four objectives - Increase the number of Certified Car Seat Technicians, Offer "Car Fit" for Seniors Training, Increase Walking and Biking Safety, and Increase Transportation Access.

The Community Health Division regularly offers car seat technician training for providers and car set checks for community members, both done by CRP Program Coordinator Krista Ott. Ongoing efforts to increase transportation access, specifically for health and wellness appointments, are underway. Brandy sits on the Vision Zero Outreach subcommittee and assists with safety messaging and outreach. Prioritizing a public health approach, she emphasizes community education and appropriate health information to inform the efforts



VISION ZERO IN THE NEWS

Block Grant Funding Awarded to Community Health

Through the City's Housing and Community Development Department, Gainesville Fire Rescue's Community Health Division has been provided Community Development Block Grant Funding to support outreach efforts tied to the City's Community Health Improvement Plan.

With that, the department is purchasing an increased stock of car seats for various ages to provide and fit for families in the Gainesville Community.

More information about upcoming car seat events will be provided soon.

City of
Gainesville



Summer Safety

Wednesday, June 26
3-5 p.m.
Northeast Complex Field
1028 NE 14th St.

Let's stay safe together! Join us to participate in fun activities and learn about health and safety resources to protect yourself and your loved ones all year long.

Water Safety Sun Protection Fire Prevention
Bike Helmets Emergency Preparedness

For more information, please contact gfr_crp@gainesvillefl.gov or 352-562-4104.

Thank you to our sponsors and community partners:

VISION ZERO IN THE NEWS

UF Bike Rodeo



Bike Month Celebration



Transportation Student Field Trip



UF and City of Gainesville Rental Welcome



COMMUNITY EVENTS

June

June 26

Summer Safety @ Northeast Complex Field 1028 NE 14th Street @ 3:00pm-5:00pm

July

July 27

Summer (You)th Celebration! by One Nation One Project GNV @ Depot Park (874 SE Fourth Street) @ 6:00pm-10:00pm. Free and open to the public. Bring your own chair

PAVE (People Against Violence Enterprises). 25th Anniversary. Santa Fe College gym at 3000 NW 83rd St. @ 9:00am

August

August 20-22

FDOT Target Zero @ University Ave Intersections @ 11:00am -1:00pm

August 28

University of Florida Police Department 4th annual fall safety fair, "Tailgating for Safety"

August 29

UF and City of Gainesville Rental Welcome. University of Florida Division of Student Life

UF Police Department Tailgating for Safety



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

SW 62ND CONNECTOR

The City of Gainesville completed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project, opening the 1.1-mile roadway linking the Newberry Road and Oaks Mall area with the Archer Road and Butler Plaza area, improving accessibility, safety, and shaving time off neighborhood commutes.

Funded in large part by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the \$18.8 million connector was designed as a multimodal arterial. It features wider (11-foot) travel lanes, ten-foot

shoulders with seven-foot buffered bicycle lanes on each side, and a 10-foot multiuse path. It also includes the first simple span bridge constructed by the City of Gainesville, with a 330-foot segment crossing Hogtown Creek.

The connector uses a “Complete Streets” model, aligning with the Vision Zero Policy, enabling safe access for all people who need to use them, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.



Before



2023

After



2024



2022



2024



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

N. Main Street Resurfacing

City of Gainesville included one-mile stretch in North Main Street. It is the first Gainesville road project funded by the half-cent infrastructure surtax dedicated to improving local infrastructure. The city has branded these capital projects as “Streets, Stations & Strong Foundations” (SSSF).

The resurfacing and restriping of North Main Street between 39th and 53rd Avenues includes reconfiguration of travel lanes to accommodate 4-ft bike lanes in both directions, as well as curb ramp modifications for ADA compliance. Construction cost was budgeted in \$1.300M.



Before



After



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Public Works and Department of Transportation Collaboration

The Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation are dedicated to maintaining our roadway system and enhancing safety measures. In this newsletter edition, we highlight replaced and repaired missing and damaged signage, such as the “No Parking-Tow Away” signs that have disappeared from the west/ north side of SW 17th Place and the sign that is falling off on the curve of SW 37th St.

In addition, we highlight the parking enforcement to maintain clear lines of sight, contributing to prevention/safety.

City of
Gainesville
Department of Public Works

Before



Damaged sign at SW 37th Street.

After



Replaced sign at SW 37th Street fixed by Public Works.



Parking enforcement.



Parking enforcement.

VISION ZERO RESOURCES



NHTSA

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>



Vision Zero

<https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/VisionZero>



Vision Zero Network

<https://visionzeronetwork.org/>



Florida Department of Transportation

<https://www.fdot.gov/agencyresources/target-zero>