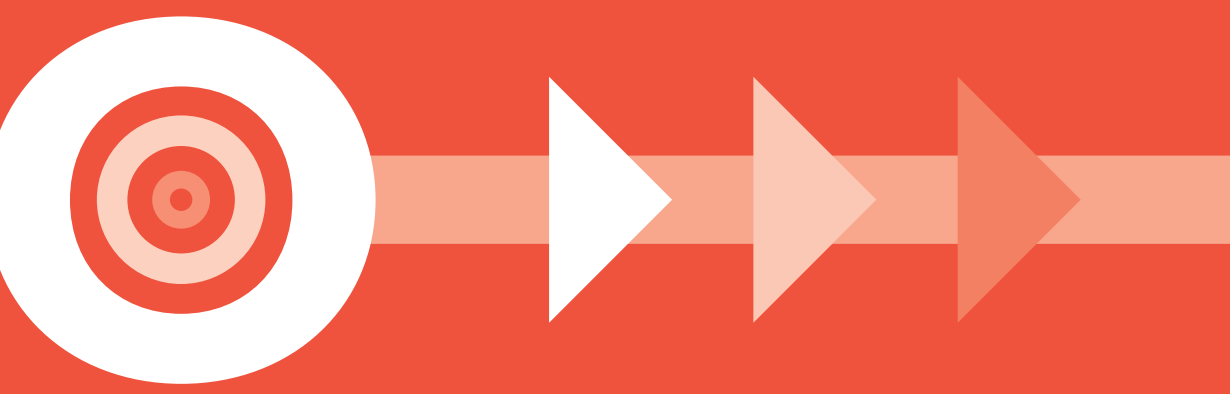


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City of Gainesville

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 a diverse team of professionals 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:

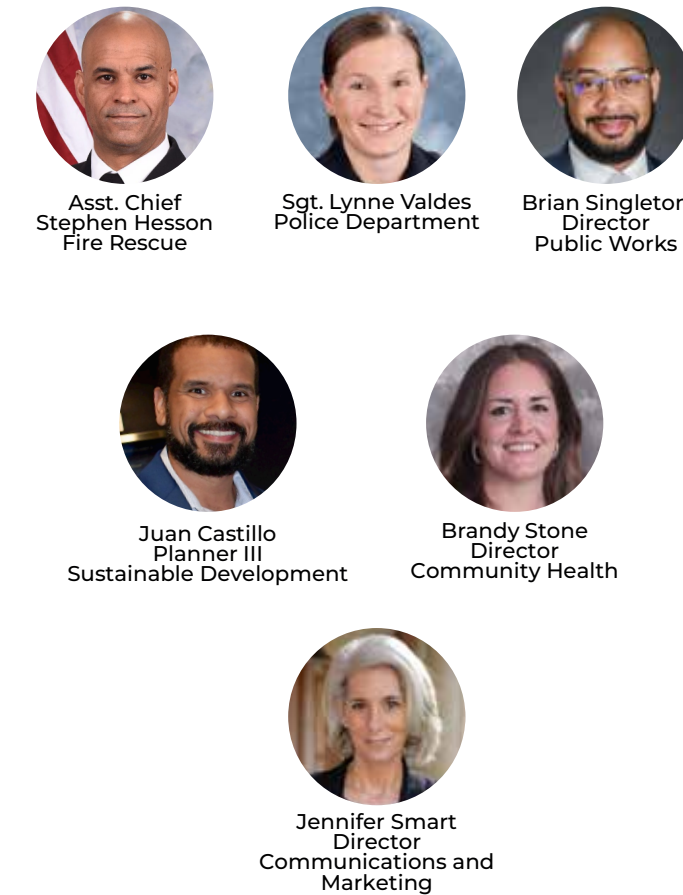
- **City of Gainesville**
- **Alachua County**
- **Florida Dept of Transportation**
- **University of Florida**
- **Santa Fe College**
- **Gainesville Police Department**

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

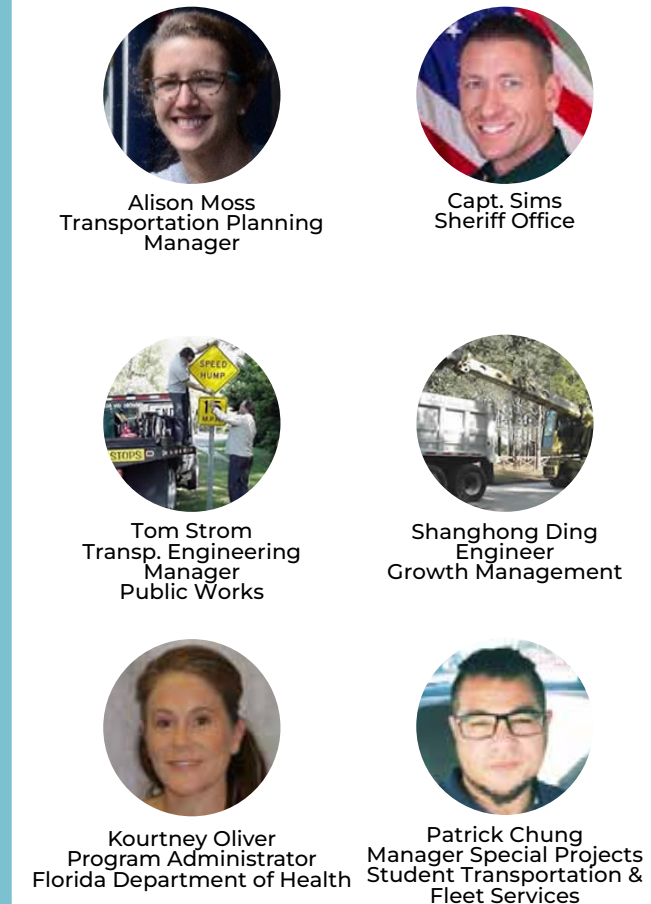
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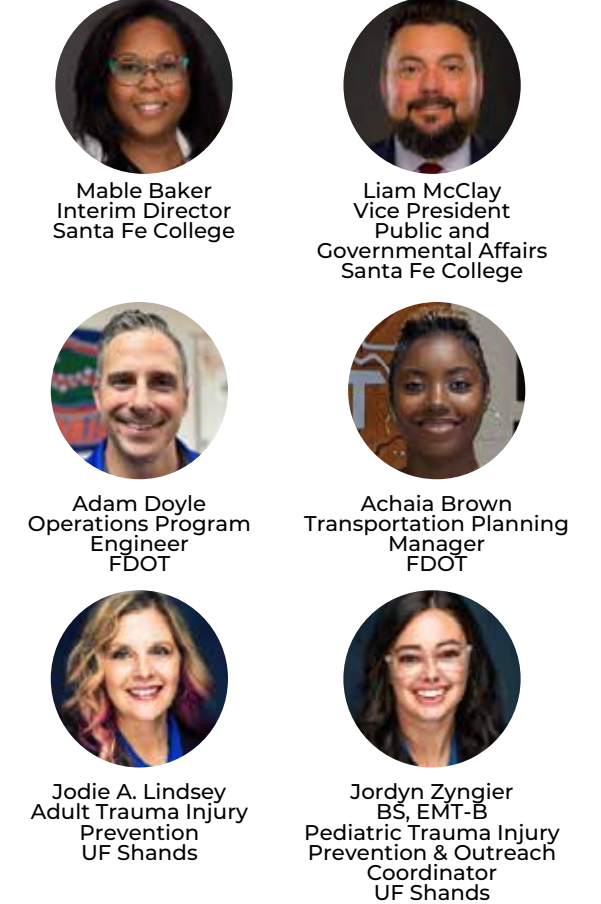
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ALACHUA COUNTY PARTNERS



STATE PARTNERS





KOURTNEY OLIVER

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Kourtney Oliver is the Program Administrator for Community Programs at the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County (DOH-Alachua). She is deeply involved in the Alachua County Healthy Communities initiative and Vision Zero Workgroup taskforce, which focuses on local planning and participation to ensure a healthy community.

Kourtney also plays a significant role in the Healthy Communities of Florida (HCF) Program, which aims to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent chronic diseases in the community. In addition to her administrative duties, Kourtney is actively engaged in community health improvement planning. She

has been instrumental in engaging a diverse group of community stakeholders in the community health assessment (CHA) process, which informs the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Alachua County. The CHIP outlines priorities such as access to health care, oral health, mental health, food security, chronic disease prevention, and housing.

Kourtney's work involves collaborating with various community partners to develop goals and measurable action plans under each priority area. Her efforts are aimed at mobilizing partnerships and taking strategic action to improve health and quality of life in Alachua County.

VISION ZERO IN THE NEWS

Screaming for Safety

Gainesville Fire Rescue had almost 200 kids and families attend its Screaming for Safety community event on October 24 at the Kiwanis Safety City (1025 NE 13th St).

Activities included Education on hearing

safety, traffic safety, fire safety, GRU, Victims Service, and healthy snacks.

The event also allowed for 108 car seat checks, ensuring the safety of its smaller community members.



University Ave and West 13th Street Public Workshop

The City of Gainesville hosted a public meeting on November 12 at the Historic Thomas Center to discuss proposed safety improvements on University Avenue (SR 26) from NW 22nd Street to SE 31st Street and W. 13th Street (441) from SW 16th Avenue to NW 8th Avenue.

The proposed project includes traffic signal adjustments, crossing enhancements, addition of new crossings, addition of new bicycle facilities, median modifications, sidewalk widening and intersection modifications.

Learn more:
www.transformu13.com



Pedestrian Proclamation Month



The City of Gainesville proudly proclaimed October as Pedestrian Safety Month, aligning with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) call to action for states, local leaders, and

community members to prioritize pedestrian safety. The Gainesville Police Department led the initiative in collaboration with the City's Vision Zero Workgroup.

VISION ZERO IN THE NEWS

FDOT Celebrates Statewide Mobility Week



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) established an annual statewide Mobility Week initiative to promote awareness of safe, multimodal transportation choices around the state.

During Mobility Week, FDOT partners with cities, counties, and transportation agencies to host community events or targeted



activities to promote the use of multimodal transportation options – such as biking, walking, riding transit, scooters, carpools, vanpools, and/or other rideshare options – that can be found in local areas. The event also focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety events.

This year's Mobility Week was celebrated from October 25th through November 2nd, 2024.

Alachua County Safety Action Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Workshops

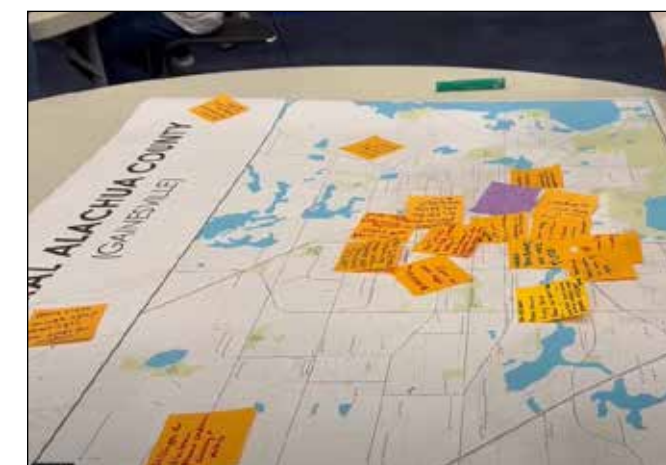


On November 13, Alachua County, in partnership with the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida, hosted a community workshop at the Harn Museum Auditorium to address street safety and improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

The event advanced the Alachua County Vision Zero Action Plan

funded by a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant award, and also the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO).

These two key initiatives are designed to enhance safety and accessibility for all road users.



Mobility Plan



On October 29, the City of Gainesville hosted a public workshop to present the proposed 2045 Mobility Plan and solicit public input. This plan establishes a framework for the next 20 years to provide mobility projects to meet the transportation needs of projected growth in population and employment in the area. The Mobility Plan also provides a basis for Mobility Fees, which will account for development impacts



on the transportation system. The Mobility Plan will serve as a guide to proactively plan for and prioritize multimodal projects to meet the growth, travel, and mobility needs of the community.

Mobility projects include improvements to roads and intersections and new and upgraded multi-use trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, boardwalks and transit services.

VISION ZERO IN THE NEWS

Grant Awards

The City of Gainesville, the University of Florida, and Alachua County were awarded the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to conduct planning activities toward Vision Zero goals and enhance road safety and mobility.

Gainesville will conduct several planning initiatives, including speed management strategies, addressing unlit zones, and improving pedestrian and bike infrastructure.

Alachua County will focus on high-crash corridors, such as N 16th Avenue and SW 20th Avenue, to reduce

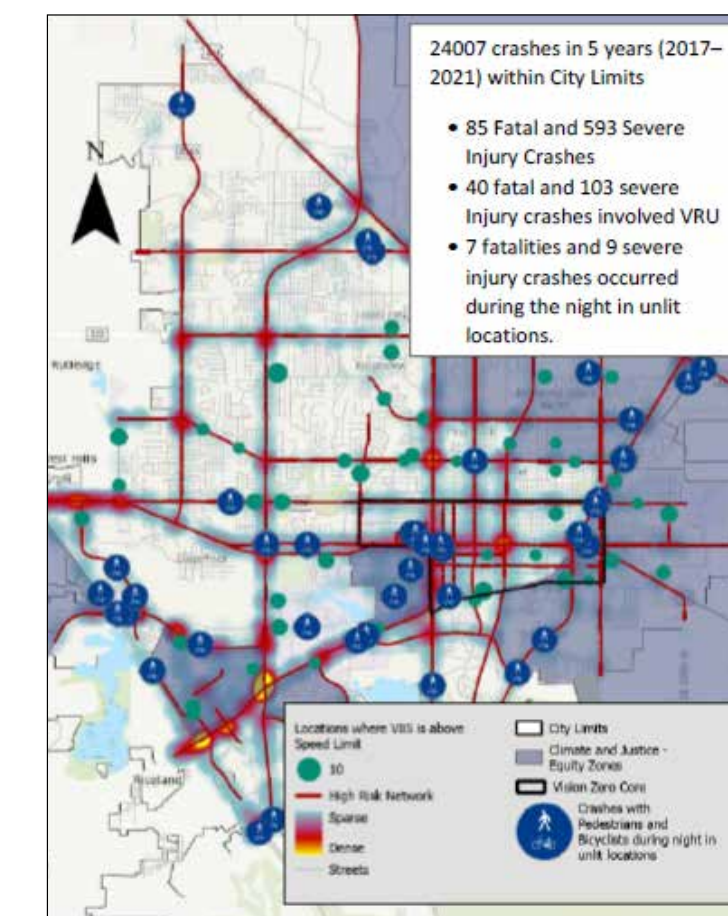
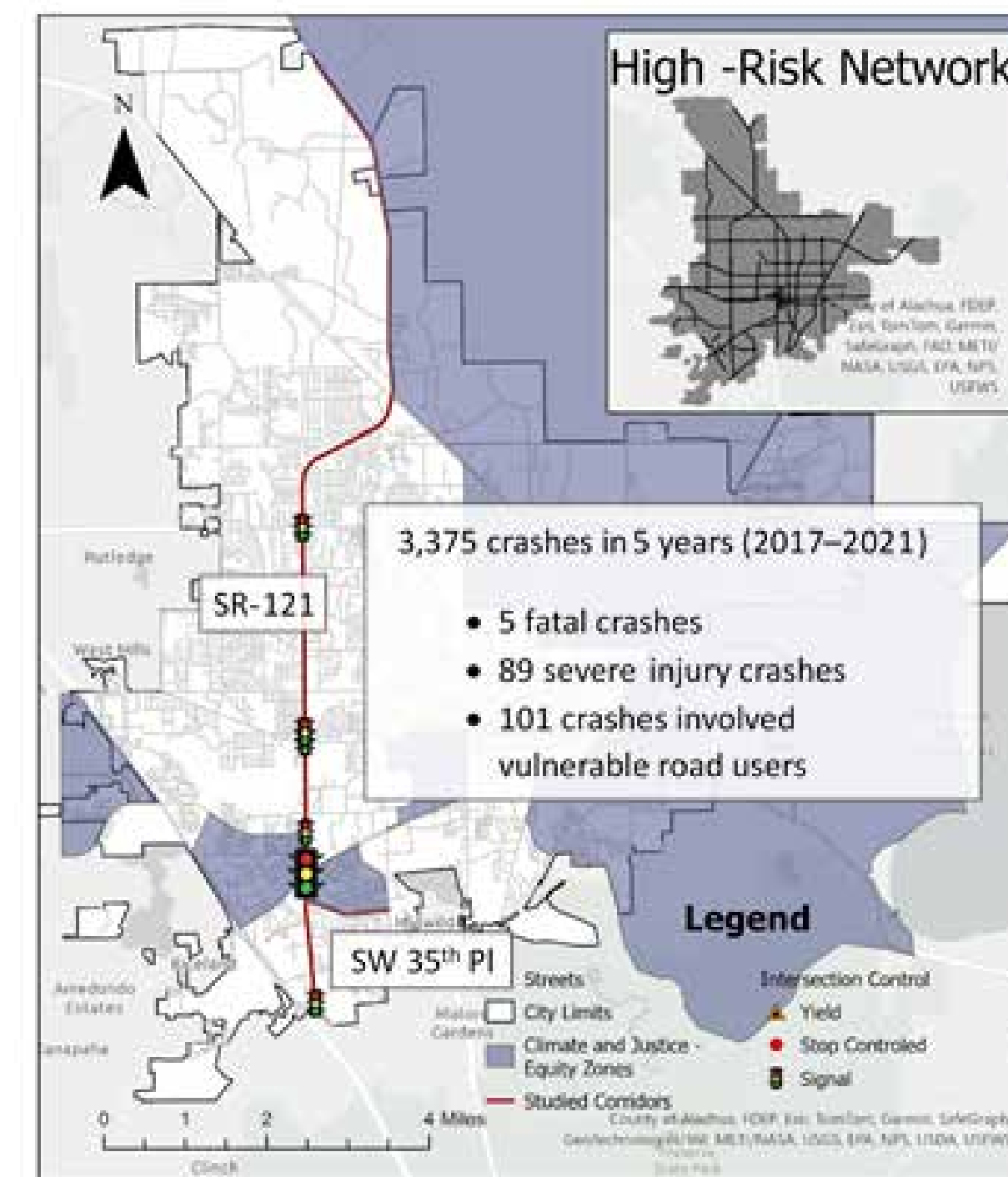
severe and fatal crashes through measures like advanced technology implementation and complete street evaluations.

The University of Florida will conduct Road Safety Audits along SW 34th St (SR121) and SW 35th Pl within the university's influence area spanning 13.5 miles.

Each activity emphasizes data-driven diagnostics, targeted countermeasures, and cost-effective, impactful implementations to promote safety and equity citywide. These efforts align with Vision Zero's goal of

eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries, prioritizing human life over speed and efficiency.

Learn More
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/2024-awards>



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

West University Ave from NW 22nd St to US441 / NW 13th St

Several safety improvements were implemented in W University Ave, as following:

As funding allows, will widen sidewalk along north side from NW 19th St. to US441/W 13th St will be widened:

- Speed limit reduced to 25 mph
- Leading pedestrian intervals added at signals;
- New traffic signals added at the intersections of NW 16th St and NW 19th St

- New midblock signalized raised crossings added at 3 locations
- Turning movements reduced along University Ave at the intersections of
 - ◊ NW 14th St
 - ◊ NW 15th St
 - ◊ NW 17th St
 - ◊ NW 18th St
 - ◊ NW 19th St
 - ◊ W University Ave (NW 22nd St to W 13th St)via conversion of corridors into one-way pairs
- Sidewalk widened

along north side by NW 19th St

As funding allows, sidewalk along north side from NW 19th St. to US441/W 13th St will be widened.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

University Ave (NW 22nd St to US441 / NW 13th St) *cont'd*

Before New signalized raised crossings added - NW 14th St



Before NW 15th St



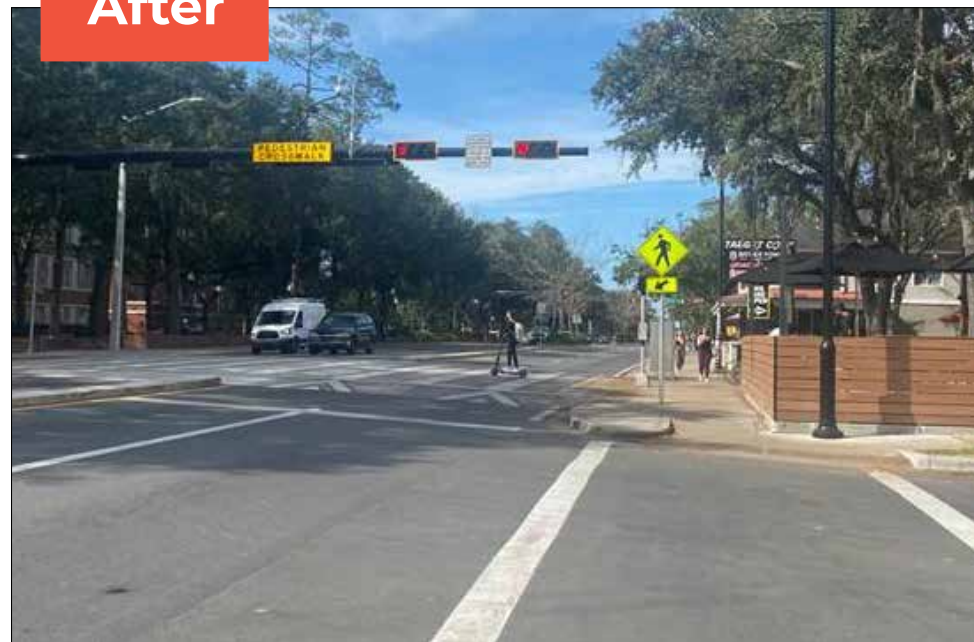
Before NW 18th St



Before New traffic signals at the intersection of NW 19th St



After



After



After



After



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Alachua County New Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) Installations

The Alachua County Public Works Department installed 10 new Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) aimed at improving safety for both pedestrians and cyclists. The RRFBs were installed at five locations and are designed to alert motorists when pedestrians or bicyclists are about to enter a crosswalk. The locations included are

- Eastside High School and Lake Forest Elementary School: SE 43rd Street and SE 10th Place intersection

- Joseph Williams Elementary & Abraham Lincoln Middle School: SE 15th Street at the intersections of SE 8th Avenue and SE 11th Avenue
- Southwest 8th Way: North of the Southwest 26th Lane intersection
- San Felasco Park: Along Millhopper Road

Learn more:
Alachua County completes 10 flashing beacons for pedestrian safety

Before



Before



After



After



VIDEO LINKS

- [FDOT Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon PSA](#)
- [FDOT activates Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon in Gainesville](#)
- [FDOT Midblock Pedestrian Signal](#)



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Bus Stops Improvement

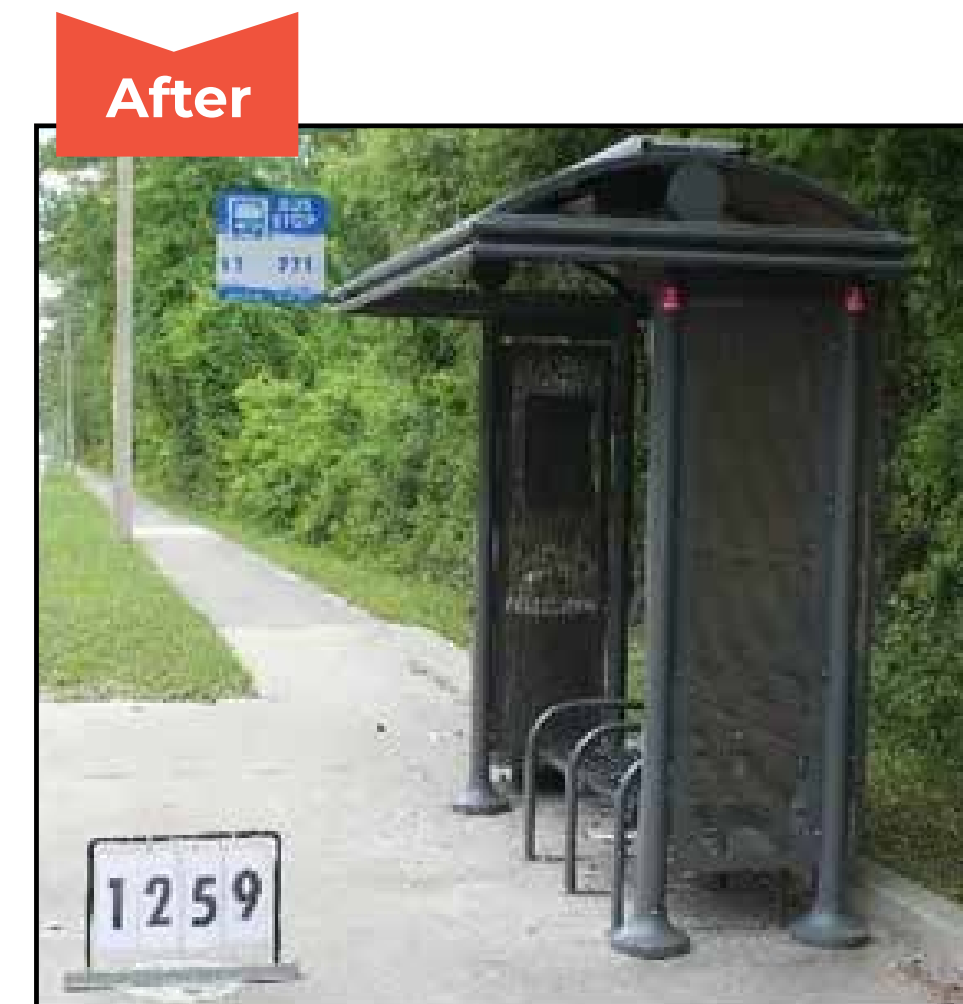
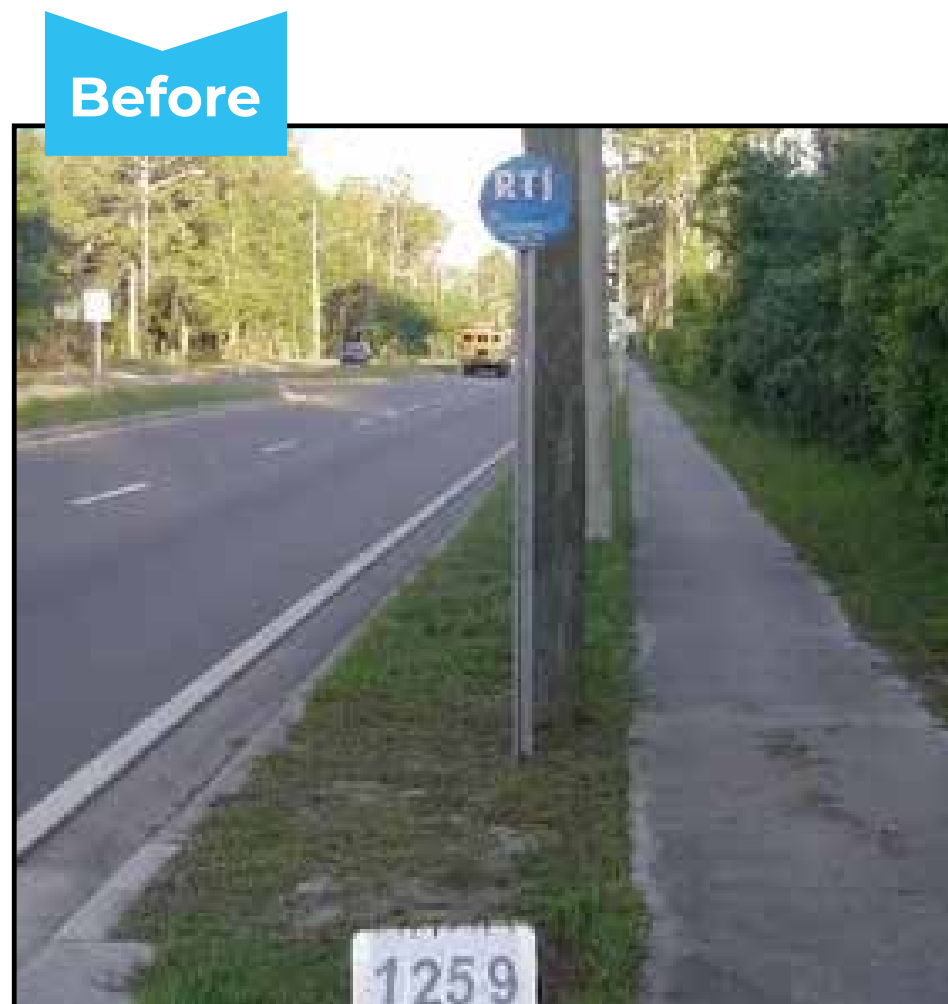
The city of Gainesville's Regional Transit System (RTS) within the Department of Transportation is improving 100 city bus stops to make public transportation more comfortable and convenient.

This extended project, which is budgeted at nearly \$2 million, is funded through grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The goal is to provide a safe and convenient transportation system for all users while

meeting standards as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Learn more:
RTS improving 100
bus stops to make
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City of
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To the left is a bus stop on East University Avenue near Southeast 43rd Street. To the right is the same bus stop after it was improved to make it more comfortable and convenient by RTS through funding from the Federal Transit Administration and Florida Department of Transportation.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

GPD High Visibility Enforcement Program for Bike-Ped

From October 2024 through May 2025, the Gainesville Police Department will be part of the High Visibility Enforcement Program for Bike-Ped.

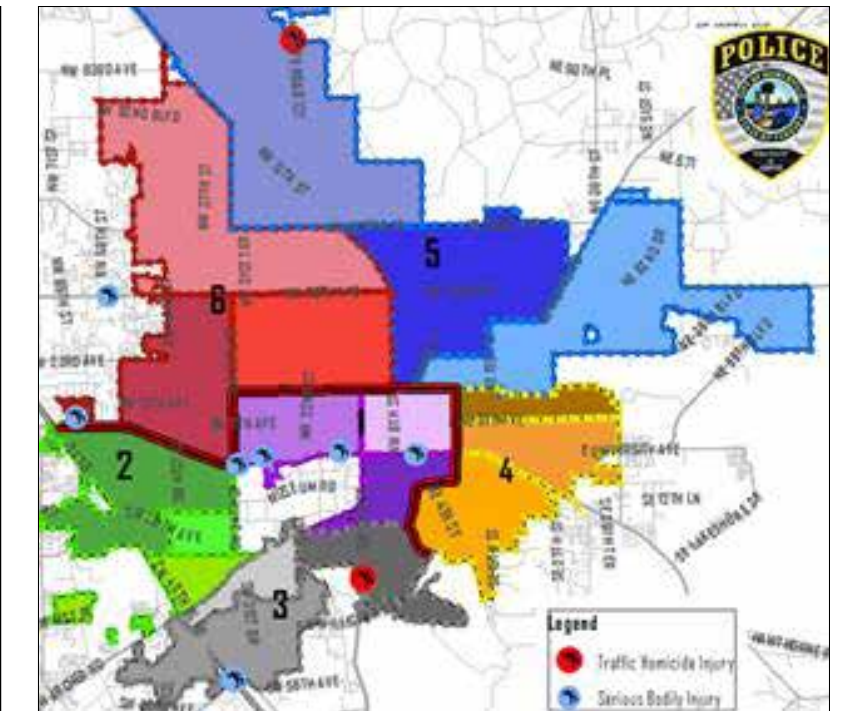
Officers will patrol specific corridors with a high occurrence of pedestrian and bicyclist crashes. Special attention will be directed towards increasing awareness of the dangerous behaviors that are contributing to serious and fatal injuries at these locations.

Officers will look for drivers speeding, failing to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, conducting improper turns or signal violations, and using hand-held devices while driving.

The enforcement officers will watch for pedestrians with a lack of awareness who cross the streets in improper locations or put themselves at risk with aggressive behaviors. Bicyclists will be stopped for riding against traffic, riding at night without

lights, or not abiding by the same laws as motor vehicles. Officers will issue warnings and citations only when appropriate.

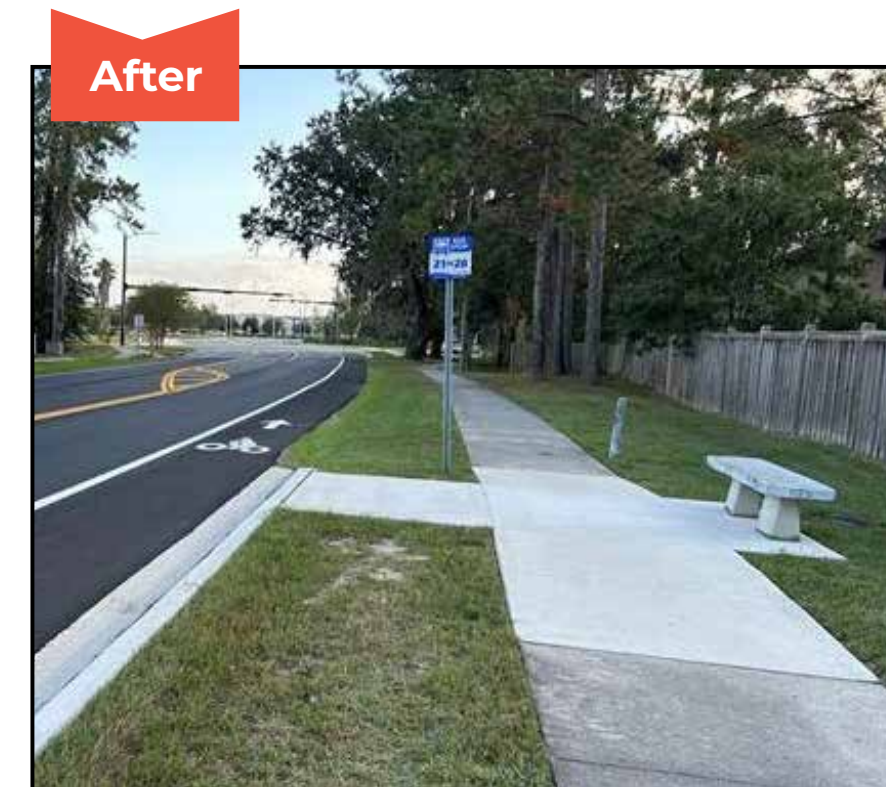
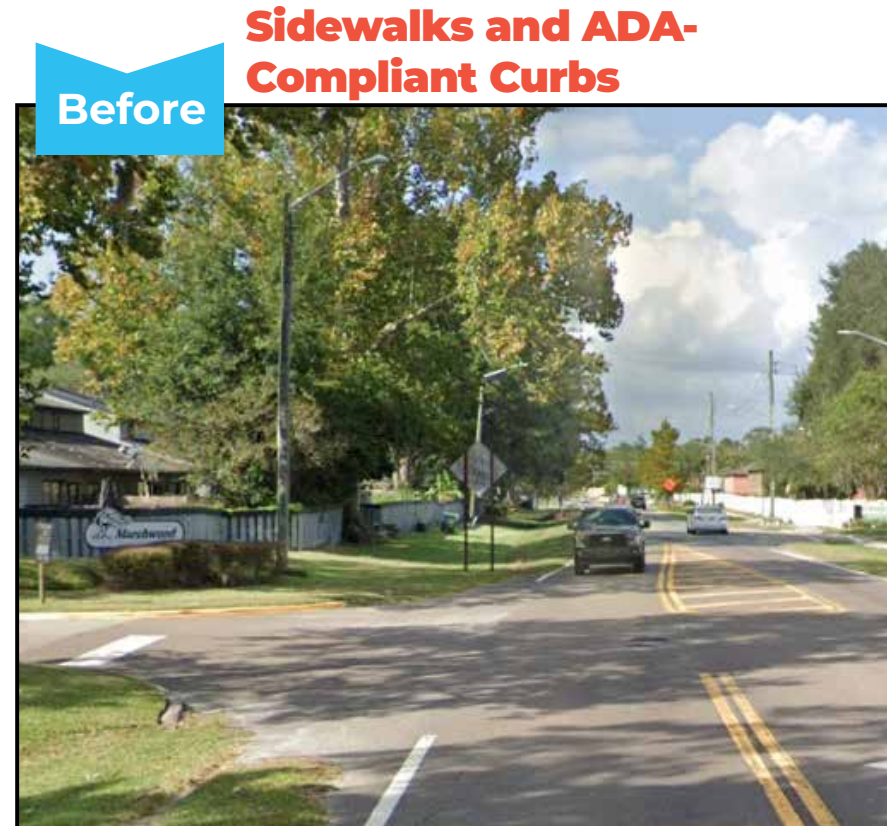
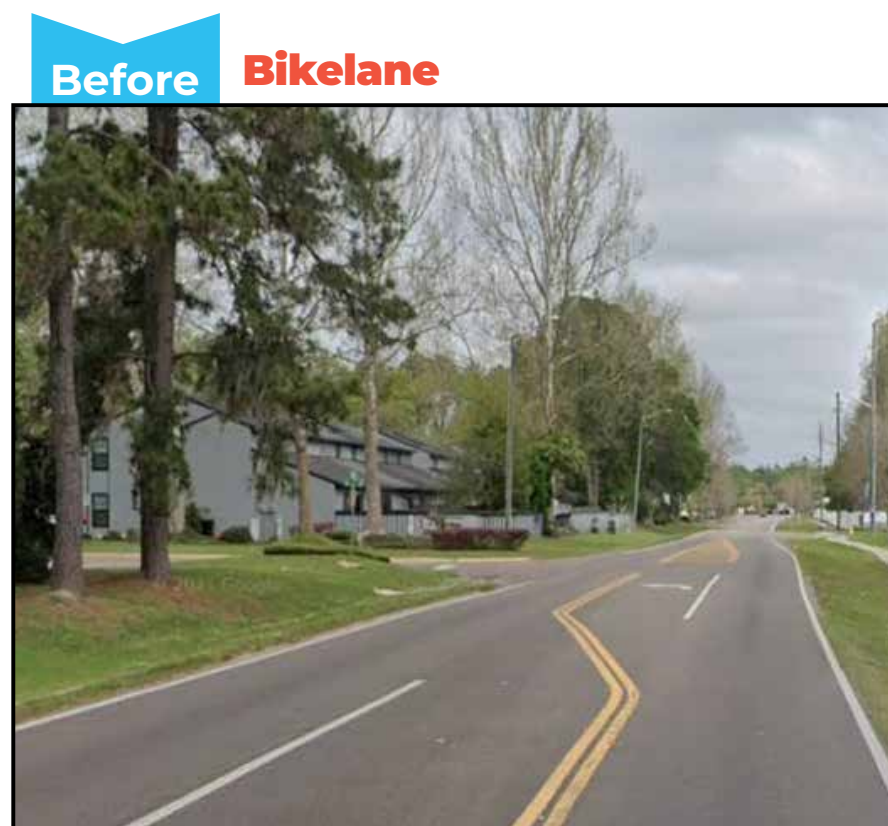
Learn more:
Gainesville Police Department participates in High Visibility Enforcement Program to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety - Alachua Chronicle



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

SW 43rd Street Resurfacing/Rehabilitation

The SW 43rd Street Resurfacing/Rehabilitation project, from SW 22nd Lane to SW 20th Lane, was designed to enhance the neighborhood's infrastructure. By resurfacing the road, filling sidewalk gaps, and adding bike lanes and drainage ditches, the project aimed to improve safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life for residents and commuters.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

2024 Events Recap

October

October 29

City of Gainesville Mobility Plan Public Meeting
6:00pm – 8:00pm @ City Hall Auditorium

More information:

<https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Events-directory/Mobility-Plan-Meeting>

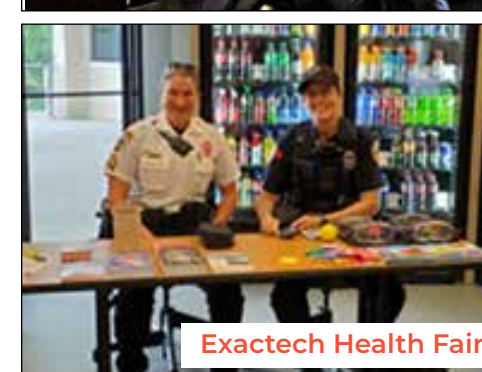
November

November 12

University Ave & West 13th St Open House
6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Thomas Center Building A

November 13

Alachua County Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Public Workshop
4:00pm-6:00pm @ The Harn Museum



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>