INTRODUCTION

• 176 public schools
• 164,000 k-12 students.
• Safety Matters!
• Individual Schools educate students on walking and bicycling to schools safely
• Staff coordinates with FDOT, MPO and PBC Traffic and Local Governments to ensure safe routes to school are in place
HISTORY

• 2010 Safe Routes Grant
  • 2 schools, walk to school day, videos, bike helmets

• Trained PE Teachers in Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
  • Teachers trained students in their respective schools

• 2011 resolution - October is walk to school month

• Safe Routes to Schools Coalition formed 2010
  • School District, County Engineering, Safe Kids, Public Health, MPO, etc.

• 2011 Safe Routes Grant
  • 12 schools, walk/bike condition audit
REGULATIONS

• Request bus shelters and sidewalks in new residential projects

• Review placement of bus shelters at existing residential developments.

• Identify hazardous conditions with MPO, PBC Traffic and local governments

• Provide buses where walking conditions are hazardous
CURRENT EFFORTS

- Work with partners to reactively address concerns
- Work with Safe Kids to promote walking or bicycling school safely
  - “Heads Up, Phones Down” at 4 schools
- Serve on MPO TAC and BTPAC
- Serve on FDOT Community Safety Traffic Team
INFRASTRUCTURE

• Partner with County Engineering and City of WPB
• Secure funds through the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program
• Funds used for sidewalks, traffic signals and overhead flashers in school zones
• County’s Pathway program funds $600K/yr for sidewalks within 2 miles of schools
MPO ASSISTANCE

- Identify locations for needed crossing guards
- Map existing sidewalks
- Fund missing sidewalks
- Fund overhead flashers
- Install Pedestrian Gates at Rail Crossings
- Encourage Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education in schools and aftercare programs
- Promote National Walk to School Day (Oct.) & National Bike to School Day (May)
Walk Your Child to School Day

**SY15/16**

- 51 Palm Beach County Elementary Schools participated
- Potential impact of up to 39,000 students
- Partnership with Safe Kids Palm Beach County
  - Curriculum
  - Signage
  - Goodies
  - Federal Express

**SY16/17**

- MPO will be assisting with the WalkSafe resources, Bicycle Challenge for Schools and a new School Board resolution.
Walk Your Child to School Day
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Bicycle Safety Education

SY15/16

• 7 Elementary Schools
• Almost 2,421 students trained (mostly grades 3-5)
• YMCA – Thomas Iven, Bicycle Coordinator
• Implemented through Palm Beach County Physical Education Programs
• Upcoming new teacher training and refresher training (Fall 2016)

SY16/17

• Tom and his staff are refurbishing the School District’s trailer – new bicycles, signs and lesson plans. Estimated impact – 4,000/5000 students
Palm Beach County Students
Bicycle Education
Bicycle Training
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