WHAT'S WITH THE ANIMALS?

Aside from adding a bit of fun to our newsletters, the animals have another significance. The most recent Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment approved by the MPO Board includes a new wildlife crossing on SR 29 north of the Panther Refuge. Incidentally, the first wildlife crossing in Florida was installed in Collier County on Alligator Alley when it was converted into Interstate 75. Check out this video compilation put together by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) with wildlife crossings.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- The Congestion Management Process update has began and will address new sources of data for evaluating travel speeds, reliability and congestion bottlenecks.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the extension of Bike Route 15 in Collier County on December 14.
- The new pedestrian hybrid beacon at the Rich King Greenway and SR 84 crossing will include an audible component for the visually impaired.

MPO BOARD APPROVES:

- Annual Local Contribution to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
- Amendment #3 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and Authorizing Resolution
- Adopting the FDOT Vision Zero Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2022
ARE YOU NAUGHTY OR NICE WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY?

Do be Nice
- DO wear bright or reflective clothing when walking or biking at dawn, dusk, and night
- DO turn on your car’s headlights at night
- DO walk in the opposite direction of traffic and bike in the same direction of traffic
- DO walk dogs on short leashes
- DO know when to stop walking if you get dehydrated or too hot
- DO be aware of stranger danger
- DO make adjustments for weather

DON’T BE NAUGHTY
- DON’T text and drive
- DON’T forget to watch for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians
- DON’T drive in bike lanes or shoulders
- DON’T forget to signal
- DON’T cross the road at bends
- DON’T forget your signals
- DON’T rush
- DON’T assume drivers see you or will stop
- DON’T operate a vehicle or ride a bike while intoxicated
- DON’T forget to slow down or get into another lane when passing a stopped car
- DON’T get distracted

Safety Spotlight
Check out this video of a dangerous driver caught on camera in Collier County from NBC2 News. This is a clear case of what NOT to do! Remember bikes lanes are for bicycles not cars.

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