



March is Florida Bicycle Month!

Bike month is not only about the health benefits of cycling, but also for recognizing bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation. Please be considerate of those taking advantage of our beautiful March weather when driving.

University of Miami's [BikeSafe](#) and [WalkSafe](#) programs were created to counteract the rates of bicyclist and pedestrian hit-by-car incidents for children and adolescents. The programs were created for Miami-Dade County and are generally recommended as a reference for safety education.



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News from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

- ◆ A [ballad](#) was made for FDOT's District 1 as a new way to describe its roles. Commissioner McDaniel makes a statement alongside different representatives from the area during the song.
- ◆ The [Moving Florida Forward](#) infrastructure initiative prioritizes \$7 billion towards twenty projects for the state's transportation infrastructure. Four of these are in Collier County.
- ◆ The Master Plan FDOT is working on for improvements to mainline segments and interchanges on I-75 for 42 miles from Collier Boulevard (SR 951) to north of Bayshore Road (SR 78) has a [website](#), which was shown in last month's In Motion newsletter.
- ◆ [Improvements are currently being designed](#) for Interstate 75 (I-75) at the Collier Boulevard (SR 951) interchange. Improvements are projected to extend north and south of the interchange with a reconstruction of it itself as a conversion from a diamond to a modified diamond interchange. A public meeting was held March 7.

The Collier County Corner

- Interested in knowing what improvements are being made to the County's local roads? The Transportation Engineering Division has a [website](#) showing Projects in Design and Projects in Construction.
- An open house-style [public meeting](#) will be held Tuesday, March 21 for the Oakes Boulevard sidewalk and roundabout improvement project. The project plans to add approximately two miles of sidewalk, reconstruct the existing multiuse trail, and a roundabout is also being considered for the intersection of Oakes Boulevard and Spanish Oakes Lane.
- [CAT's Beach Bus is Back!](#) It's been away for a year, but has returned with a newly aligned route between Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Conner Park, and Vanderbilt Beach Park.

