This Saturday, April 22 is Trails Day

Started by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in recognition of their amenity of making the outdoors accessible, trails offer an alternative to automobile transportation by connecting places for those who travel otherwise and in so doing also reduce their environmental impact. Take a moment to learn more and see what’s available to traverse nearby.

Awareness Causes for April

Distracted Driving Awareness Month
The National Safety Council, America’s leading nonprofit safety advocate for more than 100 years, calls for awareness to the cause of eight deaths a day, skyrocketing in the past decade with over 32,000 from 2012-2021. Distracted driving’s most common distraction is cell phone use. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the DOT has embarked on the U Drive, U Text, U Pay, campaign to remind drivers of the dangers and legal consequences behind texting and driving.

Beyond the Driver’s Seat Month
Each year, the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) Safe Mobility for Life Coalition helps Floridians achieve lifelong mobility independence. True mobility independence means not having to rely on a car. It means having options to stay safe, mobile, and connected in your communities using other modes of transportation.

The aim this month is to educate aging drivers on how to find all the transportation options available in their communities and empower them to practice and take advantage of these opportunities.

Congratulations to Dusty May Siegler on her promotion to Senior Planner with the MPO!