

## Top 15 High Priority Counties for Pedestrian and Bicycle Focused Initiative

Over the past decade, a higher emphasis has been placed on reducing crash frequency and severity along the nation's highways/roadways. In the state of Florida, the FDOT is striving to drive down traffic related fatalities and serious injuries. One of the key areas is pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Vulnerable Road Users emphasis area where the goal is to reduce the rate of fatalities, injuries, and crashes of those users. According to the Florida DHSMV Traffic Crash Statistics Reports, ten counties have been identified with the highest number of pedestrian fatalities and injuries. The list has now been expanded to include Brevard County.

Attached is a section from the TPO's DRAFT County-wide Annual Safety Report related to findings from the Vulnerable Road User Safety category. All reported vulnerable road users (pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorcyclist) crashes within the County between 2009 and 2013 were mapped and summarized.

The purpose of this report is to develop a repeatable analysis to identify priority crash locations and identify specific countermeasures to develop a list of priority safety projects which could be constructed utilizing State safety funding.