



Committee Representation

The School Transportation and Enhanced Pedestrian Safety (STEPS) committee is facilitated by the Pinellas County School Board and was created as a forum to discuss and address traffic safety issues/concerns around Pinellas County Schools. The STEPS committee consists of technical planning/engineering staff from the local governments and agencies throughout the County. Pinellas County's engineering staff from the Environment and Infrastructure Department are members of this committee.

Also, Pinellas County has elected representation on the MPO's School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC). This committee was originally formed from the County's 1906 Committee, which consists of elected officials from Pinellas County, twelve municipalities and the School Board. The Committee make policy recommendations to the MPO Board on a wide variety of school transportation safety issues.

Sidewalk Construction

Pinellas County also participates in prioritizing the construction of sidewalks on County arterial, collector, and local roads that provide pedestrian access to public school facilities. This is accomplished through use of a prioritization matrix developed and maintained by the County's Environment and Infrastructure Department. The matrix assigns points to sidewalk areas based on specific characteristics of the area. Those projects that receive a larger number of points typically are given a higher priority. The criterion that is analyzed includes shoulder conditions of the roadway, the roads functional classification, potential links to attractors, existing sidewalk connectivity, and transit connectivity.