

FLORIDA BICYCLE LAWS & SAFETY TIPS

BICYCLISTS

Wear a bicycle helmet.

Check your bike – air pressure, brakes, chain, seat and handlebars.

Ride on the right in the same direction as traffic.

Obey all traffic controls.

Wear light or brightly colored clothes.

Yield to pedestrians.

Never wear headphones while riding – it is illegal and impairs your ability to hear traffic.

Stay alert – be aware of traffic around you, and always keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.

Look both ways for traffic before you enter any street or intersection. More than 70% of bicycle crashes occur at driveways or intersections.

MOTORISTS

Be alert – watch for pedestrians and bicycles. Be extra careful at intersections.

Obey all traffic laws – including speed limit and other road signs.

Scan your surroundings – anticipate upcoming traffic situations.

Signal your intentions before changing lanes or making a turn.

Give cyclists 3-ft (minimum) when passing!

Wear reflective material and/or reflective devices on ankles, wrists, back and helmet.

Avoid bicycling at night – Most of the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail and all of the Duke Energy Trail is closed at night. If you must ride in the dark:

- Use reflectors. Ride on brightly lit streets.
- Always assume you are not seen by a driver.
- Young children should never ride at night.
- Use bright lights on the front and back of the bike. Although unadvisable, if you must ride in the dark, make sure you have bright lights.

One seat = one rider.

Pedestrians have the right of way in a crosswalk – take note of pedestrian or school crosswalk signs indicating a crosswalk is ahead.

Take extra precautions before backing up.

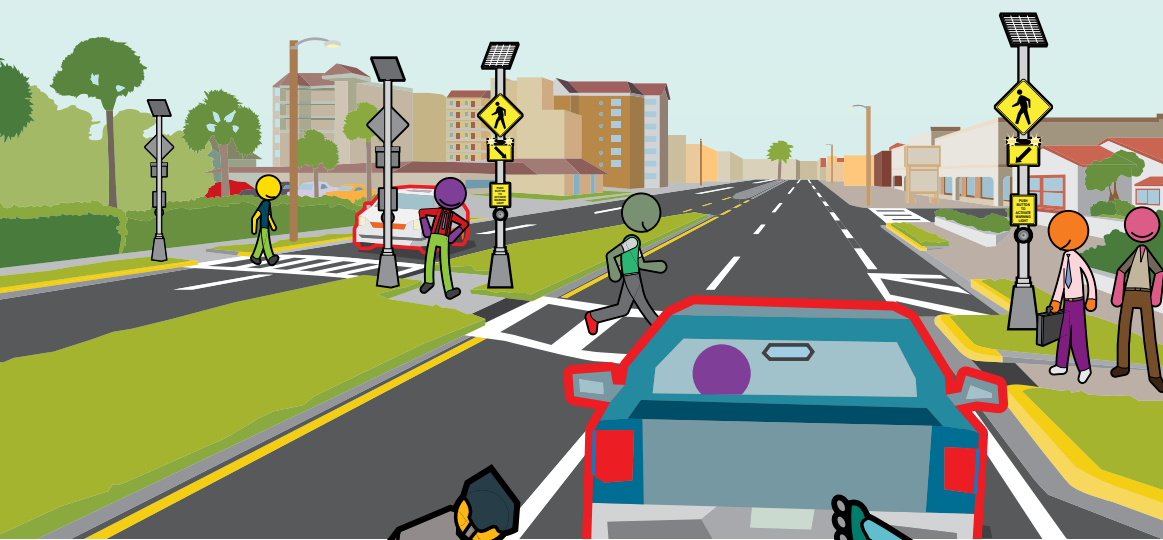
Never drink and drive! – designate a non-drinking driver before getting into a vehicle.

Never text while driving – it's against the law! Also, no texting while walking, biking or skating.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety

Florida drivers, STOP! Florida law requires vehicles yield to pedestrians. All pedestrians should exercise extreme caution at crosswalks and approaching motorists are required to follow these rules:

- Stop before the crosswalk when a pedestrian is within or stepping into the crosswalk. Remain stopped until the pedestrian has safely reached the opposite side of the street.
- The pedestrian crossing law also applies to crosswalks with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). At RRFB crosswalks, pedestrians and drivers should follow these simple rules:
 - Motorists must stop for pedestrians attempting to cross at a mid-block crossing and at intersections utilizing the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFBs) signals.
 - Once a pedestrian activates an RRFB, a series of yellow rapid flashing lights are emitted at the crosswalk notifying motorists that a pedestrian is intending to cross the road.
 - Pedestrians should not attempt to cross the road until the RRFB is activated and motorists have come to a complete stop.



Bike Shops

The following is a list of bike shops in close proximity to the Pinellas Trail.

- 1 Neptune Cyclery**
13 Safford Ave. S., Tarpon Springs (727) 943-5805
www.neptunecyclery.com
- 2 Tarpon Tom's Outdoor Adventure**
532 S Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs (727) 942-8200
www.tarpontomsooutdoorrentals.com
- 3 OTE Bikes & More**
2606 Bayshore Blvd., Dunedin (727) 831-0085
- 4 Kafe Racer**
998 Douglas Ave., Dunedin (727) 466-1245
www.kaferacer.com
- 5 Pedego Electric Bikes Dunedin**
324 Scotland St. Suite 4, Dunedin (727) 432-5061
- 6 Ride N' Roll**
924 West Bay Dr., Largo (727) 518-2453
6570 Seminole Blvd, Seminole (727) 393-2453
www.ridenrollcyclery.com
- 7 D & S Bike Shop**
11561 Walsingham Rd., Suite E, Largo (727) 586-6437
- 8 David's World Cycle**
11198 70th Ave., Seminole (727) 319-2453
www.davidsworld.com
- 9 Trail Sports**
6201 Seminole Blvd., Seminole (727) 395-0509
Trailsporbicycles.com
- 10 Beach & Trail Bike Shop**
7100 9th Ave. N., St. Petersburg (727) 384-6608
Beachandtrail.com
- 11 ABC Bicycles**
6633 Central Ave., St. Petersburg (727) 345-5391
www.abcbicycles.com
- 12 The Bikery**
2222 1st Ave. S., St. Petersburg (727) 826-0501
www.thebikery.bike
- 13 Tony's Bike Shop**
19 21st St. N., St. Petersburg (727) 537-6162
tonysbikeshop.com
- 14 Northeast Cycles**
1115 4th St. N., St. Petersburg (727) 898-2453
northeastcycles.com
- 15 St Pete Bicycle and Fitness**
1205 4th St. N., St. Petersburg 727-822-BIKE
www.stpetebicycleandfitness.com
- 16 The Bike Room**
2808 4th St. N., St. Petersburg (727) 897-9701
thebikeroom.com
- 17 Trek St. Petersburg**
3169 4th St. N., St. Petersburg (727) 498-8655
abcbicycles.com



FUTURE PLANS Completing the "Loop"

The Pinellas Trail Loop is mostly comprised of the existing Pinellas Trail, which extends through the western portion of the county from downtown St. Petersburg to Tarpon Springs, and the Duke Energy Trail, which extends through the eastern portion of the county from northeast St. Petersburg to the East Lake Tarpon area. Most of the Duke Energy Trail remains to be constructed. The existing portion of the Loop is 54 miles. When the remaining portion is completed, the Loop will be a 75-mile trail system, traversing Tarpon Springs, Palm Harbor, Dunedin, Clearwater, Largo, Seminole, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg. The Loop will also provide regional connections to the Hillsborough and Pasco County trail networks, and link to the western end of the Florida Coast-to-Coast

Connector Trail. This is a 250-mile planned trail connecting Pinellas County to Titusville on the east coast. The remaining work necessary to complete the Pinellas Trail Loop is identified as the "North Gap" and "South Gap" projects. The North Gap projects total 7.5 miles and extend from Enterprise Road to John Chesnut Senior Park and from NE Coachman Road to Sunset Point Road. The South Gap projects total 10 miles and extend from 1) Haines Bayshore Road to the East Roosevelt Boulevard /28th Street intersection, via an existing power easement and the 126th Avenue and Scherer Drive rights-of-way; and 2) the East Roosevelt Boulevard /Gandy Boulevard intersection to the North Bay Trail in St. Petersburg via the Gandy Boulevard and San Martin Drive rights-of-way.

Trail Counter Program

Through funding made available from the Centers for Disease Control in 2016, Forward Pinellas purchased and installed several automated counters along the Pinellas Trail to monitor the volume of trail users and their associated travel characteristics. Equipped with electromagnetic and infrared sensors, these counters can differentiate between pedestrians and bicyclists and can log the day, time and direction of travel. The value of the

trail counters has been immeasurable as they have provided a more accurate and efficient system of data collection and reporting. The data collected supports bicycle and pedestrian planning programs while assisting local efforts to pursue funding and support for future trail improvements. Data collected by the counters showed that nearly four million walkers, skaters and cyclists used the Pinellas Trail from 2017 to 2019.

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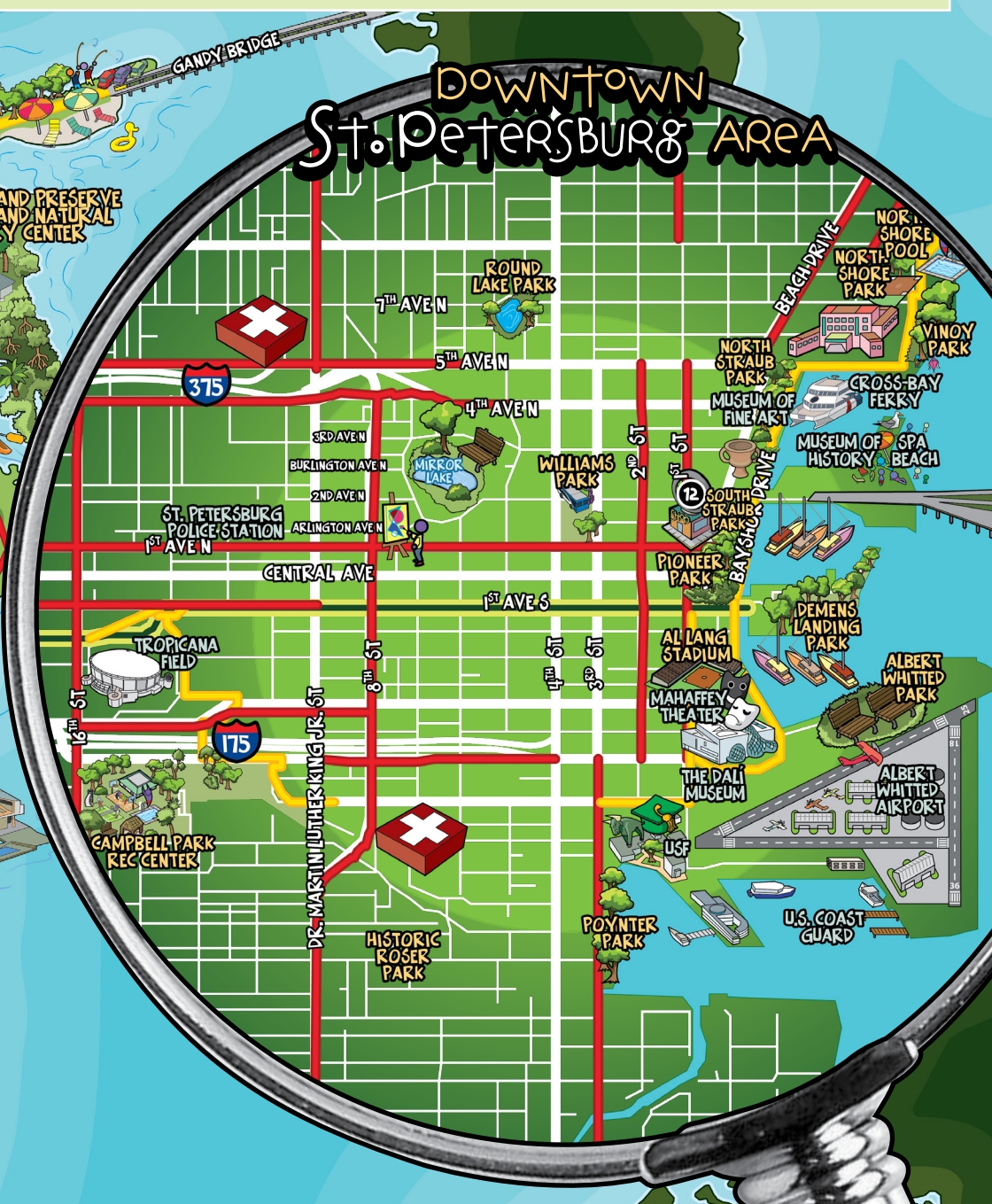
Forward Pinellas serves as the planning council and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Pinellas County. In its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, the agency administers the Countywide Plan and coordinates land use planning among the county's 25 local governments. In its role as the MPO, the agency addresses the mobility needs of people and freight while prioritizing the allocation of federal and state transportation funds in Pinellas County. Forward Pinellas is governed by a 13-member board that represents the local governments of Pinellas County and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA). Forward Pinellas collaborates with its public and private partners in the county and region to accomplish the following:

- Create integrated land use and transportation plans that provide

- viable mobility options and sustainable development patterns;
- Engage the public in the development of transportation and land use plans;
- Forge effective partnerships among public agencies, citizens and the business community;
- Define cost-effective strategies to meet the transportation and land use goals of Pinellas County; and
- Set priorities for sound public investment in transportation improvements.



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TRAILS Legend

	Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail
	Duke Energy Trail
	Community Trail
	Bike Lane
	Trail Overpass
	Trail Underpass
	Bus Terminal
	Hospital
	Library