

Sarasota/Manatee MPO High Injury Network

2023 Crash Assessment (Data: 2017-2022)

The High Injury Network (HIN) is a collection of twenty (20) roadway segments with a disproportionately high number of crashes that resulted in a fatality or serious injury. Addressing safety along the HIN will help to accelerate progress toward eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by focusing on the region's most dangerous roadways (not including I-75). The HIN segments represent about 2.8% of the regions non-interstate roadway network yet are responsible for 44.8% of fatal and serious injury crashes, and 39% of deadly crashes.

ID	Facility	From	To	KSI* Crashes	Fatal Crashes
1	US 41/1st St	SR 684/Cortez Rd	3rd Ave W	109	13
2	SR 684/Cortez Rd	75th St W	15th St E	247	14
3	US 41/Tamiami Trail	Dr ML King Jr Way	9th Ave	388	55
4	SR 70/53rd Ave W	34th St W	Braden Run	315	18
5	26th St W	Bayshore Gardens Pkwy	30th Ave W	82	3
6	30th Ave E	26th St W	27th St E	85	3
7	57th Ave E	26th St W	15th St E/301 Blvd	58	2
8	US 41/Tamiami Trail	Bee Ridge Rd	Mound St	46	10
9	US 301	University Pkwy	30th Ave E	136	8
10	15th St E/301 Blvd	University Pkwy	US 41/1st St	137	15
11	US 41/Tamiami Trail	US 301	85th St E	114	11
12	US 41/Tamiami Trail	Woodmere Park Blvd	Venice Bypass	66	10
13	University Pkwy	US 41/Tamiami Trail	Lakewood Ranch Blvd	156	18
14	63rd Ave W	US 41/Tamiami Trail	Lockwood Ridge Rd	86	5
15	SR 758/Bee Ridge Rd	US 41/Tamiami Trail	I-75	95	15
16	US 301/10th St W	8th Ave W	96th Ave E	122	6
17	US 301/Washington Blvd	Mound St	University Pkwy	64	8
18	SR 72/Clark Rd/Stickney Point Rd	Avenue A	Ibis St/Talon Blvd	88	11
19	SR 780/Fruitville Rd	US 301/Washington Blvd	Lakewood Ranch Blvd	76	11
20	US 41/Tamiami Trail	County Line	River Rd	77	13

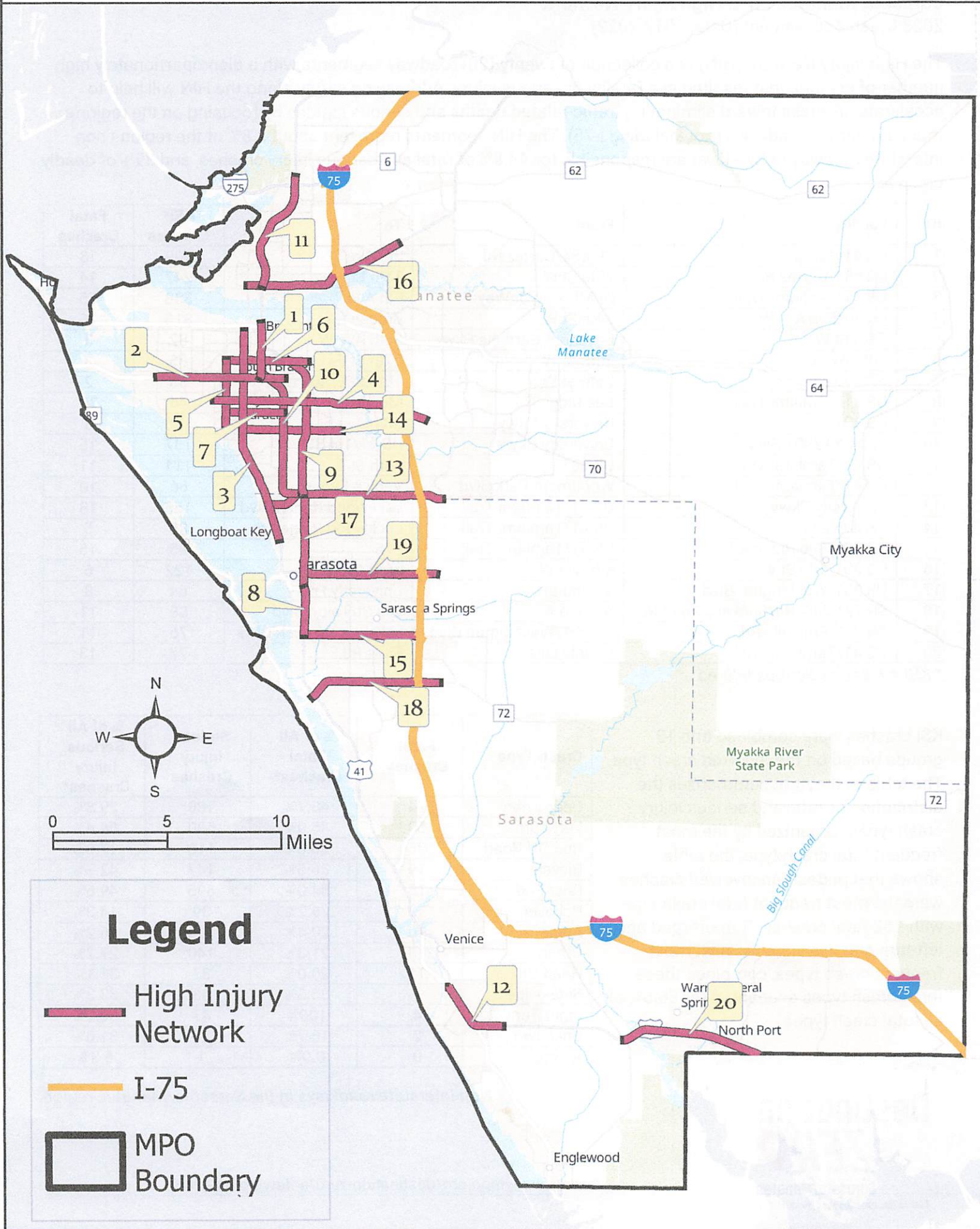
* KSI = Killed or Serious Injured

KSI crashes were combined into 13 groups based on the reported crash type. The table to the right summarizes the distribution of fatal and serious injury crash types. Organized by the most frequent fatal crash type, the table shows that pedestrian-involved crashes were the most frequent fatal crash type with 152 fatal crashes. Run off-road and left-turn crashes were the next most frequent crash types, combined these three crash types accounted for 56.6% of all fatal crash types.

Crash Type	Fatal Crashes	% of All Fatal Crashes*	Serious Injury Crashes	% of All Serious Injury Crashes*
Pedestrian	74	48.7%	108	29.8%
Left Turn	50	45.9%	580	54.4%
Run Off Road	25	20.0%	116	17.0%
Bicycle	19	36.5%	147	42.7%
Rear-End	16	34.0%	595	49.6%
Rollover	12	26.2%	39	14.3%
Angle	10	29.4%	164	36.2%
Other	10	21.3%	140	27.7%
Head On	11	20.0%	37	31.1%
Sideswipe	7	35.3%	63	33.3%
Right Turn	4	100%	47	56.6%
Unknown	2	16.7%	27	31.0%
Animal	0	0.0%	1	6.3%

* Non-interstate roadways in the Sarasota/Manatee region.

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2024 Florida Legislative Session Update

Two proposed laws that would be good for people who bicycle and walk in Florida are advancing favorably in the state legislature.

You can help move the bills along (see below, in red) and thereby help make Florida better for people who want to bicycle and for people who need to bicycle. Florida Bicycle also is tracking two bills that aren't bicycle-friendly that would make transportation planning in Florida less supportive of walking and biking.

First, let's start with the GOOD:

- Reducing distracted driving and preventing road deaths. A proposed law that would ban the use of handheld wireless devices while driving has received unanimous approval in three House committees. Michelle Avola-Brown, a board member for the Florida Bicycle Association and executive director of the Naples Pathways Coalition, testified this week that Florida is more deadly than any other state for people walking and biking, and that ending the dangerous practice of holding a cell phone while driving will reduce crashes and prevent deaths. Florida Bicycle urges passage of the bills that would make the law a reality: HB 1469, sponsored by Rep. Allison Tant of Tallahassee, and SB 1664, sponsored by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez of Miami.
- Protecting "vulnerable road users". Another proposed law would impose new penalties on drivers who seriously injure or kill vulnerable road users, a group that includes people walking and biking. HB 1133, sponsored by Rep. Mike Redondo of Miami, and SB 1528, sponsored by Sen. Jay Collins of Tampa, would suspend driver licenses, require offenders to take driver courses, and impose fines of at least \$1,500 for injuring and at least \$5,000 for killing a vulnerable road user. The law wouldn't preclude a driver from also being charged, convicted and further punished for their violations. Florida Bicycle urges the passage of the bills to bring this much-needed law into effect.

Please call or email your lawmakers---regardless of your city or district---to encourage them to support the bills above. You can find contact information for your senators and representatives at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>.

Now, the BAD, which Florida Bicycle will continue to track and share updates about:

- SB 1032 and HB 7049 take aim at local transportation planning organizations and would focus them on simply moving more cars and moving them at faster speeds. The bills also would remove the goal of reducing fuel consumption, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the planning organizations' purpose. Very concerning, one of the bill's sponsors said that bike lanes are an example of misspent road dollars.
- HB 1301 would remove pollution reduction and climate goals from the purpose of the Florida Dept. of Transportation, underscoring a plan to reject federal highway funding that is available to reduce carbon emissions. The bill has faced criticism but continues toward passage.

Two more final bits of good news:

- The House and Senate budgets would continue funding for the SUN Trail Program and the Florida Greenways and Trails System, which combine to provide hundreds of miles of shared-use, nonmotorized paths throughout the state.
- Another proposed law would provide up to \$5M per year to manage state and local non-motorized paths, which would be a great benefit to people walking and biking. HB 1417, sponsored by Rep. James Buchanan of Sarasota, and SB1638, sponsored by Sen. Travis Hutson of St. Augustine, specify that the money would come from the Seminole Gaming Compact, which also funds the protection and management of conservation lands and water resources.

Thank you for taking action to help make Florida more bicycle-friendly. After you contact your lawmakers, please share your action with others via social media. Consider tagging @floridabicycleassociation on Facebook and Instagram to help encourage like-minded advocates to act. Your voice matters!



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Nathan Benderson Park Connector Sarasota, Florida

PROJECT: 4-mile connection from the Legacy Trail at Beneva Rd. to Nathan Benderson Park.

COSTS: \$ 9-11 million, including trailhead amenities at Bobby Jones Golf Course and 17th St. Sports complex. This figure does not include the future FDOT bridge over Fruitville Rd.

TIMING: 2024-2027

FUNDING SOURCES:

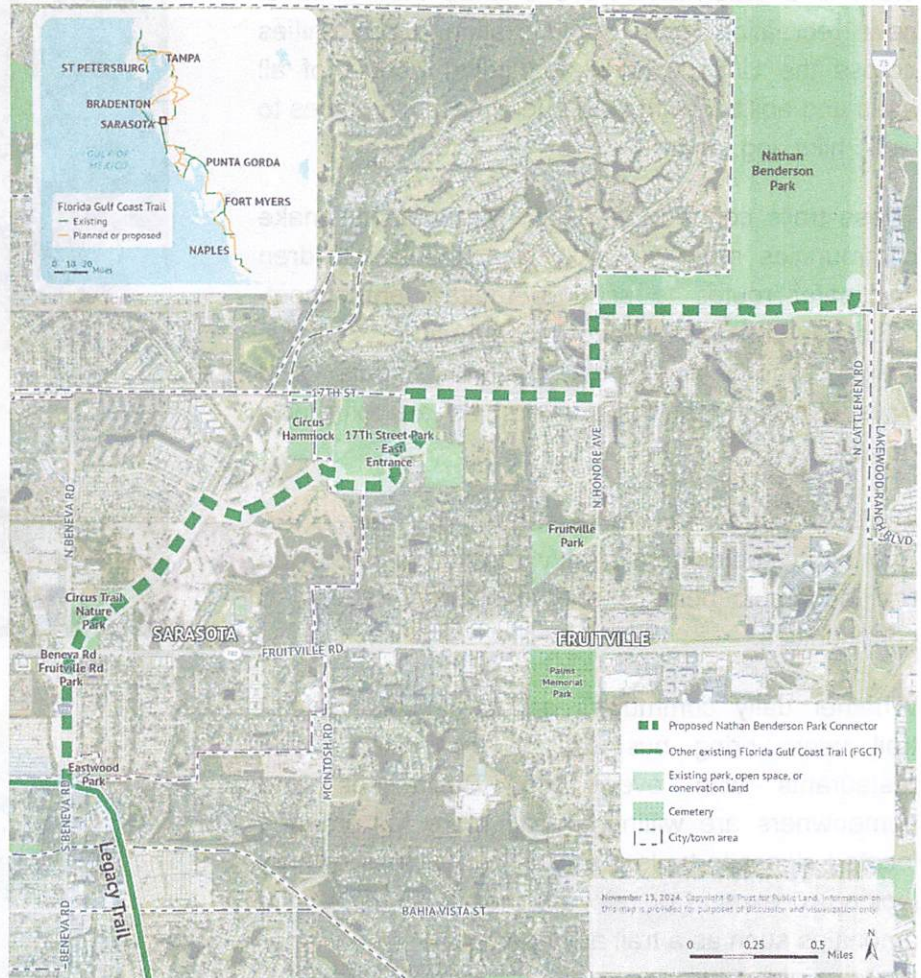
- State appropriation
- Florida SUN Trail Program
- FDOT
- Sarasota County & City of Sarasota
- Private foundations & Donations

COMMUNITY VALUES: Trails and greenways, access to parks, safe routes to schools, public health, economic and tourism development, transportation alternatives.

PARTNERS: FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails, FDOT, Friends of The Legacy Trail, Trust for Public Land, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Sarasota County, City of Sarasota, Sarasota-Manatee MPO

STATE and REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- Part of the Florida Gulf Coast Trail
- Economic and tourism development
- Climate mitigation and adaptation



Imagine the experience of exploring a breathtaking segment of the Florida Gulf Coast Trail through 4 public parks.. This isn't just a trail; it's a sanctuary where friends, family, and individuals can spend time in nature, escape from the hustle and bustle of life, and go through a nature preserve, an aquarium, watch rowing, baseball, softball, and visit many restaurants and shops..

Adhering to the high standards set by the Legacy Trail, and responding to the community support for trails, the Nathan Benderson Park Connector will consist of a 12-foot-wide paved surface, suitable to a variety of uses, from bicycles and scooters to wheelchairs and strollers. Formal trailheads will include bathrooms, drinking fountains, parking, and other amenities for the public's convenience.

The Nathan Benderson Park Connector is poised to be a pivotal component of the Florida Gulf Coast Trail. This remarkable 420-mile multi-use trail will unite communities across seven counties from Tampa to Naples. We're not just creating a trail; we're enhancing the quality of life for everyone in the City of Sarasota, Sarasota County, and beyond by embracing the exceptional benefits that these trails bring to our communities.

The Benefit of Trails:

Trails and greenways have created thousands of new recreation and transportation opportunities across the United States, providing people of all ages and abilities with safe and accessible places to walk, hike, jog, and ride.

These trails connect people to the land and make communities more walkable and livable. Children find safer routes to school. Adults identify cost-effective exercise and commuting options. Neighborhoods find social gathering spots. And trails, especially rail-trail conversions, are extremely popular.

Trail corridors are more than nice amenities. Economic studies consistently find that trails provide real economic benefits and investment returns to communities.

Whether daily commuters or out-of-town visitors, trail users bring business to local stores and restaurants with every trip. Businesses and homeowners are willing to pay more for property located closer to trails. Surveys of business owners looking to expand or relocate their businesses cite amenities such as a trail as important.

Working from more than 30 offices nationwide, Trust for Public Land, which is helping to lead the creation of the Warm Mineral Springs Connector, provides unrivaled expertise to address the conservation needs of the twenty-first century. Whether raising funds and protecting land or restoring natural spaces and building city parks, our range of services allows us to apply the resources and experience of a national organization to the unique challenges of communities across the country.



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