

# MOBILITY WEEK INFORMATION GUIDE



# What is Mobility Week?



Mobility Week is a cooperative effort by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and its partner agencies to promote awareness of safe, multimodal transportation choices. During Mobility Week, counties, cities, and transportation agencies host events and offer special promotions to encourage Floridians to try new transportation options. It is an ideal time for agencies to highlight transportation achievements, roll out new initiatives, or implement new policies.

Mobility Week is also an opportunity for residents to explore the various transportation choices available to them. This grassroots initiative gives people an opportunity to explore how active and various travel choices like walking, biking, riding transit, or carpooling reduces traffic congestion and can be excellent alternative travel choices.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When is Mobility Week 2024?

Mobility Week 2024 is being celebrated from October 25 through November 2, 2024.

### What happened at last year's Mobility Week?

The eighth annual statewide Mobility Week was successfully held in 2023. Across Florida, **280 partners joined hands to host 184 events**, including a Virtual Conference Center to raise awareness of safety and transportation choices. Mobility Week events included free transit rides, group bike rides, bike helmet fittings, commuter travel events, walking tours, workshops, and other community events. Around 223 workplaces and 1,035 Floridians participated in the Ride Roll Stroll challenge, riding over 17,000 recorded trips.

A summary of 2023 events can be found at: [www.MobilityWeekFL.com](http://www.MobilityWeekFL.com)

### What is the inspiration behind Mobility Week?

The inspiration for Mobility Week comes from an annual event, **European Mobility Week, which has been celebrated continent-wide in Europe since 2002.** The European Mobility Week is usually celebrated from September 16 (International Car Free Day) through September 22. The 2022 European Mobility Week had participation from 3,351 towns and cities in 45 countries. Participation in Mobility Week events is not limited to government entities but also includes businesses, non-governmental organizations, schools, and other non-municipal actors.



## Are you interested in becoming a participating agency?

All agencies in the state of Florida are invited to participate in Mobility Week. To take part, each participating agency must meet one of the two criteria:

### ► Organize an event during Mobility Week.

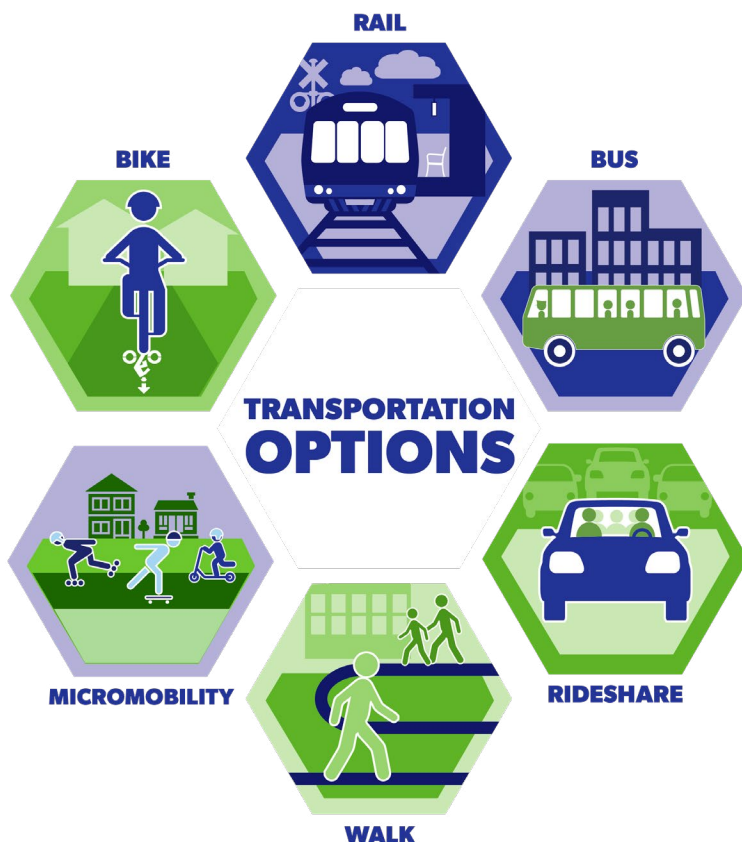
During Mobility Week, join hundreds of statewide partners by hosting events. Events can take any form and can range from regularly hosted community celebrations, inauguration of new facilities, staff trainings, workshops, and more. Events must be related to promoting safe, multimodal transportation choices.

### ► Take a mobility action during Mobility Week and beyond.

Promoting mobility does not have to be limited to one week. You can take mobility actions anytime during the year. Examples include hosting transportation awareness at community events, testing pilot projects, adopting local government policies to encourage a switch from driving alone to other transportation modes, etc.

## What is FDOT's Role?

Similar to the European Mobility Week campaign team, **FDOT's role will be that of a campaign promoter and coordinator** rather than the organizer of each event. FDOT will organize some events as well but that is not intended to be the agency's primary role. FDOT will develop thematic and social media promotion materials and make it available to all participants for their use. All the partner agency events will be listed on the [Mobility Week website](#). The general public will be able to access information on events occurring in their city or county as well as participate in statewide challenges.



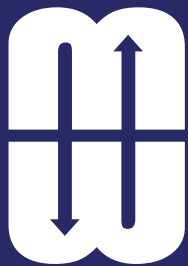
**To host an event and register your agency, email us at [Contact@MobilityWeekFL.com](mailto:Contact@MobilityWeekFL.com)**

# What are some of the activities that a participating agency or business can do during Mobility Week?

Mobility Week provides an opportunity to initiate a wide range of activities. Some possible ideas are provided below.

## Local Governments

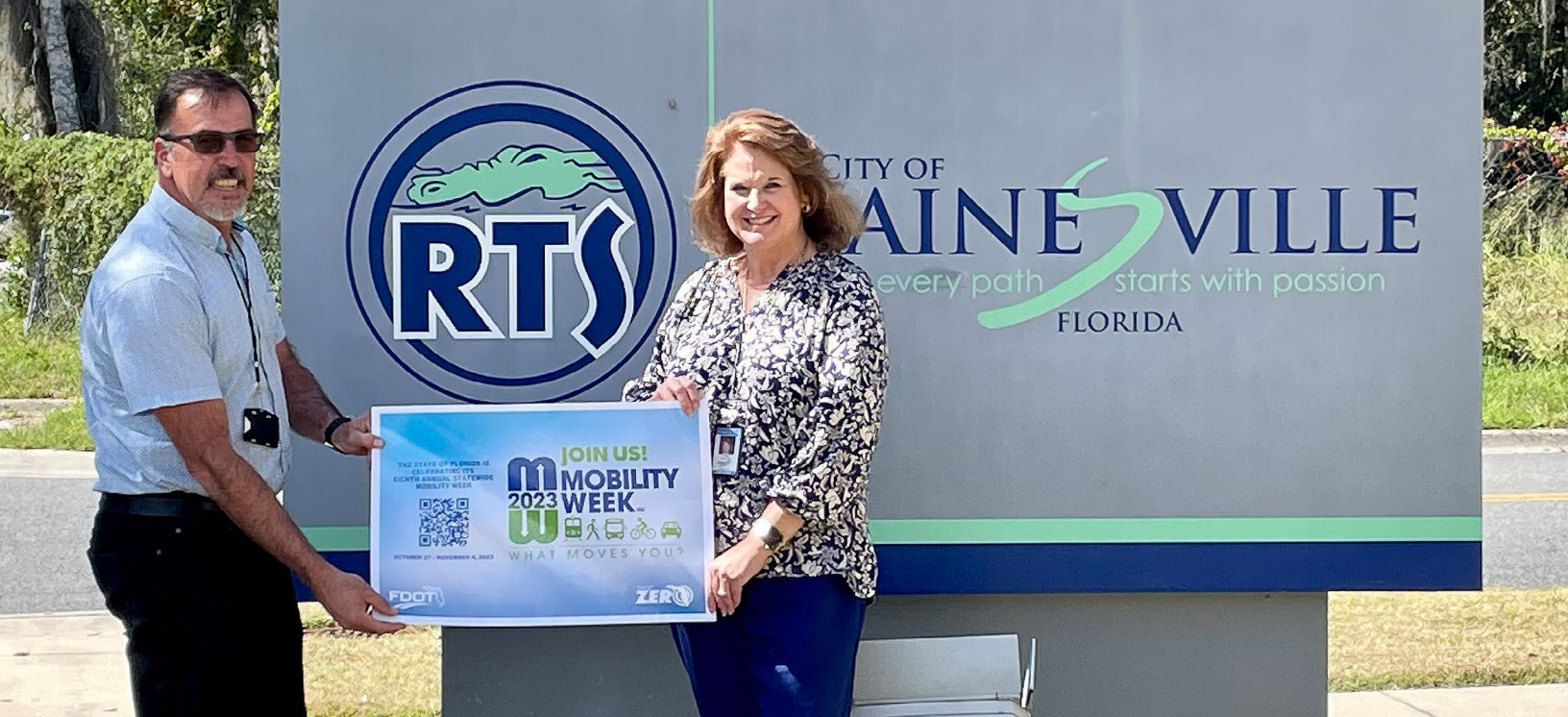
- Launch and promote programs or policies on multimodal mobility (e.g. bike to work days, incentives for using alternative transportation, etc.).
- Partner with transit agencies to build bicycle racks at high frequency stops.
- Organize contests that encourage employees to leave their cars at home and try other transportation choices to get to work.
- Conduct pedestrian and bicycle safety reviews of major corridors.
- Implement measures that promote the use of bicycling, walking, transit, or ridesharing.
- Partner with businesses and retailers to offer rewards and incentives for bicycling, walking, and transit events.
- Adopt reduced parking requirements.
- Launch new walking or bicycling mobile applications, proclamations, etc.
- Organize informational fairs about safe bicycling, walking, and transit use.
- Distribute bicycle and pedestrian route maps.



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## Transit Agencies

- Offer special fares for one or more days during Mobility Week.
- Offer free rides for riders wearing transportation-safety themed costumes.
- Distribute promotional items on highly frequented routes.
- Offer free rides, travel trainings, maps, etc. on highly frequented routes to encourage new riders.
- Partner with local governments to advance projects that make bus stops accessible (low floor buses, lifts, and ramps).
- Celebrate new infrastructure that supports transit (e.g. new bus route, mobile applications, etc.).

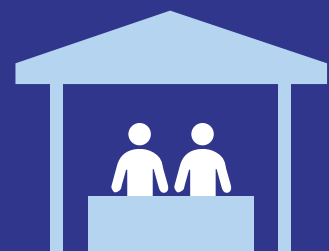
## Employers/Businesses

- Organize a Commuter Challenge to encourage employees to try bicycling, walking, transit, and/or ridesharing.
- Set up mentoring opportunities where new cyclists ride to the workplace with his/her mentor and then share the experience with others.
- Organize a Bike to Work day and offer incentives for employees.
- Distribute cycling information on safe routes to work.
- Partner with your local commuter services agency to discuss commuter benefits such as transit passes, ride matching, etc.
- Designate special parking spaces for employees that carpool or vanpool.
- Offer a shuttle service for employees that ride transit to work.
- Organize information sessions for employees to determine connections from home to work via local bus and rail services.

## Who is the intended target audience for Mobility Week?

While the Mobility Week campaign will serve to promote multimodal transportation choices and safety among the general public. The campaign specifically targets public agencies and other transportation partners by **providing a platform for collaboration and collective action** during a concentrated period to heighten visibility of the core message.

We encourage partners to employ outreach strategies to support populations that can benefit from having alternative travel choices such as transit users, aging road users, children, and other lower automobile ownership communities.



# What are the goals of the Mobility Week initiative?

## GOAL 1

Commit as a region to advancing a culture of safety and multimodal transportation by encouraging various active travel choices like walking, biking, and riding transit.

## GOAL 2

To work cooperatively with partner agencies to adopt policies that promote mobility and implement a system that promotes active transportation and supports livable communities.

## IMPLEMENTATION OBJECTIVES

### OBJECTIVE 1

**Conduct at least 30 events in each FDOT district that provide opportunities to share information on transportation mobility choices and safety by 2025.**

**Measure of Success** | Number of events organized per year

#### Strategy 1.1

Coordinate with district champions to identify potential partner agencies in their area.

#### Strategy 1.2

Leverage existing resources by identifying planned community events that can be used to disseminate information on the various transportation options available in an area.

#### Strategy 1.3

Disseminate information related to laws, rights, and responsibilities of various roadway users.

#### Strategy 1.4

Offer education and training opportunities to teach safe practices to bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers, and transit riders.

#### Strategy 1.5

Target events that spread awareness of the challenges of vulnerable populations such as persons with disabilities, aging road users, visually impaired users, etc.





## OBJECTIVE 2

**Work with partners to host in person or virtual events in all 67 counties each year.**

**Measure of Success** | Number of counties participating in Mobility Week

### Strategy 2.1

Establish partnerships with each of the major transit providers within each district to promote transit services during Mobility Week.

### Strategy 2.2

Establish partnerships with counties, municipalities, and MPO/TPOs to organize events that promote safe, multimodal transportation during Mobility Week.

### Strategy 2.3

Encourage partner agencies to highlight their mobility achievements during Mobility Week to increase visibility.

### Strategy 2.4

Offer informational workshops on trending transportation topics to partners and industry professionals.

### Strategy 2.5

Offer safety education and training opportunities to partners and industry professionals.

### Strategy 2.6

Encourage partner agencies to create forums for sharing best practices and success stories to advance the culture of safe, multimodal transportation.

### Strategy 2.7

Work with stakeholders and community partners to promote the benefits of active transportation for all ages.

### Strategy 2.8

Leverage resources of existing safety programs (such as Target Zero, Alert Today Florida, Safe Mobility for Life, CarFit, etc.) to host safety events.

### Strategy 2.9

Encourage partners to adopt resolutions supporting Mobility Week.





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