

## COLLIER COUNTY AMENDS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ORDINANCE AMID E-BIKE CONCERNS



On April 22, 2025, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners **voted to amend the 2022 Pedestrian Safety Ordinance**, introducing new rules aimed at improving safety amid rising e-bike use.

Led by Vice Chair and former sheriff's deputy Dan Kowal, the changes give law enforcement clearer authority to manage accidents involving e-bikes and pedestrians on sidewalks and shared-use paths overseen by the county.

"State law doesn't address the difference between pedestrians and bicyclists off the road," Kowal said. "It's up to counties to regulate sidewalks and parks."

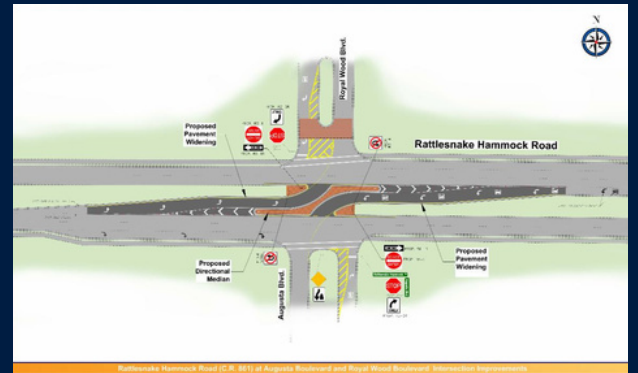
According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), Collier County reported 259 bicycle crashes in 2024, including 5 fatalities, and 205 pedestrian incidents, with 11 fatalities. The tragic death of 14-year-old Clayton Miller in North Naples further intensified public concern and played a key role in prompting a review of the county's safety ordinance.

### KEY CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE INCLUDE:

- 15 mph speed limit for all devices on sidewalks
- Class 3 e-bikes banned for riders under 16 and prohibited on sidewalks for those 16 and older except when supervising children under 16
- E-bikes must yield to pedestrians and give audible signals when passing
- Riders must stop for school buses with extended stop signs
- Bicyclists traveling against traffic must yield at intersections
- E-bikes with motors over 750 watts banned from sidewalks and shared paths

The county plans a grace period for warnings before enforcement begins, along with public outreach to educate residents.

Read the Ordinance here: [ORDINANCE 2025-22](#)



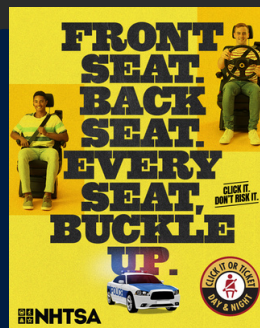
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## SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED FOR RATTLESNAKE HAMMOCK ROAD MEDIAN

Collier County Transportation Management Services Department is proposing safety improvements at the intersection of Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. and Augusta Blvd./Royal Wood Blvd. in East Naples. The current median opening allows unrestricted left turns from both side streets, creating safety concerns on the heavily traveled six-lane road.

To reduce conflict points and improve traffic flow, the proposed changes would restrict left turns from Augusta and Royal Wood Blvds. onto Rattlesnake Hammock, allowing right turns only. Left turns from Rattlesnake Hammock onto the side streets would still be permitted.

The project also includes pavement work, new curbs and gutters, updated signage, and refreshed lane markings. Estimated at \$800,000, construction could begin as early as this summer, pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners.



### Speaking of Safety...

**Click It or Ticket:** As you head out around the Memorial Day holiday, you'll likely see more law enforcement on the roads as part of The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety "Click it or Ticket" campaign, reminding drivers and their passengers the importance of buckling up and the legal consequences for not wearing a seat belt, including fines.

The national high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, runs May 19 to June 1, 2025. Learn more at [NHTSA's Click or Ticket webpage](#).

## MPO UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Spring/Summer 2025 Schedule

- May 19 | TAC/CAC
- June 13 | MPO Board
- July 16 | CMC
- August 19 | BPAC



### INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE?

The Collier MPO Board is advised by five committees. Committee members are either citizen volunteers, jurisdictional staff, or agency representatives. Check out our [Committees](#) webpage to see if you might be eligible to become a member and fill vacancies for the Citizens Advisory Committee or Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged!

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