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## CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AWARDED \$280K TO SUPPORT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced in January that \$280,000 in federal discretionary grant funding would be awarded to the City of Jacksonville to support the development of its Vision Zero Action Plan. 510 projects were awarded funding nationwide as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) competitive grant program, which was established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Development of the plan is the first step in reaching a target of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries among all roadway users in Jacksonville by the year 2030. The plan will identify countermeasures for safer roadways, recommended policies and actionable items, a prioritized corridor network for targeted safety improvements, and short-and-long-term performance targets. The process of developing the plan will involve participation from all stakeholders, including elected officials, local, regional, and state governments, private sector, and nonprofit agencies, and – most importantly – Jacksonville residents.

To view the entire list of USDOT awardees visit: [transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/2022-awards](https://transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/2022-awards)

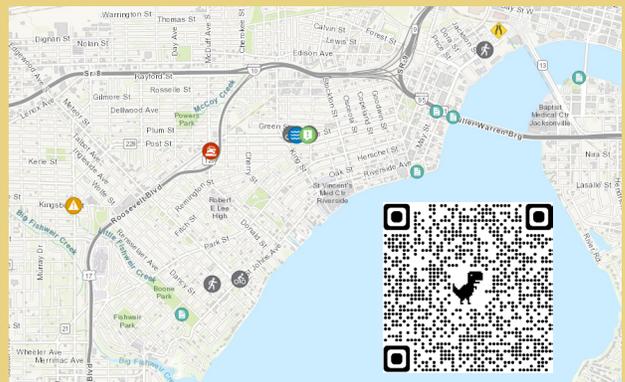
For more information on the Safe Streets for All grant program or COJ's Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP) contact Matt Fall: [mfall@coj.net](mailto:mfall@coj.net)



## VENTURE OUT JAX 2025

### NEW TOOL TO IDENTIFY ISSUES AND HELP RESIDENTS “VENTURE OUT” SAFELY

The City's Transportation Planning Division, which focuses on long-range planning, transportation policy and project development, is undertaking a public outreach effort called Venture Out Jax 2025. The project website makes it easy for residents to flag transportation infrastructure and safety issues they may encounter in their day-to-day travel. The Interactive Mapping Tool allows Jaxons of all ages and abilities to leave feedback at specific locations where they believe issues should be highlighted for City staff, such as sidewalks that need repair, debris in auto or bike lanes, flooding concerns, or even identifying where new roadways should be constructed. Residents are invited to visit [VentureOutJax.com](http://VentureOutJax.com) to provide information about projects or issues they would like addressed by clicking “Map Your Concerns” and then adding the issue location to the map. A pop-up window will appear with specific information fields allowing residents to provide details and upload photos of the problems. Please sign up to learn more about project updates on the Venture Out Jax 2025 website today!



# WHAT'S NEW, JACKSONVILLE?

## ST. JOHNS RIVER FERRY CLOSURE: TEMPORARY SERVICE FOR BIKES AND PEDS

JTA is setting up a temporary water taxi service between Mayport and Fort George for the month of April while the St. Johns River Ferry is out of service for maintenance. The water taxi is too small for vehicles, but perfect for pedestrians and bicyclists. Best of all, JTA will not be charging fares for the water taxi (read: FREE!).



## E 1ST STREET BIKE LANES

As part of a resurfacing effort, both buffered and unbuffered bike lanes have been added to E 1st Street, between Main Street and Palmetto Street. The lanes are intended to reduce auto speeds while creating a designated area for cyclists to move more comfortably.



## BLUE ZONES ARRIVES IN JACKSONVILLE

The Blue Zones Project has arrived in Jacksonville - Making the healthy choice, the easy choice for all! Across the globe, there are places where people reach age 100 at an astonishing rate - places like Sardinia, Italy; Okinawa, Japan; and Loma Linda, California. These places are called Blue Zones® and people are living longer, more vibrant and active lives and with a lower rate of chronic disease. Now, the Blue Zones Project has come to Jacksonville to partner with our community to transform the well-being of all who call Jacksonville home.

Over the next five years, the Blue Zones Project Jacksonville team will be facilitating evidence-informed Community Well-Being programs to support sustainable, system-level solutions that improve population health and economic vitality. They will partner with public and private sector leaders to increase the overall well-being index, leading to greater stability, improved health equity and increased resilience. They will look to elevate the efforts underway that will support safe access to walkways and bike paths, bridge the gap of food inequities, as well as raise awareness of how important social connections are to the overall health of individuals. Mark your calendars for the city-wide Blue Zones Project Jacksonville Kick Off event on Saturday, June 3 (9am-2pm) at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds (FREE!). Learn more at: [bluezones.com/bzpjacksonville](http://bluezones.com/bzpjacksonville)



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

## FLORIDA BIKE MONTH S-LINE TRAIL BICYCLE RIDE

Florida Bike Month was properly kicked-off with a roundtrip S-Line Trail group bike ride beginning at the south trailhead near Myrtle Avenue Brewing, to the north trailhead at Norwood Plaza, and back. Local cyclists and staff from the too-many-sponsors-to-list used the bike ride as an opportunity to identify where improvements could be made to the trail, including adding amenities, implementing safer crossings, improvements to the overall alignment, beautification efforts such as murals and local artwork, and more. If you live in a community adjacent to the S-Line Trail and are interested in forming a Friends of the S-Line community group, please contact Matt Fall at [mfall@coj.net](mailto:mfall@coj.net)

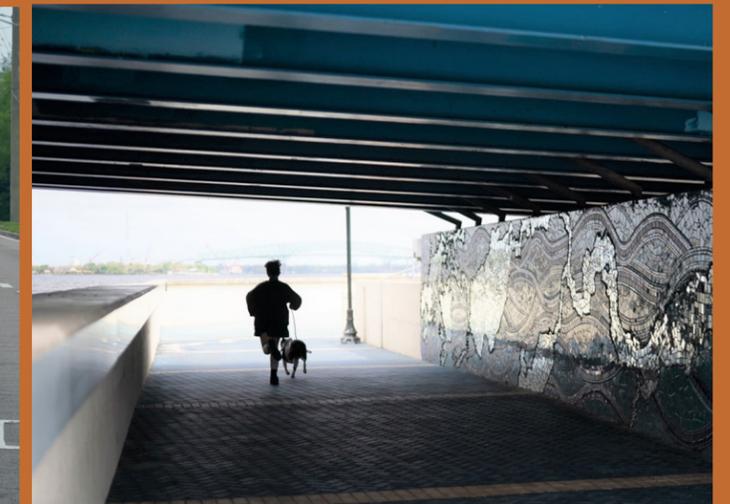


## BICYCLE REGISTRATION EVENT WITH JSO

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office partnered with COJ for two days of free bicycle registration on February 24-25 in James Weldon Johnson Park. Residents registered their property with unique serial codes and registration stickers to aid in tracking stolen items. Local bike shops, including Trek, ZenCog, and Champion Cycling, along with the North Florida Bike Club, and FDOT's Ped-Bike Resource Center, each hosted tables to provide bicycle information and to hand out free helmets, backpacks, t-shirts, and other safety-related giveaways.

## PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY TRAINING AT SEABREEZE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COJ staff, Colin Moore from the City of Neptune Beach, and Coach Tabitha Tuggle from Seabreeze Elementary School collaborated in February to deliver four days of educational classes to 3rd-5th-graders focusing on ped-bike safety and what local facilities are available in Duval County! Educational outreach efforts such as this aim to establish a strong foundation of safety consciousness in younger residents, that they may carry into adulthood to build safer communities. If your school is interested in ped-bike safety training, please contact Thalia Fusté at [tfuste@coj.net](mailto:tfuste@coj.net)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NFBC TOUR DE FORTS ANNUAL BICYCLE RIDE

**APRIL 16, 2023, AMELIA ISLAND**

The North Florida Bicycle Club brings you a one-day bicycle event designed for cyclists of all ages and abilities, the 23rd Annual Tour de Forts Classic. NFBC will provide pre-ride snacks, water, Gatorade, marked routes, maps, mechanical support, SAGs and a post-ride lunch!

To register, visit [tourdeforts.raceroster.com](http://tourdeforts.raceroster.com)

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**MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH!**

**BIKE TO WORK WEEK WILL BE  
MAY 15-21, 2023, AND BIKE TO  
WORK DAY IS ON FRIDAY, MAY 19!**

## APA 2023 NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

**APRIL 26-28TH, 2023, ONLINE**

The American Planning Association's (APA) NPC23 is your ticket to connection with your professional community. Join your peers online and tap into an inspiring network that will help you analyze, imagine, and plan for the future.

The conference program is focused on content developed through peer discussion and research into areas most likely to be agents of change in the planning profession, including climate emergency, diversification of transportation, health equity, implementation of federal programs and grants, and more! More information and registration at [planning.org/conference](http://planning.org/conference)



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## NACTO DESIGNING CITIES 2023: DENVER

**MAY 15-18TH, 2023, DENVER, COLORADO**

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Designing Cities Conference brings together 900 officials, planners, and practitioners to advance the state of transportation in cities. This year's sessions include many bicycle and pedestrian-focused topics such as "Don't Give Up at the Intersection" and "Redesigning Major Streets for Safety." More info and registration at: [events.bizzabo.com/designingcities2023](http://events.bizzabo.com/designingcities2023)

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