



As part of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's long term vision, safety is key. Chapter 2 of Transform2045, the long range transportation plan, outlines all of the objectives, plans, and data for safety and security. The next 25 years of improvements and changes are outlined in Chapter 2 in great detail. In case you don't want to read all the fine print, we made this infographic to give you the broad strokes of the goals, ranking, and performance.



The region can reach zero traffic-related deaths by 2045 if fatalities are reduced by 4 each year

Long Range Objectives

- Reduce crashes and conflicts between all users and modes
- Decrease vehicle crashes at hazardous intersections
- Improve safety for vulnerable users
- Improve system for evacuation and recovery
- Provide education to increase safety and security

Crash Safety

- Pedestrian / Bicyclist
- Aging Road Users
- Impaired Driving
- Teen Drivers
- Work Zones

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) collects crash data from all 67 counties in Florida. Counties are separated into 3 tiers based on total population. Manatee and Sarasota Counties are in Tier I.

Each crash is assigned a cause characteristic, like aggressive driving or impaired driving. Based on the number of incidents in each category, FDOT ranks the counties on their safety performance for that year. Based on those rankings, these are five are the safety focus for Manatee and Sarasota.

Every year, the Sarasota/ Manatee MPO sets safety goals for the following year. These goals are set in our Long Range Transportation Plan for 2045. Some of those goals are based on the previous year and some are based on rolling five-year averages. Rates are based on Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT), which is planner jargon for the total number of miles travelled by all vehicles in the two counties.

We weren't able to meet all our goals for 2020, but we are proud to say that non-motorized fatalities and injuries decreased.

Safety Scorecard

= met or surpassed goal = failed to meet goal

Manatee & Sarasota Counties	Goal	Actual
Fatalities Five Year Avg. (2015-2020)	109	115
Fatality Rate per 100 million VMT	1.46	1.49
Serious Injuries Five Year Avg. (2015-2020)	1,438	1,440
Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT	19.59	20.58
Non-Motorized Fatalities & Injuries Five Year Avg. (2015-2020)	170	163