



**League of Women Voters of Hillsborough & Pasco Counties  
Transportation Action Group, Emily Hinsdale Report to the Board  
June 2026**

**Summary:**

Hillsborough County reported 172 traffic fatalities in 2025 (31 in 2026 as of April) and Pasco reported 87 (20 in 2026 as of April). This is a decrease in traffic fatalities in both counties, but still among the highest in the country. High traffic fatalities and serious injuries impact access to voting, access to medical care, access to education, and affordable housing. The Transportation Action Group will continue to make safety and equal access to safe transportation a priority in all League endeavors.

**Other Information:**

The committee's monthly reports to the board have focused on these regional transportation issues to educate and inform voters:

- Updates on federal infrastructure grant funds to both City of Tampa and Hillsborough County, including work launching on the West Riverwalk project connecting West Tampa to downtown.
- Regional road development projects and safety projects, including improvements to Tampa's sidewalk installation code.
- State legislative updates including school bus cameras enforcing illegal passing, school zone speed camera enforcement, and new laws aimed at addressing e-bike safety.
- State destruction of safety-oriented street murals installed by Tampa Bay government programs, businesses, and community groups

Local transportation events promoted:

- World Car-Free Day Tampa and Kidical Mass Ride, September 20, 2025
- National Walk to School Day, October 8, 2025

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Emily Hinsdale***