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## **New Florida Law Prioritizes Bike Safety on Driver's License Exam, Roadways**

West Palm Beach, FL (July 16, 2021) - A new state law now in effect creates an increased focus on bicycle safety in Florida, a state that continues to rank as one of the most dangerous in the U.S. for bicyclists. Senate Bill 950 requires the Florida Driver's License exam to include 25 bicycle safety questions, revises requirements for bicycles on roadways and adds definitions for bicycle lanes and separated bicycle lanes. The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) is excited to share this update, as it is in line with the Agency's [2021 Legislative and Policy Positions](#).

The 25 bicycle safety questions will be included in the bank of questions for the Driver's License Test. Individuals taking the exam can expect to see several bicycle safety-related items on their exam. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is responsible for preparing these questions and administering the test.

"The inclusion of bicycle traffic questions on the Florida Driver's License Test is a step in the right direction toward educating our community about keeping both motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists safe," said Alyssa Frank, Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator for the Palm Beach TPA. "Education starts with our youngest drivers and this will allow them to understand the importance of safety for everyone on the road."

The new law also revises several requirements for motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists. This includes drivers now being able to pass a bicyclist by crossing a solid double yellow line if it is safe to do so briefly.

In addition, drivers may not make a right turn if a bicyclist is less than 20 feet behind. The car must either wait for the bicyclist to pass or have more than 20 feet between them and the bicycle when making the turn.

Cyclists must always follow the rules of the road, including stopping at stop signs. Now, motor vehicles must allow large cycling groups to travel through the intersection in groups of up to 10 after the group stops at the stop sign.

[Senate Bill 950](#) includes several other bicycle requirements and definitions. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will create an annual awareness and safety campaign about these new legal requirements. Senate Bill 950 will ensure all individuals on the road are keeping safety top of mind and that the road is being shared responsibly.

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