

SHRP2 Successes: Lessons Learned from the Field Improving Pedestrian Safety through SHRP2's Naturalistic Driving Study

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Improving Safety Through SHRP2





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SHRP2 Safety Program



Consists of Two Large Databases:

- Naturalistic driving study (NDS) database; and
- Roadway Information Database (RID)
 Naturalistic Driving Study (NDS):
- Crash, pre-crash, near-crash, and "normal" driving data
- 3,500+ drivers, 6 sites, all ages

Roadway Information Database (RID):

- NDS trip data can be linked to roadway data from the RID, such as the roadway location, curvature, grade, lane widths, and intersection characteristics.
- These two databases will support innovative research leading to new insights into crash causation.

SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program (IAP)

Main Objectives

- Utilize IAP to demonstrate the use of the NDS Safety Data
- Increase states' understanding of the potential uses of the data
- Identify safety countermeasures based on research projects
- Reduce crashes and save lives !





IAP Safety Process

Phase 1 – Proof of concept with a sample reduced data set

Phase 2 – full data set and in-depth research analysis with countermeasure identification

Phase 3 – deployment to adopt, champion or implement countermeasure nationally



Ongoing Safety Projects



Phase 2 In-Depth Research and Analysis Projects

Pedestrian Safety	Florida DOT	
Roadway Departures	Iowa DOT	
Speeding	Michigan DOT Washington State DOT	
Work Zones	Minnesota DOT	
Horizontal and Vertical Curves	North Carolina DOT	
Interchange Ramps	Utah DOT	
Adverse Conditions	Wyoming DOT	
Roadway Lighting	Washington State DOT	



FHWA/AASHTO Resources

- FHWA SHRP2 website: <u>fhwa.dot.gov/goSHRP2</u>
- AASHTO SHRP2 website: <u>SHRP2.transportation.org</u>
 - Implementation information for AASHTO members
 - Information about SHRP2 safety implementation
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Pedestrian Safety Problem in Florida

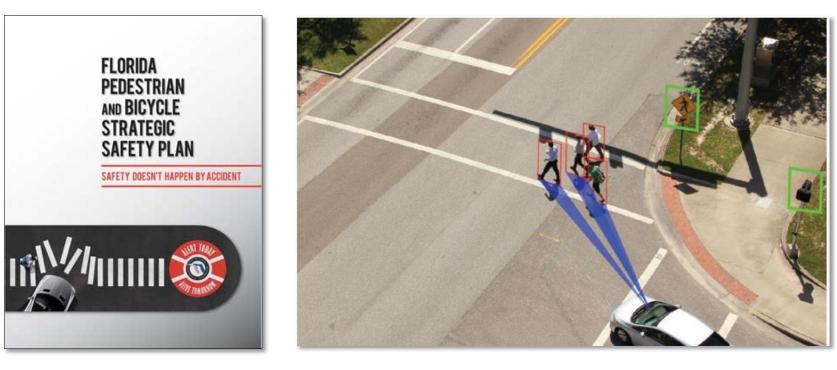
- □ Florida experienced serious pedestrian safety problems.
- □ Florida continues to be in the **top five** states with the highest pedestrian fatality rates.
- □ Florida has the top four metro areas with the highest Pedestrian Danger Index. (Dangerous by Design 2014)





Florida's Pedestrian Strategic Safety Plan

One of Florida's highest priorities is **to investigate major contributing causes for pedestrian crashes and develop effective countermeasures**.

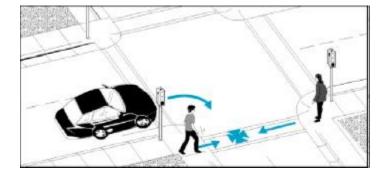


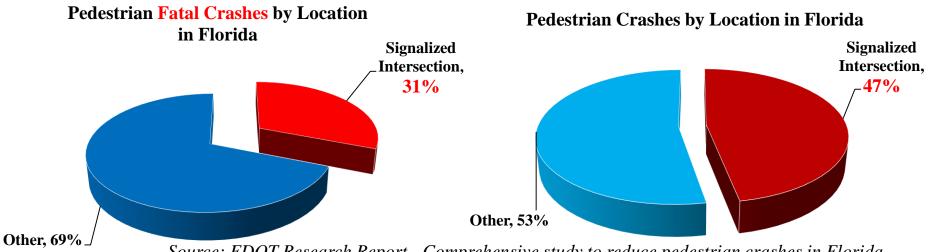


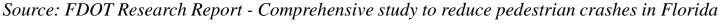


Pedestrian Safety Facts at Signalized Intersections

High traffic and pedestrian volumesFrequent pedestrian-vehicle conflicts





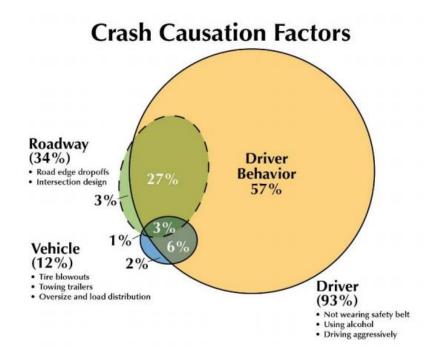






Driver Behavior and Safety

Driver behavior is the primary factor contributing to a crash.



Source: Human Factors & Highway Safety, Elizabeth Alicandri, FHWA Office of Safety Programs Index of unsafe driving (risk index):

- Rule violation
- Speeding (or unsafe speed)
- Impaired driving (alcohol-involved)
- Distraction

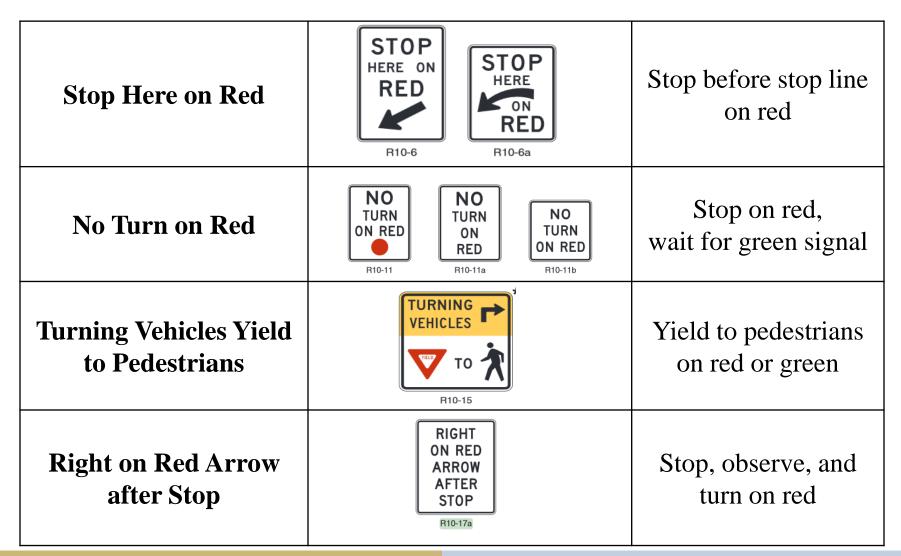
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• Not wearing seat-belt





Main Pedestrian Features of Study







Research Question and Goals

□ Major Research Question:

How do drivers interact with pedestrian features at signalized intersections?

Research Goals:

- To investigate the interactions between drivers and pedestrian features using the SHRP2 NDS and RID data
- To demonstrate success in accomplishing initial data analysis
- To demonstrate that the research team effectively used the SHRP2 NDS and RID databases

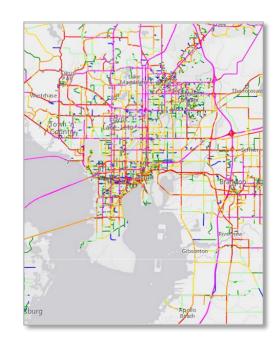




Data Sources

SHRP2-RID Dataset

- Lanes: number, width, and type
- Signs: MUTCD
- Intersections: location, control, etc.
- Median type and presence
- AADT(Annual Average Daily Traffic)
- □ SHRP2-NDS Dataset (2700 trips)
 - o Front Video Data
 - Sensor Data: Speed, acceleration
 - Supplementary Data:
 - Driver characteristics
 - Driver questionnaires









Data Acquired

- Study Sites
 - o 12 Signalized intersections in Tampa Bay (4 Features)
 - 2 Feature sites + 1 Control sites for each pedestrian feature

Given Short Trips

- \circ 270 trips for each feature group
- 270 trips for each control group
- o Total 2,160 trips
- o 439 participants

Long Trips

- o 54 participants
- o Total 270 trips





Tool Development

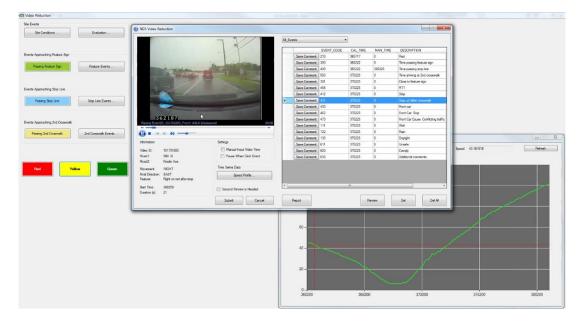
□ NDS Automatic Video Processing Tool

- To automatically detect and track pedestrians
- To automatically detect traffic signal indications





NDS Data Reduction and Analysis Tool







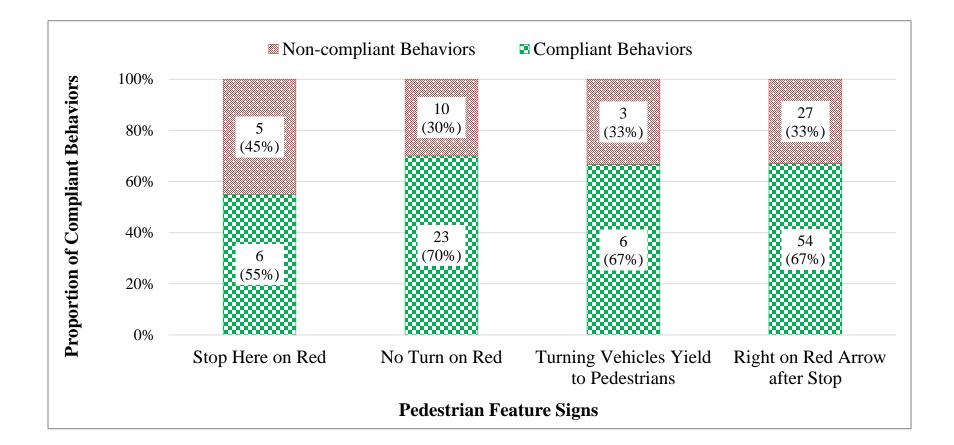
Analysis Results







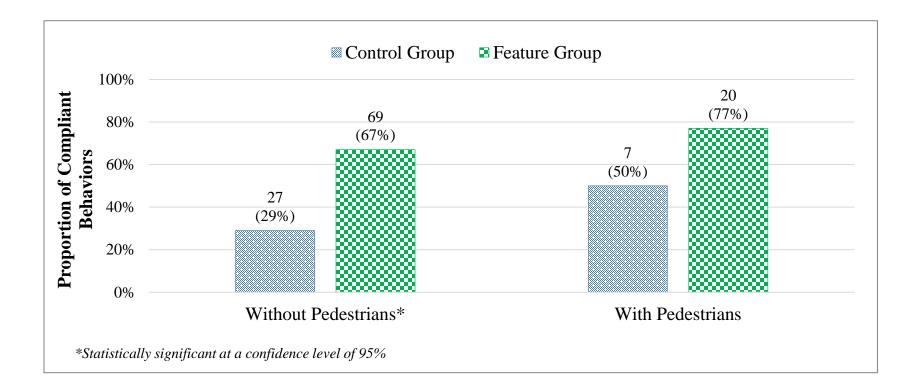
Interactions between drivers and different pedestrian features







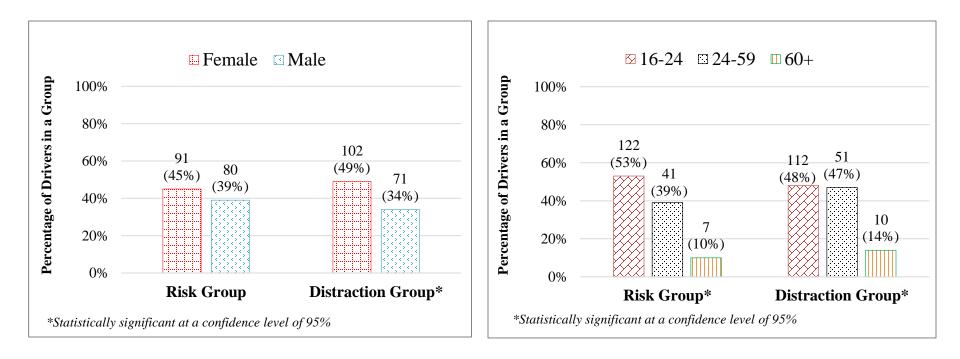
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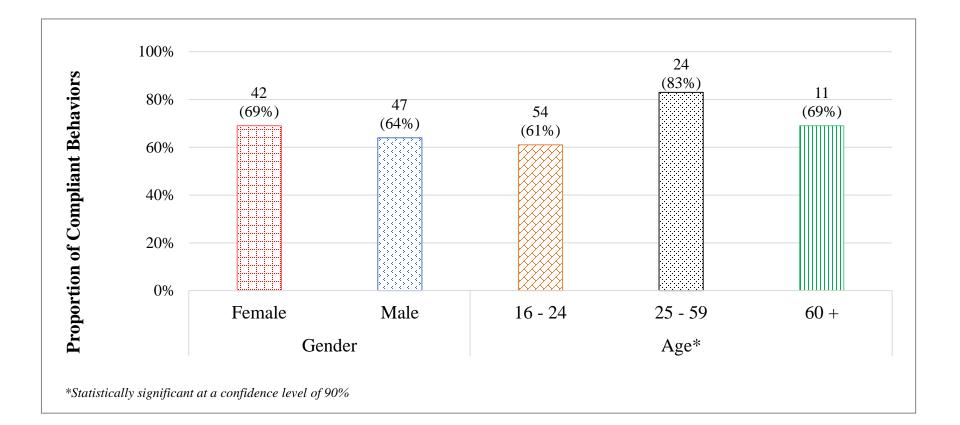
Comparison of risk and distraction levels by gender and age groups







Comparison of compliant behaviors by gender and age groups







Findings of Pilot Study

Traffic Sign (Pedes	trian Feature)	Compliance Rate	Increased Likelihood of Compliance Compared to a Control Group
No turn on red	NO TURN ON RED B10-11 R10-11a R10-11b	70%	
Turning vehicles yield to pedestrians	TURNING P VEHICLES TO	67%	
Right on red arrow after stop	RIGHT ON RED ARROW AFTER STOP B10-17a	67%	
Stop here on red	STOP HERE ON RED F10-6 RED R10-6	55%	





Conclusions of Pilot Study

- □ As proof of concept, the pilot project was successful.
- Data availability, sample size, and complexity were identified.
- □ Specific parameters for data extraction and analysis tools were developed.
- □ Study methodology was proven.
- □ Initial results are encouraging.





Future Work and Countermeasure Development

□ Phase II is currently underway.

□ CUTR and FDOT will develop implementable countermeasures.

- **Engineering**: policy/practice for implementation
- Education: outreach/campaigns to focus on specific demographics of drivers
- **Enforcement**: pedestrian and bicycle laws
- Combined engineering, education, and enforcement approaches







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