

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, April 20, 2005 -

At last night's Board Meeting, the SAFE Directors made a number of decisions that will address pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety throughout Florida.

According to spokesman, Jim Smith, SAFE will continue aggressively advocating safety by identifying specific issues, problems, policies, practices, and facilities that need improvement. To do that, SAFE is accumulating a priority list of projects, and will prepare a position paper for each item along with an implementation plan.

Smith said that, "SAFE was originally formed to address safety issues in Delray Beach, but will now expand its interest to safety issues throughout Florida. SAFE will be using email to link up with other members, organizations, clubs, and businesses throughout Florida. We already have over 10,000 contacts and our goal is to grow that linkage exponentially," Smith continued.

Until now, SAFE has concentrated its energy on pedestrian and bicycle safety on A1A in Delray Beach. "In the future we will address all of the common safety problems that exist through out our state, as well as specific local safety problems in Delray Beach and Palm Beach County. In addition, SAFE will support others who may wish to gather A1A petitions and advocate road safety in municipalities north of Delray Beach, as well as support other organizations who have similar goals."

In recognition of these changes in its mission and operation, SAFE has changed its name from "Safety As FDOT Envisions" to "Safety As Floridians Expect." Smith said that, "this new name better describes our new and expanded mission. SAFE will not be just focusing on one state road, but all roads throughout Florida, be they city, county, or state maintained roads.

Smith reiterated that Palm Beach County and the state of Florida are "Killing Zones" for road travelers. "SAFE will do everything it can to improve road safety until Florida is known as the most pedestrian, bicycle, and motor friendly state in the USA."

If you're interested in becoming a member of SAFE and wish to begin receiving our emails, please contact Jim Smith jamesejimchar@aol.com. There is no cost or obligation. If you ever want to cancel your membership, just let us know and we'll discontinue our emails.