

PRESENTATION OF INITIATIVES



Getting Tomorrow's Leaders Involved Today!

**2025-2026
Program Term**



BREAKDOWN OF FCYC COMMITTEES



**Legislative
Committee**



**Social Progress
Committee**



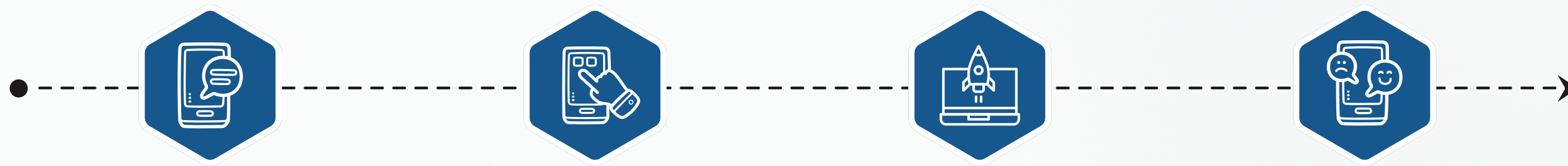
**Enviromental
Committee**



**Health
Committee**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Bills we have studied and engaged with throughout the 2025-2026 Youth Commission term:



HB340 (Passed)

Distraction-Free Education Act: mandates that public schools (K-8) prohibit student access to personal electronic devices (phones, smartwatches) during "bell-to-bell" instructional time.

SB351 (Passed)

Protecting Children of Social Media: requires social media platforms to implement age verification for users, restricting minors under 16 from creating accounts without parental consent.

HB1296

Child Safety on Social Media: aims to protect minors online by requiring age verification, parental consent for accounts, and school-based social media safety education.

HB1009 (Passed)

Distraction-Free Education Act: mandates a "bell-to-bell" ban on personal electronic devices (smartphones, watches, headphones) for high school students (grades 9-12) during the school day.

DAY AT THE CAPITOL

At the Capitol this year, Youth Commissioners:

- Met with State Representatives and State Senators including Rep. Lydia Glaze, Rep. Chuck Martin, Rep. Eric Bell, Rep. Omari Crawford.
- Engaged in policy conversations with Chair of the House Education Committee - Rep. Chris Erwin and Senate Education Committee Chair - Senator Billy Hickman.
- Engaged with officials around youth issues, specifically related to education and technology policies.





House Resolution 1452: Recognizing and commending the Liberty County, Fulton County, and DeKalb County Youth Commissions for their continued service and leadership development efforts within the community. **Presented by Rep. Al Williams and Rep. Buddy DeLoach.**

Regional Debate



Topic 1: Mental Health Should be Excused for Attendance



Topic 2: School Choice Voucher (Georgia Promise Scholarship: SB233)



Topic 3: Student Eligibility for Free Lunch should determine School Funding

The Fulton County Youth Commission hosted Youth Commissioners from DeKalb County and Liberty County to debate the critical youth issues above. Students engaged in a hybrid World-Schools and Public Forum debate format with one another, cultivating in civil discourse and policy literacy.





SOCIAL PROGRESS COMMITTEE

Initiatives supported by the Social Progress committee in the 2025-2026 program term:



Homelessness

Our committee supports unhoused individuals in low-income pockets throughout Fulton County with essential toiletry items and resource cards that highlight services such as rehabilitation, shelters, healthcare and more.



Family Support

We host Christmas and Thanksgiving events that support low-income families and children with incarcerated parents during the holidays. We lead annual drives, resource distribution and other hands-on services during times of need.



Literacy Rates in Schools

Literacy Month Initiative: Youth Commissioners to support low performing elementary schools in Fulton County by encouraging reading and literacy during in-school activities.



Youth Commissioners serving Fulton County communities with HOPE initiative, HOSEA Feeds the Hungry, and Christmas Drives.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Initiatives supported by the Environmental Committee in the 2025-2026 program term:



● Tree Planting

Tree planting is vital to the FCYC because it is combating climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide, filtering air pollutants to produce oxygen and reducing urban temperature.



● Environmental Stewardship

We promote environmental protection through conservation and sustainable practices. By proactively managing natural resources, we reduce environmental impacts, ensure long-term sustainability, and lower our carbon footprint.



● Murals

Our initiative known as Affirmations Across Atlanta serves as a powerful visual communication tool that transforms public spaces into hubs for dialogue. Murals amplify community voices, boost local pride, and address social issues, such as environmental concerns.



Youth Commissioners building a greenhouse and planting trees throughout Fulton County.



Youth Commissioners recording PSAs on reducing our carbon footprint and painting affirmation murals throughout Fulton County schools and the Atlanta Beltline.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Initiatives supported by the Health Committee throughout the 2025-2026 program term:



Drug Prevention

We facilitate in-school workshops focused on drug prevention and intervention. Presentations are delivered using visual aids and interactive simulations led by a certified drug prevention expert.



Prom Safety

In-school campaigns promoting prom safety and helping ensure teens think before they act. Communication about proactive planning to prevent impaired driving, underage drinking, and car accidents.



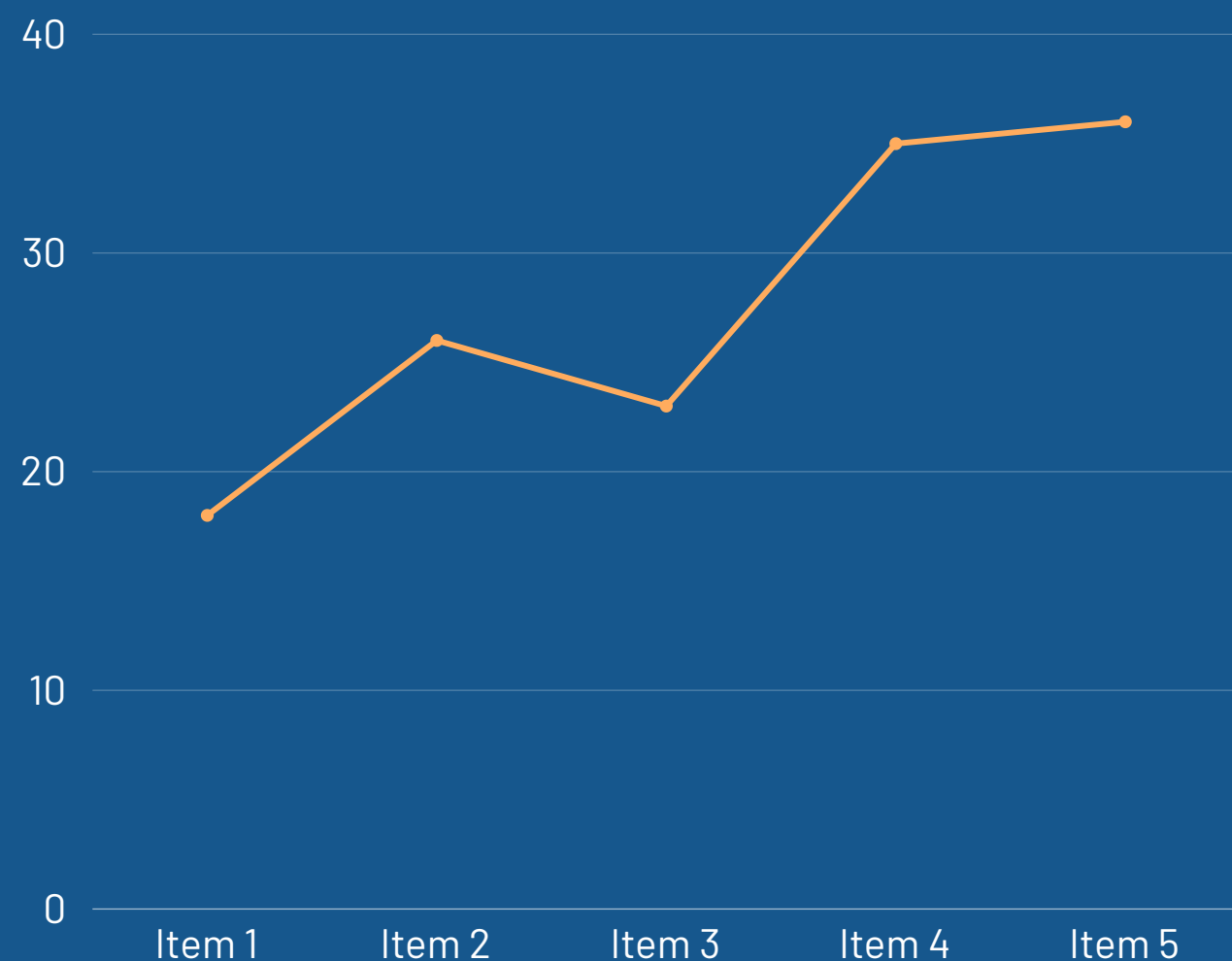
Mental Health

Mental health in schools is a critical focus as youth mental health challenges are on the rise due to increased use of social media and cyber bullying.



Youth Commissioners facilitating N.E.O. (Not Even Once) drug prevention workshops in schools.

PROM SAFETY DATA



Facts

1/3 of teen driver accidents happen in just two months of prom season.

More than 90% of teens think their peers will drink and drive on prom night.

54% of teens drink more than four drinks during prom.

Numbers

33%

90%

54%

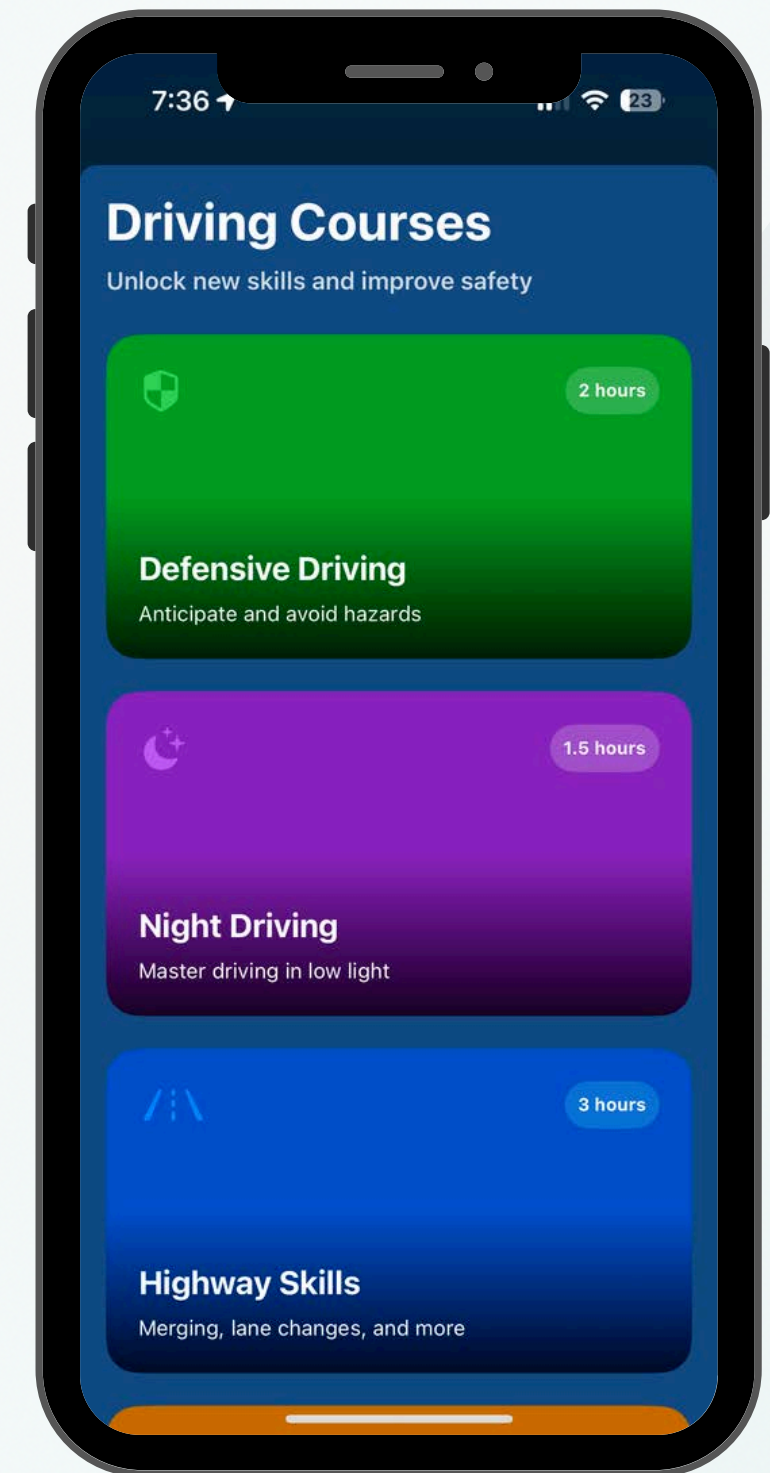
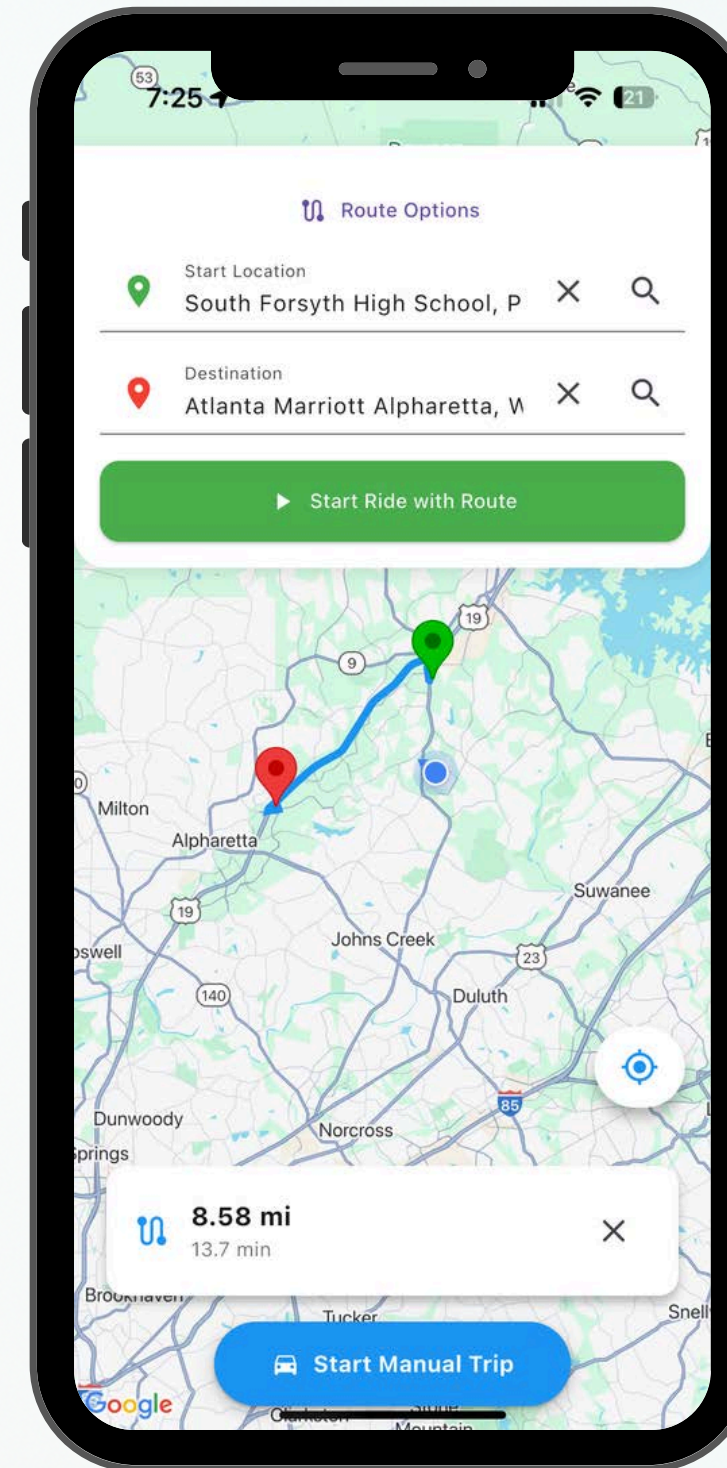
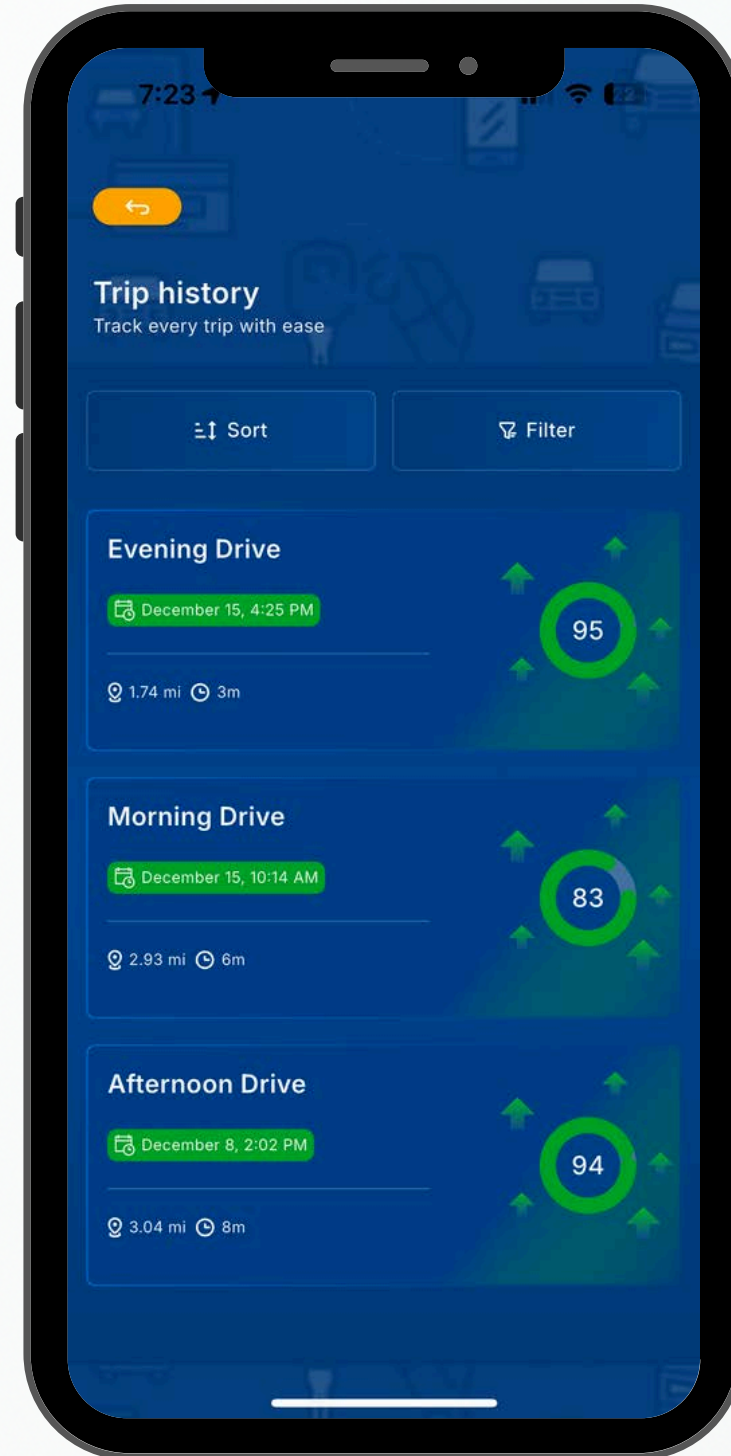
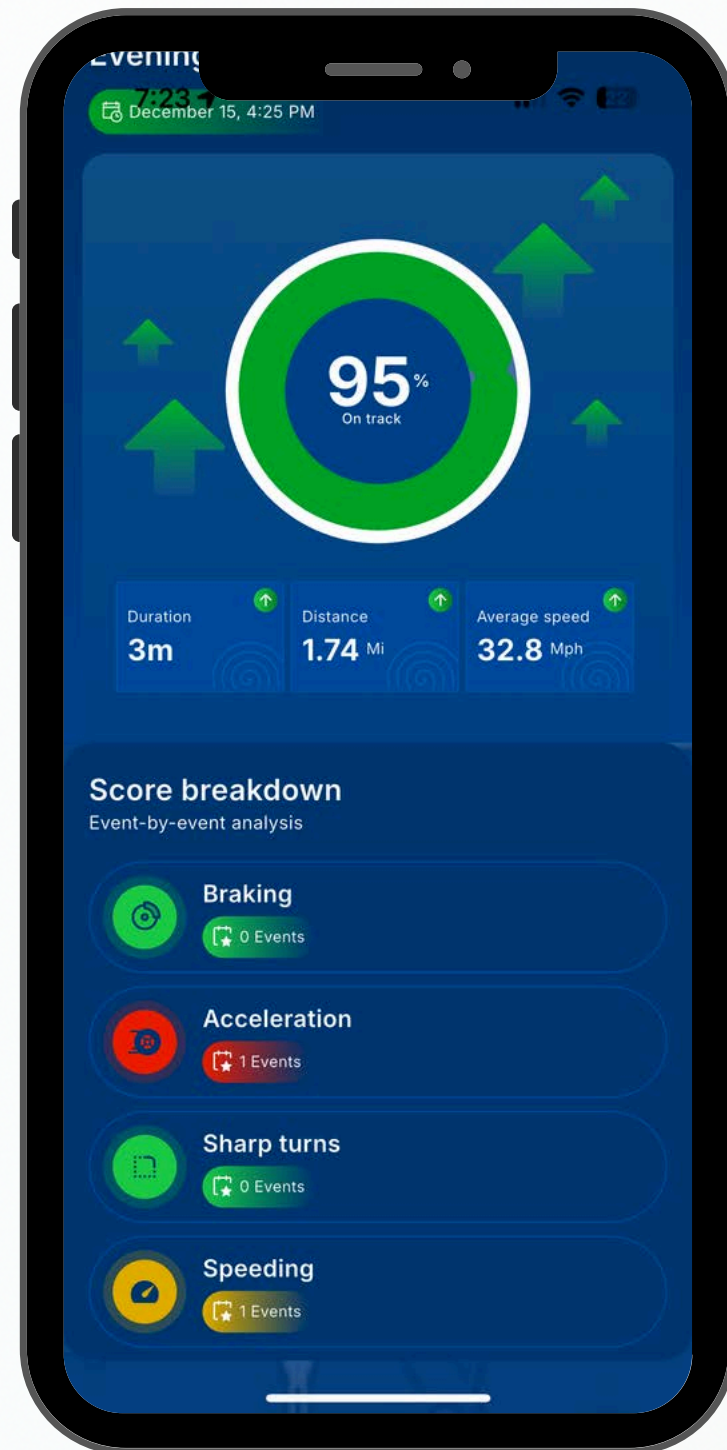
Sources:

[Underage Drinking and Prom Night](#)

[Prom Tops the List of School Functions Parents Are Most Concerned About Teens Drinking Alcohol](#)

DRIVEQWEST

DriveQwest is a smart driving app that turns your phone into a personal safety coach, helping drivers build better habits from the very start.



THANK YOU!



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