

2014 Broward MPO Complete Streets Fact Sheet

COMPLETE STREETS

Complete Streets are planned, designed and operated for all modes of transportation and all users regardless of age or ability. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit riders, and freight traffic must be able to safely move along and across public rights-of-way. Complete Streets provide design options that can be unique to their community context. By designing a street to be inclusive of all users' needs, a more livable community can be accomplished. A Complete Streets project will make it easier for pedestrians to cross the street to walk to shops, it will allow individuals the option to bike to work, and it will even provide for a safer, more efficient transit service.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BROWARD COUNTY

Broward County has been rethinking road design and balancing rights-of-way for all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit-riders and drivers. Three years ago, the Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) secured a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), known as the Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH) initiative. As a result, Urban Health Partnerships, Smart Growth Partnership, Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF) and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) worked to create healthy and safe places in Broward, that are supportive of active lifestyles. In Phase One of implementation, the Broward Complete Street Guidelines were developed under the guidance of the Broward MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which were unanimously endorsed by the MPO Board in July 2012.



In 2013, the Broward MPO with assistance from UHP, created a Model Plan and Policy for cities to utilize when adopting Complete Streets. Now communities throughout Broward County continue to embrace Complete Streets and implement Complete Streets principles. Several communities have incorporated the Guidelines into their planning, design, construction and operations practices:

- Broward County Government adopted the Complete Street Guidelines, amended their Land Development Code, Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element and modified the County's Engineering Standards.
- City of Deerfield Beach was the first city in the state to develop and adopt their own Complete Street Guidelines based on the Broward County Guidelines.
- City of Fort Lauderdale developed the *Multimodel Connectivity Program*, based on the Broward Guidelines and adopted a version of the Complete Streets Policy, and completed a successful Walking Audit.
- City of Hollywood passed a resolution expressing commitment to Complete Streets Policies and Practices.
- City of Hallandale Beach approved a resolution supporting Complete Streets solutions for the City and is working on implementing a Complete Streets Design Manual.
- City of North Lauderdale passed a resolution supporting Complete Street and Smart Growth principles.
- City of Pompano Beach has adopted the Complete Streets Guidelines.
- City of Sunrise has adopted the Complete Street Guidelines and is working on a pilot project with the MPO and FDOT in the Village Area of the Sunset Strip.
- City of Coral Springs participated in a Walking Audit, which provided recommendations for implementing Complete Streets.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BROWARD COUNTY – CONTINUED

- City of Miramar is working on an Action Plan for implementing Complete Streets.
- The Cities of North Lauderdale, Coconut Creek and Lauderdale will be participating in Walking Audits in September and October 2014 that will help their communities understand the needs of an area and provide them with recommendations for implementing Complete Streets.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & RECOGNITIONS

The Broward Complete Streets Program and Municipalities have received the following national recognitions:

- 2014 AARP published a *Complete Streets in the Southeast* toolkit, which featured the Broward Complete Streets Initiative as a prime case study.
- The City of Fort Lauderdale Multimodal Connectivity Program policy was ranked third in the National Complete Streets Coalition's review of every policy passed in the United States in 2013 according to 10 elements of an ideal Complete Streets policy.
- In 2014 City of Deerfield Beach, Interim Planning Director, Amanda Martinez was featured by Smart Growth and National Complete Streets Coalition for making the most of opportunities to improve the transportation network in cost-effective ways and being the first community to adopt the Complete Streets Guidelines in the State of Florida.



Broward MPO's commitment to Complete Streets has created momentum and support for parallel initiatives to leverage this countywide priority. For example, TOUCH supported the Broward County Bike Friendly Designation application, which was awarded Bronze Level in 2013, and is now working with partners to implement the provided recommendations. In addition, TOUCH with assistance from America Walks and Urban Health Partnerships (UHP), has created a countywide Pedestrian Safety Action Plan that is being implemented by a large group of diverse stakeholders.

NEXT STEPS

The Broward MPO has made a commitment to funding more than \$100 million in Complete Streets projects over the next five years. These projects focus on pedestrian and bicycle improvements and will begin construction in Summer 2014 and proceed through the MPO Mobility Program. In addition, a sub-committee has been assembled to develop evaluation criteria for Complete Streets projects. This year, two demonstration projects will be evaluated pre-construction, using the evaluation criteria and Multi Modal Level of Service (MMLOS) tool. In addition, the Broward MPO also has technical assistance opportunities available to communities who need help in implementing Complete Streets.

BECOME INVOLVED

You can help advance Complete Streets by staying connected with our efforts.

- To download a copy of the Broward Complete Streets Guidelines or see the latest updates on Complete Streets, please visit: www.browardmpo.org/projects-studies/complete-streets
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