



Winner! Miami-Dade County, Florida

Throughout the Mayors' Challenge, Miami-Dade County, FL, focused funding and resources on re-orienting its transportation program to a Complete Streets approach and putting new infrastructure on the ground for its 2.7 million citizens. Miami-Dade sent representatives to the

USDOT Mayors' Challenge Summit who came back to hold a session of their own on improving pedestrian and bicycle safety through the seven Challenge areas. A Complete Streets Forum in April 2015 gave over 100 local leaders, traffic engineers, and planners the opportunity to learn about best practices for improving roadways for pedestrians and cyclists.

Demonstrated Successes

Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Giménez established a Local Action Team for Safer People, Safer Streets (LAT), a 22 member committee tasked with tackling Miami-Dade's high pedestrian and bicyclist fatality rate. The LAT, with input from the public, developed a Complete Streets Action Plan for reducing pedestrian and bicycle crashes and encouraging more biking, walking and transit use. Following the adoption of the Action Plan, the



Miami-Dade's Complete Streets approach is explained to Miami-Dade Police. Miami Dade Police Director Juan Perez was an active participant in the Local Action Team and had his force increase education as a result of the Mayors' Challenge.



Before and after view of a Complete Streets project on 27th Street.

county passed Safer Streets Legislation to ensure the plan's implementation.

Project Implementation Demonstrates Strong Commitment to Complete Streets Programming

Miami-Dade and its partners demonstrated their commitment to Complete Streets through staffing and funding decisions and by implementing projects. The County:

- Hired staff dedicated to Complete Streets;
- Reorganized the transportation program to be more inclusive and strategic;
- Hired a coordinator to engage municipalities in finding multi-modal solutions;
- Launched Complete Streets programs in three communities within the County;
- Partnered with the Miami Foundation to award the first-ever "Street Smarts" grant (\$10,000) to the community that most successfully advanced Complete Streets;
- Installed four "green lane" bike facility projects;

- Built more than 14 miles of sidewalks; and
- Committed to and designed a Complete Streets Demonstration project, which should be completed in the fall of 2016.

"Miami-Dade County is committed to enhancing quality of life for all residents and visitors. Increasing mobility and safety through our Complete Streets initiative is one of the many ways we continue to improve quality of life in our community. I am confident that Complete Streets will allow us to balance the transportation needs of our community's pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, and allow everyone to get where they need to go more quickly and safely."

– Mayor Carlos Giménez

Next Steps

Miami-Dade County will soon be installing two new road diets to reallocate road space for safety, and is pressing for state laws to make bicycling and walking safer. The County is helping local governments with additional tools to implement Complete Streets, including developing Complete Streets design Guidelines for county and municipal staff.

For more information about the Mayors' Challenge results and award winners see: www.transportation.gov/mayors-challenge/awards-and-results