

# Complete Streets TOUCH Initiative

## *Technical Advisory Committee Meeting*

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# New Website:

## [www.browardcompletestreets.org](http://www.browardcompletestreets.org)

### Broward Complete Streets Initiative



The Broward Regional Health Planning Council was recently awarded a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant to create healthy and safe places in Broward County that are supportive of active lifestyles by "establishing 'Complete Streets' community design standards to make streets safe for all users, including those who walk, ride bikes and use public transportation." As a result of this Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH) Initiative, Broward's 31 municipalities soon will have the tools necessary to design streets that balance all modes of transportation. Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Smart Growth Partnership and Urban Health Partnerships will be working collaboratively to develop and implement the community design standards that encourage complete streets and Smart Growth Cities. Please stay tuned to track our progress, as this site will be updated frequently.



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### Updates:

UHP TAC Powerpoint Presentation ([click here to download](#))

The Broward Complete Streets Technical Advisory Committee Kickoff Meeting, February 13, 2012

Broward Complete Streets Fact Sheet ([click here to download](#))

One page fact sheet about this initiative.

# Initial Survey Findings

## **695 Responses to date**

- Reliant on car– but not entirely
- Modes versus proximity
- Barriers to walkable behaviors
- Smart growth Concept
- Respondent demographics

# Media Attention

- **Florida leads nation in number of senior citizens killed in traffic accidents** *Sun Sentinel*
- **Miami-Dade bike safety forum in the works following cyclist's death** *The Miami Herald*
- **Get moving on safety: Lives of cyclists on the Rickenbacker at stake** *The Miami Herald*
- **Teach your kids about traffic safety** *South Florida Parenting*
- **Fort Lauderdale Bike Safety Day** *Sun Sentinel*

# Complete Streets Workshops

- **April 17, 3-7 pm, North Lauderdale**
- **April 18, 12-1 pm, NOVA**
- **April 19, 6-8 pm, West Park**

**BROWARD COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE**  
*Safer, Healthier Streets for ALL Users*

Drop in for  
**FREE**  
Refreshments!

**Get Involved: Participate in a Public Workshop!**

**Tuesday, April 17, 3-7 pm**  
*Northwest Broward*  
North Lauderdale City Complex  
701 SW 71st Avenue  
North Lauderdale, 33068

**Thursday, April 19, 1-3 pm**  
*Central Broward*  
NOVA University: Don Taft University Center  
3301 College Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, 33068

**Wednesday, April 18, 6-8 pm**  
*Southeast Broward*  
Carver Ranches Public Library  
4735 SW 18 Street  
West Park, 33023



# Complete Streets Guideline Development

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# Happy Florida Bike Month!



# What are Complete Streets?

- ▶ Safe for all users
- ▶ Balances all modes
- ▶ Accessible by all





# Why Complete Streets?

## Benefits all Users

- **University of Texas**
  - Streets retrofitted with bike lanes experience reduction in crashes for all users
- **FDOT Central Office**
  - Multi-lane roadways – Inside lane narrowing to provide more space for bicyclists in the outside lane results in fewer conflicts for all users and greater passing space
- **Texas A&M (Eric Dumbaugh)**
  - Pedestrian-scale retail land use is associated with lower crash rates (all modes) per VMT than suburban land uses

# USDOT Policy

## Federal Complete Streets Act of 2009

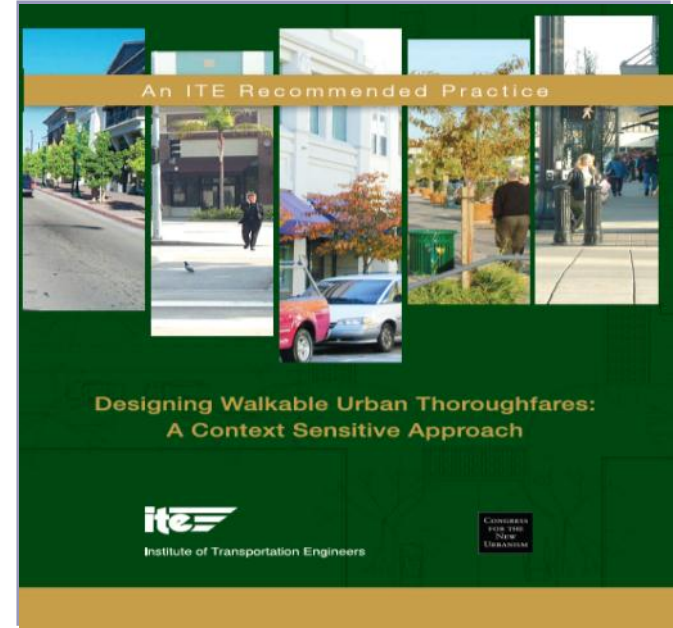
“A roadway that accommodates **all** travelers, particularly public transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists, to enable all travelers to use the roadway safely and efficiently.”



# Context Sensitive Solutions

Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)

- CSS is a **collaborative, interdisciplinary** approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that **fits its physical setting** and **preserves** scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining **safety and mobility**.



# Livable Communities

- Streets that are safe to cross or walk along
- Provide safe and convenient access to transit
- Offer places to meet people
- Link neighborhoods together for people
- Vibrant mix of activities
- **Walkable Communities are Livable Communities!**



# Green Streets

- Urban streets that provide source control of storm water
  - Limit pollutant conveyance to the collection system
  - Improve water quality through the integration of storm water treatment
  - Use natural processes and landscaping
  - Reduce heat island effect



# Accessibility

For all users

- Transportation-disadvantaged
- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Car parking



# National Household Travel Survey

- 50 percent of all trips are < 3 miles
- 28 percent of all trips are < 1 mile
- Less than 5 percent of all trips are made by walking and bicycling
- **Active transportation has the potential to grow market share!**



# Convenience

- A significant modal shift will only occur with development of infrastructure





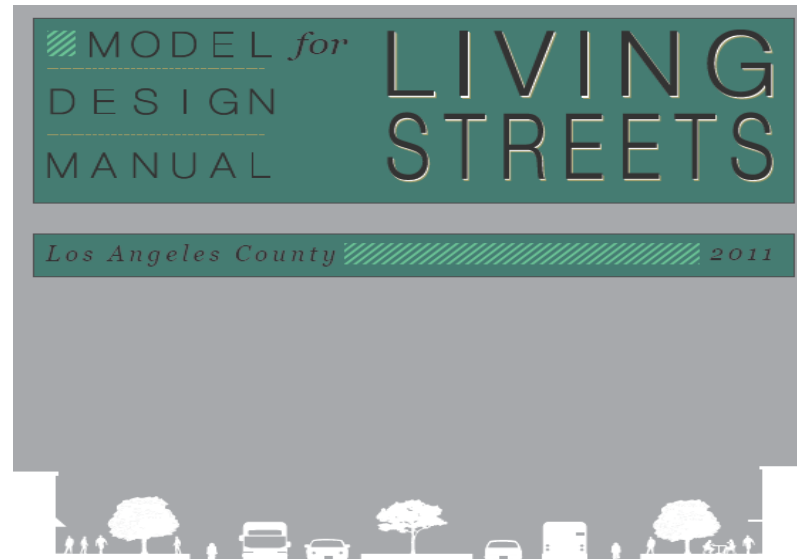
# We Need a Complete Streets Guide

- Make the Streets Safer for All Users
  - NHTSA Statistics Ranks Florida Worst for Pedestrian Fatalities
  - Miami-Fort Lauderdale #3 Worst Urban Area
- Federal, State, and County Design Manuals Provide a Good Start...
  - ... but we must go beyond minimum design standards in a context-sensitive approach



# Our Guide for this Process

## *Los Angeles County Model Design Manual for Living Streets*



# Other Resources / Manuals

- ITE Recommended Practice
  - “Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares”
- Portland Metro
  - “Creating Livable Streets”
  - “Green Streets”
- SANDAG
  - Designing for Smart Growth
- National Complete Streets Coalition (NCSC)

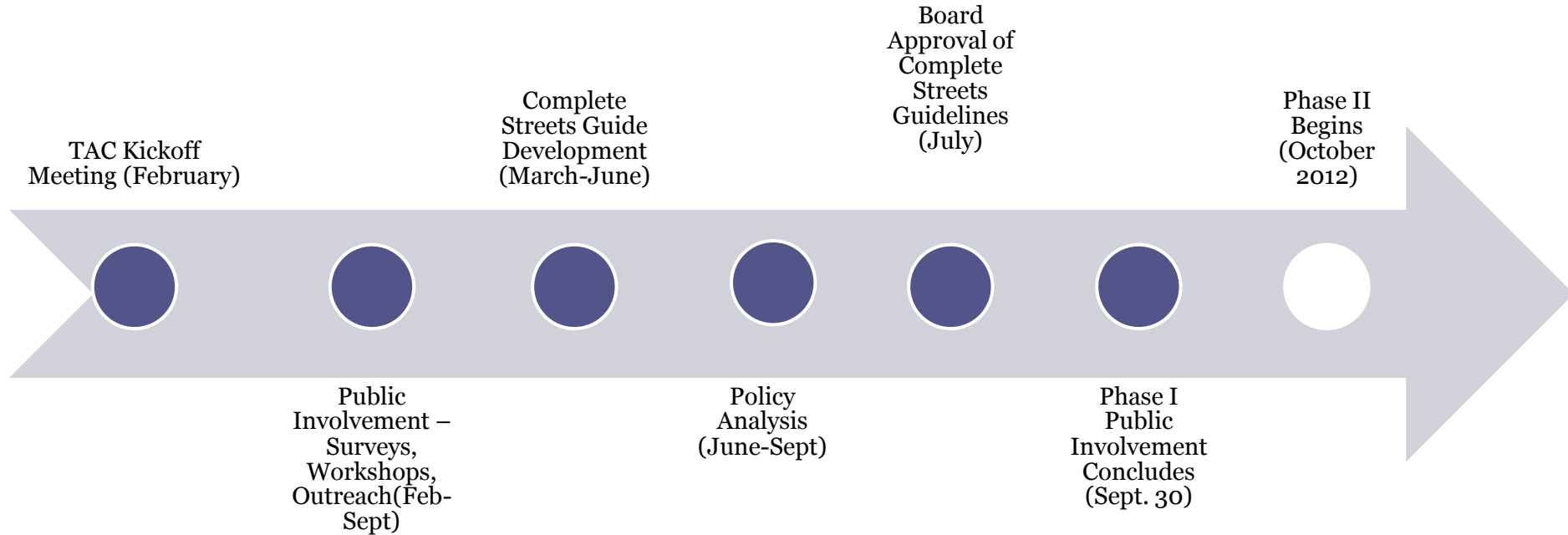


# Developing a Vision for Our Guide

## (Group Exercise)

- *Reflect the various jurisdictions involved (local governments)*
- *Intermodal (reflect multi-modal hubs) – seamless connectivity to streets*
- *Include local, successful case studies*
- *ROW to a “desired” width to reflect shared lanes*
- *Perhaps the motor vehicle travel lane to a minimum width to accommodate peds/bikes*
- *Is there a council/review committee that was established in LA?*
- *Need to bring input from bottom up*
- *Take context into consideration when developing exceptions*
- *Need to clarify decision makers as they*
- *pertain to various jurisdictions*
- *Reflect the politics of the area*
- *Ensure the guidelines are recommendations-not mandates*
- *How to-for how you go about developing Complete Streets*
- *Must address parking*
- *Must identify where existing conflicts may take place*
- *Need to resolve whether these will be guidelines or something with teeth*
- *Must acknowledge climate as a surmountable barrier*

# Project Scope and Timeline



# Next Steps

- Promote participation in April public workshops
  - Take postcards if you can distribute them
- Disseminate survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/browardcompletestreets>
- Read relevant chapters in Living Streets Manual
  - Send comments and questions to Stewart Robertson
- **Participate in next TAC meeting: April 9 at 2 pm**

# Next Steps- Manual Reading Assignments

## **Urban Planners / Environmental Planners / Health / Community**

- Chapter 11: Streetscape Ecosystem
- Chapter 12: Re-Placing Streets

## **Transportation Planners**

- Chapter 3: Street Networks and Classification
- Chapter 9: Transit Accommodations

## **Engineers**

- Chapter 4: Traveled Way Design
- Chapter 5: Intersection Design
- Chapter 6: Universal Pedestrian Access

# Thank you for assisting us in Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH)!

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