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Endorsed Complete Streets Tools Bolster Broward's Ability to Implement Safer, Healthier Streets

Taking a significant leap toward safer, healthier streets, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO) Board today unanimously endorsed the Model Complete Streets Policy and Planning Framework. These tools will help municipalities in Broward to adopt the Complete Streets Guidelines, which were developed last year to create a balanced infrastructure that serves all modes and all users.

"This vote enables municipalities to move forward with Complete Streets by putting policies in place that will help ensure a sustainable approach to creating walkable, bikable and transit friendly environments," Gregory Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward MPO said. "Two jurisdictions have already used drafts of these models to formally adopt the Complete Streets Guidelines. "

This action highlights the recent focus on bike and pedestrian facilities by Broward municipalities, agencies and the County. Since the development of the Broward Complete Streets Guidelines, the Florida Department of Transportation District-4 has created a Lane Elimination policy, installed the County's first buffered bike lane on A1A, implemented an "all walk" pedestrian signal in Lauderdale By the Sea and realized lane reductions on parts of A1A. Additionally, Broward County, who is in the process of adopting the Complete Streets Guidelines, is pursuing several Complete Streets improvements throughout the County. Finally, in a dramatic sign of commitment to Complete Streets, the Broward MPO recently announced that it has secured funding to construct more than \$100 million of Complete Streets improvements on Broward streets over the next five years.

"The model policy helped the City of Hollywood focus its efforts. It enabled us to pass a resolution that will facilitate the adoption of the Complete Streets Guidelines," Richard Blattner, Vice Mayor of the City of Hollywood and the Chairman of the Broward MPO said. "The Model Planning Framework provides our planners and engineers with the needed tools to implement the Guidelines."

The Broward Complete Streets Initiative was launched through a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant to Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) for the Transforming Our Community's Health (TOUCH) Initiative. The TOUCH initiative focuses on ways to create healthy and safe places in Broward County that support active lifestyles. The Broward MPO, Health Foundation of South Florida, Urban Health Partnerships and the Smart Growth Partnership continue to partner to leverage CDC's investment to work together for a healthier Broward. As the regional transportation planning agency for Broward County, the Broward MPO developed Complete Streets Guidelines that can be used by all local jurisdictions

To learn about the Model Policy, Model Planning Framework and the Guidelines, visit:
www.browardcompletestreets.org

