Little Havana Pilot Project
Elder Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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www.SafeRoutestoAgeinPlace.org
What Is Safe Routes To Age In Place?

- Part of Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative
- Initiative to empower older adults to live independently in their community for as long as possible
- Emphasis on the built environment
- Funded through a Pfizer Foundation & Grantmakers in Aging grant to HFSF
Why Little Havana?

- High pedestrian crash rate
- Dense urban environment
- Walkable community with lots of nearby destinations
- High Pedestrian Activity
- Substantial transit service
Elderly Pedestrian Accidents from 2005-2011
60+ Pedestrian Crash Density (2005-2011)

= More than 5 crashes/square mile
Areas with more than 3,000 older adults per square mile
Areas with more than 1,500 households without a car per square mile
Little Havana: “The Perfect Storm”
Our Approach

• Engage the community
  – Interviewed key stakeholders
  – Assess conditions

• Identify partners
  (Aging Alliance, CNC, residents, police, city)

• Select pivotal location

• Begin a dialogue about problems

• Invite stakeholders to find solutions
Dialogue with residents

• Assess existing behaviors
• Experience the obstacles to walking/getting around without a car
  – Walk Audit (pre and post)
• Share concerns with decision makers
• Follow-up with action
Dialogue with residents: Assess existing behaviors
Dialogue with residents: Pre audit- technical evaluation
Dialogue with Residents: Walk Audit
Dialogue with Residents: Public Forum
Follow-Up

- Developed Action Items for stakeholders
- Created a Virtual Advisory Committee for review and accountability
- FDOT Field Survey of corridor
- Connecting local resources with residents
- Influence summer Study of SW 8th Street
Long-Term

• Creating a replicable/implementable Resource Guide for organizations wanting to foster walkable/bikeable environments
• Establish criteria for age friendly communities
• Investigate Age Friendly Business District
• Identify future pilot projects
Complementary Initiatives

Policy Review

• Incorporate age friendly accommodations into existing policies and plans
  – Long Range Transportation Plan
  – Comprehensive Development Master Plan
    • Housing
    • Transportation
    • Land Use
    • Recreation and Open Spaces
Questions

“We Don’t Have Time To Waste!”

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