



Local Action Team (LAT) for Safer People, Safer Streets
An initiative of the USDOT Mayor's Challenge
Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Room 18-4
March 14, 2016

Vision: A more livable Miami-Dade through the realization of healthier, safer streets accommodating all modes.

Goal: To create an action plan that reduces pedestrian and bicycle crashes and encourages more biking, walking and transit use by achieving Safer People and Safer Streets in Miami-Dade.

Attendees:

LAT Members

Dr. Dumias, UM, Miller School of Medicine
Cesar Garcia-Pons, Perkins + Will
Ramiro Inguanzo, City of Bal Harbour
Jack Kardys, MDPROS
Secretary, Gus Pego, FDOT
Alyce Robertson, Miami DDA
Debbie Swain, Milian, Swain & Associates
Karen Weller, MDC Department of Health
Peter Wood, Health Foundation of S. Florida

Staff

Patrice Gillespie Smith, MDPROS
David Henderson, MPO
Jennifer Korth Llorente, MDPROS
Eric Muntan, Miami-Dade Transportation
Maria Nardi, MDPROS
Stewart Robertson, Kimley Horn & Associates
Wanda Torres, MDPROS

I. Welcome and Introductions

A. Local Team member and staff's introduction

II. Updates – Patrice Gillespie Smith

- Venetian Causeway reopened
- Bike Month
- USDOT Feedback on the LAT
 - The said the Plan was “Well-defined and connected, and very ambitious!”
 - They requested LAT to reference existing work

Ms. Gillespie Smith thanked you Stewart Robertson for the preparation of the Action Plan.

III. Final Review of Recommendation for the LAT – Stewart Robertson (Kimley, Horn & Associates)

Mr. Robertson discussed the changes to the Action Plan. He incorporated group feedback. The feedback included:

- Conveying culture shift
- Cultivate the power of partnering with community organizations
- Support local agencies within the experimentation process
- Use bike share as a strategic tool to address first mile/last mile challenges
- Conduct at least two multimodal-focused road safety audits per year
- Extend walk time for crossing the street
- Provide audible pedestrian signals
- Ensuring funding for maintenance is given equal recognition as funding for new capital projects
- Provide more resources for integrating aesthetic improvements
- Require private developers to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Provide educational tools to law enforcement related to modal hierarchy and Pedestrian priority

Action Plan Overview:

- Vision, Goal, and Outcomes
- Mayor's Challenge Activities
- Action Plan
- Assessment
- Appendix

PROS

- Quadrupling funds for bicycles education building upon Bike 305, WalkSafe/ BikeSafe and Age Friendly Initiatives
- Completing equity access study and last-mile connections between transit and parks
- Pursuing \$3 Million for bike facilities
- Exploring options of land near transit for transit amenities and connections
- Identify 3 bike safety town regional park locations

MDPD

- Target education more dynamic with video and social media
- Leveraging technology
- 2700 officers = potential educators
- Bike Patrol engaging bicyclist at key events
- Coordinate with FDOT's WalkWise program
- Make Texting a Primary Offense

FDOT

- Complete Streets Implementation Plan
- Training for staff, outside agencies, and consultants
- Increase awareness about Highway Safety Grant Program in Miami-Dade
- Track all fatality reports
- Using Strava data to create a bike network
- Leverage Community Traffic Safety Team efforts
- Updating standards and policies for Complete Streets
- Expanding Florida Pedestrian and Bike Focused Initiative

Health Department

- PICH Grant Incorporating Complete Streets into Active Design Guidelines
- Leverage Health Department's Campaign to Make Safe Streets Happen Campaign
- Healthiest Weight Competition include Complete Streets
- Review and Evaluation Component to measure the impacts of the Safer Streets Plan
- Active Design Manual
- Consider Funding Complete Streets Guidelines

MPO

- Identify safety countermeasures for bicycle and pedestrian high-crash locations
- Develop a Bicycle Friendly Miami-Dade Plan
- Pursue funding for priority Elementary and K-8 through the Safe Routes to School Program

Transportation and Public Works

- 1st Mile/Last Mile Plan targeting highest ped/bike traffic areas building upon 1st/Last Mile Plan of LA
- Relaxing minimum standards
- SW 1st Avenue Complete Streets Demo project
- Release Complete Streets Guidelines
- Leading implementation of Local Action Plan (keep it a living document)
- Create a Transportation Group to advise the Plan's implementation
- Create more amenities for transit: enhance shelters, smart shelters, Next Bus signs—using South Dade as a demo
- Remove permit needed to take bike on MetroRail
- Pedestrian Priority Zone in Downtown: Looking at strategic role out of key elements, Including: wider crosswalks, extended pedestrian crossing times, new signalization plan; no right turns on red, etc.
- Install buffered bike lanes: 2 miles in downtown Miami
- Implementing X in-street pedestrian crossing signs: Carlos Compiling
- Constructing x blocks of sidewalks: \$9 Million this year for new and repaired sidewalks

- Add pedestrian signal at north crossing at I-195 at N. Miami and NW 38th Street
- Improving Access to Busway and making Busway a Better Facility
- Align pending Mayor's Plan with Local Action Plan
- Biscayne Boulevard Demo project
- Hired municipal planner to leverage all of the municipal Bike/Ped plans

HFSF

- Engaging Hialeah, South Miami, Little Havana and Miami Gardens in Complete Streets
- Age Friendly Initiatives

Schools

- Influencing county and municipal policies to incorporate Complete Streets and Age Friendly design.
- Require all 5th Graders to take a bike safety course
- Walk Safe/Bike Safe

RER

- Finalize Complete Streets Directive
- Update Development Codes to require additional setbacks

Communications

- Is there a way to coordinate all of the grant opportunities that help advance Safe Streets?
- Develop an online repository of all the resources; UHS Complete Streets.Miami
- Create a hashtag #saferpeoplesaferstreets
- Leverage School's TV stations

Evaluation

- Start measuring the updates to the plan

Jack Kardys said, he would like to see a few people at the presentation also, see how frequent information is gathered, and how actions are evaluated.

Mr. Kardys asked, "How often reports should be presented to the MPO and Board of Commissioners?"

Cesar Garcia-Pons responded quarterly.

Debbie Swain responded meetings should be held quarterly; then roll-out the data.

Alyce Robertson proposed larger municipalities to present to Commissioners to keep them updated.

Ms. Gillespie Smith announced she met with the City of Miami and they would like to see the guidelines.

Ms. Robertson said the manuals need to go back to the political level.

Mr. Kardys responded would this make an impact.

Ms. Robertson said there need to be a buzz created.

Ms. Swain mentioned the plan has been very well received at the City of Coral Gables.

Ms. Gillespie Smith said they can coordinate to go before Miami-Dade leaders

Ramiro Inguanzo asked, "Are we soliciting or looking for feedback?"

Dr. Nicholas Namias asked are there any champions who can be approached to be the presenter to MD leaders.

Ms. Robertson asked if he could be that person.

Mr. Inguanzo stated Dr. Namias could get answers.

Karen Waller stated Miami-Dade DOH needs who, what, when and where for implementation.

Meeting adjourned 3:00p.m.