

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



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Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
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West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Chair Haynie:

Please accept this letter from the Delray Beach Green Implementation Advancement Board formally stating our unanimous support for the City of Delray Beach's Local Initiatives (LI) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Applications submitted to the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization by the City of Delray Beach on February 27, 2015.

Funding for the following proposed projects will help advance the City of Delray Beach's goals to become a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community, improve safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote healthier lifestyles, and improve mobility.

The six proposed projects include:

1. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Seacrest Boulevard from NE 22nd Street north to Gulfstream Boulevard - Transportation Alternatives Program.
2. Bicycle and pedestrian improvement along Swinton Avenue from SW/SE 10th Street north to NW/NE 4th Street then east to NE 2nd Avenue - Local Initiatives.
3. Phase 2 of the bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Homewood Boulevard. This phase of improvement will complete the project and is from Old Germantown Road north to Lowson Boulevard - Local Initiatives.
4. Expansion of the current trolley system to deliver residents and visitors to a wider range of locations and purposes, helping relieve automobile congestion in downtown Delray and providing a multi-modal link to the Tri-Rail commuter line - Local Initiatives.
5. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements along George Bush Boulevard from NE 2nd Avenue to Highway A1A - Local Initiatives.
6. Phase 1 of the Delray Greenway along the E-4 Canal from Lowson Boulevard north to Atlantic Avenue. The vision for the Delray Beach Greenway is a north-south automobile-free thoroughfare along the E-4 Canal comprised of landscaped and water-bordered bike and walking paths - Local Initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Delray Beach's request for funding.

Sincerely,

Stephanie "Chloe" Bedenbaugh, Chair
Green Implementation Advancement Board

c: Mayor and Commissioners
Don Cooper, City Manager
John Morgan, Sustainability Officer



Mayor Cary Glickstein
City Hall
Delray Beach, Florida

Sir:

Human Powered Delray (HPD) enthusiastically supports the five grant applications the City is submitting to the Palm Beach County MPO for funding. As you know, HPD is a bicycle and pedestrian advocacy group which is dedicated to making Delray the most bike and ped friendly city in Florida. We have worked closely with City staff on revision of LDRs, Bike-Ped Master Plan, obtaining right of way permits on public land, and acquisition of key parcels in our City. Over time these efforts will result in an extensive network of pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists, in both residential and commercial areas. We look to a day when every street is a "complete street" and every bike and ped path is "protected".

Therefore we support the five projects below and will help City staff in any way we can to accomplish these projects:

1. Greenway 1st Mile along E4 canal stretching from Lowson to Atlantic Avenue providing access to schools and a prospective nature preserve
2. George Bush Boulevard reconstruction as a complete street linking north-south bike and ped pathways to the beach and relieving traffic from Atlantic Avenue and its bridge
3. Homewood bike lane from Old Germantown Road to Lowson which extends the bike lane running south from Atlantic to Lowson
4. Swinton Avenue bike lane which provides a sorely needed north-south route through the middle of the City. This route also connects east-west bike-ped paths and provides direct access to the City's vibrant CBD
5. Expansion of the current trolley system to deliver residents and visitors to a wider range of locations and purposes, helping relieve automobile congestion in downtown Delray and providing a multi-modal link to the Tri-Rail commuter line.

We sincerely appreciate the support of your administration and your fellow commissioners in reducing Delray's dependence on automobile transportation.

Many thanks,

Jim Chard
Chairman, Human Powered Delray



Mayor Glickstein and City Commissioners
City Hall
Delray Beach, FL

Commissioners:

I am the president of the Delray Beach Bike Club, an organization dedicated to promoting bike safety and awareness and spreading the enjoyment of bicycling in South Florida by leading bike rallies throughout historic and scenic Delray. We actively participate in venues which promote more bicycling activity and healthy life styles in general, including the Delray Green Market, Bike Month, Earth Day, and WellFest.

As frequent travelers over Delray's roads we realize the opportunities for our City to advance the cause for a sustainable environment that supports multiple modes of transportation, not just reliance on automobiles. We find that safety is one of the key obstacles keeping a significant percentage of our population from walking and biking to work, school, and play. The projects proposed by City Staff for funding by the Federal-State-county Local Initiatives and Transportation Alternatives Programs are a significant step toward more opportunities for walking and biking, as well as increased safety.

These are the projects we believe require your support:

- George Bush bike-to-beach complete street
- Homewood bike lane that connects Old Germantown Road and Lowson Boulevard
- Swinton Avenue bike lane that links existing and prospective bike and pedestrian paths both north and south of our downtown
- Greenway 1st Mile which initiates a greenway that will ultimately connect to Boca Raton on the south and Boynton Beach on the north and possibly the East coast Greenway

We also support the expansion of the Delray Beach trolley which is not a bike project but does carry bicycles from the Tri-Rail commuter hub to other locations in the City for "last mile" pedaling.

Sincerely,
Patrick Halliday
President – Delray Beach Bike Club