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**OVER 500 GATHER AT THE 6TH ANNUAL SAFE STREETS SUMMIT TO SUPPORT THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COMPLETE STREETS EFFORTS IN SOUTHEAST FLORIDA**

The event focused on the successful implementation of Complete Streets and innovative transportation solutions to address the region's mobility challenges

Miami, FL – On February 25-26, 2019, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) came together to host the 2019 Safe Streets Summit. Over 500 transportation professionals, elected officials, community partners, and other advocates of safer streets and improved access to multimodal transportation gathered at the InterContinental Miami Hotel located at 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, FL 33131. They participated in dynamic sessions focused on tools, policies, and implementation strategies needed for advancing Complete Streets projects. Complete Streets are streets that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclist, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

The two-day event included a full conference day featuring nationally-recognized speakers, such as former U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx (currently serving as the Chief Policy Officer at Lyft), Emiko Atherton (Director of National Complete Streets Coalition at Smart Growth America), and Darcy Kitching (Walk2Connect Cooperative).

The second day featured five separate mobile workshop tours that highlighted different parts of Miami-Dade County to focus on transportation and built environment efforts that also promote economic development, livability, and access to transportation options, both locally and regionally. The workshop tours included the City of Coral Gables, the City of Miami Beach, Downtown Miami, the Brightline MiamiCentral station, and The Underline. Co-hosted with Walk2Connect, AARP, and the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative, the Safe, Connected Age-Friendly Communities walking tour highlighted features of a city that is livable for all ages.

The annual Safe Streets Awards ceremony recognized local Complete Streets individual and community champions from each county.

Those honored were:

Miami-Dade County:

- Patrice Gillespie Smith, Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- City of Doral

Broward County:

- Steve Braun, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – District 4
- City of Sunrise

Palm Beach County:

- Raphael Clemente, West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- City of Palm Beach Gardens

Additionally, Summit attendees voted for the **People's Choice Award for Best Complete Streets Project:**

- Clematis Streetscape Project

Profiles of the award winners pictured below can be found at:

SafeStreetsSummit.org/2019-safe-streets-awards



For more information and updates, visit SafeStreetsSummit.org. The website will be enhanced over the next few weeks with pictures, presentation recordings, and resources from the 2019 Summit.



Details about the 2020 Safe Streets Summit, to be held in the City of Fort Lauderdale, will be posted as they become available.

Follow #SafeStreetsSummit on social media.

The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency are local transportation policy-making boards responsible for transportation planning and funding allocations. Each works with the general public, planning organizations, other government agencies, elected officials, and community groups within their respective counties to develop federally required transportation plans and programs.

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