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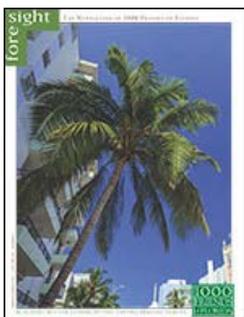
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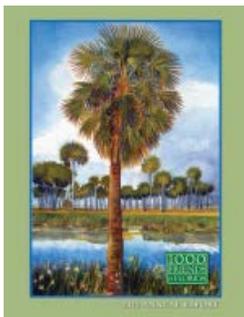
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Transportation

Efficient transportation systems and thoughtful urban design are critical to developing growth patterns that promote environmental and economic sustainability.

Florida's historical land-use pattern of low density suburban development has had profound impacts on our environment, increased the use of nonrenewable energy, devalued our inner cities and isolated our communities.

Through a variety of efforts, 1000 Friends encourages innovative transportation and land-use solutions that provide a greater range of transportation options and help create more livable communities.

1000 Friends believes that improving roads and providing transportation alternatives "where the people are" is the highest and best use of transportation dollars.

Current transportation issues:

[Florida Transportation Plan Being Updated](#) – Now is your chance to advocate for including and implementing multimodal options in the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan. [Click here](#) to see the five potential alternative futures identified by FDOT and [click here](#) to complete the survey.

[Florida Future Corridors Action Plan](#) – The Florida Department of Transportation is proposing a series of new transportation corridors around the state, many of them in rural areas. 1000 Friends of Florida is partnering with other groups to monitor these proposals.

[East Central Florida Corridor Task Force](#) – 1000 Friends of Florida Policy Director Charles Pattison was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to serve on this Task Force which is the first step in implementing the above Future Corridors Action Plan. This site includes background information on the task force as well as its final report.

[All Aboard Florida](#) — Promising intercity passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando, All Aboard Florida has generated a great deal of opposition in recent months. Recognizing that it is essential that any major infrastructure projects be compatible with the areas that they impact, 1000 Friends of Florida has identified significant concerns related to the segment between West Palm Beach and Cocoa Beach.

[2014 Dangerous by Design](#) — Once again, Florida was identified as having the most dangerous metropolitan areas in the nation for pedestrian fatalities. This seminal report outlines how pedestrian deaths are preventable through better policy, design, practice and regulation.

[The innovative DOT: A handbook of policy and practice](#) (2015) — This webpage includes information on the handbook, released by Smart Growth America and the State Smart Transportation Initiative, which focuses on making better use of existing infrastructure, implementing new design standards and other strategies [Click here to download the full handbook](#).

Complete streets statewide and national resources:

[Join the US Department of Transportation Mayor's City Challenge on Complete Streets](#)

[1000 Friends of Florida webinar broadcast on planning for complete streets in Florida](#) (2014) — Billy Hattaway, FDOT's District One Secretary, discussed the department's statewide initiative to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and the implementation of the Department's new Complete Streets Policy. City of Deerfield Beach Director of Planning and Development Services Amanda Martinez reviewed the process the City has used to adopt and implement its Complete Street guidelines. BikeWalkLee's Darla Letourneau focused on the role of citizen advocacy in promoting complete street policy. AARP Florida's Laura Cantwell discussed that organizations' perspectives on complete streets. The [Power Point](#) is also available.



Photo courtesy of [Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council](#). City Place, West Palm Beach.

[FDOT Florida Greenbook Chapter 19 Traditional Neighborhood Development](#) (2010) — This chapter provides criteria that may be used for the design of streets within a TND that may be used when such features are desired, appropriate and feasible. This involves providing a balance between mobility and livability.

[FDOT Florida Greenbook TND Handbook](#) (2011) — This Traditional Neighborhood Development Handbook (TND) is intended to supplement Chapter 19 Traditional Neighborhood Development of the Florida Greenbook and to provide best practices to facilitate proper design of TND communities. While Chapter 19 of the Florida Greenbook has regulatory authority for use in design of TND's, this Handbook is intended to be more instructional to those who have not designed these types of developments.

[2013 complete streets policies in Florida](#) — The Safe Routes Partnership compiled a list of complete streets policies in Florida. Links to many of these policies are provided in the sections below.

NEW! [The best complete streets policies of 2014](#) (2015) — The National Complete Streets Coalition has reviewed laws, resolutions, and planning and design documents promoting complete streets in communities across the nation. [Download the full report.](#)

[AARP on complete streets](#) — AARP has a section of its website devoted to livable communities and complete streets. Also check out the [AARP livable communities e-newsletter](#) and [great places blog](#).

[Planetizen](#) — This link includes complete streets information from across the nation.

Complete streets regional and county resources:

[BikeWalkLee website](#) — BikeWalkLee works with local governments, officials and staff to help create a culture of planning that works to complete Lee County's streets so that all users of transportation networks are considered on the front end of any project or improvement. Also check out the [BWL blog](#). Here is a link to the Lee County MPO [Resolution 09-05](#) regarding accommodating bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities in roadway design and construction plans.

[Broward County MPO](#) — This comprehensive site includes extensive information on the Broward Complete Streets Initiative including the Technical Advisory Committee, walking audits, guidelines and more. Also view the [Broward County Complete Streets-Greenways Integration Final Report](#).

[Hillsborough County MPO Resolution 2012-1](#) — This establishes a complete streets policy, guiding principles, project implementation criteria and more. The National Complete Streets Coalition ranked it as one of the best regional resolutions in the nation.

[Miami-Dade County resolution R-995-14](#) — This directs the Mayor or designee to develop, in coordination with FDOT, the MPO and others a plan for implementation of a complete streets program for Miami-Dade county. [City of Miami resolution 09-00274](#) directs the city manager to develop guidelines establishing a complete streets program.

[Polk County complete streets handbook](#) — This comprehensive handbook includes the county's complete streets vision, design information and more.

[Space Coast TPO complete streets resources](#) — This page includes links to the Space Coast TPO's complete streets resolution and guiding principles as well as locally adopted complete streets resolutions and plan provisions in Cape Canaveral, Cocoa, Valkaria, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Rockledge, Titusville, and West Melbourne.

Complete streets municipal resources:

[Bonita Springs Resolution 14-10-0287](#) — This establishes the city's complete streets policies in furtherance of the transportation element of the comprehensive plan.

[City of Deerfield Beach complete streets website](#) — Among other things, this site includes the [Deerfield Beach Complete Streets Guidelines](#) (2013). Deerfield Beach also adopted the Complete Streets Guidelines by reference in the [Transportation Element \(Objective TE 1.4 on page 19\)](#) of the Comprehensive Plan and included goals, objectives and policies on page 22 of the [Future Land Use Element](#).

[City of Fort Lauderdale complete streets manual](#) — The city adopted its complete streets policy and published this manual to guide the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of appropriate facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles, transit and transit riders, freight carriers and emergency responders.

[Jacksonville ordinance establishing context sensitive streets standards committee](#) — The committee is responsible for revising all of the city's roadway design standards, including standards for urban, suburban, and rural roadways, in order to better provide for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and bicyclists. Since the city and county are consolidated, the standards will cover nearly every type of roadway in the state, including unpaved rural roadways.

[Winter Park sustainability program](#) — This webpage includes the city's Sustainability Action Plan. Also see [Winter Park resolution 2083-11](#) which establishes a complete streets policy to integrate bicycling, walking and public transit with the city's transportation programs, projects, policy initiatives, goals and objectives.

Mobility plans and ordinances:

[1000 Friends of Florida webinar broadcast on transportation mobility systems: An alternative to concurrency in Florida](#) (2013) — This webinar broadcast features Alachua County Transportation Planner Jeff Hayes, Pasco County Planning and Development Administrator Richard Gehring and Chief Assistant County Attorney David Goldstein, and DEO's Bill Killingsworth discussing the legal foundation and planning principles for mobility planning and fees to promote more sustainable patterns of development and finance multi-modal transportation systems in Florida. [The PowerPoint](#) also is available.

[Florida mobility fee study](#) (2009) – This report was prepared for the Florida Department of Community Affairs to provide a working concept and methodology for application of a mobility fee in Florida.

[Joint report on the mobility fee methodology study](#) (2009) – The Florida Departments of Transportation and Community Affairs submitted this report to the Legislature outlining recommendations on mobility fees in Florida.

[Alachua County](#) – Alachua County has adopted a Mobility Plan, ordinance and other measures to promote more mobility options for residents.

[Pasco County](#) – This site includes information about Pasco County's adopted mobility fee ordinance, and multimodal tax increment ordinance and mobility fee study.

[Sarasota](#) – A Mobility Study has been completed for downtown Sarasota.

[Tallahassee-Leon County](#) – The City and County have created an 18 square mile downtown Mobility District and are now working to develop the accompanying plans and ordinances.

Transit oriented development (TOD):

[Florida transit-oriented development](#) – The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council developed this useful site outlining transit-oriented development in Florida.

[Transit-oriented development](#) – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has compiled useful information on TODs in Florida.

[A framework for transit oriented development in Florida](#) (2011) – This report addresses how TOD can be a part of transforming Florida's existing auto-oriented, largely suburban patterns of development into more compact, livable patterns that support walking, biking, transit, and shorter length auto trips.

[How transit-oriented development can help get America to work](#) (2012) – Morgan Stanley prepared this brief overviews why TOD is a smart investment.

State and regional planning:

[FDOT Programs](#) – Links to programs of the Florida Department of Transportation, including bicycles, scenic highways, highway beautification, pedestrians and more.

[FDOT Greenbook](#) — This outlines state requirements for transportation planning and design.

[2060 Florida Transportation Plan](#) – According to the Florida Department of Transportation website, this plan defines transportation goals, objectives and strategies to make Florida's economy more competitive, enhance quality of life, and ensure Florida's environment provides quality places to live for future generations. The plan guides local, regional and state partners who make decisions about future transportation investments.

[FDOT TranPlan news](#) – Sign up with FDOT to receive emails on meetings, conferences, transportation reports, and other news.

[Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#) – Find the MPO serving your part of Florida.

[Florida Safe Routes to School](#) – This webpage includes information on efforts underway in Florida including links to pertinent state legislation and Florida-specific programs and policies including complete street resolutions, local initiatives and more.

[Dictionary of transportation acronyms](#) – If as they say there is a fool born every minute, there is an acronym born every second! 1000 Friends took its best shot at compiling the most common transportation acronyms.

[Merge lanes ahead](#) – This series of nine fact sheets, prepared by 1000 Friends, deal with the relationships between transportation, land use, energy and our future.

National studies:

[The innovative DOT: A handbook of policies and practices](#) (2015) – In this updated edition, Smart Growth American and the State Smart Transportation Initiative partnered to develop smart growth recommendations for transportation officials. [Click here to view the 2012 edition.](#)

[Guide to sustainable transportation performance measures](#) (2011) – Prepared by EPA, this guidebook describes 12 performance measures that can readily be applied in regional and metropolitan level transportation decision making.

[2014 Dangerous by design](#) – Once again, Florida had the most dangerous metropolitan areas for pedestrians in the nation. Also check out [Dangerous by design](#) (2011), with Orlando-Kissimmee ranked 1, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater 2, Jacksonville 3, and Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach 4 out of the top ten. This report follows up on [Dangerous by design 2009](#), [Mean Streets 2004](#), [Mean Streets 2002](#), and [Mean Streets 2000](#).

[Livability and transit in small towns and rural communities](#) (2010) – This collection of 12 case studies helps put to rest the idea that livability is an exclusively “urban” idea.

[Principles for improving transportation options in rural and small town communities](#) (2010) – This white paper includes a series of policy recommendations from stakeholders across the nation.

[Great corridors, great places](#) (2008) – The Project for Public Spaces outlines what it calls the quiet revolution in transportation planning.

Links:

[Florida Department of Transportation](#)

[Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council](#)

[Florida Public Transit Association](#)

[Mobility Choice](#)

[National Complete Streets Coalition – Smart Growth America](#)

[Project for Public Spaces](#)

[Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#)

[State Smart Transportation Initiative](#)

[Transportation for America](#)

[Walkable Communities](#)

[Walkable and Livable Communities Institute](#)

[Walk Friendly Communities](#)