



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 Lawson 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 lake from Old Germantown Road to Lawson which extends the bike lane running south from Atlantic to Lawson
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