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Miami-Dade's Path Towards Bicycle-Friendly Designation

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What is the Bicycle Friendly America Program?

The League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly America (BFA) program provides a national framework for communities, businesses, and universities to make cycling safer and more accessible. Designations are awarded at Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels, with applications reviewed every four years.

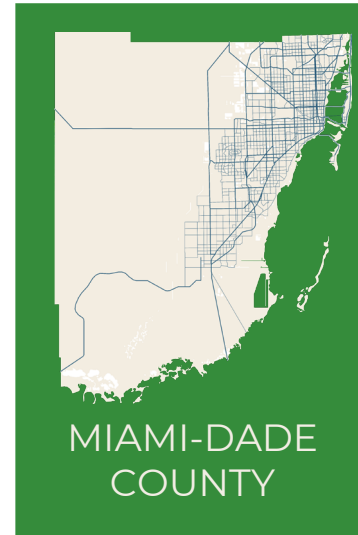
- + **National Reach:** 480 communities, 1,341 businesses, and 209 universities recognized.
- + **Value:** Customized feedback, national recognition, and stronger positioning for grants.

Miami-Dade County joined the BFA program in 2017, earning a Bronze-level designation in its initial year of participation.

Miami-Dade TPO's Role

The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the steward of the County's participation in the BFA program. The TPO led the process to:

- + **Renew Miami-Dade County's Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC)** designation.
- + **Support local municipalities, universities, and businesses** in preparing their own applications.
- + **Convene partners** through a Bike-Friendly Workshop and Project Working Group.



BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
BRONZE AWARD
FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN 2017

BICYCLE-FRIENDLY ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY:

7 COMMUNITIES

5 BUSINESSES

1 UNIVERSITY

Project Working Group

To guide and oversee the renewal process, the Miami-Dade TPO convened a Project Working Group that met three times throughout the study. It consisted of representatives from:

- + Bike305
- + League of American Bicyclists
- + City of Miami Beach
- + Florida Bicycle Association
- + Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six
- + Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS)
- + Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)
- + University of Miami KiDZ Neuroscience Center

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Bike-Friendly Workshop

Held on May 2, 2025, the workshop was a countywide call to action.

- + **50+ Participants:** Municipalities, universities, employers, nonprofits, and advocacy groups.
- + **Interactive Format:** Included presentations, discussions, peer exchanges, and helmet fitting training and demonstration.
- + **Getting Started Toolkits and Data:** Participants received resources to guide them through the application process.
- + **Impact:** The event showcased the benefits of designation and increased visibility of bicycle-friendly efforts across Miami-Dade.

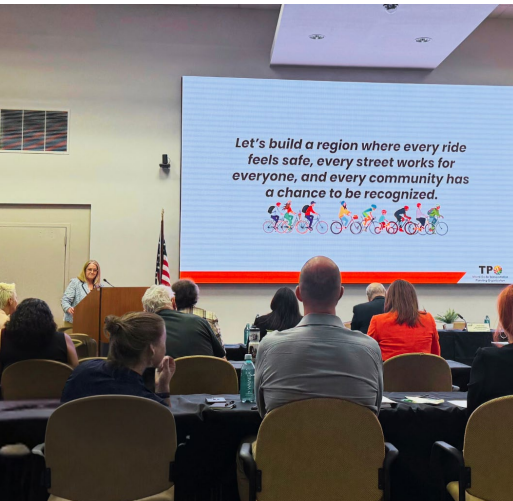


Figure 1: Photos of the Bike-Friendly Workshop held on May 2, 2025.

Miami-Dade's Application Highlights

The following offers snippets of the application highlight based on the BFA 5E Framework:

- + **Engineering:** 525 miles of facilities; 80% of planned projects protected/off-road; additional planned projects, such as the SMART Trails.
- + **Education:** University of Miami's BikeSafe programs; adult classes with League Cycling Instructors; public safety campaigns.
- + **Encouragement:** Bike305; Bike Month, Bike to Work/School; Open Streets; family rides.
- + **Evaluation and Planning:** Crash data + surveys; Vision Zero Framework; 311 hazard reporting; bike counts.
- + **Equity and Accessibility:** Projects prioritized underserved communities, multilingual outreach, and engagement for all ages and abilities.

Next Steps

- + **Miami-Dade County Application Submitted:** Miami-Dade's renewal was submitted on June 25, 2025; results expected in December 2025.
- + **Future Pipeline of Local BFA Program Participation:** Miami Beach, Pinecrest, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and South Miami are committed to applying in 2026.
- + **Recommended Strategic Engagement Plan:** A five-prong approach to broaden participation in future cycles and address barriers and lessons learned identified during this cycle.