NOGAS. NOPROBLEM. *Choosing bicycling as an alternative form of transportation will increase the quality of life for our community by reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and supporting a sustainable city.*

BICYCLE PROGRAM

The City and residents of Miami Beach have identified bicycle improvements as a priority goal. The Miami Beach Bicycle Program aims to improve and enhance the bicycling environment of the City and aims to make bicycling a safe and viable transportation option. The Bicycle Program addresses these goals through the following four initiatives:

1. BICYCLE LANE/ PATH DEVELOPMENT

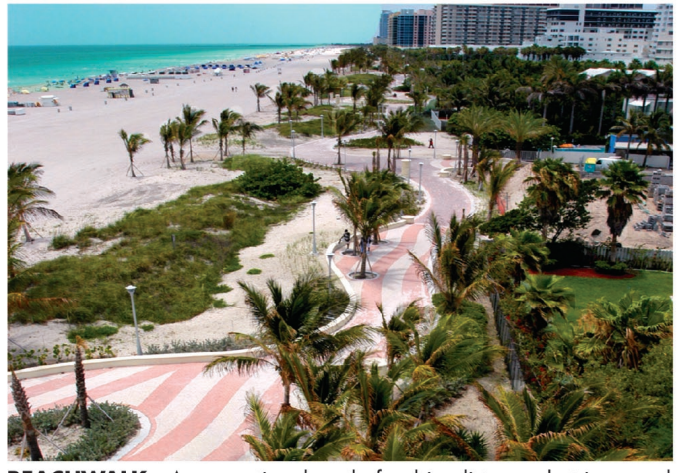
The City is developing a comprehensive bikeway program called the Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN). This will involve coordination with the City's Capital Improvement Projects Department, as well as with State and County roadway projects.

The AGN will provide direct access to important destinations for bicyclists, such as schools, parks, shopping centers and business districts. The AGN will include beach corridors, neighborhood trails, and arterial lanes and paths to connect South, Middle and North Beach. The AGN will also look into linking Miami Beach to the mainland through the Venetian Causeway.

2. BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION

The City is developing programs to educate both bicyclists and motorists on bicycle safety and awareness issues. This will involve coordination with the Police Department, local schools and other non-profit organizations. For example, the Bicycle Program Coordinator is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to develop a new Bicycle Summer Camp that will teach children bicycling skills such as crash-avoidance techniques, how to ride safely in traffic, and bicycle maintenance.

The City coordinates local education events such as Bike to Work Week and Bike Month to promote bicycle safety and bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation.



BEACHWALK: A recreational path for bicyclists, pedestrians and roller-bladers will soon run from South Pointe Park to the northern limits of the City. The Beachwalk runs from 14th to 21st streets.

3. ATLANTIC GREENWAY NETWORK (AGN) MAP

The City is developing a map that will highlight the AGN and bicycle resources such as bicycle parking and bike shops. The map will be available on the City's website at miamibeachfl.gov.

4. BICYCLE PARKING

The City is working to provide safe and secure bicycle parking in areas such as transit centers, parks, shopping centers and public buildings. To request a bicycle rack installation on the public right-of-way or to report a missing/loose rack, please send an E-mail to environment@miamibeachfl.gov or call 305.673.7080.

MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON BIKEWAYS COMMITTEE

The Bikeways Committee is a citizens' bicycle advocacy group that provides the City with valuable input and suggestions on the development of the City's Bicycle Program. The Bikeways Committee meets once per month to review and discuss City projects and programs, and to voice the concerns of the bicycling community. For information about meetings or becoming a member, contact the Bicycle Program Coordinator at 305.673.7080 or E-mail environment@miamibeachfl.gov.

A BICYCLIST'S RIGHT TO THE ROAD

According to Florida law, a bicycle is classified as a vehicle and a bicyclist has similar rights to the road as a motorist, except for the special regulations for bicycles. With this right to share the road, comes the requirement for bicyclists to follow the traffic rules common to all drivers. When drivers, including bicyclists, follow traffic rules, then other drivers of the road can better predict their movements and behavior. This creates a safe bicycling environment where bicyclists and motorists can safely share the road. For more information on Florida Bicycle Laws, request a copy of the Florida Bicycle Law Enforcement Guide from the Bicycle Coordinator at 305-673-7080. [F.S. Section 316.003(2)]

BIKE VOCABULARY

A. BICYCLE FACILITY
Improvements and provisions made by public agencies to accommodate or encourage bicycling, including bike lanes and bike parking.

B. BIKE ROUTE
An un-striped, signed roadway shared by bicycles and motorized vehicles.

C. BIKE LANE
A part of the roadway which is striped and signed for bicycles only.

D. BIKE PATH
An off-road paved trail for bicycles.

E. BIKEWAY NETWORK
Bike lanes, paths, and routes linked together to make a complete bicycle transportation pattern.