

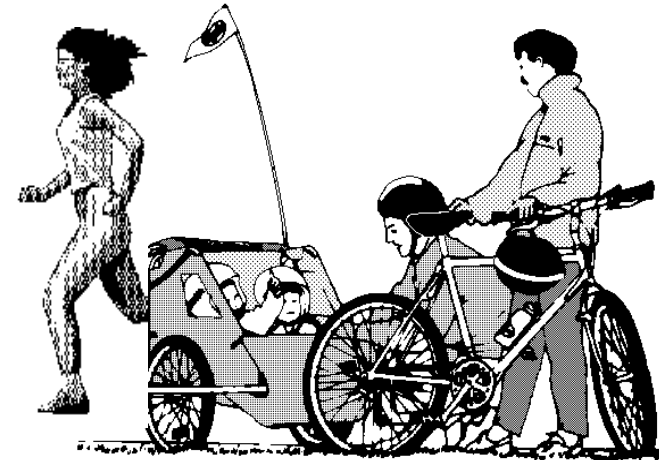
## Background:

The Boca Raton City Council appointed a special 'Citizens Pedestrian and Bikeway Task Force' in March of 1991. This Task Force was to survey the needs of Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities and programs and return to City Council with recommendations related to the improvements of these issues in Boca Raton. This Task Force made several recommendations to Council in March of 1992 including the establishment of a permanent Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the hiring of a Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator. Council adopted these recommendations and established this permanent Committee in January of 1993.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meets on a monthly basis and makes recommendations to City Council on Bicycle and Pedestrian issues. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday every month at 7:30 pm at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.



# City of Boca Raton's



## More Information:

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# Guide to Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning

## Introduction:

The City of Boca Raton's Bicycle / Pedestrian Program is designed to improve and enhance access to existing facilities and programs, and to increase the public awareness of Bicyclists and other pedestrian users of pathways and roadways. There are four areas in which the Program is designed to address awareness: **Engineering, Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement.**

## Engineering:

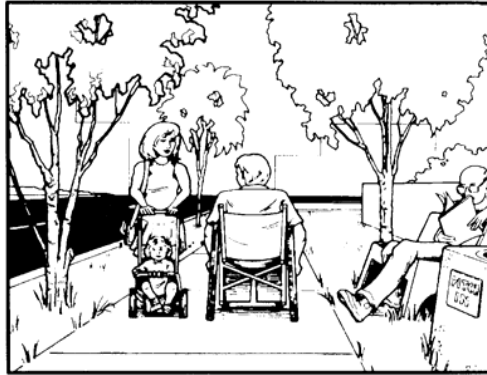
This first area of direction that the City of Boca Raton is actively pursuing is to improve the physical facilities that bicyclists and pedestrians now, and in the future, will utilize. The City is taking bold new steps to provide safer road systems and sidewalks that will make Boca Raton "Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly." The concept of a comprehensive network that links and connects recreation facilities, environmentally protected areas, neighborhoods, work places, and commercial areas will allow not only recreational use of these facilities, but will also help provide alternative means of transportation for all of our residents. There are four basic facilities: **bike lanes, bike paths, bike routes, and sidewalks.**

**Bike Lanes** are a portion of the roadway which has been designated by striping and pavement markings for the use of bicycles. When riding in the roadway, bicyclists have the same rights as motorists and must obey all vehicular traffic laws.

**Bike Paths** are separated paths from the roadway for the preferred use of bicycles.

**Bike Routes** are shared facilities with motor vehicles that can provide continuity to other bikeways. Bike routes can also designate a preferred route through a high-demand corridor.

**Sidewalks** are built for the preferred use of pedestrians. Sidewalks can be beneficial to unskilled cyclists in unsafe situations, although the cyclist must obey all rules applicable to a pedestrian when riding on a sidewalk.



## Education:

Education is the key to providing the knowledge and skills necessary to reduce conflicts between bicycles, pedestrians, and motor vehicles. Accident statistics indicate that lack of knowledge and skills is the key factor in bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and crashes. In an effort to educate, the City of Boca Raton will continue the partnership with other agencies to provide Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Programs in area schools. The City plans to provide additional literature on the subject through collaboration with agencies such as the Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, School Board of Palm Beach County and others through newsletters, flyers, news media and educational safety seminars.

## Encouragement:

The promotion of bicycle use is the goal of the Encouragement element. There are many reasons why people do not bike or walk to work or school. The encouragement element will point out the numerous health and environmental benefits associated with this change in driving habits. This can be accomplished by Public Service announcements, the development of Bike Suitability Maps, construction of safer road systems and sidewalks and the establishment of Bike to Work programs.

## Enforcement:

An effective bicycle enforcement program addresses public safety and crime prevention. The program has three processes: identifying the laws being broken, the enforcement of the traffic laws, and process of correcting and remediating traffic law violators. The City of Boca Raton is effectively addressing the Enforcement of bicycle issues through the "Cops on Bikes" program.

## Conclusion:

The City of Boca Raton is truly in a position to take a leadership role along with the State of Florida in demonstrating effective ways to make a "Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly City". This can only happen through the cooperative efforts of the citizens of Boca Raton working together to, once again, make this a City which others strive to emulate. If you have any suggestions please call the Pedestrian / Bicycle Hotline at 561-367-7071.

