

# BICYCLE COMMUTING

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## THOUSANDS DO IT . . . WHY NOT YOU?

**Get your exercise and save money too!** If you live within three miles of work or school, bicycling is often the quickest and most efficient mode of travel. Many bicyclists commute longer distances, too. While this may take a little longer, you will see drastic savings in gas, mileage and depreciation costs on your car! It may even enable you to get rid of a car!

If you are not sure of the best route to take, we can provide you with a bicycle suitability map intended to serve as a reference for bicycling in Broward County. The primary factors considered were traffic speed, volume and outside lane width, however other factors including roadway grade, number of driveways, pavement condition, and adjacent land use were also considered. The route you choose will depend on your skill level and how comfortable you are riding with traffic. Please keep in mind that bicyclists should be alert for hazardous conditions at all times. Each rider is encouraged to obtain appropriate safety equipment and observe all traffic laws.

To view this map online, go to [www.broward.org/tpi02019.htm](http://www.broward.org/tpi02019.htm)

If you are not able to ride all the way to your destination, consider using the transit system to “**Bus Your Bike.**”

Broward County Transit (BCT) is proud of its “**Bus Your Bike**” service. The entire bus fleet is equipped with bike racks. Bikes can be transported aboard any bus on a first-come, first-serve basis. No additional fare is required.

## LOADING

Follow these three easy steps to load your bike:

- ✓ **Lower** - Squeeze the handle and pull down to release the folded bike rack.
- ✓ **Lift** - Lift your bike onto the rack, fitting wheels into the slots. Front wheel slots are labeled. Load your bike in the rack closest to the bus first.
- ✓ **Latch** - Pull and release the support arm over the top of the front tire. Make sure the support arm is resting on the tire, not the fender or the frame.

## UNLOADING

- ✓ Before exiting, let the bus operator know that you are removing your bike.
- ✓ Pull the support arm off the tire.
- ✓ Move the support arm down and out of the way.
- ✓ Lift your bike out of the rack.
- ✓ Return the rack to the upright position, if there is not another bike on the rack.



Don't forget to take your bike with you when you leave! If you forget to retrieve your bike, or if the bus pulls away before you have unloaded it, please call **BCT's** Customer Service Center at 954-357-8400.

# THE GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

## GREENWAYS VISION STATEMENT

Broward County's Greenways System will be a fully funded, countywide network of safe, clean, bicycle and equestrian paths, nature trails and waterways.

Greenways will connect each neighborhood, from the Everglades to the Atlantic Ocean to conservation lands, parks and recreation facilities, cultural and historic sites, schools and business areas. The system will provide opportunities for recreation, restoration and enhancement of native vegetation and wildlife habitat, and alternative modes of transportation.

Five corridors have been selected to represent the "phase one" corridors of the Broward County Greenways System. They include the Dixie Highway, C-14, Conservation Levee, New River-SR 84, and Flamingo-Hiatus Trails and Greenways. These phase one corridors were identified as those with the highest priority for development. These corridors effectively form a framework that traverses all parts of the County, and provide a good representation of differing types of trails, from wide paved and unpaved trails through natural and rural areas, to wide sidewalks through urban areas. This approach provides opportunities for all types of trail users and interests.

## WHATS BEEN HAPPENING WITH THE GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN

In November of 2002 the Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved a \$2.4 million dollar contract for the survey, design and permitting of four of the five phase one corridors. The four corridors are the C-14 Canal, Dixie Highway, SR 84, and the Flamingo Hiatus. Also included in this contract is the Master Plan for SR A1A.

## CONSERVATION LEVEE

In February of 2002 Broward County earmarked \$200,000 from the Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond program to construct trail heads and access points for the Conservation Levee Trail at Markham Park and Atlantic Boulevard. Staff from several Broward County divisions are working with the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Coral Springs to bring this project to fruition.

In October of 2002 Broward County began the design of the trailhead and Atlantic Blvd. and the Sawgrass Expressway. Because of construction planned improvements to some water control structures it is likely that this project may have to be phased. Phase one will be the access to the trailhead from Atlantic Blvd. Phase two will include improvements that will enable easy access to the levy by wheelchair.

## SR 84 GREENWAY

Broward County is completing design plans for a multi-purpose path along two sections of this corridor. The recently completed Marina Mile project, located on the north side of SR 84 from I-95 to the New River drawbridge, is an eight to ten foot wide concrete sidewalk that connects the to The New River drawbridge. This bridge was recently renovated by the Florida Department of Transportation to include a six foot wide path on the north side.

West of the New River drawbridge, Broward County has completed design of the "Missing Link" project so named because it will restore bicycle/pedestrian connections along SR 84 to west Broward County lost when I-595 was constructed. The Missing Link project will include a ten foot wide multipurpose landscaped path beginning just east of SR 7 and ending at the Sewell Lock. This project includes a bicycle pedestrian bridge that will cross the New River to the future Riverland Woods Park.

