

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 8C

From: Staff

Date: April 17, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Resolution in Support of WHEELS: Advancing Florida's Mobility Future

Introduction

The purpose of this item is to request Council approval of a resolution in support of WHEELS, which is a multi-day event promoting the use of alternative transportation modes in Southeast Florida.

Overview and Analysis

To expand the public's knowledge and experience, WHEELS is a five-day event with a focus on the connections between transit, cycling, and trails (see Exhibit 1). The event will include organized cycling rides throughout Miami-Dade's trail system, speakers and demonstrations, and safety training. WHEELS will also include emphasis on the relationship between transportation, place making, health, and climate change. The event has been organized with a range of participating public and private sector entities, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority will provide free transportation via Tri-Rail for participants throughout the region.

The use of multi-modal transportation options yields the greatest efficiency for transportation networks, expands access, reduces carbon emissions, and contributes to healthier lifestyles. The Southeast Florida region operates with a roadway-dominant transportation network, wherein more than 80% of commuters drive alone to work daily. National statistics indicate the region's heightened reliance on automobile travel produces thousands of hours of lost productivity and billions of dollars of lost revenue due to travel delay. Expanded knowledge and awareness of alternative transportation modes, such as transit, bicycling, and walking can improve transportation conditions. The connections among these modes are critical to provide "last mile" access to the ultimate destinations of the traveling public.

Conclusion

Expanding the public's knowledge and awareness of multi-modal transportation choices is beneficial for increasing the use of alternative modes in the region. The WHEELS event will contribute to expanded public awareness and experience in utilizing multiple modes to travel the region.

Recommendation

Council should adopt the resolution in support of WHEELS and transmit it to the event's sponsoring agencies.

Attachments

Exhibit 1

A five-day event starting Veterans Day – including a conference over two half-days--spotlighting the link between cycling / transit / trails



ADVANCING FLORIDA'S MOBILITY FUTURE



TEN THOUSAND people on bikes • transit • trails

10,000 cyclists -- 1,000 from outside of Miami-Dade -- using our transit and trails

Safety training for thousands on 2 wheels and 2 feet -- including how to use bikes with transit

Engaging the private sector with Miami-Dade and Florida trails

Connecting the ways we move to health, placemaking and climate change



November 11-15, 2015 South Miami - South Florida



Wednesday Nov 11
all day ○ Rides on the M-Path, South Dade Trail, Black Creek Trail, Old Cutler and Commodore Trails back to M-Path; also Rickenbacker Causeway, Biscayne-Everglades, possibly Ludlam and others 🚲

Thursday Nov 12
all day ⊙ Rides on the M-Path, South Dade Trail, Black Creek Trail, Old Cutler and Commodore Trails back to M-Path; also Rickenbacker Causeway, Biscayne-Everglades, possibly Ludlam and others 🚲

Friday Nov 13
Time TBD ○ Rides on trails from Vizcaya Station 🚲

Time TBD ○ 24th Annual East Coast Greenway Alliance Summit

Time TBD ⊙ Conference begins
Speaker: Ryan Gravel, *Atlanta Beltline*

Time TBD ○ Conference Speakers

Time TBD ○ Share-the-Road Florida Celebration of Cycling tours (*to be confirmed*) 🚲

Time TBD ○ Rides to Homestead 🚲

6 pm
Miami River and Homestead ⊙ Block parties

Saturday Nov 14
Time TBD ○ Rides on the M-Path, South Dade Trail, Black Creek Trail, Old Cutler and Commodore Trails back to M-Path; also Rickenbacker Causeway, Biscayne-Everglades, possibly Ludlam and others 🚲

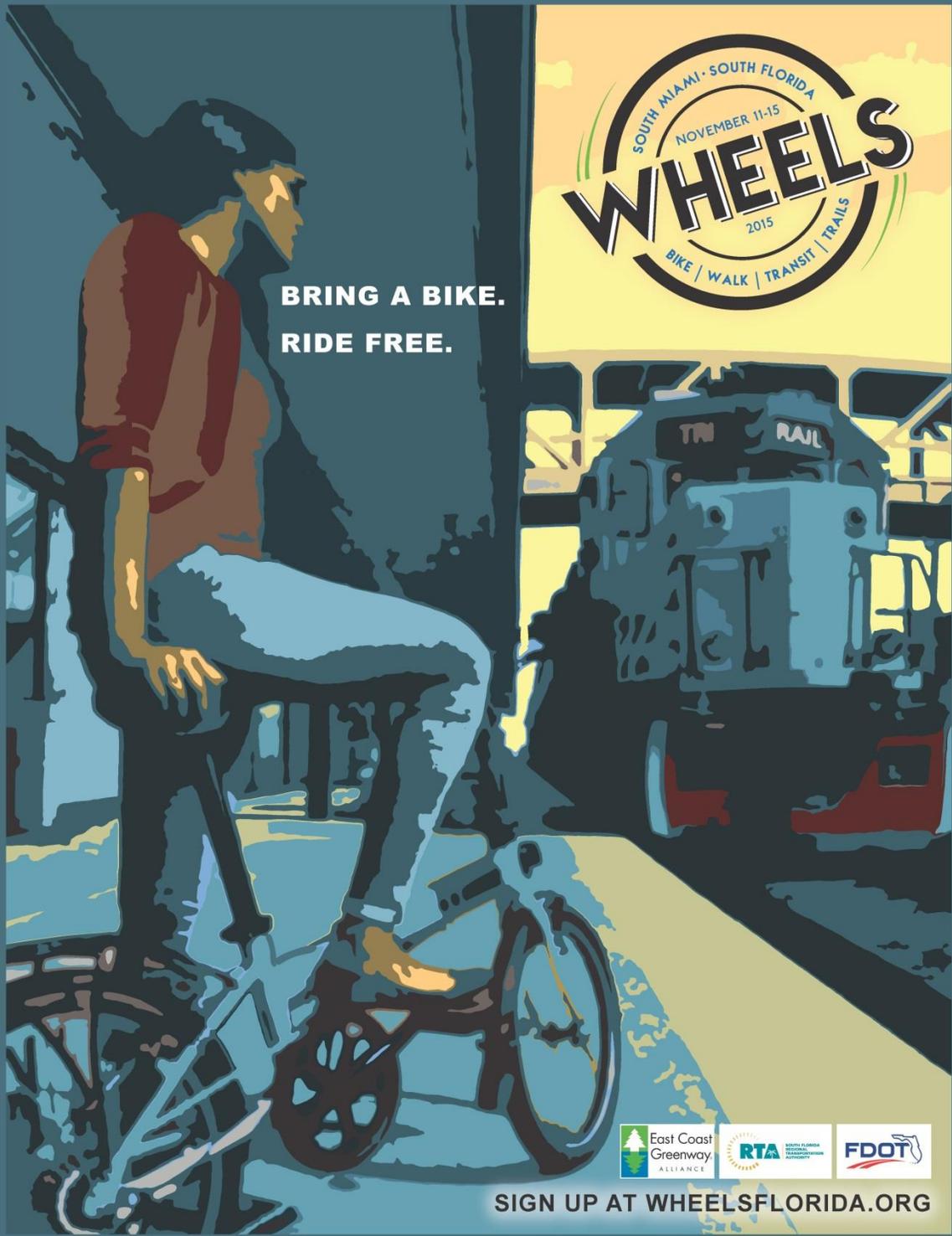
Time TBD ○ Conference speakers

Noon
South Miami Station ⊙ Ribbon-cutting for model Underline installation and South Miami block party

Sunday Nov 15
Time TBD ○ Rides on the M-Path, South Dade Trail, Black Creek Trail, Old Cutler and Commodore Trails back to M-Path; also Rickenbacker Causeway, Biscayne-Everglades, possibly Ludlam and others 🚲

TBD
Red Road, from Sunset Dr to Dante B Fascell Park ⊙ Cyclovia

Time TBD
South Miami ○ Kirk Munroe Dedication



**BRING A BIKE.
RIDE FREE.**



SIGN UP AT WHEELSFLORIDA.ORG

Exhibit 2

RESOLUTION #15-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, PALM BEACH, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE WHEELS EVENT TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION AND ITS BENEFITS AND SAFE ACCESS

WHEREAS, expanding the use of multi-modal transportation options is a regional goal consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, WHEELS is a partnership of public, private and nonprofit interests to produce a Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach tri-county green mobility program that will take place in November 2015; and

WHEREAS, WHEELS will focus on improving all aspects of how people live in Southeast Florida by introducing them to the advantages of safe, efficient, affordable and sustainable walk/bike/transit/trail transportation; and

WHEREAS, WHEELS will provide videos and mentors designed to reach 10,000 cyclists and walkers about bike/walk/transit/trail transportation; and

WHEREAS, WHEELS will consist of safety instruction for accessing Tri-Rail and Metrorail stations, platforms and trains as well as buses; and

WHEREAS, WHEELS will further consist of free guided and self-led bike rides along a 44-mile network of existing looped Miami-Dade trails that include the M-Path (The Underline), South Dade Trail, Black Creek Trail, Old Cutler Trail; and

WHEREAS, partners in WHEELS include, the Florida Department of Transportation, Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Florida Bicycle Association, local governments, and other organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE WHEELS EVENT TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION AND ITS BENEFITS AND SAFE ACCESS.

DULY ADOPTED by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council this 17th day of April 2015.

Tod Mowery
Chairman

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Executive Director