

# 2017 Florida Commuter Transportation Summit

## Building Bicycle Friendly Universities

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## Achieving the Silver Level...a team effort



**What do you think are the some of the greatest strengths in the University's efforts to promote bicycling for transportation and recreation?**



**Bike lanes are on most every road within campus**





**There are plenty of bike racks installed throughout campus**



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**Old style racks...**



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New style racks...



Convenient bicycle fix-it stations located throughout campus – air and tools



Centrally located and staffed bicycle repair facility





**Paved multi-use trails on campus that connect to major rails-to-trails facilities**



**Gator Gears Bicycle Rental Program**





**Bike racks on all buses – campus and citywide**



**Bicycle friendly 20 mph campus speed limit**



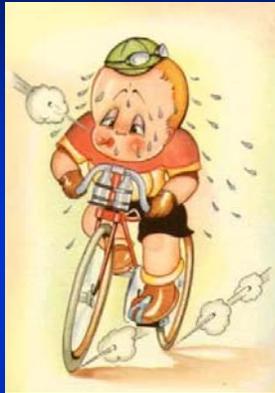
**What do you think are the some measures the University could take to become more bicycle friendly?**



**Equip all signalized intersections with detectors, either loop or camera, that can be actuated by the presence of a bicycle**



**Providing showers and lockers**



**Improving measures to prevent bicycle theft on campus**



**Providing amenities such as "green boxes"**



**Provide more covered and secured parking for bicycles**



**And, more of the same...**



**UF has a number of programs and initiatives that helped it receive the silver level “Bicycle Friendly University” recognition, said UF Sustainability Office Manager Jacob Adams. This includes 13 miles of bike lanes and 22 self-service bike repair stations, the Gator Gears bike rental program, the UF Bicycle Working Group, its Sustainable Transportation Fair, and the What Moves You? Campaign, which encourages the UF community to choose sustainable transportation options.**



**There are five general areas identified in the Bicycle Friendly University Feedback Report:**

- Engineering
- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Evaluation and Planning



**The key measures the University of Florida should focus on to improve cycling on campus:**

- Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking at popular destinations on campus, and to upgrade the quality of all existing bike parking to meet APBP guidelines.
- Develop a comprehensive bicycle education program, including an ongoing public safety awareness campaign, as well as regular bicycle safety and maintenance classes.
- Promote cycling throughout the year by hosting more frequent bicycle events and organized bike rides.
- Expand the Bicycle Program Manager's time focused on bicycle projects, or create a new full-time position.
- Create a campus bike master plan that will guide future plans with a long-term physical and programmatic vision for your campus, and ensure there is dedicated funding for implementation.
- Increase data collection efforts on campus, including automatic bike counters and frequent user satisfaction surveys.



## Benefits of Further Improving University of Florida for Cycling

Increasing bicycle use can improve the environment by reducing the impact on the community of pollution and noise, limiting greenhouse gases, and improving the quality of public spaces; Reduce congestion by shifting short trips (the majority of trips in cities) out of cars. This will also make campuses more accessible for public transport, walking, essential car travel, and emergency services; Save lives by creating safer conditions for bicyclists and as a direct consequence improve the safety of all other road users. Research shows that increasing the number of bicyclists on the street improves bicycle safety; Increase opportunities for students, faculty and staff to participate socially and economically in campus and community activities, regardless of income or ability.



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Greater choice of travel modes also increases independence; Boost the economy by creating a campus environment and community that is an attractive destination for new students, residents, tourists and businesses; Enhance recreational opportunities and further contribute to the quality of life on campus; Save university funds by increasing the efficient use of public space, reducing the need for costly new road infrastructure, preventing crashes, improving the health of the campus community, and increasing the use of public transport; Enhance campus safety and security by increasing the number of “eyes on the street” and providing more options for movement in the event of emergencies, natural disasters, and major campus events; Improve the health and well being of the campus population by promoting routine physical activity.





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