

**In Recognition of
The Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets**

- WHEREAS,** U.S. Secretary Department of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, challenges cities across the nation to take significant action to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Fort Lauderdale was ranked the second highest in pedestrian fatalities in the entire nation in 2012 and fifth highest for bicycle fatalities per capita; and
- WHEREAS,** the number one transportation concern by neighbors in the 2014 City Neighbor Survey was safety of biking in our city; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale has taken significant steps towards enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety including adopting goals, objectives and performance measures through its visioning and strategic planning processes, establishing an award winning Complete Streets Policy, adopting the Connecting the Blocks multimodal infrastructure program; and implementing several walkability and connectivity projects through its Community Investment Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes there is more to do to reach its goal of becoming a pedestrian friendly multimodal city, to help neighbors and visitors enjoy an improved quality of life through increasing walking and biking options; and
- WHEREAS,** these improvements also contribute to better health, a cleaner more resilient community, a vibrant economy, and overall public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby accept Secretary Foxx's Challenge from **April 7, 2015 to March 12, 2016** to commit to:

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Within the City of Fort Lauderdale and do further hereby proclaim a greater commitment to pedestrian and bicycle safety for all people who travel in our City. Specifically, the City commits to:

1. Continue to develop and implement policies, plans, and programs that increase pedestrian safety, including the adoption of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan in 2015.
2. Form a local implementation team to include Police, Fire, Neighborhood Support, and Transportation and Mobility, along with local stakeholders and partner agencies; and
3. Implement improved education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation of walking and biking safety laws, street behavior, and regulations; and
4. Work to gather and track biking and walking data to identify unsafe pedestrian hotspots and prioritize investments; and
5. Design and construct streets to be safe, comfortable, and convenient places of travel for all modes, and work diligently with partner agencies, such as FDOT and Broward County, to deliver multi-modal streets within our city limits.

DATED this, the 7th day of April 2015.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

