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A Resolution authorizing the adoption of the City of Coral Gables Sustainable Complete Streets Policy. The annual report from Smart Growth America released its 2016 report in April that once again, put the State of Florida in the top spot as the most dangerous state for pedestrians and placed our region as the 11th most dangerous in the Country.

As of the end of 2016, more than 1,000 jurisdictions in the United States have made formal commitments to streets that are safe and convenient for everyone-no matter their age, income, race, ethnicity, physical ability, or how they choose to travel-by passing a Complete Streets policy.

Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners unanimously adopted a Complete Streets resolution (995-14) in November 2014, and Miami-Dade County published the Complete Streets Design Guidelines in December 2016 to provide policy and design guidance to local agencies and other engaged in Complete Streets implementation.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) adopted a Complete Streets policy to help make streets safer for everyone in the state in September 2014 and on December 7, 2015, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) released its Complete Streets Implementation Plan, an ambitious and comprehensive commitment to change the way roads are designed and built in Florida to make them safer for all types of travelers, while also promoting economic development and enhancing quality of life.

Now 14 years old, complete streets policies came into being in late 2003 in response to the impacts of conventional mid-century era planning and engineering. The term "complete streets" was coined as a new policy initiative with the goal of ensuring the same rights and safe access for all users of streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The time is now for us to formally adopt a policy.

As part of the Comprehensive Multimodal Transportation Planning project, we have developed the City's Sustainable Complete Streets Policy for Commission support. This policy should be recognized as one of the strongest and most comprehensive that truly reflects who we are as a community.

What makes this policy a standout is its commitment to Sustainability and Resiliency, Historic preservation, Storm water management, Accessibility and Attention to aesthetics.

This policy is aligned with the City's Strategic Plan as it meets the objectives 1) To improve mobility throughout the City; 2) Enhance the pedestrian experience, safety, and connectivity in the City through improved lighting, crosswalks, sidewalks, and way finding; 3) Implement best practices for urban and landscape design in public places, and sustainable historic aesthetics by 2019; 4) Increase alternative mobility options to the community by 2019; and 5) Attain world-class performance levels in public safety by 2019.