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### ***BROWARD, MIAMI-DADE, AND PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPO) COME TOGETHER TO HOST THE 4TH ANNUAL SAFE STREETS SUMMIT***

***The event will focus on the implementation of Complete Streets and will highlight the building blocks and tools necessary for better connected and safer streets for all***

**Sunrise, Fla.** – On January 26 and 27, over 275 transportation planners, elected officials, and other individuals invested in better connected and safer streets will gather for the fourth annual Safe Streets Summit. The event is taking place at the Sunrise Civic Center located at 10610 W Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise, FL 33351. For the first time, the Broward MPO has been joined by two neighboring MPOs- Miami-Dade and Palm Beach- to host the conference. This partnership will provide a local, yet regionally connected approach to prioritize Complete Streets throughout southeast Florida.

This annual event is the premier conference focused on Complete Streets in our region. It focuses on educating public officials, technical staff, community agencies, and other individuals on the importance of designing Complete Streets and safe transportation facilities for all modes of transportation including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists of all ages and abilities. Attendees will be joined by nationally recognized speakers to discuss the implementation, evaluation, and funding of Complete Streets and their connection to creating a safe and healthy built environment for all.

This two-day event will include a pre-conference workshop and a full day conference featuring engaging plenary sessions and dynamic speakers. Highlights include:

Thursday, January 26, 2017

- A pre-conference workshop featuring a 10.5 mile bike-ride down the Hiatus Greenway in the Cities of Sunrise and Plantation. Participants will engage in interactive activities to develop realistic, user-based solutions to challenges identified along the route.

Friday, January 27, 2017

- An opening session featuring award-winning author Charles Montgomery, principal of Happy City, will draw on neuroscience, psychology, and rich personal stories to explain how our transportation choices influence how we feel, behave, and treat other people and how you can share in an empowering new vision of city life.
- Keynote Speaker Emiko Atherton, Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition, will provide recommendations for how Florida can address the recent findings from the Dangerous by Design Report and offer tips and resources for advancing Complete Streets locally.
- The Safe Streets Awards which will honor local individual and community Complete Streets champions will be announced for each county.

For more information, visit [www.safestreetssummit.org](http://www.safestreetssummit.org) or contact Andrea Iglesias at [aiglesias@urbanhs.com](mailto:aiglesias@urbanhs.com) or by phone at 305-431-9839. You can also follow news about the Safe Streets Summit on social media at #SafeStreetsSummit.

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