How You Can Be Part of Creating a Better Bike/Ped Environment

-Report problems that affect cyclists and pedestrians. Anything from broken/uneven sidewalks to malfunctioning traffic signals - including those whose sensors don't respond to bicycles - is appropriate. In most cases the department whose jurisdiction the problem is in will quickly address your complaint. If not, please feel free to contact us so we may assist you. We can also help you determine which department should be contacted since it's not always obvious.

If you do know who is responsible here's a list of contacts:

FDOT (State Roads)	Operations (239) 656-7800
Lee DOT (County Roads)	Request for Action (239) 694-3334
Lee Parks & Rec (Ten Mile Canal Linear Park)	Lakes Park (239) 432-2006
City of Fort Myers (City Roads & North Colonial Linear Park)	Public Works (239) 332-6801
City of Cape Coral (City Roads)	Citizens' Action Center (239) 574-0425
City of Bonita Springs	Public Works (239) 949-6246
City of Sanibel	Public Works (239) 472-6397
Town of Fort Myers Beach	Public Services (239) 765-0202

-Let elected officials and other decision makers know your opinion on bicycle and pedestrian matters and priorities. From local government representatives to those at the state and national level it's important to let your concerns and interests known so they can be acted upon.

-Volunteer to be a member of an advisory committee or other group that addresses bike/ped issues. Lee County 's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the City of Fort Myers' Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, the Community Traffic Safety Team, and Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition are but a few opportunities. Planning Boards and many other committees that don't at first appear appropriate often address matters that impact the bike/ped environment.

-Practice what you preach. Whenever possible walk, cycle, or take transit as an alternative to driving. Turn your daily walk or bike ride into a practical trip that saves fuel (thus money), helps the environment, and provides the physical activity you go out for in the first place. While it may not be practical to replace all motor vehicle trips with human-powered ones many shorter ones certainly can. Once you've done it a few times you'll wonder why you didn't do so sooner. See the League of American Bicyclists' "Tips" on this site for useful information.

-Do your homework. Here are some of the many websites that contain useful information and resources:

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