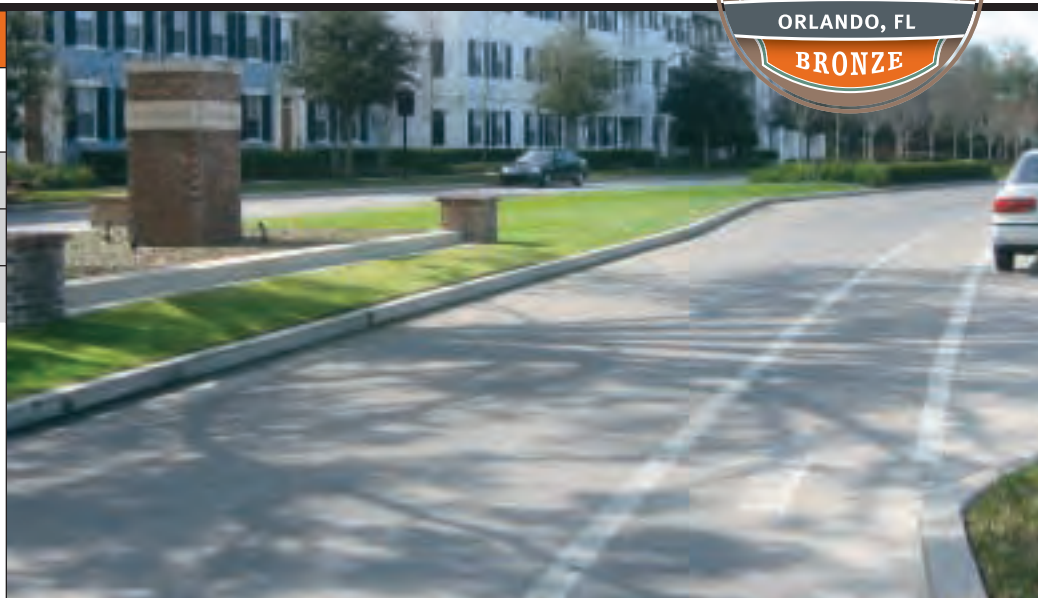
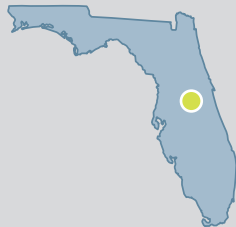


Orlando FLORIDA



Level Awarded: Bronze
Date Awarded: October 2004
Population: 217,567
Square Miles (land): 109.9
Location:




MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

Orlando surpassed the 200-mile benchmark for bikeways ahead of schedule.

HIGHLIGHTS

Orlando received a \$4 million grant jointly with Orange County from the Office of Greenways and Trails/Department of Environmental Protection to acquire land for the Shingle Creek Trail. Acquisition is underway and the trail is funded in 2008 for construction.

In 1991, Orlando was ranked by *Bicycling* magazine as one of the worst cities in America for bicycling. Stung by the criticism, the city responded by implementing a wide variety of innovative programs and projects. Orlando's Dinky Line Boardwalk, which was completed in 2005, is the first segment of the Orlando Urban Trail. This trail will eventually connect Loch Haven with Downtown Orlando along an unused rail line.

Orlando's ongoing 1,000-plus acre Baldwin Park project, one of the largest in-city redevelopment projects in the country, will be particularly bicycle friendly. The city reduced transportation impact fees on the Baldwin Park project because of its efficient connections to the Bikeway network. In Baldwin Park, there is a bike parking plan requirement prior to each phase—the city has to approve the location and ensure the right type of rack is installed. Orlando was able to convince the developer to incorporate single racks into the hardscape along the front of the buildings where there are entrances to restaurant and retail.

The city's bicycle committee also provides an innovative forum for the local bicycle community and city staff to exchange ideas and information. It allows staff to openly communicate and access the community while inviting community comment to guide the best course meeting the bicycling needs of Orlando citizens. All on the committee ride for recreation, exercise or transportation on a regular basis.

Recently Transportation Planning successfully requested the Florida Turnpike Authority redesign a future bridge expansion/road widening over part of the planned Shingle Creek Trail. In order to allow access under a limited access toll road, the bridge will have to be elevated two feet to keep the trail out of the flood zone.



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