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CITY HONORED FOR PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (5/2/14) – Temple Terrace has won national recognition for its commitment to pedestrian-friendly roadways and safer walking environments.

The City was accorded an “honorable mention” by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center’s *Walk Friendly Communities*, a national program aimed at encouraging cities to establish high priorities for safer, more viable, walking environments. Temple Terrace was one of only four Florida cities to receive WFC awards. Tallahassee, Gainesville and Lakeland also made the list.

Temple Terrace was lauded as the first in Florida to designate the community as a citywide Multimodal Transportation District, which means easier connectivity for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. The Temple Terrace Community Development Department has incorporated multimodal precepts into the design process, maximizing the City’s bike paths, trails and sidewalks as alternatives to motorized vehicles.

Judges also recognized Temple Terrace’s “Safe Routes to School” program, in which students are encouraged to walk and bike to school twice a year, instead of arriving by car; and the City’s red-light camera program, which significantly enhances the safety of pedestrians on our roadways.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center is maintained by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center with funding from the Federal Highway Administration. FedEx also is a major sponsor of the awards.

Seattle was the top-ranked city in the Walk Friendly Communities tally, with such cities as Ann Arbor, Mich. and Boulder, Co. also honored. In all, 63 cities were recognized when the awards were announced in April.

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