

Scenic Watch



Photo: DOT on Florida Times Union

Boca: "First sharrow placed in city neighborhood"

"The city has installed its first sharrow, a shared lane marking and sign for motorists and bicyclists that could be a model for other neighborhoods with a heavy bike presence..."

The city makes its own signs, so the sharrow cost \$240...

A cyclist rounded the corner on a recent visit, but stayed to the right where bike lanes are usually marked. Sharrows use the existing travel lanes, but the marking makes it clear it's a shared roadway, said Joy Puerta, a city transportation analyst and the former pedestrian and bicycle coordinator who's known as a bike and pedestrian expert.

'This is an informal pilot program, another tool to identify those corridors that have been designated as bicycle corridors throughout the city,' Woika said. 'The city's bicycle map has them identified.'

'It alerts the motorists of the location where bicyclists are likely to occupy the travel lane and where you should be, and those two elements combined help improve the safety,' said Jim Sumislaski, chairman of the city's Citizens' Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Board and with Kimley-Horn, the design consulting firm.

'I'm pretty confident it will be a successful pilot project and the city will look for other corridors to implement the same type of marking,' said Sumislaski, who specializes in roadway design...

He had 'a few clients in Miami doing this and were successful with it,' Sumislaski said. 'So at

News From July 2015



Fun Festivals and Events

Central Region

- Aug 1
First Saturday Jam, Barberville
- Aug 1
Bandshell Concert Series, Daytona Beach
- Aug 1
WaZoo, Tampa
- Aug 7
Sizzling Summer Artwalk, Bradenton
- Aug 7
Jazz Friday at Foosaner Museum of Art, Melbourne
- Aug 8
Taste of the Nation For No Kid Hungry, Orlando
- Aug 8, 22
Gamble Jam, Flagler Beach
- Aug 14
Friday Fest, Melbourne

one of the meetings we wondered if Boca Raton municipal staff had implemented it, and at the time it was no, but they said if they could find a good representative location they would do a pilot project and see how it goes. We had suggested an appropriate location and they came back and found a location.'

The Florida Department of Transportation's Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards, also known as the Florida Greenbook, has sharrows in the plans, Puerta said."

-- Marci Shatzman, Sun Sentinel

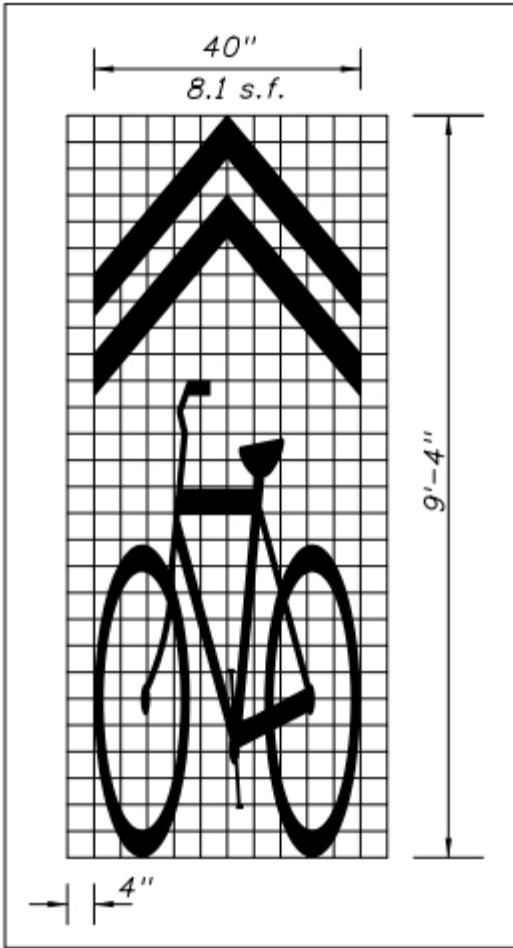


Diagram: Figure 9-3 Florida Greenbook
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Video: Scenic Rapid City

Developer who supports scenic beauty, buys property and bulldozes billboard!

"This billboard was purchased by a local development company, Dream Designs, Inc. in Rapid

- Aug 14-16
Anime Festival Orlando, Orlando
- Aug 15
Cruisin' Downtown DeLand
Classic Car Show, DeLand
- Aug 15
Night in the Tropics, New Port Richey
- Aug 15-16
Annual Harvest Grape Stomp, Clermont
- Aug 20
Shrimp and Seafood Festival, New Smyrna Beach
- Aug 23
Art Walk on Flagler, New Smyrna Beach
- Aug 28
Fourth Fridays Art Walk, Sanford
- Aug 28-30
80s in the Park, Melbourne
- Aug 29
ReptiDay, Sarasota
- Aug 29
Climb to the Moon, Ponce Inlet

South Florida

- Aug 1
Tours of the Tom Allen Memorial Butterfly House, Cape Coral
- Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Third Street Farmers Market, Naples
- Aug 20
Downtown Gallery Walk, Punta Gorda
- Aug 22
Just For Fun Dog Show, Cape Coral
- Aug 26
Wild Edibles Walk, Cape Coral
- Aug 1
Family Day, Miami Beach
- Aug 2
Sunday Jazz Brunch, Fort Lauderdale
- Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
Jupiter Lighthouse Sunset Tour, Jupiter
- Aug 6-9
Key West Lobsterfest, Key West
- Aug 7, 14, 21, 28
Funtastic Friday, Hollywood Beach
- Aug 9, 16
Bluegrass Concert, North Palm Beach
- Aug 15
Anything That Floats Race, Key Largo
- Aug 14-16
Mystery Writers' Key West Fest, Key West
- Aug 20-23
Upper Keys Reef Crawl, Key Largo

North Florida

- Aug 1
Cherokee Native Historians, St

City, SD, so that they could take it down, and use the land for housing. They supported Scenic Rapid City in 2011 during the Billboard Initiative.

They knew we would love seeing this video!

'Improving the quality of life is a responsibility of each one of us. Thank you both for doing more than your fair share.'

-- Hani Shafai, President
Dream Designs, Inc.

This billboard was completely non confirming and Grandfathered in. It had two boards on each side. They were two different sizes and OVERSIZED in a prime location; on a hill so that traffic had to view it.

It took away from the scenic beauty of our beautiful Black Hills since it was on the road to Mount Rushmore National Monument but still inside the Rapid City limits."

-- Scenic Rapid City

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Drawings: Downtown Investment

Authority

Placemaking: "New design ideas shown for rebuilding the Jacksonville Landing"

"After hiring an outside consultant to crystalize a vision for brand-new buildings on the site of The Jacksonville Landing, the Downtown Investment Authority showed off a rendering this week that resembles the concept put forward by the Landing's owners last year.

The DIA taped the renderings on walls at a workshop Wednesday night to get feedback from the public...

The city owns the 6 acres of riverfront land where the Landing stands. The Sleiman family owns the two-story mall and has a long-term lease with the city for the land, so any

Augustine
Aug 1
Funday and Possum Festival, Wausau
Aug 1
Living History Day, St Augustine
Aug 1
Guided Tour at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville
Aug 1-2
First Weekend Union Garrison, Fernandina Beach
Aug 5
Archaeological Tour of Mission San Luis, Tallahassee
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
Music by the Sea, St Augustine Beach
Aug 6
Concerts In The Plaza, St Augustine
Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
Americana Under the Stars, Santa Rosa Beach
Aug 7
First Friday Art Walk, St Augustine
Aug 7-8
North Florida Shark Festival and Groove at the Zoo, Jacksonville
Aug 8
Artrageous Artwalk, Fernandina Beach
Aug 8
Sandstock, Perdido Key
Aug 14
Stargazing by the Shore, Destin
Aug 15
Caribbean Parade and Festival, Jacksonville
Aug 16
Pickin' in the Park, Ocala

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redevelopment would require buy-in from city officials and the Sleimans...

DIA board member Doris Goldstein said the current design effort is aimed at creating a development that will be economically successful and also be a night-and-day gathering spot for downtown.

'We want to make it economically viable and we want to have it energized,' she said.

Former City Council member Bill Bishop attended the Wednesday workshop and said he likes the overall plan, but thinks it doesn't have enough pizzazz where Laura Street would carry people to the waterfront.

'When I get to the river, where's my wow factor?' Bishop said..."

-- David Bauerlein, Florida Times-Union

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"Tampa planner aims for cooler, walkable streets"



Drawing: From Tampa Bay Times

"City planner Jeff Speck's vision for Tampa's downtown involves cooler temperatures and more walking. Speck is the lead planner overseeing the team working with Tampa Bay Lightning owner Jeff Vinik and an engineering firm Stantec to redevelop land in the Channelside area...

Speck's vision for the area includes making the city more walkable based on the premise that it has to be 'simultaneously useful, safe, comfortable and interesting,' he said. 'If it's not all four of those things, people won't walk.'

Speck's prescription for achieving that includes adding parallel parking along the road to make walkers feel more protected than they do now. 'When a car passes you on the sidewalk, you lack that barrier of steel that makes you feel safe and actually protects you from vehicles coming at you,' he said.



Video: WFLA.com

Speck also said plans call for creating 'continuous deep shade' in the Florida heat. 'Every building will likely have either an awning or arcade or something that shadows the sidewalk,'

he said. Plans for the area involve adding retail and other destinations to the mix, but Speck said the biggest difference in the future may be 'the number of people on the sidewalks.'

-- Laura Mayk, WFLA.com

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"The deceptive nature of architectural renderings"

"Architects use many mediums to express their designs, ideas, and concepts. They use orthographic drawings, physical models, as well as digital models..."

How can we differentiate between what is reality and what is a false and biased representation of a building? How about photographs of architecture?

When proposing a new design to clients, professors, or peers, an architect needs to find a way to express their ideas and sell them. One of the most successful ways to do this is to present a rendering, or photorealistic image of their project. This, however, has become a problem more recently with the advancement of digital technology in the 21st century with the introduction of 3D modeling, Photoshop, and CAD. Where in the past drawings by hand were clearly seen as 'artistic' interpretations of a project, now we have images that are practically indistinguishable as either reality or make believe. This brings into question the validity of every rendering and photograph and whether it is pushed too far from reality or not.

It's not that architects want to be deceptive, but rather that they want to illustrate to clients what they see. Sometimes this can be taken too literally by clients, and in return they may feel deceived when the finished project is done. As the profession moves forward architects need to find a better way to bridge the gap between artistic representations and built reality.

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Miami: Commission CHANGES SIGN CODE to eliminate advertising towers

Delete. Throw out. Discard. Trash.

"...The measure, championed by Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado, deletes the term 'media towers' from the city's zoning code known as Miami 21.

However, an attorney for Michael Simkins, the Miami Beach-based developer of the innovation tower [Giant LED Billboard Towers], told commissioners that his client plans to move forward with pending permit applications to build the project.

'We will continue to implement this development irrespective of what is done today,' said Tony Recio, a partner with Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman. 'We look forward to having the permits fairly reviewed and evaluated.'

In a statement to The Real Deal, Simkins said he does not believe the new ordinance can be applied to his project. 'We are disappointed by the commission's action,' Simkins said. 'But we expect the city to comply with the law and respect our rights by honoring the sign permit applications and media tower approval by the CRA, and processing the sign applications in good faith.'

City commissioners Frank Carrollo, Willy Gort and Marc Sarnoff again voted in favor of the ordinance despite an impassioned plea from Commissioner Keon Hardemon, who was the innovation tower's main supporter because he believes the project will generate jobs and millions of dollars in revenue for Overtown. 'That one time things are moving forward in a community that has been stagnant for such a long time, we make sure we put the roadblock right in the middle of it,' Hardemon said. 'This is a slap in the face of the Overtown community.'

Simkins has touted the tower as the anchor to a 10-acre technology district that will help revitalize one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. Hardemon, who represents the district and who is chairman of the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Development Agency, backs the project because Simkins has agreed to pay the semi-autonomous city agency \$5 million prior to construction, and \$1 million, or 3 percent of gross sales generated by the project every year after completion.

Recio also said Simkins has committed to giving local preference to Overtown residents on construction jobs and for the operation of the innovation tower. In June, prior to the city commission's first vote, Simkins' company Innovate applied for permits to embed the LED signs within the skin of the proposed tower's twisting façade and along its pedestal.

-- Francisco Alvarado, The Real Deal, South Florida Real Estate News

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