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CITY HONORED FOR PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (4/28/11) – Temple Terrace has won national recognition for its commitment to pedestrian-friendly roadways and safer walking environments.

Temple Terrace was accorded an “honorable mention” and was one of only 19 communities nationally to be recognized for its pedestrian-friendly programs. Temple Terrace was the only Florida city to make the list.

The honor was bestowed by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center’s Walk Friendly Communities, a national recognition program aimed at encouraging cities to establish high priorities for safer, more viable, walking environments. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center is administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

Temple Terrace was lauded as the first in Florida to designate the entire 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.

Seattle was the top-ranked city in the Walk Friendly Communities tally, with such cities as Ann Arbor, Mich. and Santa Barbara, Calif. also honored.

The honor came just one week after Temple Terrace was presented an Award of Outstanding Contribution to the Community for its *Multimodal District & Design Guidelines*, a prestigious award presented by the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission.

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