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ON THE STREET

There have been multiple traffic accidents involving bicycles recently. Do you think Broward County is bicycle friendly?



CHERIE AGUINAGA
TEACHER

I think the parks are bike friendly, but I don't think the streets are particularly bike friendly.



BETHANY DUART
STAY-AT-HOME MOTHER

Plantation is completely bike friendly, but I don't know about the county. I always use the bike path.



JEFFREY MILLER
MAINTENANCE WORKER

I think it's safe.



JOANNA SHORE
RETAIL MANAGER

The parks, yes, but I cannot see myself (biking) past the neighborhoods.

ON THE SPOT

KIM SANTUCCI
REGISTERED NURSE
AND DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES

Do you think Broward County is bicycle friendly?
No, I don't. I do ride a bike, and there are many areas that do not afford the proper areas to ride in. People are forced to ride out into the street. It's dark; you cannot see the bikers, and there's been many cases where I've seen bikers almost hit by a moving vehicle.

Do you get bicycle accident victims in the emergency room?
We do get occasional ones, yes. It's bike versus motor vehicle. None of (the ones I've seen) have resulted in mortality.

Do you ever ride in traffic?
I try to avoid that. But there are some people (who) depend on their bicycles as transport to and from their place of employment, and they're forced to ride with traffic many times.

Do you ride your bicycle recreationally or for transportation?
Recreationally. It's great exercise; it's a stress reliever. You get fresh air. You're able to actually see what exists in Plantation, because Plantation is a beautiful city. If you're riding in a car, you don't see it all.

What are your thoughts on wearing helmets?
I do say that there are many people that do not wear bike helmets, and it is so important. Especially if someone's involved (in an accident) with a moving vehicle, this can mean the difference between life and death or severe brain injury. And it's a very simple solution. Every age group should be wearing them.

