Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative

Priority | TRANSPORTATION | 📮

Why?

Older adults utilize a variety of types of transportation they want and need to move throughout the community. The ability to easily access desired destinations is vital to independent living: transportation is one of the most important components of active aging and the ability to age in place. 1

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What's Happening in Miami-Dade?

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES, OLDER ADULTS, BY AGE GROUP ²

Vision



There has been a modest increase in the number of older adults' fatalities among some aged 50 and over, with the greatest increase is seen among older adults aged 75 years and older.

DRIVING:

The percentage of older adults with drivers licenses has remained relatively constant over the past few years. There are currently no standards for determining whether someone is able to continue driving, assistance with getting the conversation started in families is needed.

ON DEMAND SERVICES:

Call-up door-to-door services are often preferred due to convenience.

Yet cost and availability can pose challenges.

TRANSIT: Miami-Dade offers Golden Passports to older adults age 65+ providing free access to transit.

As of June 2015, there are **167,068** Golden Passport users over 65 years of age about **45%** of the 65+ and older age group in Miami-Dade.

Transportation Strategies

- OLDER ADULT ENGAGEMENT: Engage older adults in the planning and implementation process of strategies.
- OLDER ADULTS IN ALL POLICIES:
 Review policies in order to determine if older adults are considered or should be considered and included.
- OLDER ADULT REPRESENTATION: Identify boards or groups that should include an older adult advocate on the committee or council.
 - ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & SAFE STREETS: Advocate and implement streets that are safe for all modes, users and mobility.
- MOTORIZED & ON-DEMAND TRANSPORTATION: Ensure older adults have the opportunity to safely drive as well as have knowledge of and access to on-demand transportation services.
- BETTER ACCESS & QUALITY OF TRANSIT STOPS: Ensure that older adults have knowledge of resources for transit and how to use it, as well as have better access to quality transit stops.

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