



The Underline

The Underline Receives \$10,000 Grant to Support Brickell Backyard Construction

Donation from PeopleForBikes is First Community Grant for Miami-Dade

MIAMI, Jan. xx, 2016 –Friends of the Underline is proud to announce an award of \$10,000 from PeopleForBikes to support The Underline project. This is the first PeopleForBikes Community Grant awarded in the Miami-Dade area. The grant is part of a nationwide program that supports innovative projects that help create bike-friendly resources such as trails, dedicated bike paths or increased investment in bicycle infrastructure. The money will be earmarked for construction of the first phase of the Underline’s Brickell Backyard which is slated to begin in the fall of 2016.

The Underline is a planned 10-mile urban trail, linear park and living art destination that when completed will span from the Miami River north of Brickell Metrorail station to Dadeland South. The project features a dedicated bike and pedestrian paths, amenities, art, lighting, native vegetation as well as safety features and improvements at road crossings. The Underline will be built in phases, the first of which will begin in the Brickell-area.

The Brickell Backyard will mark the start of The Underline project and sits in the center of the booming downtown area of Miami. Designed by James Corner Field Operations, Brickell Backyard was designed as a series of “rooms” for activation, recreation, and connection with nature and community including:

- River Room - situated along the Miami River at the end of the Underline
- Picnic Pockets - a place to enjoy in the shade
- The Dog Park
- The Gym – basketball, volleyball courts and outdoor gym
- The Station Plaza – reconfigured for programming and meeting places
- The Oolite Room – featuring natural rock outcrops and rock climbing walls
- The Meadow Arc - a sheltered cycling and pedestrian path through commercial areas
- Hammock Play Zone for children and adults alike

“We are so grateful to have the support of PeopleForBikes and their acknowledgement of our push for much-needed quality design and implementation of improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in Miami-Dade County” said Meg Daly, CEO and President of

Friend of The Underline. "We depend on grants from organizations such as PeopleForBikes and individuals to implement our future vision of a safe biking and walking network for our community."

"The Underline multi-use trail was a clear favorite during our review and we are pleased to support it with a Community Grant," said Zoe Kircos, Grants Manager at PeopleForBikes. "It will serve thousands of people and provide a safe and comfortable place to ride your bike in the heart of Miami."

The PeopleForBikes Community Grants Program has funded more than 350 advocacy and infrastructure initiatives since 1999, including bike lanes, paths, parks and advocacy programs. With this round of grants, PeopleForBikes has now funded at least one project in every U.S. state.

About Friends of The Underline

Friends of The Underline is a 501C3 non-profit organization advocating to transform the underutilized land below Miami's Metrorail into a 10-mile linear park, urban trail and canvas for artistic expression to create a safer, healthier, more connected, mobile, and engaged community. For more information visit www.theunderline.org and like and Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @theunderlinemia.

About PeopleForBikes:

PeopleForBikes works to improve bicycling in the U.S. by uniting millions of individuals, thousands of businesses and hundreds of communities. To learn more about ways PeopleForBikes supports national and local bike programs and bike infrastructure initiatives visit, join us at www.peopleforbikes.org.