

What we're working on at Bike Walk Key West

In this space we'll periodically provide you an update on what we're doing here at Bike Walk Key West. If you have any questions please write to Chris Hamilton, Bicycle/Pedestrian/Transport Coordinator in the City's Planning Department at chamilton@cityofkeywest-fl.gov.

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At the moment we have a number of high priorities:

1. Bicycle Pedestrian Master Transportation Plan. The first is putting out an RFP for the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Transportation Plan (BPMTP) described above. We are researching some of the best plans from across the country and using some of their language in writing the RFP to ensure we get the right consultant and to make sure we're directing the work properly. The money for the project will be available from FDOT on August 1, 2016. Our hope is to have the RFP hit the streets in early May, and have made a consultant selection by the time the money is available so work can begin by September 1.

2. Marketing and Outreach. The "Share the Road" grant from Bike Florida ([described here](#)) will be available in June, 2016. This money will jump start Bike Walk Key West efforts to develop a bicycle map, promotional and safety brochures and purchase some give-away safety items like bike lights. It also has a little money for outreach/event activities so we can go into the community. In order to develop these materials, we are working on an RFP to find a cartographic, marketing and outreach/event firm(s). We expect the RFP to hit the streets in May and have a vendor selection in June so that we can start work later this summer.

3. Bicycle Parking. We don't need to tell you there's a lack of [bicycle parking](#) throughout the island and especially in our downtown. The Public Works Division tells us that we are short many racks as they've aged, worn out or were damaged over the years. The money for replacing these hasn't kept up with the loss, let alone added new inventory. We are working on a small (\$15,000) purchase for replacement equipment for the summer. We are also working through next year's budget process to hopefully add more inventory. Private interests have also stepped forward to possibly offer help. Stay tuned.

4. Carshare. At the April 3 Commission Meeting, Commissioner Weekley asked City Manager to direct staff to look into brining [carshare](#) to Key West. We are working on that right now.

5. Commuter Services. Bike Walk Key West is working with FDOT District Six and the Center for Urban Transportation Research at South Florida University (CUTR) to bring [Commuter Services to Key West](#). The idea is to provide services to Key West employers so that they can set up Commuter Services for their employees and incentivize and make it easy for their employees

to use transit, bike, walk, carpool and vanpool to work. The same outreach will also be used to work through the hotels to educate their guests about biking, walking and transit too.

6. FY17 Budget. We are putting together draft budgets for fiscal year 2017 (that begins October 1, 2016) and working on grants to help supplement the budget. In an appearance before the City's Sustainability Advisory Board we told them our budget priorities for next year are 1. Getting the BPMPT done 2. Supplementing Share the Road grant with City dollars for marketing and outreach and 3. providing our friends in the Community Services (Public Works) and Engineering Departments with the resources to provide more safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

7. Miscellaneous. Our GIS friends in the IT Department are also helping us by working on an inventory of bicycle parking in the Duval Street corridor. Catch us on [Facebook](#) as we like to share articles we think you'll find of interest. We'll also be out and about on the streets checking for trouble spots and attending events. You can also follow me on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/ChrisRHamilton>.

We'll post another update in a month or so. And always feel free to write and ask us questions or provide suggestions.

Thank you!

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