

## **Bike/Walk Key West Program Update Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board, at its meeting of June 28, 2016**

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1. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Transportation Plan (BPMTTP).** It took longer than anticipated as the source of funding means complying with Federal U.S. DOT and Florida DOT rules and restrictions, but the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Transportation Plan (BPMTTP) RFP #16-006 is complete (done with all the City process) and awaiting approval from FDOT before it can be released. If kept to, the timeline now looks like a consultant will be under contract in early October. A number of excellent firms have already confirmed interest in the work. Additional information posted on the [Bicycle Plans page](#).
2. **FDOT Funding for BPMTTP Implementation.** The City applied for [FDOT TAP](#) (Transportation Alternatives Program) funds for the FY17 year which begins (for the State) in July, 2017. These are the same source of funds being used for the BPMTTP. The City asked for a “BPMTTP Starter Kit” of \$235,000 to do some low hanging fruit anticipated to come out of the Plan by next summer.
3. **Cow Key Bridge Bicycle Lanes.** As FDOT completed work on putting in a new sidewalk over the northbound side of the Cow Key Bridge between Key West and Stock Island it was noted that the new bicycle lanes were only three to four feet wide. The new sidewalk did not meet up with the existing sidewalk on South Roosevelt at the Triangle nor was there a ramp for bikes to exit/enter the new sidewalk onto the new bike path on the road. Staff discussed this with FDOT. FDOT very nicely and quickly fixed everything. FDOT restriped the entire section to narrow the car travel lanes and provide five to six feet of bicycle lane, connected the sidewalks and provided a ramp. Thanks FDOT! Before and after photos can be found [here \(intersection\)](#) and [here \(Cow Key Bridge\)](#).



*Before and after photos (left) of restriping and before and after photos (right) of new sidewalk improvements.*

4. **Facebook and Web Site.** The [Bike/Walk Key West Facebook page](#) is up to 1,000 subscribers. Bike Walk Key West web site added a “[Progress](#)” page. Most popular page is [Maps](#).
5. **Bicycle Parking.** We are in the middle of getting bids for bicycle racks. The program has \$15,000 to spend this year and with this money is focusing on obtaining U-Racks on Rails and bollards, typical of what’s already out there, for placement in downtown. It is anticipated that a full blown Bicycle Parking Plan will be developed as part of the BPMTP. In the meantime interim issues are being discussed. More on that here on the [Bicycle Parking page](#).
6. **Marketing Grant.** Funding from the [Bike Florida grant](#) (50/50 for a total of \$50,000) for a “Bike Walk Key West Starter Program Kit” became available June 1. Now that the BPMTP RFP is done, work is being done to complete an RFP to hire marketing/cartographic/event firm(s) to do the work which involves branding, making maps and brochures and engaging the community. Some or all of this may be tied in with the Commuter Services project. Work is projected to start in the fall.
7. **South Florida Commuter Services.** At the City’s request, [South Florida Commuter Services](#) (a service of FDOT District 6), is putting together a plan for bringing this service to Key West. This would mean developing materials (web and print) that would promote bike-walk-transit options to the hotels and big employers and also ask them to set up commuter benefit programs for their employees and to promote biking, walking and transit to their guests. This should include SFCS staff time down here working with our employers.
8. **Carshare Pilot.** At the April 3 Commission Meeting, Commissioner Weekley asked the City Manager to direct staff to look into bringing carshare to Key West. Staff completed a report and forwarded a Plan for a carshare pilot to the Manager. The proposed pilot would use the City of West Palm Beach as a model to enter into a License to Use Agreement with Zipcar to provide four to eight carshare vehicles in downtown. The Executive Summary and Resolution for the Commission to enact a program are expected to go to the Commission in August. More on [carshare page](#).
9. **Neighborhood Forum.** On June 9, staff gave a talk entitled “[10 Tools to Tackle Most Any City’s Traffic and Parking Problems](#)” at the Last Stand Neighborhood Forum on Transportation and Affordable Housing. Text of the remarks and a snippet of video can be [found here](#).
10. **Around Key West On Two Wheels** – is the title of the story Nancy Klingener did with me on local NPR Radio 91.5 FM <http://wlrn.org/post/around-key-west-two-wheels>.