

Bicycle Friendly Application

Rationale:

“The Bicycle Friendly Community Program (BFC) provides a roadmap to improve conditions for bicycling in your community and offers national recognition for communities that actively support bicycling. A Bicycle Friendly Community welcomes cyclists by providing safe accommodation for cycling and encouraging people to bike for transportation and recreation”

Goal:

It is the goal to submit the Bicycle Friendly Community application by Fall 2013. To complete the application, information on standings and statistics have been divided between the departments of Planning, Engineering, and the Key West Police Department.

Standings:

Key west currently has:

- Shown investment in bicycling by taking interest in improving the quality of life, public health, transportation options, environmental stewardship concerns, and bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Established of both a bicycle advisory committee and bicycle advocacy group (Key West Bicycle Association)
- Community and charity rides (ex. SmartRide, Zombie bike ride, and Holiday bicycle tour)
- City staff assists in promoting the community rides
- Triathlon and bicycle races
- Bicycle-themed festivals/parades/shows
- TDC promoting bicycling
- Option to rent bicycles
- More employees bike over walking or transit for commuting

Key West can work to achieve:

- Bicycle Master Plan
- Complete streets policy
- Bicycle friendly design manual
- Streetscape design guidelines
- Bike parking ordinances
- Way finding signage with distance
- Car free/car restricted zones
- SmartCycling courses for engineers
- Mayor-led/Council-led rides
- PSAs
- Car-free days
- Bike to school day
- Bike to work day
- Bicycling commuting incentives
- Themed loops around the community
- Bike sharing program
- Bicycle friendly business designations
- Mapping of bicycle routes, interactive web based bicycle maps

Priority	Item	Level of Difficulty	Description	Cost
1	Bicycle Master Plan	Medium	Edit and add to previous Bicycle Master Plan	\$
2	Mapping of Bike Routes	Medium	Create digital, and interactive web-based maps of bike routes. Can edit and add to previously non-adopted route map. The egov software would assist in web-based interactive maps.	\$
3	Bike Sharing Program	Hard	Look into having private local bike retailer run and maintain share program on city granted property	\$\$
4	Car Free Zones	Hard	Pedestrian Mall- proposal in the works.	\$\$\$
5	Complete Streets Policy		A Smart Growth Principle "Complete Streets are designed and operate to enable safe and convenient access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorist, and transit riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and access a complete street." Known as a holistic transportation approach, therefore ideal for TCT.	
6	Streetscape Design Guidelines		*With Bicycle and Pedestrian safety in mind- See GDOT toolkit	
7	Way finding signage with distances			
8	Themed loops around community	Easy	This would give us credit where we do not have a BMX park	\$
9	Mayor-led/Council-led rides	Easy		-
10	Bike to school day	Easy		-
11	Bike to work day	Easy		-
12	PSA	Easy		\$
13	Bicycling commute incentives	Medium		
14	Bicycle friendly business designation	Medium	Designation through application	
15	Car Free days	Medium	"Cyclovia"	\$
16	SmartCycling	Hard	Courses for engineers -Closest location in Miami	\$\$
	Bicycle Friendly Design Manual			
	Bike Parking Ordinances			