

THE CITY OF KEY WEST 1300 White Street, Key West Florida 33040

February 10, 2025

Electric Bicycle Usage Within the City of Key West

To reduce automobile traffic and associated negative impacts within the City of Key West, the Transportation Coordination Team discussed methods to support lawful electric bicycle operation in accordance with Florida State Statutes and City Ordinance.

Lawful electric bicycle usage is supported by the League of American Bicyclists, who have identified the City of Key West as a Bicycle Friendly City, as well as the Florida Bicycle Association whose mission is to make Florida better for people who want to bicycle and for people who need to bicycle.

Understanding that infrastructure projects to create dedicated space within the right-of-way for all users is beyond the immediate scope, the TCT continues to watch for successful techniques deployed in other Florida communities.

As Key West has experienced a rise in crashes involving bicycles in 2024, taking measures that will encourage compliance with existing laws such that all users can feel and travel safe, without discouraging alternative forms of transportation, is advantageous within the City overall.

TCT Meeting January 23, 2025

I. Ongoing Education / Outreach efforts:

- Multilingual flyers distributed at locations with steady conflicts
- High Visibility Enforcement Events
 - o Grant funded partnership with KWPD (12/20/2024, 1/24/2025)
 - o Partnership with Florida Department of Health in Monroe County
- Presentations
 - o Adult Education with Monroe County Schools (3/27/2025)
 - Workforce Development Center
 - o Contractor Quarterly
 - Chambers / Lodging
 - Parking Staff

II. Lobbying Activities:

- Request modification to Florida Statute to make clearly permit enforcement within City limits along State roads.
- Request that the Florida Legislature permit Areas of Critical State Concern to have regulatory authority.

III. FDOT Variance:

- Formerly request a variance to permit installation of shared lane markings indicating electric bicycle speed limit along areas of the Overseas Heritage Trail.
- Formerly request a variance to permit installation of signage identifying City Electric Bicycle Ordinance.