

# **Sustainability Advisory Board**

## **FY25 Priorities Report**

February 10, 2025

### **1) Increase Resiliency of Our Island**

#### **i. Implement ESCO program to reduce energy/water use (4-1.2)**

10% Complete. Expected project commencement Fall 2025.

The ESCO Owners Rep contract is ready for approval. The next step is to have them help write the Request for Proposals for the actual ESCO contractor.

#### **ii. Implement Resiliency Fee (2-3.3)**

5% Complete. Expected project commencement before FY26.

The proposed ordinance will go in front of the Planning Board on February 20<sup>th</sup>. From there it will have 2 readings in front of the City Commisison.

#### **iii. Develop stronger building codes for wind and flood (4-4.1)**

15% complete. Expected project completion Fall 2025.

Some components of a “Code Plus” policy have been gathered. More will be forthcoming as we complete the policy section of the Adaptation Plan, slated for July of 2025.

### **2) Increase Reduce & Recycling Efforts**

#### **i. Mandatory & Incentivized Recycling for Businesses (4-2.1)**

On hold until new Recycling Coordinator gets settled.

#### **ii. Hire Recycling Coordinator (4-2)**

100% Complete! Keely Kessler started work in November of 2024.

#### **iii. Research and develop a plan to increase local composting (4-2.3)**

15% Complete. Expected project design: Fall 2025.

Staff have identified grant funding and have begun convening partners to design a program that would score high in the funders system. In partnership with Monroe County and Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden.

### **3) Less Cars on the Road**

#### **i. Hire Sustainable Transportation Coordinator (6-1)**

100% Complete. Ray Atkinson started work in January of 2025.

#### **ii. Increase and enforce alternative transportation education and safety regulations (6-4.2)**

Ongoing. Staff has attended many eBike education events and bicycle safety events.

#### **iii. Create additional permanent funding for Transit (6-2)**

20% Complete.

The Transportation Coordination Team has recommended multiple new revenues to the Finance Department and will bring them up again in front of the new city management this budget season. This list includes:

- 1 hour increments (enacted)
- Parking by plate (in motion).
- Surge parking revenues (enacted but not expressly allocated)
- Parking at White Street (in motion, but not expressly allocated)

The Transportation Coordination Team and SAB have also disapproved of City Commission ideas to reduce parking fees which would reduce not only Transit funding, but also General Fund coffers.

#### **4) Environmental Protection (14)**

**i. Decrease imperviousness by adopting Best Management Practices for stormwater (2-4.2)**

10% complete. If approved, would be complete in time for FY26.

Staff has obtained a Task Order quote for the Stormwater Fee Study. The recommendation to allocate funds to the study is in front of the SAB in February and will go to City Commission in March.

**ii. Increase CFK Funding for Water Quality Monitoring Equipment (4-3.5)**

While the budget was approved for FY25, subsequent City Commission resolutions elected to pivot and reallocate the funding to different priorities.

**iii. Complete Ten-Year Energy Plan (4-1.1)**

80% Complete. Expected completion Fall of 2025.

Adaptation and Energy Coordinator applied for and received a Technical Assistance grant to help the City complete its Plan. A stakeholder workshop was convened in January of 2025. The grant included \$50,000 which was allocated towards paying for the ESCO Owners Representative.