



**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
THE CITY OF KEY WEST**

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**To:** City Commissioners  
City Manager  
Planning Department

**Date:** January 10, 2013

**Re:** Adoption of Complete Streets Policy

Dear Leaders,

The Sustainability Board feels very strongly that the City of Key West should remain unified in pursuing balanced and fair travel options for the citizens, visitors and businesses of Key West. We urge City staff to create and adopt a "Complete Streets" policy to bolster City staff's efforts to re-invent our streets for all users.

"[Complete Streets](#)" is a movement that recognizes that transportation right of ways are for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. It's opposite, incomplete streets, are those designed with only cars in mind, which limit transportation choices by making walking, bicycling, and taking public transportation inconvenient, unattractive, and, too often, dangerous.

Florida is a leader in Complete Streets adoption, with over 20 local or regional policies in place in early 2012. Although the term "complete streets" was not coined until 2003, Florida became one of the first States to adopt Complete Streets types of policies, enacting Florida Statute 335.065 requiring that transportation planning and development give "full consideration" to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Many of the pending updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan support the adoption of complete streets types of policies.

We don't ask for this because there is opposition to the theory. We ask because sometimes, in practice, change is hard and we seek to give more support to City staff in charge of carrying these plans out. While few people have ever voiced opposition to sidewalks and bike lanes in general, there have been street projects that receive strong opposition from some about the localized changes that those sidewalks and bike lanes necessitate.

Having attended many of these community meetings, we also feel it is very important to take a strong look at how our residential and paid parking rules to can better benefit the nearby businesses and residents affected by street changes.

We feel that the implementation of **all** of these items is what will help the City of Key West attain its greenhouse reduction goals by making our streets safer and friendlier to all modes of transportation.

Thank you,

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