



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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SUBJECT: **Adopting the 2019 Key West Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; Directing City Staff to Implement the Phase I Recommendations.**

ACTION STATEMENT: This resolution accepts the final 2019 Key West Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan from the Toole Design Group and directs City Staff to work towards the implementation of the Phase I Recommendations from the Plan.

BACKGROUND: The City Commission issued a task order for Toole Design Group to furnish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for the City of Key West. (Resolution 17-029). This plan would include:

- Public Engagement and Needs Assessment
- Inventory and Existing Conditions
- Complete Streets Design Guide
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Network
- Engineering/Infrastructure
- Education, Enforcement and Evaluation
- Multi-Modal Connectivity
- Funding Opportunities

After several public meetings and a detailed analysis of the City's streets, intersections and facilities, Toole Design Group has completed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan offering numerous recommendations on the aforementioned topics, with specific phases as means to improve the connectivity, facilities, infrastructure, mode-share and overall safety of our rights of way to both residents and visitors on our island.

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION: The City of Key West scores high on a number of bicycle and pedestrian related lists, most infamously:

- #3 in the Nation for percent of workers commuting by bicycle 17%.
- #1 for small sized Florida Cities for bike accidents/fatalities

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was intended to help create a roadmap for the City to increase ridership and decrease accidents. The document from Toole Design Group includes all of the aforementioned goals.

The Phase I Recommendations for the Master Plan are as follows:

Phased Action Items

The action items below represent a phased approach to implementing the key recommendations of this plan.

SHORT TERM: 1-4 YEARS			
CATEGORY	ACTION	CATEGORY	ACTION
Goals	Bike/Walk Friendly: Silver Certification	Multi-Modal	Carpool Program / Bike Share Program / Pilot North Roosevelt Loop
Safety	Enhance safety at 10 intersections	Tactical Urbanism	Pilot Duval Pedestrian Area
Infrastructure	Fix It Stations, Bike Lockers	Complete Streets	Crosstown Connector
Policy / Planning	Incorporate Transportation Planning into Special Event permits	Complete Streets	Marina Connector
Policy / Planning	Incorporate Complete Streets Checklist for ROW projects	Complete Streets	Smathers Beach Connector
Policy / Planning	Update Land Development Regulations	Complete Streets	Hotel Collection Easement
Policy / Planning	Request FDOT Corridor Management Study for North / South Roosevelt	Complete Streets	Jose Marti
Wayfinding	Design and implement a bicycle wayfinding system	Evaluation	Purchase and place bike/ped counters
Wayfinding	Upload bike & transit routes into Google Maps	Evaluation	Plan next 5 years of projects (Medium Term)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impacts of Phase I Recommendations would be spread out over the next 4 years, subject to approval during annual Budget workshops.

Many of the actions within the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan have multiple funding options, including FDOT grants, the City’s dedicated Transportation Alternatives Fund and CIP Projects, including annual Paving, Sidewalk and ADA projects.

The first Annual Bicycle Action Plan with associated costs will be coordinated by the City's internal Transportation Coordination Team and presented to the City Commission by April, in time for the FY19/20 Budget Workshops.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the acceptance of the Key West Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the implementation of the Phase I Recommendations.