

Parking and Alternative Transportation Board

Short Term Recommendation #14: Bicycle Parking and Racks

Language:

Recommending that the City Finance Department provide significant annual funding to replace/maintain and increase the number of and availability of bike racks.

Justification/Research:

For many years, the City set budgeted \$15,000 annually to spend on bike racks. Almost 100% of these new racks went to replace damaged, lost or stolen racks already in existence.

In FY13-14, the City doubled and maintained the Bike rack budget to \$30,000 to increase the amount of bike parking available throughout the City.

In FY16-17, due to delays from Hurricane Irma and the vacancy of the Bike Ped Coordinator position, no money was spent on bike racks.

In FY17-18, \$30,000 was spent on bike racks, most of which became new, movable bike racks for special events.

The FY18-19 Budget was passed with no money for bike racks, due to budgetary shortfalls from Hurricane Irma.

Alternatives:

The Transportation Alternatives Fund was created from a raise in parking meter fees. While the first priority of the funds were to help launch the Duval Loop, the Fund was always meant to provide dollars for new endeavors to increase the safety and uptake of modes of transportation other than the single occupant vehicle. The fund was not meant for maintaining or reoccurring projects. That said, the City's internal Transportation Coordination Team is in favor of allowing the Transportation Alternatives Fund for a one time use in bike rack gap funding.

Options:

Recommend to the City Commission:

- A) Allow \$30,000 for bike racks from the Transportation Alternatives Fund for FY18-19 only.
- B) Reinststate \$30,000 for bike racks in FY18-19 from the General Fund
- C) Either of the above for a lesser or larger amount of money.
- D) Nothing for FY18-19
- E) Other?