



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 10, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Todd C. Stoughton
Interim City Manager

Subject: **(File ID: 24-6486) Welcome to Key West/Come Back Soon Sign Relocation at the US1 Triangle**

Introduction

Requesting the City Commission to give staff approval to work with FDOT to relocate the Welcome to Key West/Thanks for Visiting sign from the center median to FDOT Right of Way on US1.

Background

In 2023 the Rotary sponsored sign 'Welcome to Key West/Come Back Soon' was removed from the median on US1 in preparation of new landscaping that was placed where the previous sign was installed. It was determined that keeping the sign in the center median would not be safe for visitors to cross into the median to take pictures. The new landscaping does not allow for a pedestrian path and visitors would be required to walk through the new landscaping to take a picture, which is also an ADA violation.

A request was made to the FDOT District 6 Supervisor to allow for two signs to be installed; The first would be on the north side of US1 with a 'Welcome to Key West' logo, while a second sign would be created to be installed on the south side of US1 with 'Come Back Soon'.

The previous Welcome Sign was permitted within the median by FDOT. During our initial request to FDOT to install the signs in the new locations, FDOT asked for our application to be accompanied with a City Commission Resolution approving the new locations.

The City retains possession of the one sign with the welcome/come back soon lettering and will need to modify the welcome sign and create a new Come Back Soon sign.

Financial Impact:

There are no financial impacts for this resolution. Once FDOT approves there may be permitting fees, however, the signs will be installed by City Staff.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approval allowing staff to work with FDOT on permitting the new locations of the signage.