TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

DATE: September 27th, 2016

RE: Authorize the Key West Police Department to accept FDOT HVE High Visibility

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement Funding via a contract administered by University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research in the amount

of \$28,852.36.

Action Statement:

Authorize the Key West Police Department to accept FDOT HVE High Visibility Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement Funding via a contract administered by University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research in the amount of \$28,852.36.

Background:

The Florida Department of Transportation, through a grant with the University of South Florida is partnering with law enforcement to support ongoing efforts to educated and enforce safe pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver behaviors in priority counties in Florida. Crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists are more likely to result in fatal or serious injuries than any other types of crashes, and the financial impacts and suffering caused by these crashes are significant.

Purpose and Justification:

The purpose of this funding is to develop and implement effective community level high visibility enforcement operations at the areas with the highest representation of traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists resulting in serious injuries and fatalities. Pedestrians and bicyclists are more vulnerable than all other road users. Traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists are more likely to result in fatal or serious injuries than any other types of traffic crashes. According to the 2017 Highway Safety Matrix: Ranking of Florida Cities



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for the period 2010-2014, the City of Key West is ranked #9 for Bicycle injury and fatal crashes and Pedestrian injury and fatal crashes.

Options:

One option is to approve the FDOT HVE funding contract for additional enforcement and education efforts in our city.

Another option is to forgo the application and acceptance of this funding resulting in a loss of dedicated traffic safety enforcement and education options to address ongoing pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in our city.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact and there are no matching funds required.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Key West Police Department to accept the FDOT HVE funding and amend the budget in the amount of \$28,852.36.



