



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 4, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Alison Higgins
Resiliency Manager

Subject: (File 25-3734) Approving the attached “Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee 2025 Recommendations to the Monroe County US1 Transportation Master Plan”

Introduction

The “Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee (FKTCC) 2025 Recommendations to the Monroe County Master Transportation Plan” is the culmination of local and regional prioritization of immediate projects that could decrease traffic congestion on US1. This list is submitted to the FDOT through Monroe County Resolution, as set by the FKTCC which consists of one elected official from each of the 6 Keys local governments. Previous lists have been highly successful at elevating Keys projects within FDOT.

Background

The Florida Keys are dependent on a safe, attractive, resilient, sustainable, and efficient access and travel along U.S. 1 throughout Monroe County. Coordinated and comprehensive solutions are necessary for the traffic flow, congestion, safety and other transportation issues that affect the Florida Keys.

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan requires Monroe County to complete a Transportation Strategy Master Plan that incorporates an intermodal transportation system and reduces traffic congestion on US1 to a Level of Service (LOS) “C” (45 mph average).

The 2021 U.S. 1 Arterial Travel Time and Delay Study (ATTDS) reported an overall Level of Service “C” on U.S. 1 with a median speed of 45.5 mph and two (2) segments within the Islamorada scoring lower (LOS D for Windley Key and LOS E for Upper Matecumbe).

On October 20, 2021, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners adopted the U. S. 1 Transportation Master Plan and asked the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee (FKTCC), to review the



Potential Solutions List from Appendix G and provides an overall recommendation to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners for a short-term list of high priority projects.

The FKTCC consists of one elected official from each of the 6 Keys local governments. City of Key West Commissioner Marylou Hoover has served as the City's liaison to the FKTCC since its inception in 2019. Through her participation, the City provided its local priority list as ranked by the City's Transportation Coordination Committee and passed by City Commission via Resolution 21-209 on October 6, 2021.

On November 3, 2021, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 408-2021 with the entire prioritized project list, with the coordinated submission to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

In the 3 years following, FDOT has addressed 75 of the projects from the 2021 list and asked the FKTCC to submit an updated prioritized list.

Purpose and Justification

The Recommendations to the Monroe County Master Transportation Plan has proven to be a highly efficient vehicle to place Keyswide and Key West specific priority goals on the FDOT radar and task list. Many of the projects recommended will greatly assist traffic congestion on US1 and within our island.

The projects submitted reflect goals and objectives from the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, Key West Forward Strategic Plan and current Strategic Plan.

Procurement

There are no financial obligations involved with approving the recommendations.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission accept and approve the "Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee 2025 Recommendations to the Monroe County Master Transportation Plan"

Attachments:

- 2025 Key West Transportation Coordination Team Recommendations to the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee
- 2022 Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Recommendations from the Monroe County US1 Transportation Master Plan, Appendix G.
- 2021 Monroe County U.S.1 Transportation Master Plan