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TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Doug Bradshaw, Senior Project Manager

DATE: September 17, 2010

SUBJECT: **Supporting the proposed activities as outlined in the 2011 / 2012 Local Government Funding Requests to FDEP for Smathers & Rest beaches.**

ACTION STATEMENT:

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Key West, FL approving the proposed activities as outlined in the 2011/2012 Local Government funding request to FDEP for Key West Beaches and authorizing the City to act as a local sponsor with the state Division of Parks and recreation and expressing the City's intention to provide the local cost share.

BACKGROUND:

The FDEP Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems require annual submittal of LGFR as a method of funding grant projects for beach renourishment activities. As a result of past submittals to FDEP the City is currently entered into a 50/50 cost share grant agreement, 06-MO1, with the FDEP for Smathers Beach; the State's share is \$438,945. This funding will be utilized to renourish Smather's Beach during the 2010-2011 budget year. The City is waiting on final approval of the permit. The City also has a 50/50 cost share agreement 08-MO2 for Rest Beach of which the State's cost share is \$60,000. This is currently being utilized for preparation of the renourishment permit.

Attached are the funding requests for Smathers & Rest Beaches.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

Support of the Local Government Funding Requests by the City Commission is required prior to submittal.

OPTIONS:

- 1.) Support the LGFR

Advantages: The advantages to supporting the LGFR is that it makes the city eligible for a FDEP cost share agreement when funds are allocated for City projects. The plan assists the City in meeting FEMA requirements for funding post disaster public assistance.

Disadvantages: The only disadvantages to adopting the LGFR is commitment of the 50/50 cost sharing funds if grant money is awarded

2) Do not support the LGFR

Advantages: Funds do not have to be committed

Disadvantages: the disadvantage to not supporting the LGFR is that the city will not be eligible for beach funding from FDEP

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If grant funding is awarded then the City will need to commit matching funds of the amount awarded. The City intends if possible to plan and construct its future beach renourishment projects in conjunction with Fort Taylor State Park Beach which could increase states cost share from 50% to 75%.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends option # 1, City Commission Approval of the Action Statement in its entirety.