

Resolution # _____

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TO IDENTIFY THE DISTINCT TRANSPORTATION USER GROUPS UTILIZING US 1 IN MONROE COUNTY AND EVALUATE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THEIR DIFFERING NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys, within Monroe County, are a chain of islands connected by 112 miles of US Highway 1 (U.S. 1), extending from Key Largo to Key West, representing the most southerly point of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County and its municipalities have adopted policies and regulations in their Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code to maintain public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Florida Keys and to strengthen our local government capability of managing land use and development; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County and its municipalities are totally dependent on U.S. 1 for intracommunity movement; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 1 serves as the main conduit for movement of both residents, visitors, and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, automobile traffic constitutes the majority of traffic on U.S. 1; and

WHEREAS, ideas to reduce traffic on U.S. 1 have been proposed in the past; however there has been no comprehensive study performed that identifies the distinct transportation user groups in Monroe County and evaluates potential solutions to alleviate their differing needs; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of significant traffic delays has been increasing annually; and

WHEREAS, the County and its residents are concerned that delays are reaching the point at which the workforce, including the tourism industry, will be seriously affected; and

WHEREAS, the delays are seriously compromising the quality of both residents' lives and the tourist experience; and

WHEREAS, protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Florida Keys and maintaining the level of service of U. S. 1 is essential to the County and its municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. The Florida Department of Transportation is respectfully requested undertake the following:

1. Identify and quantify the user groups on US-1 including their distribution in different parts of the County;
2. Determine the proportion of traffic/trips that are long-haul transportation of visitors from outside of Monroe County, internal visitor circulation, worker commuters and commercial traffic, both from outside of the county and within, and normal resident circulation;
3. Utilize transportation user group information to evaluate potential transportation alternative solutions to address each group’s particular needs.

Section 3. The Monroe County Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this resolution to :

Ms. Rachel Cone, Secretary
 Florida Department of Transportation
 605 Suwannee Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Mr. Jim Wolfe, Secretary
 District 6
 Florida Department of Transportation
 1000 N.W. 111 Avenue
 Miami, Florida 33172

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor George Neugent	_____
Mayor Pro Tem David Rice	_____
Commissioner Danny L. Kolhage	_____
Commissioner Sylvia J. Murphy	_____
Commissioner Heather Carruthers	_____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
Mayor George Neugent

(SEAL)

ATTEST: KEVIN MADDOK, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk