



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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To: Jim Scholl, City Manager

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Subject: Acceptance of an easement from the School Board of Monroe County, Florida for public use of a sidewalk located at 1400 United Street, Key West, Florida 33040.

Action Statement

This Resolution would allow the City to enter into an Easement Agreement with the School Board of Monroe County, Florida for use of a narrow parcel of land adjacent to the public right-of-way for a new sidewalk located at 1400 United Street, Key West, Florida 33040, commonly referred to as May Sands Elementary School, and more particularly described on Exhibit "A" to the Easement Agreement, which is attached hereto.

Background

The City desires to provide Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks to serve the citizenry of Key West, particularly in areas of public buildings and educational facilities. The City has established a priority to provide for the new sidewalk improvement project on United Street between White Street and Leon Street to serve the May Sands Elementary School and the new City Hall to be located at the intersection of United and White Streets. Unfortunately, the City does not have sufficient public right-of-way width to provide for a fully compliant sidewalk connection.

Funds from Internal Improvement Fund account #102-4102-541-6300 (EN1303) were approved by the City Commission (Resolution 14-154 dated June 3, 2014) for the construction of installation of ADA compliant sidewalks, curb and gutter, ADA ramps, minor asphalt work, roadway striping and signage along the south side of United Street from White Street to Leon Street. The construction project has been on hold awaiting development and approval of this Easement Agreement for use of the narrow parcel of land adjacent to the public right-of-way (see Exhibit A).

MEMORANDUM

Purpose and Justification

Areas along the south side of United Street are provided with either non ADA-compliant sidewalks or have no existing sidewalks, making for unsafe pedestrian conditions. Plans are at the 100 percent (%) complete stage to allow for construction of new ADA compliant sidewalks, curb and gutter, ADA ramps, minor asphalt work, roadway striping and signage along the south side of United Street from White Street to Leon Street. Resolution 14-154 approved a Task Order for a not to exceed construction budget of \$433,126.29 (see Exhibit B). City staff recommends approving an easement agreement between the City and the School Board of Monroe County, Florida to allow for construction of the new sidewalk.

Options

Option #1 Approve the Easement Agreement between the City and the School Board of Monroe County, Florida to allow for construction of the new sidewalk.

Option #2 Do not approve the Easement Agreement between the City and the School Board of Monroe County, Florida. If this option is selected, a new sidewalk cannot be constructed as designed and noncompliance issues will remain.

Financial Issues

There would be no cost to the City for entering into the Easement Agreement.

Recommendation

Approve the Easement Agreement between the City and the School Board of Monroe County, Florida to allow for construction of the new ADA compliant sidewalk.