

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR CONSIDERING THE CONCERNS OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST WITH RESPECT TO THE COW KEY CHANNEL BRIDGE PROJECT AND INCORPORATING CONTRACT INCENTIVE PROVISIONS TO REDUCE COMPLETION TIME; STATING THAT THE COW KEY CHANNEL PROJECT WILL HAVE A MAJOR EFFECT ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CITY RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE; REQUESTING FDOT TO CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE AND CONSIDER WAYS TO FURTHER COMPRESS THE PROJECT TIMEFRAME TO MINIMIZE THE PROJECT IMPACT ON KEY WEST; SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION ON A 24-HOUR/7 DAY A WEEK SCHEDULE TO REDUCE THE TIMEFRAME; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has commenced the design phase of improvements to the Cow Key Channel Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Cow Key Channel Bridge is the sole ground access point to the island of Key West (motor vehicle, bike and pedestrian), and essential to Key West for social, economic and safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is crucial to make every effort to ensure that construction on the Cow Key Channel Bridge is completed in the fastest and most efficient way possible, to protect the safety and reasonable

access of the citizens, visitors, commuters, students and public safety personnel of Key West; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission acknowledges and appreciates the efforts by FDOT officials to listen to the concerns of the City of Key West with respect to the timeframe for the Cow Key Channel Bridge construction process, specifically initial efforts to reduce the timeframe from 16 months to 370 days. The City Commission appreciates FDOT's contract incentive provision that could reduce the completion time to 250 days.

Section 2: That the City Commission urges FDOT to continue to recognize that reconstruction of the Cow Key Channel Bridge Project is a major public safety and quality of life issue for residents, visitors and emergency response in Key West.

Section 3: That the City Commission urges FDOT to continue to consider every option to further compress the Cow Key Channel Bridge Project and further reduce its impact on Key West.

Section 4: That the City Commission urges FDOT to require that construction contract(s) for the Cow Key Channel Bridge include 24 hours per day/7 days per week construction, to reduce the project timeframe as much as possible.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK