



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 6, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

CC: Doug Bradshaw, Engineering Director
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From: Ryan Stachurski, Multimodal Transportation Coordinator

Subject: **North Roosevelt Blvd Palm Installation (File ID: 26-5603)**

Introduction

Resolution supporting the installation of four (4) coconut palm trees along North Roosevelt Blvd.

Background

North Roosevelt Blvd was fully reconstructed in 2014 (407233-1), and coconut palms were included in the design along the waterside perimeter at the request of city leaders (Res 10-238). The City of Key West assumed maintenance responsibility for the palms (Res 11-032) and the aesthetic preference was restated for the recent repaving project (Res 24-058). As part of the 2026 repaving project (446011-1), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) removed the bus pull-off bay west of Palm Ave to improve safety as identified in the FDOT Pedestrian Safety Study (250650-5-32-01). Although the safest option for sidewalk users is a guardrail, providing landscaping affords some separation and improves comfort for pedestrians and esthetic appeal for all roadway users. FDOT has proposed to honor the previous City Commission recommendation and infill the resulting concrete surface with four (4) coconut palms and flexible pavement to match the existing landscaping. For FDOT to proceed, the City would need to accept maintenance responsibility for the additional coconut palms.

Procurement

Procurement and installation of the four coconut palms is anticipated to be completed by FDOT upon amending the existing maintenance agreement. The existing palms are currently maintained by the Community Services Department at an approximate cost of \$50.00 / palm. As each palm is typically maintained four times per year, the approximate total additional annual maintenance cost is \$800.00.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing maintenance agreement with FDOT. This resolution supports the City's Strategic Planning Priority 1. *Infrastructure*.