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Hi City Clerk Team -
Can you please attach the following letter to the Commissioners as an attachment to their January 6 Agenda please.
Thank you,
Chris

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Honorable Mayor, Commissioners and City Manager -

Regarding item #34 on your January 6 agenda the question is posed: "Do we support seeking tourist tax funds for tourist-serving transit like the Duval Loop?"
The answer is a clear and resounding YES!

We've written about the issue here "[Funding Transit Without Raising Local Taxes: A Win for Tourists and Residents](#)" and can also be found in this morning's [KONK Life newspaper](#) ad on [Substack](#).

Pursuing funding for services like the Loop and Lower Keys Shuttle will indeed enhance the visitor experience, alleviate congestion and bolster the hospitality industry - all while allowing you to pursue other sources for more resident-based transit.

Importantly, and as we go into detail in this and a previous [TDT funding article](#), this is all backed up legally. As long as you do it right.

Our [workforce, residents, tourists and economy need a robust, reliable, transit system](#). This is a start on steady funding. Please pursue it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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