

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; REQUESTING THAT FDOT PROVIDE A FORMAL SUMMARY ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING A SECOND BRIDGE FROM 5TH AVENUE ON STOCK ISLAND TO THE NAVY HOSPITAL PROPERTY IN KEY WEST; REQUESTING FDOT TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL FOR ALTERNATIVE ROADWAY/BRIDGE LOCATIONS TO ENTER/EXIT THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently in 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 traffic congestion facing Key West and Lower Keys residents and visitors entering the City is a current concern, and will continue to be a concern in the future; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2019, the FDOT District 6 Planning and Environmental Management Office issued a white paper detailing the steps necessary for a potentially building a 600-foot-long second bridge from 5th Avenue on Stock Island to the Navy Hospital Property in Key West; and

WHEREAS, the report estimated that the cost of the project, including planning, necessary studies, design and construction, the project could take as much as ten years to complete, and further stated "Without a detailed feasibility study, a definitive recommendation is not prudent;" and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is crucial to make every effort to ensure that access to Key West is addressed for the long-term, 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 ongoing efforts by FDOT officials to listen to the concerns of the City of Key West with respect to reconstruction of the Cow Key Channel Bridge.

Section 2: That the City Commission requests that FDOT provide a formal summary about the feasibility of building a second bridge from 5th Avenue on Stock Island to the Navy Hospital Property in Key West, or any other such location as may be identified for a second bridge from Stock Island to Key West.

Section 3: That the City Commission requests that FDOT additionally assess the potential for alternative roadway/bridge locations to enter/exit the City of Key West.

Section 4: 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 _____, 2019.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2019.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2019.

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

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK