

RESOLUTION NO. 23-317

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) INSTALL A PERMANENT TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF COLLEGE ROAD AND US 1 NEAR MURRAY MARINE EXPEDITIOUSLY, WITHIN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FDOT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, during reconstruction of the Cow Key Channel Bridge in 2018-20, FDOT installed a temporary traffic light at the intersection of College Road and US 1 (near Murray Marine) and the City Commission, and many members of the community, found that the temporary traffic light had a positive impact on traffic safety and convenience; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 20-144, the City Commission requested that FDOT install a permanent traffic light in that location; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years traffic has increased, and it has become more critical to install a traffic light at the intersection to ensure safe and timely access to public safety and emergency facilities, including the Lower Keys Medical Center and

the County Jail on College Road, and for efficient community access to Gerald Adams Elementary School, and The College of the Florida Keys by a diverse range of vehicles and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has expressed an intention to install a traffic light at that location in 2027, however the City Commission finds that such a delay hinders public safety, and that there is no economic benefit to be gained by waiting four more years to address this current need.

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

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby requests the Florida Department of Transportation to install as soon as possible - within the current fiscal year - a permanent traffic light at the intersection College Road and US 1, near Murray Marine, to improve traffic flow and safety.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 3: 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 9th day of November, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 13th day of November, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on November 13, 2023.

Mayor Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK