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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: David Fernandez, Assistant City Manager - Operations *EDF*

DATE: February 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Federal Priorities Letter - 2011

ACTION STATEMENT: A Resolution approving the City's legislative agenda outlined in the attached letter to our Congresswoman/Senators in Washington, D.C.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This letter serves as catalyst in our efforts to generate economic development in much needed areas of our city.

BACKGROUND:

The City staff in consultation with our Federal Government Lobbyist developed a list of legislative priorities to be addressed at a federal level. The list is deliberately short to allow our elected officials focus on the high priority needs. The list is also kept consistent to maintain iterative funding opportunities for long term high cost projects. These priorities were presented to the Commission for discussion.

In the past, our elected officials used our list to provide funding via earmarks in the federal budget. We expect a change in the FY 2012 budget to a grant based system of funding for local projects where we can expect grant funding to be established where local communities will compete for funding via grant application.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The City of Key West receives federal funding for capital projects. These capital projects will promote job creation and economic development. This resolution is intended to give the public an opportunity to provide input on City legislative priorities.

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OPTIONS:

1. Approve the priorities as presented. This option allows the City to pursue federal funding for key capital projects, which otherwise may not be possible.
2. Revise the priority list and direct staff to pursue funding for the remaining projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If successful it will allow us to pursue funding requirements as follows:

- Transit facility request will complete funding requirements.
- Bus aprons requests will complete funding requirements.
- Ferry Terminal will fund construction cost.
- Funding installation of law enforcement video surveillance cameras to provide security.
- This will fund all aspects of design and reconstruction Mallory Square cruise ship T-Pier.
- Truman Waterfront Property Phase I development includes design and construction of roads, recreational areas, utilities and landscape.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached list of legislative priorities outlined in Option 1.