



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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DATE: April 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Approving Altering Traffic Flow to One Way, One Lane, Leon Street between Catherine Street and Flagler Avenue

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will grant approval by the City Commission of the City of Key West for the alteration of the traffic pattern on Leon Street to a one-way, one lane street from Catherine Street to Flagler Avenue going south.

BACKGROUND:

Leon Street currently is a two way street from Catherine Street to Atlantic Blvd. Over the years as development occurred and houses were built between Catherine Street and United Street, subdivision platting issues reduced the right-of-way width. The City has acquired stimulus dollars that will allow for a sidewalk to be installed on the west side of the roadway between Catherine Street and Flagler Avenue. There will also be sidewalk installed on the east side of Leon Street from United Street to Flagler Avenue. This will be a safety improvement for the neighborhood children and connectivity from the School complex to the Flagler Avenue corridor. Because of the present narrowness of Leon Street, in order to install a sidewalk and provide safety for the travel lane(s), we are requesting that the blocks between Catherine Street and Flagler Avenue become one lane, one way travelling south from Catherine Street to Flagler Avenue.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

Section 70-31 (b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Key West, requires City Commission approval for one-way streets. The purpose for this request is to provide for the space and pedestrian safety to install a sidewalk along the west side of the right-of-way on Leon Street between Catherine Street and Flagler Avenue and on the east side of

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the right-of-way on Leon Street from United Street to Flagler Avenue by altering the traffic pattern to one way, one lane going south from Catherine Street to Flagler Avenue. Because of the proximity of the School complex(es), the safety of children making their way to or from the school to their homes is paramount. The addition of a sidewalk on Leon Street will better accommodate this safety goal. The addition of a sidewalk reduces the travel width for vehicles which is already narrow due to the platting issues.

OPTIONS:

1. The City Commission would approve the alteration of the travel pattern on Leon Street from Catherine Street to Flagler Avenue to one way, one lane going south.
2. The City Commission would not approve or request revisions to the request for the alteration of the travel pattern on Leon Street from Catherine Street to Flagler Avenue to one way, one lane going south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this request does not obligate the City of Key West to fund any portion of this project. There will be no financial impact to the City for this project as we will be using stimulus dollars to complete the construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends the City Commission select Option 1: approve the alteration of the travel pattern on Leon Street from Catherine Street to Flagler Avenue to one way, one lane, going south.

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