

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TO IDENTIFY THE DISTINCT TRANSPORTATION USER GROUPS USING US 1 IN MONROE COUNTY AND KEY WEST TO DEVELOP POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Monroe County Florida, is comprised of a chain of islands connected by 112 miles of US Highway 1 (U.S. 1), extending from Key Largo to Key West, representing the most southernmost point of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County, Key West and other Florida Keys municipalities have adopted policies and regulations in their Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code to protect public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and to strengthen local government capabilities for managing land use and development; and

WHEREAS, the residents, visitors and workforce of the City of Key West is completely dependent on U.S. 1 for intracommunity movement, and for ground transportation to the mainland; and

WHEREAS, automobile traffic constitutes most traffic on U.S. 1; and

WHEREAS, ideas to reduce traffic on U.S. 1 have been proposed in the past; however there has been no comprehensive study performed that identifies the distinct transportation user groups throughout

Monroe County and evaluates potential solutions to address their differing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, along with members of the local workforce, and representatives of the tourism industry, have observed a growing incidence of significant and chronic traffic delays throughout the Keys in recent years, to a point beyond mere inconvenience; and

WHEREAS, traffic delays compromise the health, safety and financial well-being of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Key West, in part by ensuring that a safe and reasonable level of transportation is ensured in perpetuity along U.S. 1 throughout the Florida Keys.

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

Section 1: That the Florida Department of Transportation is respectfully requested to evaluate, report and submit recommendations for actions that can be taken to alleviate and improve road transportation along U.S. 1 in Key West and throughout the Florida Keys.

Section 2: That the report by the Florida Department of Transportation should address the following specific concerns:

1. Identify and quantify the user groups on US-1 including their distribution in different parts of the County.

2. Determine the proportion of traffic/trips that are long-haul transportation of visitors from outside of Monroe County, internal visitor circulation, working commuters and commercial traffic, both from outside of the county and within, and normal resident circulation.

3. Compile and use transportation user group information to evaluate potential alternative solutions to address each group's transportation needs.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this resolution to:

Ms. Rachel Cone, Secretary
FL Dept. of Transportation District 6
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Mr. Jim Wolfe, Secretary
FL Dept. of Transport
1000 N.W. 111 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172

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 _____, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2017.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK