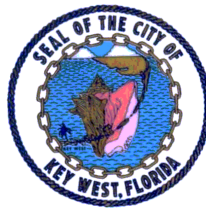




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The Honorable Secretary Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC, 20590

Subject: U.S. Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant – Monroe County / Florida Keys: Fabulous Florida Keys Resilient Corridor: Connected Charging for All

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for Monroe County's application submitted to the FY23 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant program for the Fabulous Florida Keys Resilient Corridor: Connected Charging for All (the Project). If selected to receive funding, the Project will install charging infrastructure across the Florida Keys, accelerating the regions transition to a more equitable, accessible, and reliable electrified transportation system.

The Florida Keys are an important tourist destination, unique to America. The region envisions its residents, visitors, and businesses having access to dependable charging infrastructure to enable rapid adoption of EVs and slow the rate of carbon emissions to stave off catastrophic climate change impacts. This grant funding will help small businesses, tourism, and especially promote green jobs and infrastructure throughout our region.

If awarded, CFI funding will support the deployment of community and corridor EV charging infrastructure across the Florida Keys and contribute to the Biden Administration's goal of 500,000 EV chargers nationally by 2030. This is an important marker for small businesses and tourists. Our organization promotes and supports all investments that make our community more accessible, sustainable, and resilient long term.

Thank you for your consideration of this application – we look forward to supporting the Fabulous Florida Keys Resilient Corridor: Connected Charging for All which will facilitate broad public access to an improved national charging infrastructure network, accelerate the adoption of zero emissions vehicles, and contribute to the decarbonization of the transportation sector.

Sincerely,

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