MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Todd Stoughton
City of Key West

Subject: **Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FDOT for the North Roosevelt Project that affects Jose Marti Flooding**

Introduction

The City Commission is requested to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Key West (COKW) for a resiliency and flooding mitigation project.

Background

FDOT is initiating Project FM# 454101-1 to address chronic flooding at the intersection of SR 5/North Roosevelt Boulevard/Truman Avenue and Jose Marti Drive, an area experiencing some of the most severe flooding during King Tides and high-water events.

The primary objectives are to mitigate flooding impacts and extend pavement service life through milling and resurfacing within the project limits. Planned improvements include:

- Installation of a new pump station and generator
- Mast arms, signal heads, pedestrian signals, and light poles
- Updated pavement markings, signage, and ADA-compliant ramps
- Limited tree impacts or relocations, only as necessary for construction

FDOT has invited the City to partner in the design, planning, and construction of roadway, drainage, stormwater pump station, signing and marking, lighting, and signalization improvements. As part of the agreement, the City would share 50% of the pump station facility

construction costs and assume responsibility for its ongoing maintenance and operation after project completion.

Financial Impact:

Total construction funding is estimated at $14.4 million. FDOT seeks a 50/50 cost share, requiring a $7.2 million commitment from the City of Key West. This funding would need to be budgeted for FY 2027 to align with FDOT's production date of October 19, 2026.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends that the Mayor and City Commission approve the project and authorize entering into a Local Funding Agreement (LFA) via MOU with FDOT. FDOT has indicated that the City's formal commitment is necessary to advance the project.