

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, IDENTIFYING AND PROVIDING A LIST OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POTENTIAL SOLUTION LIST OF PROJECTS WITHIN APPENDIX G OF THE APPROVED U. S. 1 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, ALLEVIATE CONGESTION, IMPROVE SAFETY AND ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF SERVICE ON U.S. 1; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are a chain of islands that are connected to each other and the mainland by 112 miles of US Highway 1 (U.S. 1), extending from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, traffic issues on U.S. 1 affect the health, safety, welfare, economic sustainability and quality of life of the residents and visitors to the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are dependent on a safe, attractive, resilient, sustainable, and efficient access and travel along U.S. 1 throughout Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners approved the completion of a Transportation Master Plan to provide recommendations for U.S. 1 improvements to remedy Level of Service issues and to improve traffic flow within Monroe County and multimodal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the development of the U.S. 1 Transportation Master Plan includes reviewing relevant existing data, such as traffic volumes, crash data, transit information; meetings with stakeholders to get input on transportation issues and improvement opportunities; public input from numerous sources and public meetings; analyzing these factors to identify potential issues and develop potential high-level solutions, including roadway and multi-modal solutions to address the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. 1 Transportation Master Plan was developed in coordination with the public, stakeholders, and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. 1 Transportation Master Plan was provided to the municipalities in draft and final format to encourage each community to review the Potential Solution List and provide feedback to the County; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2021, at their regular meeting, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners adopted the U. S. 1 Transportation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. 1 Transportation Master Plan recommended potential project list will be further reviewed by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners to evaluate the opportunities, constraints and to select and prioritize the projects at future meetings; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities are encouraged to provide the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners with recommendations from U.S. 1 Transportation Master Plan recommended potential project list; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the compiled list of potential projects from the County and municipalities will be prioritized through the review and input from the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee (FKTCC), and the FKTCC will provide an overall recommendation to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners via a FKTCC resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners will adopt a resolution with the entire prioritized project list, with the coordinated submission to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and

WHEREAS, coordinated and comprehensive solutions are necessary for the traffic flow, congestion, safety and other transportation issues that affect the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT is tasked with providing a safe statewide transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities; and

WHEREAS, the partnership with FDOT is important to address and solve transportation issues affecting the Florida Keys and recognizing the importance of and support for maintaining a safe, resilient and efficient access and travel along U.S. 1; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State and local government officials all have acknowledged that the Florida Keys have a finite carrying capacity; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of carrying capacity is the number of vehicles transiting U.S.1 and secondary roads within the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the need for identifying solutions within a U.S. 1 Transportation Master Plan, only direct steps taken to curb the further proliferation of vehicles in the Florida Keys will meaningfully address the ever increasing traffic congestion issues; and

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts among all levels of government are needed to address both the existing traffic issues as well as the steps needed to determine whether the carrying capacity of the Florida Keys has been reached or exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that providing the Monroe County Board of County Commissioner the Village's recommendations from the U.S. 1 Transportation Master Plan is in the best interest of the Village and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA,
VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this Reference.

Section 2. Identifying Recommendations. Pursuant to the goals of improving traffic flow, alleviating congestion, improving and maintaining the level of service for U.S. 1, enhancing safety and improving intermodal transportation systems, the Village Council has identified recommendations from the potential solution list for the traffic goals listed above.

Section 3. Providing List of Recommendations. The Village Council does hereby provide the following recommendations as listed below and incorporated herein:

Ref #	Key	Project Description
104, 107	Islamorada	Conduct an Access Management Study along US 1 for the length of the Village (not just MM77 to 83), including review of possible improvements to the Old Highway.
113	Islamorada	Convert Snake Creek Bridge to a high-level fixed bridge. <u>Prioritize the bridge replacement evaluations, which is currently scheduled for a PD&E study in FY2026</u>
108	Islamorada	Conduct a planning study to evaluate the feasibility of a Park-n-Ride Hub, fixed route circulator, micro transit (including golf carts), bike sharing, and/or scooter-sharing services to provide first/last mile connections to complement public transit.

116	Islamorada	Conduct an intersection study to evaluate the feasibility of improving the transition area (2 to 4 lane transition) near the intersection of US 1 and Royal Poinciana Boulevard.
115, 119	Islamorada	Resurface all of US 1 within Islamorada, not limited to small areas.
162	Islamorada	Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of improving bus stop amenities such as shelters, Wi-Fi, bike racks, seating, lighting, driver notification push buttons, etc. along US 1.
158	Islamorada	Whether through weigh-in-motion technology or other means, remove weigh station from two lane section of constrained roadway in Islamorada.
117, 183+	Islamorada	Provide for safe, continuous pedestrian and bicycle routes throughout Islamorada, including separated travel surfaces across all bridges.
102+	Islamorada	Study options for safe pedestrian crossings, including raised medians (pedestrian islands), at warranted locations.

Section 4. Assist in Identifying Transportation Projects. The Village Council recommendations are hereby provided to assist in identifying and evaluating transportation projects to forward to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion to adopt by Councilman David Webb, seconded by Councilman Mark Gregg.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

Mayor Pete Bacheler	YES
Vice Mayor Henry Rosenthal	YES
Councilman Mark Gregg	YES
Councilman Buddy Pinder	YES
Councilman David Webb	YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.



PETE BACHELER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



STEPHANIE CONDE, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS:



ROGET V. BRYAN, VILLAGE ATTORNEY