

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-06-42**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, IDENTIFYING AND PROVIDING AN UPDATED SECOND PHASE LIST OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS 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 ("BOCC") 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 BOCC to evaluate the opportunities, constraints and to select and prioritize the projects at future meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** on January 11, 2022, the Village Council adopted Resolution No. 22-01-01 approving a list of transportation recommendations from the potential solution list of projects within Appendix G of the approved U.S. 1 Transportation Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee ("FKTCC") has adopted Resolution No. 001-2022 providing the prioritized project list to the BOCC.

**WHEREAS,** the BOCC adopted Resolution No. 075-2022, prioritizing the traffic flow improvement projects and forwarding the prioritized recommendations to the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT").

**WHEREAS,** the FKTCC has reconvened and is providing an updated list of second phase recommendations to the BOCC via a FKTCC resolution for review, approval, and transmittal to FDOT; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the BOCC will adopt a resolution with the entire prioritized project list, with the coordinated submission to FDOT; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, the Village Council finds that providing the BOCC with the Village's transportation project recommendations and supporting the FKTCC second phase project recommendations 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 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:

Reference #	Key	Project Description
<b>Tier 1</b>		
NEW	Multiple	Eliminate FDOT Weigh Station @ Snake Creek Bridge. Use available electronic scan technology
NEW	Islamorada	Implement lighting improvements per Islamorada lighting study currently in progress in coordination with MCSO.
NEW	Islamorada	Identify & implement roadway safety improvements at the south end of Upper Matecumbe/Tea Table.
NEW	Islamorada	Conduct study to identify potential ped/bike safety improvements at existing bridge crossings while maintaining shoulder as breakdown lane
NEW	Islamorada	Conduct a study to identify improvements to alleviate US-1 traffic flow due to cars merging from SR-4A at MM83.3 and MM85.3.
NEW	Islamorada	Design/Implement ROW Planting/Landscaping projects on north end of Upper Matecumbe, Windley Key, and Plantation Key
<b>Tier 2 Priority Projects</b>		
NEW	Islamorada	Conduct a study on identifying areas that would benefit from dedicated right turn lanes throughout Islamorada.
106	Islamorada	Conduct a study to determine methods to reduce speeding/crashes South end of Robbie's Marina (MM72-73) Islamorada
NEW	Islamorada	Conduct a study on impact of further limiting the amount of daily openings for snake creek drawbridge to reduce traffic interruption.
NEW	Islamorada	Pave two southbound lanes from Coral Shores to San Pedro Church to alleviate school traffic in conjunction with current FKAA construction
<b>Proposed Freight Priority Projects</b>		
Proposed Freight Priority 1 Project	Islamorada	ROW sufficient to provide a single SB RT Lane for access to businesses north of US 1, restricting access to a single entrance. (200 ft full width).
Proposed Freight Priority 1 Project	Islamorada	Sufficient ROW is available to provide a continuous SB RT lane from Suburban Propane to AmeriGas (1,125 ft full width).

**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 FDOT.

**Section 5. Support the Final FKCC Priority List.** Pursuant to the goals listed in Section 2, the Village Council does hereby support the countywide Final FKCC Priority List as provided in Exhibit 1.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion to adopt by Anna Richards, seconded by Don Horton.

**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION**

**VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA:**

Mayor Sharon Mahoney	Yes
Vice Mayor Don Horton	Yes
Councilman Steve Friedman	Yes
Councilwoman Deb Gillis	Yes
Councilwoman Anna Richards	Yes

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.**

  
SHARON MAHONEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
MARNE MCGRATH, VILLAGE CLERK

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

  
JOHN J. QUICK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

