

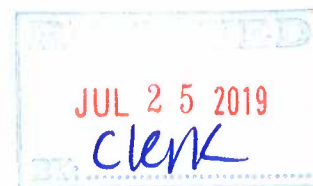
# County of Monroe

## The Florida Keys



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July 23, 2019

John Bartus, Mayor  
City of Marathon  
9805 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050

RE: Monroe County Transportation Coordination Committee

Dear Mayor Bartus,

At the July 17, 2019 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board passed Resolution #201-2019, (enclosed), creating the Monroe County Transportation Committee to work towards improvement of public transportation services county-wide. This will formalize and continue the work of the informal group of county and city staff, and FDOT representatives that have met the past few months to discuss possible improvements and alternatives to public transportation, for both workers, tourists, and the general public to get cars off the road.

I invite the City of Marathon Council to participate in this effort and appoint an elected official to the 6-member committee, and a staff member as a resource, or alternate, to the Committee. The Committee has non-voting resource representatives from across the agencies and local government involved in public transportation. An organizational meeting will be planned for late August, early September to bring the Committee together for the first time, after all the municipalities have had time to make their appointments.

We expect to be able to send the committee members back to their boards and councils with some proposals for cost-sharing for improvements to the Miami-Dade Express and Lower Keys Shuttle services very soon. This will be a good start on what we hope this committee will accomplish for public transportation to link our communities, and create a stellar public transportation system, including short-distance public transportation services within communities to supplement the bus service.

I look forward to working with you on this important issue for all our communities.

Respectfully,

David P. Rice, Commissioner  
District 4  
Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Monroe County Board of Commissioners  
Roman Gastesi, County Administrator  
Christine Hurley, Growth Management Director/Assistant County Administrator  
Chuck Lindsay, City Manager, City of Marathon

RESOLUTION NO. 201 - 2019

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBER COMPOSITION; AND PROVIDING FOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Keys portion of Monroe County has the Overseas Highway, also designated as U.S.1, as the lone roadway upon which all cross county traffic must traverse; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic issues on U.S. 1 affect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of Monroe County residents and visitors throughout the Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive solutions are necessary for the traffic and transportation issues that affect the Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently is no official body to consult and coordinate on traffic issues between the County and the five municipalities within the Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, forming a transportation committee establishes a community body to help facilitate policies to create transportation options throughout the length of U.S. 1 for all forms of transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to improve transportation coordination efforts between the County and its five municipalities by establishing the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee composed of one elected official from the County and each municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission invites each municipality to join in the mutual endeavor of solving the Keys' transportation issues by participation in this committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission and each municipality within the County are committed to increasing safe, attractive, sustainable, comfortable and efficient access and travel along U.S. 1 throughout Monroe County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission charges the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee with the task of developing recommendations for solving the traffic issues that exist throughout the Keys including, but not limited to, recommendations for improving the coordination of public transportation services currently being offered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission invites each municipality to assign key staff to assist the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee with its mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds that an advisory board such as the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee would better serve its purpose if it is permitted to meet via video and/or teleconferencing pursuant to chapter 2017-214, Laws of Florida, and Resolution 299-2017 and therefore authorizes the committee to meet according to the rules promulgated under that authority.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Creation of the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee.** The Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”) hereby creates the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee (“FKTCC”).

**Section 2. Committee Composition.** The FKTCC shall be composed of six members consisting of one elected official from the governing body of each of the five municipalities and the County as chosen by that governing body. Each governing body may designate an alternate member from among its members and may fill a vacancy in its representation on the committee if one occurs. Each year, the FKTCC shall elect a chair and vice chair from its members. A quorum shall exist when a majority of committee members from those jurisdictions that have appointed a representative are present.

**Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities.** The mission and purpose of the FKTCC is to develop and promote a system of public transportation in various modes to support the needs of the residents throughout the County in a coordinated and comprehensive manner. The FKTCC shall perform the following functions:

- a. Hold public meetings consistent with Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, as often as its members determine appropriate;
- b. Study and research traffic issues confronting the Florida Keys, both as a whole and locally, within the various communities throughout the Keys; and
- c. Make recommendations to the BOCC and the governing bodies of each municipality on potential solutions to those traffic issues.

**Section 4. Staff Support.** The BOCC directs the County Administrator to provide administrative and logistical support for the FKTCC. Such support shall include providing professional staff to assist the FKTCC with its duties, provide administrative support staff as requested by the Committee, coordinate the scheduling of public meetings of the committee, and other tasks requested by the committee. The municipalities are encouraged to provide professional and support staff to assist and supplement the County’s efforts.

**Section 5. Legal Representation.** The County Attorney or his designee shall provide legal counsel to the FKTCC with respect to the conduct of its duties.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The Committee shall be considered formed upon the effective date of this resolution.

**Section 7. Remote Meetings.** The FKTCC is authorized and encouraged to utilize "communications media technology", as that term has been defined in F.S. 120.54, Chapter 2017-214, Laws of Florida, and Resolution 299-2017, when the committee deems it appropriate, in conducting its meetings.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.



Mayor Sylvia J. Murphy	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem Danny L. Kolhage	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Michelle Coldiron	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Heather Carruthers	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner David Rice	<u>Yes</u>

ATTEST: KEVIN MADOK, Clerk

By: *Camille Hamrick*  
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Sylvia J. Murphy*  
Mayor Sylvia J. Murphy

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*Robert B. Shillinger, Jr.*  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date 7-9-19