

FLORIDA KEYS TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2022 (Hybrid)

Voting Members Present:

David Rice, Chair, Monroe County
Mary Lou Hoover, Commissioner, City of Key West
Tom Harding, Vice Mayor, City of Key Colony Beach
Buddy Pinder, Councilman, Village of Islamorada
Daniel Zieg, Council Member, City of Marathon

Voting Members Absent:

Bruce Halle, Mayor, City of Layton, (alternate Greg Lewis absent)

Presenters:

Kimberly Matthews, Sr. Director of Strategic Planning and Director of Libraries

- I. Start of meeting and opening greetings made by Chair David Rice at 1:00 pm.
- II. Roll call of voting members. There was a quorum.

- III. Approval of agenda.

- IV. Approval of minutes of September 3, 2021, Special meeting of September 24, 2021, and December 3, 2021.

- V. Review and recommendation on the prioritization of the entire compiled list of Transportation Management Plan (Appendix G) project recommendations from the County and municipalities.

David Rice provided a summary on the establishment of the FKTCC and the development the Transportation Master Plan and the “project List”.

Kimberly Matthews began by explaining the process of prioritizing the 36 projects received via resolutions from each municipality, new project that were suggested will be incorporated in a latter list, the focus of this meeting is on the projects identified in the Transportation Master Plan. Discussion began on how the 36 projects were ranked and how they should be prioritized. The project list would be divided into three lists of 12, any projects that were selected two or more times

by municipalities would be on the first list, the remaining projects would be discussed and prioritized by the FKTCC and placed on the remaining two lists. During the discussion, the FKTCC decided the project list would instead be broken into two lists consisting of “primary priorities” and “secondary priorities”, projects that were selected two or more times by municipalities would be on the “primary priorities” and the remaining projects would be on the “secondary priorities”.

- VI. Approval of the FKTCC resolution with the prioritization recommendation to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners.

The resolution, including the projects list, was approved by a unanimous vote by the FKTCC.

- VII. Open Discussion.

Open discussion was about Roaring Fork Colorado and their similarity to the Keys of isolation and lack of workforce. Like the Keys, they began a transportation group comprised of elected officials which led to the development of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA). Today, the RFTA is linked to several surrounding cities and has been nationally recognized for their accomplishments in transportation. David Rice stated Monroe County is in its infancy of moving towards something similar. The next step is to become a member of or become a County Regional Transportation Authority. David Rice also stated he believes workforce solutions will be vital to the County’s economy in the future. We are currently transporting approximately 800-1,000 workers per day through Miami-Dade Transit, this will not be sustainable as more workers are needed in the future. Additionally, solutions for better transportation connections from Marathon to the Lower Keys is needed. The discussion ended by the FKTCC thanking Kimberly Matthews and Planning staff for their efforts thus far.

- VIII. David Rice called for any additional comments or questions:

- IX. David Rice called the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.