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FIVE-YEAR CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY

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Dear Mr. Berrios:

On behalf of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance, please find attached the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Five-Year Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Update.

For this document we updated the key components of the CMP (Goals, Objectives and Strategies; Action Plan; and corridor Mission/Vision) and hope that you will find it meets the intent of the CMP Update process.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this program.

Sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What comes to mind for the fisherman who seeks an unspoiled body of water or the international tourist who seeks an authentic tropical island experience? The Florida Keys (Keys). Truly one of the world's greatest natural resources. The Keys have everything the local resident or tourist is seeking for a glimpse at the "real Florida." This group of islands has it all: fishing, boating, diving, snorkeling, bicycling, history, restaurants, shopping, nightlife, as well as unsurpassed turquoise waters that surround dozens of beautiful tropical islands. All this and more can be experienced as the traveler makes their way south on US 1 from north of Key Largo to the City of Key West.



The Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) is so proud of their home and so proud of the communities that encompass the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH). This updated Corridor Management Plan (CMP) will demonstrate to the reader the progress of the Corridor Management Entity (CME) since being designated in 2001 and will outline a plan of action that lays the foundation for future successes.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been supportive of this group by allowing one of the world's greatest treasures be recognized and highlighted for its authenticity and beauty. The FKSCA intends to uphold and honor the trust and encouragement that FDOT has provided this group since its inception and has developed a CMP that demonstrates their long-term commitment to this Florida Scenic Highway.

This CMP update was developed by the FKSCA in partnership with its Board members, advisory committee partners and supporters and provides an updated road map for the key elements: Goals, Objectives and Strategies (GOS), Action Plan; along with the other updated information necessary to remain a Florida Scenic Highway.

This CMP update also proposes to extend the limits of the corridor northward to mile-marker (MM) 110. This is an extension of approximately 4 miles (mi) that allows for the inclusion of the beauty of the Upper Keys, including the Jewfish Creek area, Lake Surprise, Everglades National Park and the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

The FKSCA has worked diligently over the last 18 months to re-establish the CME. A new organizational structure is in place that includes strong representation from the five local Chambers of Commerce, supported by the Monroe County Tourist Development Council (TDC). A series of community involvement events were recently completed that has built a ground swell of support and validation of its GOS. Along with an updated Corridor Action Plan, the FKSCA now has a new and highly focused road map for the future.

Many thanks go out to all those who have participated in the past, present and future of this CME and for the FDOT's support as well. With great anticipation and hope, the FKSCA plans for this unique scenic highway to be around for generations to come.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) is “one of a kind” in the world; surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, it stretches out as far as the eye can see and then some! From the highway the traveler can experience vistas of natural beauty with views of spectacular sunrises, sunsets, sparkling stars, moonlit nights and emerald green waters. It is a road that is known around the world and it is a road where travelers from all over the world have come to experience their own adventures in paradise.



The stretch of US 1 from north of Key Largo to the City of Key West (Appendix A) travels through some of the nation’s most spectacular scenery and is part of the “old national road” that starts in Maine and meanders down the East Coast of Florida through the Keys and ultimately to Key West. In addition to outstanding natural beauty, locals and visitors enjoy festivals, sunset celebrations, fishing, boating, SCUBA diving, state parks, recreational areas,

historic sites, museums, artists, island cuisine, sunshine, the laid-back lifestyle, tropical atmosphere, rich cultural heritage and friendly natives of the Florida Keys. US 1 opens the door to these attractions and is the “Main Street” for the Keys community – the daily roadway to work, schools, commercial areas, hospitals and services – all the necessities of life for Keys residents and visitors alike.

In 1996 Clean Florida Keys, Inc. (CFK) a local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. established the FKSH Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) in order to obtain Scenic Highway designation for US 1 from mile-marker (MM) 0 to MM 106.5 – Key West to Key Largo. With the leadership of CFK and support from the original membership, designation as a Florida Scenic Highway was received from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on June 22, 2001.

Upon designation, CFK worked to implement the Goals, Objectives and Strategies (GOS) that were approved as part of the FKSH Corridor Management Plan (CMP). Since designation in 2001 many of the original GOS including an award-winning corridor master plan have been accomplished. Many of these accomplishments are listed in Appendix B.

Over the last 18 months the original CAG has evolved into the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) that has become the Corridor Management Entity (CME) for the corridor. The FKSCA has worked to carry on the traditions of the original CAG, maintain the original corridor vision and ensure that the organization continues to comply with the requirements of the FDOT’s Scenic Highway guidelines as outlined in the Florida Scenic Highway Program (FSHP) Manual.

This CMP update is intended to update the FDOT on this organizational evolution and document previous accomplishments.

More importantly the FKSCA proposes using this CMP update as a road map for the next five years. GOS have been updated, a renewed Action Plan has been developed and the organization is revitalized. This revitalization is reflected in the strong partnerships that have been reestablished with local governments along the corridor and a strengthened relationship with the Monroe County Tourist Development Council (TDC) through its five local Chambers of Commerce. The FKSCA has developed an organization with Board Members, Advisors and a strong partnership with business and community leaders throughout the Keys.

This CMP update also being used to extend the limits of the corridor northward to MM 110. This is an extension of approximately 4 miles. This extension allows for the inclusion of the beauty of the Upper Keys, north of Key Largo, including the Jewfish Creek area, Lake Surprise, Everglades National Park and the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

The FKSCA applauds the successes of its predecessors while at the same time is looking forward to accomplish its renewed vision for the Scenic Highway. The FKSCA proposes to accomplish this by being a good steward for the Scenic Highway, thinking strategically and partnering with other advocacy groups that share its vision for US 1 and the Florida Keys.

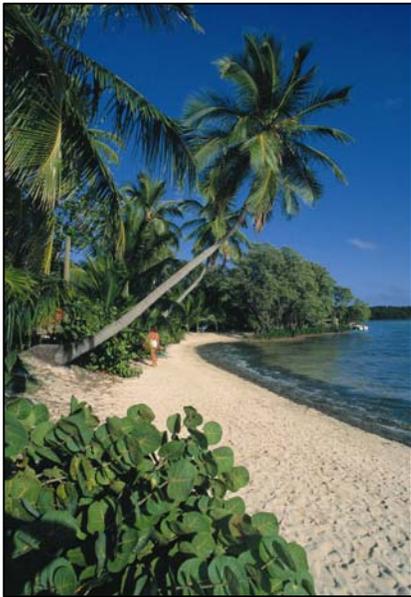
2.0 CORRIDOR VISION/MISSION

2.1 Vision

The Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) has reviewed the original vision statement as presented in the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) and concurs that it remains their vision for the future of the scenic highway. It is presented below:

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway from Key West to north of Key Largo is a magnificent journey across more than 100 miles of unique interconnected islands. The islands abound in rich historical, cultural, recreational, natural and scenic treasures and offer an unrivaled paradise for the mind, body and soul.

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway welcomes residents and travelers on a safe and relaxing tropical journey that conjures up images of bygone eras. Striking views



open to the crystalline turquoise and emerald waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. Native mangroves and tropical hardwood hammocks dominate the roadside landscape with distant barrier islands on the horizon. A magnificent pedestrian and bicycle trail parallels the length of the highway, meandering through a landscape of native plants and trees and across the historic Old Keys Bridges a striking remnant of Henry Flagler's railway of the early 1900s. The trail is a world-class attraction available for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike and provides safe access to shops, restaurants and nightlife – a boon to the local economy. Opportunities for camping, boating, cycling, snorkeling, SCUBA diving and hiking in pristine environments abound.

Small-scale buildings hug the water's edge and reflect the scale of the island communities with their funky and informal architecture. Commercial areas are clean, uncluttered and well landscaped. Buffer yards screen industrial areas, large parking lots and unattractive views.

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway links Keys communities with a diverse local, state and national park and refuge system which protects the coral reef, beaches, mangroves and hammocks, and the unique plant and animal species found here. The Florida Keys Scenic Highway is well marked with excellent night lighting, especially at busy intersections. Overall it is well-maintained and litter free, with roadside pull offs and scenic overlooks at points of interest. Rest area facilities and amenities are also provided. Educational kiosks and interpretive information unbury the fascinating tales of the islands and their histories along this fascinating route across the sea.

2.2 Mission

A mission statement is the foundation for an organization. It provides a concise explanation for why a group exists. Although no mission statement was required nor was one developed during the original designation process, the FKSCA believes it important that a mission statement be established so that all interested parties clearly understand the FKSCA's path to accomplishing its vision.

As part of this CMP update the FKSCA has developed the following as our mission statement:

It is the mission of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance to enhance the scenic image, preserve our heritage and diversity, and promote the natural beauty of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

3.0 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT ENTITY

In 1996 Clean Florida Keys, Inc. (CFK) a local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc established the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) in order to obtain designation for US 1 as a Florida Scenic Highway. The limits for the corridor were proposed from mile-marker (MM) 0 to MM 106.5 – Key West to Key Largo. Under the leadership of CFK and with the support of the original members of the CAG, designation as a Scenic Highway was received from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on June 22, 2001.

Upon designation, CFK worked to implement the Goals, Objectives and Strategies (GOS) as outlined in their Corridor Management Plan (CMP). Accomplishments of significance included the funding of a part-time employee through FDOT and Monroe County, identifying funding for CAG activities, and working diligently to accomplish the corridor vision as outlined in their CMP update. Unfortunately, over time, membership declined. Additionally, turnover of the part-time staff member (Monroe County Scenic Highway Coordinator) made it difficult to maintain organizational continuity.

The Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) serving as the Corridor Management Entity (CME) has now assumed oversight responsibility for the Scenic Highway. This transition began in early 2007. Several members of the original CAG remain active in the current organization. This FKSCA maintains the same corridor vision as the original organization.

The FKSCA has renewed and established strong working relationships with a number of advocacy groups in the Keys that share a similar vision for the corridor. These relationships are at the federal, state and local levels. Additionally, the Monroe County Tourist Development Council (TDC) through the District Chambers of Commerce offices has become a key player supporting the long-term success of the FKSCA. In fact, the current President of the FKSCA is the Director of the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce.

Recently, the FKSCA has worked to formalize their board organization structure (Appendix C). The new organization includes a President and two representatives from each of the five District Area Committees (DAC) located throughout the Keys. This Board also includes a series of Advisors. Advisory Board members represent regional and specialty interests along the corridor.

The FKSCA continues to receive funding from FDOT to provide a part-time staff-member through Monroe County. This staff position was recently filled and provides overall program and administrative support to the FKSCA. FDOT also provides program oversight support through its District Scenic Highway Coordinator. Finally, the long-term success of any organization such as this is dependent upon volunteer support; the FKSCA is no different. The FKSCA works diligently to continue to build its volunteer membership and recently conducted a series of community involvement events that has rekindled community support. There are currently over 100 active supporters and volunteers to the organization. Example of letters of support that have been received as a part of this renewed effort, including each of the local municipalities, can be found in Appendix D.

The FKSCA has also recently updated its Operating Bylaws. These Bylaws formalize Board of Directors membership and organization responsibilities. In addition, these Bylaws outline FKSCA operating procedures including meetings, elections and administrative guidelines. This Agreement is included in Appendix E.

In an effort to be prepared to accept donations, the FKSCA was recently approved as a non-profit organization. 501(3)(c), certification was received late in 2007 (Appendix F). The FKSCA has established a bank account that allows it to receive grants and funds to further its mission for the corridor.

4.0 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES

The Florida Scenic Highways Program (FSHP) describes goals, objectives, and strategies (GOS) as "...the building blocks used to...implement the vision for the scenic corridor." The Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) goals address resource protection, safety, community support, education and economic development and represent the Corridor Vision in manageable pieces; the objectives represent more measureable concepts or ideas for achieving the goals; and the strategies satisfy each objective with measurable activities and techniques that will be implemented through the Corridor Action Plan.

The original GOS were established in 2001 during the designation process. The following updated GOS were developed by the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) and reflect work that has been previously accomplished and current goals for the corridor:

Goal 1: Support the protection, preservation and enhancement of the resources found along the FKSH.

Objective 1.1: Enhance recreational opportunities along the FKSH.

Strategy 1.1.1: Encourage the enhancement of existing roadside parks and the design of new ones including amenities such as boardwalks, picnic areas, hiking trails, and wildlife observation areas where appropriate.

Strategy 1.1.2: Support Monroe County, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in the restoration of the Old Keys Bridges as pedestrian facilities that include opportunities for hiking, bicycling, fishing, boat ramps, picnicking, etc.

Strategy 1.1.3: Work with responsible agencies to ensure the safety of the corridor by providing secure trailheads, bathrooms, rest stops with shelter, drinking water, periodic call boxes or telephones, and safe travel clearances for all users.

Strategy 1.1.4: Work with responsible agencies to locate and develop safe pull-outs and pull-offs along the scenic highway corridor.

Objective 1.2: Enhance scenic opportunities along the FKSH.

Strategy 1.2.1: Identify specific scenic vistas that warrant preservation and work with local governments to develop land and viewshed protection strategies. Protection of indigenous plant and animal communities shall be taken into consideration when addressing these strategies.

Strategy 1.2.2: Advocate for all design and construction planning activities along the FKSH to be coordinated with affected local governments and state and federal agencies with jurisdictional and regulatory authority within the corridor to ensure consideration of indigenous plant and animal communities.

Objective 1.3: *Ensure that all design and construction activities along the FKSH preserve, protect, maintain and enhance its scenic and natural resources.*

Strategy 1.3.1: Coordinate with local governments, utility and telecommunication facilities providers, and state and federal agencies and encourage the development of aesthetic/design guidelines for the FKSH, including provision for enhanced landscape buffers and medians that assist these entities and adjacent property owners in the design and construction of their projects.

Objective 1.4: *Support vegetation management along the corridor in order to preserve, maintain and enhance the natural resources, scenic views, and recreational areas.*

Strategy 1.4.1: Support a comprehensive vegetation management plan that will maintain the environmental integrity of the corridor.

Strategy 1.4.2: Support the distribution of information directly, or through land management agencies, to private property owners along the FKSH regarding the importance of vegetation management and describing environmentally sensitive land management methodologies.

Goal 2: **Advocate for corridor experiences that enhance environmentally-friendly regional economic development, oriented primarily toward eco-tourism with appropriate recreational and commercial support opportunities.**

Objective 2.1: *Identify and support corridor improvements that will enhance interaction with local businesses along the FKSH.*

Strategy 2.1.1: Encourage amenities such as trailheads, landscape planting, intersection improvements, and rest stops that are strategically placed for maximum connectivity with commercial interests along the FKSH.

Strategy 2.1.2: Participate in the development and implementation of the following local governments' plans for the FKSH within their jurisdictions: Islamorada, Village of Islands; Key Colony Beach; Key West; Layton; Marathon and Monroe County.

Strategy 2.1.3: Coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation in the development of the Five-Year Work Program for District 6 to ensure that corridor needs are addressed.

Objective 2.2: *Provide corridor specific information to residents, visitors and potential visitors.*

Strategy 2.2.1: Develop standardized private/public promotional and informational materials that promote the services and amenities within the corridor. Coordinate with local and regional tourism-related businesses to distribute this information.

Strategy 2.2.2: Develop an internet website that promotes the services and amenities within the corridor and link this webpage to local, regional, state and international tourism related websites.

Strategy 2.2.3 Develop and implement a signage plan that insures an enhanced visitor experience.

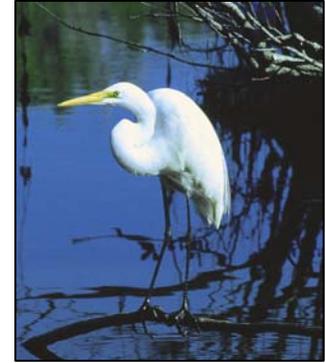
Objective 2.3: *Coordinate promotional campaigns with businesses and tourism-related associations along the highway corridor.*

Strategy 2.3.1: Encourage and support a series of promotional events related to the resources within the corridor that will promote awareness of the corridor. These could include events such as marathons, clean-up days, cultural festivals, bicycle races, fishing tournaments, etc.



Goal 3: Provide educational opportunities that will heighten awareness of the globally unique scenic and recreational elements of the Florida Keys by interpreting the rich and unique historical, archaeological, cultural, and natural resources of the Keys that are united by US 1, the transportation backbone of the region.

Objective 3.1: Promote the FKSH as an outdoor classroom for the Keys' citizens, school children, and visitors advocating for respect for intrinsic qualities found along the corridor.



Strategy 3.1.1: Identify funding for the development and implementation of a interpretive signage and kiosk plan that highlights the intrinsic qualities of the corridor.

Strategy 3.1.2: Partner with other advocacy groups to fund and construct information kiosks that explain the cultural and historical significance of the FKSH.

Strategy 3.1.3: Develop brochures and audio tours for the corridor that emphasize its unique scenic, recreational, environmental culture and history, resources. Encourage that all materials produced are multi-lingual.

Strategy 3.1.4: Coordinate with the federal, state and local preservation agencies and organizations to promote the preservation and interpretation of intrinsic resources in the corridor.

Strategy 3.1.5: Coordinate with the Florida Keys Council of the Arts and other organizations to encourage public art within the corridor that complements the interpretation of its natural, historical and cultural resources.

Objective 3.2: Develop an on-going citizen participation/education program to update citizens on activities of the FKSCA.

Strategy 3.2.1: Participate in a speaker's bureau or similar organization and educate the citizens of the Keys on activities of the FKSCA.

Strategy 3.2.2: Partner with the public schools and colleges to notify students about corridor activities.

Goal 4: Support US 1 as an arterial highway that safely accommodates the needs of vehicular and non-vehicular users, while providing access to natural areas, connecting communities and neighborhoods, and enhancing recreational and scenic resources.

Objective 4.1: Coordinate with FDEP, FDOT and all other local, state and federal agencies in planning activities along the FKSH, or plans that may have an effect on the corridor.

Strategy 4.1.1: Partner in development and implementation of the Overseas Heritage Trail, as an interconnected linear trail for shared use, recreational use, and alternative transportation uses incorporating existing local pathways and the Historic Bridges along the corridor.

Strategy 4.1.2: Participate in the development and implementation of the following local governments' plans for the FKSH within their jurisdictions: Key Largo, Islamorada, Village of Islands: Key Colony Beach: Key West; Layton; Marathon; and, Monroe County.

Strategy 4.1.3: Coordinate with the FDOT in the development of the Five-Year Work Program for District Six to ensure that corridor needs are addressed.

Objective 4.2: Provide for the safety of pedestrians and motorists within the FKSH.

Strategy 4.2.1: Advocate for roadway improvements necessary to promote ease and safety of access into and within the corridor for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Strategy 4.2.2: Monitor accident rates along the highway to help identify future improvement needs.

Strategy 4.2.3: Advocate for accommodating Commerce while maintaining a safe and efficient level of highway service.

Goal 5: Provide residents and businesses of the Florida Keys with a variety of opportunities to participate in the planning and implementation of the FKSH Corridor Management Plan (CMP), based on their interests, skills, and time they can offer to the effort.

Objective 5.1: Provide a variety of opportunities for public involvement in the development and implementation of the CMP.

Strategy 5.1.1: Schedule regular meetings of the FKSCA that are open to and advertised to the public.

Strategy 5.1.2: Encourage FKSCA membership from a wide range of residents and business owners from throughout the Keys.

Strategy 5.1.3: Develop partnerships with other private and public entities to share information and planning activities.

Strategy 5.1.4: Ensure that widespread public involvement is incorporated as an integral element of all FKSCA projects within the corridor.

Objective 5.2: *Develop an on-going citizen participation/education program to update citizens on activities of the FKSCA.*

Strategy 5.2.1: Partner with the public schools and colleges to notify students about corridor activities.

Objective 5.3: *Coordinate promotional campaigns with businesses and tourism-related associations along the corridor.*

Strategy 5.3.1: Encourage and support a series of promotional events related to the resources within the corridor that will promote awareness of the corridor. These could include events such as marathons, cleanup days, cultural festivals, bicycle races, fishing tournaments, etc.

Goal 6: Ensure the long term sustainability and success of the FKSCA.

Objective 6.1: *Develop strong leadership of the FKSCA.*

Strategy 6.1.1: Develop a position description to be supported by FDOT and Monroe County for the Scenic Highway Coordinator position.

Strategy 6.1.2: Hire a Scenic Highway Coordinator to assist with implementing the CMP.

Objective 6.2: *Continue to enhance the FKSCA organization through its membership.*

Strategy 6.2.1: Develop and implement a plan to actively recruit new membership.

Strategy 6.2.2: Promote the mentoring of new members through sharing of existing member's institutional knowledge, passion and diligence.

Objective 6.3: Fulfill administrative duties to maintain Corridor designation.

Strategy 6.3.1: Provide annual reports and periodic updates.

Strategy 6.3.2: Prepare CMP updates.

Strategy 6.3.3: Monitor and update the Strategic Plan.

Strategy 6.3.4: Identify and request funding consistent with the corridors goals and objectives.

5.0 ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan that has been prepared for the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) is reflective of its Goals, Objectives and Strategies (GOS). This plan highlights three key areas: Administration and Coordination, Community Participation and Corridor Enhancements. This Action Plan has been prepared to document attainable milestones for this corridor and is identified by short-term, long-term items, and continued tasks they plan to accomplish that will accomplish the GOS identified.

**Table 5-1
Florida Keys Scenic Highway Action Plan**

Administration and Coordination

No.	Action	Goals, Objectives and Strategies Referenced	Responsibility	Potential Funding Sources and Partners	Product	Time Frame
1	FKSCA Partnership Agreements	1 through 6	FKSCA	FDOT, Monroe County	Implement CMP	Ongoing
2	Amend County and Local Government Comprehensive Plans to reflect Goals, Vision and Strategies	2.1, 6.3	FKSCA	Volunteers	Comprehensive Plan Amendments	2009-2011
3	Encourage developer/local government joint planning efforts for all construction activity along the corridor	1.2, 1.3	FKSCA, Local Government	State/Local Government	Enhanced corridor	Ongoing
4	Identify and apply for grants	6.3	FKSCA	FDOT, FHWA, Private	Enhanced/Preserved corridor	Ongoing
5	Review CMP and Action Plan annually	6.3	FKSCA	FKSCA, Volunteers	Compliance with FDOT Scenic Highway Program guidelines	Ongoing
6	Prepare Annual Scenic Highway Report to FDOT	6.3	FKSCA	FKSCA, Volunteers	Compliance with FDOT Scenic Highway Program guidelines	Ongoing

Table 5-1 (Cont.)

No.	Action	Goals, Objectives and Strategies Referenced	Responsibility	Potential Funding Sources and Partners	Product	Time Frame
7	Prepare Five-Year CMP update	6.3	FKSCA	FKSCA, Volunteers	Compliance with FDOT Scenic Highway Program guidelines	2013
8	Employ a Scenic Highway Coordinator	6.1	FKSCA	FDOT, Monroe County	Long-term sustainability	2009
9	Build membership	6.2	FKSCA	FKSCA, Volunteers	Long-term sustainability	Ongoing
10	Coordinate with FDOT and Local Governments to develop reasonable engineering solutions for highway and pedestrian safety	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, Goal 4	FKSCA, FDOT, Monroe County	FDOT, Monroe County	Enhanced corridor safety	2009-2013
11	Support the funding and implementation a bicycle/pedestrian improvements	1.1, 4.1	FKSCA, FDOT, FDEP	FDOT, FDEP, Monroe County	Enhanced corridor	2009-2013
12	Encourage the development and enhancement of roadside amenities	1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.2	FKSCA, FDOT	FDOT, FDEP, Monroe County, Advocacy groups	Enhanced corridor	Ongoing
13	Coordinate the safe and strategic placement of informational signage	2.2, 3.1	FKSCA, FDOT, Advocacy groups	FKSCA, FDOT, Advocacy groups	Enhanced corridor	2009-2013
14	Identify long term FKSCA funding strategies	6	FKSCA	FKSCA, FDOT, Advocacy groups	Ensure long-term viability of FKSCA and implementation of CMP	Ongoing

Table 5-1 (Cont.)

Community Participation

No.	Action	Goals, Objectives and Strategies Referenced	Responsibility	Potential Funding Sources and Partners	Product	Time Frame
1	Support the preparation and distribution of information on the importance of vegetation management	1.4	FKSCA	FDOT, Monroe County, Advocacy groups	Corridor enhancement	2010
2	Develop information materials that promote services and amenities along the corridor	2.3	FKSCA, Advocacy groups	FKSCA, Advocacy groups	Enhanced visitor experience	2009-20112
4	Make corridor information available via internet	2.2	FKSCA	FKSCA, Advocacy groups	Enhanced visitor experience	2009-20011
5	Establish a corridor education program	2.2, 3.1, 3.2	FKSCA, Advocacy groups	FKSCA, Private partnerships	Enhanced corridor experience	2009-2012
6	Develop partnerships with local clubs, groups and schools	5.2	FKSCA	FKSCA, Private partnerships	Enhanced corridor experience	Ongoing
7	Conduct timely and strategically located FKSCA meetings for corridor updates and to conduct scenic highway business	5.1, 5.2	FKSCA	FKSC, Private partnerships	Long-term viability	Ongoing
8	Work with Local Government and Advocacy Groups to support corridor enhancement	All goals	FKSCA, Local Government, Volunteers, Advocacy groups	FKSCA, Local government, Advocacy groups	Enhanced corridor experience	Ongoing

Table 5-1 (Cont.)

Corridor Enhancements

No.	Action	Goals, Objectives and Strategies Referenced	Responsibility	Potential Funding Sources and Partners	Product	Time Frame
1	Identify specific scenic opportunities along the corridor	1.1	FKSCA, Volunteers	Advocacy Groups, Volunteers	Preserved and enhanced view-shed	2011
2	Promote the use of native vegetation	1.2, 1.4	FKSCA, FDOT, Local Government	FDOT, Advocacy Groups	Preserved and enhanced view-shed	2010-2012
3	Support development and use of aesthetic/design guidelines for property owners adjacent to the corridor	1.2, 1.3	FKSCA, Local Government, Local Advocacy Groups	Local Government, Grants opportunities	Preserved and enhanced view-shed	Ongoing
4	Participate in regional and local government efforts related to the corridor	2.1, 4.1	FKSCA	Volunteers	Preservation of the corridor	Ongoing
5	Identify/address corridor safety issues	Goal 4	FKSCA	FDOT, Local Government, Volunteers	Enhanced corridor safety	Ongoing
6	Partner with others to locate and fund informational kiosks along the corridor	3.1	FKSCA, Advocacy Groups	Grants, Local Advocacy Groups	Enhanced visitor experience	2011-2013

6.0 EVALUATION OF PROTECTION TECHNIQUES

The resources found within the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) Corridor are afforded protection through the comprehensive plans of Monroe County and its municipalities, as well as development regulations, and the guidelines and policies of the local, state and federal agencies which have jurisdiction over the corridor.

Monroe County and its municipalities all have adopted Comprehensive Plans pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (F.S.), containing goals, objectives and policies relating to future land use, transportation, coastal management, conservation, and recreation and open-space management within the corridor in order to fulfill the intent and vision for the future. Some of these plans include policies which relate specifically to the scenic highway corridors or improvements on US 1. The same can be said for land development regulations for the jurisdictions located within the corridor.

Land development regulations from jurisdictions that specifically address corridor preservation, scenic highway activities or US 1 activities are described below.

6.1 The Monroe County Land Development Code

Section 9.5-376 of the Monroe County Land Development Regulations (LDRs) requires that all development of any parcel of land which fronts on US 1 and is designated as a hammock, mangrove or transitional habitat, and is vegetated with plants native to the Florida Keys shall be developed so that a scenic corridor buffer is provided. Any other development of land fronting on US 1 has to provide a major street buffer in accordance with Section 9.5-378.

The manner in which properties are designed for development and the need for access to private property make safety along US 1 a particular concern in Monroe County and its municipalities. In an effort to limit the number of driveways and curb cuts along the corridor, Monroe County's current regulations prohibit the addition of a driveway from US 1 to private property if access from up to 400 feet (ft) away exists (Section 9.5-421, LDRs). Lots that cannot meet the major road access standard in Section 9.5-421, LDRs shall take access from platted side streets, parallel streets or frontage roads.

6.2 Key West

The City of Key West's Comprehensive Plan includes policies that specifically address historic preservation, since a portion of US 1 (Truman Avenue) is located in the historic district of the City.

Several sections of the Key West LDRs address items related to enhancement of the US 1/SR A1A corridor and to historic preservation.

- Article X – Appearance, Design and Compatibility: Includes regulations relating to site location and character of use, appearance of site and structure, protection of historic and archaeological resources and open space.

- Article XI – Environmental Protection: Includes regulations for preservation of wetlands and transitional wetlands, freshwater lens protection, wildlife habitat preservation and protection of flora/fauna.
- Article XIII – Landscaping: Includes regulations for landscaping along street frontages.
- Article XIV – Tree Protection: Addresses specially protected trees, prohibiting their removal on public/private property without a permit.
- Article XVI – Signage and Advertising: Includes specific regulations for Historic Districts and for Boulevard Appearance Zones.

6.3 Key Colony Beach

Key Colony Beach is a small community with minimal frontage on US 1 connected to the highway across a single small bridge at mile-marker (MM) 53.5. Most residences are located on oceanfront property or on canals with quick access to the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean.

Preliminary coordination with Key Colony Beach city staff indicates that there is minimal language in the city’s comprehensive plan on protection techniques for the US 1 Scenic Highway Corridor. The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) commits to working with the city staff of Key Colony Beach to ensure that ample and appropriate new language is incorporated into the city’s comprehensive plan that reflects the requirements of the Florida Scenic Highway Manual.

6.4 Marathon

In its transportation element, the City of Marathon encourages bicycle and pedestrian paths in order to provide for bicycle and pedestrian travel that is safe, convenient, and efficient. The policy includes the preparation of a bicycle and pedestrian plan that emphasizes access to schools, parks, and shopping centers, and which supplements the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan.

The City of Marathon also, through the LDRs, ensures that development along the scenic corridors of US 1 provides the landscaping and setbacks necessary to minimize impacts on the visual environment.

There are specific right-of-way (ROW) widths for the critical segments of US 1 within the City where ROW planning and preservation measures include the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail State Park and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Corridor-wide Master Plan for District Six.

6.5 Layton

The City of Layton’s Comprehensive Plan includes two policies that specifically address items related to the development of a Scenic Highway Corridor as follows:

- Future Land Use Policy 7.c encourages the State and County to establish a tree planting program in conjunction with bicycle and pedestrian paths along US 1.
- Traffic Circulation Policy 1.g states that the City shall maintain the existing bike/pedestrian path along US 1 and when approving developments along US 1, shall ensure that such development does not interfere with the function of the path.

6.6 Islamorada, Village of Islands

The Islamorada, Village of Islands Comprehensive Plan includes several policies that specifically address items related to preservation and enhancement of the Scenic Highway Corridor as follows:

Transportation Policies

- Policy 2-1.3.10 requires adoption of LDRs, which specify design standards such as encouraging a safe interface between vehicles and pedestrians.
- Policy 2-1.3.13 designates US 1 as a Local Scenic Roadway.
- Policy 2-1.3.14 supports the designation of the US 1 Highway corridor as a Florida Scenic Highway and supports Federal designation as an All American Road.
- Policy 2-1.5.3 ensures continuity of the Overseas Heritage Trail within the City.

Future Land Use Policies

- Policy 1-1.2.3 addresses enhancing the Old Road by promotion of land use and transportation strategies that enhance its safe use as a local traffic and pedestrian friendly corridor.
- Policy 1-4.5.1 provides that LDRs will address management of environmentally sensitive natural systems, dedication of conservation easements, preservation of open space and reservation of strategic points of shoreline for public access.

6.7 State and Federal Protection Techniques

Various state and federal agencies listed below also manage and maintain the conservation and preservation of corridor resources.

6.8 Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) manages 12 state parks in the Keys. Many of these parks are adjacent to the Corridor including the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail. The FKSCA works in partnership with FDEP and other agencies as they implement their programs.

Portions of the waters that surround the Florida Keys are also designated as Florida Aquatic Preserves. This designation affords these waters additional protection. Coupon Bight Aquatic Preserve and Lignumvitae Key Aquatic Preserve were designated in the early 1990s.

6.9 Florida Department of Transportation

The entire US 1 corridor is owned by the FDOT as such it is subject to state regulation. These regulations prevent commercial intrusions incompatible with state transportation goals. Typically, the FDOT is responsible for all maintenance activities within the ROW. The FDOT has entered into a number of maintenance agreements with local and other state agencies relative to management of enhanced landscaping and beautification efforts in place along the corridor.

6.10 Florida Department of Community Affairs

The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) designates Areas of Critical State Concern and protects natural resources and public facilities of major statewide significance through cooperative planning and management.

The Florida Keys were designated an Area of Critical State Concern in 1975 (Section 380.0552, F.S.). Establishing an area of critical concern uses 12 principles for guiding development and every comprehensive plan amendment is required to be consistent with them. Several of the principles are directly tied to the promotion of US 1 as a scenic corridor and the protection of its natural, cultural scenic and heritage resources.

6.11 National Parks Service

The National Parks Service operates a number of National Parks in the area. These include Everglades National Park, Big Cypress Swamp National Park, Biscayne National Park and the Dry Tortugas National Park.

Biscayne National Park protects a coral reef system and is located in Miami, Key Biscayne and Homestead Florida. The Dry Tortugas National Park is located almost 70 miles (mi) west of Key West and is known for protection of bird and marine life. The most famous, Everglades National Park, located at the north end of the corridor, is the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States and has been designated a World Heritage Site, International Biosphere Preserve and Wetland of International Importance.

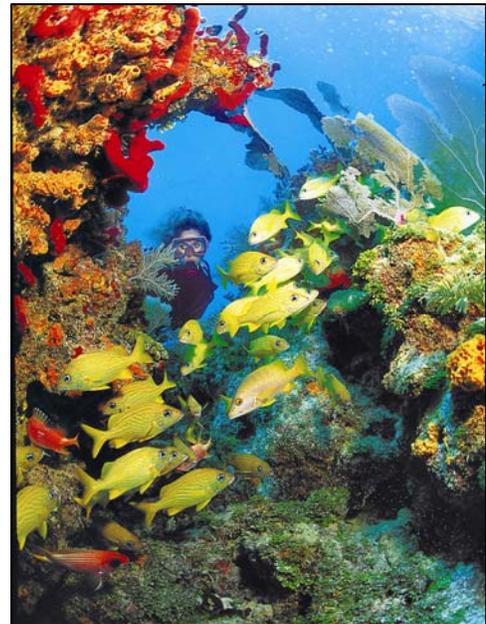


6.12 National Wildlife Refuges

The National Wildlife Refuge system is managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and includes four facilities in the Keys including Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, Key West National Wildlife Refuge, National Key Deer Refuge and the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The Key West facility of 200,000 acres (ac) is located on Big Pine Key and was the first established in the Keys and one of the earliest in the United States. Great White Heron also is located in Big Pine Key and encompasses almost 200,000 ac of water and islands. Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge is located in north Key Largo and is made up of 6,700 ac, including 650 ac of open water. National Key Deer Refuge is located on 9,200 ac of land on Big Pine Key. All improvements near these facilities must be coordinated with the USFWS.

6.13 National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary encompasses the 2,900 square miles of waters surrounding the Florida Keys and Dry Tortugas. The world famous Looe Key and Key Largo National Marine Sanctuaries became part of the larger Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary in 1990 at the time of its designation by Congress. The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is managed by a federal/state cooperative agreement between the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and FDEP. This partnership also includes management of two Aquatic Preserves in the lower Keys.



6.14 Local, State, and Federal Permitting Agencies

Any projects undertaken within the FKSH Corridor will require environmental permits from the appropriate permitting agency having jurisdiction over the project location and the FDOT (for any project activity within the US 1 ROW). In addition, permits may need to be obtained from other federal and state agencies that have permitting authority within the corridor.

7.0 FUNDING AND PROMOTION

The funding and promotion of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) is a key component to accomplishing the vision and the long-term sustainability for the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA). This chapter is intended to update new relationships and/or new funding and promotional concepts to be used by the FKSCA.

7.1 Funding

Along with a reenergized FKSCA, there is a reemphasis on establishing partnerships for funding and promotional opportunities that support the vision of the corridor. The Monroe County Tourist Development Council (TDC), with its considerable resources, will play a critical partnering role in both funding and promotional partnerships.

The TDC's mission is to market and promote the Florida Keys to the world and "put heads in beds." They use the latest technologies and most talented staff to do just this. Advertising in travel publications, newspapers, on the internet and at trade shows around the world are just a few of the ways that they market the Keys to the world.



The TDC is funded in part through a county-wide bed tax. Monroe County collects a bed tax of three cents from each lodging facility in the Keys. The first two pennies are used by the TDC for generic promotion of Monroe County (all of the Keys) as a tourism destination to the Nation and the World. The other one penny is distributed to the District Area Committee (DAC) according to where it was collected (i.e., Key West percentage is always larger than the other Keys because they collect more bed tax). The DAC can use their portion to enhance and support the specific tourism development efforts of the District.

Several broad funding sources are also available for consideration by the FKSCA including:

- National programs
- State grants
- Transportation enhancement grants
- Local benefactors

National Programs

The FKSCA has observed that other designated Florida Scenic Highway's obtain program grants at the national level. Of particular interest to the FKSCA are grants available through the National Scenic Byways Program. As with most funding programs, these are competitively selected from applications received from around the country. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in partnership with state and regional programs has funds available in a number of relevant categories. A second potential funding resource could be federal funding opportunities that become available to resources that have been placed on the National Register

of Historic Places (NRHP). The FKSH has a number of designated resources and a number of potentially eligible resources along the corridor that may be eligible for this funding opportunity.

State Grants

The FKSCA will focus on funding opportunities that are closely aligned with its vision and goals. Of particular interest are funding programs that emphasize the protection and enhancement of the corridors unique resources. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) offers funding for worthy projects including enhancement and corridor signage. Additionally, the FDOT currently funds a part time Scenic Highway Coordinator position through Monroe County.

Local Benefactors

As with every volunteer organization, the FKSCA will look to local benefactors to help support the program and accomplish its goals. The FKSCA recently had a local benefactor create and publish a Corridor Membership brochure that has been used as a marketing tool for funding and volunteers.

7.2 Promotion

The FKSCA has access to the TDC's advertising and marketing resources for regional and worldwide materials distribution in both hard copy and digital media. TDC staff travels all over the world to market the Keys. The FKSCA will work to ensure that all TDC materials make reference to the Florida Keys Scenic Highway.

Currently TDC marketing materials (both hard copy and digital) are printed in multiple languages. The TDC web site allows for review in a variety of languages. The TDC has available for distribution world wide and locally in their visitor centers informational brochures printed in English, Spanish, German, Japanese and Swedish and other key languages to meet visitor needs.

During the designation phase, a promotional video was prepared for the corridor. Although slightly dated, this video provides the viewer with a unique glimpse of the corridor's unique resources. It is anticipated that this or an updated version of the video will be made part of the broad range of marketing materials to be used by the FKSCA for promotion of the corridor.

Other promotional materials include the FKSCA's recently developed marketing/recruitment brochure. The FKSCA has also developed strong ties to the local access television station. A series of interviews were recently conducted that advertised the corridor and a "community re-education program" that is currently being conducted by the FKSCA along the corridor.

8.0 RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

According to the Florida Scenic Highway Manual elements of the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) update must be incorporated into the local government comprehensive plan(s) of participating local governments as part of the designation of a corridor as a Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH). This is important since the comprehensive plan carries the force of law and provides the primary mechanism for establishing an enforceable CMP update. Incorporation of portions of the CMP update into the comprehensive plan fosters a sense of responsibility and ownership and ensures a commitment by local government(s) and partners to implement the actions outlined. Specific elements of the CMP update must be adopted into the local government comprehensive plan or it must be demonstrated that the comprehensive plan already includes provisions to protect the corridor.

As part of this CMP update, a review of the local government comprehensive development plans was undertaken. It was determined that all participating local governments have protective elements in their comprehensive development plans that are related to the FKSH.

8.1 Monroe County

The County completed an update of their Comprehensive Plan in February 2008 which will stand until 2010. Updates and changes occur in January and May. The next hearing cycle is January 21, 2009. Policy 105.1.2 in the Comprehensive Plan states that Monroe County “shall prepare design guidelines to ensure that future uses and development are compatible with scenic preservation and maintenance of the character of the casual island village atmosphere of the Florida Keys.” Currently the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) is working closely with the County Planning staff to recommend language that reflects the Florida Scenic Highway Manual guidance.

The County comprehensive plan currently includes a number of protective elements that afford the corridor protection until the comprehensive plan goes through the next round of updates. For example, objective 105.2 of Monroe County’s Comprehensive Plan states that the County “shall implement with assistance of the state and federal governments a Twenty-year Land Acquisition Program to: secure for conservation and passive recreation purposes any remaining privately-owned environmentally sensitive lands; retire development rights on privately owned vacant lands to limit further sprawl and equitably balance the rights of property owners with the long-term sustainability of the Keys man-made and natural systems. These objectives recognize the finite limits of the natural and man-made systems in the Keys.

The Conservation Element focuses on conservation, protection, and management of natural resources within the County in order to ensure that the highest level of environmental quality is maintained and that natural plant communities are used in all restoration areas. Specific agricultural and stormwater practices are recommended to facilitate and ensure surface water, wetland, and floodplain quality.

The principal purpose of the Monroe County’s recreation land use category is to provide for public and private activity-based and resource-based recreational facilities.

Policy 1201.3.8 states that park master plans shall be designed so as to avoid and/or mitigate adverse impacts of park use upon sensitive natural resources. Such areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- High quality undisturbed pineland and hammock vegetation.
- Documented habitat of species designated as rare or endangered by the state and federal governments.
- Undisturbed beach/berm.
- Undisturbed mangrove, salt marsh, buttonwood and freshwater wetlands. Public use shall be directed away from or minimized in such areas through controlled access and limitations on permitted activities.

In January 1998, a Preservation Element was completed by Monroe County for inclusion in the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan.

Goal 104 of the plan states that Monroe County shall recognize, designate, protect, and preserve its historic resources. “Monroe County shall establish and maintain a comprehensive inventory of historic and archaeological resources, including buildings, structures, districts, sites, objects, and significant places.”

The Monroe County Growth Management Division has established an inventory of all known historic and archaeological resources using information provided by the Florida Master Site File (FMSF) and the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy surveys of the Keys.

The survey also identifies historic housing and defines the bounds of any potential historic districts such as those identified on Conch Key, in Islamorada, and in Marathon.

This element specifies restrictions on historic districts resulting from local historical designation and establishes exterior architectural standards to evaluate development proposals within designated historical districts with the intent of encouraging compatibility with the architectural features of historical significance to the particular district.

Monroe County has identified the old overseas railroad bridges for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as well as hurricane houses and public buildings (such as the Islamorada Library and the Tavernier Health Department), in addition to the hurricane memorial in Islamorada. All of which are within the FKSH corridor

As stated in the Historic Preservation Element, there are state and federal rules and regulations regarding historic resource protection, which are upheld by Monroe County and its citizens, in accordance with the law.

The Historic Preservation Element recommends the use of legal and financial incentives to assist in the preservation effort; and encourage the use of easements, restrictive covenants, purchase of development rights, rehabilitation tax credits, Community Development Block Grant funds, tax increment financing, and revolving funds to promote and accomplish preservation of significant resources.

While Scenic Highways are not specifically addressed in Monroe County’s 2010 Comprehensive Plan, the Recreation and Open Space Element of the plan does have extensive goals on providing passive community recreation and open space in an environmentally compatible manner. This is stated in goal 1201: “Monroe County shall provide a recreation and open space system to conserve valuable natural resources and to provide recreational opportunities adequate to serve the present and future population of Monroe County, including permanent residents and visitors.”

Monroe County’s Plan is consistently dedicated to the protection of parks, open vistas, and other elements that are compatible with a Scenic Corridor. The Recreation and Open Space element expresses the county’s intent to upgrade and expand existing recreational facilities, to provide educational opportunities related to the county’s natural, historic and cultural resources, and to work to protect, enhance and expand open spaces, environmentally sensitive lands and greenways. In addition, the element contains a commitment to working with various public government agencies and private partners to carry out the development of all parks and programs.

8.2 Key West

Protective elements in the current City of Key West Comprehensive Plan includes general policies that specifically address historic preservation, since a portion of US 1 (Truman Avenue) is located in the historic district of the City, this offers specific protection to the



portion of the corridor that lies within the City. The FKSCA will work with the City planning staff to incorporate additional language that specifically meets the requirements of the Florida Scenic Highway Program (FSHP). The City is currently working to address several growth management/developmental requirements and cannot update their plan until these issues are addressed. This process is ongoing and is expected to be completed in 2010.

8.3 Key Colony Beach

Of all of the municipalities located in the Keys, Key Colony Beach is the only one to not actually be located on US 1. It is connected to US 1 by a single access point and is actually a private island on the Atlantic Ocean side. This city of 800 year-round residents does not have a Comprehensive Plan. Instead, it governs itself with a five-member board of City Commissioners, Land Development Codes and Code of Ordinances. Neither of these regulatory documents currently addresses FSHP policies specifically. The FKSCA will work with the leaders of this community for their support to be documented in the appropriate policies.

8.4 Marathon

The City of Marathon's Comprehensive Plan was adopted July 7, 2005. Current policies support the elements of the FKSH in the areas of traffic, parks and corridor beautification. The FKSCA will work with the planning staff to incorporate current FSHP policies in support of the FKSH.

8.5 Layton

The City of Layton Comprehensive Plan currently includes two policies which specifically address items related to the City's commitment to support the FKSH. These include:

- Objective 7, Policy 7.c: Encourage the State and County to establish a tree planting program in conjunction with bicycle and pedestrian paths along US 1.
- Policy 1.g: The City shall maintain the existing bike/pedestrian path along US 1 and, then approving developments along US 1 shall ensure that such development does not interfere with the function of the path.

The FKSCA will continue to work with the planning staff to incorporate current FSHP policies in support of the FKSH.

8.6 Islamorada, Village of Islands

Islamorada, Village of Islands includes US 1 as a scenic highway in its vision statement. Additionally, the comprehensive plan includes several policies that specifically address items related to the preservation and enhancement of the FKSH.

9.0 BACKGROUND CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

The Florida Scenic Highways Program (FSHP) seeks to designate roadways for the protection and promotion of their resources, yet corridor activities must not hinder the purpose of the roadway, which is to move people and goods in a safe and efficient manner. Therefore, it is essential that the current and future conditions of the road, its right-of-way (ROW) and adjacent land be understood. Knowledge of roadway and ROW physical characteristics, traffic volumes and levels of service (LOS), accident locations and other data help the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) establish various operational factors that allow the road to work in a safe and efficient manner. Additionally, this information will assist the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) and their scenic highway partners in decision-making about where and how to place corridor amenities.

9.1 Roadway/Right-of-Way Description

The transportation backbone of the Florida Keys is US 1. For its 113 miles (mi) extending in a southwesterly direction from north of Key Largo to Key West, US 1 serves as Monroe County's primary vehicular link to the mainland and provides access to all of the Florida Keys including the incorporated municipalities of Islamorada, Village of Islands, Key Colony Beach, Key West, Layton and Marathon. US 1 is located within a half-mile of Florida Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, or the Atlantic Ocean along most of its length, and its 41 bridges provide panoramic views of the water and adjacent keys.

9.2 Functional Classification

US 1, a state Federal-Aid Primary roadway, is functionally classified by the FDOT as an urban principal arterial. However, due to the unusual geography of the Keys, the highway really functions as an arterial, collector and "Main Street" all rolled into one. The majority of the highway is two lanes, with only about 50 mi of four-lane segments (on Key Largo, in Marathon, Bahia Honda Key, Boca Chica Key and Stock Island). About 22 mi of the two-lane segments offer continuous turn lanes, on Plantation Key, Upper Matecumbe Key and Summerland Key.

9.3 US 1 Right-of-Way

US 1 varies in width of ROW from 50 feet (ft) in Key West to an average 700-ft width on the Seven Mile Bridge (mile-marker [MM] 40-47). For the most part the ROW width throughout the corridor is over 100 ft; however, this data is misleading due to the fact that not all of the stated ROW width is upland terrain. Some of the ROW is made up of jurisdictional wetlands or submerged lands, reducing the "usable" portion on either side of the pavement in some situations. Because of the characteristics of the roadway ROW, any activities that occur within its boundaries must be permitted not only by FDOT, but also in some cases by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) (for bridge permits).

9.4 Signalized Intersections

The majority of the intersections along US 1 are unsignalized; however, most of the major intersections provide turn lanes that offer a level of safety for turns. Within the corridor, ten major intersections are fully signalized, and another nine have flashing operation signals for either emergency or pedestrian use (excluding Key West).

9.5 Bridges

There are 41 bridges within the US 1 corridor from Key Largo to Key West. Their combined length is approximately 19 mi, or about 18 percent of the total length of US 1 in Monroe County. Most of the bridges were replaced in the late 1970s and 1980s and remain limited to two lanes, with only the Marvin Adams, Vaca Cut, Bahia Honda, Boca Chica, Cow Key Channel, and Salt Run bridges widened to four lanes.

Within the US 1 corridor, 23 old Keys bridges were abandoned in the 1980s. FDOT converted eight of these bridges into fishing piers, removing some of the spans for safety or navigational reasons, leaving the remaining 15 bridges accessible by foot. In 1997, the Old Keys Bridges Task Force was appointed in response to public demand to use the Old Keys Bridges. The Task Force developed recommendations for upkeep and use of the bridges and changes to legislation that would allow for use as recreational and historical resources. During the 1990s the FDOT completed transfer of title to the abandoned bridges (with the exception of a portion of Seven Mile Bridge between Pigeon Key and Marathon) to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, which is staffed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

9.6 Pedestrian Facilities

Much of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail is in design at this time. There are 60 miles of existing bike/pedestrian paths spread throughout the Keys that are included in the project. Most of these trails will be upgraded over the next few years. An additional 40 miles of new trail will be built over the next several years.



9.7 Roadway Maintenance

The FDOT maintains US 1 and the associated vehicular bridge structures in Monroe County. FDOT performs such functions as litter pick-up, shoulder repair, safety set-ups, mowing and brush control. FDOT also manages a variety of contracts for mowing, asphalt repair and striping. Maintenance activities within the scenic highway corridor are compatible and consistent with the FSHP intent to “protect, maintain, preserve and enhance” intrinsic resources.

9.8 Corridor Safety

Recently the Florida Department of Motor Safety did a study of highway safety issues in Monroe County as part of a statewide study. For Monroe County altogether there were 1,409 crashes in 2007, and 208 of those were alcohol-related, while 21 were fatal, according to the report. There were five motorcycle deaths, two bicycle deaths and four pedestrian deaths associated with US 1 in Monroe County in 2007. There also were 70 bicycle injuries and 36 pedestrian injuries.

The report did not encompass each city in the Keys, but did include the larger areas. These include:

- Islamorada: 125 crashes
- Boca Chica: 3 crashes
- Marathon: 130 crashes
- Plantation: 1 crash
- Key Largo: 236 crashes
- Key West: 607 crashes
- Tavernier: 36 crashes
- Layton: 3 crashes

9.9 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Accident data, exclusively for US 1 in Monroe County, were obtained from FDOT for use in the Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (October 1997).

Almost consistently during the five-year period analyzed, bicycle accidents accounted for two-thirds of the total bicycle and pedestrian accidents on US 1 each of the years. Of the accidents identified, those that took place at intersections of US 1 ranged from 36 percent to 59 percent of the total bicycle and pedestrian accidents each year. Another 12 to 27 percent of the accidents took place at driveways accessing US 1. Very few of the accidents took place on bridges. Most of the accidents took place during the daytime and on dry pavement.

The FKSCA will work with FDOT, Monroe County and local governments to identify unsafe locations along the corridor. Advocating for informational materials to warn residents and visitors of these areas and support the prioritization of funding to address high accident locations as needed. Completion of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail should help address many of these issues.

10.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

A Community Participation Program (CPP) has been developed by the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) to outline community participation tools that can be utilized to meet the requirements of the Florida Scenic Highway Program (FSHP) and support the vision and goals of the FKSCA. The objective of this CPP is to inform the general public, special interest groups, local businesses and business groups, local governments, planning organizations and agencies of the FKSCA's efforts to accomplish their vision for the corridor. It is only through community education and interaction that consensus can be built to ensure the success of the FKSCA.

10.1 Public Outreach Tools

One of the FKSCA's overall goals is to engage the community to the maximum extent possible and to act with the support of the community in the implementation of the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) update. The CPP provides detailed guidance for conducting community awareness and encouraging participation in the implementation of the CMP update.

10.2 FKSCA Meetings

The FKSCA maintains a yearly meeting schedule. Currently meetings are generally held monthly. These meetings are open to the public and are advertised in advance. The meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Monroe County Government in Marathon. This facility meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. All meetings have an agenda and meeting minutes are prepared and maintained. Minutes are available for review. The By-Laws also specify that an annual general membership meeting be held each February.

10.3 Identifying the Community

The FKSCA currently maintains a mailing list of all stakeholders that have an interest in the designation and the long-term success of the corridor. The FKSCA will continue to update and expand this stakeholder list to include other potentially interested parties and organizations as appropriate. At a minimum, this database will be updated on a yearly basis. Additional, potential additions to this expanded list could include:



- Agencies with jurisdiction over portions of the corridor
- Business Owners
- Chambers of Commerce
- Specific advocacy groups (e.g., historic, biking, ecotourism)

- Churches/Religious Groups
- City Halls
- Civic Centers
- Civic/Fraternal Organizations
- Clubs and Other Special Interest Groups
- Economic Development Agencies
- Elected Officials
- Employers of large local companies
- Environmental groups and conservation organizations
- Governments with jurisdiction over portions of the corridor
- Historic Sites
- Home Owner's Associations
- Land Developers
- Libraries
- Regional Planning Council
- Schools/Local School Boards
- Visitors' Centers/Tourism Agencies

10.4 Public Meetings

Public meetings may be scheduled, as necessary, to present and implement the goals of the group, inform the public of the designation status, receive input, and request community consensus and support. For significant issues, an informational public meeting may be considered to collect additional input. These meetings would be in addition to regularly scheduled meetings. Public meetings require significant planning and preparations and the following list of items that are considered.

Date, Time and Location

Public meetings should be scheduled on a day/evening during the work week, Monday through Thursday, to facilitate maximum opportunity for the public to participate. An attempt should be made to ensure that the meeting is held during a time of year when seasonal residents are most likely to be in the area.

The meeting facility should be based on anticipated attendance, proximity to the project, community involvement, safety (such as adequate parking lot lighting), availability and easy accessibility. The meeting should also be held at a site that is ADA compliant and provide "reasonable accommodation" and access for physically handicapped and disabled persons wishing to attend and participate. The meeting room should have ample open space to accommodate workstations, display boards, mingling, and some seating. A sound system should be available to insure all attendees are able to clearly hear and understand the speaking portions of the meeting as well as the presentation. Outdoor signage should be provided to direct attendees to the meeting location.

Meeting Format

The format for an informational meeting should be one that facilitates good interaction and communication with the attendees. A brief PowerPoint presentation may be developed and display boards and project documents regarding the designation process and status of the corridor should be made available for review and discussion. Handouts should be provided; outlining the meeting purpose/agenda as well as corridor specific information.

Visualization Techniques

Examples of visualization techniques include sketches, drawings, artist renderings, physical models and maps, simulated photos, videos, computer modeled manipulation and computer simulation. Visualization techniques will be developed, as appropriate, for the public meeting. The FKSCA has developed a Corridor Video that works well as an information tool.

Survey/Comment Forms

One way to monitor public support is to administer an opinion survey to local residents and visitors. Questions may be asked such as: “What is your impression of the corridor?” or “What corridor resources warrant recognition and protection?” Survey questionnaires may be developed and made available at the public meeting with additional space for personal comments. Survey questionnaires could also be mailed out with the invitational letters/newsletters.

Follow-up

At the conclusion of the public meeting, meeting minutes should be prepared to document the meeting and summarize the communities’ participation. The minutes should contain an account of the overall activities and techniques utilized to involve the local communities. Results of the public meeting should then be made available for public review.

10.5 Information Exchange

The FKSCA will develop and issue pertinent information regarding the corridor on an “as needed” basis. Formats could include; newsletters, brochures, fact sheets, video, and press releases. The distribution list for these materials will be based on the stakeholder distribution list and the identification of other issue specific interested parties.

10.6 Corridor Video

The FKSCA previously developed a Corridor Video as part of the State designation process. This video could be used as an information tool to educate interested groups on the corridor and the goals of the FKSCA Uses for this video include:

- Group meetings
- Speakers bureau presentations
- Public access channel

- Monroe County Tourist Development Council (TDC)
- Grant applications
- Visit Florida
- Potential sponsors for the corridor

10.7 Speakers Bureau

FKSCA members will be available to provide information on the corridor at outside meetings and community gatherings. Arrangements and approval for the speaking engagements will be coordinated and approved beforehand through the FKSCA President. These gatherings are good opportunities to distribute corridor brochures and present the corridor video.

10.8 Website

The FKSCA currently has a basic corridor website. The site includes documents prepared for designation of the corridor and photos of the corridor. It is proposed that this site be upgraded and ultimately tied into the TDC website and others to provide far-reaching information on the corridor.

10.9 Sponsorships of Community Events

The FKSCA will support local events that highlight the Corridor. These events may include corridor clean-up, fund raising, festivals and other events that are consistent with the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies.

10.10 Newspaper/Press Coverage

Because of its world-wide reputation the FKSH Corridor has the potential for significant exposure to newspaper and press coverage. It is possible that media personnel will seek out members of the FKSCA. It is also possible that the FKSCA will need to call upon the press to obtain coverage of key events and milestones. When dealing with the news media it is important to maintain a consistent story. All requests for interviews should be cleared through the FKSCA President.

10.11 Letters/Newsletters/Flyers

In order to distribute information about the upcoming public meeting; letters, newsletters or flyers will be forwarded to organizations such as local civic groups, churches, schools, neighborhood associations, etc. These organizations may publish the information in their newsletters as well as upload the information to websites. Any such correspondence will be coordinated through the FKSCA. Additionally, letters or newsletters will be mailed to individuals on the stakeholder list and other parties or organizations expressing an interest in the particular issue being discussed.

10.12 Guiding Principles

- Florida's Sunshine Law: All public participation activities and events will follow Florida's Sunshine Law (Section 286.011, Florida Statutes). This law requires that meetings must be open to the public, reasonable advance notice of the meetings must be given, and that meetings and/or other public involvement activities will be documented.
- Plain Language: All forms of notification to the public should comply with the Governor's Plain Language Initiative (Executive Order 07-01). The Executive Order requires clear language containing only necessary information presented in a logical sequence. The reader should be able to understand what the purpose and need of the project is. It also calls for short sentences written in the active voice that make it clear who is responsible for what.
- ADA Compliance: The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that all facilities and programs provide for accessibility to persons with disabilities. The ADA stipulates that any place of business, regardless of size or number of employees, both public and private, must provide equal access and "reasonable accommodations" for both the general and disabled public.
- FSHP: Follow all FSHP and other applicable Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Manual instructions for advertising and conducting public meetings.

11.0 CORRIDOR EXTENSION

The Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) also proposes to use this update to extend the limits of the corridor northward from its current end point at mile-marker (MM) 106 to MM 110. This is an extension of approximately 4 miles (mi). This extension allows for the inclusion of the beauty of the Upper Keys, north of Key Largo, including the Jewfish Creek area, Lake Surprise, Everglades National Park and the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

In support of this proposed 4 mi extension, the FKSCA has prepared a brief inventory and corridor assessment of the segments strengths and weaknesses based on methodology recommended in the Florida Scenic Highway Manual.

11.1 Corridor Impression Survey

The purpose of this survey is to record the travelers impressions of the proposed corridor and its featured resources. This survey identifies important features and assesses the quality of the corridor. For this proposed corridor addition the survey noted the newly constructed high-level bridge at Jewfish Creek and the associated wetland/open water viewshed that it offers. The survey also noted the negative impact on the viewshed that powerlines along the bayside of the roadway present. A summary of results of this survey by MM are included in Appendix G.



11.2 Field Inventory

The Field Inventory attempts to locate all features within the corridor that should be considered, not just those that are noticeable at first. In essence, the inventory highlights factual information about the corridor. It accounts for the individual features or resources within the corridor and measures their frequency of appearance and their visibility and/or accessibility from the roadway. This inventory attempts to identify positive and negative features of the corridor. For this proposed corridor addition, the survey noted the newly constructed high-level bridge at Jewfish Creek and the associated wetland/open water viewshed that it offers as a positive while remaining construction activity associated with the project as a negative. A summary of results of this inventory by MM are included in Appendix G.

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Appendix A
Location Map



Appendix B
CME Accomplishments

Appendix B
Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity
Accomplishments

For this Five-year Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Update the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) (Corridor Management Entity [CME]) has summarized a series of accomplishments that have been achieved since the last CMP was developed. The references found herein refer to the Goals, Objectives and Strategies (GOS) found in the original CMP.

Landscape Beautification Projects (Objective 1.1, 1.2, 4.1, 5.2)

Upper Keys

- The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed a median beautification project using native vegetation for the Key Largo Median Landscaping project
- Key Largo Signage (provides location information to travelers and area branding)
- Village of Islamorada Median landscaping Improvements/Tavernier Creek Bridge
- Village of Islamorada Indian Key Fill bike path and landscaping improvements

Middle Keys

- City of Marathon Signage (provides location information to travelers and area branding)
- The City of Marathon Landscaping Committee is currently installing a median beautification project along the scenic highway corridor in Marathon
- The Marathon Garden Club is completing a vegetation management demonstration project within the scenic highway corridor
- The Marathon Garden Club has created an area titled the “Wonder garden” which is a special area that incorporates indigenous plant species

Lower Keys

- Unincorporated Monroe County completed a landscape median beautification projects throughout the Saddlebunch Keys

Identify New Recreational Improvements/ Opportunities (Objective 1.3)

Upper Keys

- Jacobs Aquatic Center in Key Largo
- Islamorada Founders Park and Plantation Yacht Harbor Marina

Middle Keys

- City of Marathon Park

Lower Keys

- Big Pine Key Park

Initiate/Support Planning Efforts (Objectives 1.3, 2.1,)

- Development of a corridor Interpretative Master Plan
- Inclusion of GOS and vision in local comprehensive plans
- Support design/construction of the Overseas Heritage Trail
- Monitor FDOT Work Program development
- Received 501(c)(3) status
- Fostered a supportive relationship with the Tourist Development Council (TDC), local government agencies such as Monroe County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as well as maintained its connection to the FDOT.

Create Educational Opportunities (Objectives 4.1, 5.2)

- Creation of a corridor brochure
- Speaker's bureau
- Scenic Highway informational signage installed

Appendix C
Organizational Chart

Florida Scenic Highway Program

President

Judy Hull

Islamorada Chamber of Commerce

Monroe County
Scenic Highway Coordinator

Jane Tallman

Florida Department of Transportation
Scenic Highway Coordinator

Steven Craig James

Vice President

Carolann Sharkey

Key West Botanical Garden

Treasurer

Carol Miller

Marathon Chamber of Commerce

Secretary/Ex Officio Board Member

Jane Tallman

Monroe County

District 1

Carolann Sharkey

Vacant

City of Key West

District 2

Hazel Hartman

Carole Stevens

Lower Keys

District 3

Carol Miller

Lynda Berrigan

Marathon

District 4

Judy Hull

Zully Heymeyer

Islamorada

District 5

Jackie Harder

Andy Dickson

Key Largo

Advisory Board Members:

Nancy Diersing, *Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*

Patty Ivy, *Florida Department of Transportation*

Cristina Lindley, *Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Overseas Heritage Trail*

Monay Markey, *Florida Park Service*

Daniel Samess, *Marathon Chamber of Commerce*

Bob Shower, *Everglades National Park*

Geraldine Zahn, *City of Key Colony Beach*

Don Whitehead, *Wicker House Bed & Breakfast*

Volunteers

Members

Supporters

Over 100 Participants

**FLORIDA KEYS
SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

Fall 2008

Appendix D
Letters of Support

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR ALLIANCE AND EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1997 Clean Florida Keys applied to the State of Florida Department of Transportation Scenic Byways Program to designate the Florida Keys Overseas Highway as a state scenic highway; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation designated the Florida Keys Overseas Highway a state scenic highway in June 2001; and

WHEREAS, in July 2007, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance was established to be the Corridor Management Entity that is responsible for implementing the goals and objectives of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, the state scenic highways program allows application to the National Scenic Byways program for national recognition; and

WHEREAS, the National Scenic Byways designation recognizes those roads across the country that exhibit one or more of six intrinsic qualities – scenic, natural, historic, recreational, archaeological, or cultural – contributing towards a unique travel experience; and

WHEREAS, to be considered for designation as a National Scenic Byway, a road must possess characteristics of regional significance within at least one of the intrinsic quality categories; and

WHEREAS the Florida Keys Scenic Highway contains all six intrinsic qualities; and

WHEREAS, as of 2006, there are 126 National Scenic Byways from 44 states, of which only 26 also are designated as All American Roads, which are significant locally, nationally, and globally; and

WHEREAS, the main benefit to scenic highway designation is resource protection to preserve, enhance and maintain corridor resources for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the scenic highway designation will promote overall economic growth by generating an increase in demand for travel industry services such as recreational tours, lodging, restaurants, gas stations and other tourist-related businesses; which will be felt in all sectors of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the byway must demonstrate strong community support and develop a corridor management plan that describes in details the preservation, marketing and improvement strategies for the byway; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance membership includes representatives from all Florida Keys chambers of commerce; municipalities, and federal and state agencies national, state and local parks; the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Everglades National Park, non-profit organizations, homeowners associations and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor (the "Corridor") provides important historical, scenic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational resources within and adjacent to the U.S. Highway 1 (the "Highway") from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners also acknowledges that the intrinsic qualities provided by the Corridor enhance the driving, biking, walking and paddling experiences, as well as other forms of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor is a source for education, enjoyment, healthy exercise and relaxation for residents, and international and domestic visitors to the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners also recognizes the importance of the designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners believes that designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road will foster resource preservation, economic well-being, general recreational welfare and education of the residents and visitors of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners supports the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners benefits from the location of existing and planned facilities for the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, where appropriate, will assist in furthering the goals of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the Keys community to assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

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

Section 1. That the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy
Mayor Pro Tem Mario Di Gennaro
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy
Commissioner George Neugent
Commissioner Dede Spehar

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes



Charles "Sonny" McCoy, MAYOR

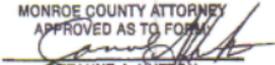
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Danny J. Kolhage, Clerk



CLERK OF THE COURT

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM



SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date 4/17/08

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City of Key Colony Beach

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September 15, 2008

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
P.O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Ms. Hull:

I am writing to you in support of establishing US1 as the *Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road*.

US1 is already a national treasure and with this designation, the corridor will allow visitors from around world to drive, walk, bike and paddle 106 miles of one of the most scenic and recreational places in the world.

Starting from Key Largo and ending in Keys West, our byway traveler will experience beautiful vistas over 41 historic bridges between two major bodies of water, the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. Imagine being able to swim, fish, snorkel, dive, paddle, hike, bike, camp, and wildlife watch on both sides of this corridor year round. Not many places in the world can boast the wonderful weather, recreation and scenery such as this.

You have my support as a citizen and Mayor of the City of Key Colony Beach that I will do everything possible to assist with the nomination process and the enhancement of the US1 Corridor.

Although our city is only on a small part of the US1 Corridor, the city commission and citizens have expressed their support of this effort. I hope to be a part of the first official Florida Keys National Scenic Byway Tour!

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Sutton
Mayor

RESOLUTION 2008 - 04**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR ALLIANCE AND EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Key Colony Beach acknowledges that the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor (the "Corridor") provides important historical, scenic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational resources within and adjacent to the U.S. Highway 1 (the "Highway") from Key Largo to Key West; and

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WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach believes that designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road will foster resource preservation, economic well-being, general recreational welfare and education of the residents and visitors of the City of Key Colony Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach supports the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key Colony Beach benefits from the location of existing and planned facilities for the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor; and

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WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Key Colony Beach community to assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

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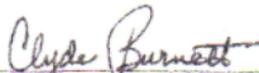
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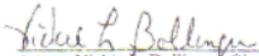
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach hereby supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27th DAY OF March, 2008.


Clyde Burnett, Mayor


Attest: Vickie L. Bollinger, City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency


Thomas D. Wright, City Attorney



*Islamorada,
Village of Islands*

March 31, 2008

Ms. Judy Hull
Executive Director
Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 549
Islamorada, FL 33036

RE: Resolution No. 08-03-19

Dear Ms. Hull:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of Islamorada, Village of Islands Resolution No. 08-03-19 supporting the Florida Keys Scenic Byway Corridor Alliance and Efforts for National Scenic Byways approved on March 27, 2008 Regular Village Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (305) 664-6412.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly Raddatz".

Beverly Raddatz, MMC
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION 08-03-19

A RESOLUTION OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR ALLIANCE AND EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands, also recognizes the importance of the designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road; and

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WHEREAS, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands, finds that it is in the best interests of the Village's community to assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

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 are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Village Council Support. The Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands, hereby supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Reckwerdt, who moved for its adoption on first reading. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Zima Borski, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

Mayor Dave Boerner	YES
Vice Mayor Cathi Hill	YES
Councilman Don Achenberg	YES
Councilwoman Jill Zima Borski	YES
Councilman Michael Reckwerdt	YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2008.



DAVE BOERNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK

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


VILLAGE ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 08- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC), FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR ALLIANCE AND EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the scenic highway designation will promote overall economic growth by generating an increase in demand for travel industry services such as recreational tours, lodging, restaurants, gas stations and other tourist-related businesses; which will be felt in all sectors of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the byway must demonstrate strong community support and develop a corridor management plan that describes in details the preservation, marketing and improvement strategies for the byway; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance membership includes representatives from all Florida Keys chambers of commerce; municipalities, and federal and state agencies national, state and local parks; the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Everglades National Park, non-profit organizations, homeowners associations and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, TDC (the "JURISDICTION"), acknowledges that the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor (the "Corridor") provides important historical, scenic, natural, cultural,

archaeological and recreational resources within and adjacent to the U.S. Highway 1 (the "Highway") from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, TDC also acknowledges that the intrinsic qualities provided by the Corridor enhance the driving, biking, walking and paddling experiences, as well as other forms of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor is a source for education, enjoyment, healthy exercise and relaxation for residents, and international and domestic visitors to the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the TDC also recognizes the importance of the designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road; and

WHEREAS, the TDC believes that designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road will foster resource preservation, economic well-being, general recreational welfare and education of the residents and visitors of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the TDC supports the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County benefits from the location of existing and planned facilities for the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the TDC, where appropriate, will assist in furthering the goals of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the TDC finds that it is in the best interests of the community to

assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TDC OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The TDC hereby supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of the Board held on the 25th day of March, 2008.

Commissioner Di Gennaro	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Firm	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Hernandez	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Irwin	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Marzella	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor McPherson	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Rego	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Varela	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Wright	<u>Yes</u>

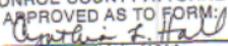
MONROE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF MONROE COUNTY

By: 
Chairman

Seal

(Attest)


Executive Assistant, District 4 Base
(Name and title)

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CYNTHIA L. HALL
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 3-14-08

RESOLUTION 2008-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE'S EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 1; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance membership includes representatives from all Florida Keys Chambers of Commerce; federal and state agencies and municipalities; national, state and local parks; the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Everglades National Park, non-profit organizations, homeowners associations and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon (the "City") acknowledges that the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor (the "Corridor") provides important historical, scenic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational resources within and adjacent to the U.S. Highway 1 (the "Highway") from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, the intrinsic qualities provided by the Corridor enhance the driving, biking, walking, paddling and other forms of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor is also a source for education, enjoyment, healthy exercise and relaxation for residents, and international and domestic visitors to the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also recognizes that designation of the Highway as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road is significant locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that designation of the Highway as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road will foster resource preservation, economic well-being, general recreational welfare and education of the residents and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City, where appropriate, will assist in furthering the goals of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Marathon community to assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2008.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA


Edward P. Worthington, Mayor

AYES: Cinque, Tempest, Vasil, Bull
NOES: None
ABSENT: Worthington
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:


Jimmy Morales, City Attorney

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SECRETARY OF
TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE THE OVERSEAS
HIGHWAY/U.S. 1 IN THE FLORIDA KEYS AS ONE OF
“AMERICA’S BYWAYS”

WHEREAS, the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) was established within the federal highway administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation under the intermodal surface transportation efficiency act of 1991, and reauthorized in 1998 under the transportation equity act for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, under the NSBP, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation recognizes certain roads as either “National Scenic Byways” or “All-American Roads” based on their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities; and

WHEREAS, there are 125 such designated routes in 44 states, and the Federal Highway Administration refers to “National Scenic Byways” or “All-American Roads” collectively as “America’s Byways”; and

WHEREAS, among the routes designated as “America’s Byways” are well-known roads, such as Route 66, the Las Vegas Strip, and California’s Route 1, as well as some lesser known yet equally significant routes, such as the Nebo Loop Scenic Byway in Utah and Kentucky’s Wilderness Road Heritage Highway; and

WHEREAS, one route that is noticeably absent from the list of “America’s Byways” is the Overseas Highway/U.S. 1 in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the Overseas Highway is a 126-mile road that connects some 100 islands that make up the archipelago of subtropical islands that comprise the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, leaving from South Miami-Dade County to Key West, the Overseas Highway includes some 42 bridges, and provides scenic vistas of the Atlantic Ocean, the aquamarine waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and countless offshore islands; and

WHEREAS, much of the Overseas Highway is built on the railroad bed of Henry Flagler's famous Overseas Railroad, and many of Flagler's original bridges remain; and

WHEREAS, as the Key West Citizen newspaper recently observed, "the Overseas Highway retains its grandeur even for those who have traversed it for a lifetime"; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the State of Florida designated the Overseas Highway as "scenic"; and

WHEREAS, the list of National Historic Sites includes three bridges that are part of the Overseas Highway: Long Key, Bahia Honda and the old Seven Mile; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance, a non-profit organization, is working to have the Overseas Highway named one of America's Byways; and

WHEREAS, designation as one of America's Byways not only makes a route eligible for federal transportation grants that are not otherwise available, but also promotes tourism and the local economy, as many travelers make it a point to visit each of the National Scenic Byways,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Supports the designation of the Overseas Highway/U.S. 1 in the Florida Keys as one of America's Byways.

Section 2. Urges the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to designate the Overseas Highway as one of America's Byways.

Section 3. Urges the Florida Secretary of Transportation to support the designation of the Overseas Highway as one of America's Byways.

Section 4. Urges Florida's Congressional Delegation to support the designation of the Overseas Highway/U.S. 1 in the Florida Keys as one of America's Byways.

Section 5. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Members of Florida's Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Director of the Federal Highway Administration, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Florida Secretary of Transportation, the Mayor and Members of the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, and the President of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____

Jess M. McCarty



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

October 16, 2008

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WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0918
 (202) 225-3931
FAX: (202) 225-5620
<http://www.house.gov/ros-lehtinen>

DISTRICT OFFICE:
8660 W. FLAGLER STREET, #131
MIAMI, FL 33144
(305) 220-3281
FAX: (305) 220-3291

MONROE COUNTY:
(305) 304-7789

MIAMI BEACH AREAS:
(305) 934-9441

Ms. Judy Hull
President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
PO Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Ms. Hull:

As the Representative of the Florida Keys in Congress, I am delighted to express my support for the nomination of US1 as the Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road, and I commend you for your diligence in pursuing this designation.

I have seen US1 grow to become a focal artery of our community, a place along which many of South Florida's greatest scenic vistas and local businesses are located. This designation is an important step in furthering both visitors' and residents' appreciation for our natural scenic road.

Once again, I offer my support for the establishment of US1 as the Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

IRL: sg/mjk



THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

COMMITTEES:
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Transportation, Vice Chair
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SENATOR LARCENIA J. BULLARD
39th District

October 9, 2008

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA)
P.O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Ms. Hull:

I am writing to you in support of establishing US-1 as the *Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road*.

As the Senator for the Florida Keys, I have often traveled on US-1 to this wonderful Florida Jewel. It truly is a *breathtaking* experience. US-1 is recognized as a national treasure and with this designation, the corridor will allow visitors from around the world to drive, walk, bike and paddle 106 miles of one of the most scenic and recreational places in the world.

Starting from Key Largo and ending in Key West, our byway traveler will experience beautiful vistas over 41 historic bridges between two major bodies of water; the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. Imagine being able to swim, fish, snorkel, dive, paddle, hike, bike, camp, and wildlife watch on both sides of this corridor year round. Not many places in the world can boast the wonderful weather, recreation and scenery such as this.

I strongly support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance (FKSCA) and their effort to establish US-1 as the *Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road*. I believe this designation will greatly benefit the Florida Keys community. You have my full and wholehearted support.

Sincerely,

Senator Larcenia J. Bullard, District 39
LJB/jr

REPLY TO:

□ 8808 South Dixie Highway, Suite 304, Miami, Florida 33143 (202) 625-7344
□ 218 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-6127

Senate's Website: www.flsenate.gov

KEN PRUITT
President of the Senate

LISA CARLTON
President Pro Tempore



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Charlie Crist
Governor

Jeff Kottkamp
Lt. Governor

Michael W. Sole
Secretary

September 24, 2008

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
P.O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Ms. Hull:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails, I would like to express support for the establishment of US1 as the Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road. Through our work to develop the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail, we are keenly aware of this highway's significance. The Office of Greenways & Trails is pleased to join with the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in seeking this designation for US1.

When completed, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT) is designed to provide safe, continuous multi-use bicycle and pedestrian access for 106 miles from Key Largo to Key West. With over 40 miles of existing trail, the FKOHT already serves as a recreational greenway for hiking, running, bicycling, in-line skating, sightseeing, fishing and kayaking. We look forward to the continued development of the FKOHT and the addition of educational kiosks, picnic areas, scenic overlooks, fishing piers and cat walks, boat ramps and water access points – all easily accessible from US1.

With its rich history, extraordinary scenery and abundant recreational resources, the Florida Keys are a popular destination worldwide. We appreciate the opportunity to support the designation of US1 as a National Scenic Byway and All American Road – a fitting tribute for the road that leads to the southernmost point of the United States.

Sincerely,

Jena B. Brooks, Director
Office of Greenway & Trails

JBB/cs



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

National Key Deer Refuge

28950 Watson Boulevard

Big Pine Key, FL 33043

Phone: (305) 872-2239 Fax: (305) 872-3675

September 23, 2008

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
P. O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Ms. Hull:

This letter is in support of the establishment of US 1 as the *Florida Keys National Scenic Byway* and *All American Road*. This designation will greatly benefit area visitors by highlighting some of the best opportunities in the United States for ecotourism, such as driving, walking, biking, and launching recreational vessels along this extraordinary 106-mile route through the Florida Keys.

US1 not only allows year-round visitors to participate in commercial tourist activities, but provides easy access to the greatest assets the Keys have to offer – its wildlife and widely-varied habitats. As you may know, Refuge lands, wildlife, and waters draw approximately 729,400 visitors annually, all of which must travel US 1 to experience the natural wonders found here. Visitors are able to swim, fish, snorkel, dive, paddle, hike, bike, photograph and view wildlife within the refuge boundary. These visitors are provided an educational experience through our Visitor Center, Blue Hole, Watson, and Manillo Trails.

The National Key Deer Refuge will do everything possible to assist with the nomination process and the enhancement of the US 1 Corridor. I look forward to working with the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance now, and in the future.

Sincerely

Karen Hillier
Deputy Refuge Manager



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Post Office Box 1409 Key West, FL 33041-1409 (305) 809-3700

Morgan McPherson
Mayor

525 Angela Street
(305) 809-3844
FAX (305) 809-3847
mayor@keywestcity.com

September 23, 2008

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
P.O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Ms. Hull:

I am writing to you in support of establishing US1 as the *Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road*.

US1 is already a national treasure and with this designation, the corridor will allow visitors from around world to drive, walk, bike and paddle 106 miles of one of the most scenic and recreational places in the world.

Starting from Key Largo and ending in Keys West, our byway traveler will experience beautiful vistas over 41 historic bridges between two major bodies of water, the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. Imagine being able to swim, fish, snorkel, dive, paddle, hike, bike, camp, and wildlife watch on both sides of this corridor year round. Not many places in the world can boast the wonderful weather, recreation and scenery such as this.

You have my support and I will do everything possible to assist with the nomination process and the enhancement of the US1 Corridor.

I hope to lead the first official Florida Keys National Scenic Byway Tour!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Morgan McPherson".

Morgan McPherson
Mayor



City of Layton
P.O. Box 778
Long Key, Florida 33001

Norman S. Anderson
Mayor

Phone: 305-664-4667
Fax: 305-664-0105
E-mail: cityhall@cityoflayton.com

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
P.O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

September 11, 2008

Dear Judy:

I am writing to you in support of establishing US 1 as the *Florida Keys National Scenic Byway and All American Road*.

US 1 is already a national treasure. This designation will allow visitors from around world to drive, walk, bike & paddle 106 miles of one of the most scenic and recreational places in the world.

Starting from Key Largo and ending in Keys West, our byway traveler will experience beautiful vistas over 41 historic bridges between two major bodies of water, the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. Imagine being able to swim, fish, snorkel, dive, paddle, hike, bike, camp, and wildlife watch on both sides of this corridor year round. Not many places in the world can boast the wonderful weather, recreation and scenery such as this.

You have my support as Mayor of the City of Layton, Florida that I will do everything possible to assist with the nomination process and the enhancement of the US 1 Corridor.

I regularly make use of the bike path on Long Key. I support any effort to upgrade and maintain the US 1 corridor, in order that visitors and residents alike may enjoy and appreciate the unique beauty of the Florida Keys.

Sincerely,

Mayor Norman S. Anderson

Reply to:

**90311 Overseas Highway, Suite A
Post Office Box 699
Tavernier, FL 33070
305/853-1947**



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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
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ron.saunders@myfloridahouse.gov**

**Florida House of Representatives
Ron Saunders
State Representative, District 120**

August 20, 2008

Judy Hull, President
Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance
P.O. Box 501930
Marathon, FL 33050

Dear Judy:

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You have my support as your State Representative, and I will do everything possible to assist with the nomination process and the enhancement of the US 1 Corridor. With this notable distinction, I would be happy to lead the first official Florida Keys National Scenic Byway Tour!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Saunders".

Ron Saunders
State Representative
District 120



United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks
40001 State Road 9336
Homestead, Florida 33034

In Reply Refer to:
K1817

JUL 14 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: National Designation for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor

Since portions of Everglades National Park fall within the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor, the Park and the Corridor complement each other...in many special ways:

- Designated by the United Nations as a World Heritage Site, International Biosphere Reserve, and Wetland of International Significance, Everglades National Park is recognized for its natural values by the *global* community.
- In common with natural environments of the Florida Keys, Everglades National Park hosts Caribbean species found in the southern tip of Florida, but nowhere else in the United States. Examples include the American Crocodile, White-crowned Pigeon, and about 100 species of West Indian trees. Visitors from around the world come here to learn about and enjoy such wonders.
- Both the Florida Keys and Everglades National Park are premier recreational destinations: people from the United States and overseas alike visit these places for their fishing, birding, paddling, hiking and sightseeing opportunities. Where else in the United States can you fish for tarpon, walk through a tropical hardwood hammock, and enjoy both sunrise and sunset over stunning emerald waters?
- The region, due to its unique geographic and natural influences, is the site of distinctive historic, cultural, and archaeological values, including Henry Flagler's historic Overseas Railway, the "Conch" (Bahamian) culture, and archeological sites dating back to South Florida's original native inhabitants.

The Interpretive Master Plan for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway calls for a variety of visitor facilities and exhibits, some of which will include information on Everglades National Park. Because the park lacks a visitor facility in the Upper Florida Keys, such facilities will serve to enlighten visitors about the unique treasures within Everglades National Park as well as the Florida Keys.

Sincerely,

Dan B. Kimball
Superintendent



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
33 East Quay Road
Key West, FL 33040

June 24, 2008

Mrs. Judy Hull
Executive Director
Islamorada Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center
P.O. Box 915
Islamorada, FL 33036

Dear Judy:

Thank you for your recent presentation to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC or Council) regarding the status of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Alliance. Your presentation was most informative and the Council requested that I convey to you their unanimous support for this effort.

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is comprised of 21 members representing diverse stakeholder interests throughout the Florida Keys including fishing, diving, tourism, research, and local governments. These leaders provide recommendations based on a consensus opinion related to marine resource management issues. This body is uniquely qualified to evaluate the merits of a broad range of topics and is very well positioned to offer an expert opinion related to the benefits and appropriateness of a Scenic Byway designation for US HWY 1.

During discussion of the proposed designation at their June 17, 2008 meeting, the Council clearly agreed that the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (US HWY 1) meets each of the six intrinsic qualities for designation and that such a designation would have long term benefits to both the community and the natural and cultural resources of the Florida Keys. As the Superintendent of the FKNMS, I fully concur with this recommendation and offer our commitment and support to the efforts of the Alliance. Please feel free to include this letter of support with your application or contact me for additional information. We wish you the best of luck for a successful outcome to this important designation.

Sincerely,

CDR David A. Score, NOAA
Superintendent

Cc: B. Popham/Chair



Appendix E
Operating Bylaws

This Instrument Prepared By:
Robert K. Miller, Esq.
Cunningham, Miller & Williams, P.A.
2975 Overseas Highway
Marathon, Florida 33050
(305) 743-9428

**BYLAWS
OF
FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE, INC.
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

ARTICLE I – CORPORATE NAME, ADDRESS AND FISCAL YEAR

- 1.1. Corporate Name.** The name of the organization is the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance, Inc., a not for profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.
- 1.2 Principal Office.** The principal office for the transaction of the Corporation’s business shall be at the office of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Coordinator, 2975 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050 in the County of Monroe, State of Florida.
- 1.3. Fiscal Year.** The Corporation’s fiscal year shall end on the 30th day of June of each year.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSE

- 2.1 General Corporate Purpose.** The Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance is organized exclusively for charitable, civic, educational and historic preservation purposes.
- 2.2 Prohibited Acts.** This Corporation shall, at all times refrain from discriminatory, partisan and sectarian acts, and shall not sponsor or support any legislative activities, positions, candidates or functions.
- 2.3 Non-Discrimination.** The organization shall comply with all applicable laws concerning non-discrimination and agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, contractor, or other person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or physical or mental handicap where the handicap does not affect an individual’s ability to perform in a contractual or employment position

ARTICLE III – SPECIFIC CORPORATE PURPOSES

- 3.1. Specific Corporate Purposes.** The Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance is organized for the following specific purposes:
- a. To serve as the Corridor Management Entity (CME) that will perpetually administer, manage, and monitor the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, including the “Florida Keys Scenic Highway”, the “Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail”, and the “Florida Keys Paddling Trail”;
 - b. Generally to do all things and transact all business which any person or individual may lawfully do, not inconsistent with the rights and purposes of a not-for-profit corporation,

provided, however, the Corporation shall not engage in any activities prohibited under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, including without limitation, those activities expressly prohibited under Section 617.0835, Florida Statutes;

c. To conduct its business affairs as a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and to qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization with no view to pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and with no part of the income to be distributable to its Members, Directors, or Officers;

d. To educate the public, volunteers and Florida Keys Scenic Highway and Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail professionals in matters relating to scenic Byways, Greenways and Trails designated by state and federal units of government;

e. To collaborate with cities, non-profits, tourist development organizations, and Monroe County Offices to choreograph event programming;

f. To initiate, coordinate and monitor plans, strategies and events of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan, and to serve as a clearinghouse for funding opportunities for all entities along the Scenic Highway and Heritage Trail;

g. To conduct research for the benefit of byways and byway organizations for both the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT);

h. To carry out charitable byway related projects not addressed by other organizations;

i. To develop human, financial and other resources and promote scenic byways both the Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT) for the enjoyment of the public;

j. To maintain communication between the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance interest groups and individuals;

k. To give recognition to significant achievements relating to byways and trails; and

l. To develop partnerships with units of government and sectors.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Eligibility, Rights and Obligations of Membership. Membership will be open to any individual or organization interested in furthering the purposes of the organization. Membership is granted upon the receipt of a membership application and membership dues.

4.2 Dues. From time to time, the Board of Directors will determine the amount and terms of dues. The Board may elect to accept contributions of goods and services in lieu of cash payment of dues.

4.3 Classes of Membership. There is a single class of voting membership. Membership is available in the following categories:

- a. Regular Member;
- b. Corporate Member; and
- c. Government Member

4.4. Enrollment. The Corporation shall keep an accurate and up-to-date list of the names and addresses of all Members.

4.5. Termination of Membership. Membership in this Corporation shall be terminated in any one of the following manners:

- (a) By voluntary written resignation;
- (b) For good cause upon a majority vote of the Board at which a quorum is present;
- (c) By expulsion for any violation of these By-laws, or any rules or regulations adopted by this Corporation; or
- (d) By voluntary or involuntary dissolution of the Member if the Member is a corporation, firm or other business entity.

4.6. Cessation of Membership Rights Upon Termination. Upon the termination of a membership, the right to vote and otherwise participate in the Corporation shall cease. Notwithstanding the foregoing, before any Membership shall cease against a Member's will, he or she shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Board, unless absent from Monroe County at the time of termination.

4.7. Corporation and Other Business Entities. Should any Member of the Corporation be a partnership, association or corporation, it shall designate in writing the name of the person authorized to represent it in its relations with the Corporation and may from time to time designate such representative by written notice delivered to the Corporation.

4.8. Membership Not Transferable. Except as otherwise provided herein, memberships may not be transferred.

4.9. Reinstatement of Member. Any Member having been terminated and wishing again to become a member may be reinstated at any time upon receipt of written application for such reinstatement and the advance payment of any dues for the period in which such reinstatement becomes effective.

4.10. Good Standing. No Member shall be considered to be in good standing if delinquent in any financial obligations to the Corporation.

4.11 Membership Rights. No Member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege of, in or to the assets, functions affairs or franchises with the Corporation, or any rights, interest or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable, or which shall continue if Membership ceases, or while not in good standing.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1. Board Role, Size and Compensation: The Board of Directors is responsible for overall policy and direction of the organization, and may delegate responsibility for day-to-day operations to an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers of the Corporation. The Board will have no fewer than three

(3), nor more than ten (10) standing Directors, each of whom shall be a voting Director, and one (1) Ex Officio Member of the Board which shall be held by the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Coordinator. Ex Officio Members of the Board shall be voting members. In addition to the voting members, the Director of the Federal Highway Administration Scenic Byway Program and the Director of America's Byways Resource Center are invited non-voting members of the Advisory Board. Directors receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

5.2 Initial Directors. Until the Corporation's first annual meeting of members the incorporators and their appointees will serve as the Board of Directors. At that first annual meeting the Incorporators will then elect the succeeding Board of Directors. The first succeeding Director so elected will serve a one-year term, the second elected a two-year term, the third a three-year term, the fourth a one-year term, the fifth a two-year term and so on provided that elected Directors will be balanced so that approximately one third of the appointments expire at the end of each calendar year. From time to time thereafter the Board may elect or reelect an individual to a vacant voting Director position provided the total of appointed voting Directors will not exceed ten at any time. Mid-term appointments to fill a vacancy resulting from a Director's resignation or termination will be filled only to the end of the resigned or terminated Director's term. Directors may be reappointed. Members of the organization may nominate individuals for the Board's consideration as Directors. In selecting Directors, the Board will give due consideration to balancing representation from various geographic sections of the country and from the public and non-public sectors.

5.3. Director Districts. The ten (10) standing directorships shall be filled by two (2) representatives from each of five geographic Districts similar to the Districts established by the Monroe County D.A.C.

ARTICLE VI – CORPORATE FUNDS

6.1 Money. All monies received by the Corporation shall be used and administered for the benefit of, and exclusively for the purposes of, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance

6.2. Dues. Dues are to be payable annually, in an amount to be established by the Board of Directors. New Members applying for membership shall submit dues with the membership application.

ARTICLE VII – MANAGEMENT

7.1. Directors. The business and property shall be managed by the Officers and Board of Directors of this organization. Initially there will be Ten (10) Standing Directors and One (1) Ex Officio Member of the Board. Election of Directors will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting in February of each year. The Directors, by majority vote, may increase or reduce the number of Directors from time to time, and may appoint Directors to serve in any additional positions created until the next following meeting of the members, provided, however, that at no time shall there be less than three (3) Directors.

7.2. Management of Affairs. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Corporation, with the authority to engage and discharge employees and agents of Corporation, admit, suspend, or expel Members, create and appoint committees and to do everything necessary and desirable to conduct the business of the Corporation, in accordance with these By-laws. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to transact any and all business of the Corporation at any properly noticed meeting at which a majority of the sitting Board Members are present, and shall control the funds of the organization and consider and decide all questions of policy.

7.3. Meetings. Meetings of the various boards and Committees shall be scheduled as follows:

- a. The full Board of Directors shall meet on not less than a quarterly basis, or as may be required;
- b. The Executive Board shall meet as may be required;
- c. Advisory Board Meetings shall be scheduled as required; however, Advisory Board Members are encouraged to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors.

7.3. Agreements. No Officer, Agent or other person shall have the power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose, without Board approval.

7.4. Designation of Depositories. The Board shall designate the bank or banks for depository and drawing purposes.

7.5. Term. The terms of office for the Directors of the Corporation shall be as specified in Section 5.2 herein-above. A Director's term shall end on the expiration of same or until such time as a successor is elected and/or until earlier resignation, death or removal. Directors shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and shall be elected by an annual meeting or special meeting of the membership called for such a purpose. Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Members who are present and in good standing at said meeting.

7.6. Voting. Each Director shall possess one (1) vote in matters coming before the Board; however, the President of the Board of Directors shall not cast a vote other than to break a tie. Directors may not vote by proxy.

7.7. Removal of Directors. Any Director may be removed from office by an absolute majority vote of the Membership present at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation. Notice of the proposed removal of a Director must be given to such Director prior to the date of the meeting at which such removal is to be voted upon. Such notice of the Director must state the cause for the proposed removal. Any Director may be removed from office after missing three (3) consecutive meetings within the fiscal year.

7.8. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board by reason of death, resignation or removal of a Director shall be filled by the remaining Directors. Such appointee shall serve during the unexpired term of the Director whose position has become vacant. The Board of Directors may appoint an interim Director to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Membership.

7.9. Conflict of Interest. Board members have an obligation to conduct business within guidelines that prohibit actual or potential conflicts of interest according to Florida Statutes, Chapter 617.0832.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

8.1 Officers. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall elect officers from members of the Board of Directors.

8.2 Vacancies. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the Board.

8.3. Election of Officers. Election of Officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the Annual Membership Meeting. Newly elected Officers will take office at the end of said meeting. Officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year, or until such time as a successor is elected.

8.4. President. The President shall be Chairman of the Board and, as such, shall be the Executive Officer of the Corporation. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and general meetings. He or she shall have general and active management of the business of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, and shall fix the time and place of all meetings. The President will appoint chairpersons to supervise all standing committees and shall be ex-officio of all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee. The President of the Corporation, when serving in the capacity of Chairman of the Board, shall not be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

8.5. Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties as required and shall preside in all meetings and perform the duties of President in the absence or disability of the President or in the event said office becomes vacant for any reason.

8.6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence and file all papers for reference, who also give all notices required by statutes, By-laws or resolution.

8.7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Corporation, shall deposit funds in such manner as directed by the Board. Treasurer shall pay bills and give receipts for their payments. Treasurer shall pay by check bills authorized by the Board and shall receive and file vouchers for such payment. The checkbook shall be kept at a central location to be designated by the Board of Directors. Treasurer's accounts and vouchers shall always be open to the Board and Members of the Corporation. A financial report shall be given at each Board and General Meeting. Treasurer's books shall be audited annually as required by state law and DEP guidelines. If a budget is needed, the Treasurer shall be chairperson of the budget committee, which shall prepare a tentative budget to be presented to the Board for approval. The Board must approve all operating expenditures not approved in the budget. All disbursement checks shall require the signatures of two of the following: Treasurer, President, and Secretary.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

9.1. Standing Committees. Standing committees shall be initiated by the President to facilitate the operation of the various functions of the Corporation. A member of the Board will be appointed chairperson and will supervise and coordinate all activities of the committee to which he/she is appointed.

(a) **Membership Committee.** The membership committee shall answer all requests for information regarding membership in the Corporation shall mail dues notices to all current members when due, shall forward all membership dues received to the Treasurer for deposit into the appropriate account, shall maintain a listing of all members including their membership category and standing, and maintain a mailing list of all members.

(b) **Fundraising Committee** shall work to generate additional resources by sponsoring fundraising activities and events, applying for appropriate grant money and assisting the Membership Committee in generating membership growth.

9.2. Ad Hoc Committees. Ad hoc committees shall be initiated by the President to facilitate the operation of the various functions of the Corporation. New committees will be appointed by the President as the need arises.

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS AND MEMBERS

10.1 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held in February of each year at the offices of the Corporation, or at such other time and location as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

10.2. Other Meetings. Other meetings shall be held when necessary to conduct business of the Corporation. The President shall set times and dates for Board and General Membership Meetings.

10.3. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business at a Meeting of Members shall consist of all Members in good standing who are present at such meetings.

10.4. Voting. A vote of a majority of the votes cast by the Members in good standing present at a meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the Members. Each Member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

ARTICLE XI - NOTICES

11.1. Notice. All notices required by law or by present or future rules and regulation of the Corporation given to any Member or Officer of the Corporation shall be given by delivery of the notice to the Member or Officer by U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Member or Officer at his or her address as appearing on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid. A statement signed by the Secretary to the effect that such notice has been given in the above mentioned forms shall be sufficient evidence of the delivery of said notice.

11.2. Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under law or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XII – VOTING BY PROXY

12.1. Proxies. Members may not vote by proxy.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

13.1. Amendment. These By-laws may be repealed amended, or altered, or new By-laws may be adopted upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors and approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting of the Membership upon twenty-one (21) days notice of the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE XIV - INTERPRETATION

14.1 Construction. In case of any doubt or difference of opinion in the construction of these By-laws, it shall be the duty of the Corporation Board to determine the construction thereof and its decision, subject to the applicable law, shall be final.

14.2. Effect. The Members shall be bound by and conform to all of these By-laws, as they exist at the time of their joining the Corporation, or as they may thereafter be changed or amended.

ARTICLE XV – APPLICATION

15.1. **Persons Bound.** The rules contained in the Bylaws as revised shall govern the Board of Directors, Officers, Chairmen of various committees, and the Members in all cases to which they are applicable, provided, however, that they do not conflict with any laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XVI – DISSOLUTION

16.1. **Corporate Dissolution.** The Dissolution of the Corporation may be accomplished as provided in Section 617.1402, Florida Statutes.

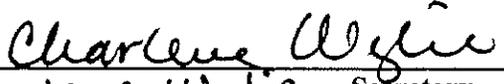
THESE BYLAWS of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance, Inc. were approved unanimously by the Board on the 26 day of July, 2007.

FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE, INC.

By: 

Judy Hull, President

Attest:

By: 

Charlene Wylie, Secretary

**FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE, INC.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

**Article I
Purpose**

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

**Article II
Definitions**

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

**Article III
Procedures**

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the

proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV **Records of Proceedings**

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall

contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V **Compensation**

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI **Annual Statements**

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers upon election or appointment will sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy,
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII **Periodic Reviews**

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII
Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Appendix F
501(c)(3) Documentation

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **DEC 10 2007**

FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR
ALLIANCE, INC.
PO BOX 500938
MARATHON, FL 33050-0938

Employer Identification Number:
26-0812616
DLN:
17053271305007
Contact Person: SUSAN Y MALONEY ID# 31210
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
July 27, 2007
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
December 31, 2011
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records must show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient

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organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), you must have evidence the funds will be used for section 501(c)(3) purposes.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipient's name and address; the purpose of the award; the manner of selection; and the relationship of the recipient to any of your officers, directors, trustees, members, or major contributors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Choi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "C".

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC
Statute Extension

Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

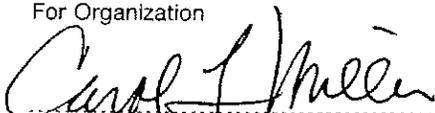
- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross investment income and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

6 If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a **Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code

For Organization


 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

Carol Miller

(Type or print name of signer)

Treasurer

(Type or print title or authority of signer)

9/17/07
(Date)

For IRS Use Only



IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

(Date)

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- b Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).
- (i) (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. _____
- (b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (ii) (a) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

- 7** Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual. Yes No

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE, INC.**

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting for the purpose of creating a Non-Profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

1.1 The name of the Corporation is Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance, Inc., which will function as a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

2.1 The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

3.1 The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

(a) To further the goals of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan;

(b) To act as the Corridor Management Entity and to assist and cooperate with Local, State and Federal Governments, adjacent property owners and other organizations with an interest in promoting, developing and maintaining the Scenic Corridor, and more specifically the Florida Keys Scenic Highway and Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail, resource qualities in a manner consistent with the Scenic Highway designation and the State of Florida Office of Greenways & Trails standards. The importance of driving, biking, walking and/or paddling for pleasure, vacations and other forms of recreation will be enhanced by the Overseas Highway corridor serving as a source of heritage, recreation, education, healthy exercise and relaxation.

(c) To actively solicit and otherwise secure and accept gifts, grants, legacies, and devises of real property, money or any other items of value to be used directly or indirectly in the furtherance of the purposes outlined in (a) and (b) above.

(d) To actively generate broad public support and community interest in and for the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway and Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail.

(e) To carry on such other activities as may be incidental to, or will assist in the accomplishment of, the purposes set forth above.

(f) To perform its purposes in every way to conform to the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

4.1 The Corporation will have one class of membership. The manner of election or appointment, the qualifications and rights of the members of the membership and any provision of the termination or forfeiture of membership shall be set forth in the Bylaws. Members, trustees, and officers shall not, individually or personally, be liable for the debts or obligations of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V - STOCK ISSUANCE

5.1 The Corporation shall issue no stock for membership; however, the Corporation may issue certificates of membership if deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - NON-PROFIT

6.1 No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee or officer of the Corporation; and no member, trustee or officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Upon dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, subject to applicable law, the assets of the Corporation remaining in the hands of the Board of Directors shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more appropriate agencies of State and Local Government duly authorized and able to receive and administer the same for the purposes set forth in Article III, of these Articles provided such transfer or conveyance qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or similar code provisions at the time of dissolution. In the event that such transfer or conveyance to one or more agencies of State or Local Government is not possible, then the assets of the Corporation shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more non-profit domestic corporations, societies or organizations engaged in charitable, benevolent, educational or other similar purpose upon such terms and conditions and amounts and proportions as the Board of Directors shall determine, and which qualify for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or similar code provisions at time of dissolution.

ARTICLE VII - POWERS, DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS

7.1 The Corporation shall be organized as a publicly-supported charitable foundation with all of the powers and duties of a Corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Act and other applicable State statutes.

7.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, the Bylaws of the Corporation or any other governing document, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by any organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as the now exist or as they may hereinafter be amended, or by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such code and regulations as the now exist or as the may hereafter be amended.

7.3 The Corporation may transfer any real property or interests therein or other assets which it may hold to any Governmental agency or any other suitable agency which is duly authorized and able to receive and administer the same for the purposes set forth in Article 3.1.

7.4 The organization shall comply with all applicable laws concerning non-discrimination and agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, contractor, or other person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or physical or mental handicap where the handicap does not affect an individual's ability to perform in a contractual or employment position.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8.1 The Corporation shall be governed by the Board of Directors initially consisting of five (5) Director members who shall serve until the Organizational Meeting of Members and Directors. The Bylaws of the Corporation, as from time to time may be amended, shall provide for the manner by which the number of Directors of the Corporation may be increased or decreased; the manner by which Directors are to be elected; and the terms of office for Directors of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the Initial Directors are as follows:

Judy Hull, President
Post Office Box 915
Islamorada, Florida 33036

Carolann Sharkey, Vice-President
1120 South Street
Key West, Florida 33040

Carol L. Miller, Treasurer
2490 Harbor Drive
Marathon, Florida 33050

Lynda Berrigan, Director
2121 Avenue H
Marathon, Florida 33050

Charlene Wylie, Secretary
101425 Overseas Highway #929
Key Largo, Florida 33037

ARTICLE IX - INITIAL CORPORATE OFFICE; REGISTERED OFFICE; AND REGISTERED AGENT

9.1 The location and street address of the initial office of the Corporation shall be 2975 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050; and the initial registered agent for service of process at that address shall be: Robert K. Miller, Esq.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

10.1 The Board of Directors, which shall manage the business and affairs of the Corporation, shall adopt, repeal and amend such Bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of the Corporation as shall be deemed advisable by the Board, subject to applicable law.

ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATORS

11.1 The names and addresses of Incorporators of the Corporation, and the persons signing this document are:

Carol L. Miller, Incorporator
2490 Harbor Drive
Marathon, Florida 33050

Carolann Sharkey, Incorporator
1120 South Street
Key West, Florida 33040

Judy Hull, Incorporator
Post Office Box 915
Islamorada, Florida 33036

DATED: July 26, 2007

WITNESSES:

Cristina Lindley
Witness 1

Charlene Wylie
Witness 2

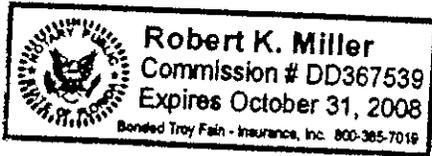
INCORPORATORS:

Carol L. Miller
Carol L. Miller, Incorporator/Director

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MONROE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of July 2007, by Carol L. Miller, who is personally known to me.

(Notary Seal or Stamp)



[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Florida

WITNESSES:

Cristina Lindley
Witness 1

Charlene Wylie
Witness 2

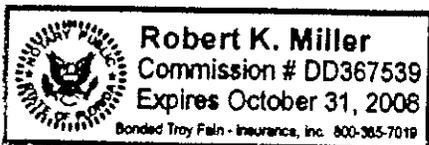
INCORPORATOR:

Carolann Sharkey
Carolann Sharkey, Incorporator/Director

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MONROE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of July 2007, by Carolann Sharkey, who produced Drivers Lic. as identification

(Notary Stamp or Seal)



[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Florida

WITNESSES:

Cristina Lindley
Witness 1

Charlene Wylie
Witness 2

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MONROE)

INCORPORATOR:

Judy Hull
Judy Hull, Incorporator/Director

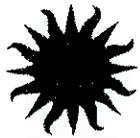
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of July 2007, by Judy Hull, who produced Drivers Lic. as identification

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Notary Public, State of Florida

Appendix G
Corridor Extension Support Documentation



Corridor Impressions Survey Form

Florida Scenic Highways Program

A. Route name/number US1/SR5 Monroe County

B. Direction of travel Northbound

C. Segment Number

GOOD

D. Impressions

BAD

Segment # 110

- Proposed new northern limit to Scenic Highway
- Jewfish Creek bridge rises above mangroves
- Open water to the east

- Black chain-link fence
- Powerlines bay side
- Jersey barrier middle of road

Segment # 109

- Mangrove
- Open water
- Approach to Jewfish Creek bridge
- Boats

- Highway construction
- Powerlines bay side

Segment # 108

- Top of Jewfish Creek bridge
- View of water (360°)
- Open water

- Construction
- Powerlines bay side

Segment # 107

- South end Jewfish Creek bridge
- Welcome center
- Key Largo entrance

- Highway construction
- Powerlines bayside
- Bike facilities (lack of)

Begin Segment # 106

- Northern limit of existing Scenic Highway
- FDEP Trailhead
- Crocodile Lake Wildlife Refuge

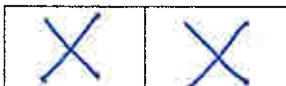
- Existing highway construction
- Touristy
- Signs
- Lack of bike facilities

Begin Assessment

E. Quality Evaluation (Entire corridor)

vividness unity

High



High --

The corridor is exceptional in its quality of vividness or unity.

Medium

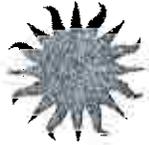
Medium --

The corridor is of average significance and special, yet not exceptional.

Low

Low --

The corridor is not vivid nor displays unity.



Field Inventory Form

Florida Scenic Highways Program

Route Name/Number US1/SR5 Monroe County
 Direction of Travel Northbound Mile # 4 miles total

Survey Codes

- ✓ Fully visible from roadway
- x Partially visible from roadway
- * Not visible from roadway, but present

Positive Features

	Segments									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cultural										
<u>Flagler Train Route</u>							✓	✓		

Historic or Archeological										

Recreational										
<u>Boating</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Parks</u>							✓	✓	✓	

Natural										
<u>Mangroves</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Wetlands</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Open Water</u>							✓	✓	✓	

Scenic										
<u>View</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Boats</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Bridge</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Sunrise</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓

Negative Features

	Segments									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Construction										
<u>Construction</u>							✓	✓	✓	
Powerlines										
<u>Powerlines</u>							✓	✓	✓	✓
Chain-link fence										
<u>Chain-link fence</u>									✓	✓

Please provide any additional comments on the features present within the corridor.