



RESOLUTION NO. 148-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL, REQUESTING PRIORITIZATION OF DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF THE SUGARLOAF KEY SECTION (FROM MM16-MM20) AND CONSIDERATION FOR PROJECT PHASING, AND PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT) is a locally-inspired multi-use bicycle and pedestrian facility that serves as a recreational and alternative transportation corridor for the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the FKOHT features more than 70 miles of existing trail paved in segments along a planned, 106-mile corridor from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, much of the remaining trail is now in design or under construction by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways & Trails (OGT) and is primarily funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through transportation alternatives program funds; and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing, the Board considered comments from citizens wishing to speak on the matter of support for historic bridge repair where citizens expressed concern over the unfinished portion of the FKOHT specifically on Sugarloaf Key, especially with regard to user safety; and

WHEREAS, the FKOHT along Sugarloaf Key remains one of the largest sections not complete on the system and,

WHEREAS, the Sugarloaf section, along US 1 from Mile Marker 16 to Mile Marker 20 was delayed due to shoreline erosion design issues and lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered the comments and requested a resolution to show continued support of the completion of the trail, with prioritization of the Sugarloaf Key section and consideration of phasing of the project for quicker implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests funding from Florida Department of Transportation in the upcoming FDOT District Six 2017/2018-2021/2022 Five Year Work Program for Monroe County.

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

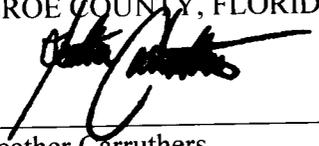
1. Monroe County fully endorses the Florida Department of Environmental Protections efforts to construct the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and offers support as necessary to ensure the completion is as timely as possible.
2. Monroe County requests re-design of portions of the trail that have now been impacted by erosion.
3. Monroe County requests prioritization of the Sugarloaf section of the trail from MM 16 to MM 20. In the event funding for the entire Segment (MM16-MM20) is too expensive, Monroe County requests phasing of the project for a quicker completion of the trail.
4. Monroe County requests the Florida Department of Transportation provide transportation alternative program funds in the upcoming Five Year Work Program to support the completion of the Sugarloaf portion of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail.
5. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to:
 - a. Florida DEP Secretary Jon Steverson; and
 - b. Florida DOT Secretary Jim Boxold
6. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 20th day of July 2016.

Mayor Heather Carruthers
Mayor Pro Tem George Neugent
Commissioner Danny L. Kolhage
Commissioner Sylvia J. Murphy
Commissioner David Rice

YES
YES
YES
YES
YES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY 
Mayor Heather Carruthers

(SEAL)



AMY HEAVILIN, CLERK

Mary Robertson
Deputy Clerk

9-14-16

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
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St. T. Williams

STEVEN T. WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date 7/7/16

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