

FLORIDA KEYS TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2025
Hybrid Meeting
Marathon BOCC Room

Voting Members Present:

Tom Harding (Key Colony Beach)
David Rice (Monroe County BOCC Rep.)

Voting Members Attending by ZOOM:

Mary Lou Hoover, (Key West)
Brian Shea (Marathon, Alternate)

Voting Members Absent:

Robyn Still (Marathon)
Greg Lewis (Layton, Alternate)
Bruce Halle (Layton)
Sharon Mahoney, Village of Islamorada

Monroe County Staff in Attendance:

Richard Clark, Executive Director, Transit (Chair)
Tamara Lamarche, Executive Assistant, Comm. Rice's Office

Resource Staff Attending by ZOOM:

John McWilliams, Consultant, Kimley-Horn
Alison Higgins, City of Key West Transportation Team
Ray Atkinson, Key West
Ryan Stachurski, City of Key West Multimodal Transportation
Janene Sclafani, Transportation Planner, Planning
Pedro Mercado, Assistant County Attorney
Simon Haung, FDOT
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Members of the Public attending by ZOOM:

Tellis Baker
Rob M.
Mark Beveridge (Alyssa Panzer)

Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and made opening greetings.

- I. Roll call. See page for listing of present and ZOOM attendees.
- II. Approval of agenda. Motion to approve by Tom Harding, Brian Shea seconded. Agenda were approved.
- III. Approval of minutes of February 24, 2025. Motion to approve by Tom Harding, and Brian Shea seconded. Minutes were approved.
- IV. See end of minutes for item 4, was inadvertently skipped on agenda.
- V. Richard Clark: Most of the members have provided their list of projects for their municipality. Our next meeting will be April 22 (move from April 21 due to conflict with an FDOT meeting in Miami that I must attend). Please go over your projects and organize them by Tier 1 or Tier 2, and possibly “other”. At the meeting we will go over the projects in totality and accept them as a committee. You will receive final master list within a few days of the meeting. Then you will take this prioritized master listing to your elected body as soon as possible to accept and approve a Resolution accepting the County-wide project priority list for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). At the May 21, 2025 BOCC meeting, the Commission will approve the project priority list reviewed and approved by the Florida Key Transportation Coordination Committee, with support Resolutions from each municipality, to send to FDOT, District VI in June 2025.

Please review attached project listing created from the municipality and County submissions.

Richard discussed the bridge replacement projects. Bridges are a 50-75 year investment. We cannot get significant upgrades until the next replacement cycle. That is why we are trying to get a 4-lane bridge plan before FDOT now for these replacements coming up through the next 20 years. We will need to pursue a Comprehensive Plan change (1 year process with the State), to allow the 4 lanes on the bridges and US1.

The Ferry grant is still in process. Anything that can pull cars off of US1 is a good thing and worth pursuing. FDOT is reviewing park-n-ride stations for US1 as well.

- VI. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 10:00AM, same location, Marathon Government Center, BOCC room. It will be a hybrid meeting with ZOOM component. There will be a May meeting, to be determined. Will be before the May 21 BOCC meeting.

IV. (Continued from page 1)

FDOT has informed Richard Clark that they are working on a grant later this year for Monroe County to fund bike/pedestrian improvements. Mark Beveridge, Shark Key, spoke to this regarding a dangerously skinny path from the Shark Key area to the Circle K, approximately a ¼ mile. Improvements the rest of the way into Key West would really help the bicycle and e-bike commuters for their work commute. Richard said he is a part of several planning boards, including this one and will have it reviewed for improvements.

Additional comments:

Richard also announced that Stacy Miller (previously District VI Secretary for FDOT), is now the Executive Director of Miami-Dade Transportation. Daniel Iglesias, previously Planning Director for District VI, has been hired as the new District VI Secretary. Stacy will be able to help Monroe County a great deal with the two Miami-Dade Express bus route services to the Keys, and Daniel will be very knowledgeable and helpful in working towards improvements to US1 in the Keys. When we get our improved bus transportation system up and going, we are planning to have a 30 minute headway, we could move 1 million passengers a year.

- VII. Motion to adjourn. David Rice made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Brian Shea Meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM

The entire meeting details can be obtained at our MCTV Video Homepage, <https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/monroe/?page=HOME> Look for the meeting date and committee name, click on that video to play.