RESOLUTION NO. 201 - 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission charges the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee with the task of developing recommendations for solving the traffic issues that exist throughout the Keys including, but not limited to, recommendations for improving the coordination of public transportation services currently being offered; and
WHEREAS, the Commission invites each municipality to assign key staff to assist the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee with its mission; and

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

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

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

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

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

a. Hold public meetings consistent with Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, as often as its members determine appropriate;

b. Study and research traffic issues confronting the Florida Keys, both as a whole and locally, within the various communities throughout the Keys; and

c. Make recommendations to the BOCC and the governing bodies of each municipality on potential solutions to those traffic issues.

Section 4. Staff Support. The BOCC directs the County Administrator to provide administrative and logistical support for the FKTCC. Such support shall include providing professional staff to assist the FKTCC with its duties, provide administrative support staff as requested by the Committee, coordinate the scheduling of public meetings of the committee, and other tasks requested by the committee. The municipalities are encouraged to provide professional and support staff to assist and supplement the County's efforts.
Section 5. Legal Representation. The County Attorney or his designee shall provide legal counsel to the FKTCC with respect to the conduct of its duties.

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

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

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

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

ATTEST: KEVIN MADOK, Clerk

By: _______________  Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _______________  Mayor Sylvia J. Murphy

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_________  ROBERT B. SHILLINGER, JR.
            COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date   7-9-19