

FLORIDA KEYS TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Tom Harding (Key Colony Beach)
Bruce Halle (Layton)
Greg Lewis (Layton, Alternate)
Robyn Still (Marathon)
Brian Shea (Marathon, Alternate)

Voting Members Attending by ZOOM:

N/A

Voting Members Absent:

Mary Lou Hoover, (Key West)
Village of Islamorada (No new appointments – on their March 18 agenda)
David Rice (Monroe County BOCC Rep.)

Monroe County Staff in Attendance:

Richard Clark, Executive Director, Transit
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

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

- I. Introductions of appointed committee members present and on ZOOM.
- II. Approval of agenda. Greg Lewis made the motion and Tom Harding seconded. Agenda were approved.
- III. Approval of minutes of May 1, 2024. Greg Lewis made the motion and Brian Shea seconded. Minutes were approved.

- IV. Richard Clark discussed the new community priorities to be provided by each city/County for submission to FDOT by June 2025. These will be combined into a single county-wide priority list for submission. All communities will approve their projects as well as in support of the master list.

Background: Of the 12 projects previously prioritized and sent to FDOT, all 12 have been addressed, most by FDOT. Some projects have been added to 5-yr. Work Plan, some complete, and some addressed by the County. Overall, on the 183 total project list, 75 projects have been addressed by FDOT. Some were dropped for various reasons, bringing the total projects to approximately 150, so half has been addressed or programmed for future work, which is amazing.

Need to update and review our priorities on-going. FDOT stated our priorities are theirs. Will go through our much larger project list, the municipalities local lists, take a look at, go to the cities, committee, and decide what will be good for our communities. FDOT is expecting to hear from us.

Each City representative on the committee should bring to the next meeting 10 items from the 2nd phase list, new ones are as well.

The group will prioritize these for a master list to go back to your boards for their discussion/approval and your board's resolution in support for the FKTCC. Then the FKTCC will pass our own Resolution bringing the Cities approvals forward, then to the Board of County Commissioners for their cover Resolution of acceptance and submission to FDOT for the 2025 Project Recommendations. We will submit to FDOT in June.

Brian Shea, Marathon had a couple of projects to submit:

- a. Item 80, Aviation Blvd. Traffic Light Study – Still problems there with left turns onto US1
- b. Item 183, Add additional stop signs on side streets along the FL Key Heritage Trail to the Seven Mile Bridge.

Tom Harding, KCB, had a project to list:

- a. Pedestrian crossing at Sadowski Causeway and US1. FDOT has contacted the City and they are working on it.

Alison Higgins, City of Key West: She stated their Transportation Team will be meeting this Thursday, and she has spoken with Ken Jefferies, FDOT on this:

- b. E-bike management along Roosevelt. Interface issues with pedestrians and the motorized e-bikes. Would like to see an e-bike bridge to link South Stock Island to Roosevelt for the e-bikes.

Richard Clark, Monroe County Transit said over the next year, the County will be taking over the Village of Islamorada Freebee program, approve an ILA with the Village, sharing those costs, with County oversight. And during the next year or so, looking to expand those services to other Keys communities, Key Largo, Big Pine, Lower Keys. The Stock Island to Key West Freebie service is exceeding expectations, and the majority of the ridership is locals, just what we hoped for, helping the workforce get to and from their jobs in the city.

- V. The committee will need to meet monthly for the next two months. We will send some good dates for your consideration. The next one will need a two-hour block.
- VI. Motion to adjourn. Brian Shea made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tom Harding. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM

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.