

FLORIDA KEYS TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee (FKTCC) was called to order at 1:04PM on Friday, March 6, 2020 by Chair, Commissioner Rice. Meeting was held in the BOCC Chambers at Marathon Government Center, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL.

Present

Appointed Committee Members:

Comm. David Rice, Chair

Mayor Bruce Halle, City of Layton

Comm. Kimmeron Lisle, City of Key Colony Beach

Comm. Mary Lou Hoover, City of Key West

Doug Lewis, Growth Management Director, alternate, City of Marathon

Non-Committee Members:

Alison Higgins, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Key West

Rod Delostrinos, Director of Transportation, City of Key West

Tim Staub, Multi-Modal Transportation Coordinator, City of Key West

Norman Wartman, Citizen, Transportation Resource

Christine Hurley, Growth Management Director, Monroe County

Emily Schemper, Planning Director, Monroe County

Janene Sclafani, Transportation Planner, Monroe County

Juanita Jones, Affordable Housing Planner, Monroe County

Steve Williams, Assistant County Attorney

Saara Staten, Executive Assistant, City of Key Colony Beach

Tamara Lamarche, Executive Assistant, Comm. Rice

ZOOM Participants:

Mayor Deb Gillis, Village of Islamorada

Mayte Santemaria, previous Planning Director, Monroe County

Rita Irwin, TDC Board Chair

Justina Gfesser, Transportation Planner, South Florida Commuter Services

Christina Miskis, Planner, South FL Regional Planning Council

ZOOM Participants Continued:

Cheryl Cioffari, Assistant Planning Director, Monroe County
Anna Marie Haskins, Social Services, Monroe County
Jill Zima Borski, Reporter, Key West Citizen

Presenters:

Gilbert Soles, LUX SOLAR
Vivek Reddy, AECOM
Jillian Scholler, AECOM

Presentations:

IV.A.1: In-Road solar LED lights, Gilbert Soles, LUX SOLAR
In ground solar lights to illuminate road pedestrian/cycling lanes, road curves, crosswalks, etc. Approved by FDOT, being installed in various Florida locations. Useful for many applications. Crosswalk units are hooked to hard-wire power as backup to solar. Single unit installations are easy to replace, Public Works crew can do it. Warranty is 2-years on units. Now on Miami-Dade Transportation approved list of equipment.

Hard-wired crosswalk installation approximate \$40,000

Highlighting a curve, approximately \$18,000

IV.A.2: 2019 DRAFT Arterial Travel Time and Delay Study (ATTDS), Vivek Reddy, AECOM
Review of the methodology for the study created by the Task Force, originally founded in 1993 and reconvened in 1997. Study is done every two years. The methodology is outdated and does not match what FDOT uses. The 2019 Level of Service (LOS) rating has dropped from a C to a D compared to 2017 LOS. This is the first study post- Hurricane Irma. Christine Hurley stated the County Code accepts an overall LOS of C. Means that permitting of larger projects might require the builder to provide an ingress and egress lanes from the project for US1.

Christine Hurley stated the ATTDS is connected to the Transportation Master Plan (TMP), currently being updated. The master plan is expected to be complete and presented to the BOCC in July/August 2021. The ATTDS will be re-conducted in 2021 and will time out together. Presentation to BOCC will have an outline of what County would ask for in improvements to FDOT.

Vivek provided list of recommendations to improve overall LOS such as access management, improvement of signal systems, merge and de-acceleration.

Discussion regarding options and timing of reconvening Task Force, completion of TMP, and 2021 ATTDS.

IV.A.3: Transportation Master Plan, Vivek Reddy, AECOM
Committee elected not to hear this presentation in the interest of time.

IV.B: Discussion Ferry Service, Comm. Mary Lou Hoover, City of Key West

The owners of Key West Express ferry service from Key West to Ft. Myers would be willing to come talk to the committee about what they might be able to offer. A previous effort some years ago for a ferry service from Miami to Key West did not work out, no time saved from a car trip. Making any stops along the way increased the travel time considerably.

A ferry service from Stock Island to the Ferry terminal on the waterfront in Key West might be an option. Would need ample parking at both ends of the service.

Look at short segment routes, i.e. Islamorada to Marathon, Marathon to Big Pine.

Bruce Halle mentioned that the Ft. Myers to Key West ferry service had to be subsidized by Ft. Myers in early years.

Rod Delostinos has request submitted to FDOT to include a ferry service with proximity to Sunset Marina for a Stock Island to KW Ferry Terminal. Connections to city bus service.

Committee agreed to invite them to the next meeting (April 17) to talk to us. Comm. Mary Lou Hoover will get the contact information for KW Express to Tamara.

IV.C. Framework for Ongoing Research Waterborne Transportation, Comm. Kimmeron Lisle, City of Key Colony Beach

Comprehensive guide for professional level research to explore the issue.

To get research process going so in five years we have something to bring to fruition.

There is a study underway for waterborne transportation proposal for Tampa to Sarasota.

D. Rice: Comm. Lisle and Comm. Hoover to coordinate with Tamara on ferry service presenters to bring in for a whole meeting of presentations next month.

IV.D. & E. Tim Straub, Multi-modal Transportation Coordinator, City of Key West.

Suggests collaborating with Miami-Dade TPO or MPO to stay advised of their activities.

Attended Safe Streets Summit in February 2020. Excellent information, suggest that a representative(s) from the FKTCC attend next year's summit, 1st week in February 2021.

IV.F. Open Discussion:

Norman Wartman, Citizen: Not seeing cancellations from coronavirus. Can come to Keys by car.

Doug Lewis, City of Marathon: Large Marathon Resort reported fly groups cancelling reservations; they had 800 in a day.

Rita, TDC Board Chair: TDC is very aware of flying visitors cancelling vs. drivers. Will be watching it.

Alison Higgins, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Key West: Provided an update on the Cow Key Bridge project.

- FDOT will maintain fluidity on adjustments for 2/1 lanes in and out at prime times
- Commute by bus push. Ads, working with employers
- Launched a car pool app to connect drivers.
- Encouraging employer based internal car-pooling with people you know.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04PM

Note: The video/ZOOM recording of the meeting failed, so the meeting was not recorded. IT will be looking into the problem to have it fixed for the next meeting.

FKTCC County Website link:

<http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/1163/Florida-Keys-Transportation-Coordination>