

# Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee

Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2019

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Florida Keys Transportation Coordination Committee was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on November 15, 2019 in Marathon by Commissioner David Rice.

## **Present**

### *Committee Members*

Commissioner David Rice  
Mayor Mary Lou Hoover  
Doug Lewis (alternate)

### *Non-committee Members*

Rod Delostrinos	Christina Neel
Christina Miskis (Zoom)	Justina Gfesser (Zoom)
Alison Higgins (Zoom)	Norman Wartman
Tim Staub (Zoom)	Jill Zima Borski (Zoom)
Tamara Lamarche	Justina Gfesser (Zoom)
Cheryl Cioffari (Zoom)	Rita Irwin (Zoom)
Juanita Jones (Zoom)	Kimberly Matthews
Arlene Davis-Walcott (Zoom)	Tiffany Gehrke (Zoom)
Anna Marie Haskins (Zoom)	Shereen Yee Fong (Zoom)
Jill Zima Borski (Zoom)	Kevin Luten (Zoom)

## **Approve agenda:**

Mary Lou Hoover made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Rice seconded the motion.

## **Meeting Summary:**

### **A. Approval of meeting minutes from October 11, 2019**

Mary Lou Hoover made a motion to approve the minutes; Doug Lewis seconded the motion.

### **B. Add on Item: Hurricane Evacuation Test**

- Norman Wartman recommended a hurricane evacuation test on Memorial Day weekend to test improvements made to the 18-mile stretch for evacuation purposes, this test was to be performed 5 years ago.
- Commissioner Rice will raise the issue with the Board.

**C. Inter-local agreement**

- ILA was approved by BOCC, Key West and Marathon. The ILA still has to be presented to and approved by FDOT. Rod Delostrinos is anticipating implementation of the third LKS bus in April.
- Commissioner Rice raised the question to Rod Delostrinos of improvements to the Key West transit system to accommodate for future growth on Stock Island. Per Rod Delostrinos, Stock Island is already recognized as a user and changes to transit stops/routes is anticipated as they have not been revised in about 15 years.

**D. Transportation envision planning – Justina Gfesser**

- Funding and resources have been approved for the exercise.
- Kevin Luten presented an overview of the envisioning exercise. Commissioner Rice requested Kevin speak with Kimberly Matthews prior to moving forward with the exercise to determine if his services are needed.
- Kimberly will provide an update next meeting.

**E. Discussion of Transportation Ideas, Issues, and Options – Norman Wartman**

- Discussion of options in handout from Norman.
- Discussion ensued about the ideas presented. Discussion included:
  - Norman’s review of FDOT 5-year plan, two projects that would help alleviate congestion were found.
    - Realign intersection Burton Drive in Key Largo
    - Traffic Light ITS computer enhancement programs, these make signals more efficient.
  - The 2019 ATTD study was discussed. Some suggestions Norman made are that would help Islamorada and the County were:
    - Adding left and right turn and merge lanes
    - Have school busses pull over after third stop to let vehicles pass
    - Additional deceleration lanes
    - Removal of outdated school zones
    - Regulate more strictly festivals and events and redirect traffic.
    - Rapid accident response and removal.

- Some areas have exceeded road capacity in Islamorada. Norman suggests using old US1 as two lanes north and new US1 as two lanes south
      - Christina Neel responded that due to the number of bridges and lack of funds to widen them, this idea is not feasible in the short term and possibly not long term either.
  - Christina will try to get Normans transportation ideas, issues and options before her commission for discussion within the next few weeks.

**F. Discussion to relocate meeting to BOCC room upstairs to utilize Zoom Conferencing and the MCTV OnDemand system.**

- It was decided to move the meeting to the BOCC room.
- The schedule of meetings was discussed; they will be coinciding with the quarterly LCB meetings. An additional meeting in between the quarterly meetings will be scheduled, approximately every 6 weeks.

**G. Review of Marathon buss turnaround**

- Doug Lewis met with Pritam Singh to discuss the turnaround at Isla Bella. They would like to move the location front of marketplace. The Singh group is working on a preliminary design sketch.
- Singh would like to keep the property proposed for the turnaround, the original development agreement deeded the property to the City of Marathon, this will need to be amended.
- Commissioner Rice stated coordination with Miami Dade (Alice Bravo) to extend bus service is in progress.
- It is anticipated to take 7 to 8 months to develop.
- Rod Delostrinos will look into setting up a monthly bus pass program with businesses.

**H. Add on Item: Upper keys bus service**

- Mary Lou Hoover received a letter from a Monroe County citizen regarding bus pass issues. Some issues identified were:
  - The closest place to buy a 30-day Miami Dade bus pass is exit 12
  - To order online is a 30-day delivery period
  - They have to be activated, however, you cannot activate them on the busses coming to Monroe County, you need to drive up to activate them. They do not always work after activation.
  - Due to these issues, Monroe County citizens are unable to take advantage of the discounted passes, this is a huge obstacle.

- Mary Lou Hoover will draft a letter to Miami Dade notifying them of these issues.
- Kimberly Matthews spoke with business owners that have employees using Miami Dade Transit. An issue was discovered with the schedules and placement of transit stops.
- Kimberly Matthews suggested a study to examine where transit stops are needed and schedules. Tamara Lamarche will contact Judy Clarke to initiate this process.
- Miami Dade is overhauling bus system; this information should be shared with them to be implemented in the overhaul.

**I. Add on Item: Micro-mobility presentation**

- Mary Lou Hoover requested a micro-mobility presentation at the next meeting which would take no more than 15 minutes.

**Action items:**

- Commissioner Rice will raise the issue of the hurricane evacuation test with the Board.
- Kimberly will provide an update at the next meeting regarding her discussion regarding the transportation envision planning with Kevin Luten from Urban Trans.
- Christina to bring Normans transportation ideas, issues and options before her commission for discussion.
- Rod Delostrinos will look into setting up a monthly bus pass program with businesses.
- Mary Lou Hoover will draft a letter to Miami Dade notifying them of upper keys bus issues.
- Commissioner Rice to reach out to John (from LCB meetings) regarding being a liaison for FKTCC.
- Mary Lou Hoover has reached out to the TDC and hotels regarding advertising, she will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Tamara Lamarche will send an invitation to Miami Dade Transit for the next meeting to discuss the service extension and current issues.
- Norman will invite FDOT to next meeting.
- Mary Lou Hoover will schedule a micro-mobility presentation for the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next general meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019, in Marathon.

Minutes submitted by: Janene Sclafani, Transportation Planner, Monroe County