

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 15, 2012

Division: Public Works/Engineering

Bulk Item: Yes  No

Department: Engineering Services

Staff Contact Person/Phone #: Judy Clarke X4329

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Discussion and direction on proceeding with funding, design and construction of bike lanes on CR 905 from MM 106 in Key Largo to Ocean Reef.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Residents in Key Largo and Ocean Reef have expressed interest in having bike lanes on CR 905; resolutions from the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Reef Community Association supporting construction of bike lanes along CR 905 from MM 106 to Ocean Reef are attached.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** None

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** Not applicable

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Not applicable

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**TOTAL COST:** \$1,670,000 (est) **INDIRECT COST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BUDGETED:** Yes  No

**DIFFERENTIAL OF LOCAL PREFERENCE:** N/A

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes  No  **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty \_\_\_\_\_ OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included \_\_\_\_\_ Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**KEY LARGO**  
Chamber of Commerce

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**RESOLUTION OF THE KEY LARGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Supporting bike lanes on County Road 905 from Key Largo to Ocean Reef**

**Nov. 7, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is in the process of finishing the Overseas Heritage Trail, bike/pedestrian path that stretches from MM 106 in Key Largo to Key West, along U.S. 1, Florida's only All-American Road, the highest scenic highway designation in the country, and

**WHEREAS**, the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce is fielding an increasing number of phone calls and e-mails about the availability of a safe, secure bike path in the Keys, and

**WHEREAS**, the chamber supports the use of the Overseas Heritage Trail by allowing bicyclists using the trail to park their vehicles at the Visitor Center at MM 106, and

**WHEREAS**, environmentally minded visitors to Key Largo are choosing low-impact activities, such as riding bicycles, as a way to enjoy our unique island destination, and

**WHEREAS**, bike-riding is an activity that can be enjoyed by individuals of almost any age and physical condition, and provides many healthful benefits to its adherents, and

**WHEREAS**, beautiful CR 905 – which winds through the last remaining stand of tropical hardwood hammock in North America – provides a low-traffic alternative to riding bicycles along the heavily traveled U.S. 1, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no bike path on CR 905, which creates dangerous conditions for both bicycle riders and motorists, and

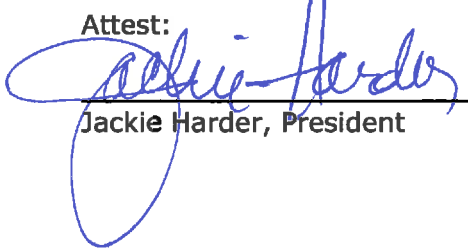
**WHEREAS**, a bicycle rider recently was killed on CR 905,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce has determined that it is in the best interests of the county and community to support constructing two bike lanes – one northbound and one southbound – on CR 905 from MM 106 in Key Largo to Ocean Reef, adjacent to and level with the current roadway and separated from traffic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce formally requests that the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners to design, build and fund these bike lanes on CR 905.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

Attest:

  
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Jackie Harder, President

By:   
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Russell A. Yagel, Esq., Chairman of the Board

**Mission statement of the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce**  
***Creating a vibrant business and community environment***

## **RESOLUTION OF OCEAN REEF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING A BIKE LANE ON CR 905 FROM KEY LARGO TO OCEAN REEF**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Ocean Reef Community have from time to time desired to have a bike lane on CR 905,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) has determined that it is in the best interests of the county and community to support the project of constructing a bike lane on CR 905 from mile marker 106 in Key Largo to Ocean Reef,

**WHEREAS**, many people are out of shape and low impact exercises like biking are highly recommended for people who live sedentary or nearly sedentary lives as a way to get started on the path to fitness,

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of cycling can burn up to 500 calories in 40 minutes,

**WHEREAS**, biking is a low-impact activity that doesn't cause a lot of stress on joints so biking is a good exercise for people who may have limited range of motion or may not be able to handle an exercise like running which puts a lot of stress on the joints,

**WHEREAS**, low impact activities like biking can also reduce cholesterol and can help lower blood pressure, which is a major health concern for millions of people and bike riding has been shown to reduce stress and also been proven that managing stress is a key component to staying healthy,

**WHEREAS**, biking is a great workout for the entire body, especially the lower body and people who want to develop great muscle tone on their legs, back end and hips while trimming their waists and increasing their cardio vascular health enjoy biking,

**WHEREAS**, biking regularly can significantly decrease a person's risk for heart disease and since heart disease is one of the biggest killers of Americans any activity that can decrease your risk of heart disease is something worth pursuing,

**WHEREAS**, like a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, the journey to fitness begins with a bike ride down the street,

**WHEREAS**, the recent bike riding fatality on CR 905 has brought roadway safety to the forefront of our thoughts,

**WHEREAS**, the design of the path on both Northbound and Southbound lanes is proposed to be adjacent to and level with the current roadway and separated from traffic,


**WHEREAS**, the proposed design will allow for significantly safer use and inclusive for all levels of fitness bikers, from the casual "beach" biker, to mountain biker, to hybrid biker and to the serious road biker,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ocean Reef Community Association Board of Directors formally requests the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners to design, build and fund a bike lane on the northbound and southbound side of CR 905 from Key Largo to Ocean Reef.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Ocean Reef Community Association Board of Directors on October 31, 2011.

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Attest:

  
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Susan D. Ptomey, Secretary

Ocean Reef Community Association

By:   
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David C. Ritz, President