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to me, Rice-David

Responding to your query to Comm. Rice.

As you are likely aware, the BOCC is about to start their summer FY27 budget season. Christine Hurley has been working with the City of Key West on a number of shared issues, one of which is transportation. She will bring to the BOCC a proposal to address a couple of transportation issues, and how the County could pay for them:

1. Improve the service from Marathon to Key West on the Lower Keys Shuttle service operated by City of Key West Transit. The County currently pays a portion of the cost along with the City of Marathon. The service is also partially supported by an FDOT grant.
2. A separate workforce bus service for Stock Island residents to Key West to connect with buses to inner Key West locations. This bus would go through the residential areas of Stock Island to pick up riders.

If the County is not hit with a loss of property taxes to run community services, the County can evaluate for the coming fiscal year as to whether enhancing bus services in partnership with the City of Key West is doable.

Transportation is still a County priority, Comm. Rice will be looking forward to hearing the proposal this summer.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: (ITC: Information to Commission) Transportation

Good afternoon, Madam Mayor and Commissioners,

As our team continues to provide transportation options to residents and visitors, we have explored various funding alternatives to resume the Duval Loop. Additional FDOT Funding—FDOT State Transit Manager and Grants Programs Administrator indicate there are no current or projected 100% FDOT grant opportunities for transit operational funding. In this case a service development grant application could be processed; however, the Cost Share is 50%. The City is open to partner with the TDC regarding transportation services. A potential issue with this type of funding is predictability. If this award is not recurring and funds could be redirected to other TDC priorities, it would be challenging to continue the Duval Loop service. City staff is exploring the cruise ship disembarkation fees and additional parking fees as a transit revenue source. The business community could also provide a path to revenue.

The attached is the FDOT required annual TDP update. It is due every March. The key element of the Annual TDP Update requirement is the updated 10-year Schedule of Projects, Financial Plan, and List of Priority Projects. The City's submitted update is currently under review by FDOT District 6. The resumption of the Duval Loop service is listed for FY27 and is dependent on available funding.

Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

Rod Delostrinos

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