

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS BY THE FRIENDS OF BONITA ESTERO RAIL TRAIL TO DEVELOP THE EXISTING TRAIL WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF CONNECTIVITY TO FORT MYERS BEACH IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN AS WELL AS ITS VISITORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal service, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the Town Charter of the Town of Fort Myers Beach empowers the Town to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the Town; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2024, the Friends of Bonita Estero Rail Trail made presentation to the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach regarding the benefits of bike trails and ongoing projects in Southwest Florida related to the Bonita Estero Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the Bonita Estero Rail Trail could in the future connect to Fort Myers Beach providing residents and visitors with an alternative mode of transportation on and off Estero Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers bicycle and pedestrian transportation to be of utmost importance to the Town as well as to Southwest Florida by providing the region with recreation and transportation opportunities as well as the possibilities of economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town to support the Friends of Bonita Estero Rail Trails efforts to achieve these stated goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct, incorporated herein by this reference, and adopted as the legislative and administrative findings of the Town Council.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby adopts this Resolution, which shall be effective upon adoption by the Town Council.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Safford, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Dan Allers, Mayor	Aye
Jim Atterholt, Vice Mayor	Aye
John R. King, Council Member	Aye
Scott Safford, Council Member	Aye
Karen Woodson, Council Member	Aye

ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL


Dan Allers (Nov 22, 2024 12:33 EST)

Dan Allers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Baker (Nov 22, 2024 13:30 EST)

Amy Baker, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH ONLY:**


Nancy Stuparich (Nov 22, 2024 13:05 EST)

Vose Law Firm, LLP, Town Attorney

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this 22nd day of November 2024.