



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Report from Orange County on Hoffner Ave Speed Study

Background: At the January 3, 2023 Council meeting, the Council discussed the problems with traffic on Hoffner Avenue. It was stated in the meeting that “Hoffner is out of control”. The following day, the City Manager sent an email to Council outlining what needs to be done to bring Hoffner under control. A copy of the email is attached.

On January 27, 2023, the City Manager received an email from Lauren Torres, Orange County Traffic and Engineering Department which stated that the County recently worked with a consultant to review the varying speed limits along Hoffner Ave and determine a safer target speed. The study recommended that a posted speed limit on Hoffner Avenue from Orange Avenue to Conway Road should be modified to 30 mph in the segments currently set at 35 mph. The segments that are posted from 25-30 MPH should remain the same on the other segments of the corridor. She attached a copy of the study for review and further stated that this study has been approved by the BCC. Orange County will be moving forward with changing the signs in the County’s portion of Hoffner Ave to the reduced speed. The County is asking the City to consider the study’s recommendation for speed reduction through the City’s portion.

The recommendations in the study support the concept plans that Orlando Metroplan developed for the City in 2019 for Hoffner Avenue.

The entire report is not attached to the study due to its length and the amount of data that is included in the report. A copy of the entire report which includes traffic counts, speed data and crash data is posted to the City’s website at www.belleislefl.gov.

Staff Recommendation: The staff recommends, after a review of the report, to move forward with the planning process as outlined in the City Manager’s email.

Suggested Motion: **No motion is suggested; however the staff will wait for further direction from the Council.**

Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: City Manager Email dated January 4, 2023
Abbreviated copy of the County Report