

**RESOLUTION 2025-006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF FLORIDA, AFFIRMING TO THE LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE TOWN'S TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE MPO'S ~~2025~~2026 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS AND AFFIRMING THE PRIORITIES THAT QUALIFY FOR THE CENTRAL FLORIDA MPO ALLIANCE'S REGIONAL LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for prioritizing regional transportation projects for state and federal funding to enhance mobility, safety, and infrastructure development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills recognizes the need for strategic improvements to key intersections and roadways within the town to enhance safety, traffic flow, and multimodal transportation options; and

**WHEREAS**, the intersection of State Road 19 & Central Avenue is a critical juncture for local and regional traffic, and is expected to have large increases in volume, necessitating a pedestrian crossing including both audio and visual signaling, to improve overall accessibility and safety,~~signalization and pedestrian safety enhancements to improve overall accessibility and safety;~~ and

~~**WHEREAS**, the intersections of State Road 19 & County Road 48 and State Road 19 & Revels Road require modernized traffic control measures, including the construction of roundabouts, to enhance vehicular and pedestrian movement while reducing congestion and collision risks; and~~

**WHEREAS**, the development of the Central Lake Trail between State Road 19, Central Avenue, and Revels Road Trailhead is vital for expanding pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, promoting alternative modes of transportation, and improving connectivity throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of these priority projects in the MPO's ~~2025~~2026 List of Priority Projects and the Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional List of Priority Projects will facilitate access to essential funding and accelerate the implementation of these necessary infrastructure improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills is committed to collaborating with the MPO, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, and other relevant agencies to advocate for the advancement of these projects in a timely and efficient manner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**

The Town of Howey-in-the-Hills affirms to the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Lake County Board of County Commissioners the following list of transportation priorities for inclusion in the MPO's 2025/2026 List of Priority Projects and for inclusion in the Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional List of Priority Projects:

**1. State Road 19 & Central Avenue Intersection Improvement**

Requests: (1) Design to add ~~signalization and~~ pedestrian safety and/or signalization improvements (2) Construction of new traffic signal and pedestrian safety improvements.

**2. State Road 19 Traffic Study: Expand the scope of study beyond County Road 455 to include all of State Road 19 all the way through the town to the bridge. (2) Listed on the 2024 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) as item: 17 FDOT/Lake County – SR 19 Planning Study/PD&E SR 50 CR 455 Corridor Study/PD&E Planning Planning/PD&E 2025/26.**

**~~3.—State Road 19 and County Road 48 Intersection Improvement~~**

~~Requests: (1) Design for a new roundabout within existing SR 19 right of way (2) Construction of a new roundabout within existing SR 19 right of way.~~

**~~4.—State Road 19 and Revels Road Intersection Improvement~~**

~~Requests: (1) Design for a new roundabout within existing SR 19 right of way (2) Construction of a new roundabout within existing SR 19 right of way.~~

**5. 3. Central Lake Trail (State Road 19 to ~~Central Avenue~~ Revels Road Trailhead)**

Requests: (1) Design for a segment of Central Lake Trail within existing SR 19 right-of-way (2) Construction of a segment of Central Lake Trail within existing SR 19 right-of-way.

**~~6.—Central Lake Trail (Central Avenue to Revels Road Trailhead)~~**

~~Requests: (1) Design for a segment of Central Lake Trail within existing SR 19 right of way (2) Construction of a segment of Central Lake Trail within existing SR 19 right of way.~~

**Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, this 24th day of March, 2025.

**TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS,  
FLORIDA**

By: its Town Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graham Wells, Mayor

Attest:

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John Brock, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:  
(for the use and reliance of the Town only)

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Tom Wilkes, Town Attorney

Councilor Jon Arnold	_____yea	_____nay
Councilor Reneé Lannamañ	_____yea	_____nay
Councilor David Miles	_____yea	_____nay
Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Everline	_____yea	_____nay
Mayor Graham Wells	_____yea	_____nay