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Prepared for
Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
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Consideration and Approval

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Restriping of Palm Avenue to Remove On-Street Parking

Working with the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Town has been considering transportation improvements that may improve the safety and flow of traffic through the Town. One particular area of concern is in the downtown core on Palm Avenue (State Road 19), which is maintained by the FDOT.

Currently, through downtown, the road right-of-way includes a north-bound travel lane, a south-bound travel lane, and on-street parking on both sides of the travel lanes. The consideration is to request the FDOT remove the on-street parking, as it is underutilized, and then restripe the travel lanes so that a dedicated turn-lane can be added.

This project will not require additional right-of-way. The right-of-way is wide enough to restripe for the center turn-lane once the on-street parking is removed. The dedicated turn-lane will help traffic flow without disruption along Palm Avenue and will provide safer turning maneuvers onto intersecting streets, such as Central Avenue, where large trucks turn daily.

Motion Examples:

1. Approve requesting the FDOT to remove the on-street parking on Palm Avenue (State Road 19), and restripe the travel lanes so that a dedicated turn-lane can be added; or,
2. Deny requesting the FDOT to remove the on-street parking on Palm Avenue (State Road 19), and restripe the travel lanes so that a dedicated turn-lane can be added; or,
3. Continue consideration of requesting the FDOT to remove the on-street parking on Palm Avenue (State Road 19), and restripe the travel lanes so that a dedicated turn-lane can be added, pending additional information [specify information needed].