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MEMORANDUM

TO: Howey-in-the-Hills Planning Board
CC: J. Brock, Town Clerk
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SUBJECT: EAR Update Transportation Element
DATE: February 6, 2024

This submittal is the next item in our program to update the comprehensive plan as part of our required review. The review is required no more than every seven years, and our last update was in 2018. The Board reviewed the future land use and capital improvements elements in draft form last month, and this month the Transportation Element is presented for discussion. Key updates are as follows:

- The data base was updated to include new streets and sidewalks since the last update. These are shown on Table 1 and Table 3.
- The traffic count data was updated to 2022 which is the most current data. The updated traffic counts are then applied to set the current level of service for the arterial and collector network. See Table 2.
- SR-19 between Citrus Avenue and Florida Avenue has been stressed as a constrained facility. This means that the road should not be widened. This is important as the current SR-19 widening proposal includes 4-laning through the Town center.
- Discussion has been added regarding Number Two Road as impacted and needing improvement. (Page II-15)
- The currently planned road projects by FDOT have been updated with the current status. (Page II-15)
- In terms of needed projects (Page II-18) Number Two Road is again noted and the idea of a connector between SR-19 and US-27 south of town is suggested.
- Policy 1.5.4 regarding bicycle storage has been edited to show the correct status. This policy received several comments in the Town Council reviews.

- Policy 1.5.5 suggesting the designation of SR-19 as a “Backwoods” road has been deleted to better reflect current conditions.
- Policy 1.6.2 has been edited to remove the references to Rule 9J-5 which no longer exists. We did most of the 9-J-5 deletions with the last EAR update, but this one apparently got overlooked.