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Sean O'Keefe, Town Manager  
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Dear Mr. O'Keefe,

Dear Mr. O'Keefe: I am writing to you regarding concerns that the Board of County Commissioners and staff have received from residents regarding proposed development along Number Two Road. This would include the proposed Mission Rise PUD as well as the Reserve at Howey (Hillside Grove) which is a PUD that is also in the Town. The Lake County Department of Public Works has submitted comments regarding Mission Rise to the Town staff and consultants by email (attached) on October 12, 2023. This letter is to inform you of the current condition and status of Number Two Road which we hope will assist the Town Council as they deliberate further development along Number Two Road.

Number Two Road is classified as a Rural Minor Collector and is 6 miles in length from SR 19 in Howey-in-the-Hills to CR 48. It has been in place for at least 100 years and was provided a surface treatment in the 1950's and paved around the year 1970. It was constructed primarily as a farm to market road and has had low traffic volumes. The current paved surface width of Number Two Road is below standard. The required lane width is 12-foot for a 24-foot width road. Public Works has measured the road width and found that some areas do not even meet the most minimum standards of 9-foot lane width. As traffic volumes increase on narrow roads, the edges of the pavement and shoulder are damaged from tire rutting which results in significant cost of maintenance and repair.

The previous comments sent from Lake County Public Works recommend that the developer provide turn lanes and widen Number Two Road for a length of 0.9 miles from Silverwood Lane to Sunset Circle at the entrance of Country Pure Foods. If possible, this should be extended further to SR 19. From Silverwood Lane west to CR 48, there are significant segments of road without sufficient right of way. The cost to widen Number Two Road to 12 foot lanes for the 5 miles west of Hillside Grove would be significantly more than current road impact fee revenues could provide, even over a period of years. We will be happy to work with the Town on a long range plan for the road need, including seeking funding from FDOT through the Lake-Sumter MPO.

As you move forward with planning of the Town and future development, our staff is available to work with you on planning future road needs.

Sincerely,

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