

RESOLUTION NUMBER # 49-07-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN FROM SILVER BEACH ROAD TO PALMETTO ROAD AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has identified the State Road (SR) 5 / US-1 Bike Lane project prioritized by the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency as Financial Management (FM) # 438386-2 in the FDOT Work Program; and,

WHEREAS, SR 5 project limits cover from 59th Street to SR-850 / Northlake Blvd and passes through the City of Riviera Beach, Town of Lake Park, and Village of North Palm Beach; and,

WHEREAS, SR 5 through the Town of Lake Park has 4 existing lanes undivided with a dual left turn 5th middle lane that differs from the Typical Sections present within the City of Riviera Beach and the Village of North Palm Beach that have 4 lanes divided roadway using medians; and,

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the residents and visitors of the Town of Lake Park are of paramount importance to the Town's leadership and citizens; and,

WHEREAS, SR 5 serves as a critical transportation artery within our community, connecting residents to key destinations and promoting economic vitality; and,

WHEREAS, this project, at the request of the Town of Lake Park, proposes medians through the limits of the Town of Lake Park that contributes to a safer condition of managing vehicle access by reducing vehicle conflict areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park recognizes the potential benefits of the proposed median installation in terms of improved road safety, decreased accident rates, and a more efficient traffic pattern; and,

WHEREAS, the installation of medians has been shown to significantly reduce the occurrence of head-on collisions, prevent dangerous lane changes, and provide pedestrians with safer crossing opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the median installation aligns with the Town's commitment to fostering a safe and secure environment for its residents, visitors, and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park believes that collaborative efforts with state agencies such as the Florida Department of Transportation are essential in achieving the shared goal of enhancing transportation infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park participated in the development and the approval of the access management plan of the new medians; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park hosted the location of the FDOT Public Meeting held on June 29, 2023 at the Town of Lake Park, Historic Town Hall, Mirror Ballroom, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403 to inform the public of the project and the proposed medians from Silver Beach Road to Palmetto Road; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSAL TO INSTALL MEDIANS ALONG SR 5 BETWEEN SILVER BEACH ROAD AND PALMETTO ROAD.

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