

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2022 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON FEDERAL HIGHWAY (PROJECT NUMBER 4461731); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach City Commission has consistently supported projects and traffic calming methods that enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety on highly traveled City roadways as well as within the neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, discussion at the May 9th public City Commission Workshop illustrated unanimous support for traffic calming on the Federal Highway corridor; and

WHEREAS, City staff has worked collaboratively with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on all upcoming roadway projects within the City limits to ensure the best possible and most beneficial outcome for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, to further facilitate the collaboration with FDOT, the Public Works Director or designee is directed to coordinate with FDOT on all upcoming roadway projects within the City limits to ensure appropriate detours are in place to best accommodate traffic flows and reasonably reduce (to the extent possible) negative impact on neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has multiple upcoming projects within the City limits including project number 4461731 on Federal Highway from 10th Avenue South to 6th Avenue North; and

WHEREAS, the City desires additional traffic calming measures on Federal Highway and expresses its support for additional traffic calming measures to be included in FDOT's project number 4461731 including, but not be limited to:

1. Addressing the inconsistent speed limit between the City's northern and southern borders;
2. Creation of a vertical deflection by raising the existing signalized pedestrian crosswalk adjacent to Sacred Heart School between 4th Ave North and 5th Ave North (would be one of the first on a State road);
3. Creation of a vertical deflection by the addition of a raised pedestrian crosswalk east of South Grade Elementary in the vicinity of 7th Ave South to 8th Ave South OR 8th Ave South to 9th Ave South (or alternatively, creating a raised intersection at 7th Ave South); and,
4. Use of Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFB), which the City has recently received approval to utilize from the Federal Highway Administration (letter included in backup material).

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that supporting the aforementioned additional traffic calming measures on Federal Highway is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare and that this Resolution serves a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as true and correct statements.

Section 2: The City Commission of the City of Lake Worth Beach supports FDOT's inclusion of additional traffic calming measures in FDOT project number 4461731 on Federal Highway from 10th Avenue South to 6th Avenue North.

Section 3: The Public Works Director or designee shall have the authority and responsibility to coordinate with FDOT on all upcoming roadway projects within the City limits and determine on the City's behalf the appropriate detours to best accommodate traffic flows and reasonably reduce negative impact on neighborhoods.

Section 4: Upon adoption of this Resolution, one copy shall be forwarded to the Public Works Director as well as FDOT. The fully executed original shall be maintained by the City Clerk as public record of the City.

Section 5: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The passage of this Resolution was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch
Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Sarah Malega
Commissioner Kimberly Stokes
Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the 19th day of May, 2022.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk