

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PROCUREMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the movement of people, goods, and services in, around, and throughout Palm Beach County relies on an interconnected transportation network and related transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the transportation network and services are the responsibility of multiple jurisdictions and governmental agencies, including FDOT, Palm Beach County, municipalities, and various taxing districts and authorities; and

WHEREAS, citizens are focused on reaching their destinations and are generally unaware of jurisdictional boundaries, ownership responsibilities, and funding sources for these transportation networks and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality, manner, and time required for people, goods, and services to move within the county have tremendous impacts on every aspect of life in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, recent population growth has consistently outpaced the existing transportation network's capabilities, creating traffic jams, longer travel times, safety issues, additional expenses, and frustration; and

WHEREAS, population growth is expected to continue increasing due to the desirability and quality of life in South Florida and Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, a Countywide Transportation Plan is necessary to effectively address the issues involved with the current and future transportation network and services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, other municipalities, and taxing districts recognize that collaboration is essential for the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, developing a collaborative and comprehensive Countywide Transportation Plan requires engaging a consulting firm with national or international experience and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Coordination Program (ICP) is the entity through which cities and the County are officially connected to address countywide issues; and

WHEREAS, the ICP is identified in the County and cities' Comprehensive Plan Intergovernmental Coordination Elements (ICE), with membership memorialized through interlocal agreements; and

WHEREAS, the ICP membership includes taxing authorities and districts responsible for building and maintaining transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the ICP can provide unified, trusted, and collaborative outcomes rather than results biased toward any particular party; and

WHEREAS, the ICP requires full support from members at both the policy level (elected officials) and staff levels to ensure the process's success; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that joining with fellow municipalities, Palm Beach County, and other local governments in a collaborative process to develop a true Countywide Transportation Plan is in the best interests of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and serves a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated into this Resolution as true findings of fact by the Town Council.

SECTION 2. The Town Council supports the following steps as necessary for achieving a Countywide Transportation Plan:

1. The crafting of a Scope of Services by the Palm Beach County City Manager's Association (PBCCMA) through an internal process, with the final version distributed to the County and the municipalities.
2. The ICP's Multijurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum Executive Committee (MICFEC) shall serve as the Oversight Board for the Consulting Firm hired to craft the Countywide Transportation Plan, providing policy-level activities, public meetings, direction to IPARC 2.0, and recommendations to the County, municipalities, and other governing bodies.
3. The formation of an expanded version of the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC), including municipal and County Engineers, Public Works, IT, TPA,

FDOT, Tri-Rail, Palm Tran, and others as deemed appropriate by MICFEC, to serve as the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This committee will provide subject matter expertise and input to the Consulting Firm and MICFEC.

4. The coordination and processing of the contract with the selected Consulting Firm by the County government, which will be responsible for contract administration, compliance, and invoice processing and payments.

SECTION 3, Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Voted:
Mayor Anita Kane, Seat 3

Town Clerk

Voted:
Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Seat 5

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Voted:
Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Seat 1

Office of the Town Attorney

Voted:
Councilmember Laura Danowski, Seat 2

Voted:
Councilmember Robert Shorr, Seat 4