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CITY OF WESTLAKE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF STATE ROAD 7; RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the extension of State Road 7 is a long-planned regional transportation project intended to connect Okeechobee Boulevard to Northlake Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, western Palm Beach County continues to experience significant population growth, resulting in increased traffic congestion and limited north-south connectivity; and

WHEREAS, residents in communities such as The Acreage and surrounding areas currently rely on a limited number of roadways, leading to delays, restricted mobility, and reduced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the extension of State Road 7 is expected to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and provide a critical alternative route for daily commuters; and

WHEREAS, the project is anticipated to enhance emergency response times for police, fire, and medical services, thereby improving public safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the extension is also expected to serve as an important hurricane evacuation route, increasing regional resiliency during emergency events; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has undertaken design modifications to reduce environmental impacts, including improvements to drainage systems, reduction of project footprint, and incorporation of mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the project has undergone extensive environmental review and legal scrutiny, with an administrative law judge ruling in favor of the project’s compliance with applicable environmental standards; and

WHEREAS, while legal appeals remain ongoing, the need for improved infrastructure, mobility, and safety for residents remains critical;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clause is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council and incorporated herein by this reference.

