

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SEEKING DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR A CONSENSUS TO BE REACHED REGARDING THE PALMETTO EXPRESS LANES; AND IMPROVING THE DRIVER EXPERIENCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (COUNCILMAN COLLAZO AND VICE-MAYOR RODRIGUEZ)

WHEREAS, during the September and December 2019 Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) Council meetings, the Town Council deliberated measures to mitigate traffic impacts from the creation of toll express lanes on Florida State Road 826 (the “Palmetto Expy”); and

WHEREAS, during the September 2019 Town Council meeting, instruction was provided to staff to open dialogue with Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) regarding the design and location of express lane onramps on the Palmetto Expy; and

WHEREAS, during the December 2019 Town Council meeting, the Town Council provided instruction for passing of a resolution in support of Florida House Bill 829, which aims to remove the Palmetto Expy express lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the operation of express lanes on the Palmetto Expy, without necessary infrastructure improvements has compromised the experience and safety of drivers using the Palmetto Expy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to support measures to open dialogue with FDOT regarding the function of the Palmetto Expy and new legislation regarding the removal of the express lanes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Support for HB 829 Express Lane Removal. The Town Council formally supports House Bill 829, which aims the removal of Express Lanes from Florida State Road 826, also known as Palmetto Expressway.

Section 3. Instructions to the Town Manager. The Town Manager is instructed to take all efforts to communicate the Town's concerns to Florida's Department of Transportation.

Section 3. Instruction to the Town Clerk. The Town Council instructs the Office of the Town Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to Florida Representative Bryan Avila, Florida Senator Manny Diaz, Jr., and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 21 day of January 2020

The foregoing resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid _____

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez _____

Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez _____

Councilmember Luis Collazo _____

Councilmember Josh Dieguez _____

Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez _____

Councilmember Marilyn Ruano _____

Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:

Gina Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Raul Gastesi, Jr.
Gastesi & Associates, P.A.
TOWN ATTORNEY