

## **RESOLUTION 2021-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS RECOGNIZING THAT THE LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) HAS ESTABLISHED A 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR THE MPO TO FUND THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS PORTIONS OF STATE ROAD 19 AND OTHER ROUTES TO AND THROUGH THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTION TO LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills recognizes that the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Lake-Sumter Planning Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 49 U.S.C. require that the urbanized area, as a condition for the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, has a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO Area includes all of Lake County making the Lake-Sumter MPO the designated regional transportation planning agency for local governments of Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake-Sumter MPO adopted the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on December 9, 2020, serving as the primary guidance for developing transportation improvements in the MPO's planning over the next twenty-five years,

**WHEREAS**, the 2045 LRTP is a financially-constrained plan that includes projects to best meet the identified needs of the transportation system within the limits of projected revenues,

**WHEREAS**, the Goals and Objectives of the LRTP reflect the vision of the planning area and are consistent with guidance and requirements of the local governments, FAST Act, current federal transportation planning requirements, and the Florida Transportation Plan,

**WHEREAS**, significant growth is expected in Lake and Sumter Counties through 2045, future transportation needs are based on the type and amount of growth that is anticipated,

**WHEREAS**, the 2045 LRTP identified and evaluated the capacity deficiencies on the transportation network necessary to maintain satisfactory mobility conditions to the year 2045,

**WHEREAS**, State Road 19 was included in the 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan for Widening and Strategic Improvements,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills supports the multimodal capacity, strategic and safety improvements for State Road 19,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills requests that a State Road 19 Capacity and Strategic Improvements Study be included in the Lake-Sumter MPO List of Priority Projects as a Top Twenty priority project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills that:

- Section 1. The Town supports the MPO's establishment of the area of SR-19 from CR-455 to CR-48 as needing improvement and being slated for improvement per the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Section 2. The Town supports the MPO's establishment of the area of SR-19 from CR-48 to CR-561 as needing improvement and being slated for improvement per the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Section 3. The Town supports the MPO's similar proposed improvement projects along the SR-50 corridor and any other routes connecting to SR-19 and CR-48.
- Section 4. The MPO shall transmit this resolution to appropriate local, state, and federal elected officials and agencies as listed below:
1. Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
  2. City of Groveland
  3. City of Tavares
  4. Lake County Board of County Commissioners
  5. Senator Dennis Baxley, Florida Senate, District 12
  6. Representative Anthony Sabatini, Florida House of Representatives, District 32
  7. Senator Marco Rubio, U.S. Senate
  8. Senator Rick Scott, U.S. Senate
  9. Congressman Daniel Webster, U.S. House of Representatives, FL District 11
  10. Florida Department of Transportation – Central Office
  11. FDOT – District 5
  12. Federal Highway Administration

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 29 day of November, 2021.

Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

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Martha MacFarlane, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John Brock  
Town Clerk