

RESOLUTION 2011 - 044

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT THE WESTERN QUADRANTS OF I-75 AND GRIFFIN ROAD INTERCHANGE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz helped obtain funding for the western quadrants of the I-75 and Griffin Road interchange; and

WHEREAS, the I-75 and Griffin Road interchange is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) off-system roadway operated and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and

WHEREAS, a \$3.5 Million federal grant is earmarked for safety enhancements at the west quadrants of the I-75 and Griffin Road interchange; and

WHEREAS, the limited access western quadrants of the interchange is in dire need of safety enhancements; and

WHEREAS, FDOT performed an Interchange Operational Analysis Alternatives Review (IOAR) of the interchange and it was reviewed by the District Interchange Review Committee (DIRC); and

WHEREAS, FDOT desires to complete the design plans for the safety enhancements for the interchange by October 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches desires to have input into the final design plans and safety enhancement solutions; and

WHEREAS, FDOT desires to issue a procurement for the I-75 and Griffin Road safety enhancement project by March 2012 and start construction by July 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that FDOT complete the construction plans and procure the project in a timely manner in order to avail itself of the federal funding for the safety enhancements to the western quadrants of the interchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. The above-referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town supports safety enhancements at the western quadrants of the I-75 and Griffin Road interchange.

Section 3. The Town supports the FDOT's desired timeline for completing the design plans, procuring the work, and starting the construction.

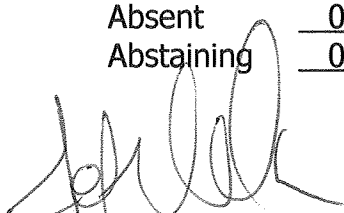
Section 4. The Town strongly recommends that FDOT considers implementing the following safety enhancements: (1) no traffic light signalization enhancements on the eastbound side of Griffin Road from Dykes Road (S.W. 160th Avenue) to Volunteer Road; (2) on the westbound side of Griffin Road the Town recognizes that there may be a need for signalization, but recommends that one of the two lanes coming off southbound I-75 traveling westbound on Griffin Road be designated exclusively for northbound Weston Road traffic; (3) on the westbound side of Griffin Road, installation of a flashing warning light, on or about the top of the hill, indicating that a traffic signal is ahead.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

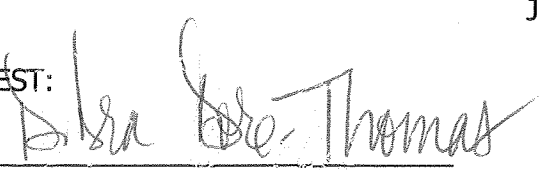
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 31st day of March 2011, on a motion by Council Member Breikreuz and seconded by Council Member McKay.

Nelson	<u>AYE</u>
Fisikelli	<u>AYE</u>
Breikreuz	<u>AYE</u>
Jablonski	<u>AYE</u>
McKay	<u>AYE</u>

Ayes	<u>5</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>
Abstaining	<u>0</u>

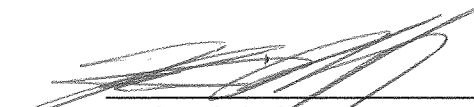


Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Debra Doré-Thomas, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney
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