RESOLUTION NO. 2025-039

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA CONCERNING THE BROWARD COUNTY **MOBILITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM'S** (MAP) SHERIDAN **EXPANSION** STREET CAPACITY **PROJECT** QUESTIONING THE NECESSITY OF THE PROJECT, REQUESTING THAT IF THE PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED, IT IS KNOWN THAT **SOUTHWEST RANCHES REQUESTS IMPLEMENTATION OF NOISE** REDUCING MEASURES THROUGH THE CONTINUATION OF THE **EXISTING VEGETATIVE** BARRIER, **AND REQUESTS** ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR LIGHT SHIELDS TO MINIMIZE LIGHT POLLUTION AND IMPROVE TURN LANES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Broward County's Mobility Advancement Program (MAP Broward), funded by the Penny Transportation Tax, is responsible for the improvement of transportation systems and includes numerous projects for such throughout Broward County; and

WHEREAS, a project that directly impacts the Town of Southwest Ranches is the Sheridan Street Capacity Expansion Project, with the goal of increasing street lanes from four (4) to six (6), creating sidewalks and bicycle lanes, improving drainage, signalization, signage, pavement marking, landscaping and irrigation on Sheridan Street from Flamingo Road to Southwest 148 Avenue; and

WHEREAS, currently in the design phase, the Sheridan Street Capacity Expansion Project includes potential concerns for the Town of Southwest Ranches such as light pollution caused by proposed light poles on the north side of Sheridan Street as well as traffic noise from the increase in lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby formally questions the necessity of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby requests shielding to be placed over street lights on the north side of westbound Sheridan Street to minimize light pollution for residents along Old Sheridan Street, formerly requests the implementation of noise reducing measures along westbound Sheridan Street by continuing an existing vegetative barrier; and formerly requests the allocation to fund the improvement of the northbound turn lanes onto Flamingo Road from eastbound Sheridan Street.

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

- **Section 1:** The recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
- **Section 2:** The Town Council hereby requests the installation of shielding to be placed over street lights on the north side of westbound Sheridan Street from Flamingo Road to Southwest 148th Avenue to minimize light pollution, spilling over and negatively affecting the residents and property owners on Old Sheridan Street.
- **Section 3:** The Town Council hereby formally requests the implementation of noise reducing measures through the continuation of the existing vegetative barrier along the north side of westbound Sheridan Street, to protect the residents and property owners on Old Sheridan Street from increased noise pollution caused by the widening of Sheridan Street.
- **Section 4:** The Town Council hereby formally requests the allocation of design, planning, and construction funds for the improvement of the left-hand turn lanes from eastbound Sheridan Street onto northbound Flamingo Road.
- **Section 5:** The Town Council hereby formally requests that all reasonable efforts be made by MAP Broward to address the concerns as described in this resolution during the design phase of the Sheridan Street Capacity Expansion Project.
- **Section 6:** The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the appropriate staff at MAP Broward.
 - **Section 7:** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

{Signatures on the following page}

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this <u>13th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2025</u>, on a motion by <u>Council Member Kuczenski</u> and seconded by <u>Vice Mayor Hartmann</u>.

Breitkreuz	Yes	Ayes	5
Hartmann	Yes	Nays	0
Allbritton	Yes	Absent	0
Jablonski	<u>Yes</u>	Abstaining	0
Kuczenski	Vec		

Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra M. Ruesga, CMC Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith M. Poliakoff, 1.D., Town Attorney