

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-007**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S CURRENT PLAN TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AS PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR THE INTERSTATE 75 (I-75) INTERCHANGE AT GRIFFIN ROAD; REQUESTING THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE BROWARD COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation is considering plans to modify the Interstate 75 interchange at Griffin Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed modification includes re-aligning the northbound ramps and installing a new traffic signal on Griffin Road, widening the ramps to two lanes, widening along Griffin Road to provide bicycle lanes on both sides and sidewalk on the north side between SW 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dykes Road, upgrading the existing drainage system, and installing a dual left turn lane for eastbound Griffin Road to northbound I-75; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is projected to begin construction in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction cost estimate for the project is approximately \$13.8 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes this interchange does not warrant a traffic signal, but supports the other interchange improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council urges the Florida Department of Transportation to include widening the Weston Road bridge as part of these scheduled improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southwest Ranches requests that the Florida Department of Transportation review all options before moving forward on such a costly expenditure that is not supported by the neighboring community.

**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 Council hereby opposes the Florida Department of Transportation's current efforts to install a new traffic signal at the Interstate 75 interchange at Griffin Road.

**Section 3:** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation District 4 Secretary, and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

**Section 4:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 9th day of November, 2017, on a motion by

Cm Breithaupt and seconded by Cm Jablonski

McKay	<u>afes</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>afes</u>
Fisikelli	<u>afes</u>
Jablonski	<u>afes</u>
Schroeder	<u>afes</u>

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

Doug McKay  
Doug McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Russell Muñiz  
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith Poliakoff  
Keith Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney