

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S EXPANSION PLAN TO ADD FOUR (4) NEW LANES OVER A 5.5 MILE SEGMENT OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE/STATE ROAD 91 FROM ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO WILES ROAD UNDER PROJECT NO. 442212-1; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK, OR DESIGNEE, TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS, STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY, STATE SENATOR TINA POLSKY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY JARED W. PERDUE, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GENERAL COUNSEL REBEKAH DAVIS, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NICOLA LIQUORI, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE CHIEF COUNSEL MARK DLUGOKIENSKI, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) intends to widen a 5.5 mile segment of Florida's Turnpike/State Road 91 (Turnpike) adjacent to Coconut Creek from Atlantic Boulevard to Wiles Road under Project No. 442212-1 to increase the number of travel lanes from six (6) lanes to ten (10) lanes for the primary purpose of adding four (4) new lanes; and

WHEREAS, the intrusion into the neighboring communities caused by this expansion will be entirely to the west of the current centerline of the Turnpike and will therefore have a disproportionate impact on the adjacent communities (Westward Shift). In many areas, the sound barrier wall will be located only five (5) feet from the adjacent community's property line. These neighborhoods will be significantly adversely affected by the expansion, including by suffering dramatically increased noise, air pollution, traffic congestion, as well as decreased light and physical encroachment into the communities as required to support four (4) additional lanes and the requisite infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission opposes the Florida Department of Transportation's Plan to expand the Turnpike from Atlantic Boulevard to Wiles Road under Project No. 442212-1 to add four (4) new lanes based on this Westward Shift; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the Florida Department of Transportation's Plan to expand the Turnpike from Atlantic Boulevard to Wiles Road under Project No. 442212-1 to add four (4) new lanes to the west of the centerline of the road is not in the best interest of the residents of the City of Coconut Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to put Governor Ron DeSantis, State Representative Christine Hunschofsky, State Senator Tina Polsky, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue, Florida Department of Transportation General Counsel Rebekah Davis, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director Nicola Liquori, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Chief Counsel Mark Dlugokienski, and the Broward County Commission on notice of its opposition to the Turnpike's Plan in Coconut Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek opposes the Florida Department of Transportation's Plan to expand Florida's Turnpike/State Road 91 from Atlantic Boulevard to Wiles Road under Project No. 442212-1 to add four (4) new lanes to the west of the centerline of the road.

Section 3: That the City of Coconut Creek further directs the City Clerk, or designee, to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, State Representative Christine Hunschofsky, State Senator Tina Polsky, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue, Florida Department of Transportation General Counsel Rebekah Davis, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director Nicola Liquori, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Chief Counsel Mark Dlugokienski, and the Broward County Commission.

Section 4: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Joshua Rydell, Mayor

Attest:

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Rydell _____

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