



## NW 59TH AVENUE ROADWAY EXTENSION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### **INTRO:**

Consistent with the Town's Strategic Plan, Transportation Summit, and Council's directive to formulate comprehensive solutions to the Town's transportation challenges, the Town submitted a proposal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) under the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) to construct the **NW 59th Avenue Roadway Extension and Redevelopment Project**. On July 2, 2018, the Town of Miami Lakes received a notification of award for over \$3.614 million.

### **THE TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGE:**

Currently, there is no north-to-south connectivity to access the industrial and commercial district located on, and surrounding, NW 59th Avenue in the northeast sectional quadrant of the Town of Miami Lakes. This industrial and commercial area is home to over 380 businesses and approximately 6,580 employees. Unfortunately, businesses located north of, but not connected to, the Town's central east-to-west corridor along NW 151st/153rd Street, are unable to access the southside district without traveling outside of the Town's boundaries. The lack of connectivity in this industrious area increases traffic congestion within the Town and on the State Highway System NW 57th Avenue, decreases economic activity and job growth, and reduces mobility options for all.

### **THE PROJECT:**

Subsequent to the 2015 Transportation Summit, the Town Council Approved Resolution No. 15-1330 to address the transportation and mobility challenges through identified strategies, and directed the Town Manager to pursue grants and recommend budget provisions necessary to implement these strategies. One of the identified strategies was to "Extend NW 59th Avenue south to Miami Lakes Drive". The NW 59th Avenue Roadway Extension and Redevelopment Project proposes to construct a new bridge roadway connection in the northeast sectional quadrant of the Town, which will extend NW 59th Avenue south to connect to NW 151st Street, providing new access to the industrial and commercial district located on and surrounding NW 59th Avenue. The Project includes the purchase of the roadway connection on NW 151st Street, construction of the new Bridge extension, and the incorporation of Complete Streets elements on the NW 151st Street/NW 153rd Street corridor. In addition, a significant vacant parcel is positioned between NW 59th Avenue and NW 57th Avenue, currently owned by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD). This parcel remains undeveloped and yields no economic growth nor job growth opportunities for the community or this industrious district. Thus, the Town proposes to acquire a portion of the land from the MDAD to redevelopment and revitalize this district through viable Public-Private Partnerships (P3s).

### **THE BENEFITS:**

The NW 59th Avenue Roadway Extension and Redevelopment Project is included in the Transportation Summit Community Forum Adopted Strategies, Town of Miami Lakes Adopted Comprehensive Plan, Adopted Strategic Plan, and Adopted 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Project will benefit the Town, neighboring jurisdictions, Miami-Dade County, and regional industries by providing essential north-south connectivity to access businesses and commerce located on and around NW 59th Avenue, relieving traffic congestion in the Town and on the State Highway System (SHS) NW 57th Avenue (Red Road), improving public infrastructure which brings economic recovery and enhancement to vacant spaces, and reducing the burden on the Miami Lakes population to travel outside Town boundaries to access local businesses, jobs, and services. In addition, this Project will expand the use of new technologies through the Town's energy efficiency ridesharing and bike sharing programs such as Freebee and Spin, reduce the number of vehicular trips in the area, decrease carbon emissions, and help to maintain and protect the environment through a sustainable transportation network.