

RESOLUTION NO. 15- 1330

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO INTEGRATE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE TOWN'S STRATEGIC PLAN; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURSUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, surveys conducted by the Town as part of its Strategic Planning process indicate that traffic congestion is considered by both residents and businesses to be the most important issue that needs to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, both anecdotal evidence and recent news stories indicate that congestion both in the Town and the larger region have worsened significantly recently; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council directed Town Staff to facilitate a Transportation Summit to formulate solutions to the Town's transportation challenges in a comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Town held its Transportation Summit on July 31, 2015, including participation from all relevant transportation agencies; and

WHEREAS, a number of transportation ideas were generated at the Transportation Summit; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has chosen strategies from among those generated as part of the Transportation Summit process for implementation to improve transportation in the Town of Miami Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy and Direction to the Town Manager. The Town Council hereby declares its support for the strategies listed in Section 3, herein, to improve transportation in the Town of Miami Lakes; hereby directs the Town Manager to integrate these strategies into the Town's Strategic Plan; and, hereby directs the Town Manager to pursue these strategies by appropriate actions including but not limited to: requesting coordination with other local, regional, state and federal agencies; proposing amendments to the Town Code and/or Comprehensive Plan; pursuing grants for planning and services and for design/construction of infrastructure consistent with these strategies; and recommending budget provisions necessary to implement these strategies.

Section 3. Declaration of Strategies to Pursue. The Town Council hereby declares that the following strategies should be pursued to improve transportation in the Town of Miami Lakes:

1. Improve traffic signal priority at intersections utilizing technology or more police;
2. Improve pedestrian connections across NW 67th Avenue within Town Center;
3. Dedicate land from the fire station at 16699 NW 67th Avenue for the construction of an exclusive right turn lane from northbound NW 67th Avenue to eastbound NW 167th Street;
4. Improve pedestrian infrastructure to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for pedestrian facilities throughout the Town;
5. Amend the Town Code to require that new development and redevelopment include constructing any missing sidewalk sections and/or repairing any damaged sidewalk

sections immediately adjacent to property on which development or redevelopment is occurring;

6. Increase sidewalk widths on arterial and collector streets to eight or ten feet;
7. Facilitate carpooling of trips for drop-off and pick-up of school children;
8. Pursue staggering of start and dismissal times of public schools within the Town;
9. Pursue alternative strategies to the Town's current on-demand bus service;
10. Connect the existing and future greenways on NW 170th Street and NW 67th Avenue via NW 169th Street;
11. Increase marketing of the Town's Moover transit service;
12. Amend the Code to replace the conventional traffic concurrency system with simpler and more effective requirements to mitigate the transportation impacts of new development and redevelopment;
13. Implement "que jumps" for transit vehicles at intersections;
14. Pursue land use strategies to create walkable, mixed-use areas in three strategic locations along Miami Lakes Drive (including 1) Town Center; 2) the area bounded by Miami Lakeway, Miami Lakes Drive, existing and theoretical NW 153rd Street and NW 57th Avenue; and 3) the vicinity of Miami Lakes Drive and NW 79th Court) and, when timing is appropriate, run fast and frequent Moover service between the three. Also consider the future inclusion of the area at the northwest corner of NW 87th Avenue and NW 154th Street, depending upon the type and character of development that may ultimately occur there.
15. Extend NW 59th Avenue south to Miami Lakes Drive.
16. In connection with the extension of the Gratigny Expressway west to the Florida Turnpike, explore the possibility of new interchanges at NW 67th Avenue and NW 87th Avenue.
17. Make improvements to NW 57th Avenue to increase capacity and speed, including possible removal of traffic lights on NW 57th Avenue, in order to make NW 57th Avenue a more attractive alternative to through traffic than NW 67th Avenue.
18. Develop a new underpass of the Palmetto Expressway north of Miami Lakes Drive from the northbound Palmetto Frontage Road to NW 77th Court, allowing motorists exiting from northbound Palmetto Expressway to bypass Miami Lakes Drive; and,

19. Develop a new underpass of the Palmetto Expressway connecting NW 146th Street to NW 77th Avenue.
20. Extend the right turn lane from northbound NW 77th Court to eastbound NW 154th Street southward to accommodate more vehicle queuing.
21. Create a direct connection from northbound NW 77th Court onto the Palmetto Expressway ramps at NW 154th Street without the need to access the eastbound through lanes of NW 154th Street.
22. Add a traffic light at the intersection of NW 79th Court and NW 154th Street.
23. Allow left turns from southbound NW 82nd Avenue onto eastbound Oak Lane.


Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2015.

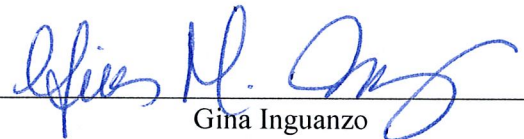
The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Tony Lama The motion was seconded by Nelson Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Manny Cid	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tim Daubert	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tony Lama	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Ceasar Mestre	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Frank Mingo	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	<u>yes</u>



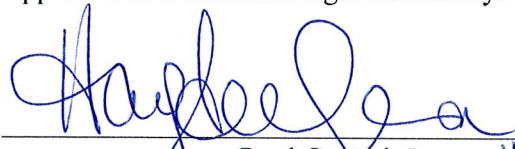
Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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TOWN ATTORNEY