

RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 1809

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, OBJECTING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO OPEN THE BRIDGE ON NW 154 STREET OVER INTERSTATE 75 TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC; URGING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DENY ANY APPLICATION FOR USE OF THE BRIDGE ON NW 154 STREET OVER INTERSTATE 75 TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DIEGUEZ)

WHEREAS, N.W. 154th Street, also known as Miami Lakes Drive is the principal East-West artery of the Town of Miami lakes (the "Town") transportation network; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2003, the Town adopted Resolution NO. 03-11, which authorized the transfer of local roads including N.W. 154th Street from Miami-Dade County (the "County") to the Town; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2006, the County adopted Ordinance NO 06-43, which approved and application by the City of Hialeah ("Hialeah"), to amend the County's Comprehensive plan in order to create an interchange at N.W. 154th Street and Interstate 75 ("I-75"), and to open a connecting bridge via N.W. 154th Street over I-75; and

WHEREAS, a factor in the Town's Motion to Intervene was the design and congestion of traffic on N.W. 154th Street that rendered it a failing street; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2007, Hialeah and the Town executed a settlement agreement in the Case, with the knowledge and consent of the County; and

WHEREAS, said settlement agreement provided for the Town's withdrawal of its Intervention in the Case, and Hialeah's promise to withdraw their request for an interchange at I-75 and the opening of the bridge at N.W. 154th Street over I-75; and

WHEREAS, during the month of August 2017, the County discussed the opening of the bridges at N.W. 154th Street and N.W. 170th Street; and

WHEREAS, concurrently, in 2017 the Town ordered a traffic study, to be performed by Lochner, regarding the impact of opening the bridges at N.W 154th Street and N.W. 170th Street; and

WHEREAS, said traffic study, conducted by Lochner, revealed the devastating traffic impact that the opening of the bridge at N.W. 154th Street over I-75 would have on N.W. 154th Street, and regional traffic; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, without any documents to support its position, the County's Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Planning moved to approve the passage of a Resolution urging the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") to open the bridge at N.W. 154th Street over I-75 by the County's Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, agreements remain undisturbed between Hialeah and the Town regarding the bridge's permanent closure; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the N.W. 154th Street bridge would have the unintended consequence of exacerbating traffic woes on N.W. 154th Street and regional traffic; and

WHEREAS, the County's action of requesting the opening of the N.W. 154th Street bridge contrary to the Town and Hialeah's desire to retain the bridge's closure will create a regional conflict between Hialeah and the Town; and

WHEREAS, the County's action of requesting the opening of the N.W. 154th Street bridge without mutual cooperation by Hialeah and the Town, the two affected municipalities, is negligent and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the Town vehemently objects to the County's rash, unjustified and negligent Resolution urging FDOT to open the bridge at N.W. 154th Street and I-75 without meaningful and necessary regional traffic improvement that will be beneficial to all N.W. Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, the Town urges FDOT to refrain from opening the bridge at N.W. 154th Street and I-75.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Objection to Miami-Dade County's Resolution Urging Florida Department of Transportation to Open the Bridge at N.W. 154th Street over Interstate 75. The Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, for all the reasons stated in this Resolution, Object to Miami-Dade County's Resolution Urging the Florida Department of Transportation to Open the Bridge at N.W. 154th Street over Interstate 75.

Section 3. Urging the Florida Department of Transportation to Deny any Application for the Opening of the Bridge at N.W. 154th Street over Interstate 75. The Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, for all the reasons stated in this Resolution, urge the Florida Department of Transportation to deny any application submitted by Miami-Dade County or any other legal body for the opening of a bridge at N.W. 154th Street over Interstate 75.

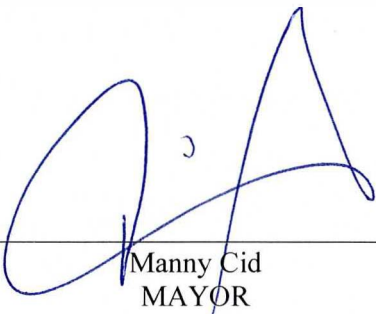
Section 4. Providing the Town Clerk with Instructions. The Clerk is instructed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution on Miami-Dade County's Clerk, each Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Miami-Dade County Mayor, Miami-Dade County Attorney, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, and Florida Department of Transportation, Director for District 6.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of February 2022.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Dieguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	Yes
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez	Yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	Absent
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes



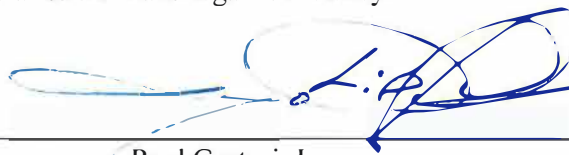
Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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